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Problem Solving with Computers-I

C++ structures (lab05)

A **`struct`** is a data structure composed of simpler data types.

```
struct Point {
    double x; //member variable of Point
    double y; //member variable of Point
};
```

Think of Point as a new data type

```
Point p1;                 // Declare a variable of type Point
Point p1 = { 10, 20};     //Declare and initialize
```

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```
struct Point {
    double x; //member variable of Point
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};
```

- Access the member variables of p1 using the dot '.' operator

```
Point p1;
p1.x = 5;
p1.y = 10;
```

- Access via a pointer using the -> operator

```
Point* q = &p1;
(*q).x = 5;
(*q).y = 10;
```

Which of the following is/are incorrect statement(s) in C++?

```
struct Point {
    double x;
    double y;
};
```

```
struct Box {
    Point ul; // upper left corn
    double width;
    double height;
};
```

A. `ul.x = 10;` Incorrect — the ul member variable of Box may only be accessed via an object of Box

B. `Box b1 = {{500, 800}, 10, 20};` correct

C. `Box b1, b2; b1.ul = {500, 800};` This works only with C++11

D. A and C

E. None of the above are incorrect

Box b1;

b1 is an object of Box

Passing structs to functions

- Write a function that prints the x and y coordinates of a `Point`
- Write a function that takes a `Point` as parameter and initializes its x and y coordinates

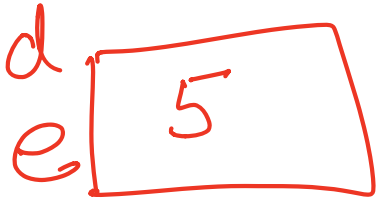
See code written in class

References in C++

```
int main() {
  int d = 5;
  int &e = d;
}
```

int &e = d;

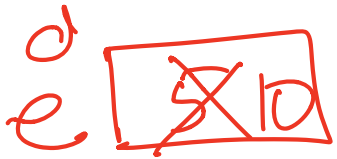
A reference in C++ is an alias for another variable



Changing d will change e and vice versa

e is a reference 'nick name' for d

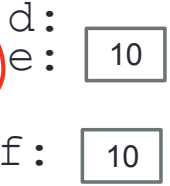
References in C++




```
int main() {
   int d = 5;
   int & e = d;
   int f = 10;
   e = f;
}
```

How does the diagram change with this code?

A.



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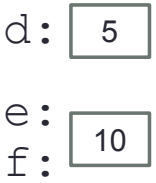

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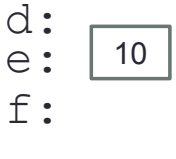
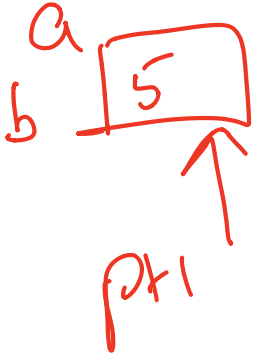


→ Wrong f is a separate entity in memory.

D. Other or error

Pointers and references: Draw the diagram for this code

```
int a = 5;
int & b = a;
int* pt1 = &a;
```



What are three ways to change the value of ‘a’ to 42?

Call by reference: Modify to correctly swap a and b

```
void swapValue(int&x, int& y){
     int tmp = x;
     x = y;
     y = tmp;
}
int main() {
     int a=30, b=40;
     swapValue( a,  b);
     cout<<a<<" "<<b<<endl;
}
```

x & y are references to a & b
Swapping x & y will result in
swapping a & b.

Passing structs to functions by reference

- Write a function that takes a `Point` as parameter and initializes its x and y coordinates

This was done using pass by reference

Refer to code written in lecture.

Next time

- Arrays of structs
- Dynamic memory allocation