

# Computer Programming

*C++*

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# Arrays in C++

- Arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable, instead of declaring separate variables for each value.

```
string cars[4];
```

```
string cars[4] = {"Maruti Suzuki", "Honda", "Ford", "Kia"};
```

```
int myNum[3] = {10, 20, 30};
```

- a collection of a fixed number of components wherein all of the components have the same data type

Do we need to state the size of the array if initialized during declaration?

# Arrays in C++

arr[0]

arr[1]

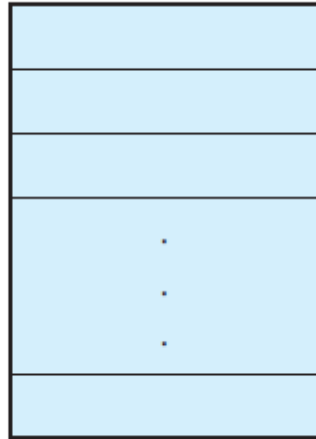
arr[2]

.

.

.

arr[9]



```
int arr[10]; // memory space is 10 * sizeof(int);
```

# Arrays in C++

- Access the elements of an array by referring to index number.
- Array indexes start with 0: [0] is the first element. [1] is the second element, etc.

```
cout << cars[2]; // → Ford
```



- An element of an array can be changed by referring to the index of that element.

```
string cars[4] = {"Maruti Suzuki", "Honda", "Ford", "Kia"};
```

```
cars[0] = "Toyota";
```

```
cout << cars[0]; // → Toyota
```

# Arrays in C++

Let us try to create an array, which has size of 10, and elements are sum of previous two elements. Initial two elements are 0 and 1.

```
int list[10];  
list[0] = 0;  
list[1] = 1;  
  
for (int i = 2; i < 10; i++) {  
    list[i] = list[i-2] + list[i-1];  
    cout << list[i] << "\n";  
}
```

TODO: write a program to determine the maximum element from an integer array.

# Arrays in C++

- Array Index out of bound → if someone attempts to access the element at a position which does not exist or is higher than the *size of the array* – 1.
- Arrays can be initialised during declaration; size is not required.

```
string cars[] = {"Maruti Suzuki", "Honda", "Ford", "Kia"};
```

TODO: Try output of the following...

```
string cars[5] = {"Maruti Suzuki", "Honda", "Ford", "Kia"};  
cout << cars[4];
```

# Copying an Array

```
int firstArr[50];  
int secondArr[50];
```

To copy, can we simply use the assignment operator?

```
firstArr = secondArr;
```

```
for (int i=0;i<50;i++){  
    firstArr [i] = secondArr[i];  
}
```

Similarly, there is no aggregate input/ output for arrays, aggregate arithmetic, etc.

# Initializing Arrays in a loop

```
int a[10];

int length = sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]);

for(int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
    a[i] = 0;
}

int num;
cout << "Enter the number of students" << endl;
cin >> num;

int a[num];
for(int i = 0; i < num; i++) {
    cout << "Enter the " << i << "th number." << endl;
    cin >> a[i];
    cout << a[i];
}
```



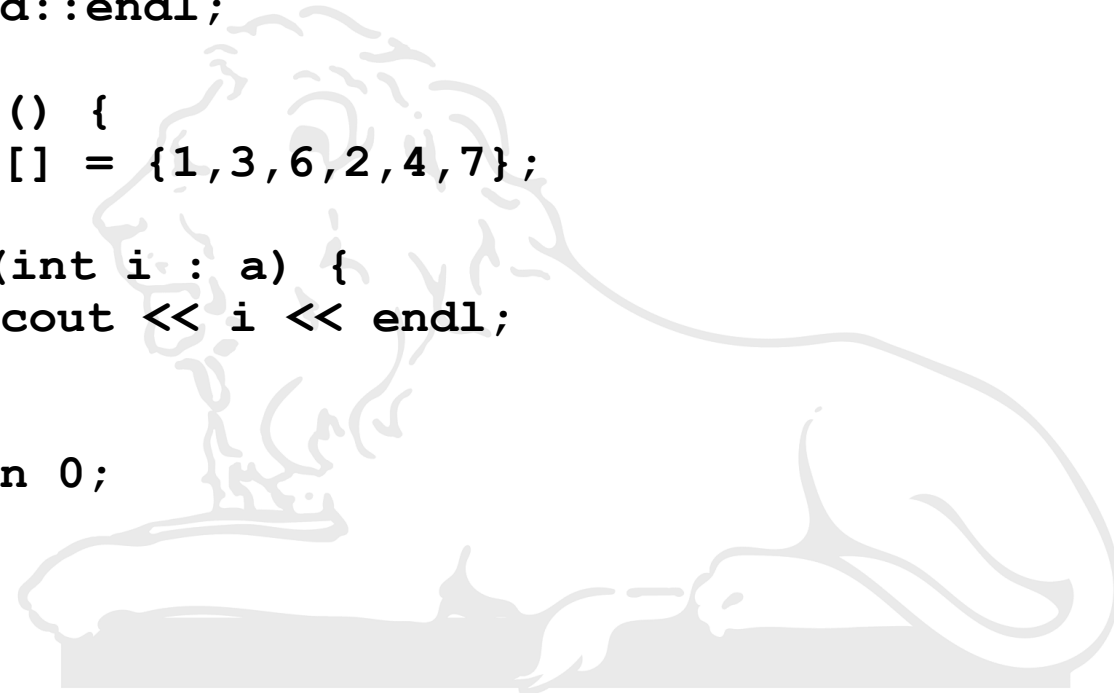
# Looping over array

```
#include <iostream>
#include<array>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

int main() {
    int a[] = {1,3,6,2,4,7};

    for (int i : a) {
        cout << i << endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

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# Looping over array

```
#include <iostream>
#include<array>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

int main() {
    float a [] = {5.0, 3.2, 6.6, 2.4, 4.0, 7.9};

    for (int i : a) {
        cout << i << endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

What will be the output of the above program?

# 2D Arrays in C++

- Also known as matrix `string sales[10][5];`

sales	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]					
[1]					
[2]					
[3]					
[4]					
[5]					
[6]					
[7]					

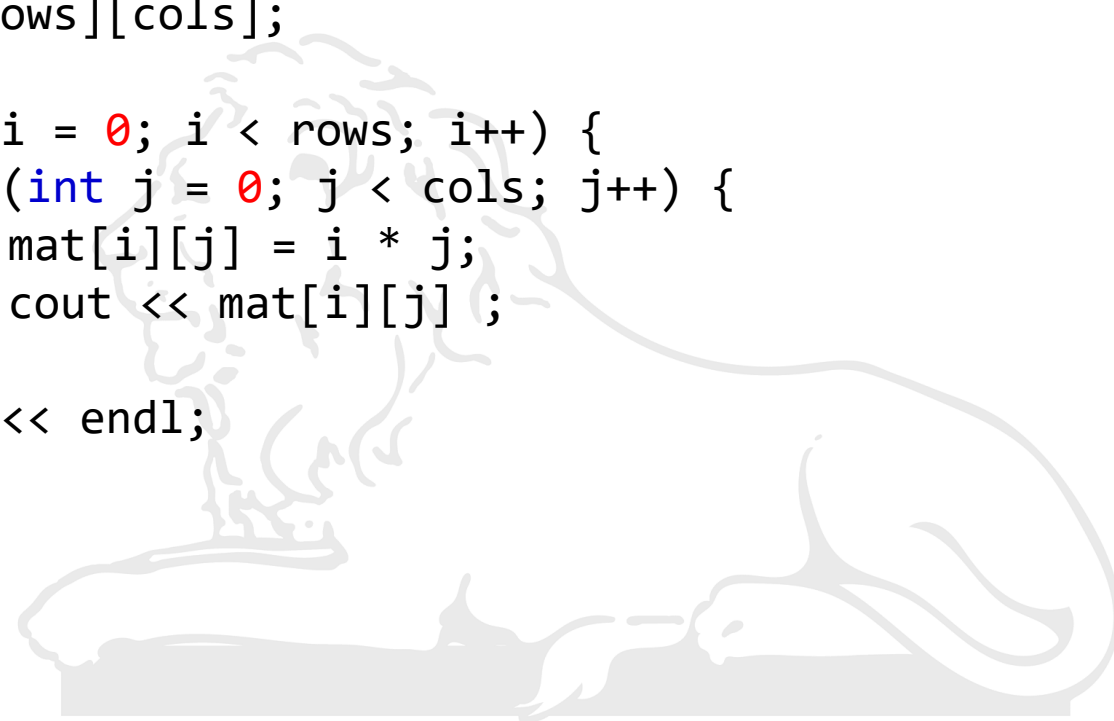
  

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2
Row 0	<code>x[0][0]</code>	<code>x[0][1]</code>	<code>x[0][2]</code>
Row 1	<code>x[1][0]</code>	<code>x[1][1]</code>	<code>x[1][2]</code>
Row 2	<code>x[2][0]</code>	<code>x[2][1]</code>	<code>x[2][2]</code>

# 2D Arrays in C++

```
int rows = 2;
int cols = 2;
int mat[rows][cols];

for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < cols; j++) {
        mat[i][j] = i * j;
        cout << mat[i][j] ;
    }
    cout<< endl;
}
```

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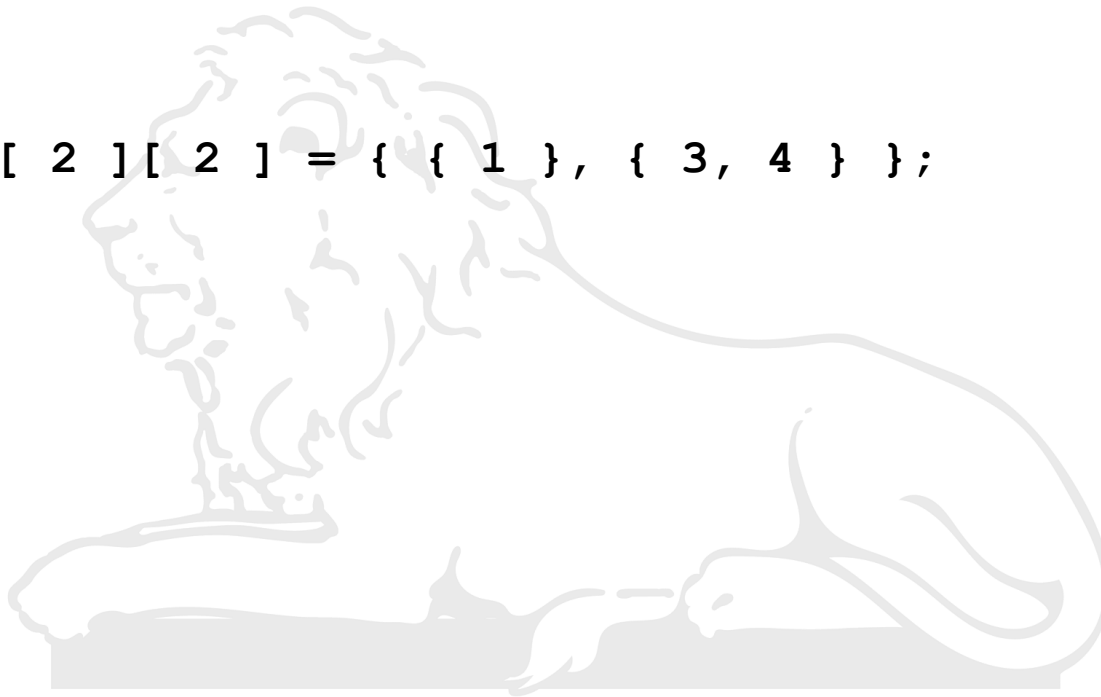
# 2D Arrays in C++

```
int b[ 2 ][ 2 ] = { {1, 2}, {3, 4}};
```

1	2
3	4

```
int b[ 2 ][ 2 ] = { { 1 }, { 3, 4 } };
```

1	0
3	4



# 2D Arrays in C++

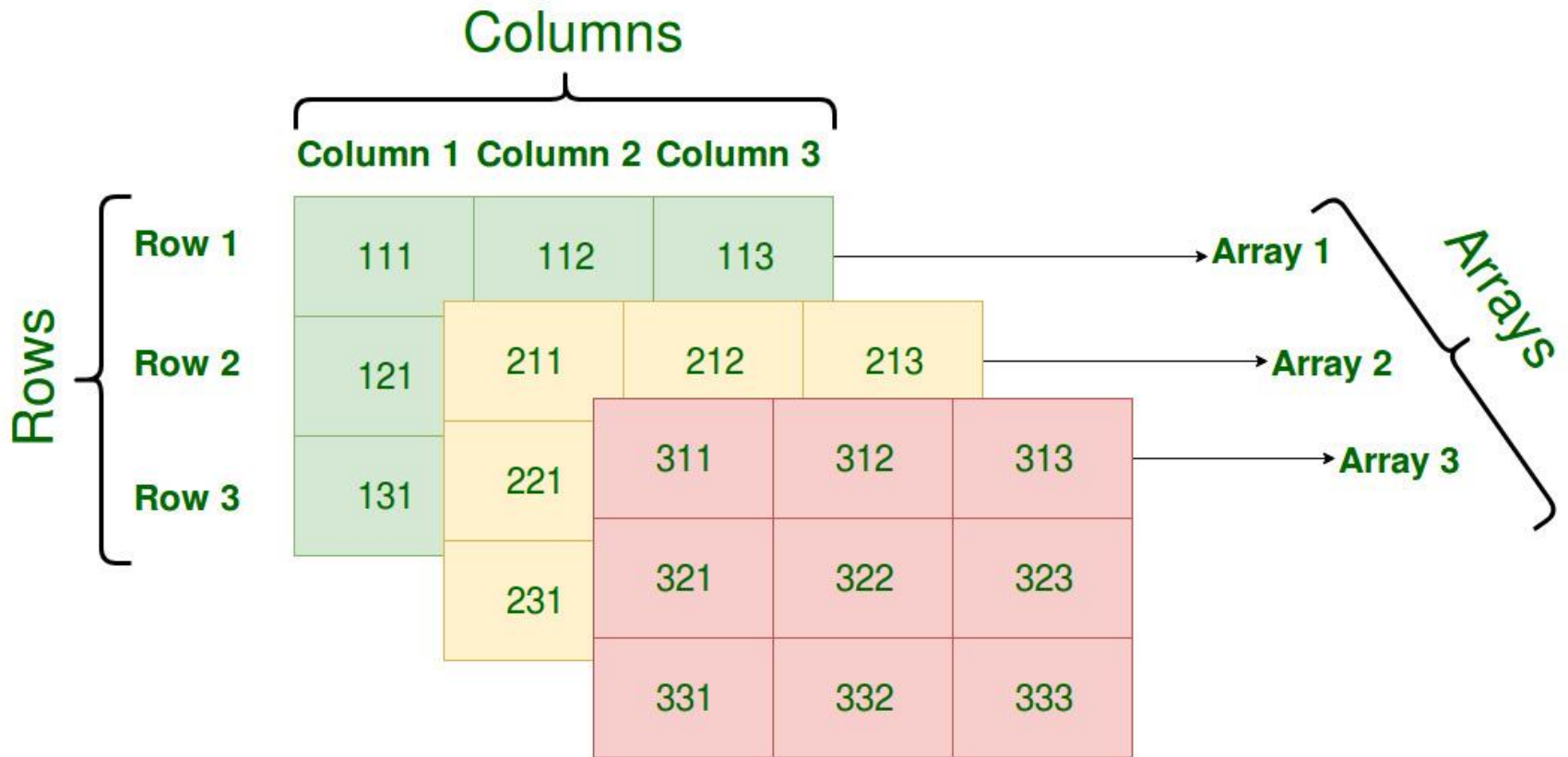
```
int x[3][4] = {0, 1 ,2 ,3 ,4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 , 11}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {  
        cout << x[i][j] << ' ';  
    }  
    cout<< endl;  
}
```

// a better way

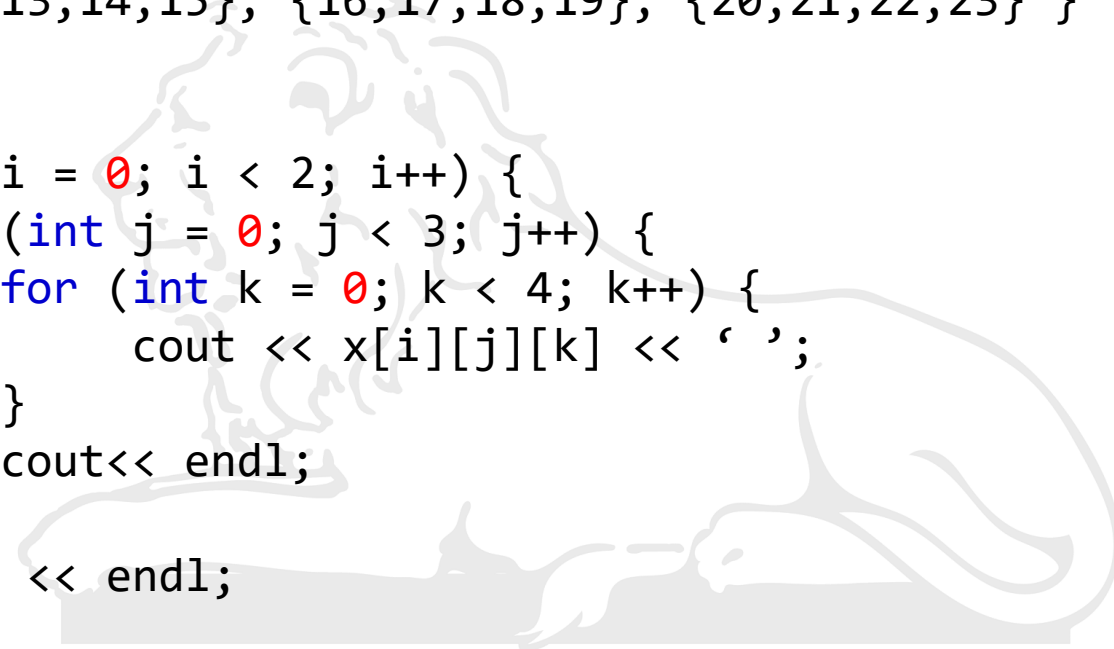
```
int x[3][4] = {  
    {0, 1 ,2 ,3},  
    {4, 5 , 6 , 7},  
    {8 , 9 , 10 , 11}  
}
```

# 3D Arrays in C++



# 3D Arrays in C++

```
int x[2][3][4] =  
{  
    { {0,1,2,3}, {4,5,6,7}, {8,9,10,11} },  
    { {12,13,14,15}, {16,17,18,19}, {20,21,22,23} }  
};  
  
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {  
        for (int k = 0; k < 4; k++) {  
            cout << x[i][j][k] << ' ';  
        }  
        cout << endl;  
    }  
    cout << endl;  
}
```

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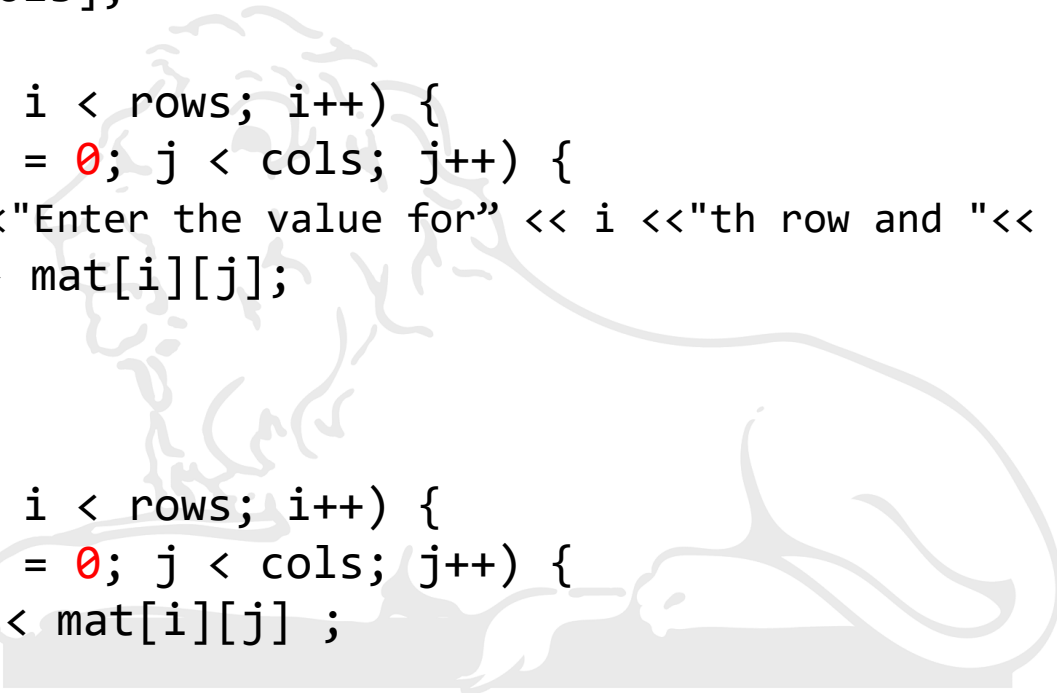


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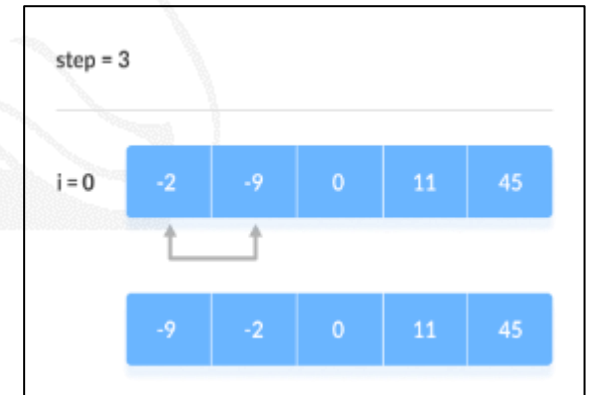
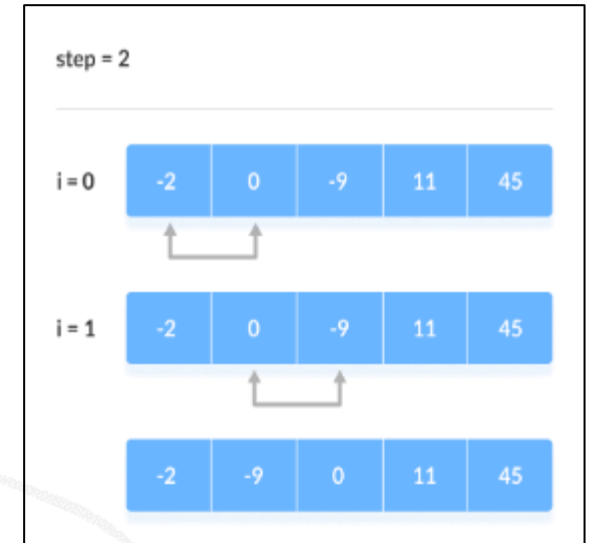
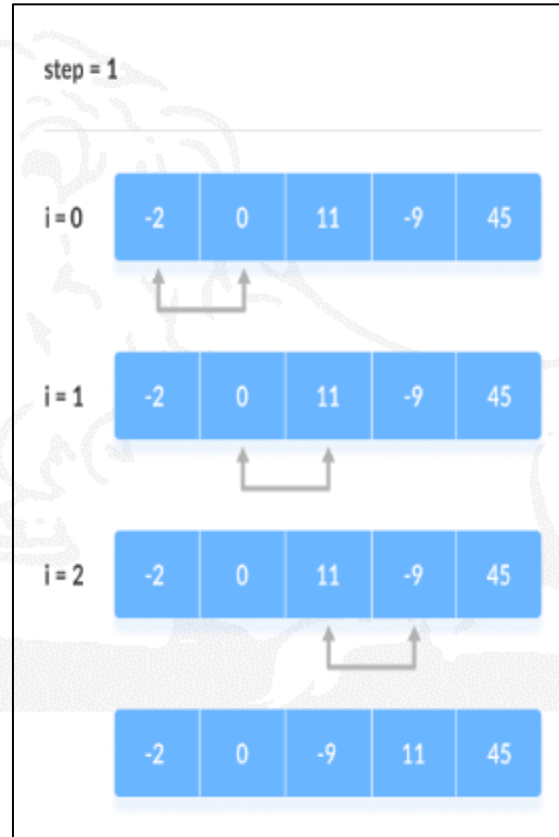
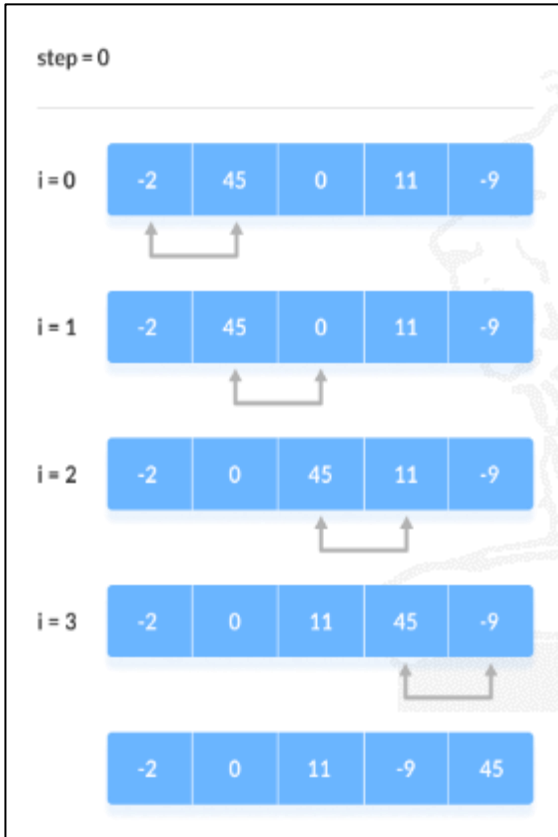
```
int rows = 2;
int cols = 2;
int mat[rows][cols];

for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < cols; j++) {
        cout << "Enter the value for" << i << "th row and " << j << "th column!";
        cin >> mat[i][j];
    }
}

for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < cols; j++) {
        cout << mat[i][j] ;
    }
    cout << endl;
}
```

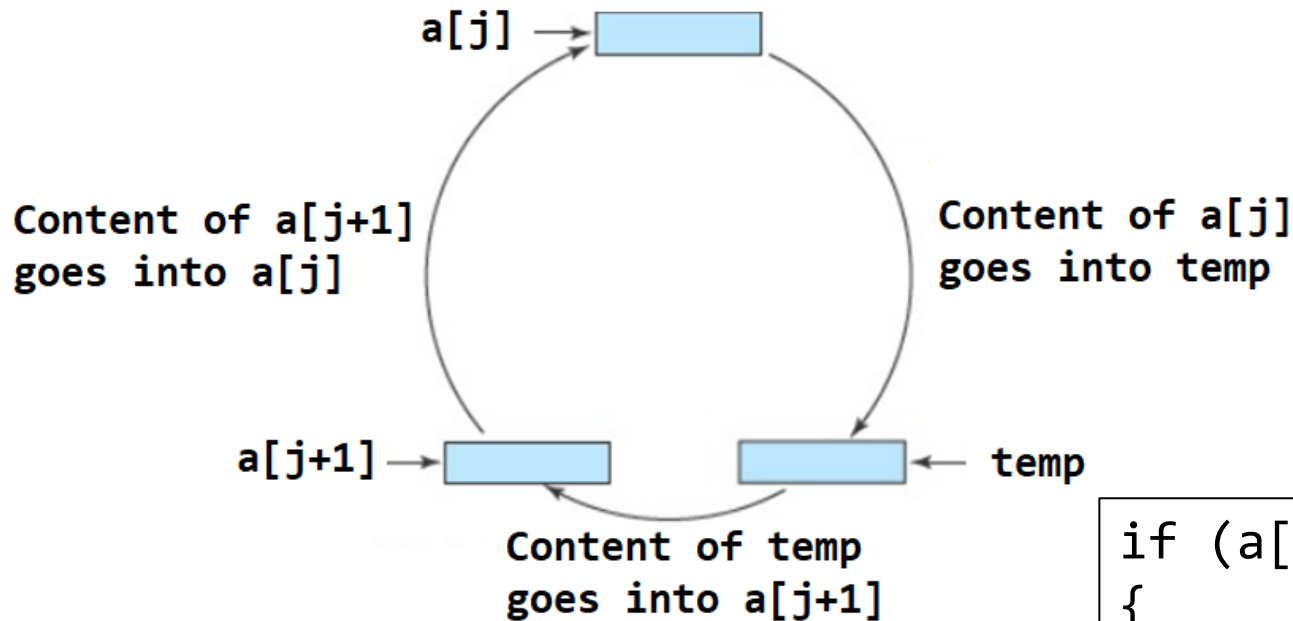
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## Bubble Sorting





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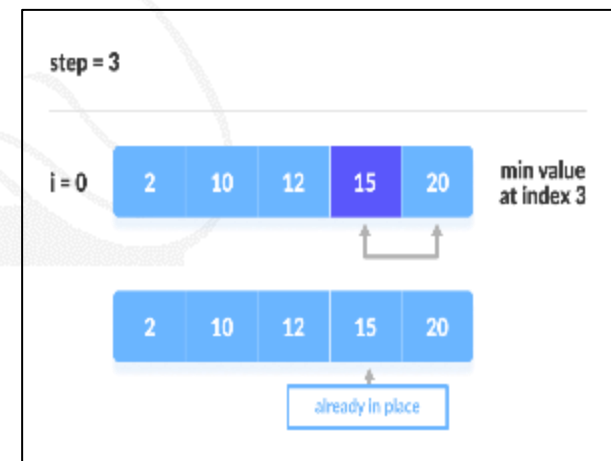
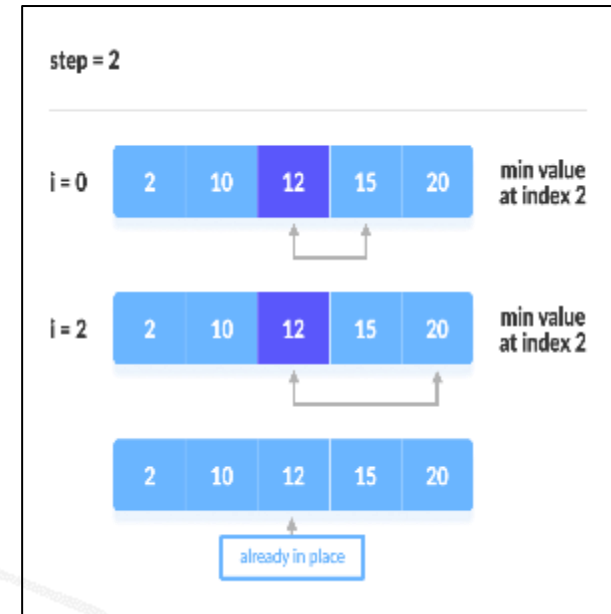
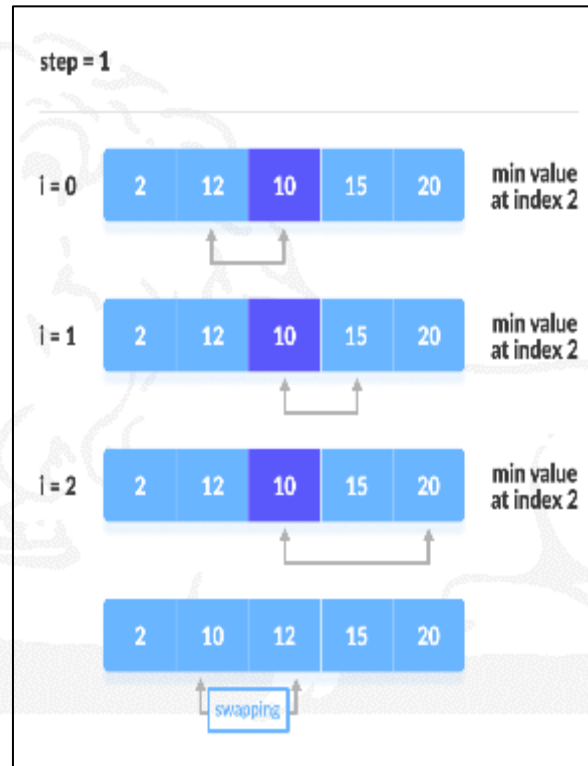
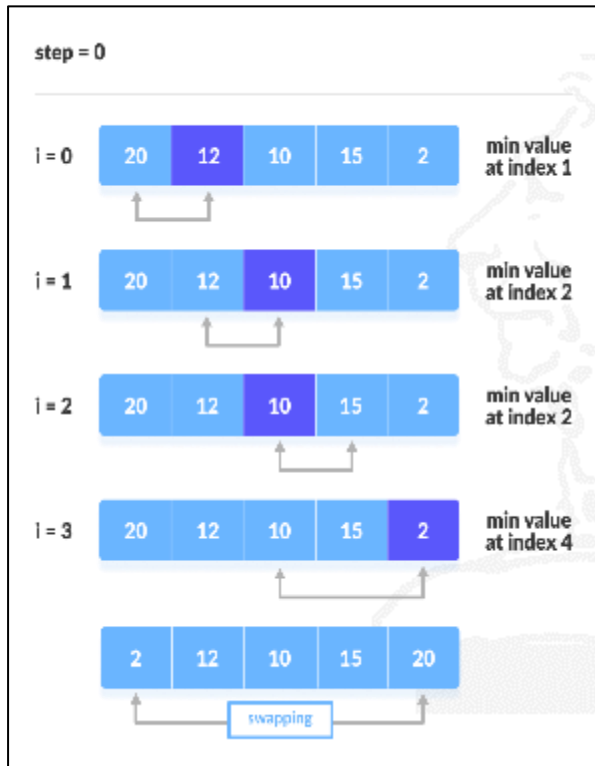


```
if (a[j]>a[j+1])
{
    int temp = a[j];
    a[j]      = a[j+1];
    a[j+1]    = temp;
}
```

# Arrays-Examples



## Selection Sorting





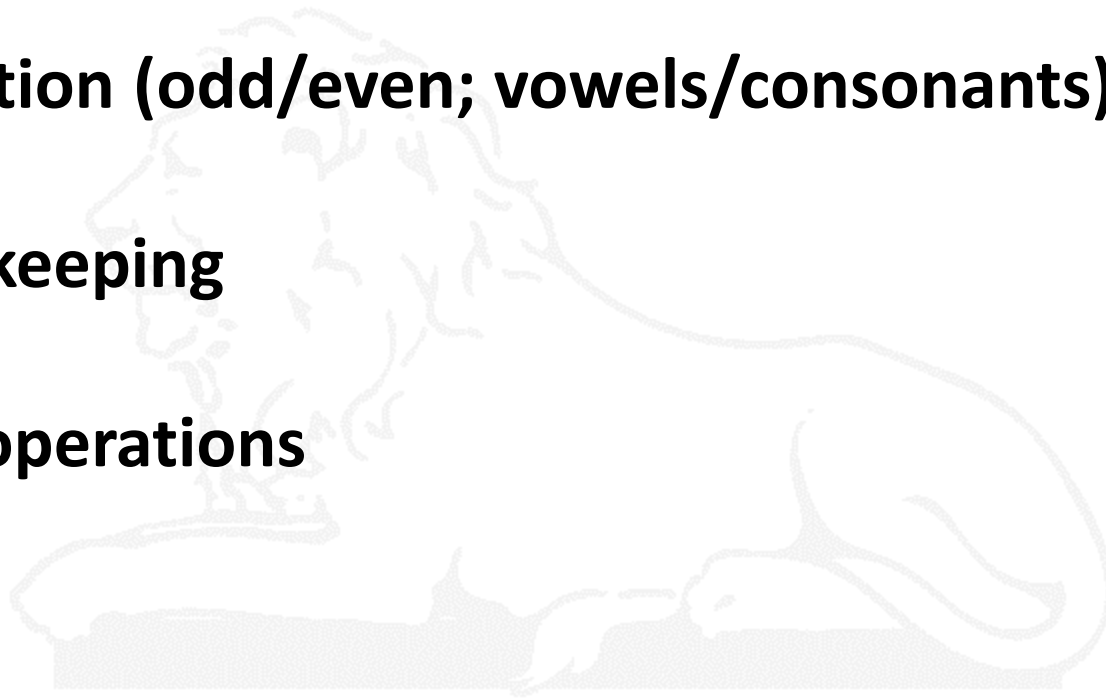
# Arrays-Examples

**Palindromes**

**Segregation (odd/even; vowels/consonants)**

**Record keeping**

**Matrix operations**



# Functions in C++

- A **function** is a block of code which **only** runs whenever it is called.
- You can pass data, known as parameters, into a function.
- Functions are used to perform certain action(s).
- Functions are useful when a block of code is to be used again and again.
- **main()** is one of the pre-defined function

# Functions in C++

If  $f(x) = 2x + 5$ ,

then  $f(1) = 7$ ,

$f(2) = 9$ , and

$f(3) = 11$

1, 2, and 3 are arguments

7, 9, and 11 are the corresponding values (returned values)

predefined mathematical functions are:

`sqrt(x)`

`pow(x, y)`

`floor(x)`

# Functions in C++

```
void myFunction() {  
    // code to be executed  
}
```

- “myFunction” is name of the function
- “void” means that the function does not have a return value.
- “code to be executed” → body of the function (code that defines what the function should do)
- “()” → no data is passed



# Functions in C++



Function name

↓

long func (int, double);

↑                      ↑                      ↑

Function type  
= type of return value                      Types of arguments

A diagram illustrating the components of a C++ function signature. The signature 'long func (int, double);' is centered. An arrow points from the text 'Function name' above to 'func'. An arrow points from the text 'Function type = type of return value' below to 'long'. Two arrows point from the text 'Types of arguments' below to 'int' and 'double' respectively.

# Functions in C++

- Declared functions are not executed immediately. They are "saved for later use", and will be executed later, when they are called.
- To call a function, write the function's name followed by two parentheses () and a semicolon ;

```
// Create a function
void fun() {
    cout << "My first function.\n";
}

int main() {
    fun(); // calling the function
    fun(); // calling multiple times
    fun(); // calling multiple times
    return 0;
}
```

Try to declare the "fun" after "main".

# Functions in C++

- If there are many functions, they are declared above “main” and then functions can be defined after “main”.
- This will make the code better organized.

```
// function declaration
void fun();

// The main method
int main() {
    fun(); // call the function
    return 0;
}

// Function definition
void fun() {
    cout << "My first function.\n";
}
```

# Function parameters

```
void myFun(parameter1, parameter2, parameter3) {  
    // code to be executed  
}
```

```
void myFun(string fname) {  
    cout << fname << endl;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    myFun("Anjaneya Dixit");  
    myFun("Amit Agarwal");  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Function default parameter

```
void myFun(string fname, string country="India") {  
    cout << fname << "is from " << country << endl;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    myFun("Amit Agarwal");  
    myFun("Anjaneya Dixit", "USA");  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Function return value

```
int myFun(string fname, string country="India") {  
    cout << fname << "is from " << country << endl;  
    return fname.size();  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int s = myFun("Amit Agarwal");  
    cout << s << endl;  
    int k = myFun("Anjaneya Dixit", "USA");  
    cout << k << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Function return value

```
int myFun(string fname, string country {  
    cout << fname << "is from " << country << endl;  
    return fname.size();  
}
```

Is the following correct?

```
int main() {  
    int z = myFun("Amit");  
    cout << z << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Function return value

```
int multiply(int x, int y) {  
    return x * y;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int z = multiply(5, 3);  
    cout << z << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

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TODO: write a function for factorial 'n'



# Function: overloading

multiple functions can have the same name with different parameters

```
int myFun(int x)
float myFun(float x)
double myFun(double x, double y)

int sumInteger(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}

double sumDouble(double x, double y) {
    return x + y;
}

int main() {
    int myNum1 = sumInteger(3, 4);
    double myNum2 = sumDouble(2.1, 2.9);
    return 0;
}
```

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Overload the function

# Function: overloading

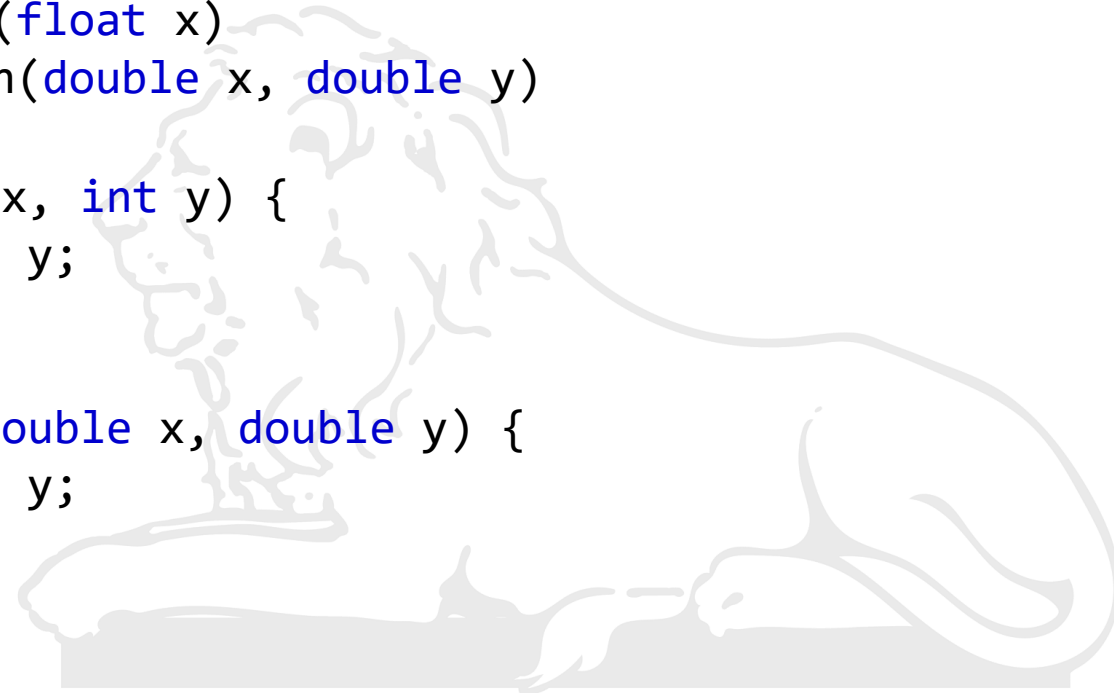
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```
int myFun(int x)
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double myFun(double x, double y)

int sum(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}

double sum(double x, double y) {
    return x + y;
}

int main() {
    int myNum1 = sum(3, 4);
    double myNum2 = sum(2.1, 2.9);
    return 0;
}
```

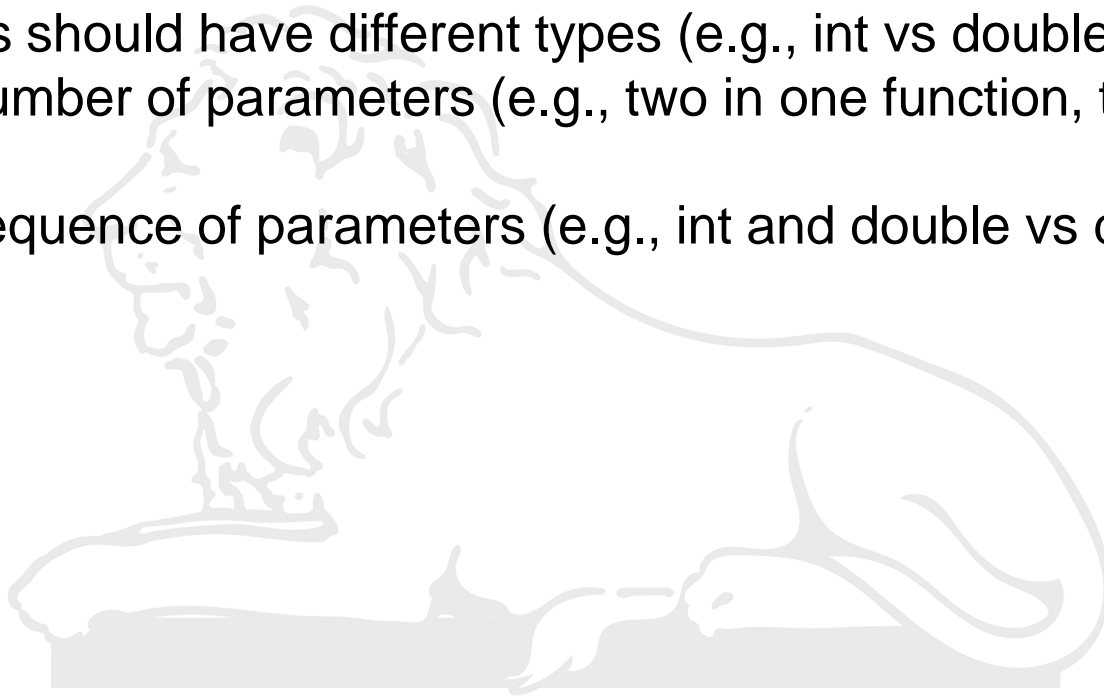
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# Function: overloading

multiple functions can have the same name with different parameters

Conditions:

- Parameters should have different types (e.g., int vs double)
- Different number of parameters (e.g., two in one function, three in another)
- Different sequence of parameters (e.g., int and double vs double and int)



# Function: random numbers

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int main() {

    unsigned int seed;
    int n1, n2, n3;

    cout << "Enter an integer value " ;
    cout << "(i.e., seed for Random number generator" << endl;
    cin >> seed;
    srand(seed);

    n1 = rand();
    n2 = rand();
    n3 = rand();

    cout << n1 << ' ' << n2 << ' ' << n3 << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# Function: *srand()*

function

## **srand**

<cstdlib>

```
void srand (unsigned int seed);
```

### **Initialize random number generator**

The pseudo-random number generator is initialized using the argument passed as *seed*.

For every different *seed* value used in a call to *srand*, the pseudo-random number generator can be expected to generate a different succession of results in the subsequent calls to [rand](#).

Two different initializations with the same *seed* will generate the same succession of results in subsequent calls to [rand](#).

If *seed* is set to 1, the generator is reinitialized to its initial value and produces the same values as before any call to [rand](#) or *srand*.

In order to generate random-like numbers, *srand* is usually initialized to some distinctive runtime value, like the value returned by function [time](#) (declared in header [<ctime>](#)). This is distinctive enough for most trivial randomization needs.



Source: <https://cplusplus.com/reference/cstdlib/srand/>

# Function: *srand()*

function

## rand

<cstdlib>

```
int rand (void);
```

### Generate random number

Returns a pseudo-random integral number in the range between 0 and RAND\_MAX.

This number is generated by an algorithm that returns a sequence of apparently non-related numbers each time it is called. This algorithm uses a seed to generate the series, which should be initialized to some distinctive value using function srand.

RAND\_MAX is a constant defined in <cstdlib>.



Source: <https://cplusplus.com/reference/cstdlib/rand/>

# Function: random numbers

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    int n1, n2, n3;

    cout << "Enter an integer value " ;
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    cin >> seed;
    srand(seed);

    n1 = rand();
    n2 = rand();
    n3 = rand();

    cout << n1 << ' ' << n2 << ' ' << n3 << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

TODO: would you always get seed as input?

TODO: how can you get a random number between 0 and 100?

# Function: swap numbers

```
void swap(int variable1, int variable2) {  
    variable1 = variable2;  
    variable2 = variable1;  
}
```



```
void swap(int variable1, int variable2) {  
    int temp = variable1;  
    variable1 = variable2;  
    variable2 = temp;  
}
```



# Memory Address in C++

- Variable declaration → memory address is assigned to the variable
- The address can be accessed using **&** operator

```
string food = "Pizza";  
cout << &food; //Outputs 0x6ffe00 or similar hexadecimal form
```

- Variable assignment → value is stored in the memory
- **&** operator can be used to get the **memory address** of a variable which is the location of where the variable is stored on the computer.

# References in C++

- A reference variable is a "reference" to an existing variable, and it is created with the & operator
- The reference itself isn't an object (it has no identity; taking the address of a reference gives you the address of the referent)

```
string food = "Pizza"; // food variable
string &meal = food;   // reference to food (another name
                        for food)
```

```
cout << food << "\n"; // food variable
cout << meal << "\n";  // reference to food
cout << &meal << "\n"; // address of meal
```

```
food = "Pasta";
cout << food << "\n";
cout << meal << "\n";
```

TODO: Check the memory address of variable and reference variable.



# Call-by-value vs call-by-reference

- With the **call-by-value**, → the function takes only the value of the variable and does not change the variable in any way
- With the **call-by-reference** → formal parameters are called as reference parameters → the corresponding argument in a function call must be a **variable**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int square(int num) {
    int sqrNr = num*num;
    return sqrNr;
}

int main() {
    int num = 5;
    cout << square(num);
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

void square(int &num) {
    num = num*num;
}

int main() {
    int num = 5;
    square(num);
    cout << num;
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int square(int num) {
    int sqrNr = num*num;
    num = sqrNr;
    return sqrNr;
}

int main() {
    int num = 5;
    cout << square(num) << endl;
    cout << num ;
    return 0;
}
```

# Call-by-value vs call-by-reference

- The **formal parameters** for a function are listed in the function declaration and are used in the body of the function definition. A **formal parameter** (of any sort) is a kind of **blank** or **placeholder** that is *filled in* with something when the function is called.
- An **argument** is something that is *used to fill in a formal parameter*. When you write down a function call, the arguments are listed in parentheses after the function name. When the function call is executed, the arguments are “**plugged in**” for the formal parameters.
- The terms ***call-by-value*** and ***call-by-reference*** refer to the mechanism that is used in the “**plugging in**” process.
  - In the **call-by-value** method, only the **value of the argument** is used. In this call-by-value mechanism, the formal parameter is a **local variable** that is **initialized to the value** of the corresponding argument.
  - In the **call-by-reference** mechanism, the argument is a variable, and the **entire variable is used**. In the call-by-reference mechanism, the argument variable is **substituted for the formal parameter** so that any change that is made to the formal parameter is actually made to the argument variable.

# References in C++

- References and pointers in C++ give you the ability to manipulate the data in the computer's memory - which can reduce the code and improve the performance.

```
void swap(int &a, int &b){  
    int temp = a;  
    a = b;  
    b = temp;  
}
```

```
int main()  
{  
    int a=6, b =8;  
    swap(a, b);  
    cout << a << endl;  
    cout << b << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# References in C++

```
void figure_me_out(int& x, int y, int& z) {  
    using namespace std;  
    cout << x << " " << y << " " << z << endl;  
    x = 1;  
    y = 2;  
    z = 3;  
    cout << x << " " << y << " " << z << endl;  
}  
int main( ) {  
    int a, b, c;  
    a = 10;  
    b = 20;  
    c = 30;  
    figure_me_out(a, b, c);  
    cout << a << " " << b << " " << c;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output of this program?

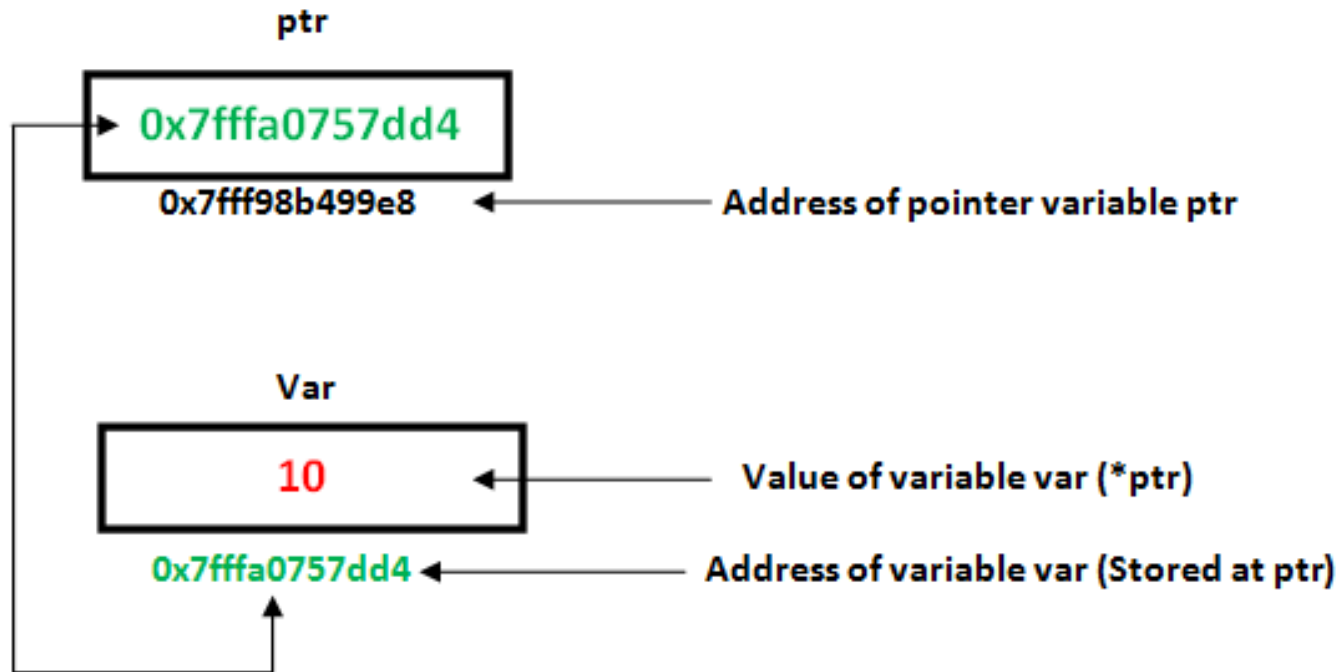
# Pointers in C++

- A **pointer** is a variable that **stores the memory address as its value**.
- Pointers are a symbolic representation of addresses.
- A pointer variable points to a data type (like **int** or **string**) of the same type and is created with the \* operator.
- Pointers enable programs to simulate **call-by-reference** as well as to create and manipulate dynamic data structures.

```
string* mystring;  
string *mystring;  
string * mystring;
```

- Frequent operations:
  - Define a pointer variable
  - Assign the address of a variable to a pointer
  - Access the value at the address in the pointer variable

# Pointers in C++





- when the variable is used as a **call-by-reference** argument, it is this **address**, not the identifier name of the variable, that is passed to the calling function.
- An address that is used to name a variable in this way (by giving the **address in memory where the variable starts**) is called a **pointer** because the address can be thought of as “pointing” to the variable.
- when a variable is a call-by-reference argument in a function call, the function is given this argument variable in the form of a pointer to the variable.

# Pointers

- A variable to hold a pointer must be declared to have a **pointer type**.

*Type\_Name \*Variable\_Name1, \*Variable\_Name2, . . .;*

- you cannot perform the normal arithmetic operations on pointers
- You can assign the value of one pointer variable to another pointer variable. This copies an address from one pointer variable to another pointer variable.

```
int num = 8;  
int *ptr = &num;
```

```
cout << &ptr << endl;  
cout << ptr << endl;
```

```
int num = 8;  
int *ptr = num;
```

```
cout << &ptr << endl;  
cout << ptr << endl;
```

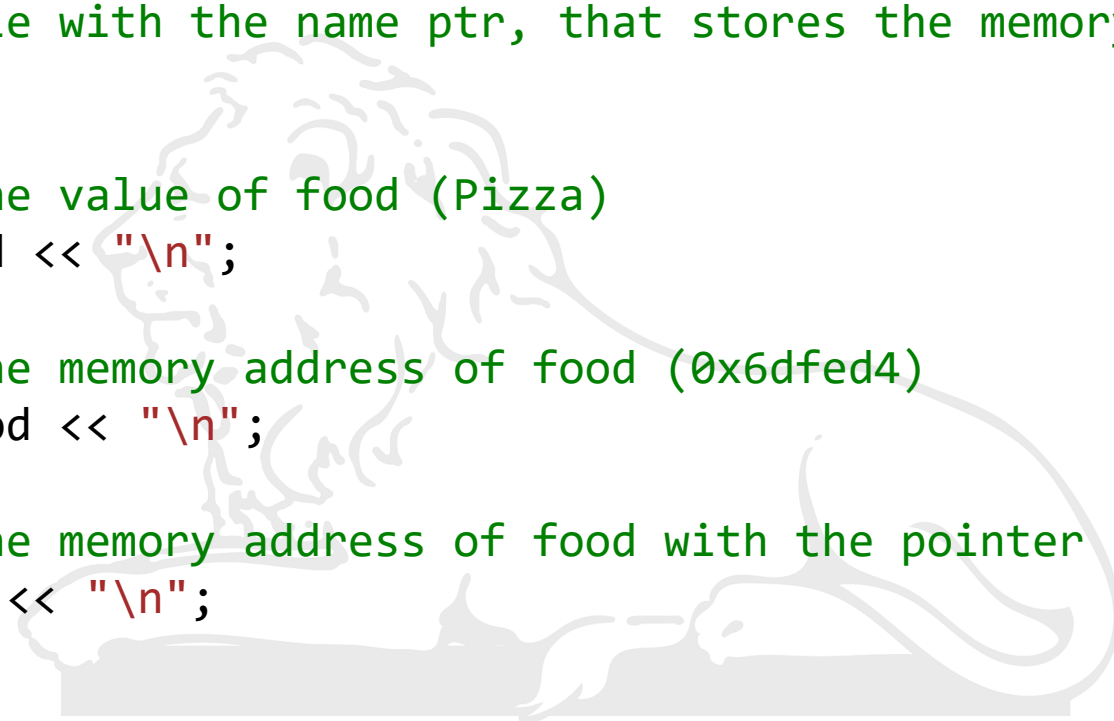
# Pointers in C++

```
string food = "Pizza"; // A food variable of type string
string* ptr = &food;   // A pointer variable, same type as that of
                        // food variable with the name ptr, that stores the memory address of
                        // food

// Output the value of food (Pizza)
cout << food << "\n";

// Output the memory address of food (0x6dfed4)
cout << &food << "\n";

// Output the memory address of food with the pointer (0x6dfed4)
cout << ptr << "\n";
```

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# Dereference in C++

- It is also possible to use the pointer to get the value of the variable, by using the \* operator (**dereference** \* operator).

```
string food = "Pizza"; // Variable declaration
string* ptr = &food;   // Pointer declaration

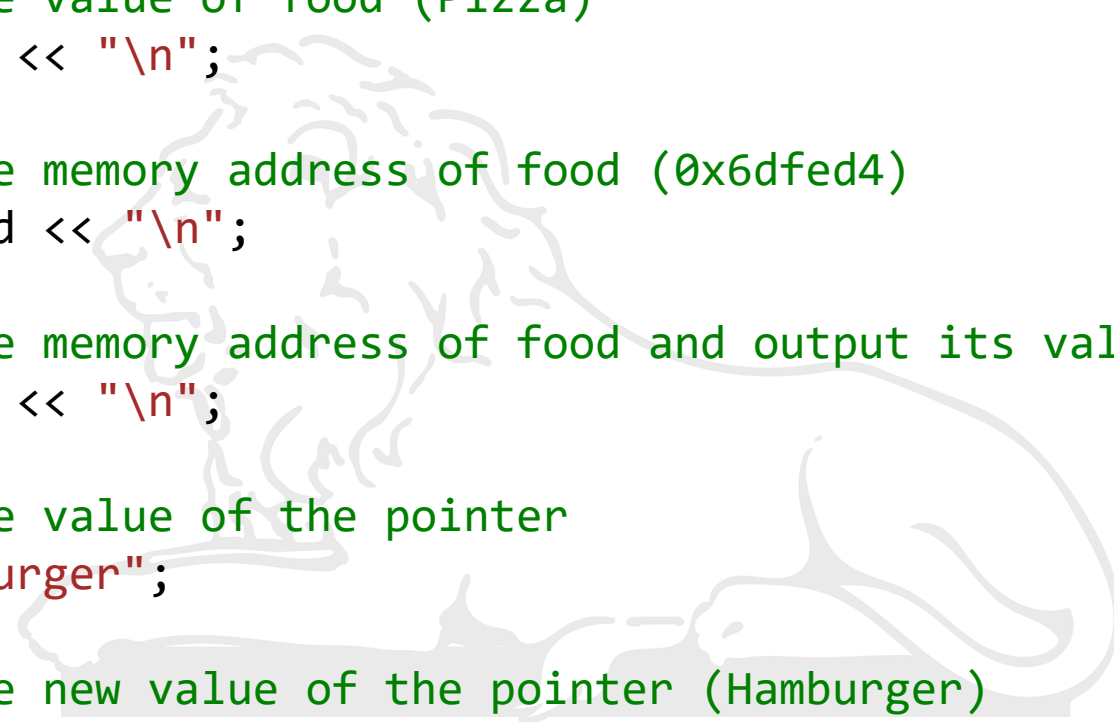
// Reference: Output the memory address of food with the pointer (0x6dfed4)
cout << ptr << "\n";

// Dereference: Output the value of food with the pointer (Pizza)
cout << *ptr << "\n";
```

- When used in declaration (string\* ptr), it creates a **pointer variable**.
- When not used in declaration, it act as a **dereference operator**.

# Modify pointers in C++

```
string food = "Pizza";  
string* ptr = &food;  
  
// Output the value of food (Pizza)  
cout << food << "\n";  
  
// Output the memory address of food (0x6dfed4)  
cout << &food << "\n";  
  
// Access the memory address of food and output its value (Pizza)  
cout << *ptr << "\n";  
  
// Change the value of the pointer  
*ptr = "Hamburger";  
  
// Output the new value of the pointer (Hamburger)  
cout << *ptr << "\n";  
  
// Output the new value of the food variable (Hamburger)  
cout << food << "\n";
```

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# Modify pointers in C++

- Since a pointer can be used to refer to a variable, your program can **manipulate variables** even if the variables have **no identifiers** to name them.
- The operator new can be used to create variables that have no identifiers to serve as their names.

```
int *ptr = new int;
```

dynamic variables

```
int *ptr = new int;  
|  
cout << &ptr << endl;  
cout << ptr << endl;
```

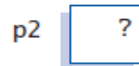
```
cin >> *p1;  
*p1 = *p1 + 7;  
cout << *p1;
```

```
int *ptr = new int(15);  
|  
cout << &ptr << endl;  
cout << ptr << endl;  
cout << *ptr << endl;
```

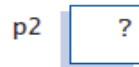
# Modify pointers in C++



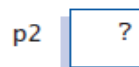
(a)  
`int *p1, *p2;`



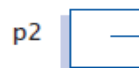
(b)  
`p1 = new int;`



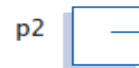
(c)  
`*p1 = 42;`



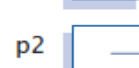
(d)  
`p2 = p1;`



(e)  
`*p2 = 53;`



(f)  
`p1 = new int;`

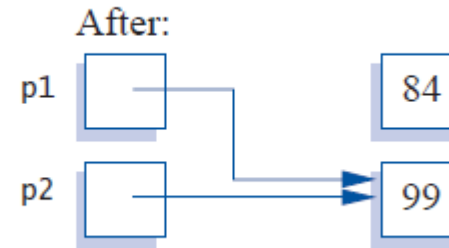
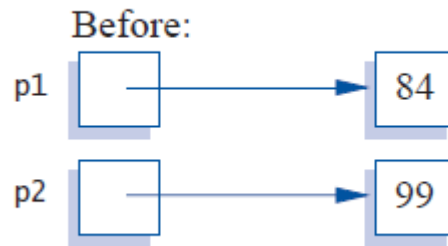


(g)  
`*p1 = 88;`

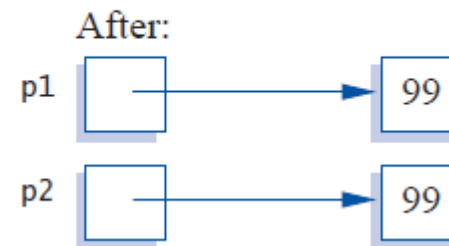
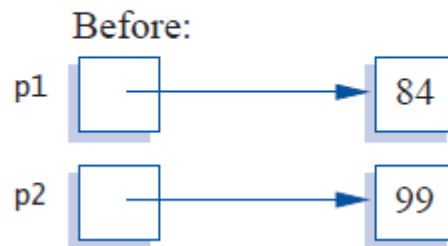


# Modify pointers in C++

`p1 = p2;`



`*p1 = *p2;`





# Modify pointers in C++

```
struct Patient {  
    int id;  
    int height;  
    int weight;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Patient patient;  
    Patient* ptr = &patient;
```

```
    cout << ptr << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
cout << *ptr.weight << endl;  
cout << (*ptr).weight << endl;
```



Which one is correct?

Order of precedence ...

```
cout << (*ptr).weight << endl;  
cout << ptr->weight << endl;
```

# Double pointers in C++

```
int var = 20; // variable declaration and assignment
int *ptr; // pointer declaration
ptr = &var; // pointer assignment
```

```
cout << "Value at ptr = " << ptr << "\n";
cout << "Value at var = " << var << "\n";
cout << "Value at *ptr = " << *ptr << "\n";
```

```
*ptr = 30; // dereference ptr and assigning new value
cout << "Value at var = " << var << "\n";
```

```
int **ptr2 = &ptr; // pointer declaration and assignment
```

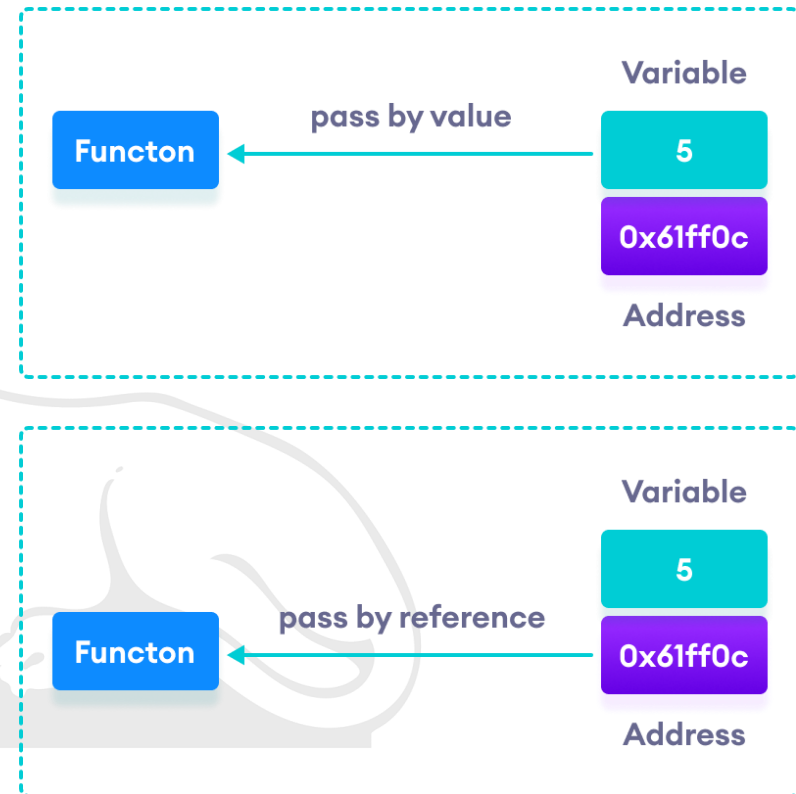
```
cout << "Value at ptr2 = " << ptr2 << "\n";
cout << "Value at *ptr2 = " << *ptr2 << "\n";
cout << "Value at **ptr2 = " << **ptr2 << "\n";
```

```
**ptr2 = 40; // dereference ptr and assigning new value
cout << "Value at var = " << var << "\n";
```

# Pointers in C++

There are 3 ways to pass C++ arguments to a function:

- call-by-value
- call-by-reference with pointer argument
- call-by-reference with reference argument



# Pointers in C++: call-by-value

```
int square(int n){
    cout << "address of n1 in square(): " << &n << "\n";
    n *= n;
    return n;
}

int main()
{
    int n1=8;
    cout << "address of n1 in main(): " << &n1 << "\n";
    cout << "Square of n1: " << square(n1) << "\n";
    cout << "No change in n1: " << n1 << "\n";
    return 0;
}
```

```
address of n1 in main(): 0x6ffe0c
address of n1 in square(): 0x6ffde0
Square of n1: 64
No change in n1: 8
```

# Pointers in C++:call-by-reference with pointer argument

```
void square(int *n){  
    cout << "address of n1 in square(): " << n << "\n";  
    *n *= *n;  
}  
  
int main()  
{  
    int n1=8;  
    cout << "address of n1 in main(): " << &n1 << "\n";  
    square(&n1);  
    cout << "Square of n1: " << n1 << "\n";  
    cout << "Change reflected in n1: " << n1 << "\n";  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
address of n1 in main(): 0x6ffe0c  
address of n1 in square(): 0x6ffe0c  
Square of n1: 64  
Change reflected in n1: 64
```

# Pointers in C++:call-by-reference with reference argument

```
void square(int &n){
    cout << "address of n1 in square(): " << &n << "\n";
    n *= n;
}

int main()
{
    int n1=8;
    cout << "address of n1 in main(): " << &n1 << "\n";
    square(n1);
    cout << "Square of n1: " << n1 << "\n";
    cout << "Change reflected in n1: " << n1 << "\n";
    return 0;
}
```

```
int x = 5;
int &y = x;

cout << &x << " : " << &y << "\n";
```

```
address of n1 in main(): 0x6ffe0c
address of n1 in square(): 0x6ffe0c
Square of n1: 64
Change reflected in n1: 64
```

# Pointers vs References in C++

```
int i=10; //simple or ordinary variable.
int *p=&i; //single pointer
int **pt=&p; //double pointer
int ***ptr=&pt; //triple pointer
// All the above pointers differ in the value they store or point to.
cout << "i=" << i << "\t" << "p=" << p << "\t" << "pt=" << pt << "\t" << "ptr=" << ptr << "\n";
int a=5; //simple or ordinary variable
int &S=a;
int &S0=S;
int &S1=S0;
cout << "a=" << a << "\t" << "S=" << S << "\t" << "S0=" << S0 << "\t" << "S1=" << S1 << "\n";
// All the above references do not differ in their values
// as they all refer to the same variable.
```



# Pointers to Arrays in C++

```
//Declare an array
int val[3] = { 5, 10, 20 };

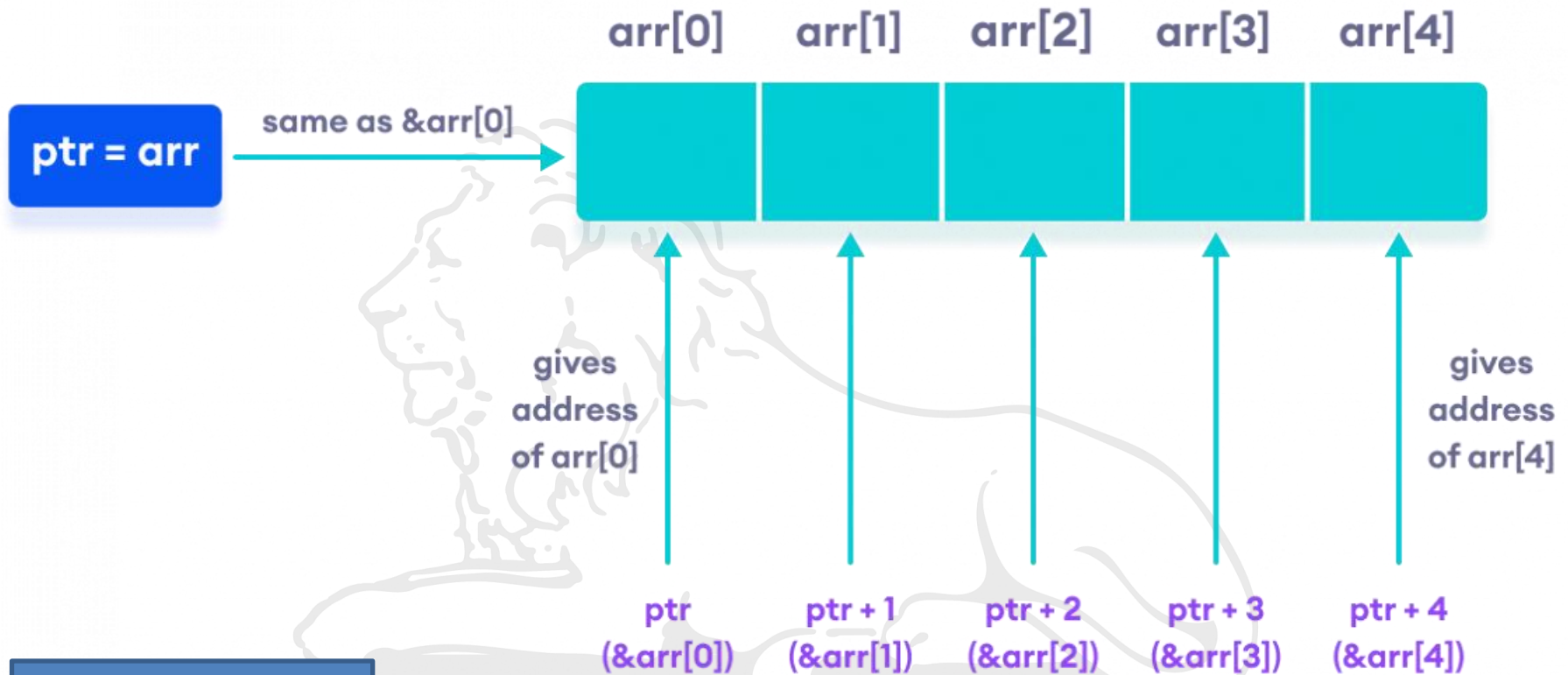
//declare pointer variable
int *ptr;

//Assign the address of val[0] to ptr
// We can use ptr=&val[0];(both are same)
ptr = val;
cout << "Elements of the array are: ";
cout << ptr[0] << " " << ptr[1] << " " << ptr[2] << endl;

cout << ptr << endl;
cout << ptr+1 << endl;
cout << ptr+2 << endl;
```



# Pointers to Arrays in C++



This is also called as arithmetic (incremental or decremental) pointers

# Null Pointer in C++

- It is considered a good practice to assign the pointer NULL to a pointer variable in case exact address to be assigned to the pointer is unavailable.
- This is done at the time of variable declaration.
- A pointer that is assigned NULL is called a null pointer.

```
int *ptr = NULL;
```

- One can perform error handling in pointer related code e.g., dereference pointer variable only if it's not NULL

```
if (ptr) {  
    cout << "Pointer is not null."  
}
```

```
if (ptr!=NULL) {  
    cout << "Pointer is not null."  
}
```

Will pointer to a null pointer is also NULL?

```
char* np = NULL;  
char** pnp = &np;
```

# Pointer Arithmetic in C++

- pointer is an address which is a numeric value, thus, arithmetic operations can be performed.

```
//Declare an array
int val[3] = {1, 2, 3};

//declare pointer
int *ptr;

//Assign the address of val[0] to ptr
// We can use ptr=&val[0];(both are same)
ptr = val;

cout << "Elements of the array are: ";
cout << ptr[0] << " " << ptr[1] << " " << ptr[2] << endl;

cout << ptr << endl;
cout << ptr+1 << endl;
cout << ptr+2 << endl;
```

Try to understand the output of the following:

```
cout << ptr << " " << ptr+1 << " " << ptr+2 << endl;
cout << ptr[0] << " " << ptr[1] << " " << ptr[2] << endl;
cout << *ptr << " " << *(ptr+1) << " " << *(ptr+2) << endl;
```

# Pointer Arithmetic in C++

- pointer is an address which is a numeric value, thus, arithmetic operations can be performed.

```
//Declare an array
int val[3] = { 5, 10, 20 };

//declare pointer variable
int *ptr;

//Assign the address of val[0] to ptr
// We can use ptr=&val[0];(both are same)
ptr = &val[2];
cout << "Elements of the array are: ";
cout << ptr[0] << " " << ptr[-1] << " " << ptr[-2] << endl;

cout << ptr << endl;
cout << ptr-1 << endl;
cout << ptr-2 << endl;

cout << *ptr << endl;
cout << *(ptr-1) << endl;
cout << *(ptr-2) << endl;
```

# Pointer Comparison in C++

- pointer is an address which is a numeric value, thus, relational operations (`==`, `>`, `<`) can be performed.

```
//Declare an array
int val[3] = { 5, 10, 20 };

//declare pointer variable
int *ptr;

//Assign the address of val[0] to ptr
// We can use ptr=&val[0];(both are same)
ptr = val;
cout << "Elements of the array are: ";
cout << ptr[0] << " " << ptr[1] << " " << ptr[2] << endl;

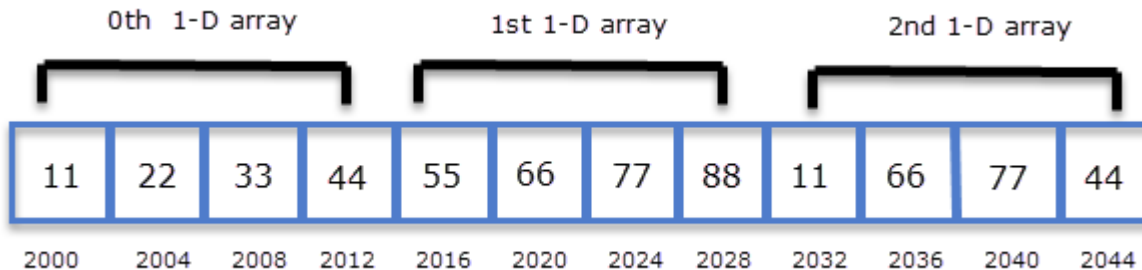
cout << ptr << endl;
cout << ptr+1 << endl;
cout << ptr+2 << endl;

bool boolVal = ptr <= ptr+1;
cout << std::boolalpha << boolVal << endl;
```

# Pointers in C++

```
int arr [3][4] = {
    { 11,22,33,44},
    { 55,66,77,88},
    { 11,66,77,44}
};
```

	Col 0	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3
Row 0	11	22	33	44
Row 1	55	66	77	88
Row 2	11	66	77	44



# Pointer to 2D array in C++

```
int main() {
    int rows = 2;
    int cols = 2;

    int arr [rows][cols] = {{3,2},{5,9}};

    for (int i = 0; i < rows ; i ++ ) {
        for (int j =0; j < cols ; j ++ ) {
            cout << arr[i][j] << " ";
        }
        cout << endl;
    }

    for(int* ptr = &arr[0][0]; ptr <= &arr[rows-1][cols-1]; ptr++) {
        cout << "address: " << ptr << " and value at the address is " << *ptr << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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# Dynamic Memory Collection

- In C++, memory is typically divided into four parts –
  - **Code** (text): instructions
  - **Static/ global**
  - **Stack** - All the variables that are declared inside any function take memory from the stack.
  - **Heap** - It is unused memory in the program that is generally used for dynamic memory allocation.
- For storing the data, memory allocation can be done in two ways:
  - **Static allocation or compile-time allocation** - it means providing space for the variable. The **size and data type of the variable is known**, and it remains **constant** throughout the program.
  - **Dynamic allocation or run-time allocation** - The allocation in which memory is allocated dynamically. In this type of allocation, the exact size of the variable **is not known** in advance.



# Dynamic Memory Collection

- Dynamically we can **allocate storage** (within the heap) while the program is in a running state, but **variables cannot be created "on the fly"**.
- If dynamically allocated memory is not required anymore, it can be removed using **delete** operator, which de-allocates memory that was previously allocated by **new** operator.

```
double* pvalue = NULL; // Pointer initialized with null  
pvalue = new double; // Request memory for the variable
```

```
delete pvalue; // Release memory pointed to by pvalue
```

- Dynamic memory allocation can make memory management more efficient. Especially for **arrays**, where a lot of the times we don't know the size of the array until the run time.

# Dynamic Memory Collection

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    double* val = NULL;
    val = new double;
    *val = 38184.26;
    cout << "Value is : " << *val << endl;
    delete val;
}
```

Note: **reuse** of memory is possible.

# Dynamic Memory Collection

Why should we delete?

```
int* ptr;  
  
// request memory in heap  
ptr = new int;  
//assign a value to the address  
*ptr = 25;  
  
// reassign  
ptr = new int (100);
```

```
int* ptr;  
  
// request memory in heap  
ptr = new int;  
//assign a value to the address  
*ptr = 25;  
  
//delete first  
delete ptr;  
  
// reassign  
ptr = new int (100);
```

This will create garbage. Delete before reassigning to avoid it.

# Dynamic Memory Collection

```
int main() {  
    int* ptr;  
  
    cout << ptr << endl;  
    cout << &ptr << endl;  
  
    ptr = new int;  
    *ptr = 25;  
  
    cout << ptr << endl;  
    cout << &ptr << endl;  
    cout << *ptr << endl;  
  
    ptr = new int(100);  
  
    cout << ptr << endl;  
    cout << &ptr << endl;  
    cout << *ptr << endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Try to understand the output of this program.

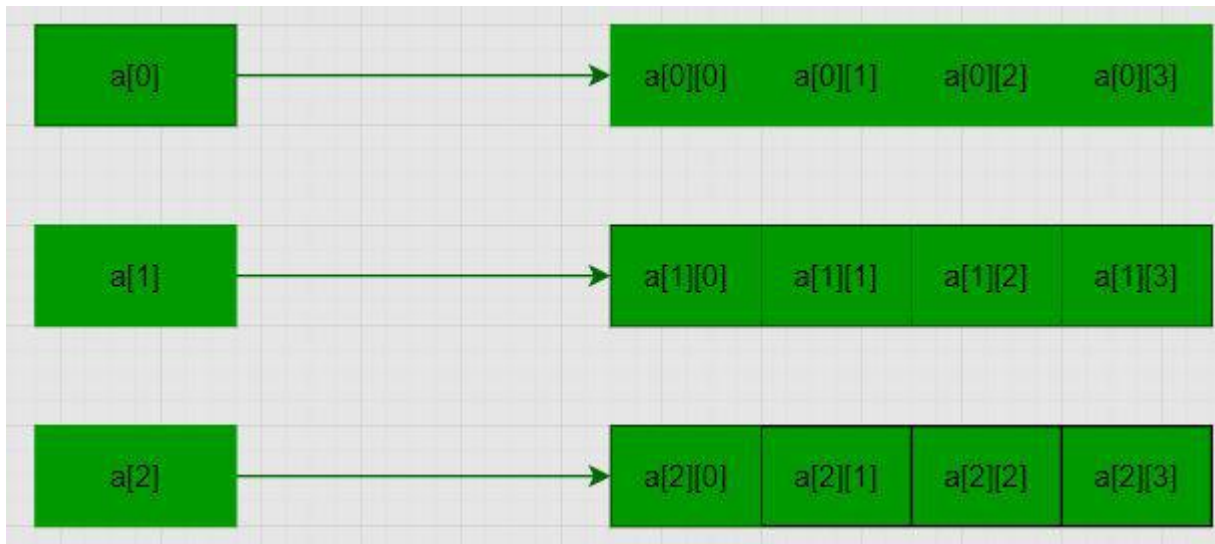


# Dynamic Memory Collection

```
int main() {  
    int num;  
    cout << "Enter total number of students: ";  
    cin >> num;  
    float* ptr;  
    // memory allocation of num number of floats  
    ptr = new float[num];  
  
    cout << "Enter GPA of students." << endl;  
    for (int i = 0; i < num; ++i) {  
        cout << "Student" << i + 1 << ": ";  
        cin >> *(ptr + i);  
    }  
  
    cout << "\nDisplaying GPA of students." << endl;  
    for (int i = 0; i < num; ++i) {  
        cout << "Student" << i + 1 << " : " << *(ptr + i) << endl;  
    }  
  
    // ptr memory is released  
    delete[] ptr;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Dynamic Memory Collection

`int** a = new int*[10] ; // allocate an array of 10 int pointers → rows`



```
for (int count = 0; count < 10; count++) {
    a[count] = new int[4]; // these are columns
}
```

# Dynamic Memory Collection

```
// Declare memory block of size M
int** a = new int*[m];

for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    // Declare a memory block of size n
    a[i] = new int[n];
}
```

Is it possible to have different number of columns in each row?

```
for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        // Assign values to the memory blocks created
        a[i][j] = i+j;
    }
}
```

```
//Delete the array created
for(int i=0; i<m; i++) { //To delete the inner arrays
    delete [] a[i];
}

delete [] a; //To delete the outer array which contained the pointers of all the inner arrays
```

# Dynamic Memory Collection



```
int** a = new int*[3];
for (int i = 0; i<3; i++){
    a[i] = new int[2];
}

for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
        a[i][j] = i+j;
    }
}

for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
        cout << a[i][j] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}

cout << endl;

for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
        cout << *((a+i)+j) << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}
```



# Thanks ...

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