Le langage Ada

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Historique

- Dans les années 70, le DOD souffre d'une explosion du nombre des langages utilisés
- Il lance un concours international pour un langage qui répond à toutes ces exigences (1974)



Historique

- Plusieurs propositions
- Vainqueur: L'équipe de Jean Ichbiah, CII Honeywell Bull
- Première normalisation du langage (ANSI, ISO): 1983
- Révisions majeures en 1995, 2005, 2012.
- L'un des seuls langages normalisés à priori



Exigences du langage

- Généraliste
 - Efficacité
 - Simplicité
 - Implémentabilité
- Haut niveau de génie logiciel
 - Maintenabilité
 - Portabilité
 - Fiabilité
- Norme claire et non ambiguë
- Travail sur des plateformes embarquées
- Traitements parallèles
- Gestion des données bas niveau



Résultat: Ada

- Dérivé d'une syntaxe type Pascal
- Impératif (comme Fortran, Cobol, C/C++, Java, Python...)
- Parallélisme intégré au langage (par opposition aux API type pthread)
- Modulaire (facilité de mise en place de sous-ensembles)
- Vérifications statiques et dynamiques (bornes...)



Ada aujourd'hui

Marché privilégié:

- Systèmes temps-réel
- Systèmes critiques (safety critical, mission critical)
- Systèmes de sécurité (MILS)

Exemples

- Arianne 6
- 787 Dreamliner (Common Core System)
- Airbus A350 XWB (Air Data Inertial Reference Unit)
- Sentinel 1 (Environmental Satellite System)
- Canadian Space Arm
- Meteor (metro line 14)



Exemple: Hello, World

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
-- Display a welcome message
procedure Greet is
begin
   Put_Line ("Hello, world!");
end Greet;
```

```
$ gnatmake greet.adb
$ ./greet
```



Imperative language

Imperative language - for loops

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
begin
   for I in 1 .. 10 loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

- I here denotes a constant that is only accessible in the loop.
- "1 .. 10" is a range.
- Put_Line is a procedure call. procedure is like a fn returning void in C/C++.



Imperative language - while loops

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   -- Variable declaration. Only legal in declarative
   I : Integer := 1;
begin
   -- Condition. *Must* be of type boolean
  while I < 10 loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
      I := I + 1:
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - General loops

```
with Ada.Text_I0; use Ada.Text_I0;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        exit when I = 5;
        -- Exit statement - takes a boolean condition
        I := I + 1;
        end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - If

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
     Put_Line("Hello, World!");
     if I = 5 then
        exit;
     end if;
        I := I + 1;
     end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - If/Else

```
with Ada.Text_I0; use Ada.Text_I0;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
    if I = 5 then
        exit;
    else
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
    end if;
        I := I + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - If/Elsif/Else

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
         exit:
      elsif I = 0 then
         Put_Line ("Starting...");
      else
         Put Line ("Hello, World!");
      end if:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

Imperative language - If/Else

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
        -- "or else" is the short circuit or operator
        if I = 5 or else I = 2 then
            exit;
        else
            Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        end if;
        I := I + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - If/Else

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
        -- "and then" is the short circuit or operator
        if I < 5 and then I > 2 then
            exit;
        else
            Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        end if;
        I := I + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - Case statement

```
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      -- Expression must be of a discrete type. All the
      -- values must be covered.
      case I is
         when 0 => Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 3 .. 4 => Put Line ("Hello");
         when 7 \mid 9 \Rightarrow exit;
         -- 'when others' must be the last one and alone (if
         when others => Put Line ("Hello, World!");
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet:
```



Quizz: Imperative language

Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
for I in 10 .. 1 loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end loop;
```



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
for I in reverse 1 .. 10 loop
   Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end loop;
```



Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
procedure Hello is
   I : Integer;
begin
   for I in 1 .. 10 loop
     Put_Line ("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Hello;
```



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
    I : Integer;
begin
    while I < 10 loop
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        I := I + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;</pre>
```



Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 2;
begin
    while i < 10 loop
        Put_Line ("Hello, World!");
        i := i + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;</pre>
```



Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Tools;

procedure Greet is
begin
    loop
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        Tools.My_Proc;
    end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
         exit;
      else
         if I = 0 then
            Put_Line ("Starting...");
         else
            Put Line ("Hello, World!");
         end if:
      end if:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
            Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
            Put_Line ("Hello");
         when 5 =>
            exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
             Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
             Put_Line ("Hello");
         when others =>
             exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 10: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when Integer'First .. 1 =>
            Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
            Put Line ("Hello");
         when others =>
            exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 11: Which one is an error?

```
V : Integer;
1V : Integer;
V_ : Integer;
_V : Integer;
V_1 : Integer;
V_1 : Integer;
```



Strongly typed language

Question

What is a type?



Integers

Integer types are just regular types (not a built-in)

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 1 . . 20;
   -- Declare a signed integer type, and give the bounds

-- Like variables, declarations can only happen in
   -- declarative region
begin
   for I in My_Int loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Integers

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My Int is range 1 .. 20;
begin
   for I in My Int loop
      if I = My Int'Last then
         Put_Line ("Bye");
      else
         Put Line("Hello, World!");
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Integers

```
procedure Greet is
   A: Integer := Integer'Last;
   B: Integer;
begin
   B:= A + 5;
   -- This operation will overflow, eg. it will
   -- raise an exception at runtime.
end Greet;
```



Integer

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 1 .. 20;
  A : My_Int := 12;
  B : My Int := 15;
  M : My Int := (A + B) / 2;
begin
  for I in 1 .. M loop
      Put Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Enumerations

```
with Ada. Text IO; use Ada. Text IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
begin
   for I in Days loop
      case T is
         when Saturday .. Sunday =>
            Put Line ("Week end!");
             Completeness checking on enums
         when others =>
            Put Line ("Hello on " & Days'Image (I));
            -- 'Image attribute, converts a value to a
      end case:
   end loop;
end Greet:
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Meters is range 0 .. 10_000;
   type Miles is range 0 .. 5_000;
  Dist Us : Miles;
  Dist_Eu : constant Meters := 100;
begin
  Dist Us := Dist Eu * 1609 / 1000;
   Put_Line (Miles'Image (Dist_Us));
end Greet;
```





```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
   C : Character;
   -- ^ Built-in character type (it's an enum)
begin
   C := '?';
   -- ^ Character literal (enumeration literal)

   C := 64;
   -- ^ Invalid: 64 is not an enumeration literal
end Greet;
```





Subtypes

```
with Ada. Text IO; use Ada. Text IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
                 Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Weekend Days is Days range Saturday .. Sunday;
beain
   for I in Days loop
      case T is
         -- Just like a type, a subtype can be used as a
         when Weekend Days =>
            Put Line ("Week end!");
         when others =>
            Put Line ("Hello on " & Days'Image (I));
      end case:
   end loop;
end Greet:
```



A subtype doesn't define a type

All subtypes are of the same type.

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
                Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Weekend Days is Days range Saturday .. Sunday;
  Day : Days := Saturday;
  Weekend: Weekend Davs:
begin
  Weekend := Day;
  Weekend := Monday;
  -- ^ Wrong value for the subtype
end Greet:
```



Quizz: Types

Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int is range 1 .. 20.5;
```



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int is range 1 .. 20.0;
```



Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : Integer := 5;
type My_Int is range A .. 20;
```



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
```



Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
type My_Int_2 is range Integer'First .. 0;
type My_Int_3 is range My_Int_2'First .. My_Int_2'Last;
```



Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
subtype My_Int_2 is My_Int_1 range 1 .. 100;
V1 : My_Int_1 := 5;
V2 : My_Int_2;
V2 := V1;
```



Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
type My_Int_2 is range 1 .. 100;

V1 : My_Int_1 := 5;
V2 : My_Int_2;
V2 := V1;
```



Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Enum is (E1, E2);
type Enum2 is (E2, E3);
```



Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Bit is ('0', '1');
```



Arrays



Array type declaration

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type Index is range 1 .. 5;
   type My Int Array is array (Index) of My Int;
  Arr : My_Int_Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   for I in Index loop
      Put (My Int'Image (Arr (I)));
   end loop;
  New Line;
end Greet;
```



Array type declaration

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type Index is range 1 .. 5;
   type My_Int_Array is array (Index) of My_Int;
   Arr: My Int Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   for I in Index loop
      Put (My Int'Image (Arr (I)));
   end loop;
   New_Line;
end Greet;
```



Array index

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type Index is range 11 .. 15;
                       ^ Low bound can be any value
   type My Int Array is array (Index) of My Int;
  Tab : My_Int_Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   for I in Index loop
      Put (My Int'Image (Tab (I)));
   end loop;
  New_Line;
end Greet;
```



Array index

```
procedure Greet is
   type My Int is range 1 .. 31;
   type Month is (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun,
                  Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec);
   type My Int Array is array (Month) of My Int;
                               ^ Can use an enum as the
   Tab : constant My Int Array :=
   -- ^ constant is like a variable but cannot be
     (31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31);
   -- Maps months to number of days
   Feb Days : My Int := Tab (Feb);
begin
   for I in Month loop
      Put Line (My Int'Image (Tab (I)));
   end loop:
end Greet;
```



Indexation

```
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type Index is range 1 .. 5;
   type My Int Array is array (Index) of My Int;
  Tab : My_Int_Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   Indexation
   for I in 2 .. 6 loop
      Put (My_Int'Image (Tab (I)));
                              ^ Will raise an exception when
   end loop;
  New_Line;
end Greet;
```



Indexation



Shortcut for index



Range attribute



Unconstrained arrays

```
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
      Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   type Workload Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
                                ^ Bounds are of type Days,
  Workload : constant Workload Type (Monday .. Friday) :=
                                      ^ Specify the bounds
                                        when declaring
      (Friday => 7, others => 8);
begin
   for I in Workload'Range loop
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop:
end Greet:
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   type Workload Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
  Workload : constant Workload Type :=
      (Monday .. Thursday => 8, Friday => 7);
   -- ^ More powerful association by name
   -- Here, no need to specify the bounds of the array
beain
   for I in Workload'Range loop
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet:
```



Predefined array type: String



Predefined array type: String

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   Message : constant String := "Hello World";
                      ^ Bounds are automatically computed
begin
   for I in reverse Message'First .. Message'Last loop
                           ^ 'First and 'Last return the low and
                           high bound
   -- (But you should use 'Range most of the time)
      Put (Message (I));
   end loop;
   New_Line;
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Day_Name is String (1 .. 2);
   -- Subtype of string with known size
   type Days_Name_Type
   is array (Days) of Day_Name;
begin
  null;
end Greet:
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Day Name is String (1 .. 2);
   type Days Name Type is array (Days) of Day Name;
  Names : constant Days Name Type :=
     ("Mo", "Tu", "We", "Th", "Fr", "Sa", "Su");
   -- Initial value given by aggregate
begin
   for I in Names'Range loop
      Put Line (Names (I));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```





Quizz: Arrays

Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
-- Natural is a pre-defined subtype.
subtype Natural is Integer range 0 .. Integer'Last

type Arr is array (Natural) of Integer;
Name : Arr;
```



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Arr is array (Natural range <>) of Integer;
Name : Arr;
```



Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Str_Array is array (1 .. 10) of String;
```



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : constant Integer := 5;
```



Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : constant String (1 .. 12);
```

Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?



Modular/Structured programming

Packages

package Week is
end Week;

Packages:

- Group related declarations together
- Define an interface (API)
- Hide the implementation
- Provide a name space



Packages

```
package Week is

-- This is a declarative part. You can put only
-- declarations here, no statements

type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
    Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
type WorkLoad_Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
Workload : constant Workload_Type :=
    (Monday .. Friday => 8, Friday => 7, Saturday | Sunday => 0);
end Week;
```

Different from header files in C/C++ because:

- Language level mechanism (not a preprocessor)
- Not text based
- With'ing a package does not "copy/paste" the content of the spec into your file
- With GNAT, packages specs go in .ads files (here, it would be week.ads)



With-ing a package



Using a package

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Week:
use Week:
-- Brings the content of the package in the current
procedure Greet is
begin
   for I in Workload'Range loop
           ^ We can reference items of the package directly
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Package body

```
package body Week is
   -- The body contains additional declarations, not
   -- visible from the spec, or anywhere outside of the
   type WorkLoad Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
   Workload : constant Workload Type :=
      (Monday .. Friday => 8, Friday => 7, Saturday | Sunday => 0);
   function Get Workload (Day : Days) return Natural is
   beain
      return Workload (Day);
   end:
end Week;
```

With GNAT, packages bodies go in .adb files (here, it would be week.adb)



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
-- Here we declare and define a procedure without
-- parameters
procedure Greet is
begin
   Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end Greet;
```







```
package body Week is
    -- Implementation of the Get_Day_Name function
    function Get_Day_Name (Day : Days := Monday) return String is
    begin
        case Day is
        when Monday => return "Monday";
        when Tuesday => return "Tuesday";
        ...
        when Sunday => return "Sunday";
        end case;
    end Get_Day_Name;
end Week;
```



Parameters modes



Parameters modes

```
You can declare several params at the same
procedure Swap (A, B : in out Integer)
                       ^ In out is initialized at the
                         beginning with value passed by
                         pass by reference
is
  Tmp : Integer;
begin
  Tmp := A;
  A := B:
  B := Tmp:
   return;
end Swap;
```



Subprogram call

```
procedure Test_Swap
is
    X, Y : Integer;
begin
    X := 5;
    Y := 7;
    Swap (X, Y);
    --    ^ Positional parameters
    Swap (A => X, B => Y);
    --    ^ Named parameters
    Swap (B => X, A => Y);
    --    ^ You can reverse the order
end Test_Swap;
```



Function calls



Function calls



Mutually recursive subprograms

```
procedure Compute A (V : Natural);
procedure Compute_B (V : Natural) is
begin
   if V > 5 then
     Compute A (V - 1);
   end if;
end Compute B;
procedure Compute_A (V : Natural) is
begin
   if V > 2 then
     Compute B (V - 1);
   -- ^ Call to Compute B
   end if;
end Compute_A;
```



Nested subprograms

```
function Quadruple (I : Integer) return Integer is
  function Double (I : Integer) return Integer is
  begin
    return I * 2;
  end Double;
  -- Nested function

begin
  return Double (Double (I));
end Quadruple;
```



Quizz: Packages & subprograms

AdaCore

Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
package My_Type is
  type My_Type is range 1 .. 100;
end My_Type;
```



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer);
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
  function F (A : Character) return Integer;
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
  procedure F (A : Character);
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   subtype Int is Integer;
   function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
   function F (A : Int) return Integer;
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : Integer);
   procedure Proc (A : in out Integer);
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  procedure Proc (A : in out Integer := 7);
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : Integer := 7);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : Integer) is
   ...
   end Proc;
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
    procedure Proc (A : in out Integer);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
    procedure Proc (A : in out Integer) is
        ...
    end Proc;

    procedure Proc (A : in out Character) is
        ...
    end Proc;
end Proc;
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 10: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer);
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer) is
   ...
   end Proc;
end Pkg;
```



Quizz 11: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg1 is
    procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
with Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
with Pkg2;
procedure Main is
begin
   Pkg1.Proc
end Main;
```



Quizz 12: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkgl is
 procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
with Pkg1; use Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
package body Pkg2 is
   procedure Foo is
  begin
   end Foo;
end Pkg2;
```



Quizz 13: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg1 is
procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
with Pkg1; use Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
with Pkg1; use Pkg1;
package body Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
```



Quizz 14: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkgl is
   procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
with Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
use Pkg1;
package body Pkg2 is
   procedure Foo is
   begin
   end Foo:
end Pkg2;
```



More about types

Array

```
Len : Natural := F (5);

-- The size of this array is not known at compile time. But the bounds are
-- fixed.
Buf : String (1 .. Len);

-- This does not change the size of the array.
Len := 3;
```



Array slices

```
procedure Main is
    Buf : String := "Hello ...";

Full_Name : "Raphael Amiard";
begin
    Buf (7 .. 9) := "Bob";
    Put_Line (Buf); -- Prints "Hello Bob"

Put_Line ("Hi " & Full_Name (1 .. 7)); -- Prints "Hi Raphael"
end;
```

