

CSE102

Computer Programming

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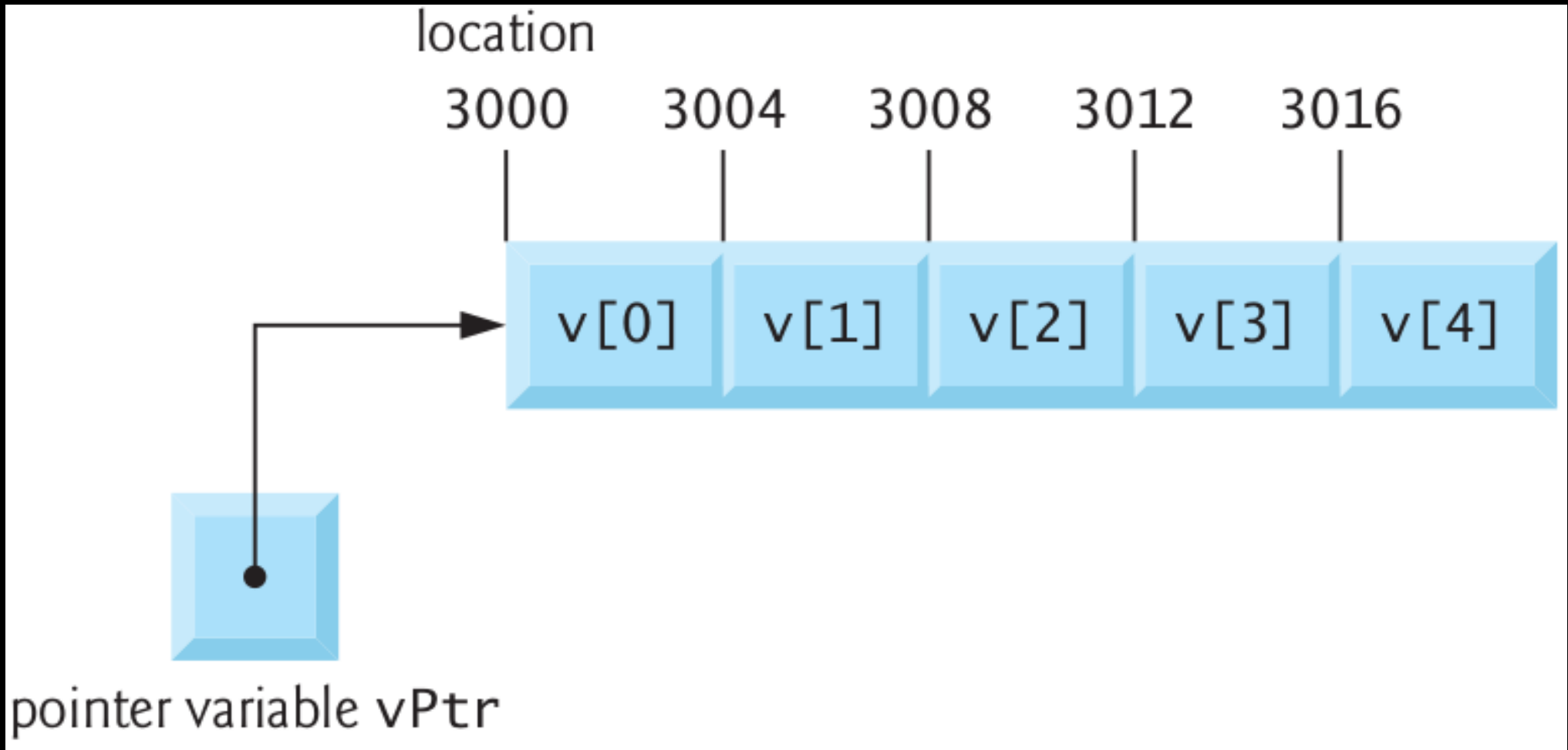


Remember

& fetches address

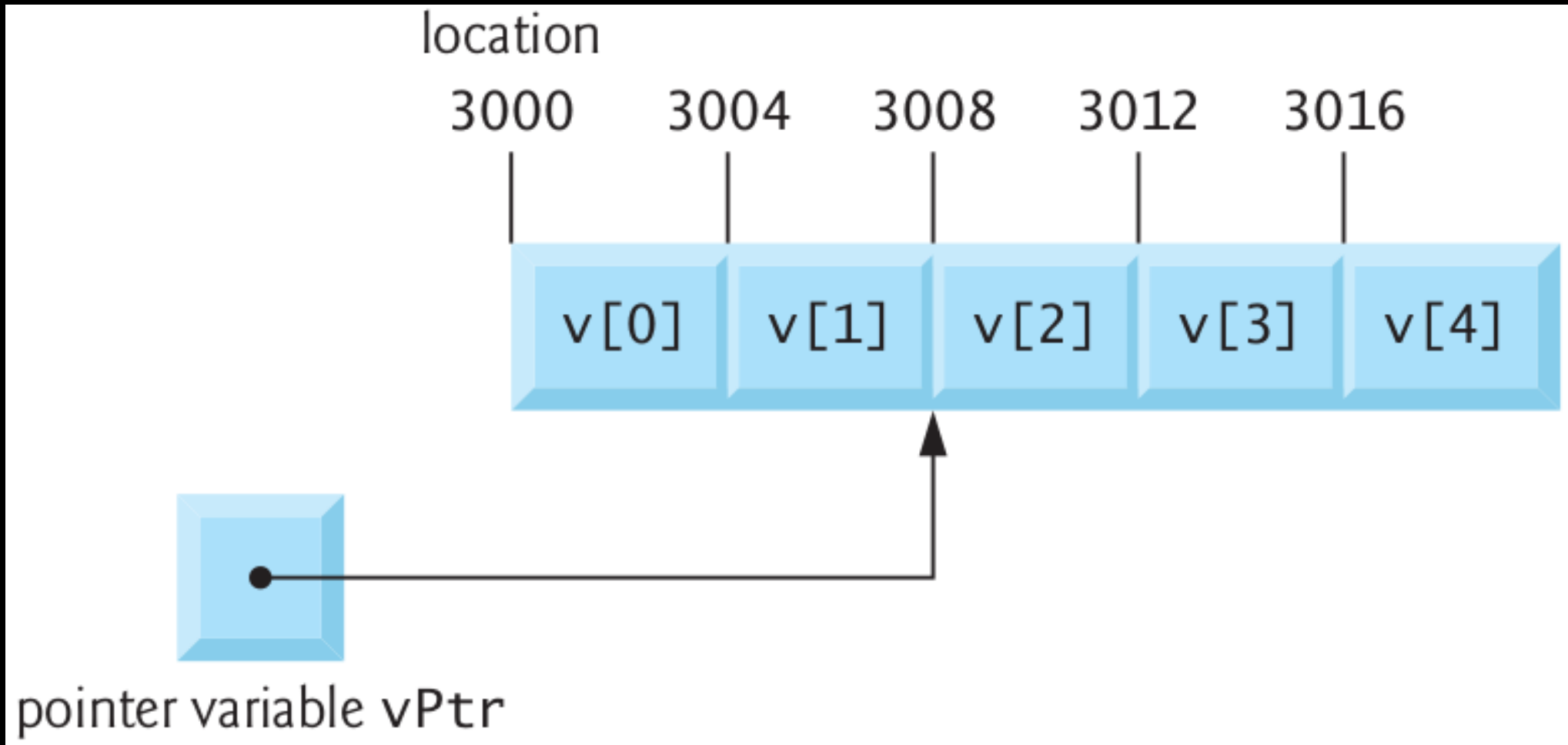
* de-references address

Pointer to an Array



```
vPtr = &v[0];
```

Pointer to an Array



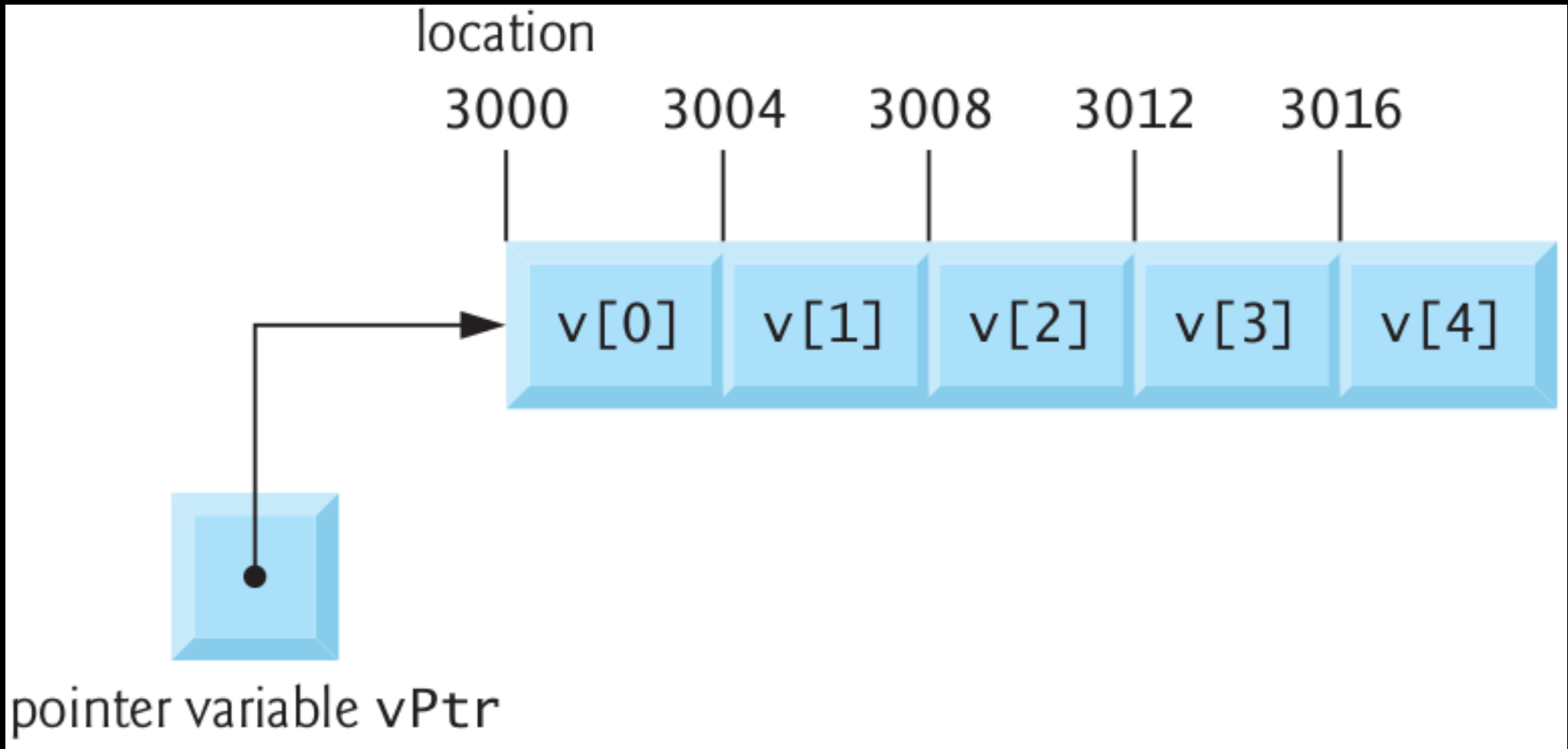
```
vPtr = &v[2];
```

Pointer to an Array

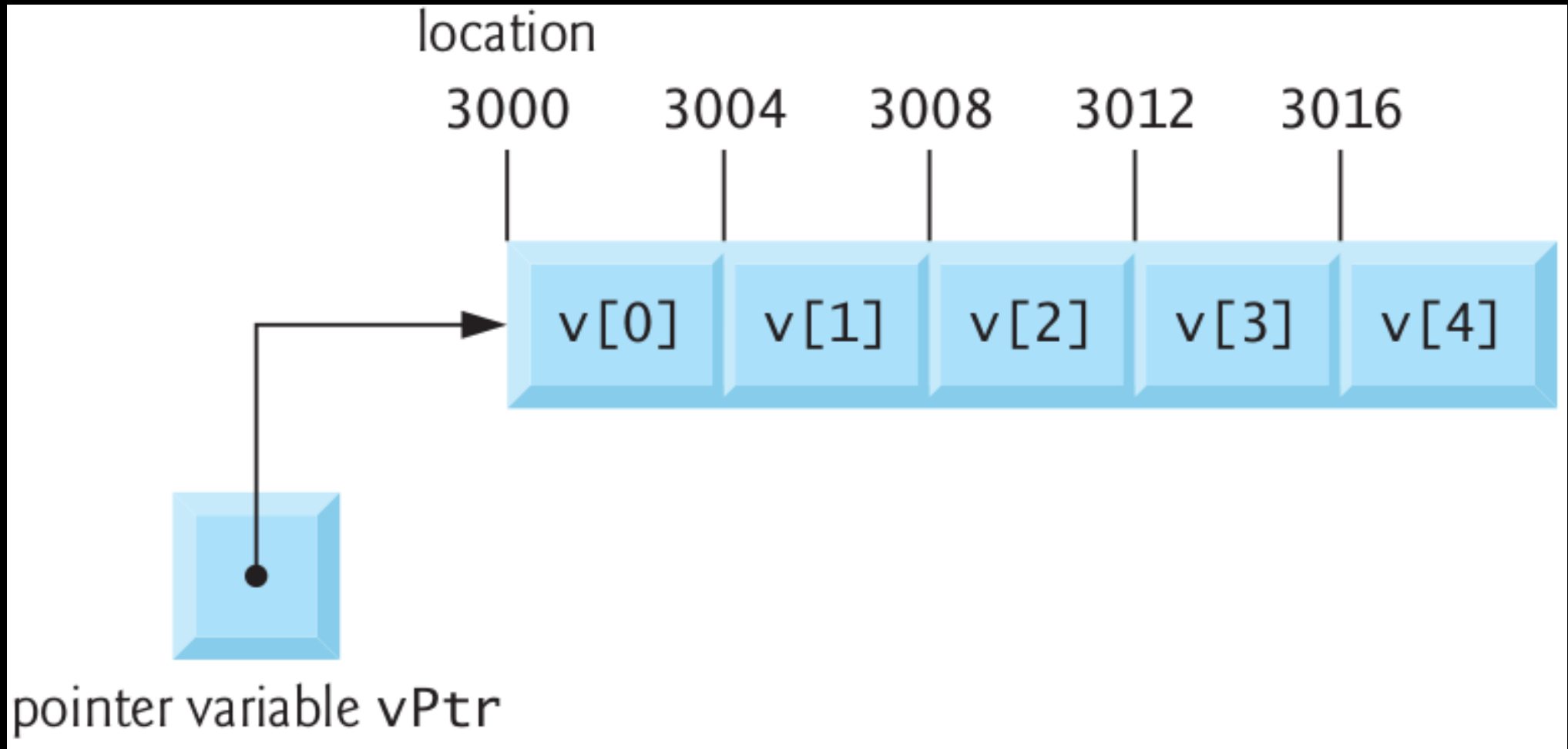
```
for (i=0; i<5; i++) {  
    vptr = &v[i];  
    printf("%p ", vptr);  
}
```

// will print 3000 3004 3008 3012 3016
// is there a better way?

Array Organization



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`vPtr = vPtr + sizeof(int) * i`

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`vPtr = vPtr + sizeof(int) * i`

`vPtr = 3000 + 4 * 0`

`vPtr = 3000 + 4 * 1`

`vPtr = 3000 + 4 * 2`

`vPtr = 3000 + 4 * 3`

`vPtr = 3000 + 4 * 4`

Pointer Arithmetic

```
vPtr = vPtr + sizeof(int)* i
```

```
    vPtr = 3000 + 0
```

```
    vPtr = 3000 + 1
```

```
    vPtr = 3000 + 2
```

```
    vPtr = 3000 + 3
```

```
    vPtr = 3000 + 4
```

```
// Interestingly multiplying sizeof(int)  
// with index is intrinsic for pointers
```

Pointer Arithmetic

```
vPtr = &v[0];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr+i);  
}
```

// will print 3000 3004 3008 3012 3016

Increment Pointer

```
vPtr = &v[0];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr++);  
}
```

// will print 3000 3004 3008 3012 3016

How About This?

```
vPtr = &v[4];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr-i);  
}
```

// will print 3016 3012 3008 3004 3000

Array Organization

`vPtr = vPtr - sizeof(int) * i`

`vPtr = 3016 - 4 * 0`

`vPtr = 3016 - 4 * 1`

`vPtr = 3016 - 4 * 2`

`vPtr = 3016 - 4 * 3`

`vPtr = 3016 - 4 * 4`

Array Organization

```
vPtr = vPtr - sizeof(int)* i
```

```
    vPtr = 3016 - 0
```

```
    vPtr = 3016 - 1
```

```
    vPtr = 3016 - 2
```

```
    vPtr = 3016 - 3
```

```
    vPtr = 3016 - 4
```

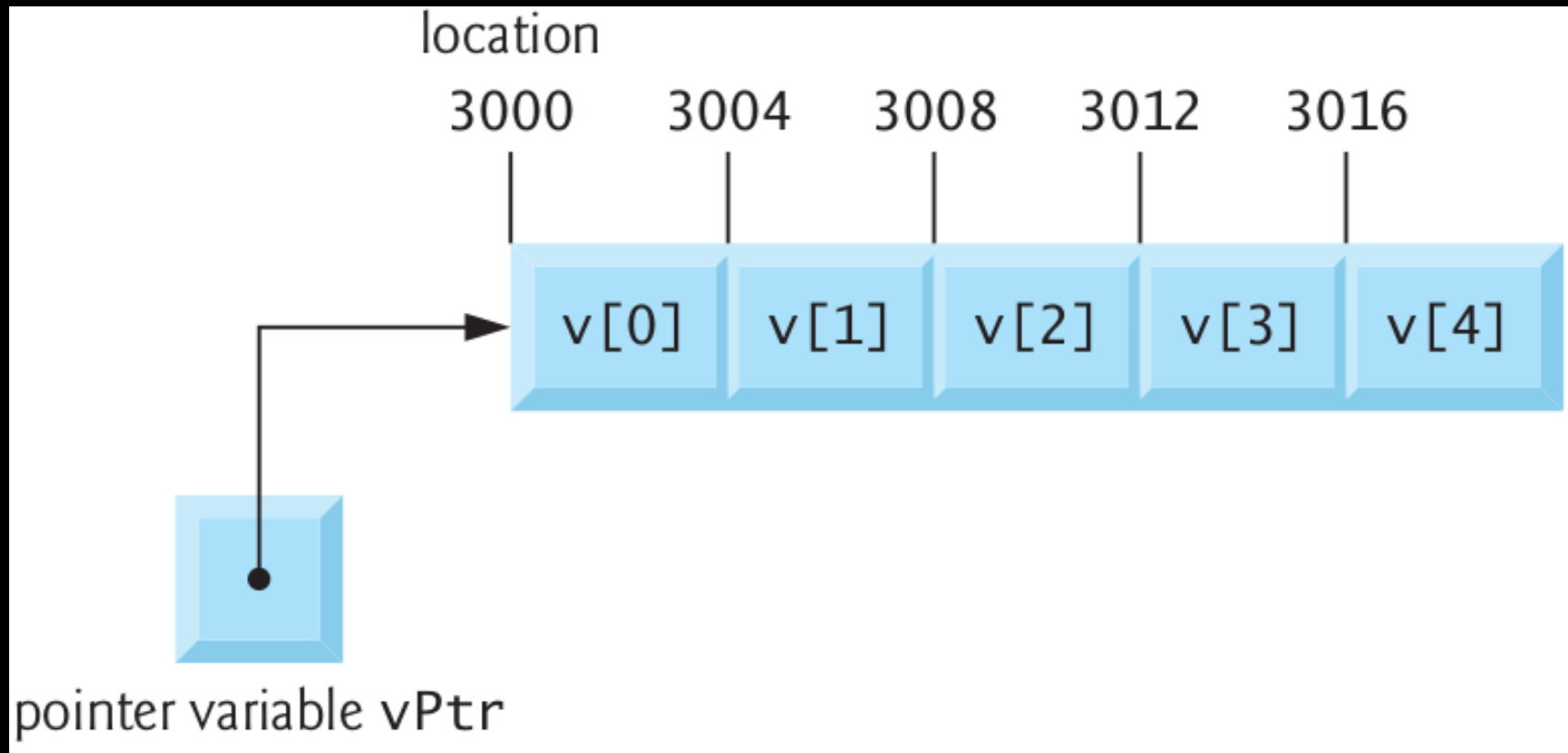
```
// Interestingly multiplying sizeof(int)  
// with index is intrinsic for pointers
```

Decrement Pointers

```
vPtr = &v[4];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr--);  
}
```

// will print 3016 3012 3008 3004 3000

Pointer Arithmetic



$v2Ptr = \&v[4]$

$v2Ptr - vPtr = 4!!$

$(3000+4) - (3000+0) = 4$

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Pointer Arithmetic

Pointer arithmetic is undefined
Unless performed on an array

Pointer Arithmetic

```
vPtr = &v[0];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr+i);  
}
```

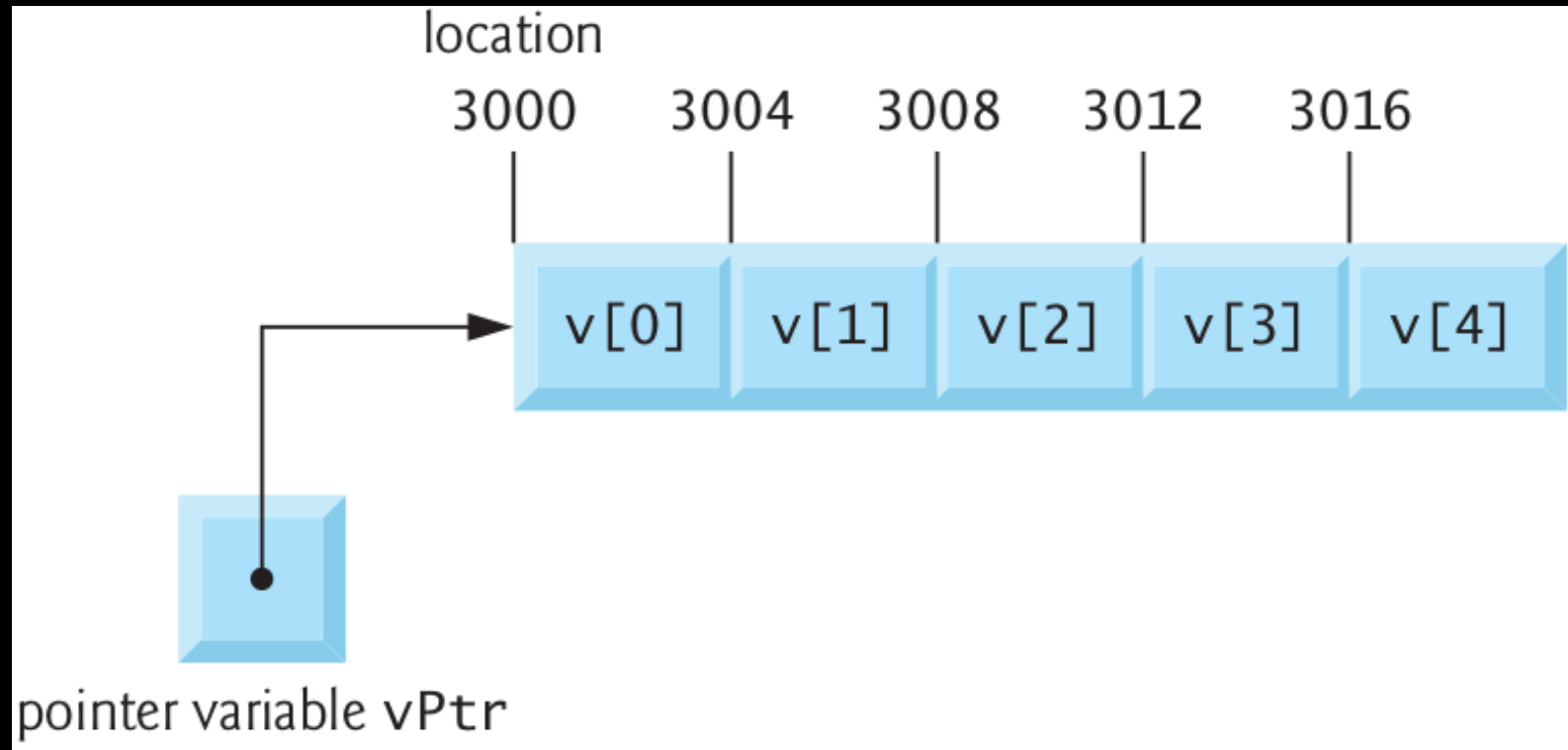
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Pointer Arithmetic

```
vPtr = &v[0];  
for(i=0; i<5; i++){  
    printf("%p ", vPtr+i);  
}
```

```
// will print 3000 3004 3008 3012 3016  
// isn't the first line obvious for  
// all arrays as matter of fact!!!!
```

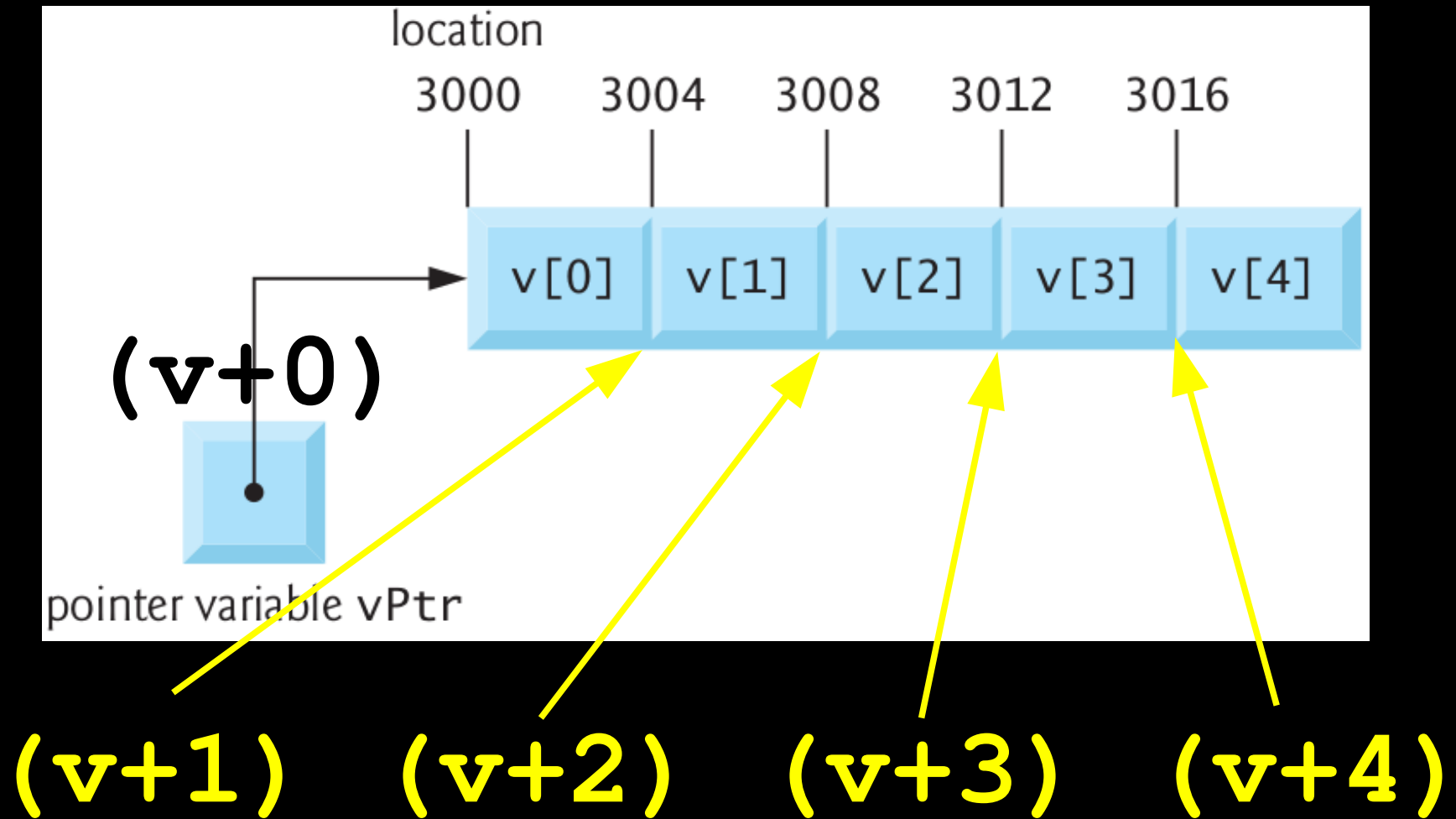
Base Address



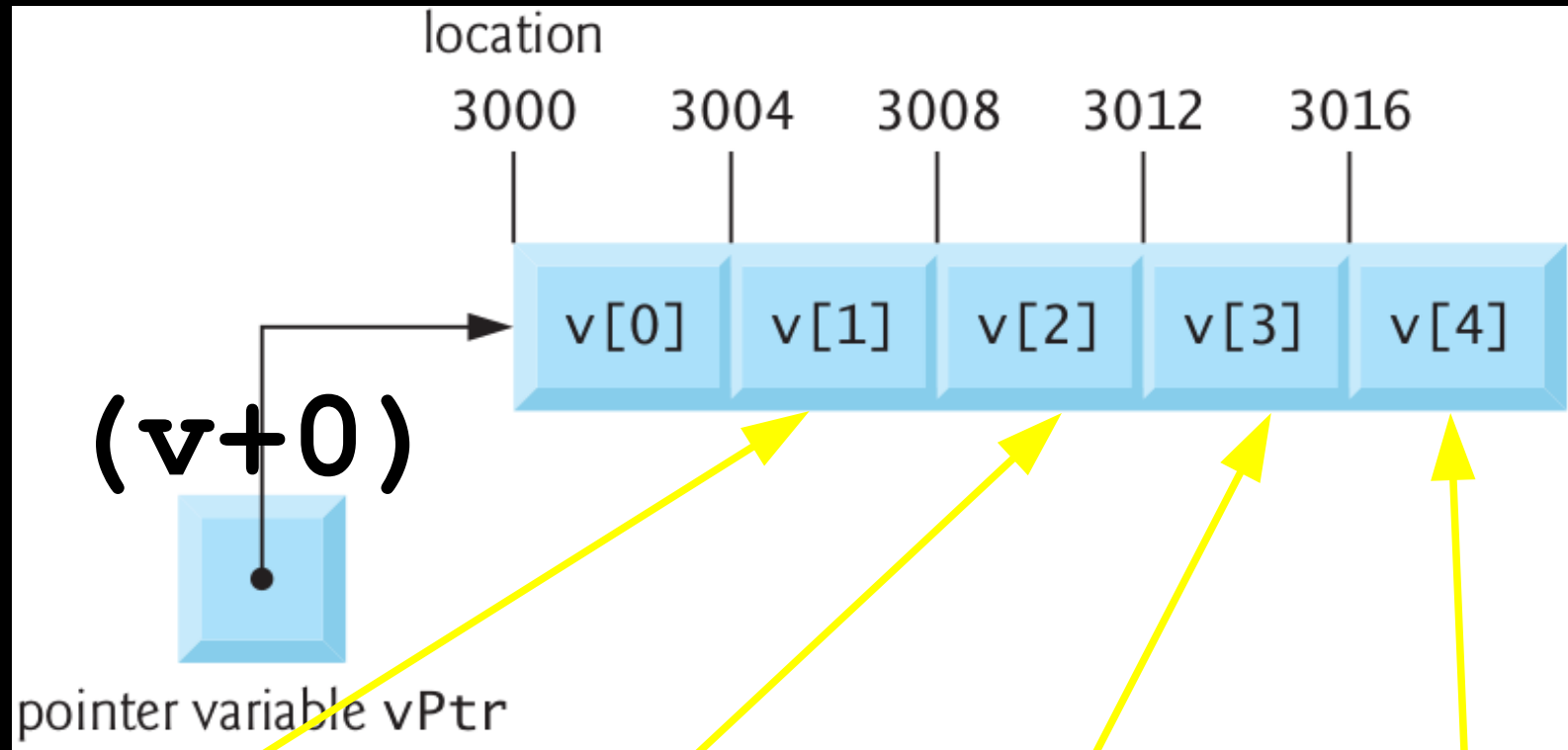
```
vPtr = &v[0];
```

```
vPtr = v;
```

Base Address



Base Address

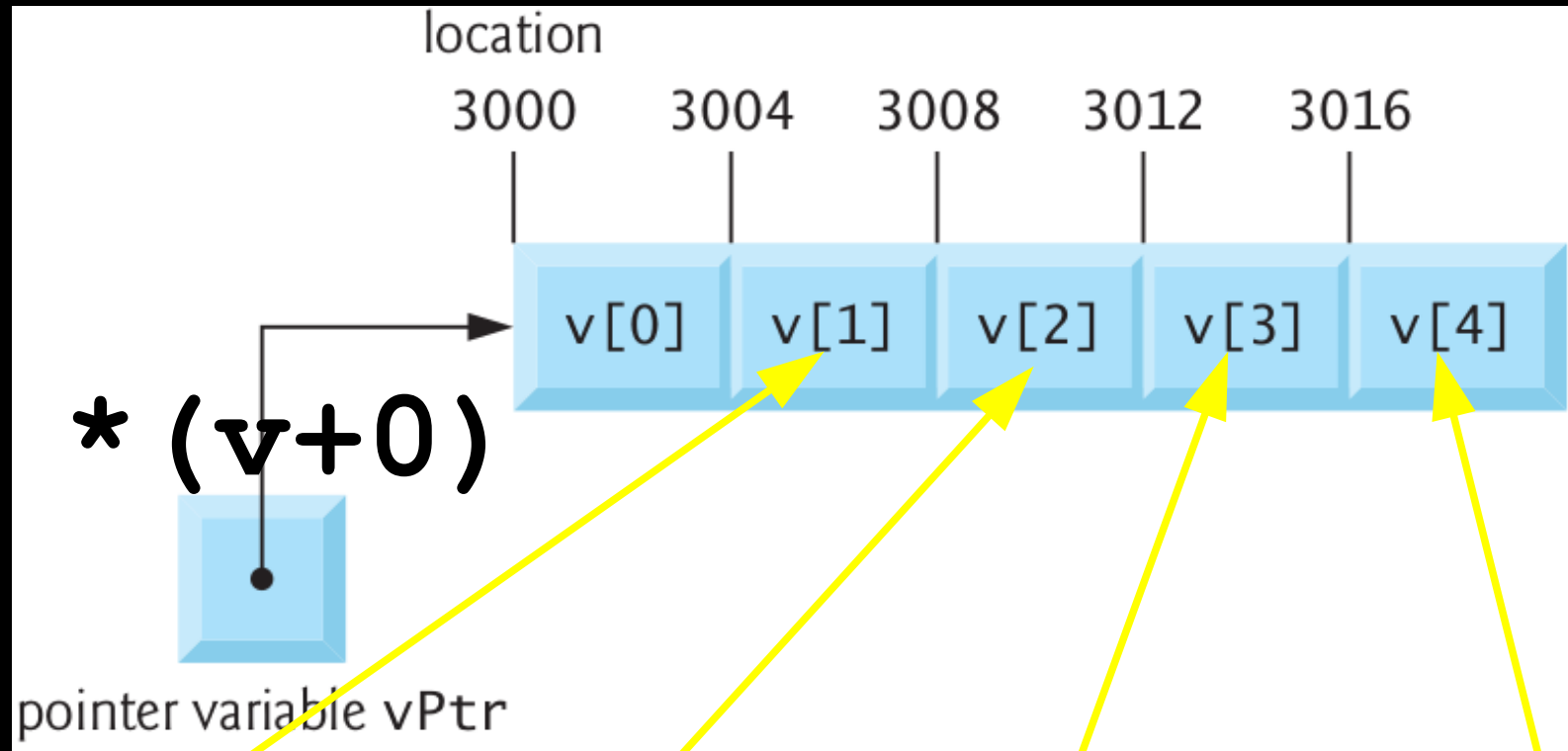


$(v+1)$ $(v+2)$ $(v+3)$ $(v+4)$

v is a constant pointer

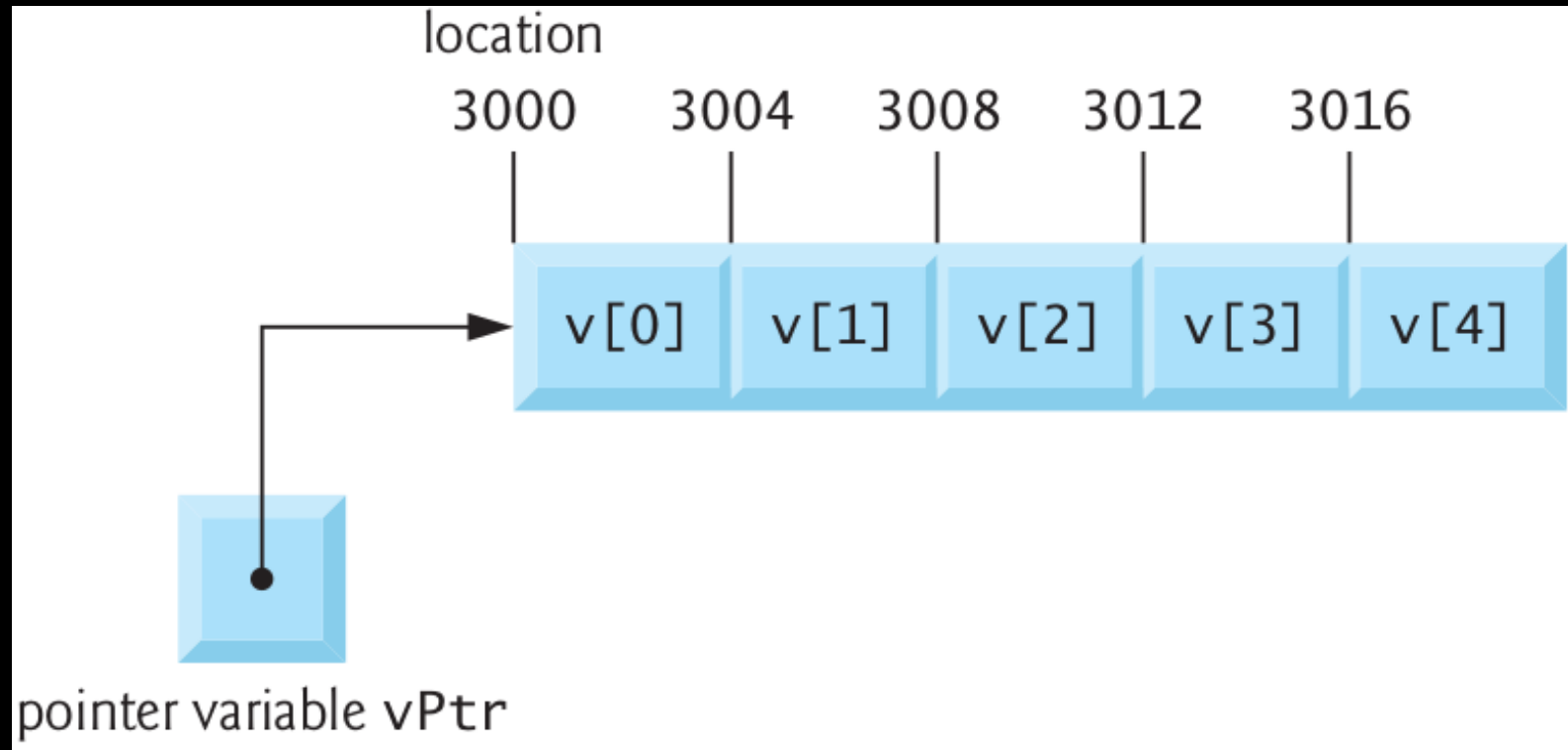
because $v += 3$ is invalid!

Pointer Offset Notation



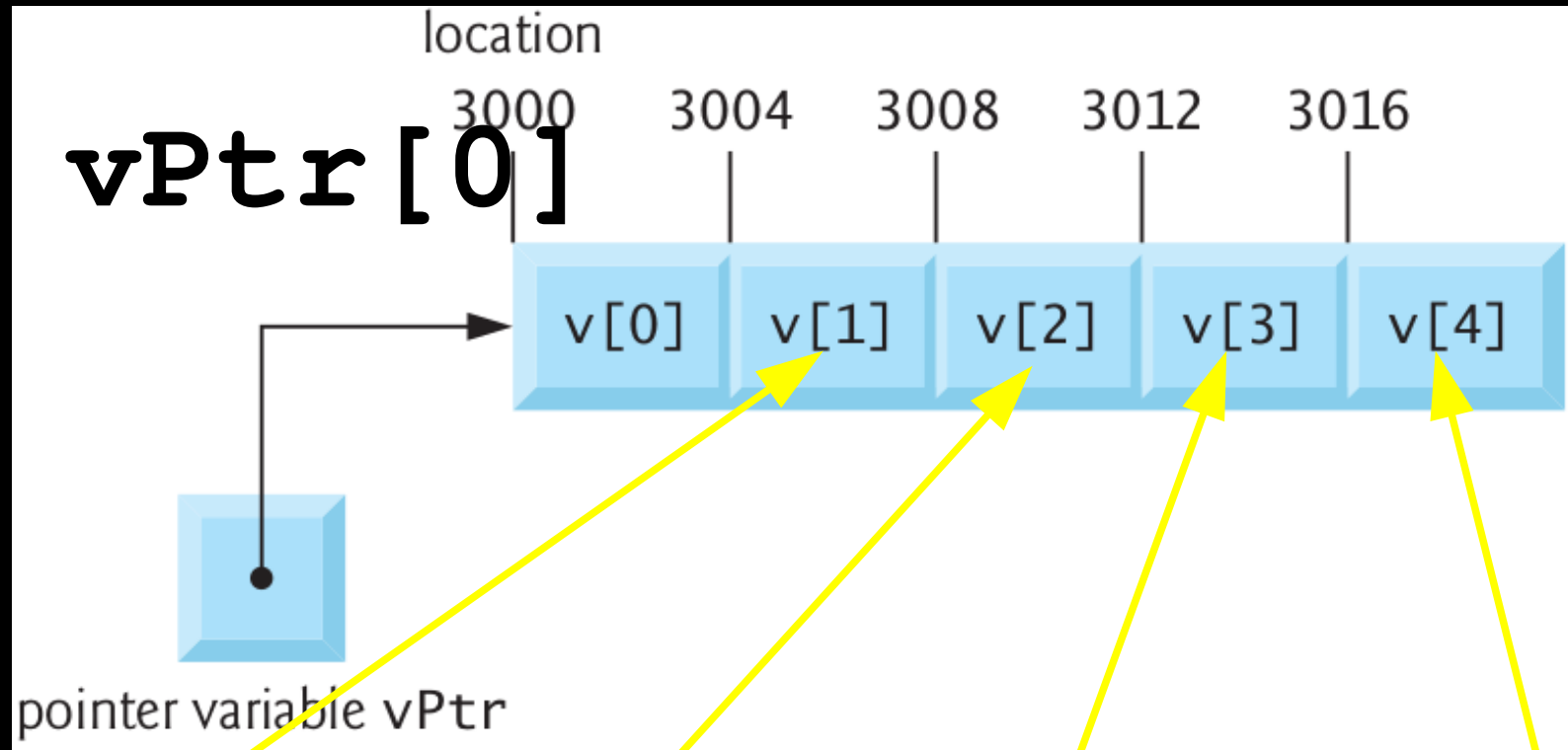
`* (v+1)` `* (v+2)` `* (v+3)` `* (v+4)`

Base Address



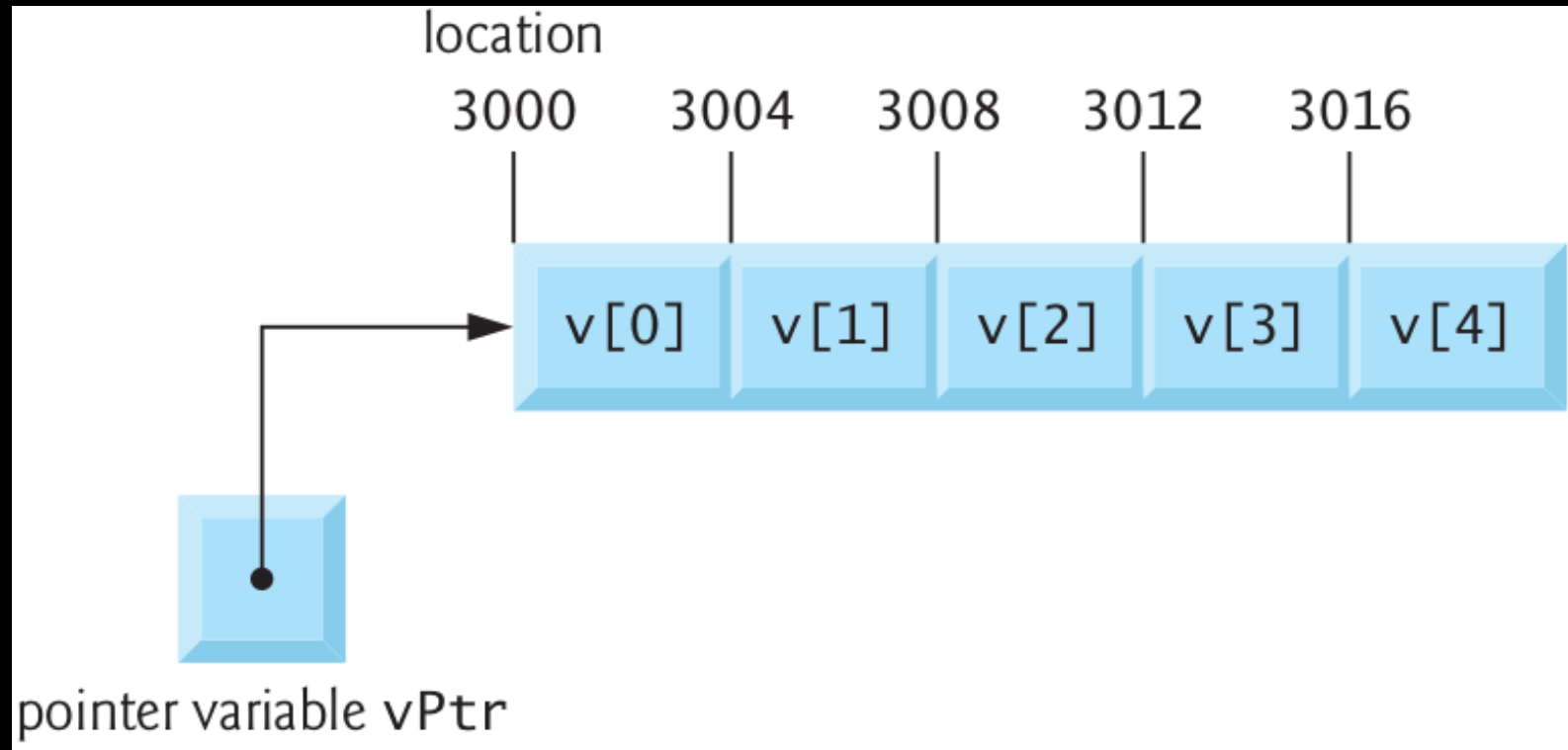
vPtr = v;

Pointer Subscript Notation



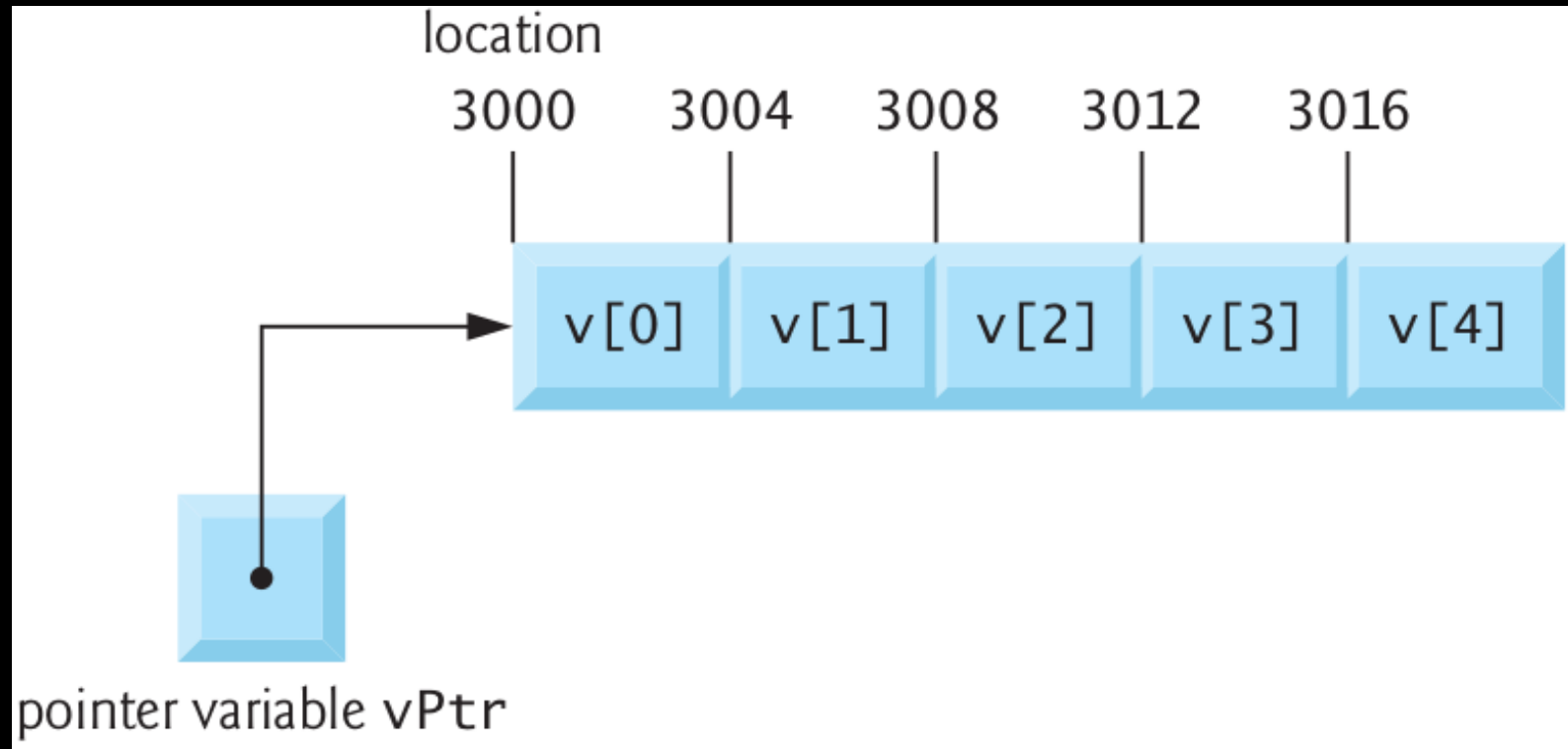
vPtr[1] vPtr[2] vPtr[3] vPtr[4]

Notations



`v` `vPtr` (`v+0`)
`(vPtr+0)`

Notations



`v[0]` `vPtr[0]`

`*(v+0)` `*(vPtr+0)`

Pointers to Functions

An array name is really the address in memory of first element. Similarly function name is really the starting address in memory of code that performs function's task

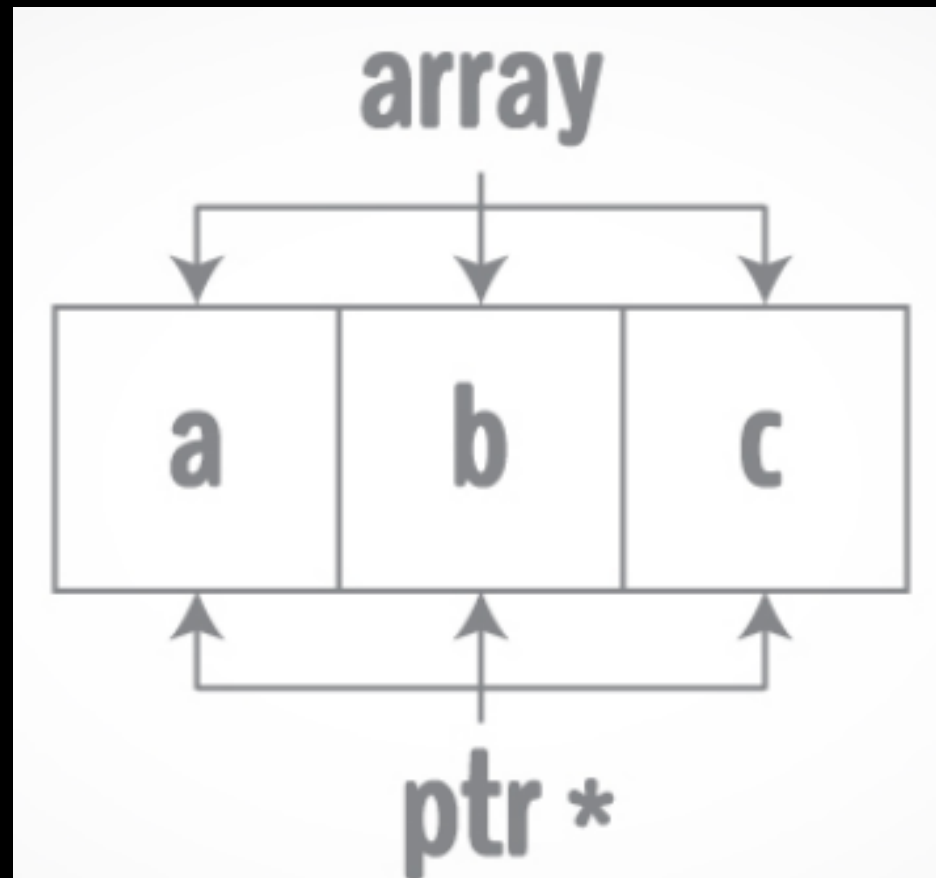
Pointers to Functions

```
int (*fptr)(int int);
```

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