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Memory & Pointers

CMSC 240 Software Systems Development

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 - Garbage Values
 - Memory Layout
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`char` 1 byte

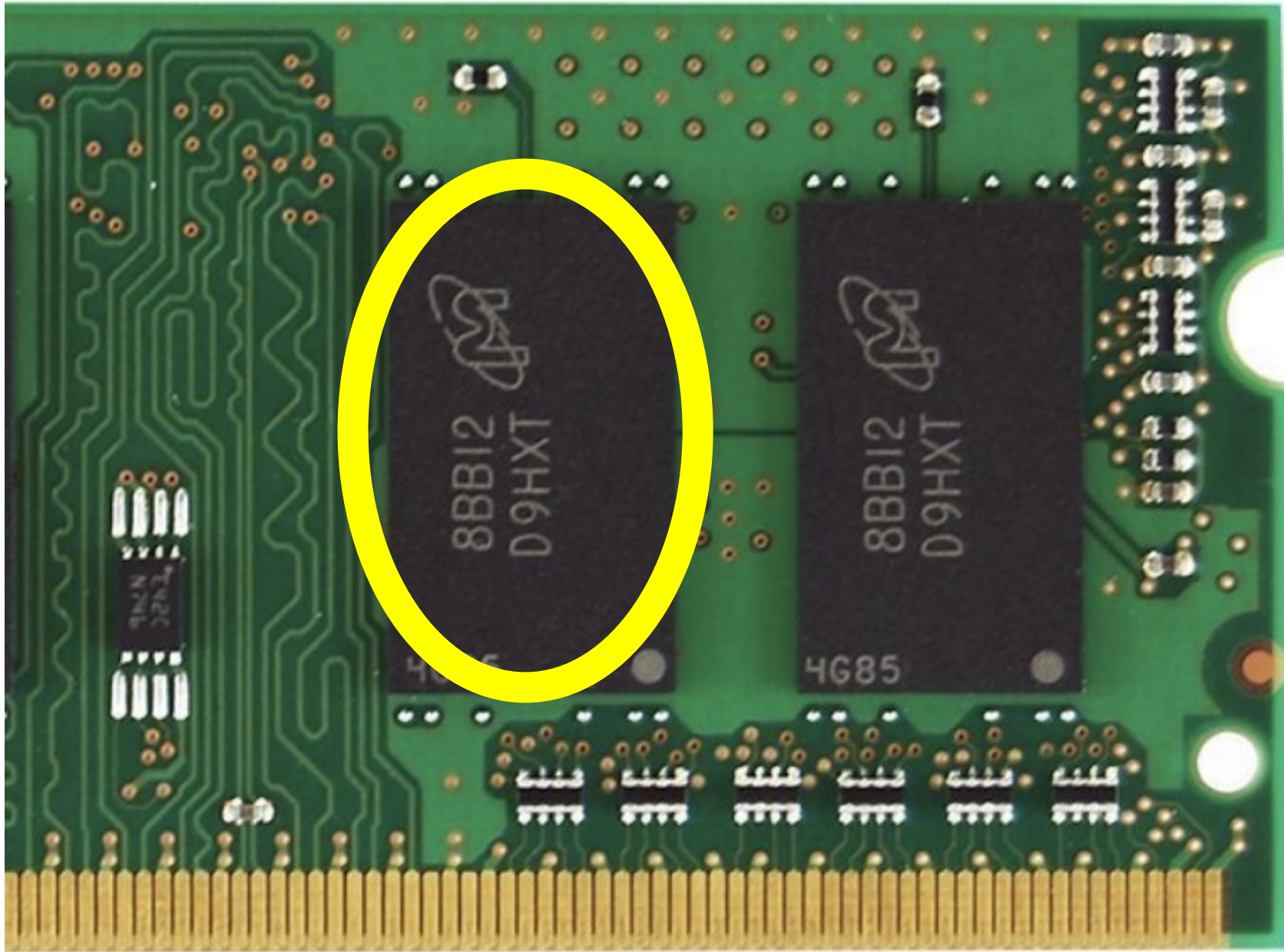
`int` 4 bytes

`long` 8 bytes

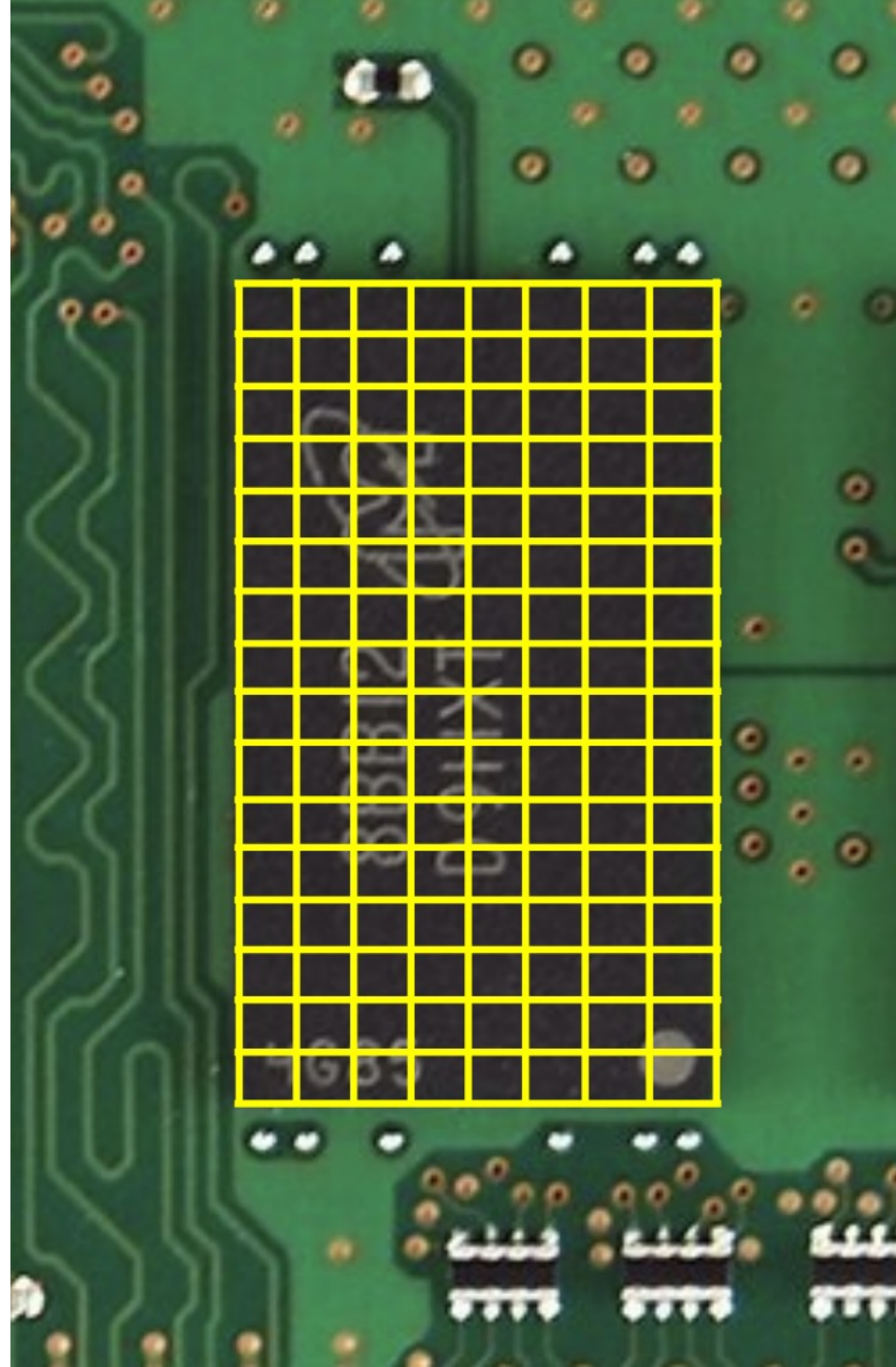
`float` 4 bytes

`double` 8 bytes

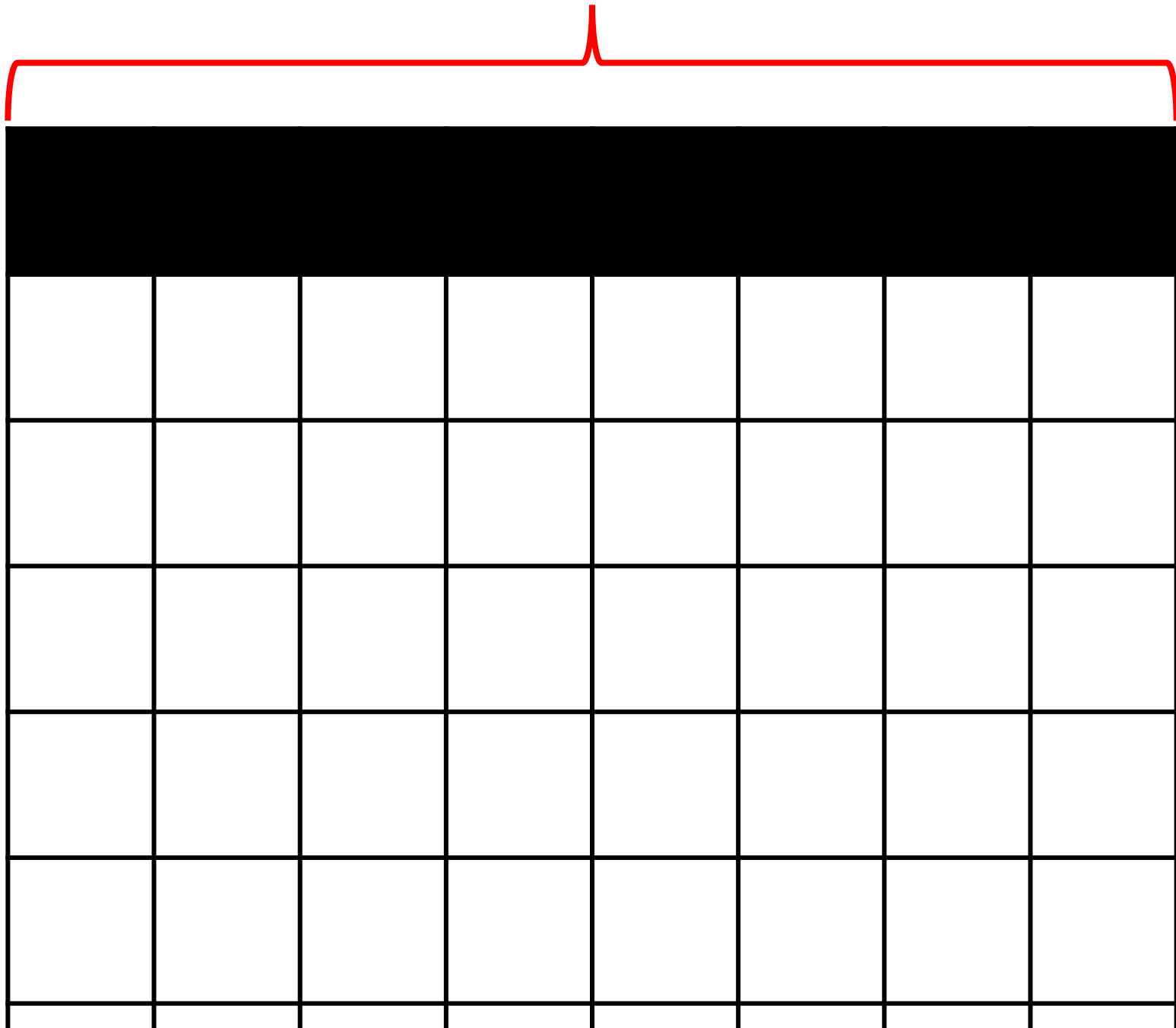
`string` ?







double 8 bytes



```
int age1 = 42;
```

```
int age2 = 27;
```

```
int age3 = 19;
```




0 1

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

base-16

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

Hexadecimal

2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

$(128 \times 1) + (64 \times 1) + (32 \times 1) + (16 \times 1) + (8 \times 1) + (4 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) + (1 \times 1)$

128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

255

16^1 16^0

**#**

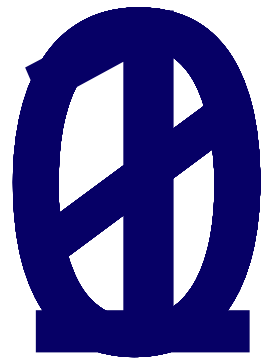
16

1

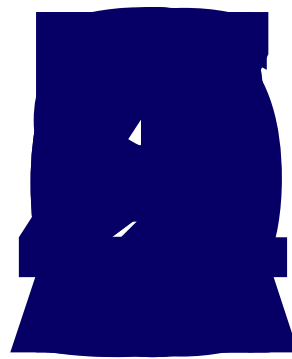
#

#

16



1



16

1

F

F

16

1

F

F

$(16 \times F) + (1 \times F)$

16

1

F

F

$$(16 \times 15) + (1 \times 15)$$

16

1

F

F

240

+

15

16

1

F

F

255

128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

255

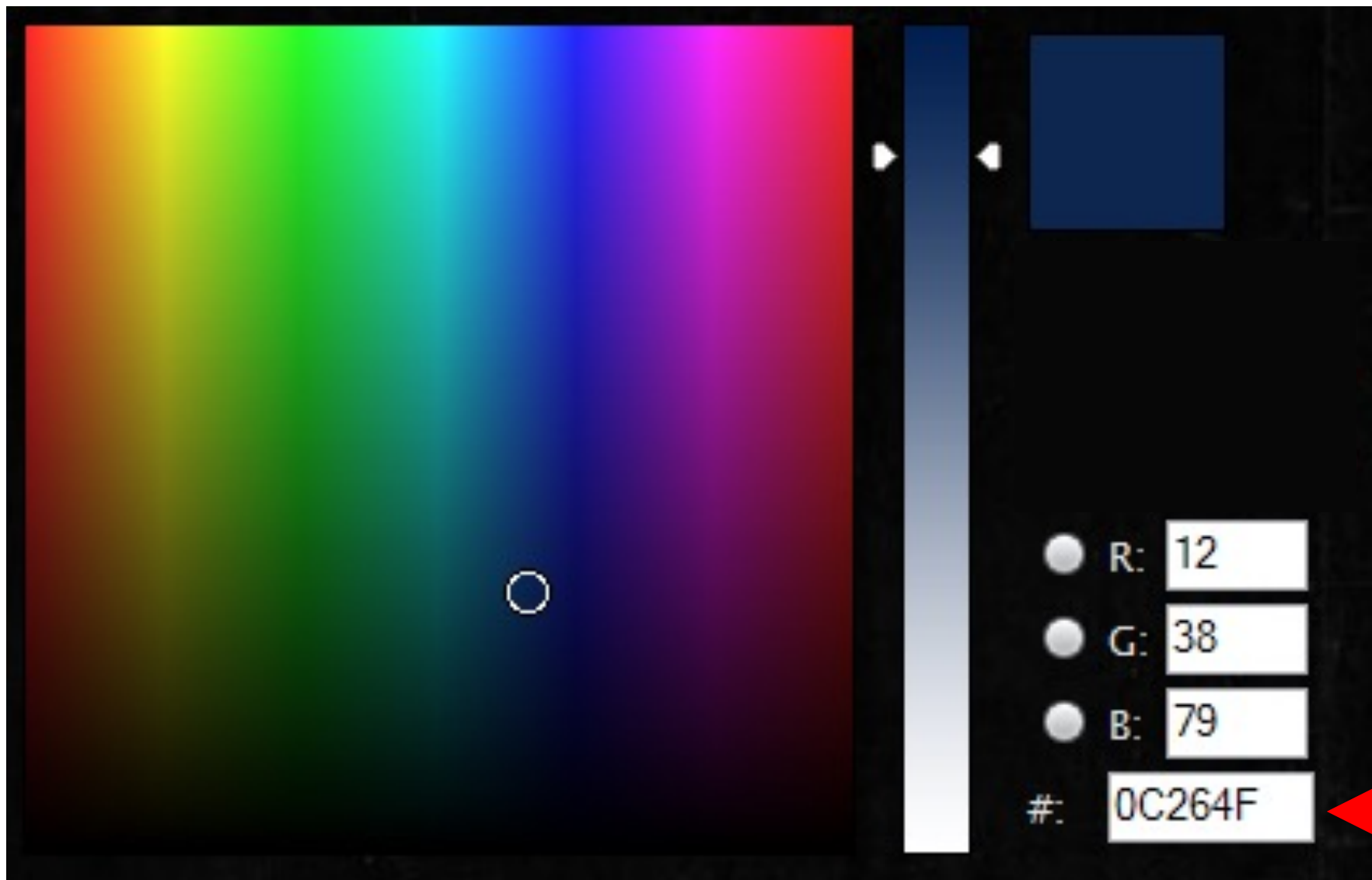
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1 1 1 1

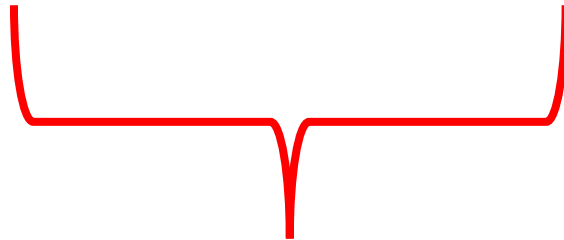
F

F



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37

0x FF



C++ convention that means
the following number is a
hexadecimal (base-16)

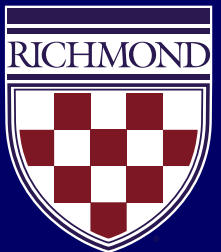
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0x30	0x31	0x32	0x33	0x34	0x35	0x36	0x37

```
int var = 17;
```

				17 var				

				0x123	17		
					var		

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&

“address of”

*

“contents of”

A **pointer** is an object that holds an address value.

```
int var = 17;
```

```
int* ptr = &var; // ptr holds the address of var
```

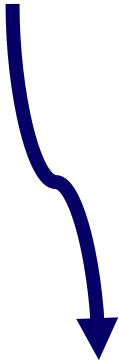
This new type is called an **"int pointer"** and is used to hold the address of an integer variable

The **"address of"** the integer `var`

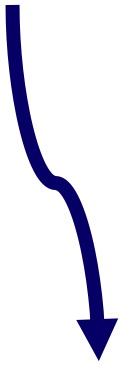
				0x16D01345			
					17		
					var		

0x16D01345 ptr							
				0x16D01345	17 var		

0x16D01345
ptr



0x16D01345
17
var



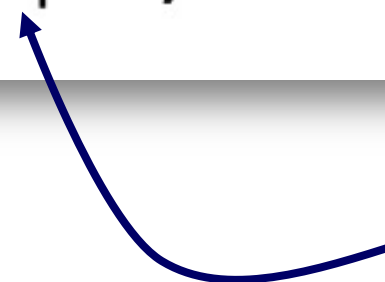
```
int var = 17;
```

```
int* ptr = &var; // ptr holds the address of var
```

```
int anotherVar = *ptr;
```



17



The "**contents of**" the
pointer `ptr`
(i.e., the value stored
at the address)


```
int var = 17;
int* ptr = &var; // ptr holds the address of var

cout << "var == " << var << endl; // #1
cout << "'address of' var == " << &var << endl; // #2

cout << "ptr == " << ptr << endl; // #3
cout << "'contents of' ptr == " << *ptr << endl; // #4

cout << "'contents of' the 'address of' var == " << *&var << endl; // #5
```



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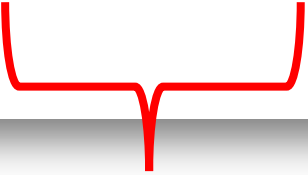
cout << "ptr == " << ptr << endl; // #3
cout << "'contents of' ptr == " << *ptr << endl; // #4

cout << "'contents of' the 'address of' var == " << *&var << endl; // #5
```

```
var == 17
'address of' var == 0x16af27454
ptr == 0x16af27454
'contents of' ptr == 17
'contents of' the 'address of' var == 17
```

```
double pi = 3.14159;
```

```
double* ptr = &pi; // ptr holds the address of pi
```



This new type is called an
“**double pointer**” and is
used to hold the address of
a variable of type double



The “**Address of**”
the double `pi`

0x45FA1379

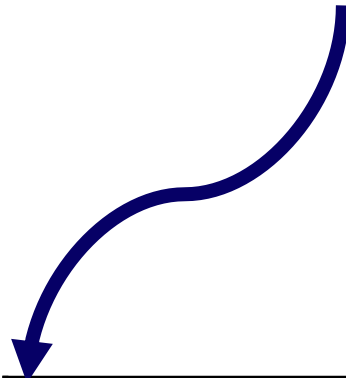
3.14159
pi

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0x45FA1379 ptr							
0x45FA1379 3.14159 pi							

0x45FA1379
ptr

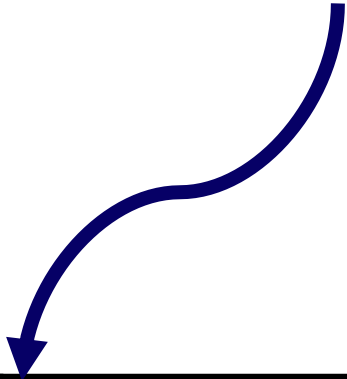


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3.14159
pi

ptr

3.14159
pi



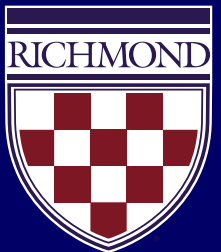
MAN, I SUCK AT THIS GAME.
CAN YOU GIVE ME
A FEW POINTERS?

0x3A28213A
0x6339392C,
0x7363682E.

I HATE YOU.



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```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
{
```

```
    int var1;
    int var2;
    int var3;
    int var4;
    int var5;
```

```
var1 == 1
var2 == 71282756
var3 == 1
var4 == 71319552
var5 == 1
```

```
    cout << "var1 == " << var1 << endl;
    cout << "var2 == " << var2 << endl;
    cout << "var3 == " << var3 << endl;
    cout << "var4 == " << var4 << endl;
    cout << "var5 == " << var5 << endl;
```

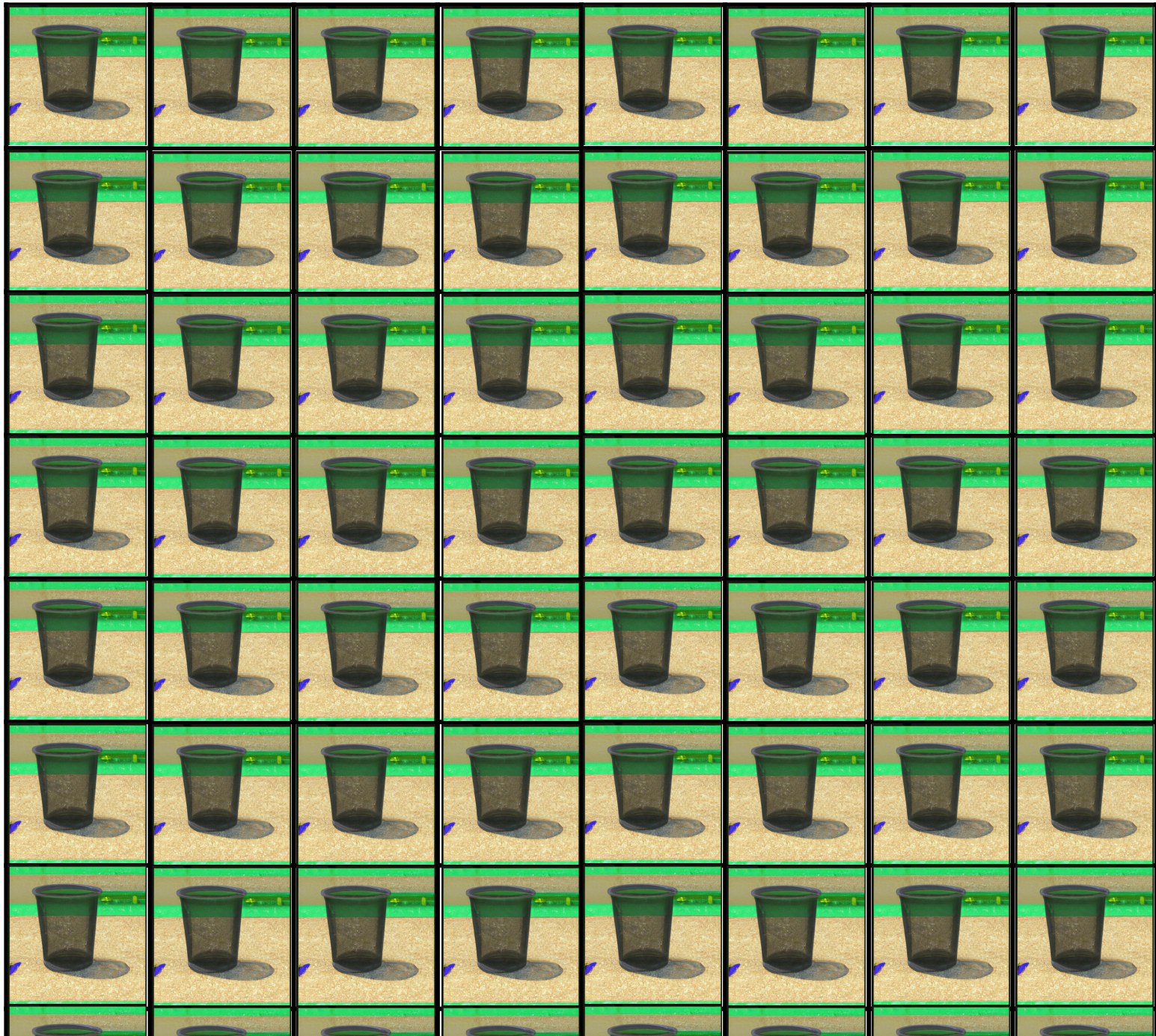
```
}
```

```
array<int, 10> numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
```

```
cout << "numbers[323] == " << numbers[323] << endl; // Clearly out of array bounds!!
```

```
numbers[323] == 1966029422
```

0x0	0x1	0x2	0x3	0x4	0x5	0x6	0x7
0x8	0x9	0xA	0xB	0xC	0xD	0xE	0xF
0x10	0x11	0x12	0x13	0x14	0x15	0x16	0x17
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void swap(int a, int b)
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```

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```

```
    a = b; // put b into a
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    int x = 12;
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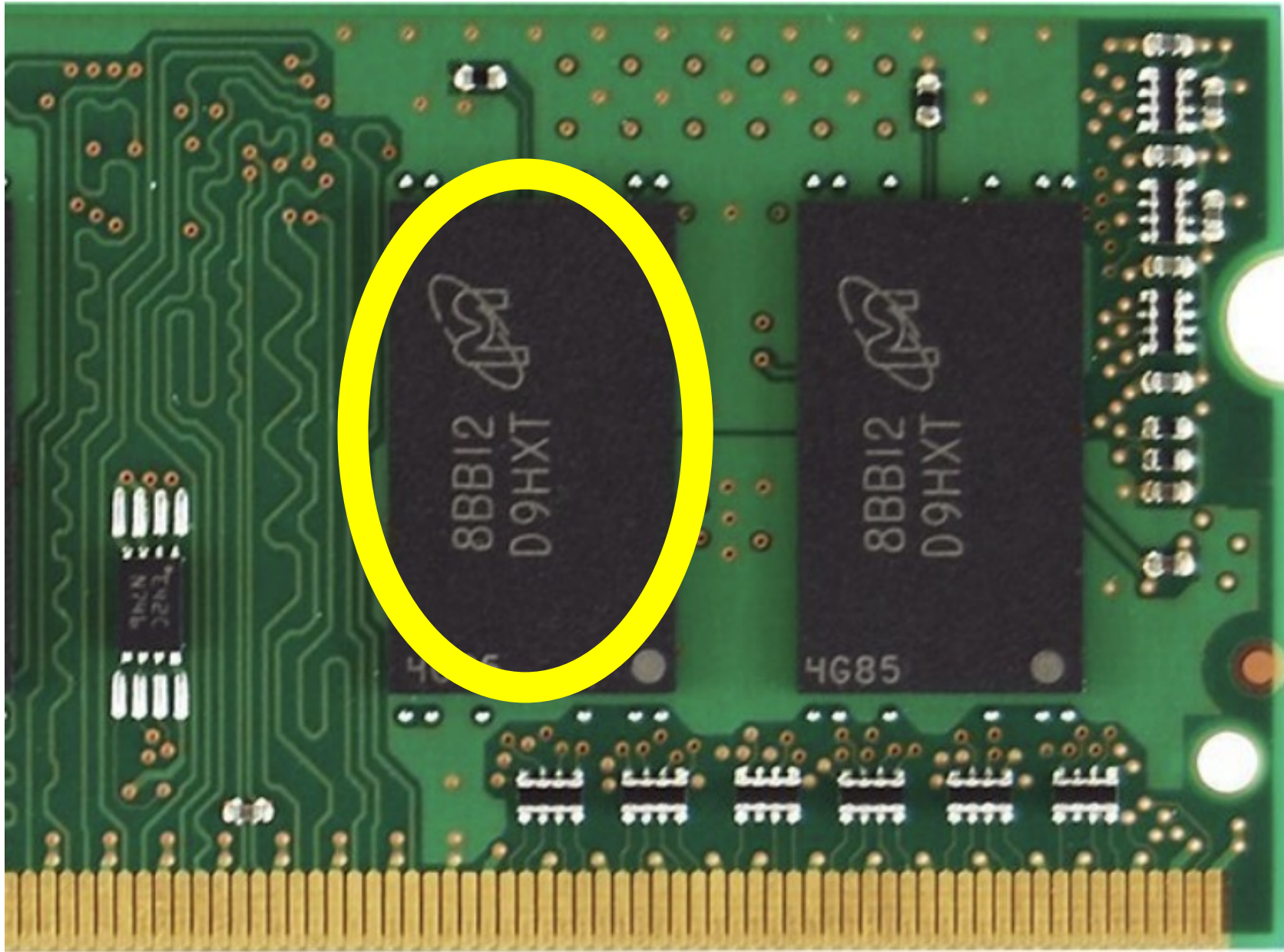
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```

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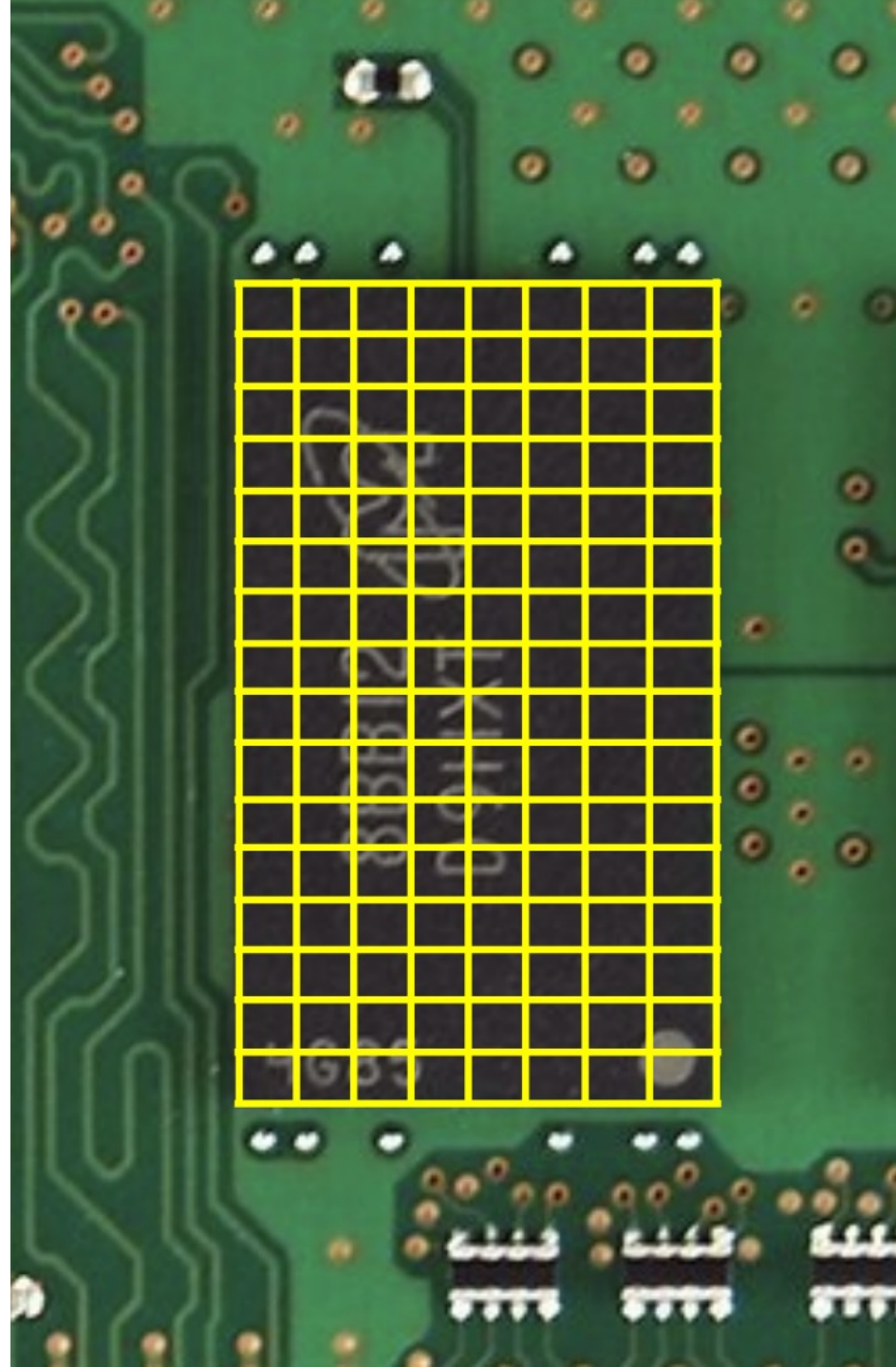
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```

```
    return 0;
```

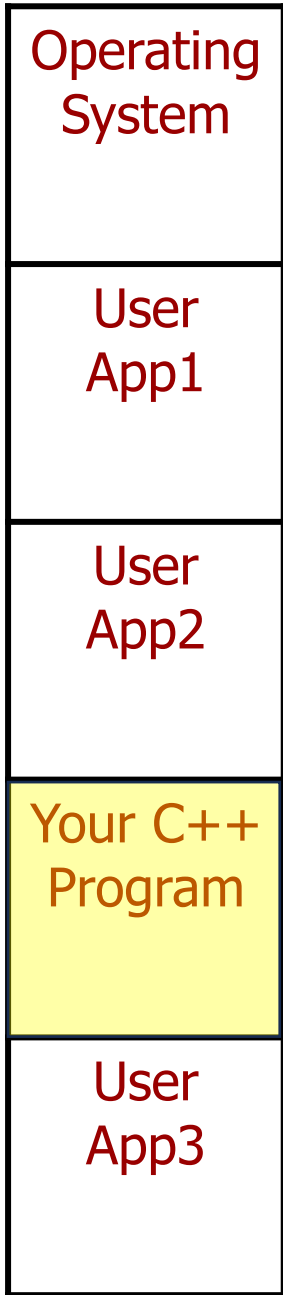
```
}
```





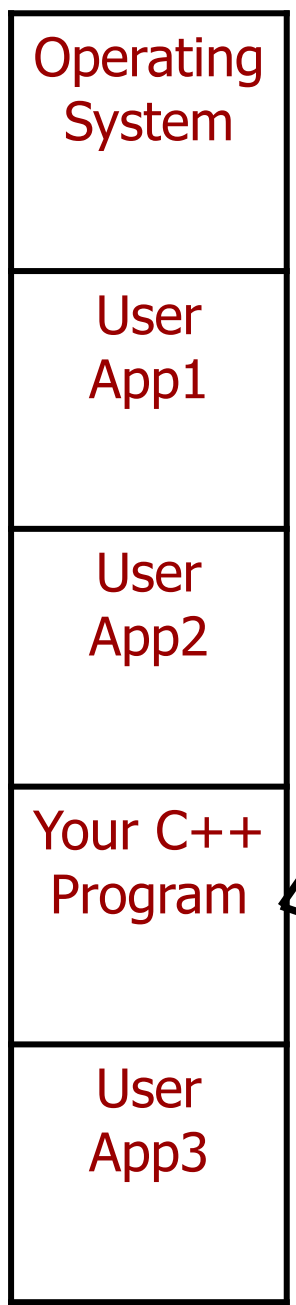
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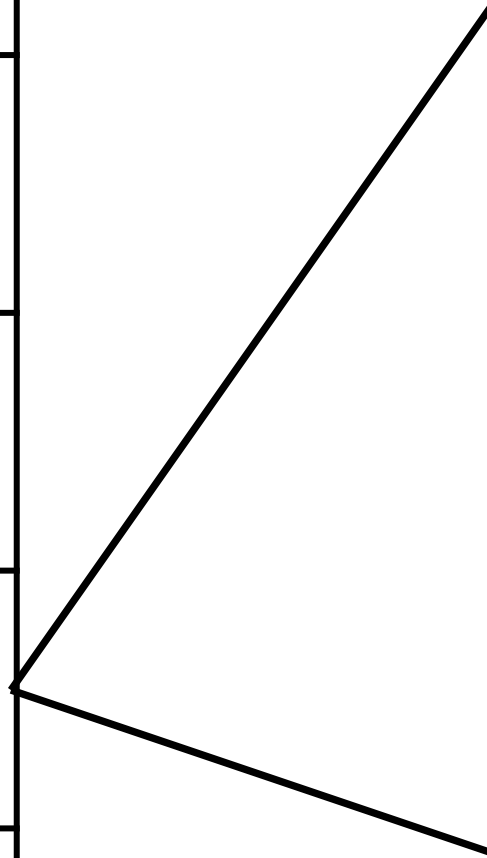
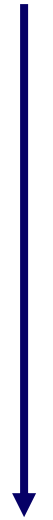
All of
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memory



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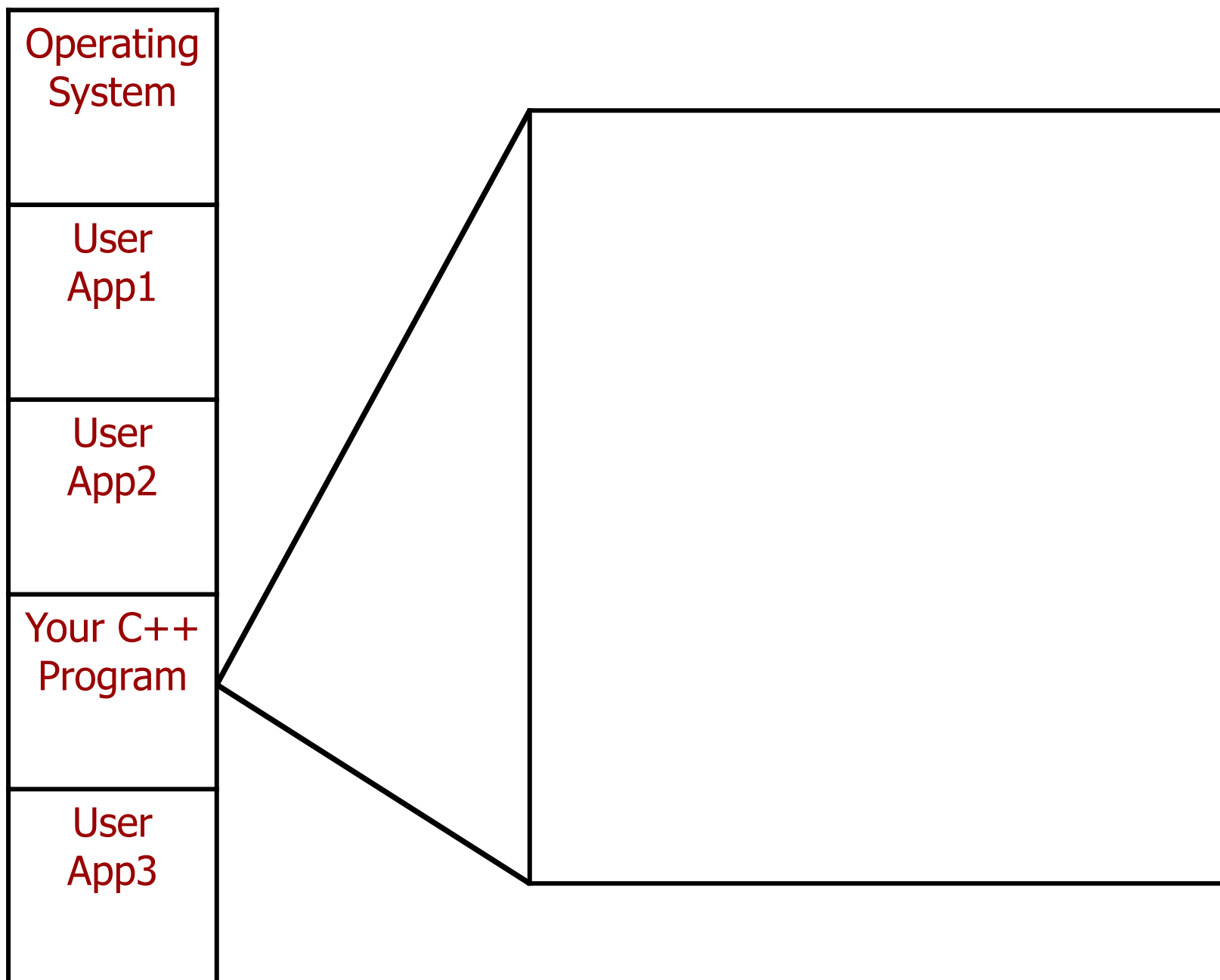


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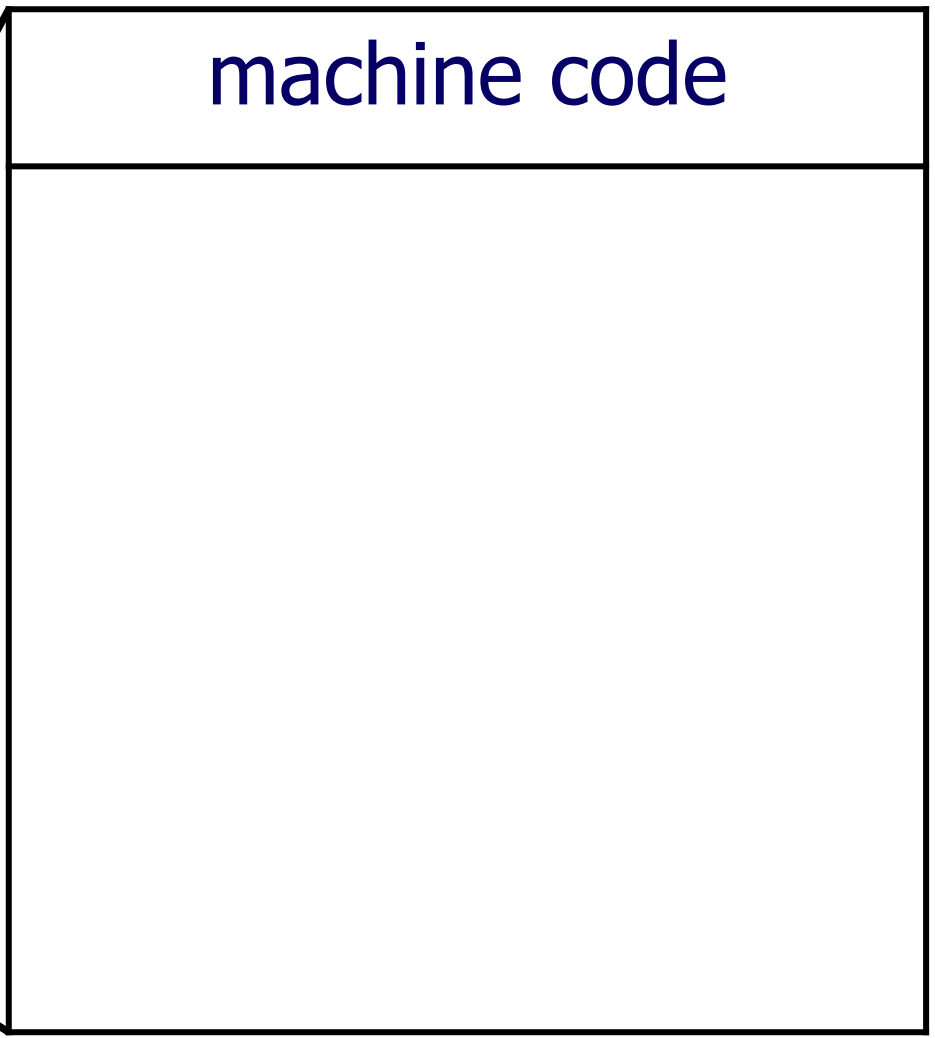
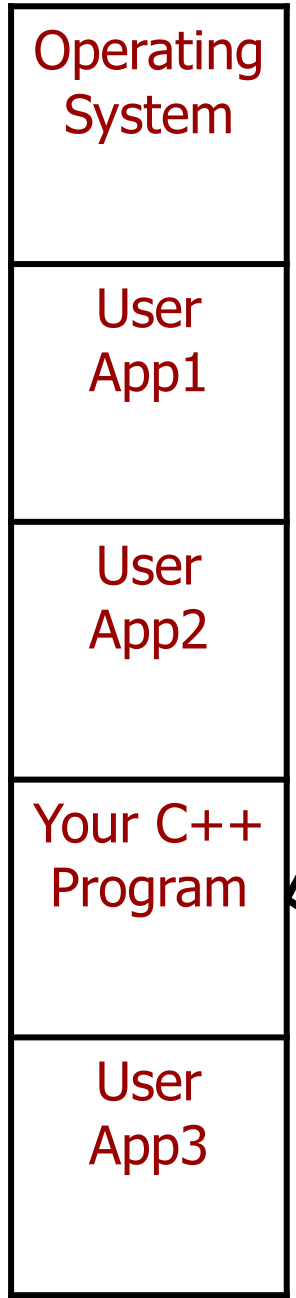




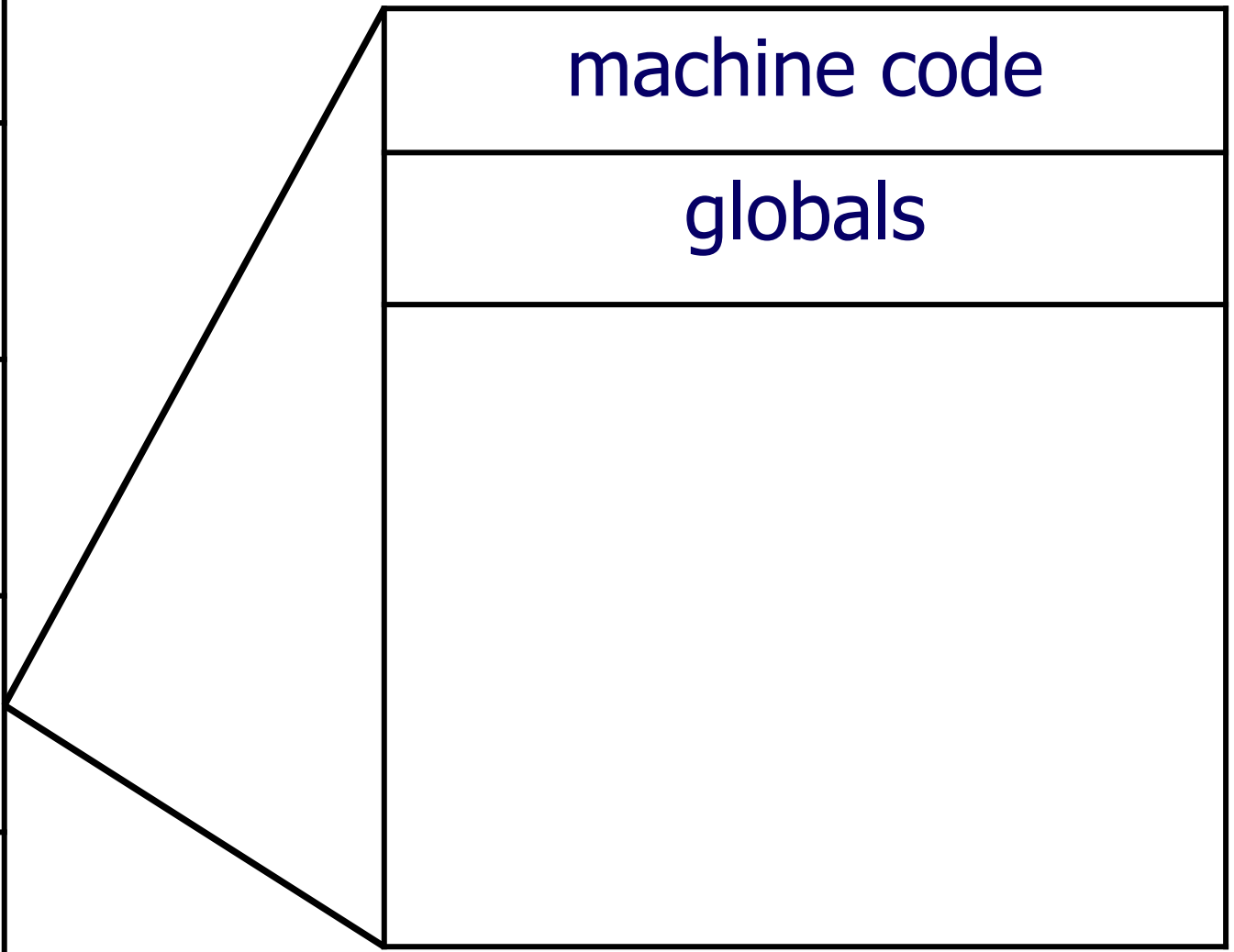
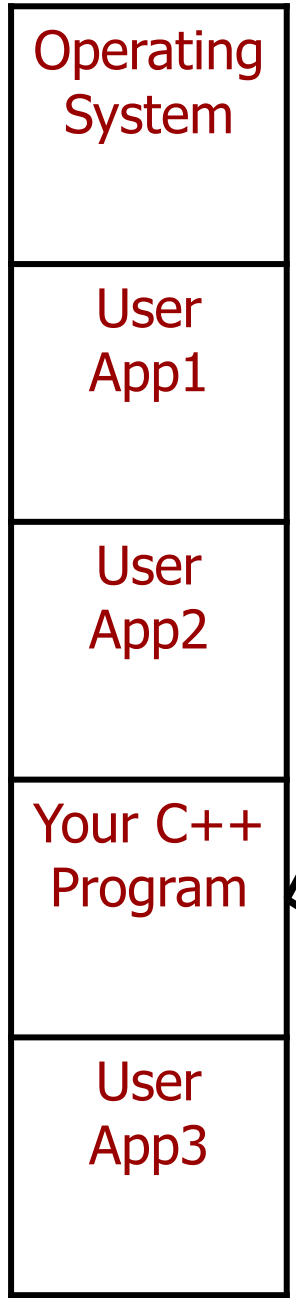
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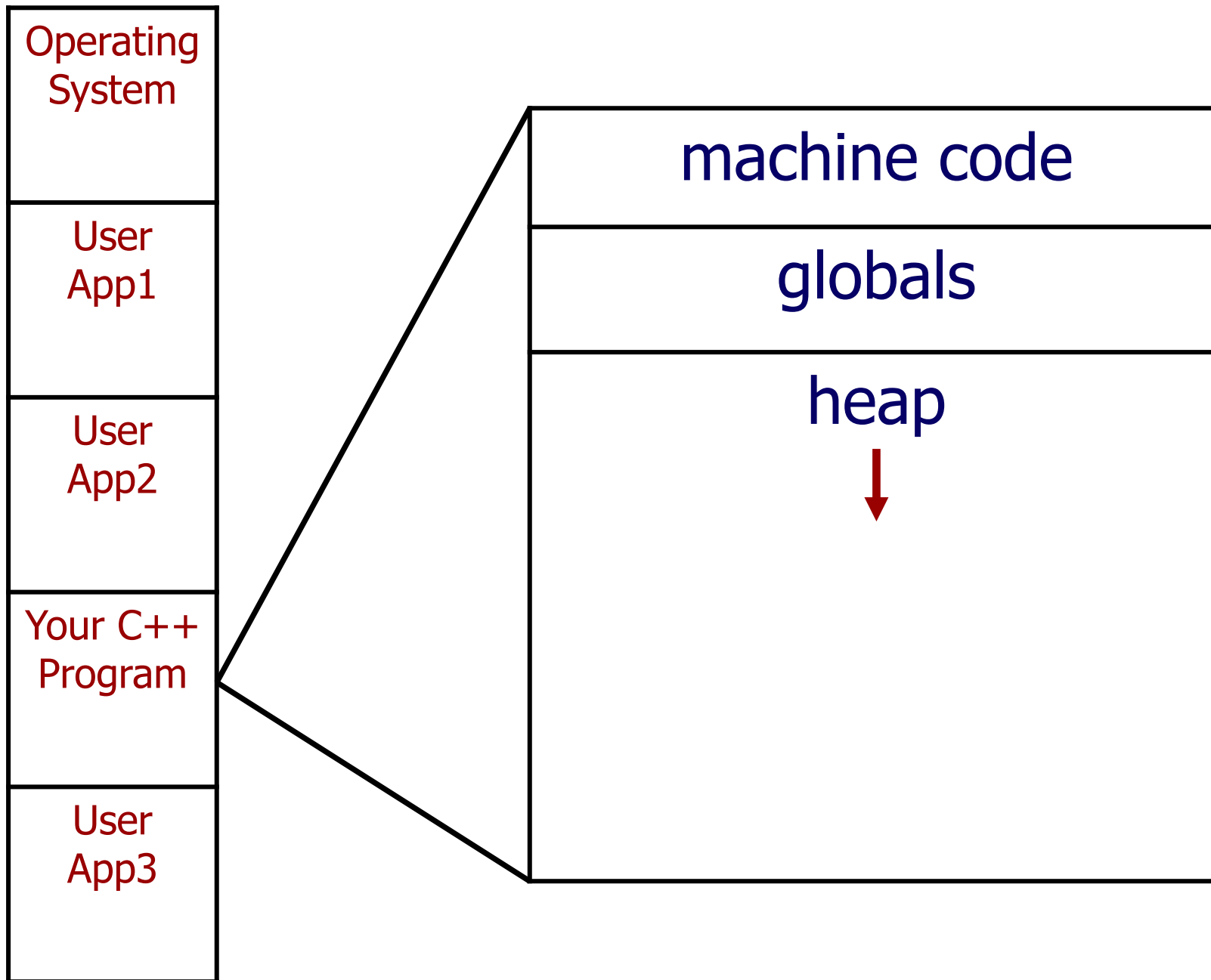
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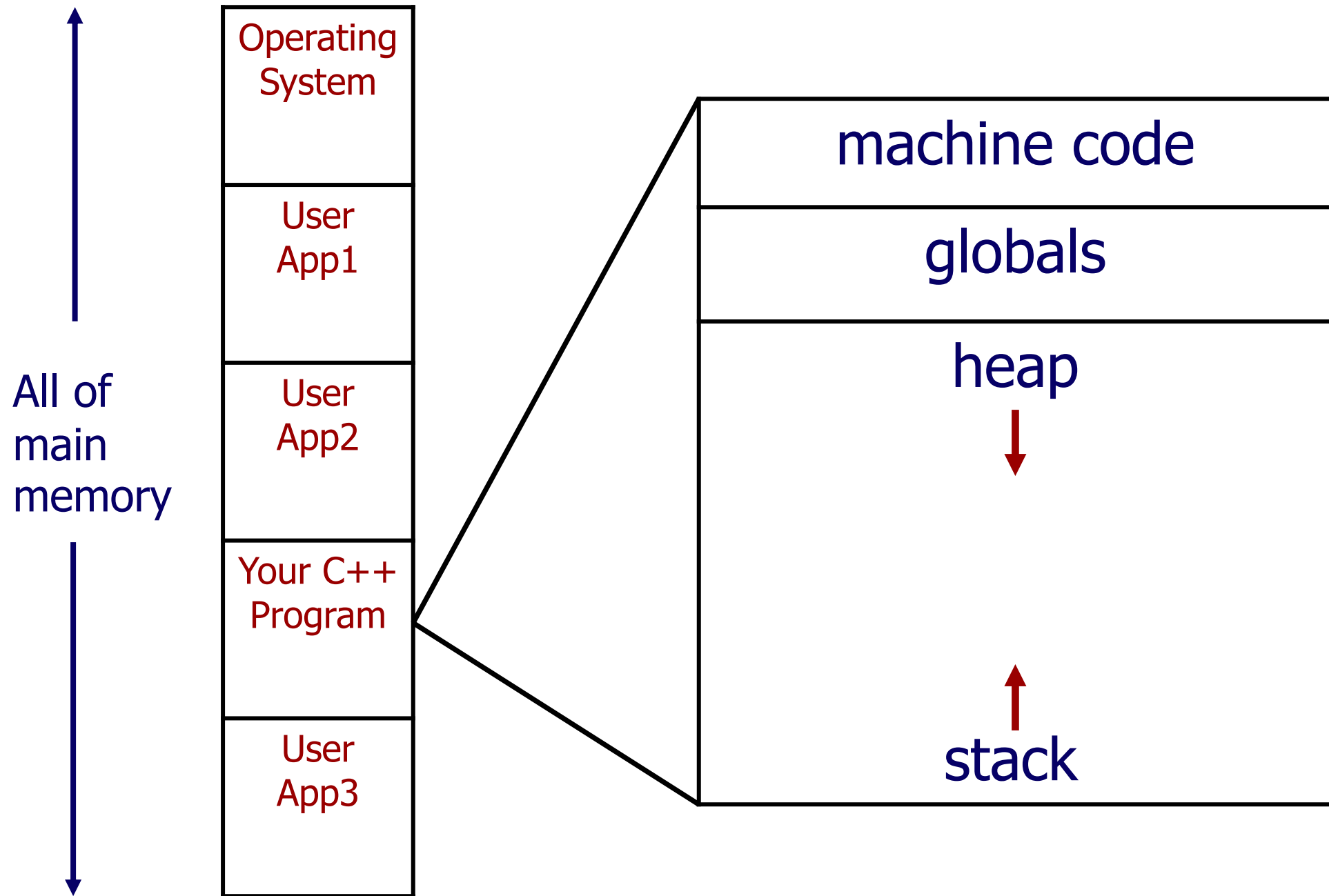


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```

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```

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    int temp = a; // store a in temp
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```
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```
    int x = 12;
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```
    int y = 33;
```

```
    swap(x, y);
```

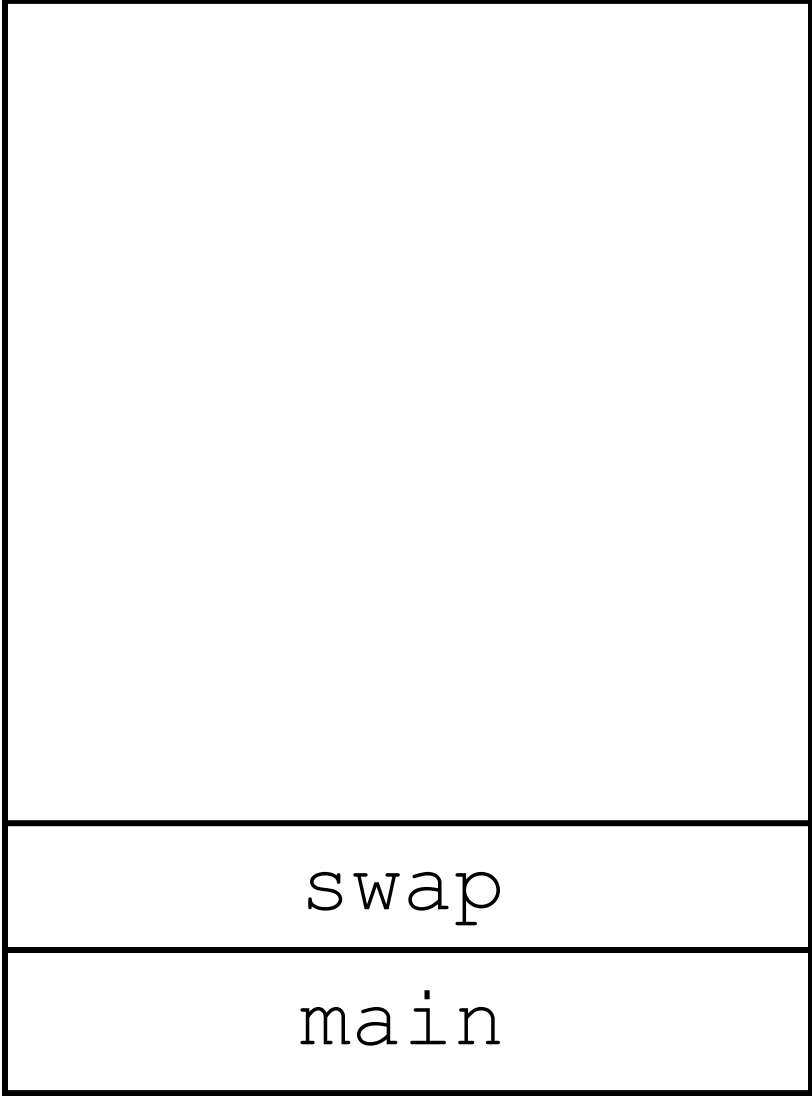
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    return 0;
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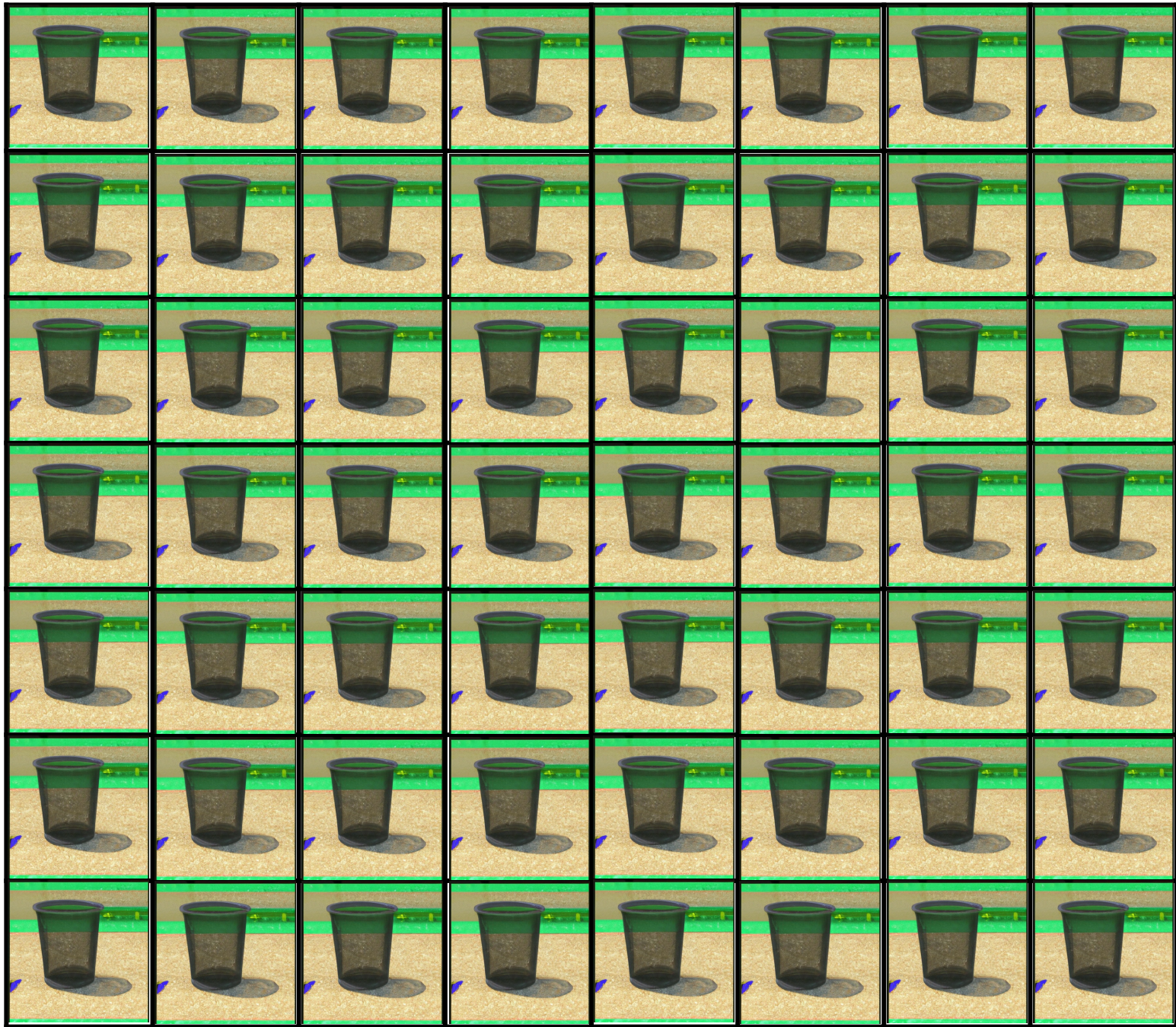


main





main

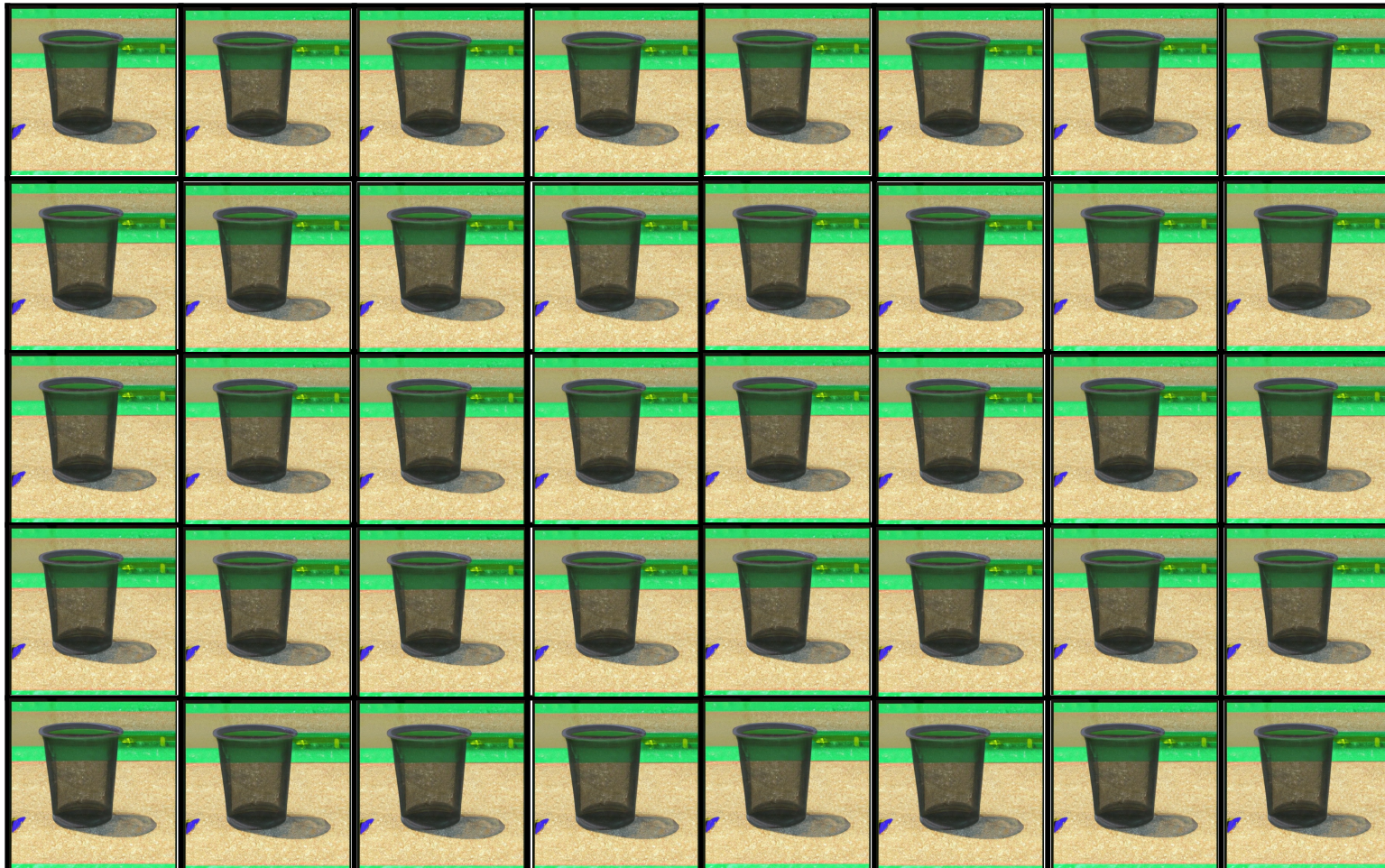




main

12
x

33
y



swap

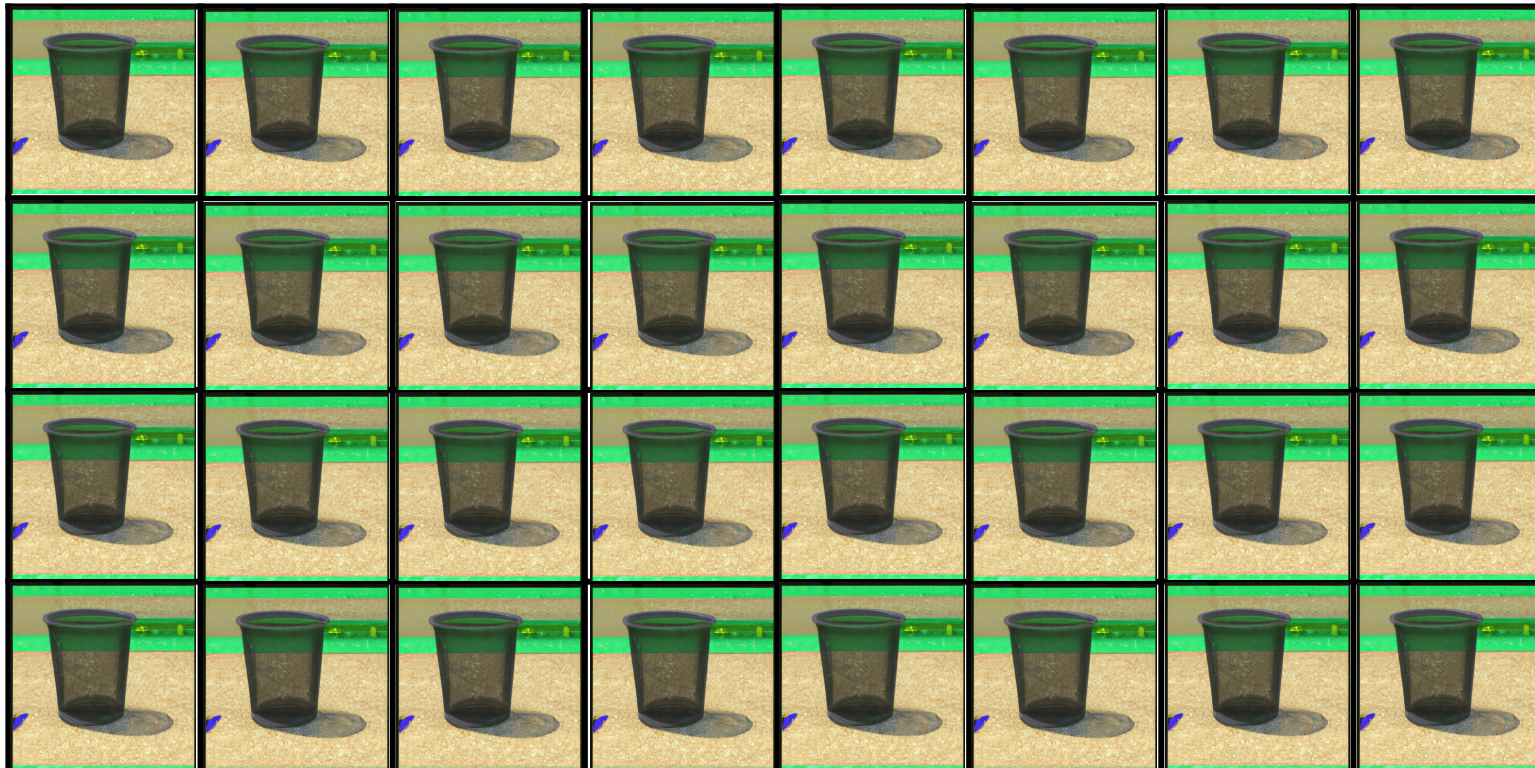
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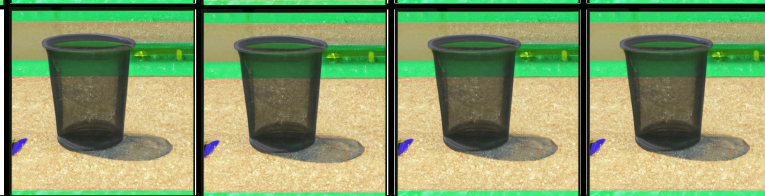
12
x

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swap

12
temp



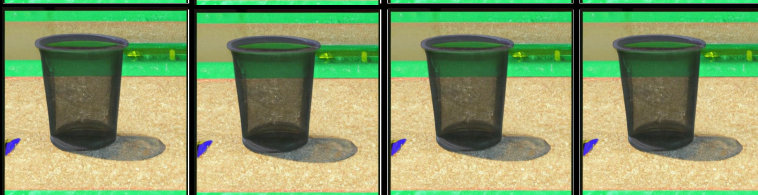
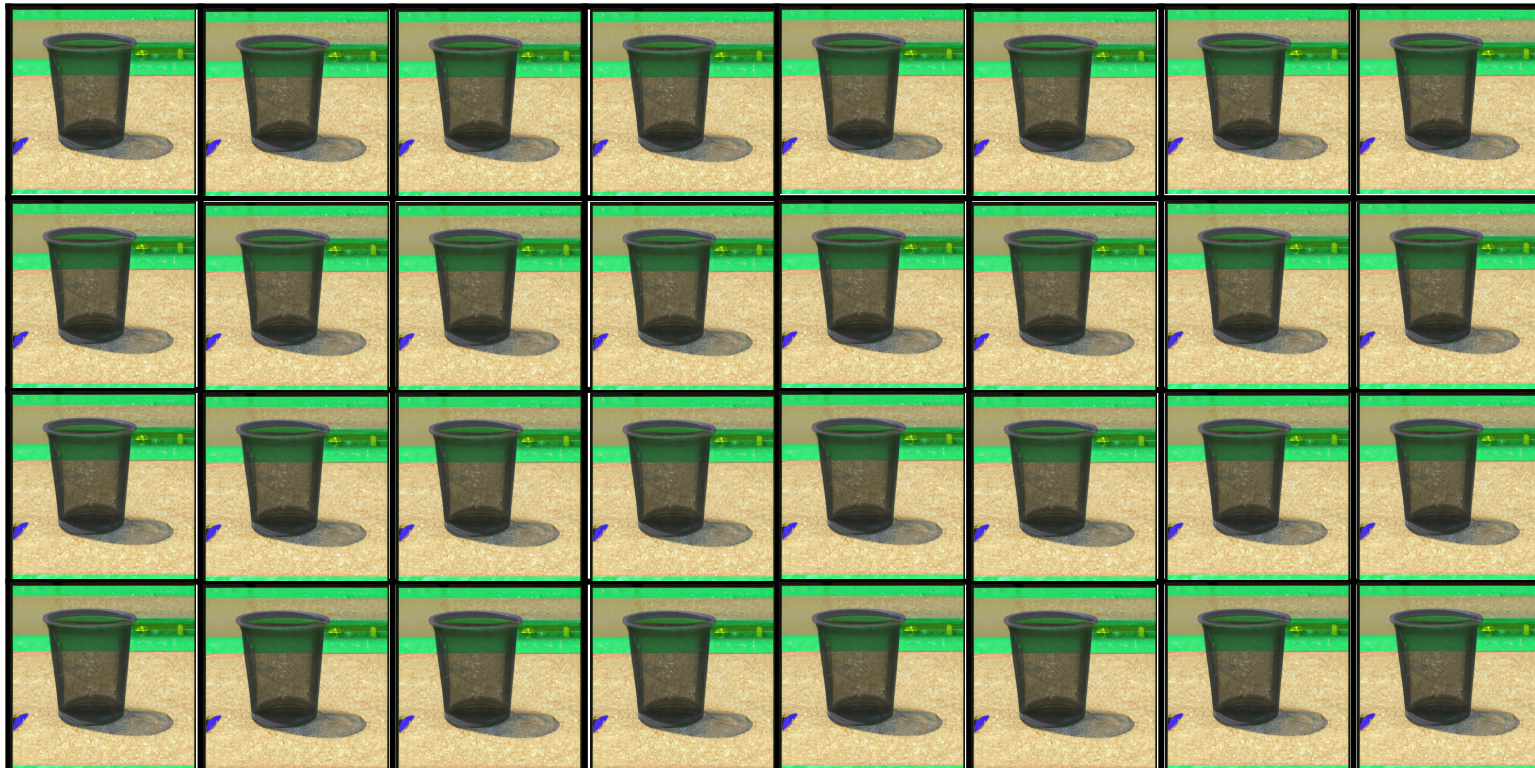
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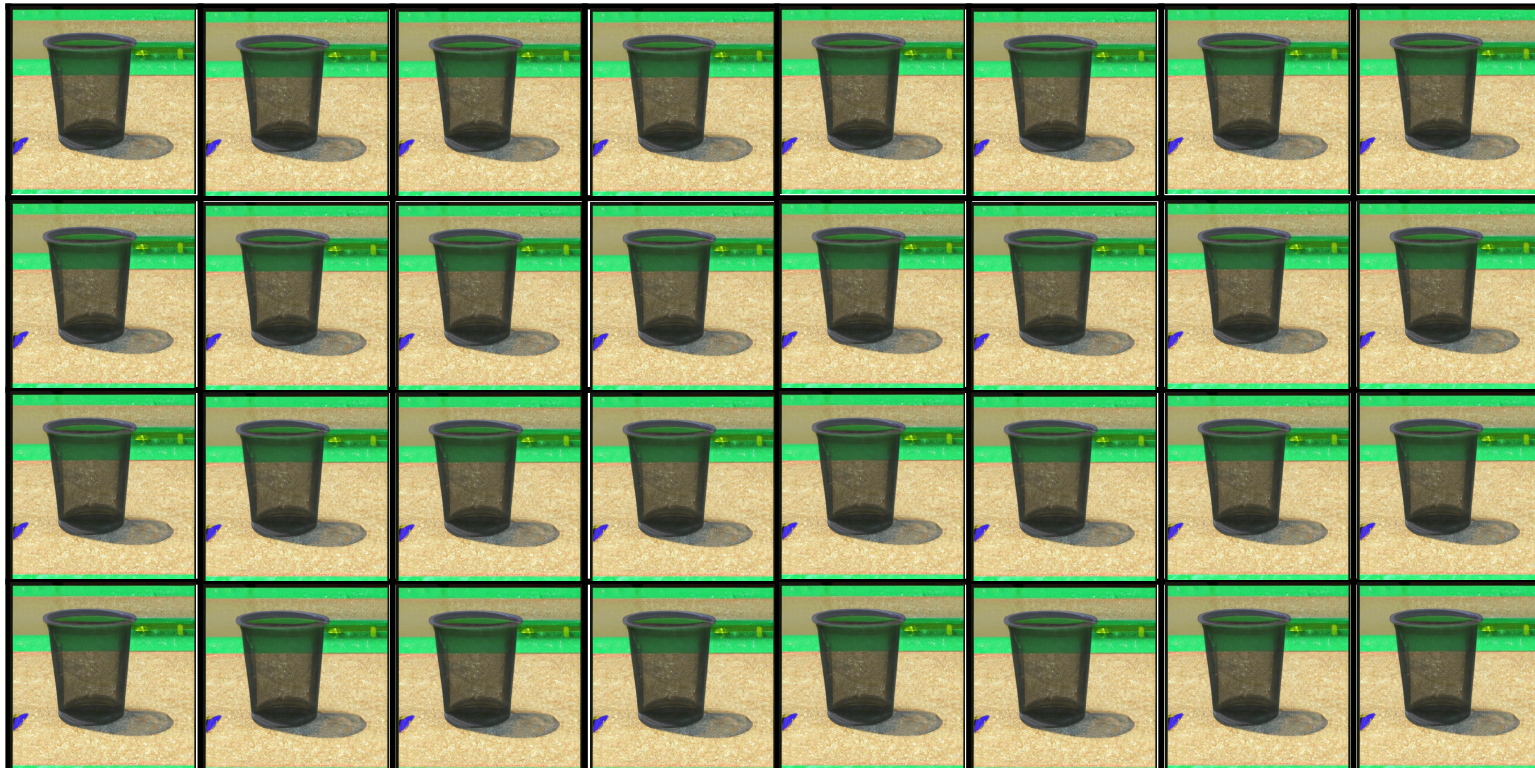
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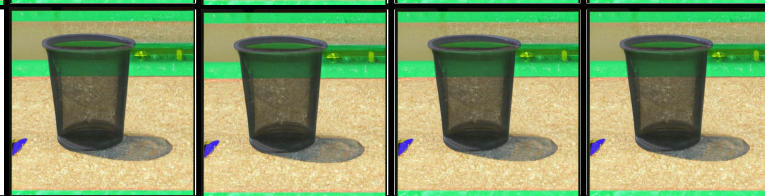
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swap

12
temp



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a

12
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main

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y



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```

```
    int temp = *a;    // store contents of a in temp
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    *a = *b;          // put contents of b into a
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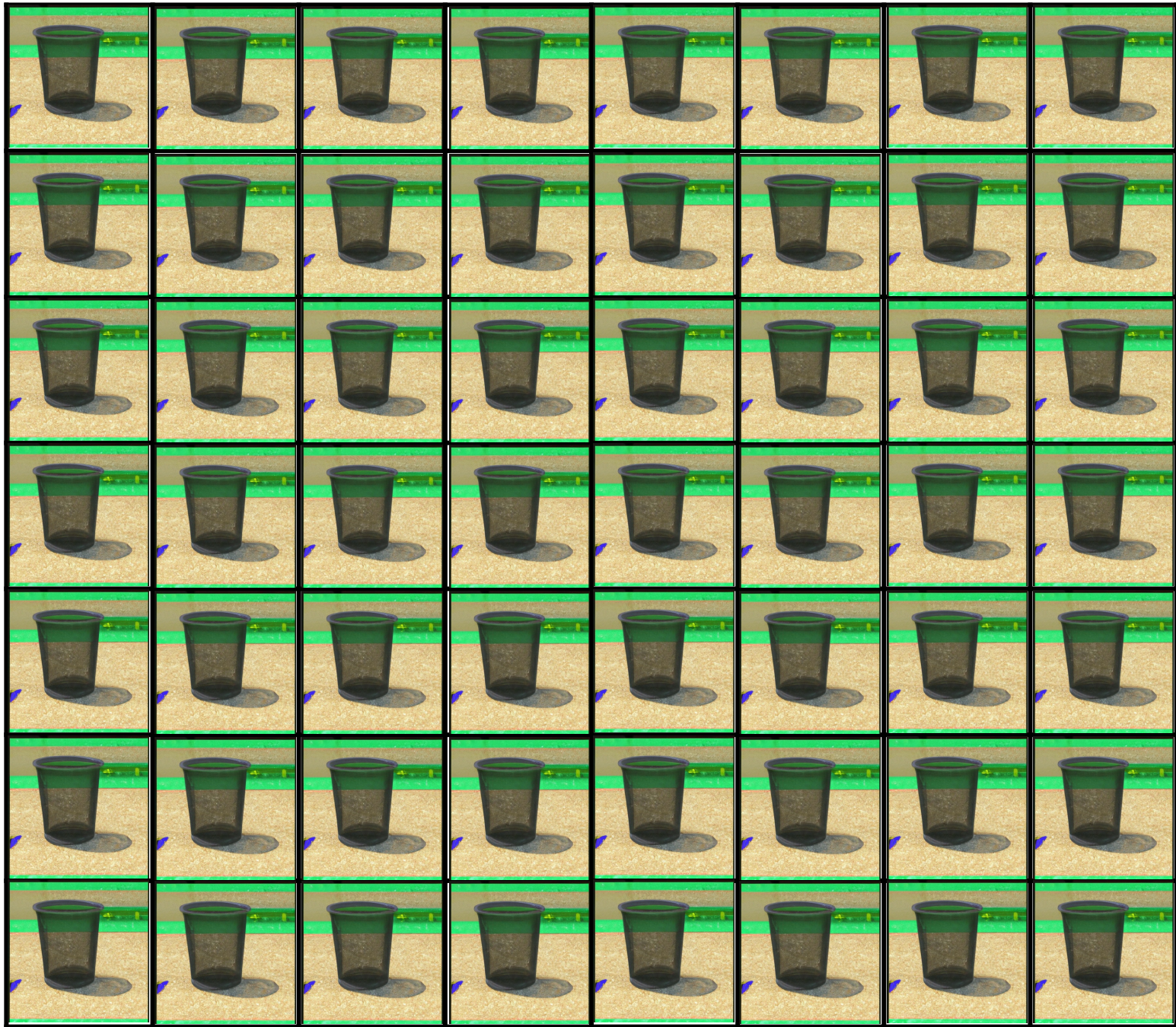
```
    int y = 33;
```

```
    swap(&x, &y);    // pass by reference (the addresses of x and y)
```

```
    cout << "x == " << x << "   y == " << y << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

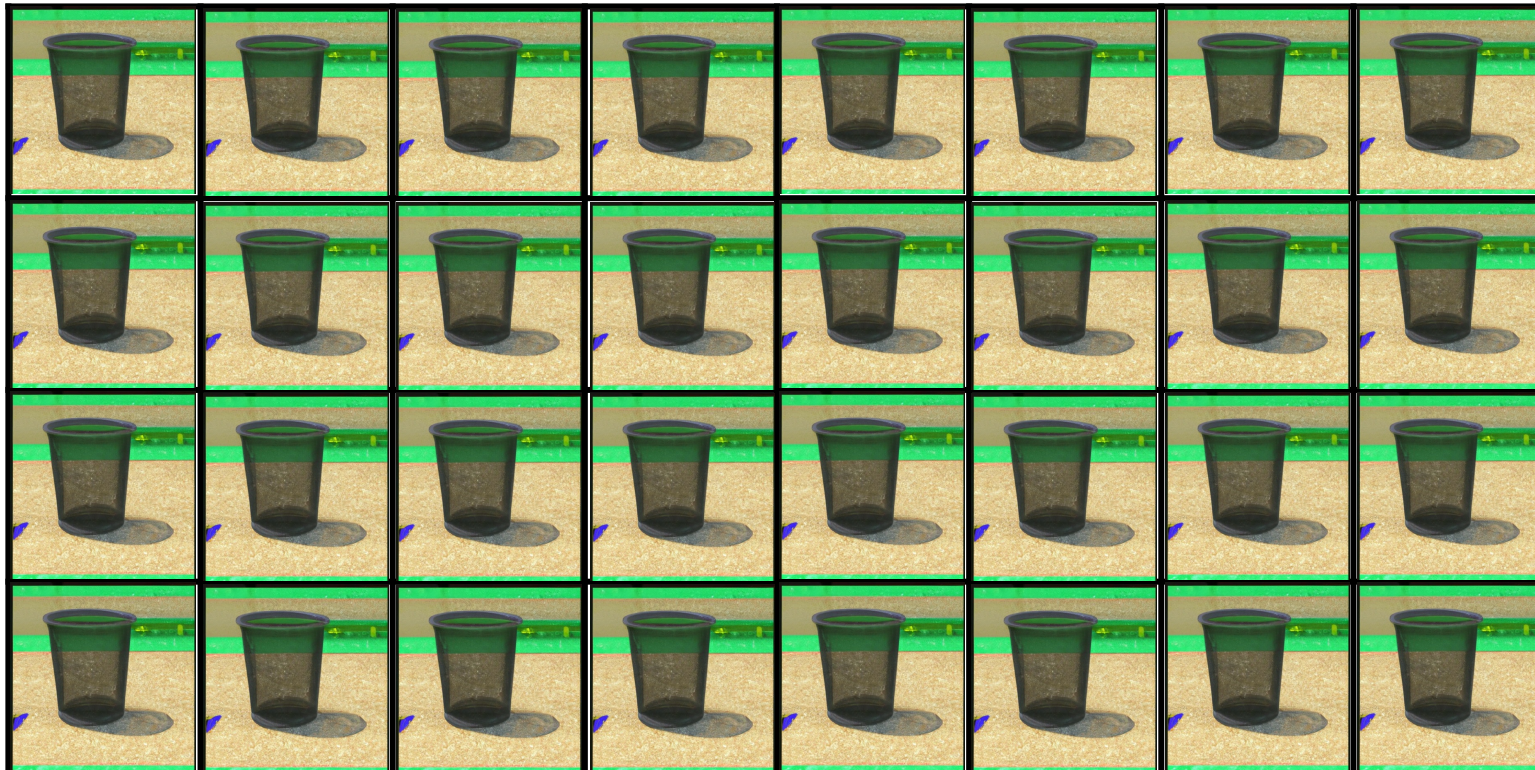




main

12
x

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y



swap

main

0x45FA137D

b

0x45FA1379

a

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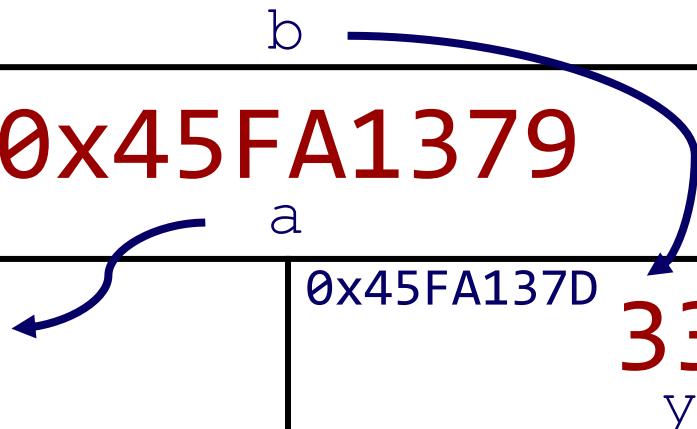
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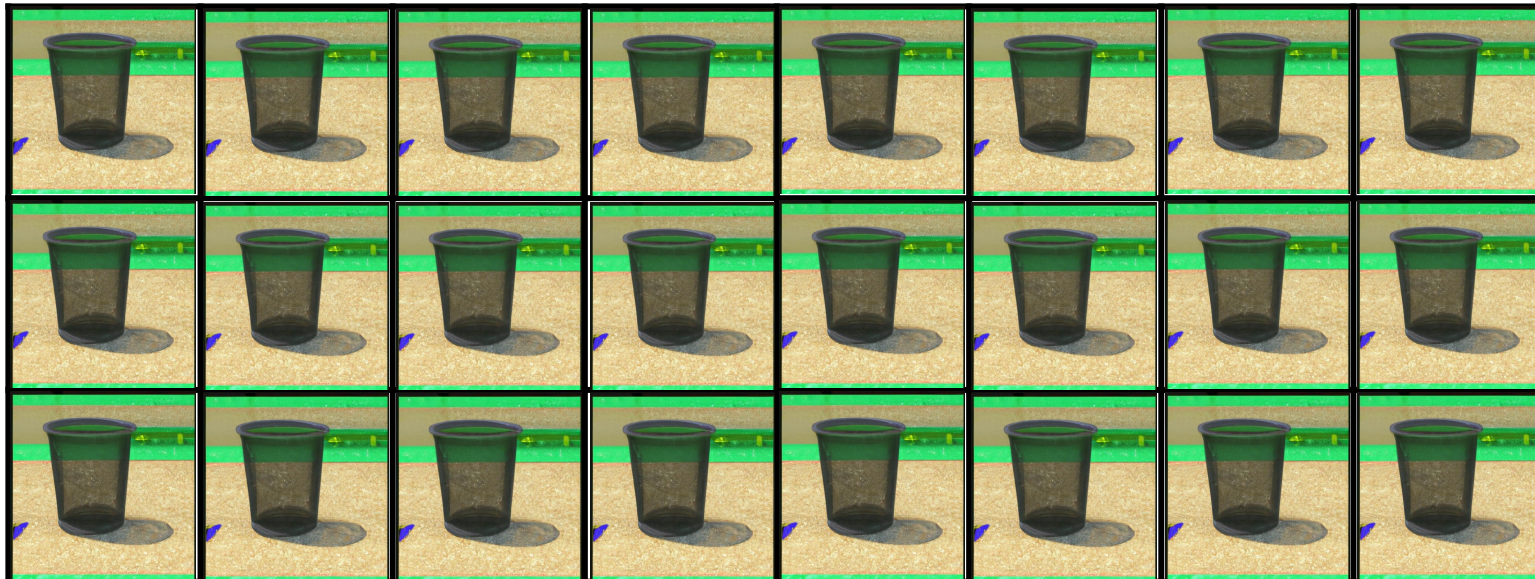
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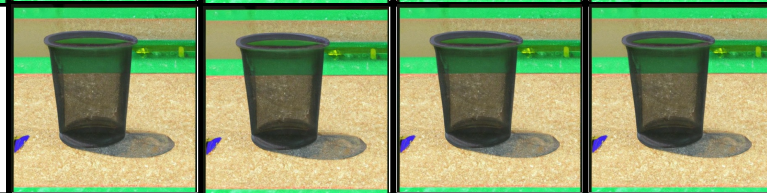
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y





12
temp



swap

0x45FA137D

b

0x45FA1379

a

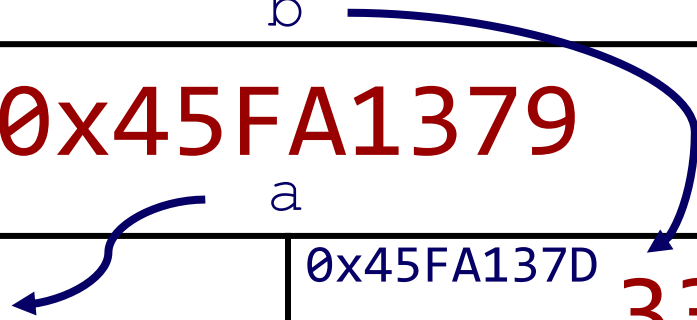
main

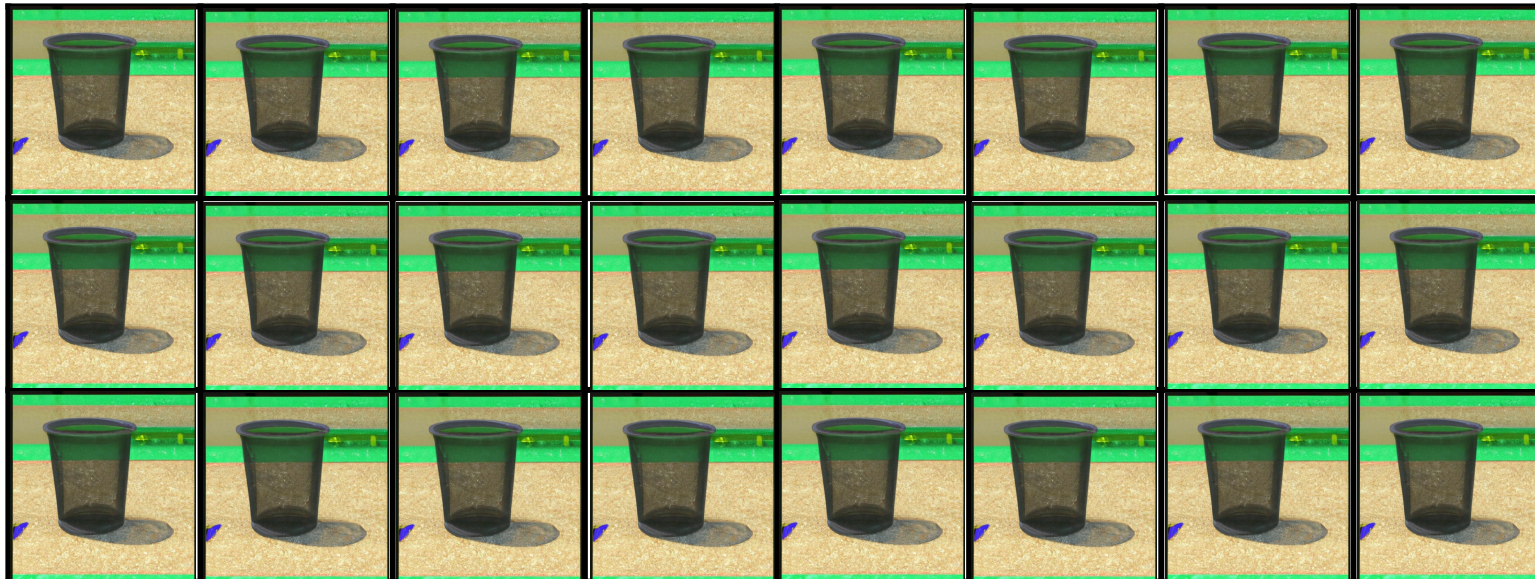
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12
x

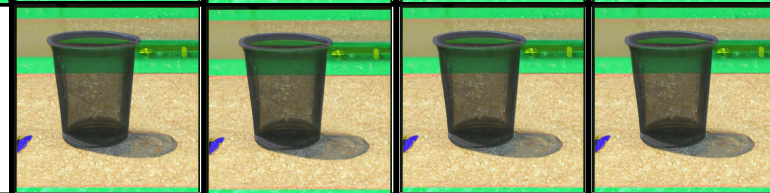
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swap

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a

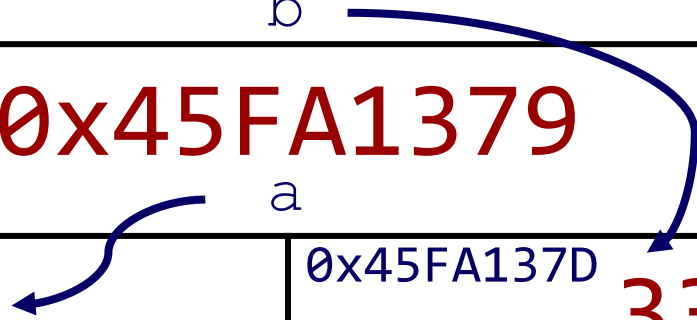
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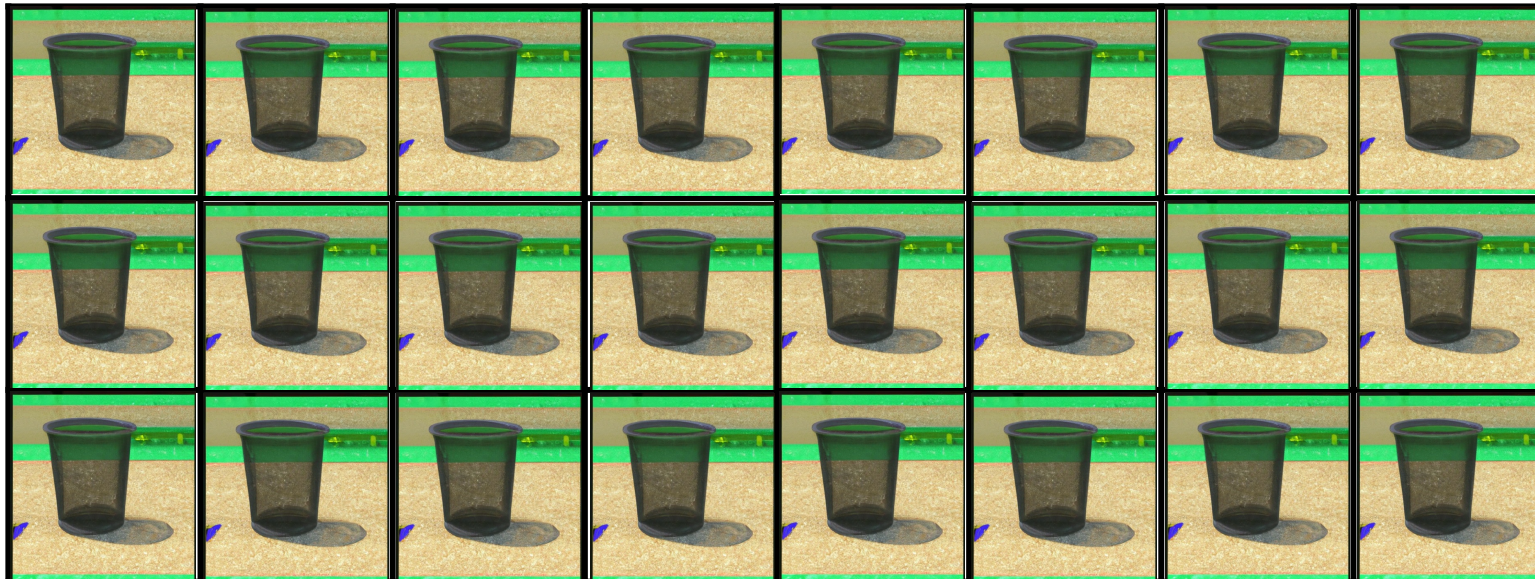
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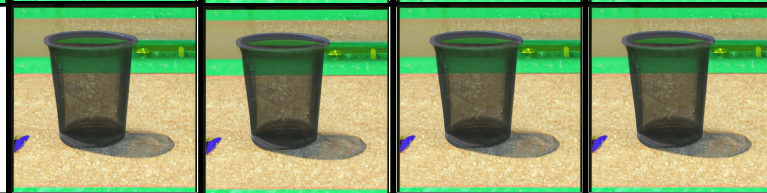
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33
y





12
temp



swap

0x45FA137D

b

0x45FA1379

a

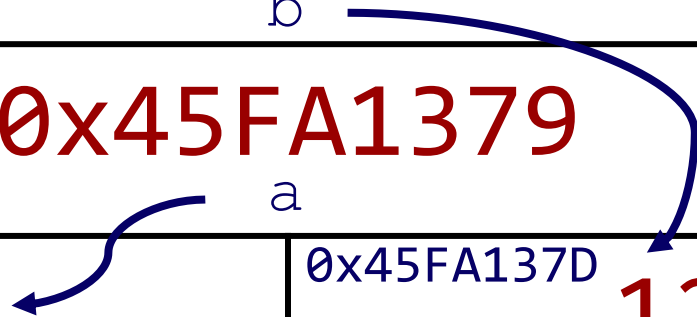
main

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x

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12
y





main

33
x

12
y

```
// Swap two int values.
```

```
void swap(int* a, int* b)
```

```
{
```

```
    int temp = *a;    // store contents of a in temp
```

```
    *a = *b;          // put contents of b into a
```

```
    *b = temp;        // put temp a into b
```

```
}
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int x = 12;
```

```
    int y = 33;
```

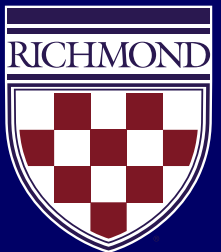
```
    swap(&x, &y);    // pass by reference (the addresses of x and y)
```

```
    cout << "x == " << x << "   y == " << y << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Ask a question



Today

- ~~Memory~~

- ~~Pointers~~



- ~~Garbage Values~~

- ~~Memory Layout~~

- In-class exercise



Credits

- Malan CS50 
 - Computer memory image and yellow grid
 - Lecture materials
- Open-AI  DALL-E
 - 3-D rendered garbage can image
- xkcd.com
 - Pointers comic: <https://xkcd.com/138/>
- Unsplash.com
 - Image of post office boxes