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int* foo;
int* soo;
int loo;
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foo = \&boo; // assume boo is located at 0x1000 with value 25 soo = foo + 2; // soo now has the value 0x1008 foo++; // foo now has the value 0x1004 loo = *(soo - 2); // loo now equals 25
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char* foo;
char* soo;
char loo;
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foo = &boo; // assume boo is located at 0x1000 with value 'a' soo = foo + 2; // soo now has the value 0x1002 foo++; // foo now has the value 0x1001 loo = *(soo - 2); // loo now equals 'a'
```