

Overview (1A)

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Calculating the Mean

The mean of 3 numbers

$$m = \frac{a + b + c}{3}$$

$$\frac{40 + 50 + 60}{3} = \frac{150}{3} = 50$$

Integer number

fixed point number

$$\frac{45 + 53 + 63}{3} = \frac{161}{3} = 53.666666\dots$$

Real number

floating point number

Calculating a mean in C

```
int    a, b, c;  
int    mean;
```

```
a = 40;  
b = 50;  
c = 60;
```

```
mean = (a + b + c) / 3;
```

```
int    a, b, c;  
float  mean;
```

```
a = 45;  
b = 53;  
c = 63;
```

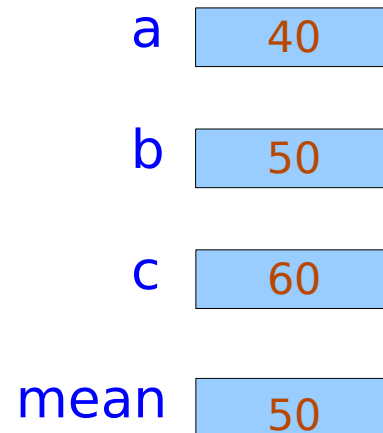
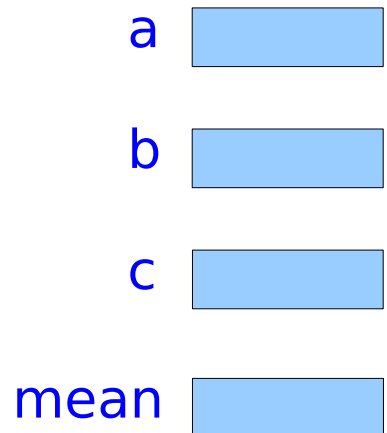
```
mean = (a + b + c) / 3.0;
```

- * Variable
- * Type
- * Assignment
- * Operator

Variables - int Type

```
int a, b, c;  
int mean;
```

```
a = 40;  
b = 50;  
c = 60;  
mean = (a + b + c) / 3;
```

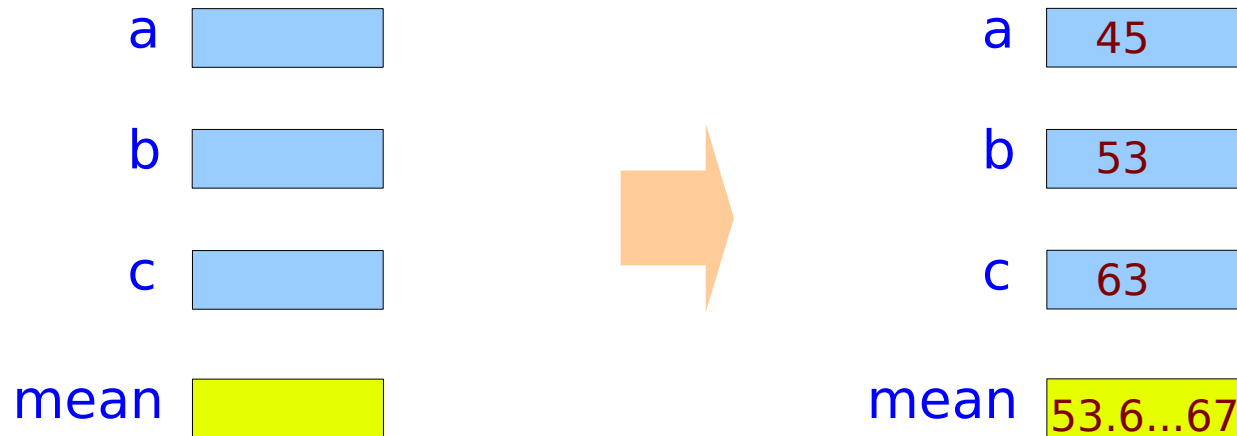


Variables – float Type

```
int    a, b, c;  
float  mean;
```

```
a = 45;  
b = 53;  
c = 63;
```

```
mean = (a + b + c) / 3.0;
```



float type

C and assembly code view of variables

variable name	variable value
a	40
b	50
c	60
mean	50

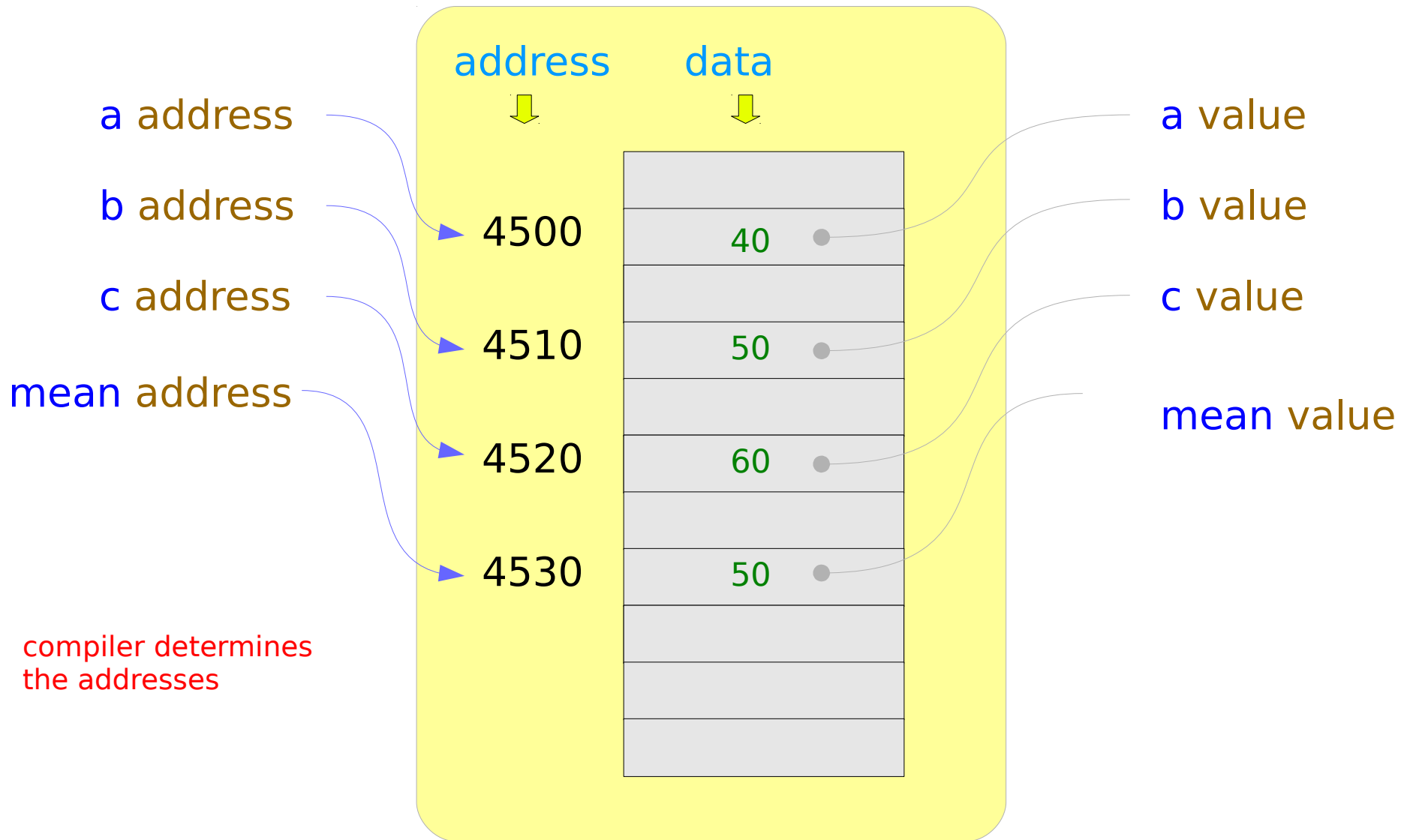
c source code view

Compiler

address	data
4500	40
4510	50
4520	60
4530	50

assembly code view

Memory : (Address, Data)



Getting the addresses of variables

&variable → address

Addresses determined by a compiler

&a → address of **a**

&b → address of **b**

&c → address of **c**

&mean → address of **mean**

Example: a variable stored in memory

`&variable` → address

```
int a;
```

```
a = 40;
```

`&a`

a

4500

40

`&a` :address (*where*)

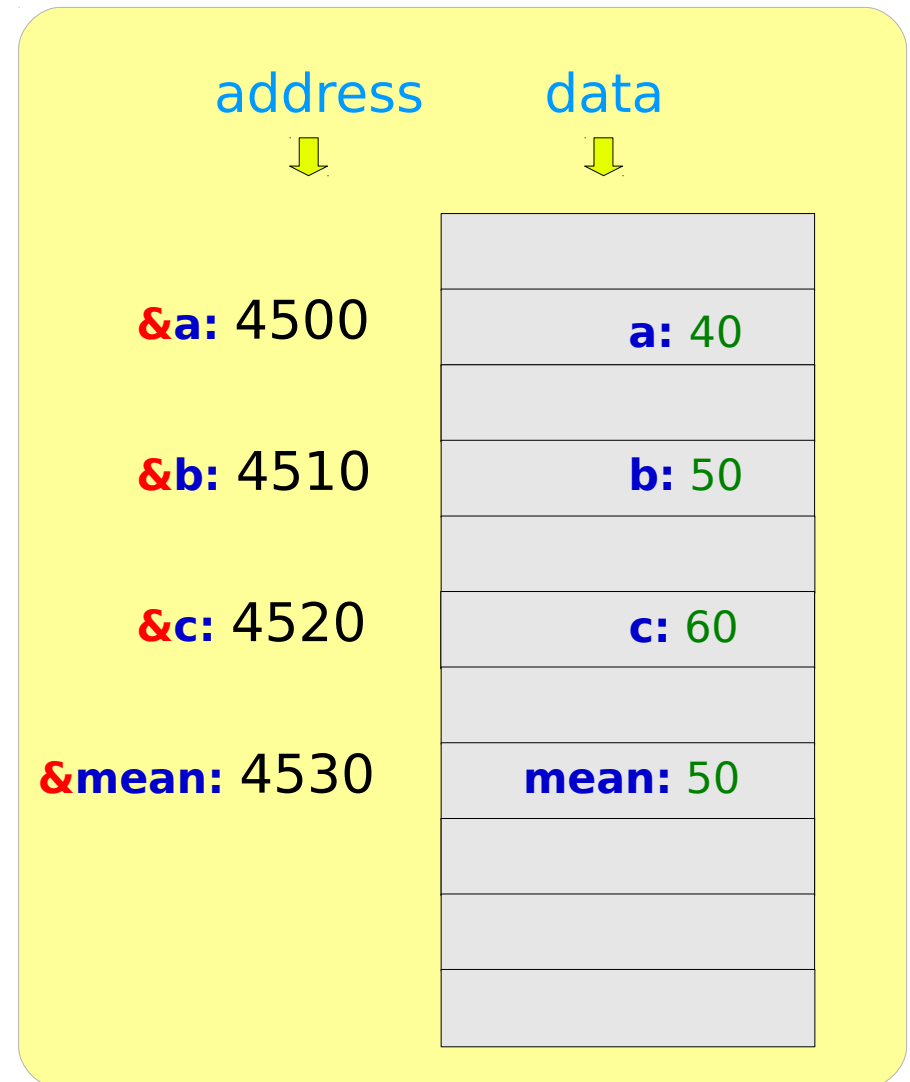
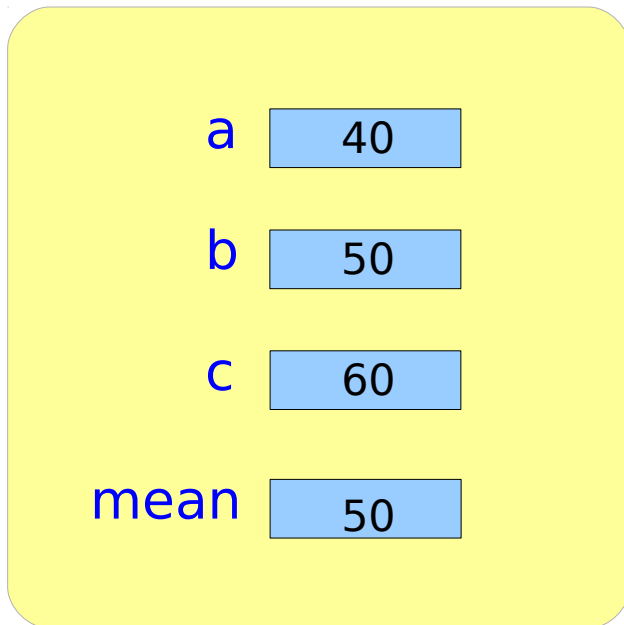
4500

`a` :data (*what*)

40

Variables and the & operator

```
int a=40, b=50, c=60;  
int mean=(a+b+c)/3;
```



Graphical representation of address assignment

a = 40;

Value assignment to a

int a ;

&a: 4500

a = 40

integer variable

an arrow
a pointer

p = &a;

Address assignment to p

int * p ;

&p

p = &a

4500

pointer variable

Data and Address Operators

Address operator

&*variable* → address

&a address of **a**

&b address of **b**

&c address of **c**

&mean address of **mean**

Data operator

******address* → data

***(&a)** data at the address of **a**

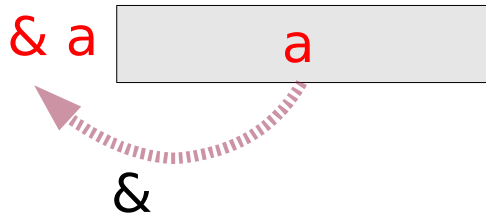
***(&b)** data at the address of **b**

***(&c)** data at the address of **c**

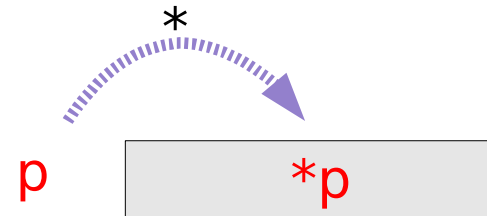
***(&mean)** data at the address of **mean**

The & and * operators

The address of a variable :
Address of operator &



the value at an address :
*Dereferencing operator **



&a and *p

&a



a must be
a variable

```
int a ;
```

integer variable a

*p



p's value must
be an address

```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p

The address `&a` and the variable `*p`

`&a` an address

`*p` a variable

`a` a variable

`p` an address

```
int a ;
```

integer variable a

```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p

R/W Accessing `&a` and `*p`

```
int a ;
```

integer variable `a`

~~`&a = ...` (write)~~

`... = &a` (read)

like a constant

```
int * p ;
```

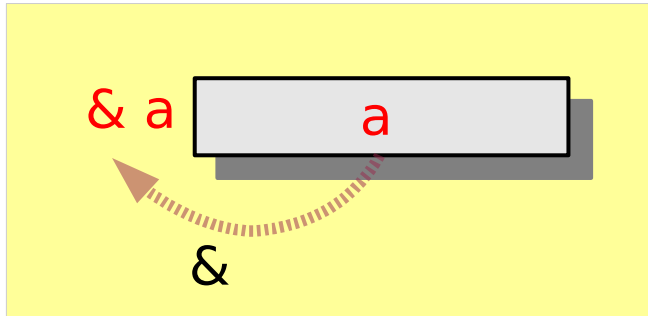
pointer variable `p`

`*p = ...` (write)

`... = *p` (read)

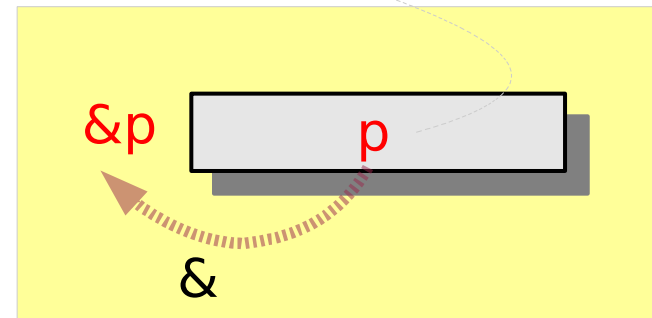
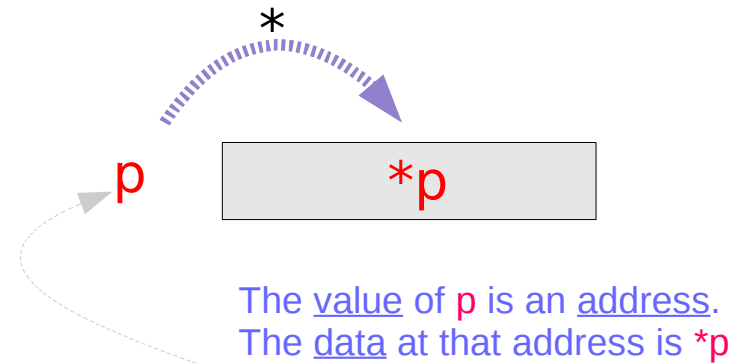
like a variable

&a and *p examples



```
int a ;
```

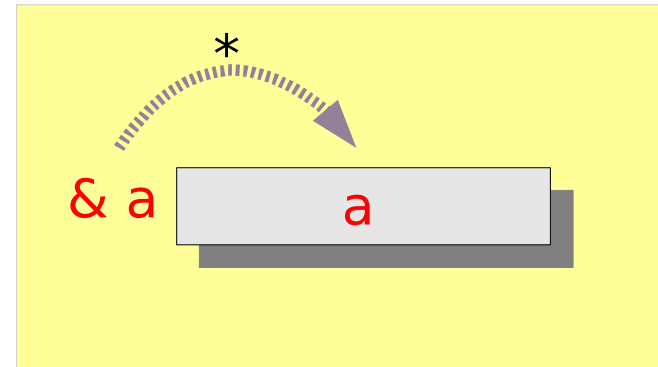
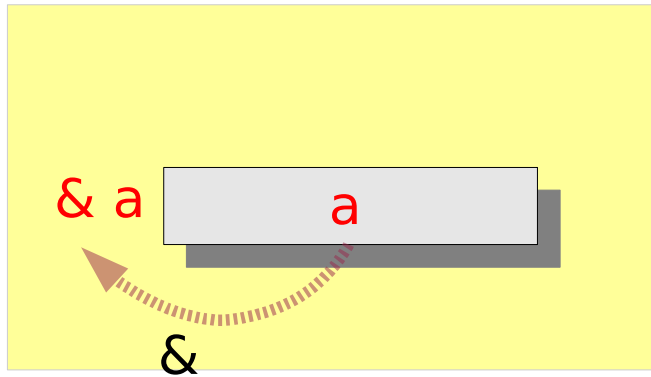
integer variable a



```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p

The `&` and `*` operators [int a]



$$*(\& a) = a$$

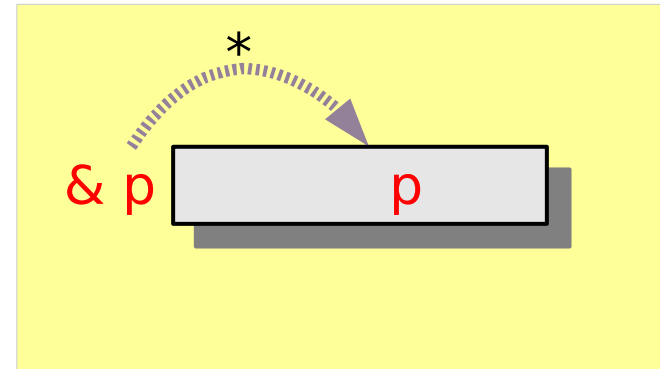
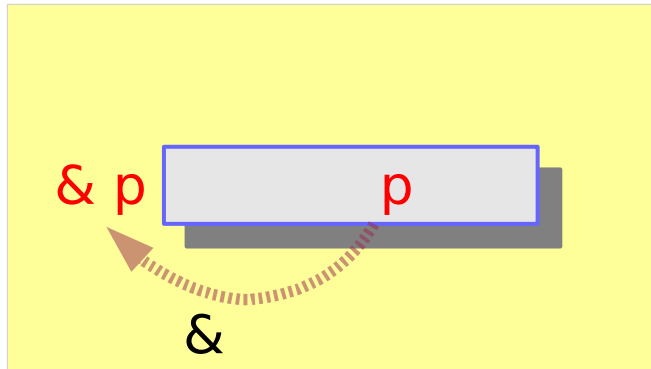
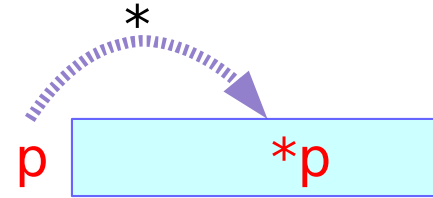
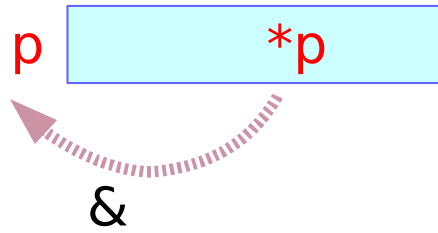
```
int a ;
```

integer variable a

```
int a ;
```

integer variable a

The & and * operators [int *p]



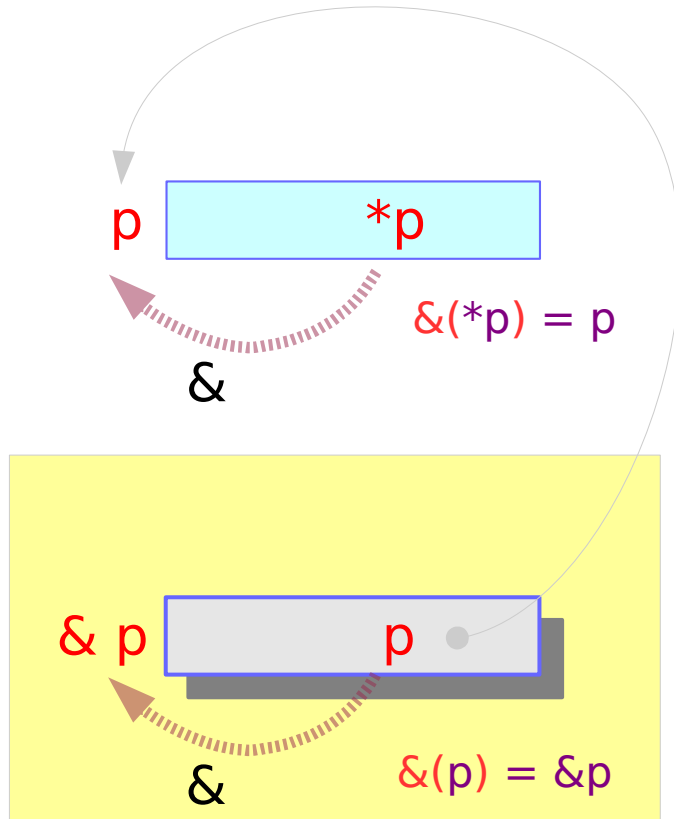
```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p

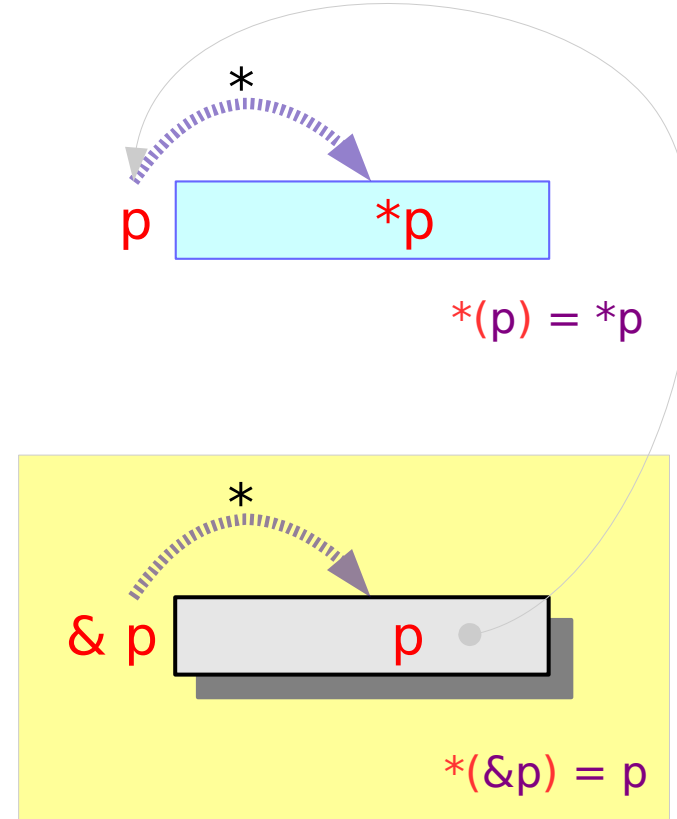
```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p

The $\&$ and $*$ operators [int *p]



value of p (\rightarrow an address)



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The `&` and `*` operators `[int *p]`

The address of a variable :
Address of operator `&`

$\&(p) = \&p$

$\&(*p) = p$

```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable `p`

the value at an address :
Dereferencing operator ``*

$*(\&p) = p$

$*(p) = *p$

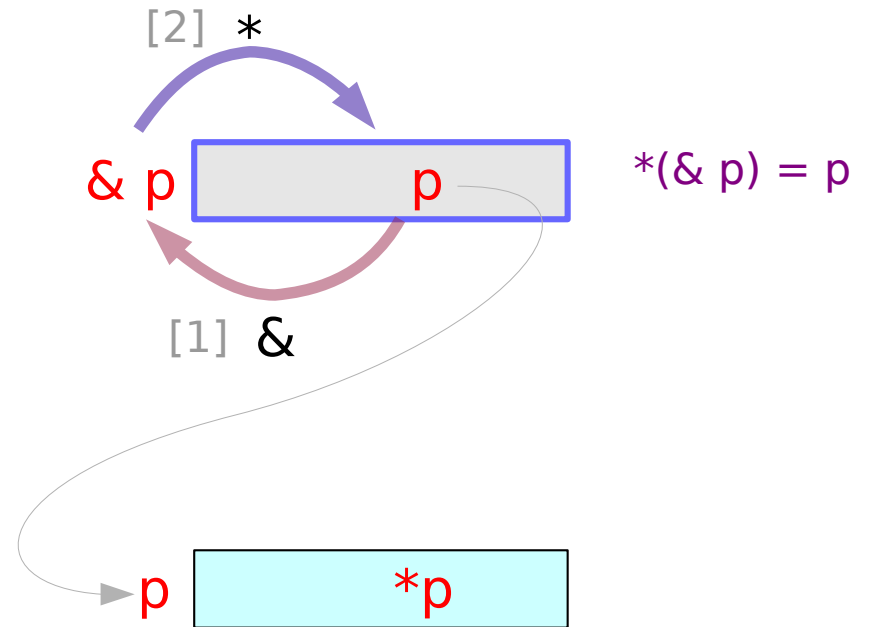
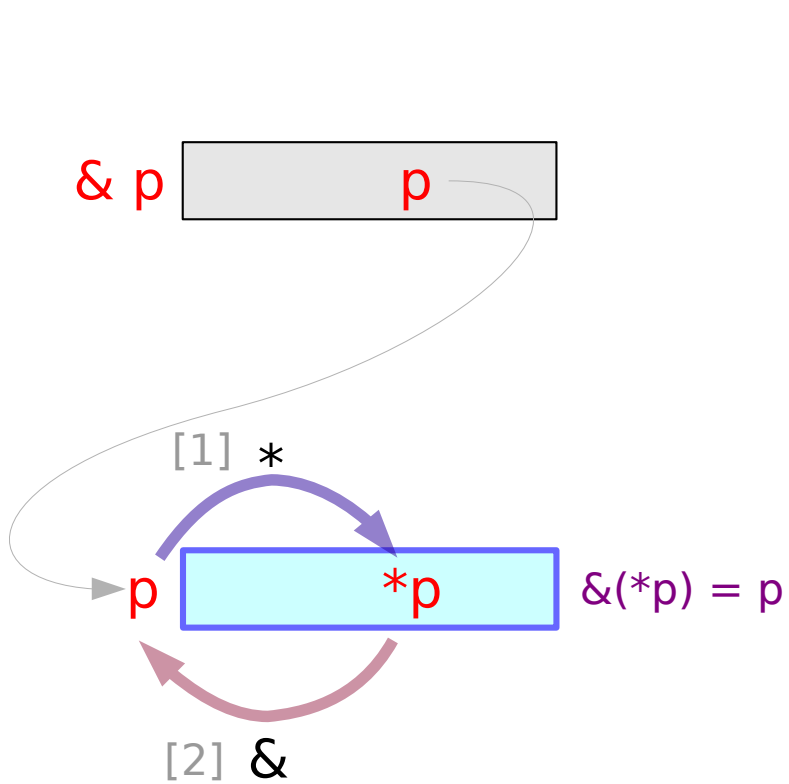
```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable `p`

The $\&$ and $*$ cancel each other

$$\cancel{\&(*p)} = p$$

$$\cancel{*(\& p)} = p$$



Pointer Type Declaration

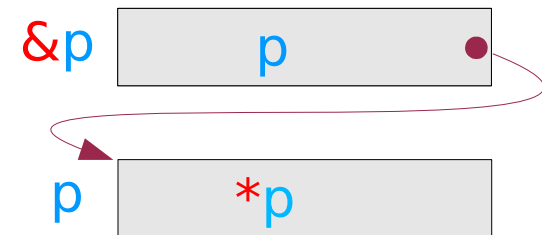
```
int a;
```

a holds integer value



```
int *p;
```

p holds address
*p holds integer value



value of p
(→ an address)

Address assignment to a pointer variable

```
int *p;
```

```
p = &a;
```

Address assignment

where: the address of p

what: the value of p

← &a (address of a)

The value of p is the address &a

“p points to &a”

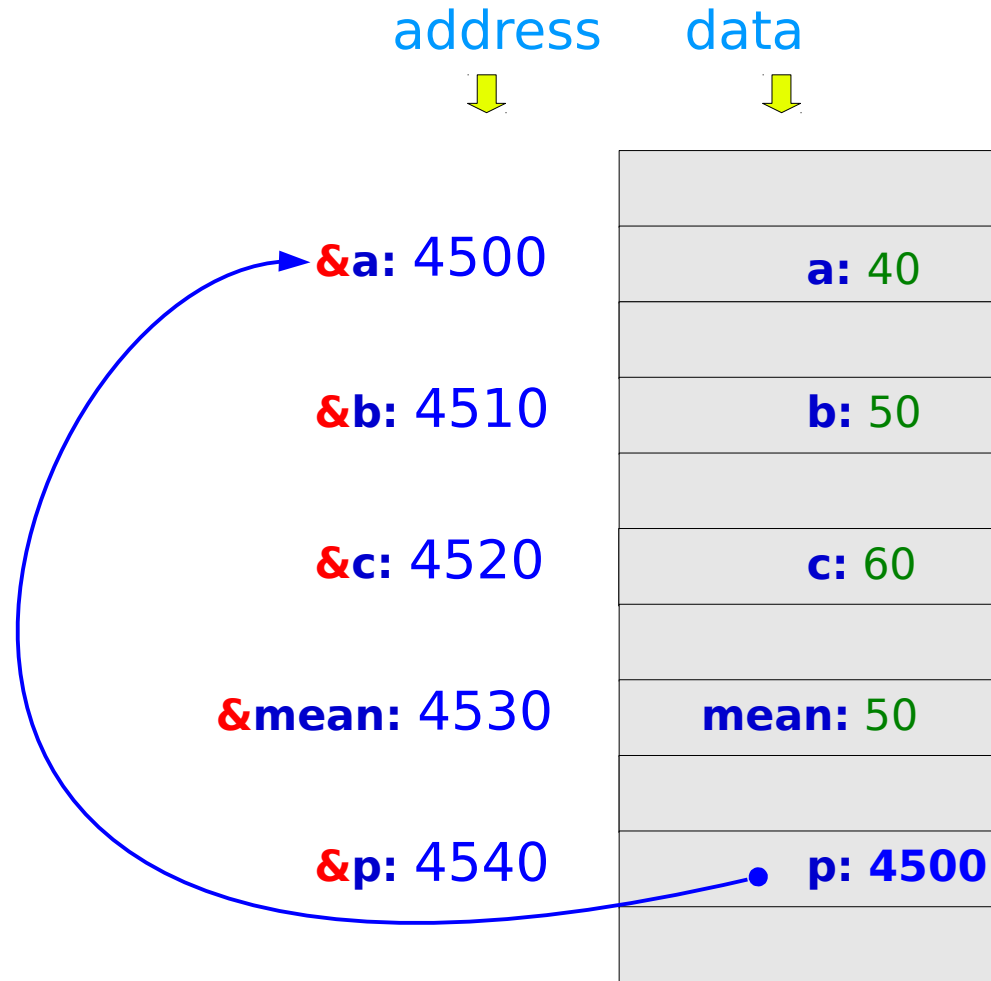
“p points to where the variable a is stored “

Address assignment example

```
int *p;
```

```
p = &a;
```

Address assignment



Value assignment to a pointer variable

```
int *p;
```

```
p = &a;
```

```
*p = 55;
```

Value assignment

where: the location
where the value of *p*
points to
(value of *p* → address)

what: the data at *p*
← 55 (an integer value)

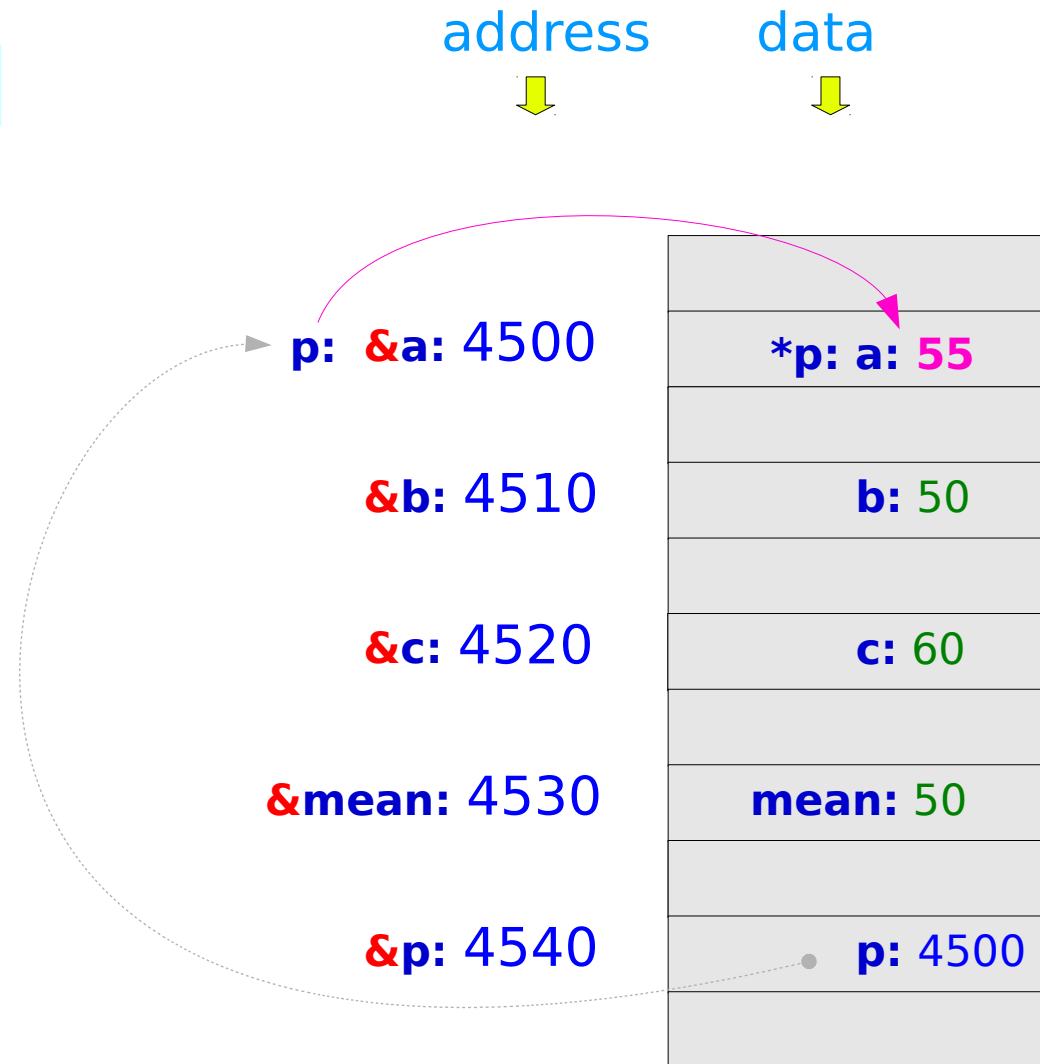
Value assignment to a pointer variable

```
int *p;
```

```
p = &a;
```

```
*p = 55;
```

Value assignment



Function examples - passing values

function call

```
int x=3, y=5;  
...  
S = vsum ( x, y);  
...
```

&x	x
&y	y

```
int vsum (int a, int b)  
{  
...  
return (a + b);  
}
```

&a	a=x
&b	b=y

function definition

Function examples – passing addresses

function call

```
int x=3, y=5;  
...  
S = asum ( &x, &y);  
...
```

```
int asum (int *a, int *b)  
{  
  
    return (*a + *b);  
}
```

function definition

&x	x
&y	y

&a	a=&x
&b	b=&y

Comparison

```
int x, y;
```

```
...  
S = vsum ( x, y );  
...
```

```
int vsum (int a, int b)  
{  
  
return (a + b);  
}
```

```
a ← x;    b ← y;
```

```
a + b = x + y
```

```
int x, y;
```

```
S = asum ( &x, &y );
```

```
int asum (int *a, int *b) {  
  
return (*a + *b);  
}
```

```
a ← &x;    b ← &y  
*a = *(&x);    *b = *(&y)
```

```
*a + *b = x + y
```

1-way vs. 2-way

```
int x, y;  
S = vsum ( x, y);
```

```
int vsum (int a, int b)  
{  
    int val = a + b;  
  
    a = b = 0;  
    return (val);  
}
```

a ← x; b ← y;

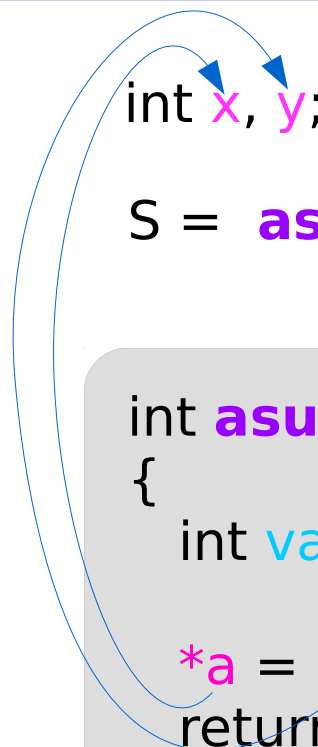
a ← 0
b ← 0

```
int x, y;  
S = asum ( &x, &y);
```

```
int asum (int *a, int *b)  
{  
    int val = *a + *b;  
  
    *a = *b = 0;  
    return (val);  
}    *(&x) = *(&y) = x = y = 0
```

a ← &x; b ← &y

x ← *(&x) ← *a ← 0
y ← *(&y) ← *b ← 0



Differences

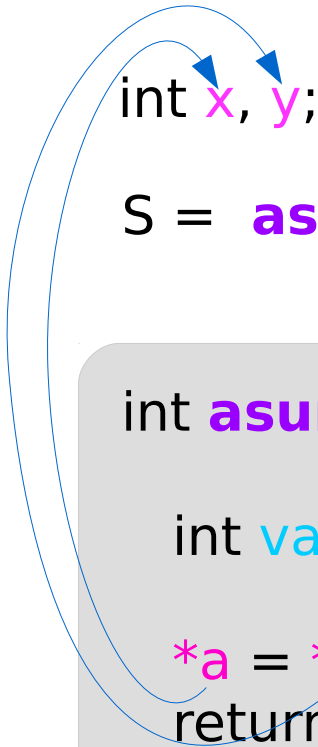
```
int x, y;  
S = vsum ( x, y);
```

```
int vsum (int a, int b)  
{  
    int val = a + b;  
  
    a = b = 0;  
    return (val);  
}
```

x, y : no change

```
int x, y;  
S = asum ( &x, &y);
```

```
int asum (int *a, int *b) {  
    int val = *a + *b;  
  
    *a = *b = 0;  
    return (val);  
} *(&x) = *(&y) = x = y = 0
```



x, y : changed to zeros

printf() : the built-in function

Expected Output

The mean of three numbers

a = 40

b = 50

c = 60

mean(40, 50, 60) => 50

```
printf("The mean of three numbers \n");  
printf("a = %d \n", a);  
printf("b = %d \n", b);  
printf("c = %d \n", c);  
printf("mean (%d, %d, %d) => %d \n", a, b, c, mean);
```

scanf() : another built-in function

Input Example

Enter three numbers!

a = 40

b = 50

c = 60

address	value
&a: 4500	40
&b: 4510	50
&c: 4520	60

```
printf("Enter three numbers! \n");  
printf("a = "); scanf("%d", &a);  
printf("b = "); scanf("%d", &b);  
printf("c = "); scanf("%d", &c);
```

The Main Function (1)

```
main (void)
{
    int    a, b, c;
    int    mean;

    a = 40;
    b = 50;
    c = 60;

    mean = (a + b + c) / 3;

    printf("The mean of three numbers \n");
    printf("a = %d \n", a);
    printf("b = %d \n", b);
    printf("c = %d \n", c);
    printf("mean (%d, %d, %d) => %d \n", a, b, c, mean);

}
```

The Main Function (2)

```
main (void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int    a, b, c;
```

```
    int    mean;
```

```
    printf("Enter three numbers! \n");
```

```
    printf("a = "); scanf(" %d", &a);
```

```
    printf("b = "); scanf(" %d", &b);
```

```
    printf("c = "); scanf(" %d", &c);
```

```
    mean = (a + b + c) / 3;
```

```
    printf("The mean of three numbers \n");
```

```
    printf("a = %d \n b = %d \n c = %d \n", a, b, c);
```

```
    printf("mean (%d, %d, %d) => %d \n",  
           a,    b,    c,    mean );
```

```
}
```

The Main Function (3)

```
main (void)  
{  
    int    a, b, c;  
    int    mean;
```

```
    get_numbers( ? );
```

```
    compute_mean( ? );
```

```
    print_numbers( ? );
```

```
}
```

Function compute_mean()

```
int compute_mean (int x, int y, int z) ;
```

function prototype

```
main (void)
{
    int    mean;

    mean = compute_mean(40, 50, 60);
}
    int values are copied
```

```
int compute_mean (int x, int y, int z)
{
    int    avg;

    avg = (x + y + z) / 3;

    return( avg );
}
```

* Call by Value

* Local Variable

* Return Value

Function get_numbers()

```
void get_numbers (int *x, int *y, int *z) ;
```

function prototype

```
main (void)
{
    int    a, b, c;

    get_numbers(&a, &b, &c);
}
```

addresses are copied

```
void get_numbers (int *x, int *y, int *z)
{
    printf("Enter three numbers! \n");
    printf("a = ");   scanf(" %d", x);
    printf("b = ");   scanf(" %d", y);
    printf("c = ");   scanf(" %d", z);
}
```

* Call by Reference

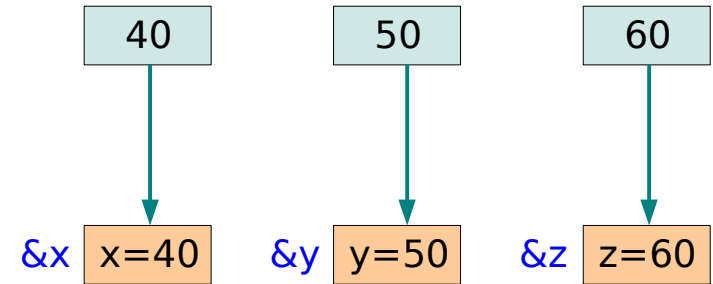
* No Return Value

Call by Value & Call by Reference

* Call by Value

```
mean = compute_mean(40, 50, 60);
```

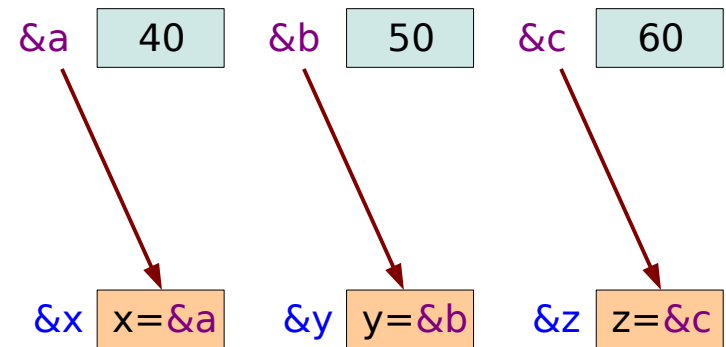
```
int compute_mean (int x, int y, int z)
```



* Call by Reference

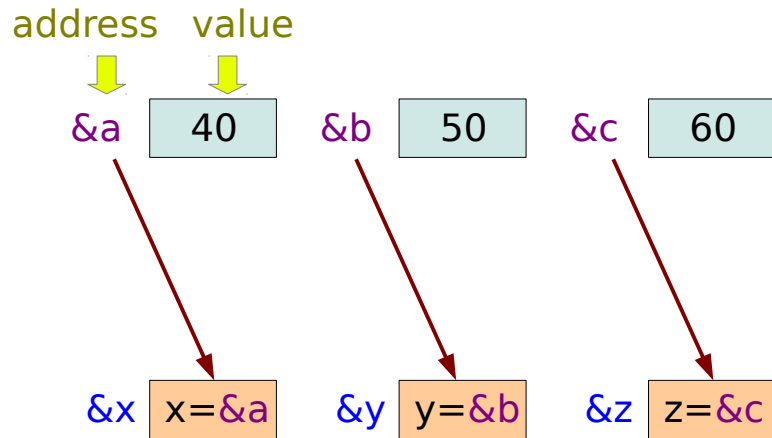
```
get_numbers(&a, &b, &c);
```

```
void get_numbers (int *x, int *y, int *z)
```



Change the caller's variables

* Call by Reference



Caller's Variables

Now, values of a, b, c are changed in the get_numbers() function

```
*x= 100;    a= 100;  
*y= 200;    b= 200;  
*z= 300;    c= 300;
```

The callee can change the values of the caller's variables

&a 100 &b 200 &c 300

Function print_numbers()

```
void print_numbers (int x, int y, int z, int avg)
{
    printf("The mean of three numbers \n");
    printf("a = %d \n b = %d \n c = %d \n", x, y, z);
    printf("mean (%d, %d, %d) => %d \n", x, y, z, avg);
}
```

* Call by Value

* No Return Value

```
main (void)
{
    int    a, b, c;
    int    mean;

    print_numbers(a, b, c, mean);
}
```

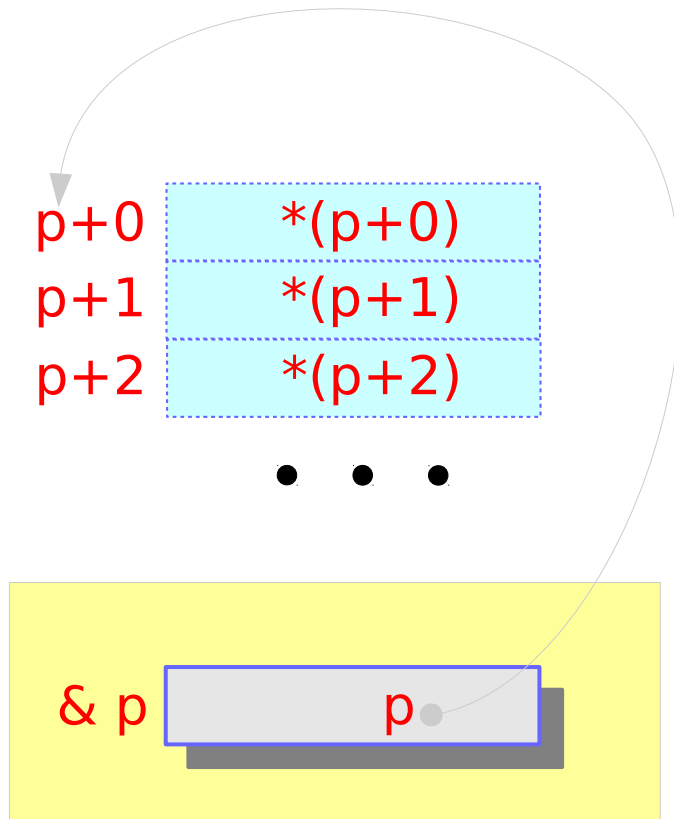
The Main Function (4)

```
void get_numbers    (int *x, int *y, int *z);  
int  compute_mean  (int x, int y, int z);  
void print_numbers  (int x, int y, int z, int avg);
```

Prototypes

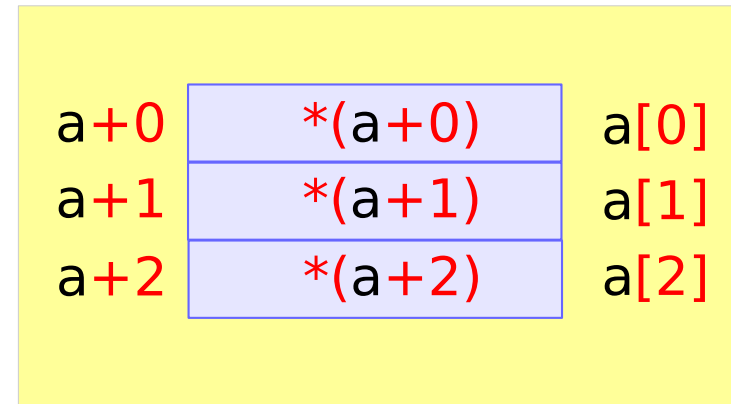
```
main (void)  
{  
    int    a, b, c;  
    int    mean;  
  
    get_numbers(&a, &b, &c);  
  
    mean = compute_mean(a, b, c);  
  
    print_numbers(a, b, c, mean);  
}
```

Pointers and Arrays



```
int * p ;
```

pointer variable p



```
int a[3] ;
```

array name a

The Main Parameters (1)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{

    int i;

    printf("argc= %d \n", argc);

    for (i=0; i<argc; ++i) {
        printf("argv[%d] = %s \n", i, argv[i]);
    }

}
```

The Main Parameters (2)

```
young@usys ~ $ ./a.out
```

```
argc= 1
```

```
argv[0] = ./a.out
```

```
young@usys ~ $ ./a.out one two three
```

```
argc= 4
```

```
argv[0] = ./a.out
```

```
argv[1] = one
```

```
argv[2] = two
```

```
argv[3] = three
```

```
young@usys ~ $ ./a.out one two three four
```

```
argc= 5
```

```
argv[0] = ./a.out
```

```
argv[1] = one
```

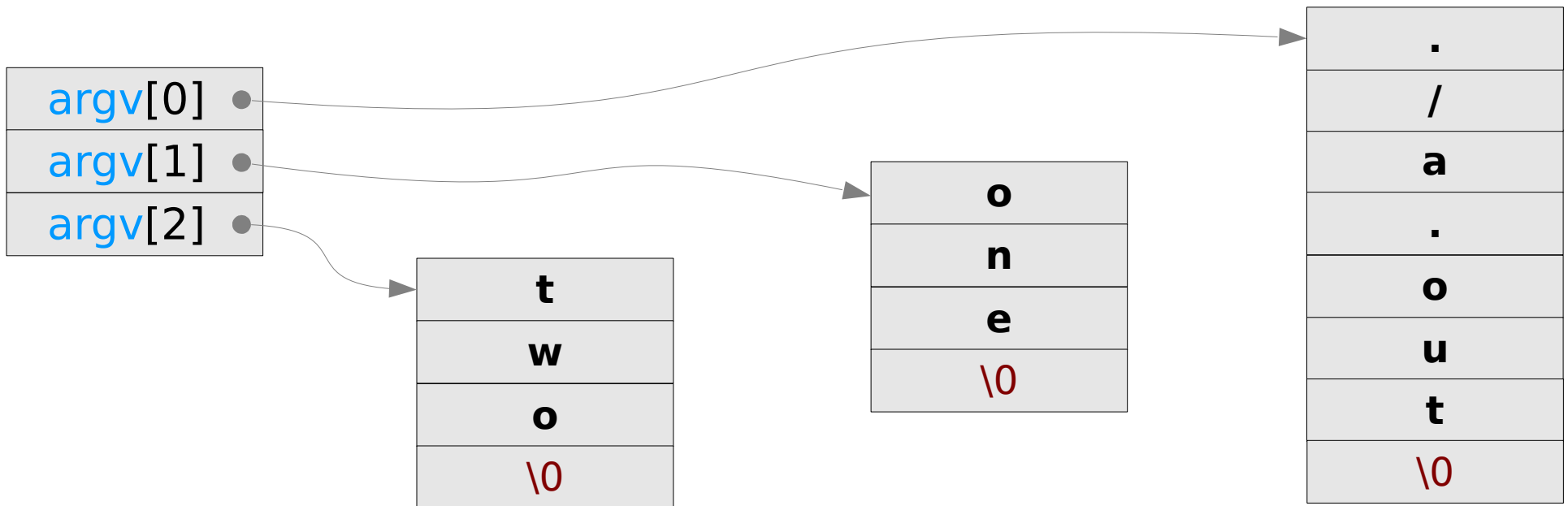
```
argv[2] = two
```

```
argv[3] = three
```

```
argv[4] = four
```

The Main Parameters (3)

```
young@usys ~ $ ./a.out one two  
argc = 3  
argv[0] = ./a.out  
argv[1] = one  
argv[2] = two
```



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