

I have a program that starts as follows:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef struct id {
    int i;
    double d;
} ID;

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    ID x, y;
    struct id z;
    ID *p;
    char s[20], *t;
```

Which of the following lines will not compile (answer all that apply)?

- A.** "Fred" = s;
- B.** y->d = 3.14;
- C.** x = y;
- D.** p->i = x.i;
- E.** s = t;
- F.** s = argv[1];
- G.** s[30] = 'J';
- H.** p = &z;
- I.** x.i = y.d;
- J.** s[19] = x.i;

## Answers to Clicker Questions for CStuff-1 Lecture

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- A. `"Fred" = s;` - This doesn't compile, because you can't set a string to anything.
- B. `y->d = 3.14;` - This doesn't compile because `y` is a struct and not a pointer. You need to do `"y.d"`.
- C. `x = y;` - This compiles fine. It will copy `y` to `x`. I don't like it, but it's legal.
- D. `p->i = x.i;` - This compiles fine. Now, I'm not saying it's going to run correctly. In particular, if we haven't initialized `p`, we'll be lucky to get a segmentation violation with this. However, it compiles fine.
- E. `s = t;` - This doesn't compile. You can't set an array to anything.
- F. `s = argv[1];` - This doesn't compile either for the same reason.
- G. `s[30] = 'J';` - This will compile, but some compilers will give you a warning, since you are accessing `s` out of bounds. Some compilers won't care.
- H. `p = &z;` - Perfectly legal.
- I. `x.i = y.d;` - This is legal, too. It will convert `y.d` to an integer.
- J. `s[19] = x.i;` - This is legal. It will convert `x.i` to a one-byte integer.

On question J, a student in 2024 asked the following question:

*I have a question about the last question for today's clicker. You said that assigning `x.i` to `s[19]` will typecast it to a "1 byte integer". I am not really sure what that means because to my understanding anything that is 1 byte is simply a char. How does the compiler know its an integer if it's one byte?*

I'm sorry for the confusion. A char is indeed a one-byte integer. It is either signed, in which case it ranges from -128 to 127, or it is unsigned, in which case it ranges from 0 to 255. Sometimes students get confused because chars represent characters, but those characters are just integers. Their character conversion is a standard called ASCII, which, for example, maps 'a' to 97 and 'A' to 65. They are not stored as characters, but they are stored as one-byte integers, so the string "Aa" is really stored in three one-byte integers: { 65, 97, 0 }.

In the clicker question, the variable `s` is declared as:

```
char s[20];
```

Which means that 20 bytes are allocated for `s`, and when you access `s[0]`, that will access the first of the 20 bytes, and when you access `s[19]`, that will access the last of the 20 bytes. When I say:

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s[19] = x.i;
```

I am saying store `x.i` in the last of these 20 bytes. Since `x.i` is an integer, it is first converted to a char (one-byte integer) before being stored. So, if `x.i = 0x123`, then `0x23` will be stored in `s[19]`.

I hope that helps answer your question -- JP