
Object-Oriented Programming (in C++)

Arrays and Vectors

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- Standard Library Class `string`



Array

- A collection of related data items of **the same type**
 - ✦ **Structure** or **class**: a collection of related data items of **possibly different types**
- Why do we need arrays?
 - ✦ Imagine keeping track of 10, or 100, or 1000 cars in memory
 - ◆ How would you name all the variables?
 - ◆ How would you process each of the variables?
- Two types of arrays
 - ✦ Pointer-based arrays (C-style)
 - ✦ Object-based arrays (vector from STL)

```
int c1, c2, ..., c10;
```



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Declaring An Array (Pointer-based)

- An array is a consecutive group of memory locations
- Declaring an array:

An integer constant greater than zero

`type arrayName[arraySize];`

```
int c[ 12 ];  
const int s = 10;  
int a[ s ];
```

Name of the array is c

c[0]	-45
c[1]	6
c[2]	0
c[3]	72
c[4]	1543
c[5]	-89
c[6]	0
c[7]	62
c[8]	-3
c[9]	1
c[10]	6453
c[11]	78

Value

Array of 12 elements



Referencing An Array Element

- Use the **array name** and the **position number** of the particular element to specify the element
 - ✦ Position number is called **subscript** or **index**
 - ✦ The first element has **subscript 0**
 - ✦ The subscript must be integer or integer expression, and its value must be larger than or equal to 0
 - ✦ A subscripted array name is an **lvalue**
 - ✦ The **lvalue** of a variable is its address
 - ✦ The **rvalue** of a variable is its value

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Array Bounds Not Checked

- C/C++ has no array bounds checking
 - ✦ Referring to an element outside the array bounds is an execution-time logic error, not a syntax error
 - ◆ Undefined behavior
 - ◆ C++ simply exposes raw memory
 - ◆ A segmentation fault will occur if a memory address that your program doesn't have permission to access is accessed
- Bounds-checking is possible on class types
 - ✦ Will be discussed in the later lecture (Chapter 11)
- C++ offers the `std::vector` class template that provides bounds-check access when you want it (discussed later in this lecture)



Initializing An Array (1/3)

- Using a loop to initialize the array's elements
 - ✦ Declare array, specify number of elements
 - ✦ Use repetition statement to loop for each element
- Example

```
int n[10];  
  
for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i ++ ) {  
    n[ i ] = 0;  
}
```



Initializing An Array (2/3)

■ With an initializer list

✦ Initializer list

- ◆ Items enclosed in braces ({}) and separated by commas

✦ Examples

```
int n[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};  
int m[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60}; // error
```

```
int m[5] = {10, 20, 30};
```

- ◆ The remaining elements are initialized to zero

```
int p[ ] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```

- ◆ Because array size is omitted in the declaration, the compiler determines the size of the array based on the size of the initializer list



Initializing An Array (3/3)

- Read the value for each element one by one from the keyboard
- Example

```
const int arraySize = 5;
int array[arraySize];
for (int i = 0; i < arraySize; i++) {
    cout << "Please specify a value for element no."
         << i << endl;
    cin >> array[i];
}
```



Print An Array

- Use a for loop to access each element of the array and print one by one
- Example

```
const int arraySize = 5;  
int array[arraySize] = { 1, 2, 4, 67, 3 };  
  
for (int i = 0; i < arraySize; i++) {  
    cout << array[i] << endl;  
}
```



Passing Arrays to Functions (1/2)

- Functions that take arrays as arguments:

```
void modifyArray (int array [ ], int size);
```

- To pass an array argument to a function

```
int hourlyTemperatures[ 24 ];  
modifyArray( hourlyTemperatures, 24 );
```

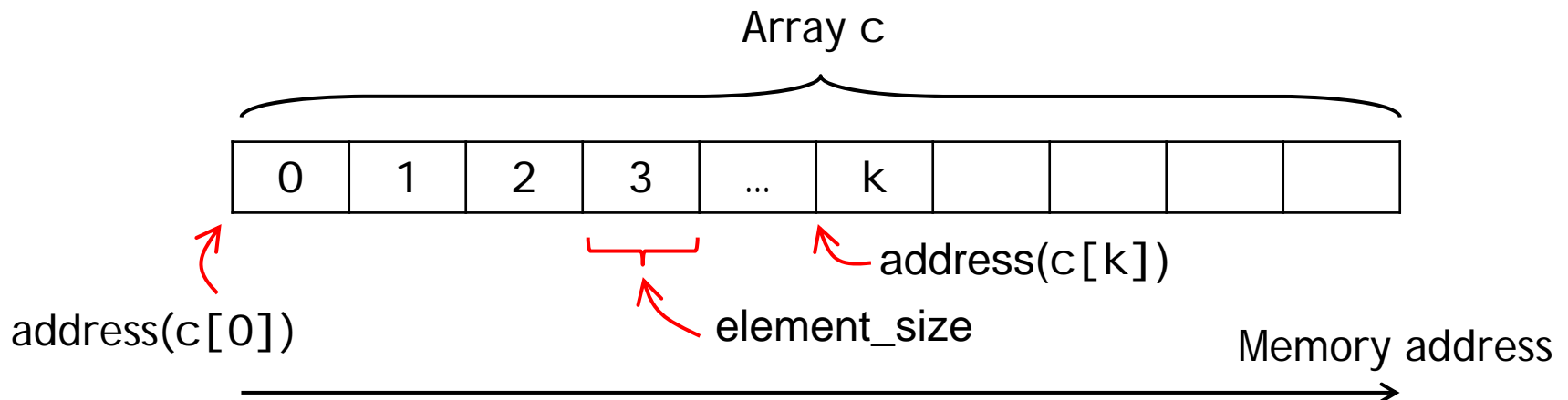
- Array size is normally passed as another argument, so the function can process the specific number of elements in the array
 - ✦ Every vector object “knows” its own size



Passing Arrays to Functions (2/2)

- Arrays are passed by reference
 - ✦ Function call actually passes starting address of array
 - ◆ So function knows where array is located in memory
- Individual array elements are passed by value
- Supplement material
 - ✦ $\text{address}(c[k]) = \text{address}(c[0]) + ((k-0) * \text{element_size})$

Defined by the type of the element



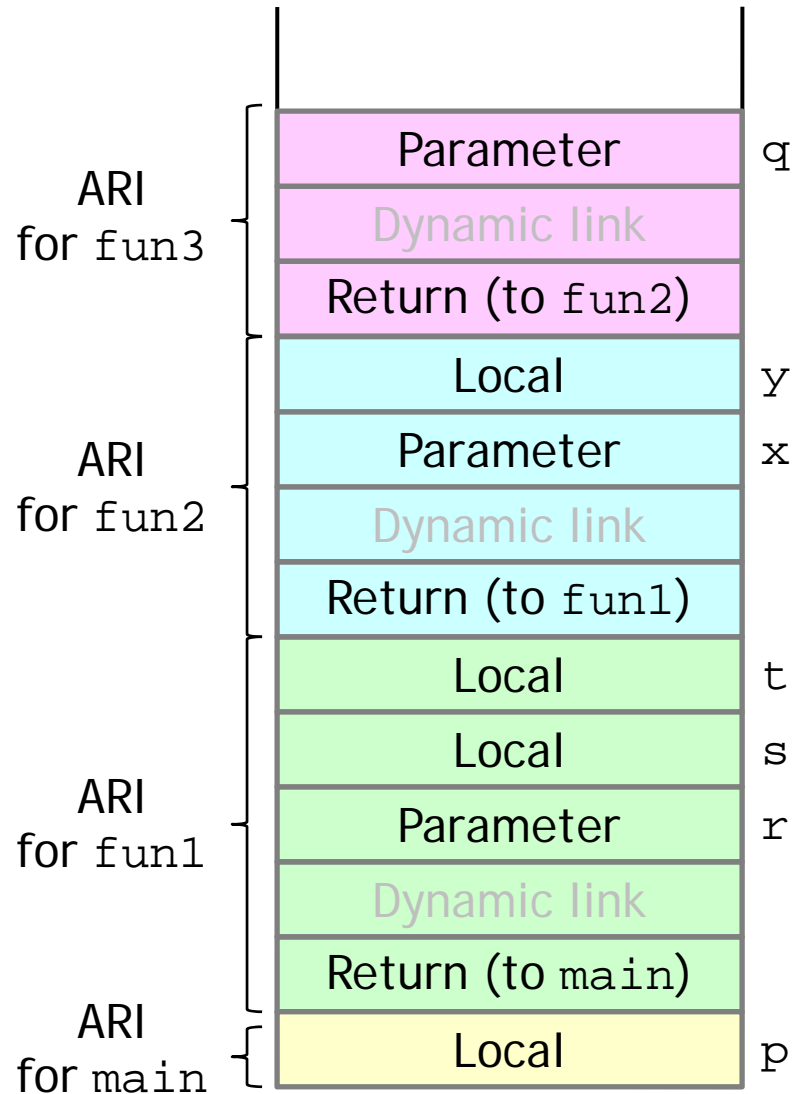
Why Passing Arrays by Reference?

- Passing by value would require copying each element to the activation record
- For large, frequently passed arrays, this is time consuming and require considerable storage for the copies of the array element



Supplement: How A Function Call Works

```
void fun1(float r) {  
    int s, t;  
    ...  
    fun2(s);  
    ...  
}  
void fun2(int x) {  
    int y;  
    ...  
    fun3(y);  
    ...  
}  
void fun3(int q) {  
    ...  
}  
int main() {  
    float p;  
    ...  
    fun1(p);  
    ...  
}
```



const Array Parameter

- Prevent modification of array values in the caller by code in the called function
- Elements in the array are constant in the function body
- Enables programmers to prevent accidental modification of data
 - ✦ The compiler will give error messages
- Using the qualifier const
- Example:

```
void funcOne(const int [ ]);  
int a[] = {10, 20, 30};  
funcOne(a);
```



Multidimensional Array

- Arrays with two or more dimensions are known as **multidimensional arrays**
- Multidimensional arrays with two dimensions
 - ✦ Called two dimensional or 2-D arrays
 - ✦ Represent tables of values with rows and columns
 - ✦ Elements referenced with two subscripts (`[x][y]`)
 - ✦ In general, an array with m rows and n columns is called an m -by- n array

A 3-by-4 array

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 0	<code>a[0][0]</code>	<code>a[0][1]</code>	<code>a[0][2]</code>	<code>a[0][3]</code>
Row 1	<code>a[1][0]</code>	<code>a[1][1]</code>	<code>a[1][2]</code>	<code>a[1][3]</code>
Row 2	<code>a[2][0]</code>	<code>a[2][1]</code>	<code>a[2][2]</code>	<code>a[2][3]</code>

Row subscript Column subscript



Row-Major-Order Arrays in C/C++

- Array elements are stored in the memory **row by row**

a[0][0]	a[0][1]	a[0][2]	a[0][3]
a[1][0]	a[1][1]	a[1][2]	a[1][3]
a[2][0]	a[2][1]	a[2][2]	a[2][3]

A 2-D array

Memory
address

a[0][0]
a[0][1]
a[0][2]
a[0][3]
a[1][0]
a[1][1]
a[1][2]
a[1][3]
a[2][0]
a[2][1]
a[2][2]
a[2][3]



Declaring & Initializing 2-D Arrays

■ Declaring two-dimensional array b

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

- ⊕ 1 and 2 initialize b[0][0] and b[0][1]
- ⊕ 3 and 4 initialize b[1][0] and b[1][1]
- ⊕ 0 and 0 initialize b[2][0] and b[2][1] (implicitly)

	Column 0	Column 1
Row 0	1	2
Row 1	3	4
Row 2	0	0



Passing Multidimensional Arrays to Functions

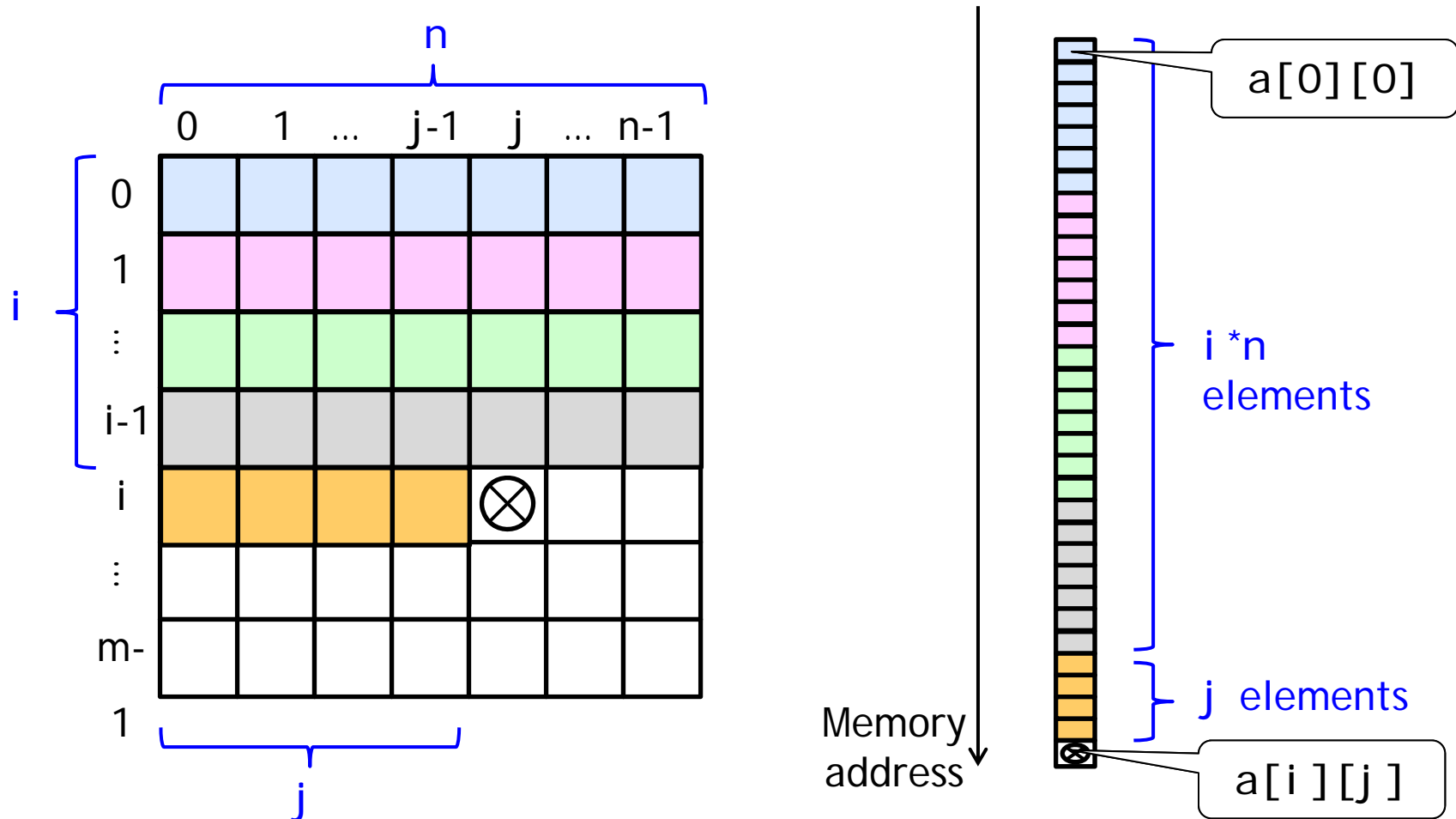
- Multidimensional array parameters
 - ✦ Size of first dimension is not required
 - ◆ As with a one-dimensional array
 - ✦ Size of subsequent dimensions are **required**
 - ◆ Compiler must know how many elements to skip to move to the second element in the first dimension
 - ✦ Example

```
void printArray( const int a[ ][ 3 ] );
```



Supplement: Locating an Element in a 2-D Array

- $\text{address}(a[i][j])$
 $= \text{address}(a[0][0]) + ((i * n) + j) * \text{element_size}$



What are the Array's Limitations?

- Array names are simply const pointers!
 - ✦ We can't meaningfully compare two arrays for equality
 - ✦ We can't assign one array to another, but must manually iterate over elements (if they are even the same size!)
- Statically allocated, so it can't grow with the data
- From the array itself, we don't know its size
 - ✦ It has to be tracked by the programmer



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vector: Object-based Array

- C-style pointer-based arrays have great potential for errors and are not flexible
 - ✦ No bounds check
 - ✦ Equality and relational operators do not apply to arrays
 - ✦ Array size is tracked by the programmer
- Class template **vector** (from C++ Standard Library) allows you to create a more powerful and less error-prone alternative to arrays
 - ✦ Standard class template vector is defined in header `<vector>` and belongs to namespace `std`



A Preview to Classes

■ What is a class?

- ✦ A user-defined, abstract data type
- ✦ struct in C is also a user-defined data type, but struct has no operations

```
struct myStruct {  
    int field1;  
    int field2;  
};  
  
int main() {  
    struct myStruct var;  
    var.field1 = 10;  
    var.field2 = 20;  
}
```

```
class myClass {  
    int member1;  
    int member2;  
    int func() { ... }  
    void myClass() { ... }  
};  
  
int main() {  
    myClass var;  
    var.member1 = 10;  
    var.member2 = 20;  
    var.func();  
}
```

An object



vector Class

```
namespace std {  
  
    template <class T>  
    class vector<T> {  
        // creates an empty vector  
        void vector() { ... }  
  
        //creates vector of n default values  
        void vector(int n) { ... }  
  
        // return the number of elements  
        size_t size() { return size }  
  
        T *data;  
        unsigned int size;  
        ...  
    };  
    ...  
}
```



Using vector (1/2)

- By default, all the elements of a vector object are set to 0
- vectors can be defined to store any data type
- vector member function `size` obtain the number of elements in the vector
- You can use square brackets, `[]`, to access the elements in a vector
- vector objects can be compared with one another using the equality operators
- You can create a new vector object that is initialized with a copy of an existing vector



Using vector (2/2)

- You can use the assignment (=) operator with vector objects
- As with C-style pointer-based arrays, C++ does not perform any bounds checking when vector elements are accessed with square brackets
- Standard class template vector provides bounds checking in its member function `at`, which “throws an exception” (discussed in Chapter 16, Exception Handling) if its argument is an invalid subscript



Using vector: An Example

```
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

int main() {
    // creates an object-based array of five integers
    // which are initialized to zero
    vector<int> integers1(5);

    // integers1.size() returns the number of elements
    cout << integers1.size() << endl;

    integers1[3] = 89;    // no bounds checking
    integers1.at(3) = 89; // bounds checking

    // creates a vector by using integers1
    vector<int> integers2(integers1);

    return 0;
}
```



Using vector and iterator: An Example

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

int main() {
    vector<int> integers1(5);
    vector<int>::iterator it; // pointer into vector

    for(it = integers1.begin();
        it != integers1.end(); it++) {
        std::cout << ++(*it) << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

1 1 1 1 1



Nested Type Name

- § 9.9, C++ Standard
 - ◆ Some call it a “member type”

```
class C {  
    typedef int int_type; // as a nested typedef-name  
    class inner_type { ... }; // as a nested class or struct  
};  
  
int_type      a1; // error, 'int_type' not known  
C::int_type   a2; // OK  
C::inner_type a3; // OK
```

- i terator in the previous slide is a nested type name in class template `vector<int>`



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Character Arrays (1/2)

- Using character arrays to store and manipulate strings

- ✦ Arrays may be of any type, including chars

- ✦ An array of characters:

```
char charArrays[] = { 'H' , 'i' };
```

- ✦ We can store character strings in char arrays
- ✦ Can be initialized using a string literal

- ✦ Example

```
char string1[] = "Hi";
```

Equivalent to

```
char string1[] = { 'H' , 'i' , '\0' };
```

- ✦ Array contains each character plus a special string-termination character called the null character (' \0')



Character Arrays (2/2)

- Using character arrays to store and manipulate strings

- ✦ Can also input a string directly into a character array from the keyboard using `cin` and `>>`

```
cin >> string1;
```

- ✦ `cin` reads characters from the keyboard until the first white-space character is encountered - regardless of the array size
- ✦ `cin >>` may read more characters than the array can store
- ✦ A character array representing a null-terminated string can be output with `cout` and `<<`

```
cout << string1;
```



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Standard Library Class `string`

- Class built into C++
 - ✦ Available for anyone to use
 - ✦ Class `string`
 - ◆ Header `<string>`, namespace `std`
 - ◆ Example:

```
#include <string>
using std::string;
```
 - ✦ Character Arrays: strings
 - ◆ Header `<cstring>` (`<string.h>`)



Standard Library Class `string` (Cont.)

■ Class `string`

- ✦ Can initialize `string s1("hi ");`
- ✦ Output the string: `cout << s1;`
- ✦ Take keyboard input: `cin >> s1;`
 - ✦ `cin` reads characters from the keyboard until the first white-space character is encountered
- ✦ Read a line of text into a string

```
string s2; // s2 is empty  
getline( cin, s2);
```
- ✦ Assignment operator (`=`)
- ✦ Concatenation (`+`) (Chapter 18) (Chapter 11, Operator Overloading)



Relational Operators

- Relational operators (Chapter 18)

- ✦ `==, !=, >=, >, <=, <`

- ✦ Example : `if (s1 >= s2)`

- Compares string s1 to string s2

- ✦ Starts comparing the first character of each string. If they are equal to each other, it continues with the following pairs until the characters differ.

- ✦ Comparing [ASCII codes](#) (ranging from 0-127, p. 936) of two characters

- ◆ `'a' < 'z' (97 < 122)`

- ◆ `'A' < 'a' (65 < 97)`

```
string foo = "alpha";  
string bar = "beta";  
if (foo < bar) cout << "foo is less than bar\n";
```

```
foo is less than bar
```



Substring Member Function substr

- `substr(int startIndex, int length)`
 - ✦ `s1.substr(0, 14);`
 - ◆ Starts at location 0, gets 14 characters
- `substr(int startIndex)`
 - ✦ `s1.substr(15);`
 - ◆ Substring beginning at location 15, to the end



More Functionalities

■ operator []

- ✦ Access one character
- ✦ No range checking (if subscript invalid)
- ✦ Example: `char a = s1[0];`

■ Member function at

- ✦ Accesses one character
 - ◆ Example: `char b = s1.at(10);`
- ✦ Has bounds checking, throws an exception if subscript is invalid



Empty String

- Member function `empty` tests whether the string is empty

◆ Example:

```
if ( s1.empty() ) {  
    ...  
}
```



length & size

- length() and size() returns the same value
 - ✦ The number of characters in the string
 - ✦ Example:

```
string s1= "1234567" ;  
int size = s1.size();  
int length = s1.length();
```



Using string: An Example (1/5)

```
1 // Fig. 6.21: fig06_21.cpp
2 // Standard Library class string.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <string>
5 using namespace std;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     string s1( "happy" ); // string object s1 initialized to "happy"
10    string s2( " birthday" ); // s2 initialized to " birthday"
11    string s3; // s3 is empty
12    string s4; // s4 is empty
13
14    // read a line of text into a string object
15    cout << "Enter a line of text: ";
16    getline( cin, s4 ); // read line of text into s4
17
18    // display each string
19    cout << "s1 is \" " << s1 << "\"; s2 is \" " << s2
20         << "\"; s3 is \" " << s3 << "\"; s4 is \" " << s4 << "\"\n\n";
21
22    // determine the length of each string
23    cout << "s1 length " << s1.length() << "; s2 length " << s2.length()
24         << "; s3 length " << s3.length() << "; s4 length " << s4.length();
```

Enter a line of text: **Using class string**

s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""; s4 is "Using class string"

s1 length 5; s2 length 9; s3 length 0; s4 length 18



Using string: An Example (2/5)

```
25
26 // test equality and relational operators
27 cout << "\n\nThe results of comparing s2 and s1:"
28     << "\ns2 == s1 yields " << ( s2 == s1 ? "true" : "false" )
29     << "\ns2 != s1 yields " << ( s2 != s1 ? "true" : "false" )
30     << "\ns2 > s1 yields " << ( s2 > s1 ? "true" : "false" )
31     << "\ns2 < s1 yields " << ( s2 < s1 ? "true" : "false" )
32     << "\ns2 >= s1 yields " << ( s2 >= s1 ? "true" : "false" )
33     << "\ns2 <= s1 yields " << ( s2 <= s1 ? "true" : "false" );
34
35 // test string member function empty
36 cout << "\n\nTesting s3.empty():" << endl;
37
38 if ( s3.empty() )
39 {
40     cout << "s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;" << endl;
41     s3 = s1; // assign s1 to s3
42     cout << "s3 is \"" << s3 << "\"";
43 } // end if
44
45 // test string concatenation operator
46 cout << "\n\nAfter s1 += s2, s1 is ";
47 s1 += s2; // concatenate s2 to the end of s1
48 cout << s1;
```

The results of comparing s2 and s1:
s2 == s1 yields false
s2 != s1 yields true
s2 > s1 yields false
s2 < s1 yields true
s2 >= s1 yields false
s2 <= s1 yields true

Testing s3.empty():
s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
s3 is "happy"

After s1 += s2, s1 is happy birthday



Using string: An Example (3/5)

```
49
50 // test string concatenation operator with string literal
51 cout << "\n\ns1 += \" to you\" yields" << endl;
52 s1 += " to you";
53 cout << "s1 is " << s1 << "\n\n";
54
55 // test string member function substr
56 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at location 0 for\n"
57 << "14 characters, s1.substr(0, 14), is:\n"
58 << s1.substr( 0, 14 ) << "\n\n"; // displays "happy birthday"
59
60 // test substr "to-end-of-string" option
61 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
62 << "location 15, s1.substr(15), is:\n"
63 << s1.substr( 15 ) << endl; // displays "to you"
64
65 // making a copy of a string
66 string s5( s1 ); // creates s5 as a copy of s1
67 cout << "\ns5 is " << s5;
68
69 // test the subscript operator to create lvalues
70 s1[ 0 ] = 'H'; // replaces h with H
71 s1[ 6 ] = 'B'; // replaces b with B
72 cout << "\n\ns1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: " << s1;
```

s1 += " to you" yields
s1 is happy birthday to you

The substring of s1 starting at location 0 for
14 characters, s1.substr(0, 14), is:
happy birthday

The substring of s1 starting at
location 15, s1.substr(15), is:
to you

s5 is happy birthday to you

s1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: Happy Birthday to you



Using string: An Example (4/5)

```
73
74 // test the subscript operator to create rvalues
75 cout << "\n\ns1[0] is " << s1[ 0 ] << "; s1[2] is " << s1 [ 2 ]
76 << "; s1[s1.length()-1] is " << s1[ s1.length() - 1 ];
77                                     s1[0] is H; s1[2] is p; s1[s1.length()-1] is u
78 // test subscript out of range with string member function "at"
79 cout << "\n\nAttempt to assign 'd' to s1.at( 30 ) yields:" << endl;
80 s1.at( 30 ) = 'd'; // ERROR: subscript out of range
81 } // end main
```

Attempt to assign 'd' to s1.at(30) yields:
Platform specific error message will be displayed

Enter a line of text: **Using class string**
s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""; s4 is "Using class string"

s1 length 5; s2 length 9; s3 length 0; s4 length 18

The results of comparing s2 and s1:

s2 == s1 yields false
s2 != s1 yields true
s2 > s1 yields false
s2 < s1 yields true
s2 >= s1 yields false
s2 <= s1 yields true



Using string: An Example (5/5)

Testing s3.empty():
s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
s3 is "happy"

After s1 += s2, s1 is happy birthday

s1 += " to you" yields
s1 is happy birthday to you

The substring of s1 starting at location 0 for
14 characters, s1.substr(0, 14), is:
happy birthday

The substring of s1 starting at
location 15, s1.substr(15), is:
to you

s5 is happy birthday to you

s1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: Happy Birthday to you

s1[0] is H; s1[2] is p; s1[s1.length()-1] is u

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