ECE 220 Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture 17 – Strings and Multi-dimensional Arrays July 9, 2020



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Arrays Recap

- Array of size n has indices 0, 1, ... n-1
- Array is pass by reference (pointer to the first element) in C
- Importance of array bounds checking

```
int array[3] = {1,3,5};
int *ptr = array; /* same as 'int *ptr = &array[0];' */
int i;
for (i=0; i<3; i++, ptr++){
   *(ptr + 1) = *ptr + 1;
}</pre>
```

Strings

```
Allocate space for a string just like any other array:
  char outputString[16];
Space for string must contain room for terminating zero.
Special syntax for initializing a string:
  char outputString[16] = "Result = ";
...which is the same as:
  outputString[0] = 'R';
  outputString[1] = 'e';
  outputString[2] = 's';
```

Null terminating strings – '\0' special sequence that corresponds to the null character.



Multi-dimensional Arrays

int a [2][3]; Row 0
Row 1

| Column 0 | Column 1 | Column 2 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| a[0][0] | a[0][1] | a[0][2] |
| a[1][0] | a[1][1] | a[1][2] |

In memory

| a[0][0] | |
|---------|--|
| a[0][1] | |
| a[0][2] | |
| a[1][0] | |
| a[1][1] | |
| a[1][2] | |
| | |

^{*} multi-dimensional array is stored in row-major order



Initialize Multi-dimensional Array

```
int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};
or
int a[][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};
or
int a[2][3] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
```



Exercise: implement a function that interchanges two rows of a 5x5 matrix. The functions takes three arguments: pointer to the matrix, row number x and row number y.

```
#define N 5
void row_interchange(int matrix[N][N], int row_x, int row_y){
```

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