CS 220: Introduction to Parallel Computing

Pointers in Depth

Lecture 11

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HW1

- Grades are posted now
- If I missed your assignment, please let me know
- HW2 grading is underway

HW1 Review

- Don't forget to initialize your 'sum' variable to zero.
 - Might work, but might contain old values
 - In C, if you want something to be initialized, you're going to have to do it yourself!
- Remember that C is 0-based: if you set the first value you encounter to numbers[1], you're actually getting the 2nd value

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Pointers

- At this point, we've learned most of the basic C concepts
 - Hooray, we're done!
- We also need a lot more practice messing around with C pointers
- Do we pass in "&variable"? "*variable"? How do you create a pointer?
 - And what about double pointers?

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- Today's lab activity is a challenge: write the entire program without compiling it first
- You can work in groups of up to 3 members
- Detailed instructions are provided inside the file
- Once your team is finished, call me over to take a look
- Next up: linked lists