

Activity: Long Test	
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<b>1. Objectives</b>	
<p><b>An array is a special variable, which can hold more than one value at a time.</b></p> <p>This has a built in operations such as:</p> <p><b>append()</b> which Adds an element at the end of the list, <b>clear()</b> Removes all the elements from the list, <b>copy()</b> Returns a copy of the list, and etc. (<small>([#] Author(s). "Title of document," Publisher, Year. [Online]. Available: URL. [Accessed: Date].)</small>)</p> <p><b>This activity aims to demonstrate the following techniques and principles:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insert the underscore ( <code>_</code> ) symbol within each name types.</li> <li>2. Display the characters each array of names.</li> <li>3. Display the full name with underscore ( <code>_</code> ) symbol as a single string using the join function.</li> <li>4. Lastly, traverse each characters afterwards.</li> </ol>	
<b>2. Discussion</b>	
<p>Nowadays, people make new accounts everywhere. Although some might be aware of how this simple function works, there are still quite a few people who aren't well educated enough to know these. That is why, as a Computer Engineering student, basics like these are important for us, as this explains how each actions we do on the internet functions. Array explains how variables can hold more than one value at a time. Not many people are aware but they are actually using array on everyday internet life, it is just a matter of how deep a human can recognize and appreciate this function.</p>	
<b>3. Materials and Equipment</b>	
<p>For this activity, I used Google Colab to write a program about an array function of my full name. With the help of w3school.com to assist me during the procedure. Lastly, I used GitHub to upload my work. Also, I used my laptop because it is such a hassle to use the computer due to slow internet speed.</p>	
<b>4. Procedure</b>	
<p>At first, I tried the "trial and error method", I used different methods to get the best answer I can have. I tried three different methods. One of which is appending each letters of my name which is a little bit redundant and it takes so long to type each of them. That's why I used a better function which is for loop to enumerate each characters which is inside each of my name types. I printed each name types and then display them as a one string. After that, I traverse each characters and display their index.</p>	
<b>5. Output</b>	

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My first name is:
['J', 'E', 'R', 'I', 'C', 'K']

My second name is:
['D', 'A', 'V', 'E']

My middle name is:
['D', 'O', 'N', 'O']

My last name is:
['A', 'D', 'O', 'R', 'A', 'C', 'I', 'O', 'N']

My full name is:
['J', 'E', 'R', 'I', 'C', 'K', '_', 'D', 'A', 'V', 'E', '_', 'D', 'O', 'N', 'O', '_', 'A', 'D', 'O', 'R', 'A', 'C', 'I', 'O', 'N']

As single string:
JERICK_DAVE_DONO_ADORACION

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*Figure 1: Output of name types*

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As single string:
JERICK_DAVE_DONO_ADORACION

Traversing each character array:
  INDEX | CHARACTER
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Index 0 | 'J'
Index 1 | 'E'
Index 2 | 'R'
Index 3 | 'I'
Index 4 | 'C'
Index 5 | 'K'
Index 6 | '_'
Index 7 | 'D'
Index 8 | 'A'
Index 9 | 'V'
Index 10 | 'E'
Index 11 | '_'
Index 12 | 'D'
Index 13 | 'O'
Index 14 | 'N'
Index 15 | 'O'
Index 16 | '_'
Index 17 | 'A'
Index 18 | 'D'
Index 19 | 'O'
Index 20 | 'R'
Index 21 | 'A'
Index 22 | 'C'
Index 23 | 'I'
Index 24 | 'O'
Index 25 | 'N'

Total characters: 26

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*Figure 2: Output of traversed characters and their corresponding indexes*

## 6. Conclusion

This activity really opened my eyes! As a Computer Engineering newbie, I

always thought arrays were some complex, intimidating concept in programming, but now I realize they're everywhere in our digital lives. When I first started, I had no idea that something as simple as storing my name could teach me so much about how computers manage data.

I remember struggling at first—typing each letter individually with `append()` felt like a slow, repetitive process. But then I discovered the `for` loop, and it was like magic! Breaking down "JERICK" into the list `['J', 'E', 'R', 'I', 'C', 'K']` made me feel like a real programmer.

The coolest part came when I used the `join()` function to stitch everything together with underscores. Seeing "JERICK\_DAVE\_DONO\_ADORACION" appear on screen was such a satisfying moment—it actually worked! And when I traversed each character and checked out the 26 positions with their indices, I finally understood how computers track things so accurately.

This activity showed me that even simple tasks we do online, like creating usernames or filling out forms, rely on array concepts. As a CpE student, I'm starting to realize how important these fundamentals are for understanding more complex topics down the road. I'm still a beginner, but now I actually get why arrays are so useful in programming.

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