

Topics: Arrays, Pointers, Functions

Approach: Introduce Pointers, Explore their use

Main Ideas:

Quick Review - Forms, Connector, Scripts, Tools in C
Focus tonight on memory usage in C

Recall Memory

A sequence of boxes, each numbered

All data and code live in memory

Today we learn to program with the addresses of memory

Why?

Pass by reference : useful!

Linked data structures: Really useful

dynamic memory : super useful

other reasons : no so important

Types of storage:

single values : char, int, float

array: contiguous sequence of one type

struct: varied types in one container

Single values:

Where are the values stored?

ex1pa.c -- print the addresses

ex1sa.c -- store the addresses

What can we do with pointers?

ex1dp.c -- dereference pointers

ex1cp.c -- compare pointers

ex1pf.c -- pass pointers to functions

Question: Do pointers have addresses?

Arrays:

ex2.c -- take address, deref, compare

What can we do with pointers to arrays?

ex2ia.c -- index into array using [] notation

ex2ao.c -- arithmetic (++,-,+, -)

ex2ae.c -- more exercises -- trace these

Structs:

ex3.c -- pointers and structs

What can we do?

Take addresses, compare, assign, select members

pass to functions by reference

Arrays of Pointers

ex4.c -- what does this code do?

Draw a picture.