

Pointer Basics

To tell our compiler to interpret the variable x as an address of an int we say

```
int *x;
```

To tell our compiler to assign to x the address of y we say

```
x = &y;
```

To tell our compiler to assign to y the value at x we say

```
y = *x;
```

Programming with Pointers

Write the following functions so that they perform according to the provided comment. Not all questions are guaranteed to be soluble.

1.

```
/*The first function you write in any language.  
 *Prints the string "Hello World" to standard output.*/
```

```
void hello_world() {  
    printf("Hello World\n");  
}
```

2.

```
/*Swaps the value of two ints outside of this function.*/
```

```
void swap(int *x, int *y) {  
    int temp = *x;  
    *x = *y;  
    *y = temp;  
}
```

3.

```
/*Increments the value of an int outside of this function by one.*/
```

```
void plus_plus(int *x) {  
    x[0]++;  
}
```

4. `/*Returns a buffer for N ints.*/`
- ```

//Insoluble using provided machinery. Can of course be done using malloc.
int* allocate_buffer(unsigned int size) {
 return malloc(sizeof(int) * size); //note that this is an unchecked malloc
}

```
5. `/*Returns the number of bytes in a string. Does not use strlen.*/`
- ```

int mystrlen(char* str) {
    int count = 0;
    while(*str++) {
        count++;
    }
    return count;
}

```
6. `/*Returns the number of elements in an array ARR of ints.*/`
- insoluble

Problem?

The following code segments may contain either logic or syntax errors. Find them.

1. `/*Returns the sum of all the elements in SUMMANDS.*/`
- ```

int sum(int* summands) { //int sum(int* summands, unsigned int n)
 int sum = 0;
 for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++) //i < n
 sum += *(summands + i);
 return sum;
}

```
2. `/*Increments all the letters in the string STRING, held in an array of length N. *Does not modify any other memory which has been previously allocated.*/`
- ```

void increment(char* string, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) //for (i = 0; string[i] != 0; i++)
        *(string + i)++; //string[i]++; or (*(string + i))++;

    //consider the corner case of incrementing 0xff
}

```
3. `/*Copies the string SRC to DST.*/`
- ```

void copy(char* src, char* dst) {
 while (*dst++ = *src++);
}

```