

C++ MEMORY MODEL

C++ ARRAYS

Problem Solving with Computers-I

C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(){
    cout<<"Hola Facebook\n";
    return 0;
}
```



Memory and C++ programs

“The overwhelming majority of program bugs and computer crashes stem from problems of memory access... Such memory-related problems are also notoriously difficult to debug. Yet the role that memory plays in C and C++ programming is a subject often overlooked.... Most professional programmers learn about memory entirely through experience of the trouble it causes.”

.... Frantisek Franek
(Memory as a programming concept)

General model of memory

- Sequence of adjacent cells
- Each cell has 1-byte stored in it
- Each cell has an address (memory location)

Memory address	Value stored
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

C++ data/variables

- When a variable is declared memory is allocated to store its value
- C understands the sizes of data types

```
char x = 1;           // x is 1 byte
int y = 0xFFFE;       // y is 4 bytes
char tmp = x;
x = y;                //value of y copied to x
y = tmp;
```

Memory address	Value stored
0	
1	
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C++ data/variables: the not so obvious facts

The not so obvious facts about data/variables in C++ are that there are:

- two scopes: **local and global**
- three different regions of memory: **global data, heap, stack**
- four variable types: **local variable, global variables, dynamically allocated variables, and function parameters**

Variable: scope: Local vs global

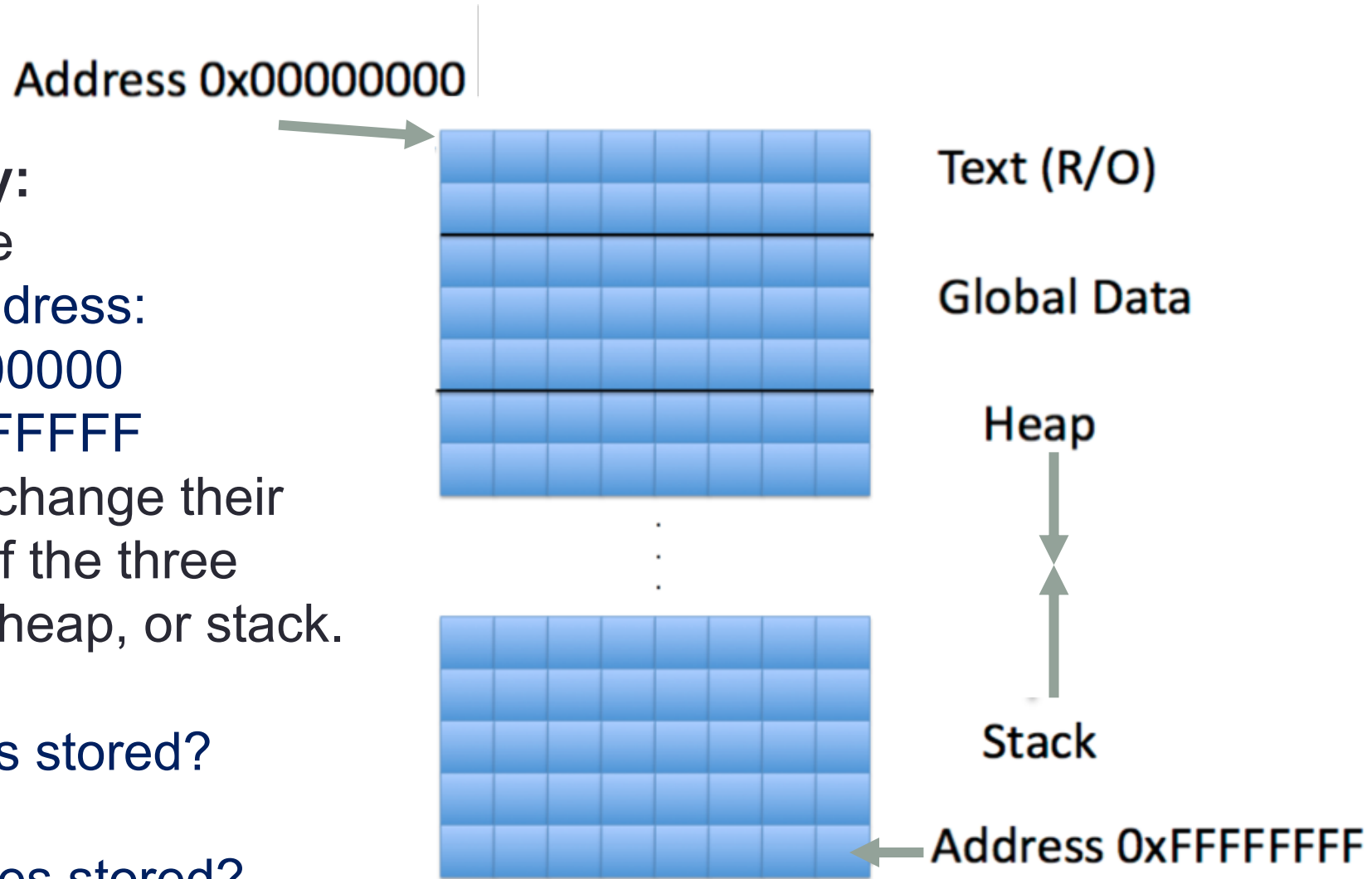
The variable *A* appears in three places: in *foo()*, in *bar()*, and as a global variable. The scoping rules say that a variable declaration is fenced by its scope. Thus, the name *A* in *foo()* is only good within the brackets that define *foo*'s function body. A global variable is one that is not defined within any function body (including *main*'s). In this example, the scopes overlap. The global *A* is valid as long as there is not a more local *A* in the scope where it is accessed. That is, in *foo()* and in *bar()* the local *A* takes precedence, but in *main()* where there is no local *A* the global *A* is used. Thus the rule is that the innermost scope takes precedence.

```
4  #include <iostream>
5  using namespace std;
6
7  int A;  // A is global
8
9  int foo()
10 {
11     int A;  // A is a local variable of the function foo
12     A = 15;
13     return(A);
14 }
15
16 int bar()
17 {
18     int A;  // A is a local variable of the function bar
19     A = 20;
20     return(A);
21 }
22
```

C++ Memory Model

Program layout in memory:

- Each cell stores one byte
- Each cell has a 32-bit address:
 - Low address: 0x00000000
 - High address: 0xFFFFFFFF
- All variables (which can change their values) must be in one of the three segments : Global data, heap, or stack.
- Where are local variables stored?
- Where are global variables stored?



C++ Arrays

A C++ array is a **list of elements** that share the same name, have the same data type and are located adjacent to each other in memory

scores

10	20	30	40	50			
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index: 0 1 2 3

```
int scores[5]; //Array declaration
```

```
//Declare and initialization as follows:
```

```
int scores[]={10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```


What is the memory location of each element?

scores

10	20	30	40	50
----	----	----	----	----

```
int scores[]={10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```

If the starting location of the array is 0x200, what is memory location of element at index 2?

- A. 0x201
- B. 0x202
- C. 0x204
- D. 0x208

Exercise: Reassign each value to 60



scores[0] scores[1] scores[2]

```
int scores[]={20,10,50}; // declare and initialize  
//Access each element and reassign its value to 60
```

Exercise: Increment each element by 10



scores[0] scores[1] scores[2]

```
int scores[]={20,10,50}; // declare and initialize  
//Increment each element by 10
```

Most common array pitfall- out of bound access



scores[0] scores[1] scores[2]

```
int arr[]={20,10,50}; // declare an initialize  
for(int i=0; i<=3; i++)  
    scores[i] = scores[i]+10;
```

Demo: Passing arrays to functions

Tracing code involving arrays



```
int arr[]={1,2,3};  
int tmp = arr[0];  
arr[0] = arr[2];  
arr[2] = tmp;
```

Choose the resulting array after the code is executed

A.

1	2	3
arr[0]	arr[1]	arr[2]

B.

2	1	3
arr[0]	arr[1]	arr[2]

C.

3	2	1
arr[0]	arr[1]	arr[2]

D. None of the above

Next time

- Pointers
- Mechanics of function calls – call by value and call by reference