**Lab Exercises**

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**Lab Exercise — Overloading printArray**

**I Lab Objectives**

In this lab, you will practice:

1. Overloading a function template for printing an array.
2. Using function templates to create function-template specializations.

**II Description of the Problem**

Overload function template printArray so that it takes two additional integer arguments, namely int lowSubscript and int highSubscript. A call to this function will print only the designated portion of the array. Validate lowSubscript and highSubscript; if either is out of range or if highSubscript is less than or equal to lowSubscript, the overloaded printArray function should return 0; otherwise, printArray should return the number of elements printed. Then modify main to demonstrate both versions of printArray on arrays a, b and c. Be sure to test all capabilities of both versions of printArray.

//Original program

// Using function-template specializations.

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

// function template printArray definition

template< typename T >

void printArray( const T \* const array, int count )

{

for ( int i = 0; i < count; ++i )

cout << array[ i ] << " ";

cout << endl;

} // end function template printArray

int main()

{

const int aCount = 5; // size of array a

const int bCount = 7; // size of array b

const int cCount = 6; // size of array c

int a[ aCount ] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

double b[ bCount ] = { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5, 6.6, 7.7 };

char c[ cCount ] = "HELLO"; // 6th position for null

cout << "Array a contains:" << endl;

// call integer function-template specialization

printArray( a, aCount );

cout << "Array b contains:" << endl;

// call double function-template specialization

printArray( b, bCount );

cout << "Array c contains:" << endl;

// call character function-template specialization

printArray( c, cCount );

} // end main

**III Sample Output**



**IV Problem-Solving Tips**

1. To overload the printArray function template, declare another function template, also named printArray, that takes two additional int parameters, lowSubscript and highSubscript.
2. When iterating over the range from lowSubscript to highSubscript, make sure to include both values within the range, to avoid an off-by-one error.

**V Your Solution**

// takes upper and lower subscripts to print

template< typename T >

int printArray(const T\*array,int a,int lowSubscrip, int highSubscript)

/\* Write a header for an overloaded printArray function

that takes two additional int arguments, lowSubscrip

and highSubscript; remember to include the template

header \*/

{

// check if subscript is negative or out of range

if (highSubscript>a||highSubscript<=lowSubscrip )/\* Write conditions to test if the size if negative,

or if the range is invalid \*/

return 0;

int count = 0;

// display array

for ( int i=lowSubscrip;i<=highSubscript;i++/\* Write code to iterate from lowSubscript up to

and including highSubscript \*/ )

{

++count;

cout << array[ i ] << ' ';

} // end for

cout << '\n';

return count; // number or elements output

} // end overloaded function printArray

int main()

{

const int ACOUNT = 5; // size of array a

const int BCOUNT = 7; // size of array b

const int CCOUNT = 6; // size of array c

// declare and initialize arrays

int a[ ACOUNT ] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };

double b[ BCOUNT ] = { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5, 6.6, 7.7 };

char c[ CCOUNT ] = "HELLO"; // 6th position for null

int elements;

// display array a using original printArray function

cout << "\nUsing original printArray function\n";

printArray( a, ACOUNT );

// display array a using new printArray function

cout << "Array a contains:\n";

elements =printArray(a,ACOUNT,0,ACOUNT-1); /\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

0 to ACOUNT - 1 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// display elements 1-3 of array a

cout << "Array a from positions 1 to 3 is:\n";

elements = printArray(a,ACOUNT,1,3)/\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

1 to 3 as the range \*/;

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// try to print an invalid element

cout << "Array a output with invalid subscripts:\n";

elements = printArray(a, ACOUNT, -1, 10); /\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

-1 to 10 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n\n";

// display array b using original printArray function

cout << "\nUsing original printArray function\n";

printArray( b, BCOUNT );

// display array b using new printArray function

cout << "Array b contains:\n";

elements = printArray(b, BCOUNT, 0, BCOUNT - 1);/\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

0 to BCOUNT - 1 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// display elements 1-3 of array b

cout << "Array b from positions 1 to 3 is:\n";

elements = printArray(b, BCOUNT, 1, 3);/\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

1 to 3 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// try to print an invalid element

cout << "Array b output with invalid subscripts:\n";

elements = printArray(b, BCOUNT, -1, 10); /\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

-1 to 10 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n\n";

// display array c using original printArray function

cout << "\nUsing original printArray function\n";

printArray( c, CCOUNT );

// display array c using new printArray function

cout << "Array c contains:\n";

elements = printArray(c, CCOUNT, 0, CCOUNT - 2); /\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

0 to CCOUNT - 2 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// display elements 1-3 of array c

cout << "Array c from positions 1 to 3 is:\n";

elements = printArray(c, CCOUNT, 1, 3);/\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

1 to 3 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output\n";

// try to display an invalid element

cout << "Array c output with invalid subscripts:\n";

elements = printArray(c, CCOUNT, -1, 10);/\* Write a call to printArray that specifies

-1 to 10 as the range \*/

cout << elements << " elements were output" << endl;

} // end main

