Strings, Structs, malloc, 2D arrays

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What we have learnt

- Bitwise operations
- Pointers and arrays
- ASCII Characters

Today

- strings
- structs, malloc, 2D array

C Strings

Strings

- String is represented as an array of chars.
  - Array has no space to encode its length.
- How to determine string length?
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```
// tolower_string turns every character in character array s
// into lower case
void tolower_string(char *s, int len) {
     for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
          s[i] = tolower(s[i]);
     }
}
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    while (s[i] != '\0') {
       s[i] = tolower(s[i]);
       i++;
    }
}
```

Copying string?

does this make a copy of "hi"?

```
char s[3] = {'h','i','\0'};
char *h;
h = s;
h[0] = 'H';

printf("s=%s h=%s\n",s,h);
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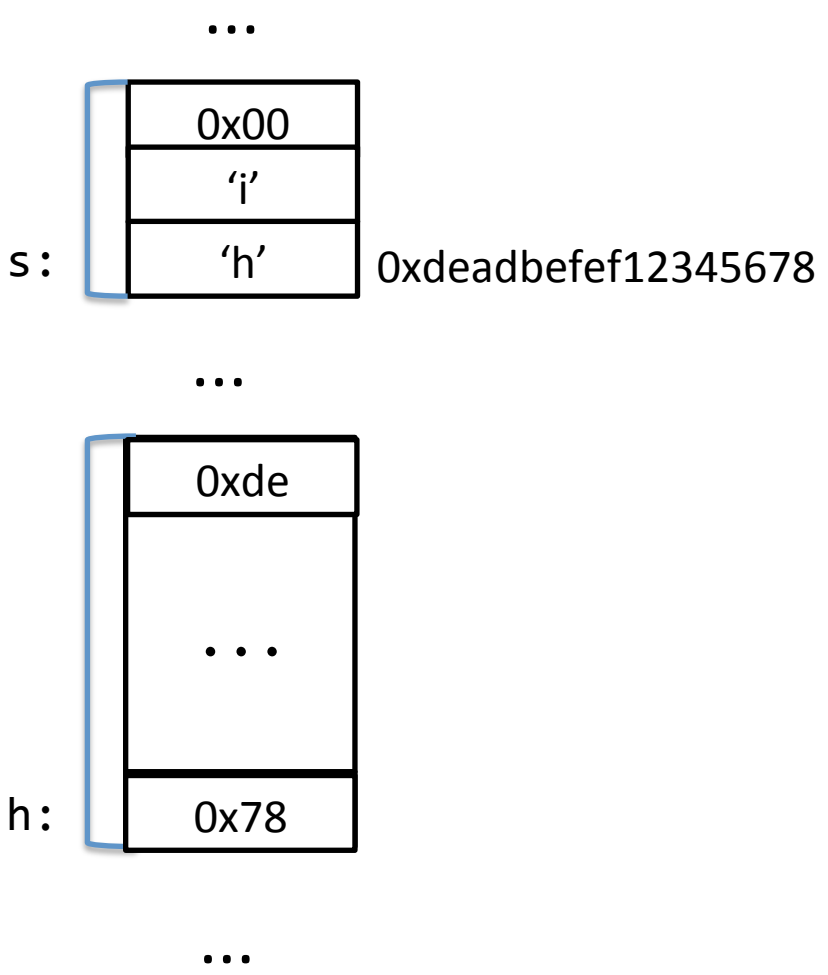

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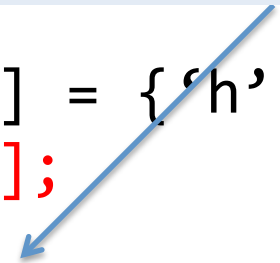

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   char h[2];
   strcpy(h, s);
   h[0] = 'H';

   printf("s=%s h=%s\n",s,h);
}
```

Results in out-of-bound write!
Buffer overflow!

Copying string

```
void strncpy(char *dst, char *src, int n) {
    int i = 0;
    while (src[i] != '\0' && i < n) {
       dst[i] = src[i];
       i++;
    }
}

int main() {
   char s[3] = {'h','i','\0'};
   char h[2];
   strncpy(h, s, 2);
   h[0] = 'H';

   printf("s=%s h=%s\n",s,h);
}
```

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Note: if dst size is too small,
it may not be null-terminated

A different way of initializing string …

```
char s1[3] = {‘h’,‘i’,‘\0’};
//equivalent to
//char s1[3] = “hi”;
char *s2 = “bye”;
s1[0] = ‘H’;
s2[0] = ‘B’;

printf(“s1=%s s2=%s\n”,s1,s2);
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OK

Segmentation fault (bus error)

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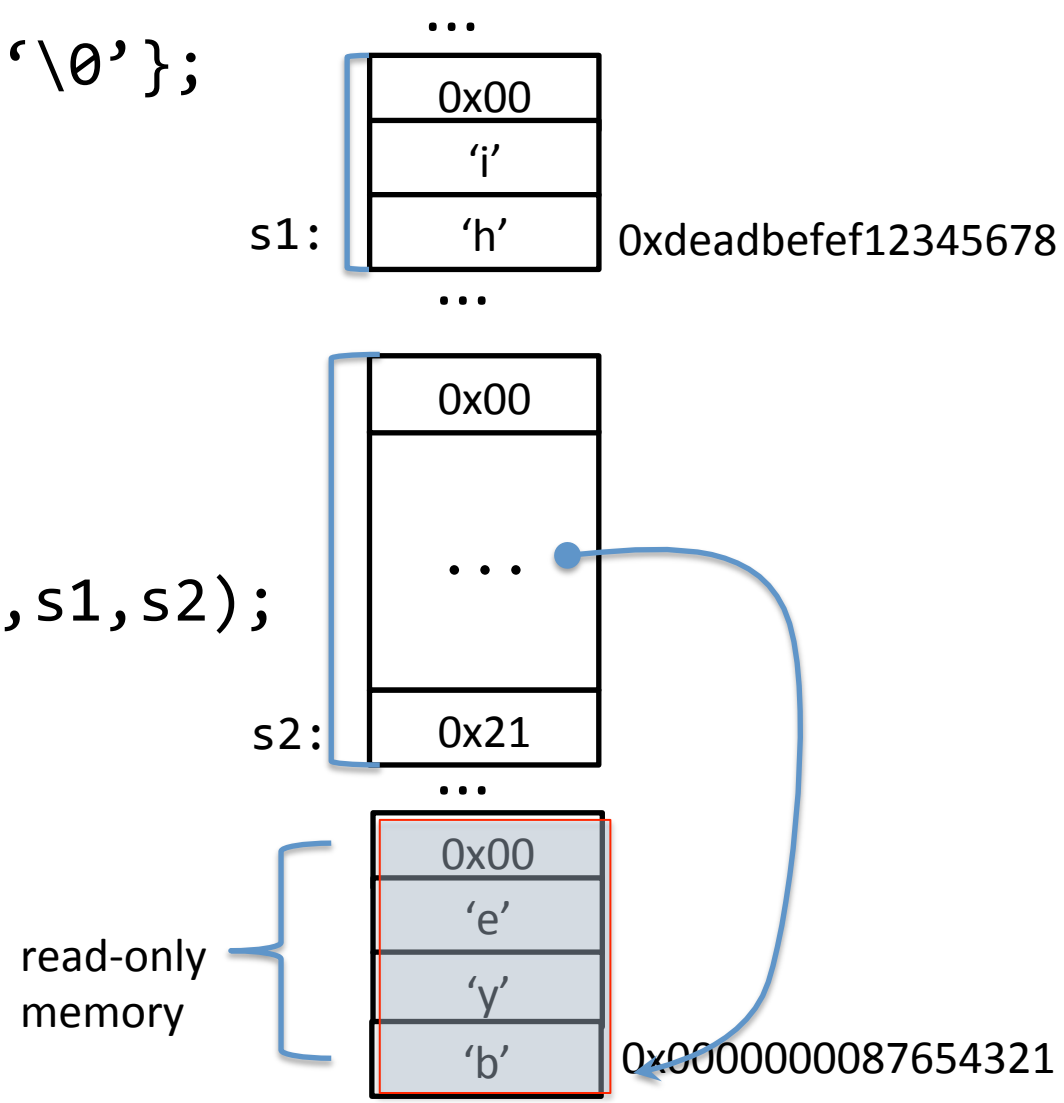

The Atoi function

```
// atoi returns the integer
// corresponding to the string of digits
int atoi(char *s)
{

}

int main()
{
   char *s= “123”;
   printf(“integer is %d\n”, atoi(s));
}
```

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// atoi returns the integer
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int atoi(char *s) {
   int result = 0;
   int i = 0;
   while (s[i] >= '0' && s[i] <= '9') {
            result = result * 10 + (s[i] -'0');
            i++;
    }
    return result;
}
```
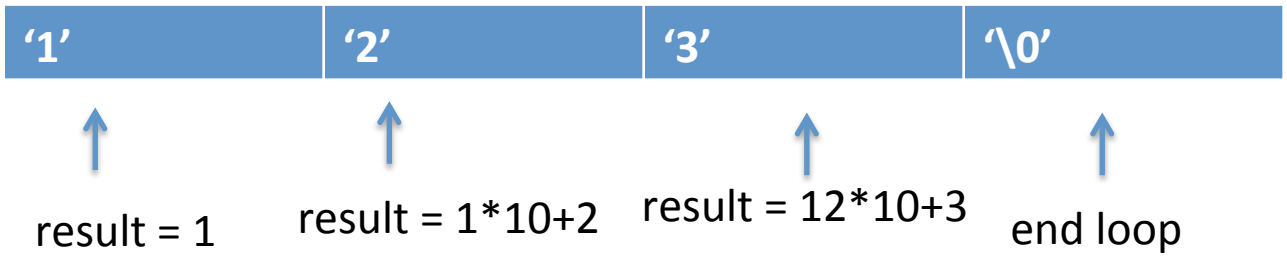
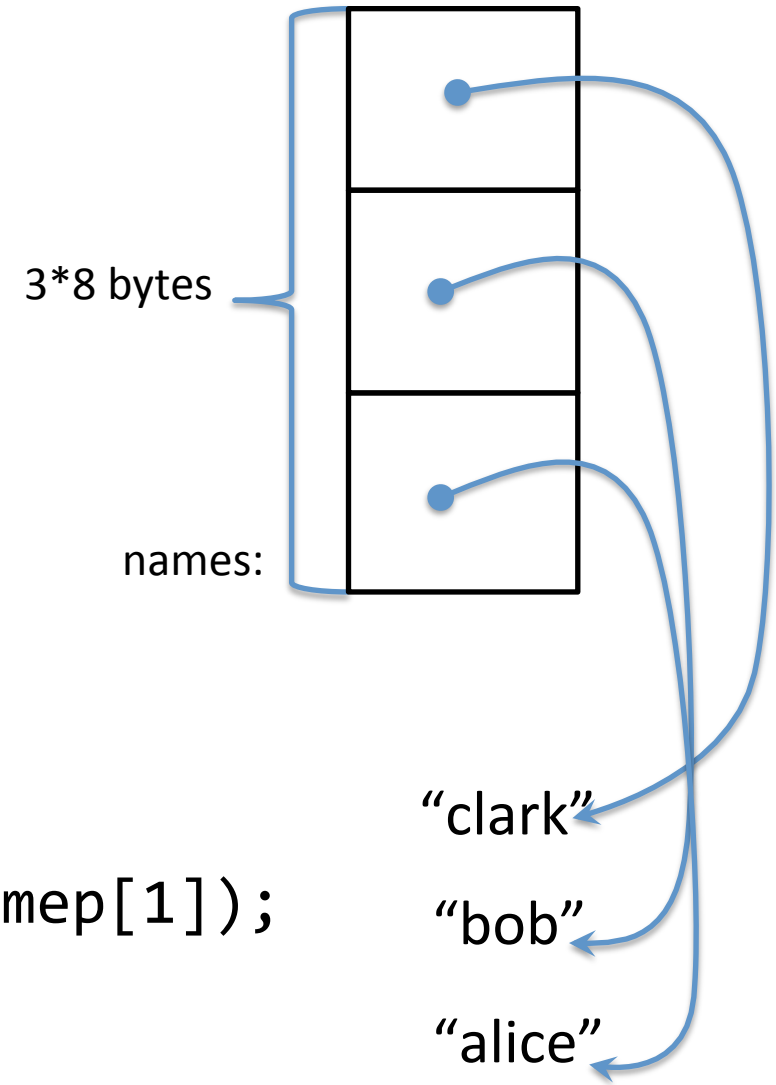



Array of pointers

```
char* names[3] = {
    “alice”,
    “bob”,
    “clark”
};
```




```
char **namep;
namep = names;

printf(“name is %s”, namep[1]);
```

The most commonly used array of pointers: argv

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
   for (int i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
      printf("%s\n", argv[i]);
   }
}
```

```
$ ./a.out 1 2 3
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```

argv[0] is the name of the executable

Structs

Struct stores fields of different types contiguously in memory

C has no class/object.
Struct is like a class without associated methods

Struct

- Array: a block of n consecutive elements of the same type.
- Struct: a collection of elements of diffferent types.

Structure

```
struct student {
    int id;
    char *name;
};
```

Fields of a struct are allocated next to each other, but there may be gaps (padding) between them.

Structure

```
struct student {
    int id;
    char *name;
};

struct student t;
```

define variable t with type “struct student”

Structure

```
struct student {
    int id;
    char *name;
};

struct student t;

t.id = 1024;
t.name = “alice”;
```

Access the fields of this struct

Typedef

```
typedef struct {
    int id;
    char *name;
} student;

~~struct~~ student t;
```

Pointer to struct

```
typedef struct {
    int id;
    char *name;
} student;

student t = {1024, “alice”};
student *p = &t;

p->id = 1023;
p->name = “bob”;
printf(“%d %s\n”, t.id, t.name);
```

Mallocs

Allocates a chunk of memory dynamically

Recall memory allocation for global and local variables

- Global variables are allocated space before program execution.
- Local variables are allocated when entering a function and de-allocated upon its exit.

Malloc

Allocate space dynamically and flexibly:

- malloc: allocate storage of a given size
- free: de-allocate previously malloc-ed storage

```
void *malloc(size_t size);
```

A void pointer is a pointer that has no associated data type with it. A void pointer can hold address of any type and can be casted to any type.

```
void free(void *ptr);
```

Malloc

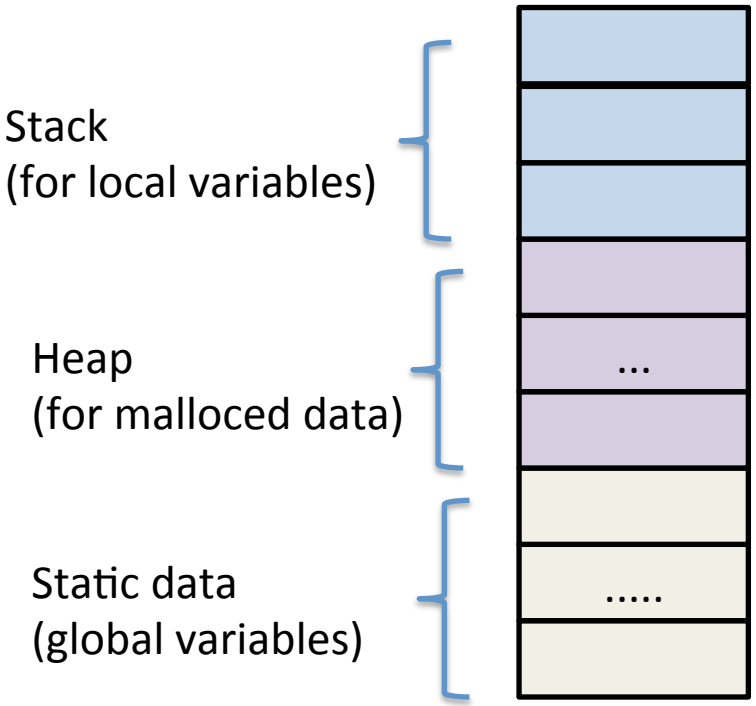
Malloc is implemented as a C library

```
#include <stdlib.h>

int *newArray(int n) {
   int *p;
   p = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int) * n);
   return p;
}
```

Conceptual view of a C program's memory at runtime

- Separate memory regions for global, local, and malloc-ed.



We will refine this simple view in later lectures

Linked list in C: insertion

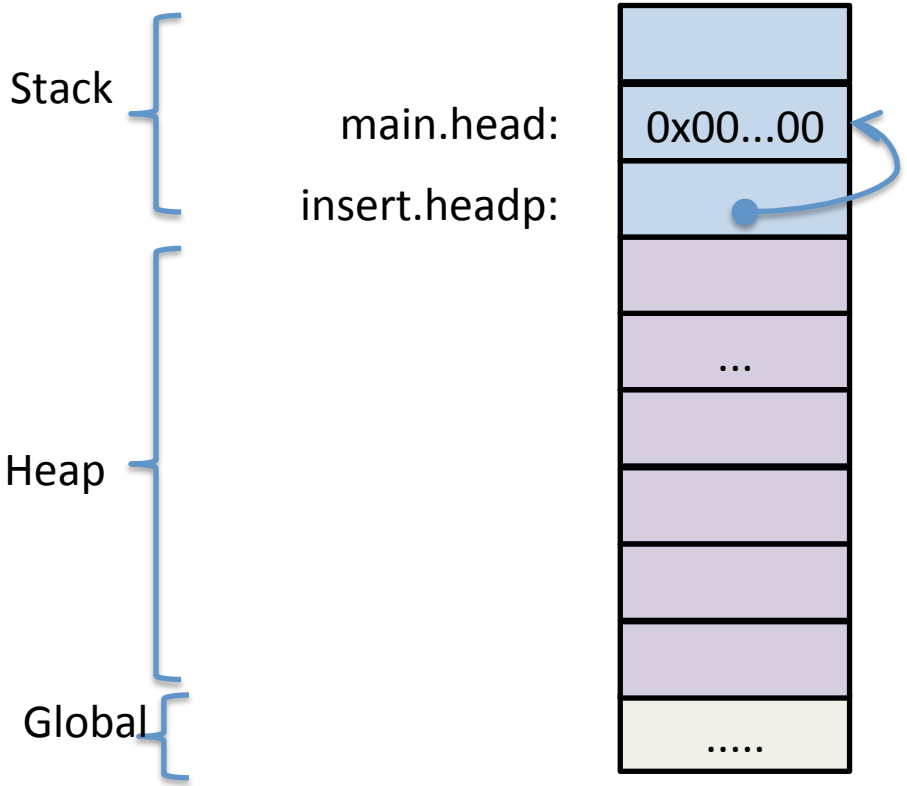
```
typedef struct {
     long val;
     struct node *next;
 }node;

// insert val into linked list to the head of the linked
// list and return the new head of the list in *headp
void
insert(node **headp, long val) {

}

int main() {
     node *head = NULL;
     for (long i = 10; i < 13; i++)
        insert(&head, i);
}
```

Inserting into a linked list

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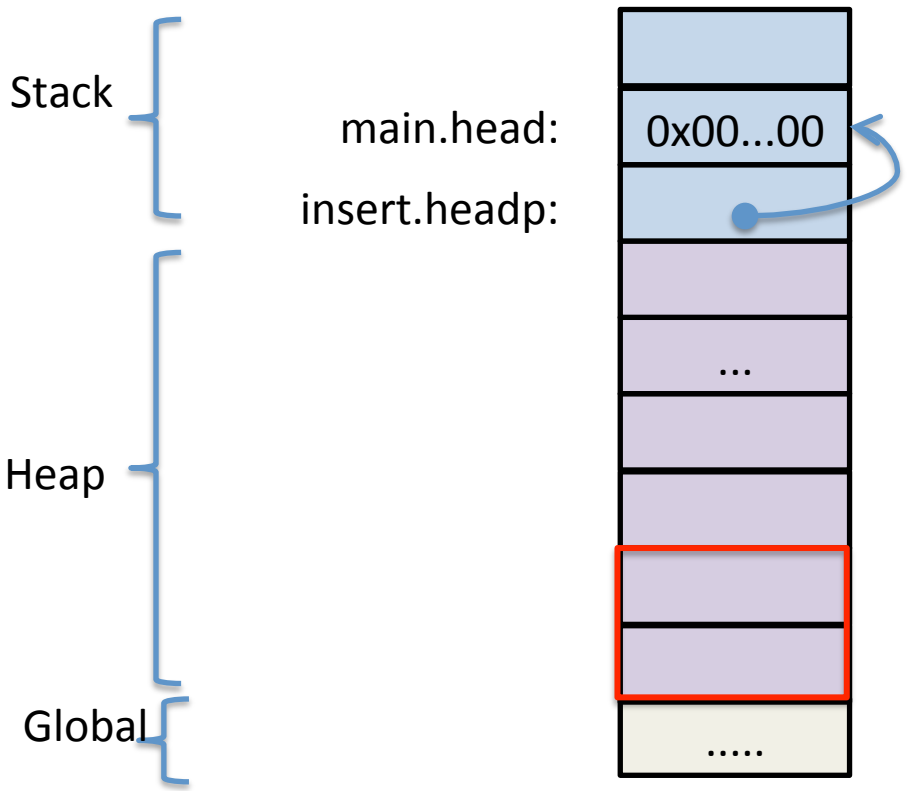


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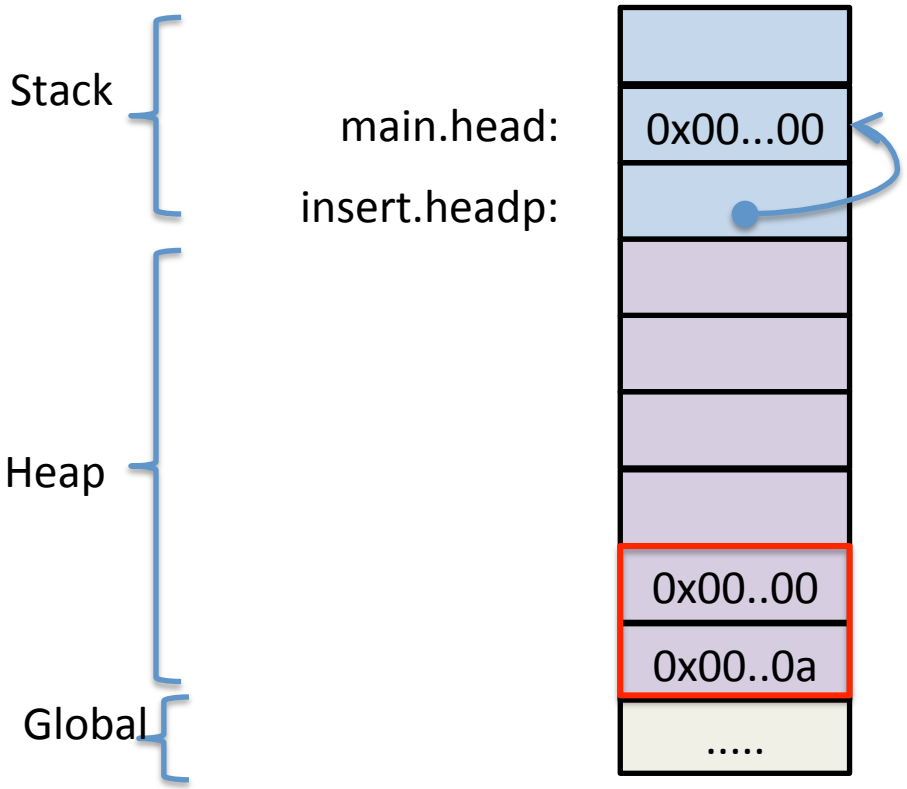


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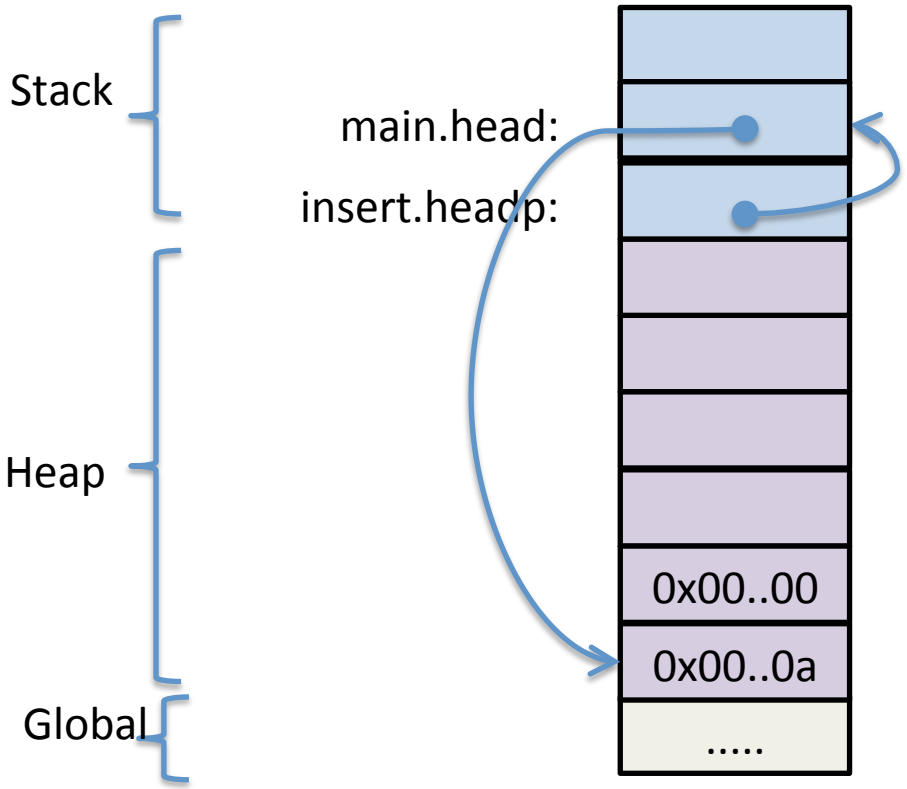


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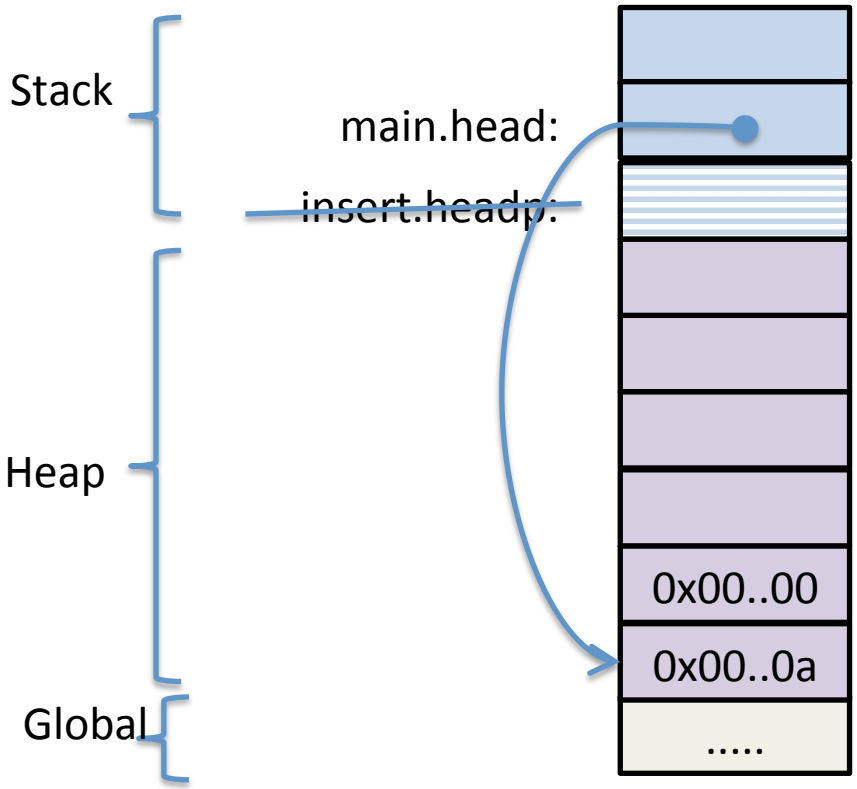
after 1st insert call

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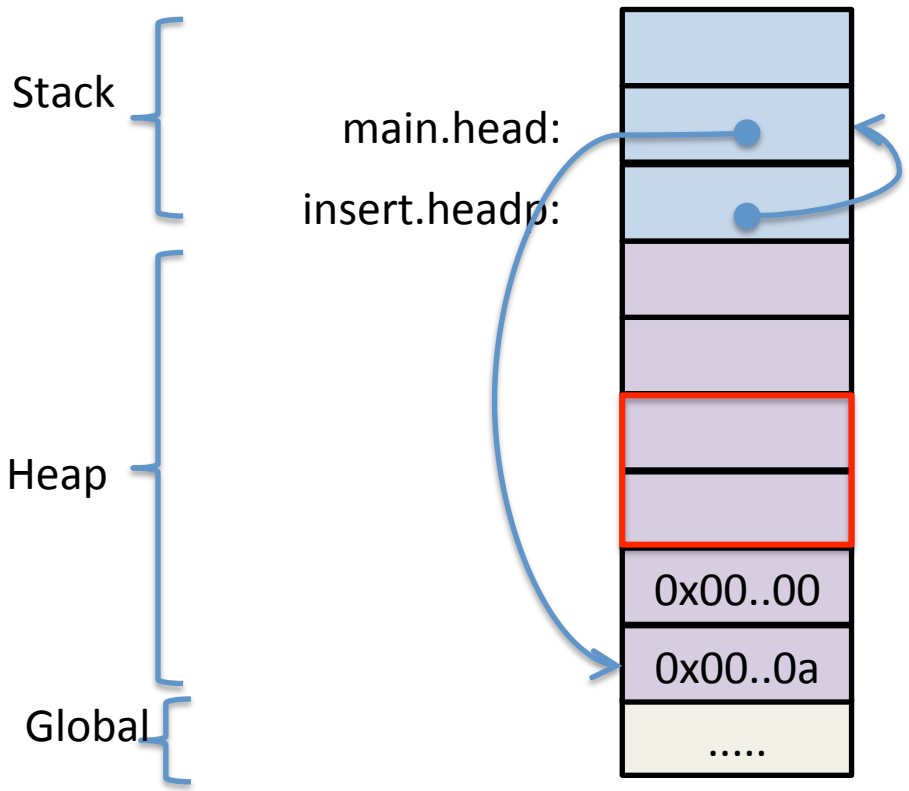
2nd insert call

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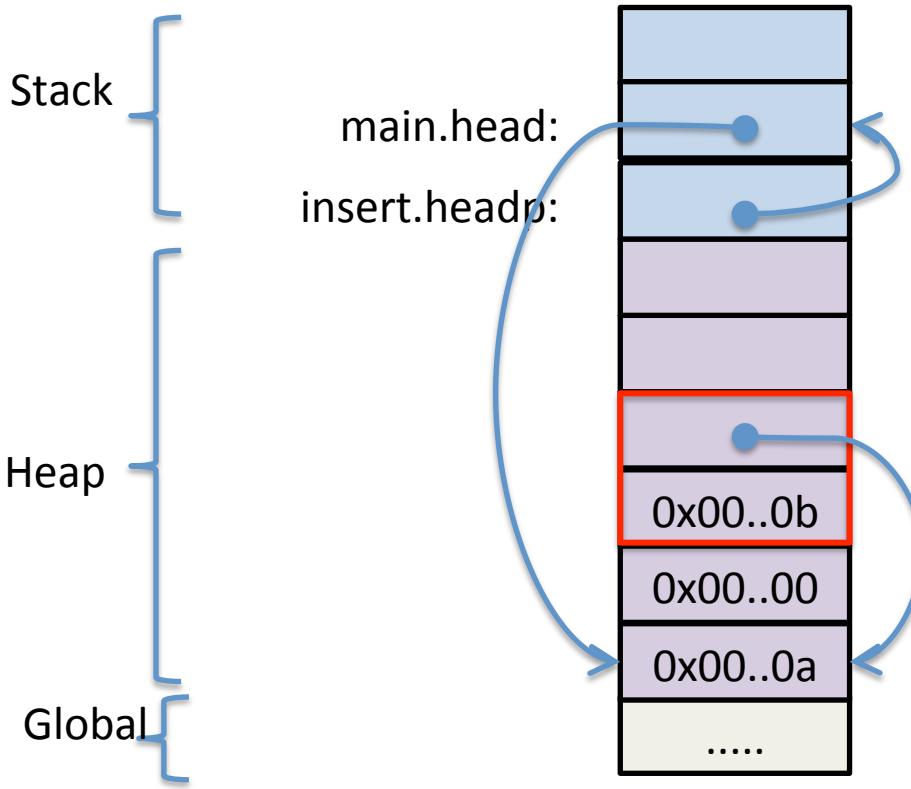


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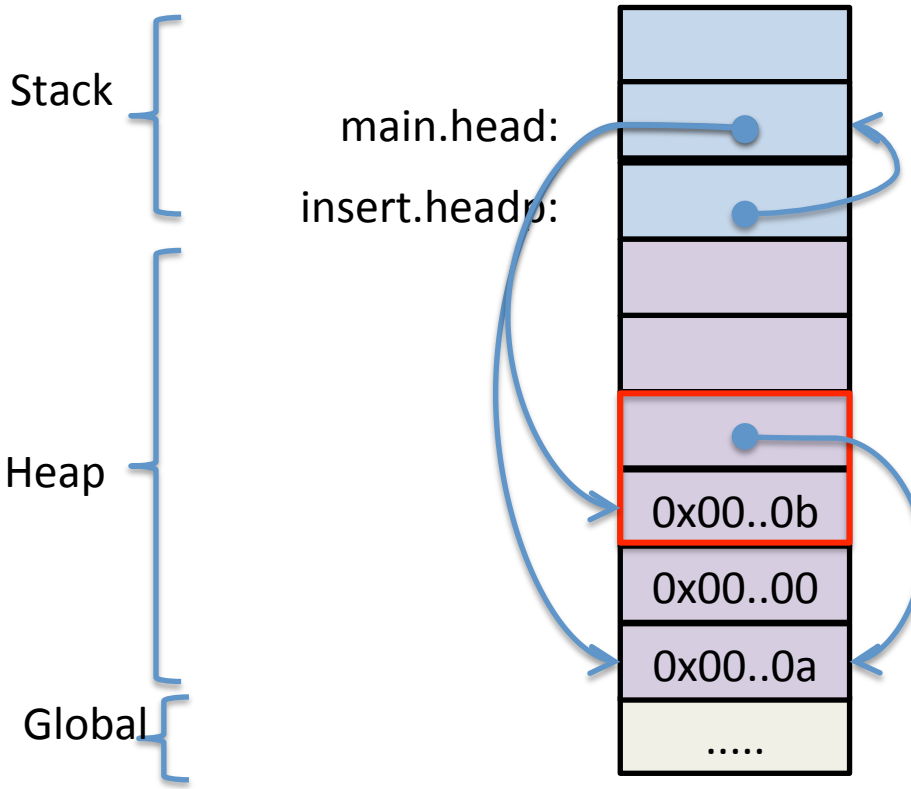


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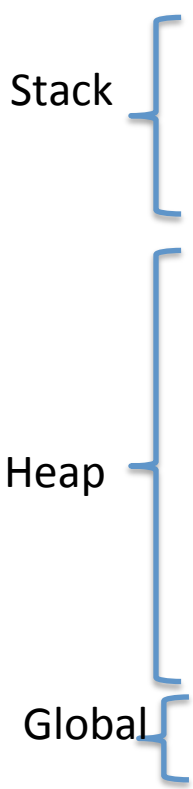
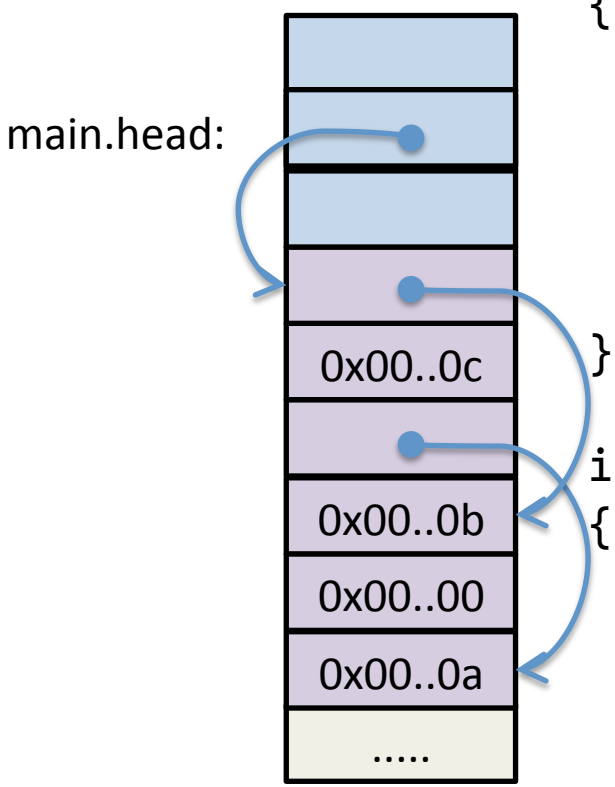
after 3rd call



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2D Arrray

2D arrays are stored contiguously in memory in row-major format

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```

Access an element at second row and third column

```
matrix[1][2] = 10
```

Memory layout

```
int matrix[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {

    for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {

        printf("%p\n",&matrix[i][j]);

    }
}
```

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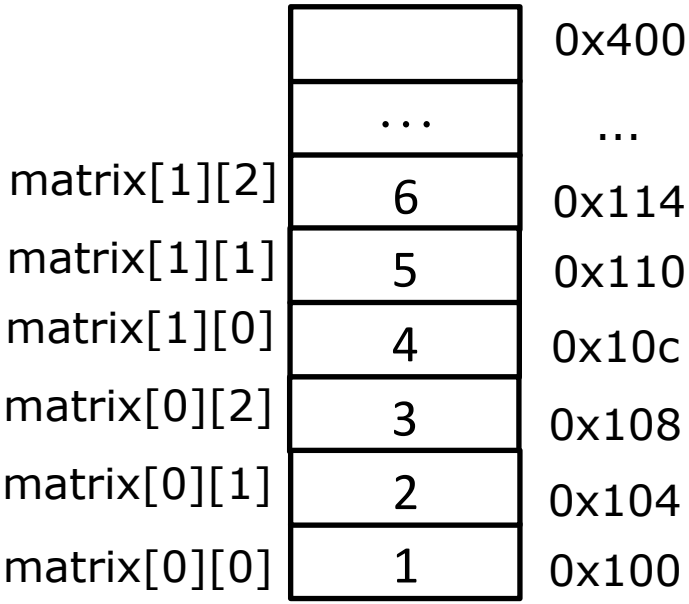

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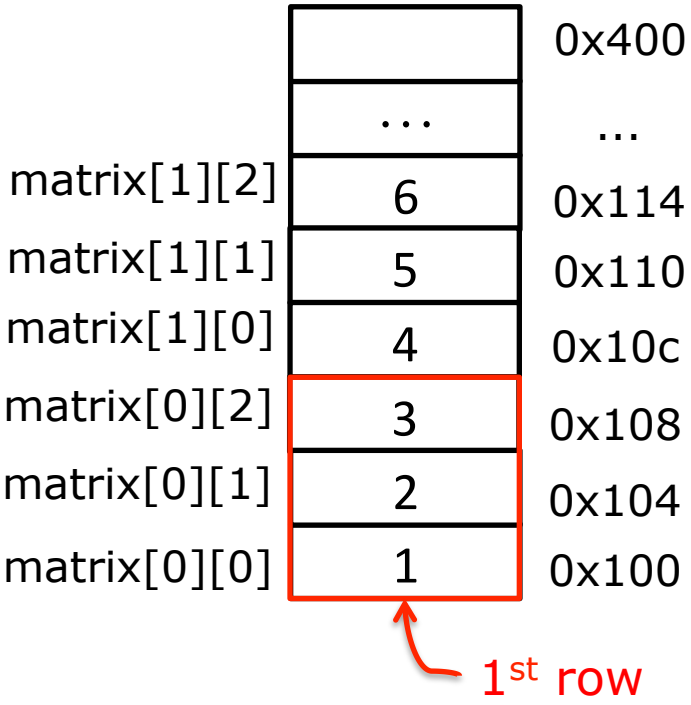

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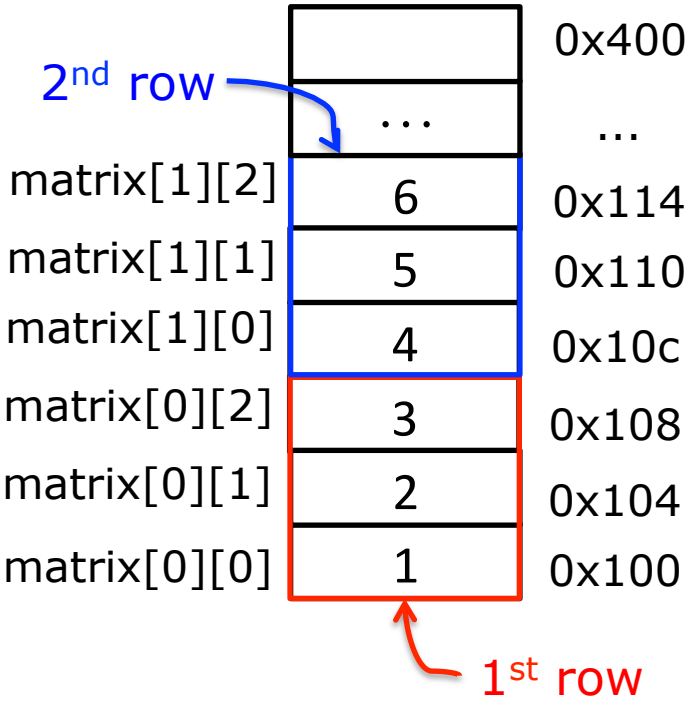

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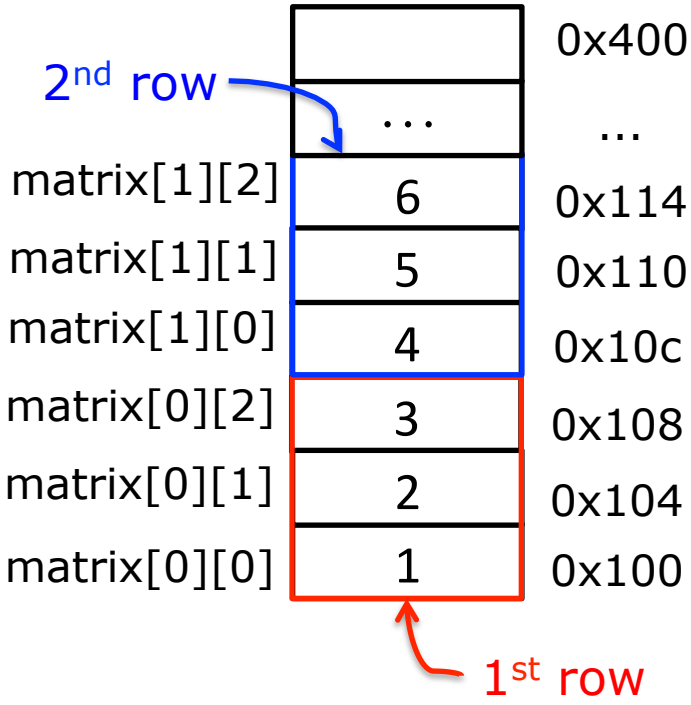

What are the values of matrix, matrix[0] and matrix[1]?

```
int *p1, *p2, *p3;
p1 = (int *)matrix;
p2 = matrix[0];
p3 = matrix[1];

printf("matrix:%p matrix[0]:%p\
matrix[1]:%p\n", p1, p2, p3);
```

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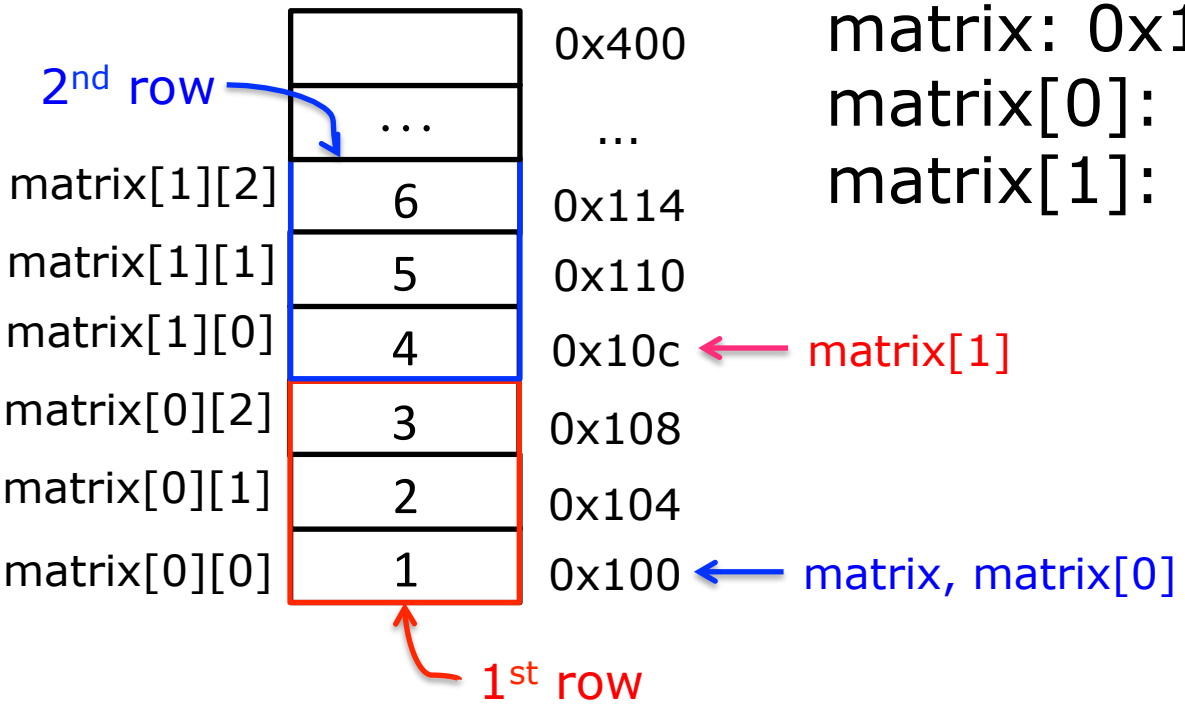

matrix: 0x100
matrix[0]: 0x100
matrix[1]: 0x10c

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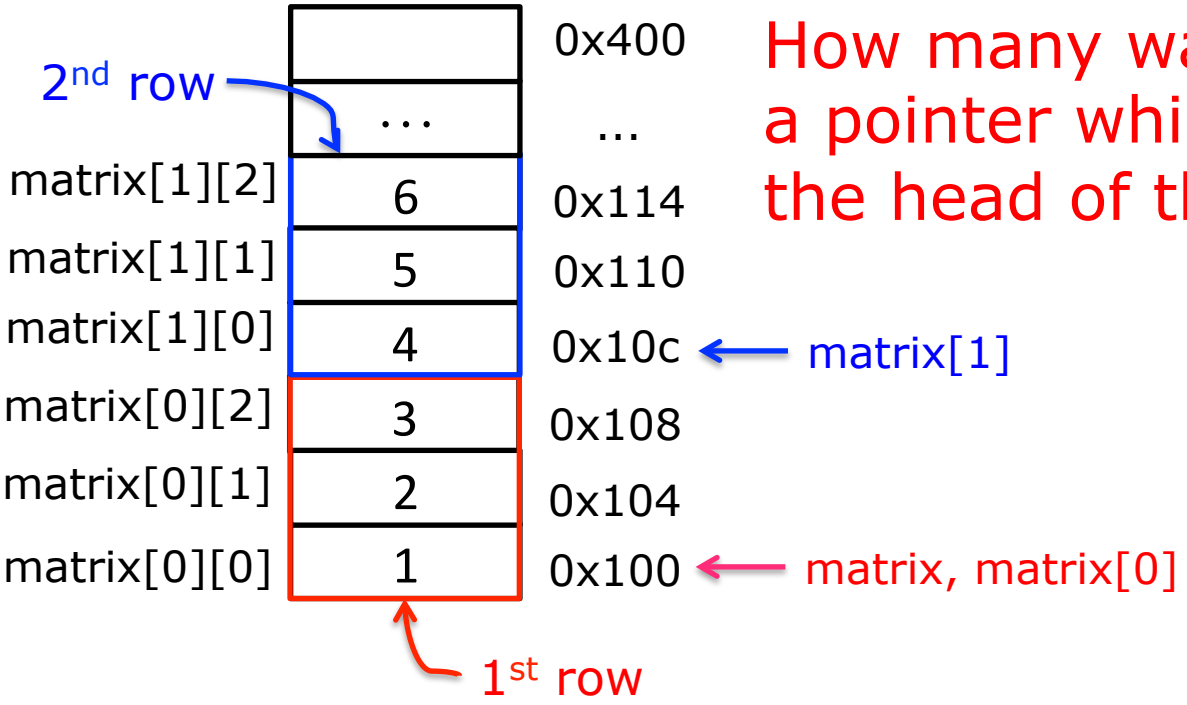

How many ways to define a pointer which points to the head of the array?

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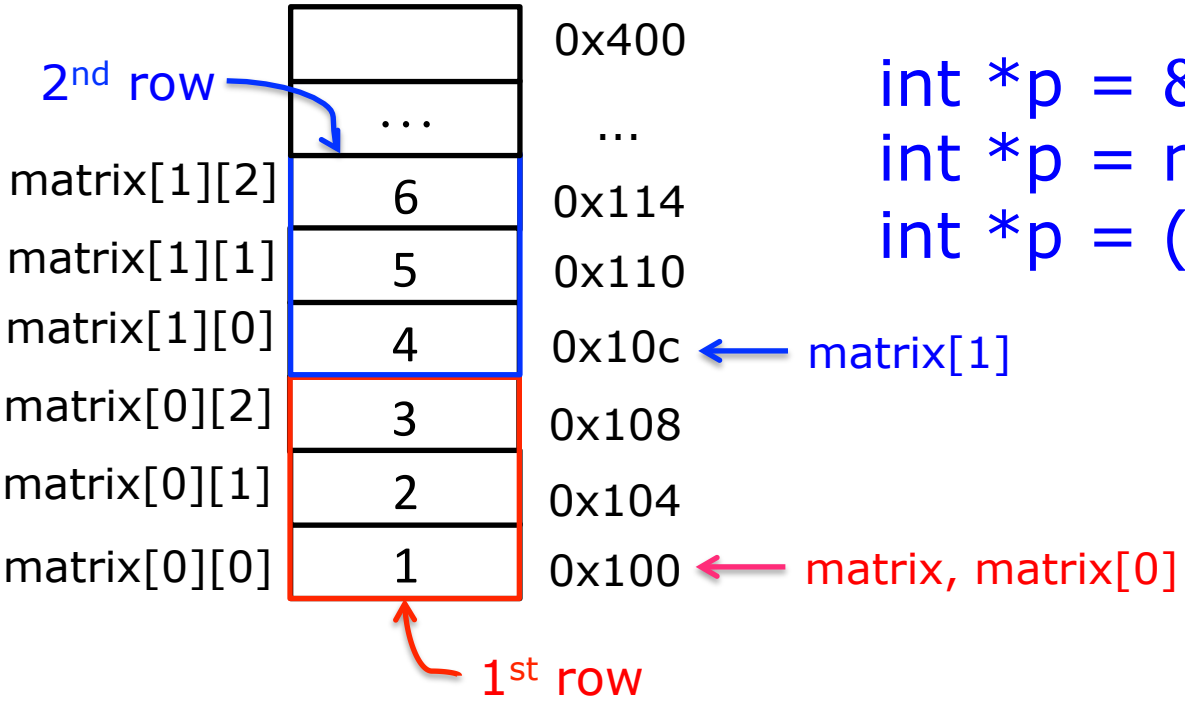


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int *p = (int *)matrix;
```

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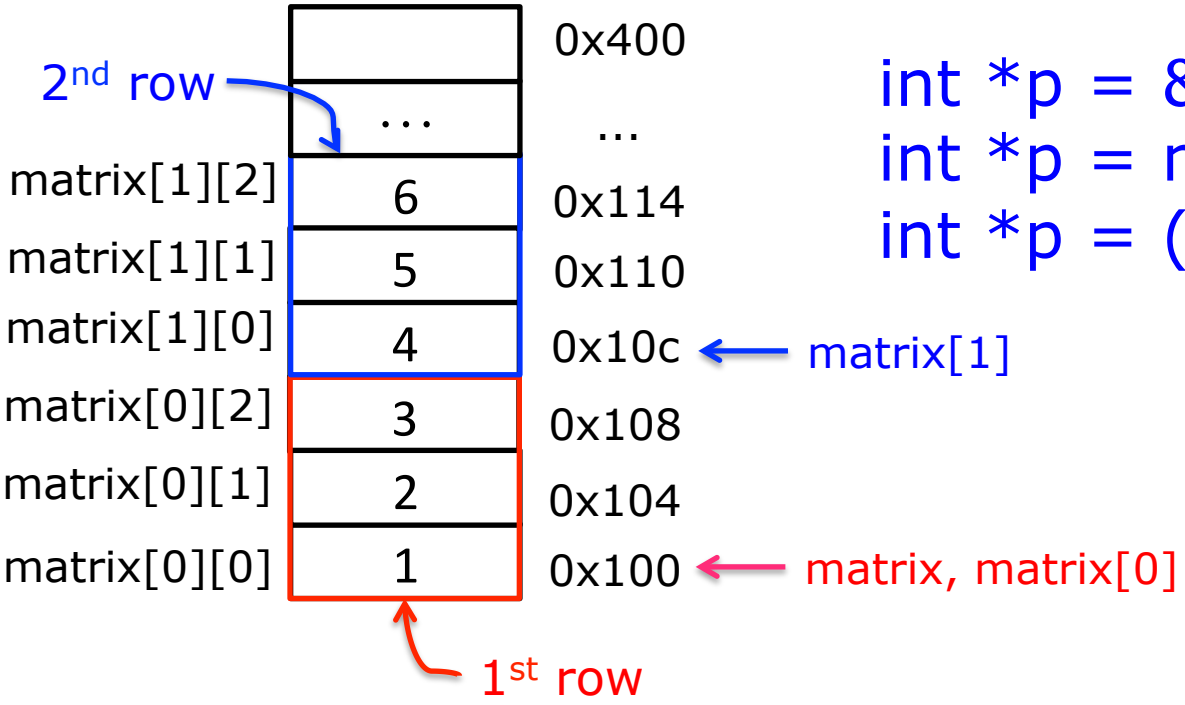


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How to access matrix[1][0] with p?

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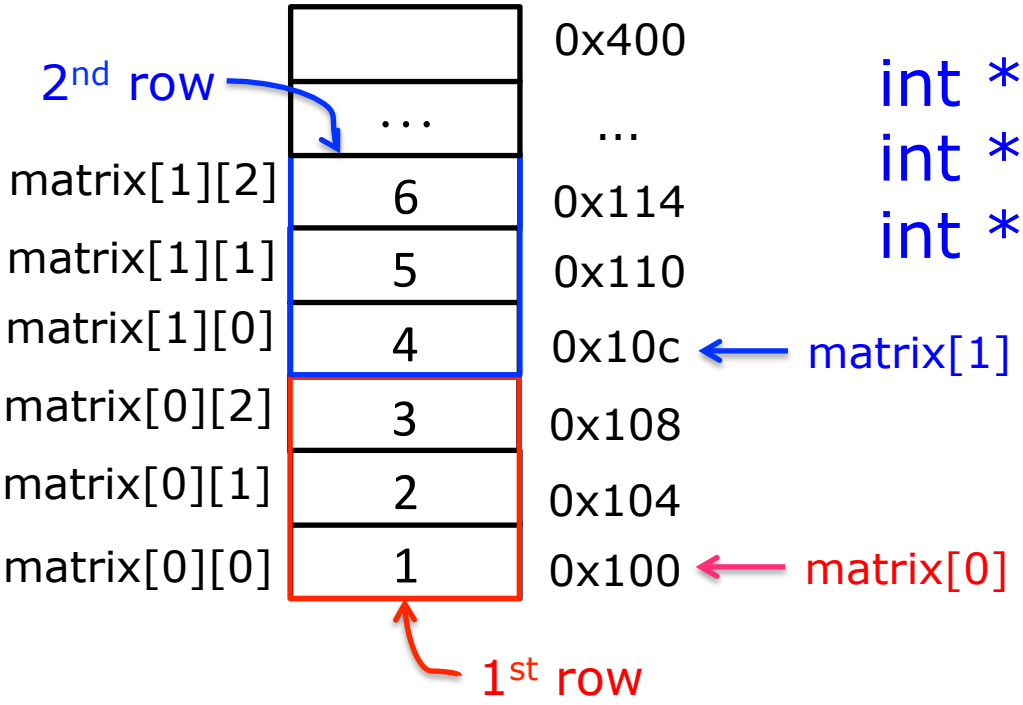


```
int *p = &matrix[0][0];
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```

matrix[1][0]: *(p + 3)
p[3]

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address of matrix[i][j]: p + i * n + j

Accessing 2D array using pointer

```
int matrix[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
        printf("%d\n", matrix[i][j]);
    }
}
```

OR

```
int *p = matrix[0]; // or int *p = (int *)matrix;
for (int i = 0; i < 2*3; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", p[i]);
}
```