

Pointer Concept with Examples

Program 1: Write a program to know the size of the various data types on your system.

```
# include <stdio.h>
main( )
{
    printf ("n Size of a int = %d bytes", sizeof (int));
    printf ("\n Size of a float = %d bytes", sizeof (float));
    printf ("\n Size of a char = %d bytes", sizeof (char));
}
```

OUTPUT

Size of int = 2 bytes
Size of float = 4 bytes
Size of char = 1 byte

Program 2: Write a program to print the address associated with a variable and value stored at that address.

```
/* Program to print the address associated with a variable and value stored at that address*/
```

```
# include <stdio.h>
main( )
{
    int qty = 5;
    printf ("Address of qty = %u\n",&qty);
    printf ("Value of qty = %d \n",qty);
    printf("Value of qty = %d",*(&qty));
}
```

OUTPUT

Address of qty = 65524
Value of qty = 5
Value of qty = 5

/* Program below demonstrates the relationships we have discussed so far */

```
# include <stdio.h>
main( )
{
    int qty = 5;
    int *ptr;
    /* declares ptr as a pointer variable that points to an integer variable
    */
    ptr = &qty; /* assigning qty's address to ptr -> Pointer Assignment */
    printf ("Address of qty = %u \n", &qty);
    printf ("Address of ptr = %u \n", ptr);
    printf ("Address of ptr = %u \n", &ptr);
    printf ("Value of ptr = %d \n", ptr);
    printf ("Value of qty = %d \n", qty);
    printf ("Value of qty = %d \n", *(&qty));
    printf ("Value of qty = %d", *ptr);
}
```

OUTPUT

Address of qty = 65524

Address of ptr = 65522

Value of ptr = 65524

Value of qty = 5

Value of qty = 5

Value of qty = 5

Try this as well:

/* Program that tries to reference the value of a pointer even though the pointer is uninitialized */

```
# include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int *p;
    /* a pointer to an integer */
    *p = 10;
    printf("the value is %d", *p);
    printf("the value is %u", p);
}
```



Let us say,

```
int x; /* x is initialized to a value 10*/  
p = &x; /* Pointer declaration & Assignment */  
*p=10;
```

Let us write the complete program as shown below:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
main( )  
{  
    int *p;  
    /* a pointer to an integer */  
    int x;  
    p = &x;  
    *p=10;  
    printf("The value of x is %d",*p);  
    printf("\nThe address in which the x is stored is %d",p);  
}
```

OUTPUT

The value of x is 10

The address in which the x is stored is 52004