

Chapter 7: Arrays

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Arrays

- Arrays enabling storing multiple values under a single variable
- Lists are intuitive to humans, and arrays let us mimic a list of items
 - One note: in C++, all lists must have the same type.
- If multiple values are stored in a single variable, we need a way to access each value
- We access values stored in an array using **indices**, called *subscripts*
- Values inside of an array are *homogeneous*, meaning they all have the same type
 - Can't mix **ints** with **floats** or vice-versa
- Later we will introduce the idea of a *pointer*, which extend the use of arrays

Declaration and Initialization

- C++ arrays are declared in the following form

```
1 type name[number of elements];
```

- **type** specifies the type of every element in the array (since arrays are homogeneous, we only specify one type)
- **name** is the identifier/variable name we will use to refer to the array
- **number of elements** is the number of **type** elements that the array can store
- To declare an array of 6 integers called **numbers** we would use:

```
1 int numbers[6];
```

- To declare an array of 6 characters called **letters** we would use:

```
1 char letters[6];
```

- We can initialize the array when we declare it using curly braces and initialization values using an initializer list:

```
1 int point[6] = {0,3,1,6,7,2};
```

- Or we can only initialize the first few elements (this initializes the first 3):

```
1 int parital[6] = {1,2};
```

- We can also omit the size of the array and use the size of the initializer as the size of the array (this will have space for 6 integers):

```
1 int point[] = {0,3,1,6,7,2};
```

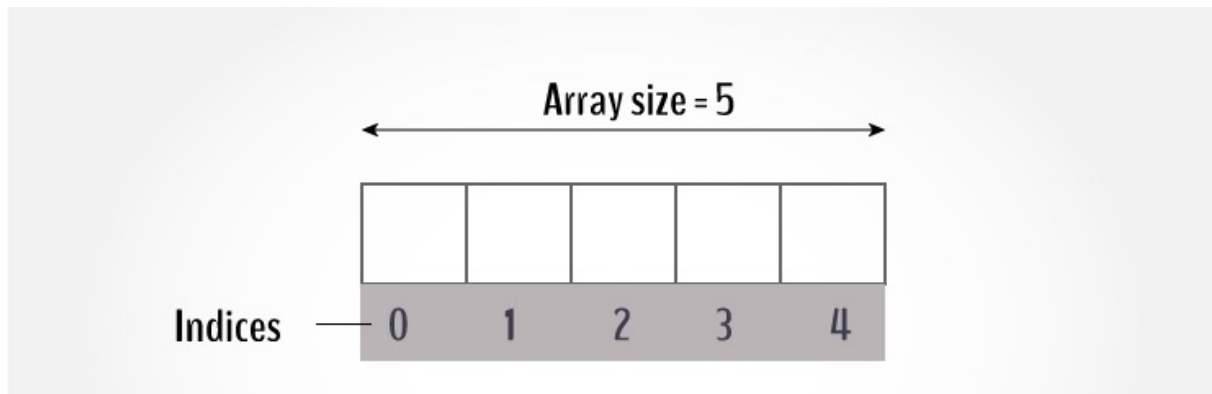


Figure 1: C++ Array

Array Access

- Now we know how to declare and initialize an array, but how do we access elements in an array?
- We'll use an *index* or *subscript* to specify which element of the array we want to access
- Arrays are 0-indexed in C, meaning the index of the first element in the array is 0, the second element in the array is 1, the third is 2, and so forth.
 - Important note: the last **valid** index in an array is the size-1. For instance, in an array of length 6 (an array that can store 6 elements), the last valid index is 5. 0-5 is 6 numbers.
- Example:

```
1 int point[6] = {0,3,1,6,7,2};  
2 int thirdEle = point[2]; // arrays are 0-indexed in C, so thirdEle will  
   have the value of 1
```

- What happens if you access an array with an index that is out of the bounds of the array (i.e. use 6 as an index to the `point` array)?
 - It depends. Sometimes the compiler can catch the error, but it's not guaranteed to.

- If your program executes, it will be in *undefined behavior* (UB), which means the rest of your program's output is rendered meaningless and unpredictable, even if it outputs the correct thing
 - * Undefined behavior is a large and somewhat esoteric definition, but the point is that C++ makes zero guarantee about what will happen after you've triggered undefined behavior.

- Examples:

```
1 char y;
2 int z = 9;
3 char point[6] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 };
4 //examples of accessing outside the array. A compile error is not
  always raised
5 y = point[15];
6 y = point[-4];
7 y = point[z];
```

- Your program may continue running normally after these cases, but you have entered UB. This must be avoided at all costs!
- But there's got to be a better way to make sure we stay within the bounds...
 - Well not for every case, but for any type of loop, we can use `sizeof()` to as the limit on the number of iterations the loop executes
 - Here's an example:

```
1 int i;
2 int arr[] = {3, 6, 9, 12, 15};
3
4 cout << "sizeof(arr): " << sizeof(arr) << endl;
5 cout << "sizeof(int): " << sizeof(int) << endl;
6
7 int arr_len = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(int);
8
9 cout << "array is length " << arr_len << endl;
10
11 for (i = 0; i < arr_len; ++i)
12 {
13     cout << "arr[" << i << "]: " << arr[i] << endl;
14 }
```

- This is a great way to ensure you stay within the bounds of the array!

Array size

- Note that for native C++ arrays, the array size is fixed after you declare the size.
 - It is not possible to make an array of length 6 and extend it to size 10, or shrink it to size 3 (or any size change)
 - We typically get around this by allocating more memory than we need, and use a variable to keep track of how much of the array is actually used.
- Array sizes cannot be changed, but later we learn about the `vector` class that allows resizing.
 - The `vector` class is part of the Standard Library, so it is not a functionality of the C++ language itself.

Passing arrays to functions

- To pass an array to a function, we'll pass the name of the variable of the array.
- However, in the function signature, we must tell the compiler we are passing an array:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 // [] after the variable name indicates the variable is an array
4 float average(float age[]);
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     float avg
9     float age[] = { 23.4, 55, 22.6, 3, 40.5, 18 };
10    int arr_len = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(float);
11
12    avg = average(age, age_len); /* Only name of array is passed as
13                                   argument. */
14
15    cout << "Average age=" << avg << endl;
16    return 0;
17 }
18 // [] after the variable name indicates the variable is an array
19 float average(float age[], size_t age_len)
20 {
21     int i;
22     float avg, sum = 0.0;
23     for (i = 0; i < age_len; ++i) {
24         sum += age[i];
25     }
```

```
26     avg = (sum / 6);
27     return avg;
28 }
```

Returning arrays from functions

- We'll have to introduce a symbol we will talk in greater detail about when we discuss pointers and passing-by-reference. We need to cover this for the homework assignment, but the concept will be covered later.
- We'll use the pointer type-qualifier `*` as a part of the return type to indicate we wish to return an array.
- Inside of the function, we'll return the symbol of the array **without accessing an element using an index**
- Example:

```
1 //NOTICE: the asterisk (star) next to int indicates we are returning an
  array
2 int* add_to_zeroth_element(int arr[], size_t arr_len, int value){
3     // this is just a dummy array operation, in practice you'll do
  wonderful and amazing things here
4     arr[0] += value;
5     // NOTICE: return the array, we don't use [] here, just the name of
  the array.
6     return arr;
7 }
8
9 int main(){
10     int arr[] = {1,2,3};
11     // notice the type here has to match the return type of the function.
  Exactly what's going on here will be covered with pointers.
12     int* result = add_to_zeroth_element(arr, 3, 5);
13 }
```

- Note that we aren't required to return the array. Since the array is effectively passed-by-reference, any changes we make to `arr` in `add_to_zeroth_element()` will persist in the `arr` in `main()`

Example: `fill_array_with_input.cpp`

```
1 // Array1.cpp : Defines the entry point for the console application.
2 //
```

```
3
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <cstdlib>
6 #include <fstream>
7 #include <cctype>
8 #include <string>
9
10 using namespace std;
11
12 void fillarraywithinput( int array[], const int& size );
13
14 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
15 {
16     int size = 1024;
17     int dataarray[ 1024 ];
18     int i;
19
20     // read from cin
21     fillarraywithinput( dataarray, size );
22
23     // sort
24     for (i = 0; i < size; i++)
25         for (int j = 0; j < size; j++)
26             if (dataarray[i] < dataarray[j]) {
27                 int temp = dataarray[ i ];
28                 dataarray[ i ] = dataarray[ j ];
29                 dataarray[ j ] = temp;
30             }
31
32     // print out
33     for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
34         cout << dataarray[i] << " ";
35     }
36     cout << endl;
37
38     return 0;
39 }
40
41 void fillarraywithinput( int array[], const int& size ) {
42     string data;
43     int k = 0;
44     int startcntr = 0, endcntr = 0;
45     cout << "Enter one line of data to sort" << endl;
```

```
46     getline( cin, data );
47     data += " "; // in case string does not end with whitespace
48     for (endcptr = 0; endcptr < data.length(); ++endcptr) {
49         if (isspace(data.at(endcptr)) && startcptr <= endcptr) {
50             string bit = data.substr( startcptr, endcptr - startcptr +
51                                     1 );
52             if (isspace( bit.at(0) )) {
53                 startcptr = endcptr + 1;
54                 continue;
55             }
56             int value = atoi( bit.c_str() );
57             array[ k++ ] = value;
58             startcptr = endcptr + 1;
59         }
60     }
61     size = k;
```

Multi-dimensional arrays

- Multi-dimensional arrays are arrays-of-arrays.
- The most basic multi-dimensional is a 2-dimensional array, which creates a rectangular array. Each row has the same number of columns.
- To get an int array with 3 rows and 5 columns, we write:

```
1 int arr[3][5];
```

- To access/modify a value in the array, we need two subscripts: one for the row we wish to access, and a second for the column we wish to access:

```
1 arr[1][3] = 5; // sets the element in the second row and fourth column
   to 5
```

- We can also initialize a multi-dimensional array in a similar fashion as a single-dimension array using an initializer list:

```
1 int two_d[2][3] = {{ 5, 2, 1 },
2                   { 6, 7, 8 }};
```

- The amount of columns must be explicitly specified, but the compiler will sort out how many rows are needed based on the initializer list. We could have written

```
1 int two_d[][3] = {{ 5, 2, 1 },
2                 { 6, 7, 8 }};
```

Passing multi-dimensional arrays to functions

- Exactly the same as passing single-dimension, except we must specify the number of columns
 - Can also specify both rows and columns if you only want a

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 void print_arr(int num[][2]);
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     const int nr=2, nc=2;
8     int num[nr][nc], i, j;
9     for (i = 0; i < nr; i++)
10    {
11        for (j = 0; j < nc; j++)
12        {
13            cout << "element - [" << i << "]"[" << j << "]: ";
14            cin >> num[i][j];
15        }
16    }
17    // passing multi-dimensional array to function
18    print_arr(num, nr);
19
20    return 0;
21 }
22
23 void print_arr(int num[][2], size_t num_len)
24 {
25     int i, j;
26     for (i = 0; i < num_len; ++i)
27     {
28         for (j = 0; j < 2; ++j)
29         {
30             cout << num[i][j] << " ";
31         }
32         cout << endl;
33     }
```


34 }

Returning multi-dimensional arrays from functions

- This is a bit trickier and we will cover this when we cover pointers

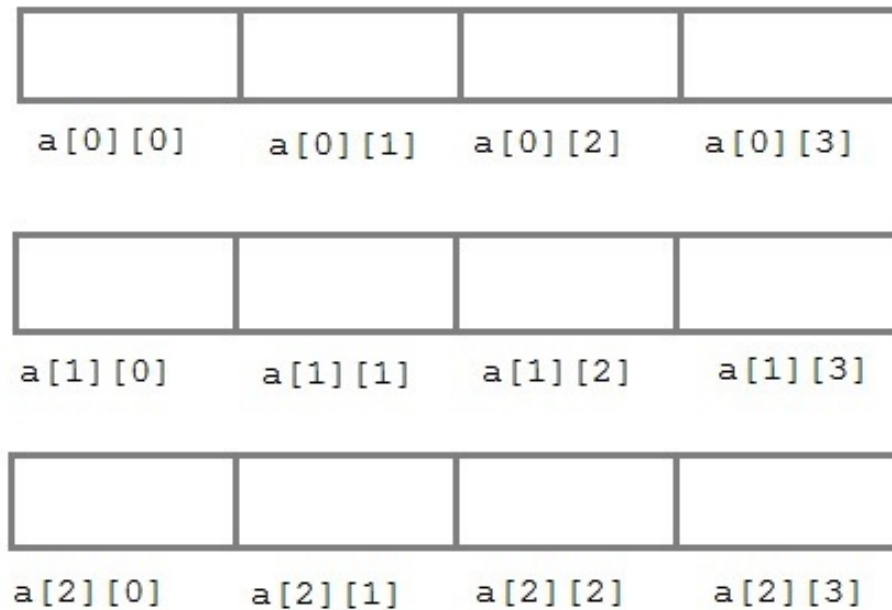


Figure 2: Multi-dimensional arrays

Exercises

1. Write a program in C++ to store 10 elements inputted by the user and write a function to print the contents of the array.

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 using namespace std;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     int arr[10];
8     int i;
```

```
9  cout << "\n\nRead and Print elements of an array:\n";
10 cout << "-----\n";
11
12 cout << "Input 10 elements in the array :\n";
13 for(i=0; i<10; i++)
14 {
15     cout << "element - " << i << " : ";
16     cin >> arr[i];
17 }
18
19 cout << "\nElements in array are: ";
20 for(i=0; i<10; i++)
21 {
22     cout << arr[i] << " ";
23 }
24 cout << endl;
25 }
```

2. Write a program in C++ to prompt for the number of elements the user wishes to input ($n < 100$) and then prompt for the user to input each element. Then print all unique elements in an array.

```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main()
6  {
7      int arr1[100], n, count_ele = 0;
8      int i, j, k;
9
10     cout << "Input the number of elements to be stored in the array (must
        be less than 100):";
11     cin >> n;
12
13     cout << "Input " << n << " elements in the array:\n";
14     for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
15     {
16         cout << "element - " << i << " : ";
17         cin >> arr1[i];
18     }
19
20     /*Checking duplicate elements in the array */
21     cout << "\nThe unique elements found in the array are: \n";
```

```
22  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
23  {
24      count_ele = 0;
25
26      /*Check duplicate before the current position and
27       increase counter by 1 if found.*/
28      for (j = i - 1; j >= 0; j--)
29      {
30          /*Increment the counter when the search value is duplicate.*/
31          if (arr1[i] == arr1[j])
32          {
33              count_ele++;
34          }
35      }
36      /*Check duplicate after the current position and increase counter
37       by 1 if found.*/
38      for (k = i + 1; k < n; k++)
39      {
40          /*Increment the counter when the search value is duplicate.*/
41          if (arr1[i] == arr1[k])
42          {
43              count_ele++;
44          }
45      }
46      /*Print the value of the current position of the array as unique
47       value
48       when counter remain contains its initial value (zero).*/
49      if (count_ele == 0)
50      {
51          cout << arr1[i] << " ";
52      }
53      cout << "\n\n";
54  }
```

3. Write a program in C++ to store a 2x2 2-dimensional array. Elements are inputted by the user. Print the matrix and find the sum of rows and columns of the matrix.

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <iomanip>
3
4  using namespace std;
5
```

```
6 int main()
7 {
8     const int n = 2;
9     int arr1[n][n], rsum[n], csum[n];
10
11     cout << "Input elements in the 2x2 matrix:\n";
12     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
13     {
14         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
15         {
16             cout << "element - [" << i << "]"[" << j << "]: ";
17             cin >> arr1[i][j];
18         }
19     }
20     cout << "The matrix is:\n";
21     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
22     {
23         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
24             cout << std::setfill('0') << std::setw(4) << arr1[i][j] << " ";
25         cout << endl;
26     }
27
28     /* Sum of rows */
29     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
30     {
31         rsum[i] = 0;
32         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
33             rsum[i] = rsum[i] + arr1[i][j];
34     }
35
36     /* Sum of Column */
37     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
38     {
39         csum[i] = 0;
40         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
41             csum[i] = csum[i] + arr1[j][i];
42     }
43
44     cout << "The sum of the rows the matrix is:\n";
45     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
46     {
47         cout << std::setfill('0') << std::setw(4) << rsum[i] << " " << endl
48             ;
49     }
50 }
```

```
48     }
49     cout << endl << "The sum of the cols the matrix is: " << endl;
50     for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
51     {
52         cout << std::setfill('0') << std::setw(4) << csum[j] << " " << endl
53             ;
54     }
54     cout << endl << endl;
55 }
```