

# Enhancements to allocation and pointers

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# Automatic (re)allocation

Automatic (re)allocation occurs when the left-hand side is allocatable:

```
integer, dimension(:) :: x, y
```

```
allocate( x(4) )
```

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
y = 2 * x
```

Note: Some compilers (or versions thereof) require an explicit option for this to work.

# Intrinsic routine `move_alloc`

Transferring the allocated memory from one variable to another:

```
integer, dimension(:) :: x, y
```

```
allocate( x(4) )
```

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
call move_alloc( x, y )
```

```
write(*,*) 'X: ', allocated(x)
```

```
write(*,*) 'Y: ', allocated(y)
```

```
==> X: F
```

```
     Y: T
```

The allocated memory now belongs to variable `y`.  
Variable `x` becomes *unallocated*.

# New: procedure pointers

Pointers to functions and subroutines:

```
interface
  subroutine find( data, value, idx )
    real, dimension(:)  :: data
    real                 :: value
    integer, intent(out) :: idx
  end subroutine find
end interface
procedure(find), pointer :: fp      ! The routine to point must adhere to
                                   ! this interface

fp => find_with_margin  ! Select a specific implementation

call fp( data, 1.0, idx )
```

# Typed and source allocation

- Specify a type:

```
character(len=:), dimension(:), allocatable :: string
allocate( character(len=10):: string(25) )
```

- Specify a source:

```
character(len=10), dimension(:), allocatable :: &
    string1, string2
allocate( string1(25) ); string1 = A
allocate( string2, source = string1 )
    ! Copies values of string1 into string2
```

Note: each element of the array gets the same length

## Typed and source allocation (2)

- Useful if you have heterogeneous data structures like linked lists or trees
- Connection to objected-oriented features
- With typed allocation you can create character strings of varying length

Also:

```
a = [ character(len=10):: 1, abc, d ]  
b = [ type(mytype) :: ] ! Zero-sized array!
```