

Call by value / call by reference

`int i, *p;` // `p` is a "pointer" to `int`

`p = &i;` ; Make `p` point to location where `i` is stored

`*p = 4;` ; "Dereference" `p` to update the location pointed to by `p`

```
#include <stdio.h>  
printf (format string, v1, v2, ..., vn);
```

"Value of %d is %d \n", ...



%d integer    %f float    %s string

```
scanf (format string, &v1, &v2);
```

"%d %f"

↑ arbitrary whitespace  
no messages in format string

Structure of C program : Collection of fns,  
including main

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(){
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    printf ("Enter a number:");
```

```
    scanf ("%d", &i);
```

```
    printf ("%d != %d\n", i,  
            factorial(i));
```

```
}
```

```
int factorial (int n){
```

```
    if (n == 0){
```

```
        return (1);
```

```
    }else{
```

```
        return (n * factorial(n-1))  
    ;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Compiling a C program:

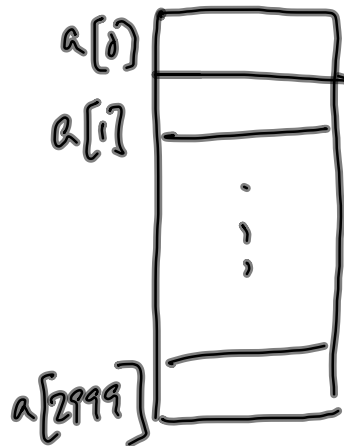
\$ gcc factorial.c  $\rightarrow$  a.out

\$ gcc factorial.c -o factorial creates  
executable  
in "factorial"

## Arrays

Fixed size contiguous block of identical values

int a[3000]; // a[0] to a[2999]



## Memory Model

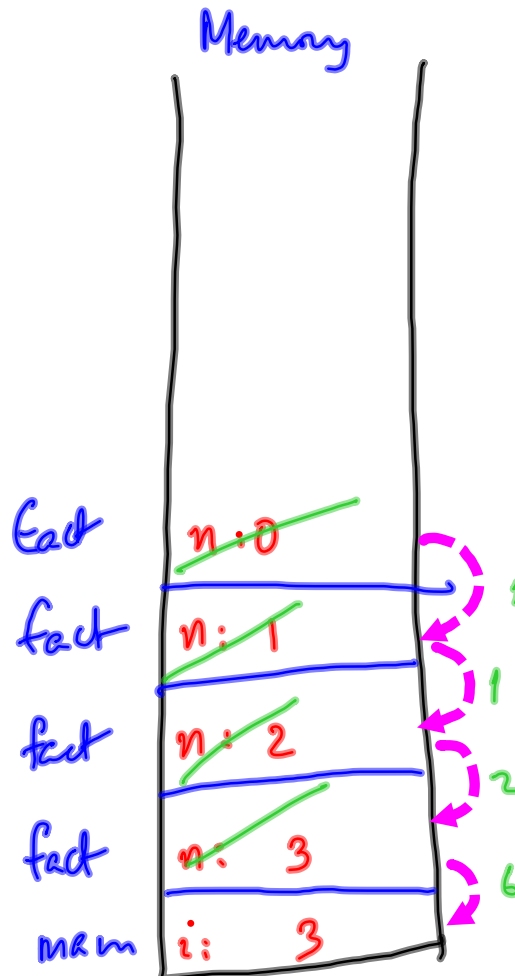
Compute factorial(3)

main: int i

factorial: int n

Each function gets  
space on stack

This space is discarded  
when function ends



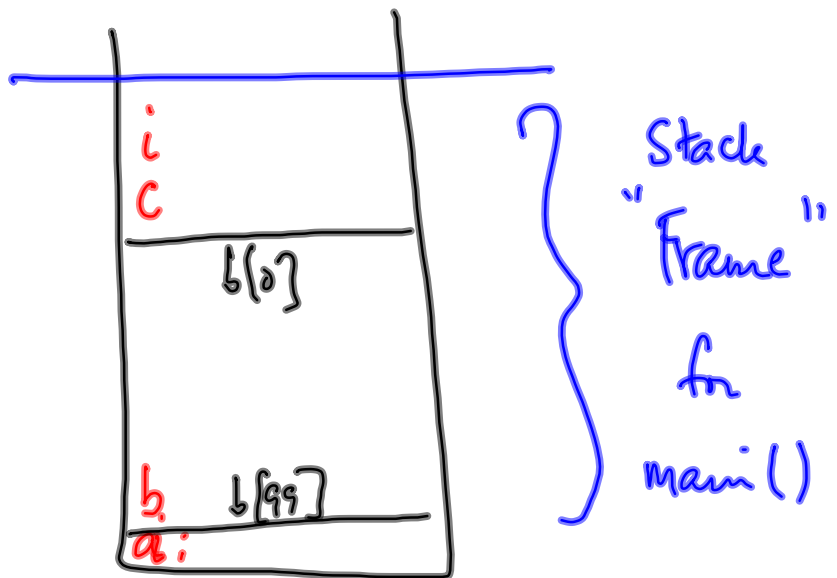
memorytest example

`int a, b[100], c, i;`

`b[-1] ~ c`

`b[100] ~ a`

$\therefore b[-2] = i?$



Back to arrays

int a[100]

By C convention:

a is a synonym  
for &a[0]



\*a = 66 is same as a[0] = 66



Furthermore, by definition,

$$\&a[1] = \&a[0] + 1 = a + 1$$

$$\&a[i] = \&a[0] + i = a + i$$

regardless of type of  $a$

$$*(a + i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a[i]$$

$$a + i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \&a[i]$$

"Pointer  
arithmetic"

Useful for passing arrays by reference to functions

`void sort(int a[?])`  
~~`int *a`~~  
 $a[i] \leadsto *(a+i)$

`int b[1000];`  
`...`  
~~`sort(&b[0]);`~~  
~~`sort(b+17);`~~

How does sort know size of a?

It does not! Must have an extra argument to function to specify size

What happens to dynamic data structures

class Node:

:

def append(self, m):

:

Newly created node  
is not on stack ←

In C:

~ append (int n){

≡

}

↓  
must create  
space for a  
new node

Stack frame for append is  
erased when append finishes

C has two conceptually different "zones" in memory

