

# Data Structures

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## **Arrays ADT and C++ Implementation**

# Arrays

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- An array is defined as
  - **Ordered** collection of a **fixed number** of elements
  - All elements are of the **same data type**
- Basic operations
  - **Direct access** to each element in the array
  - Values can be **retrieved** or **stored** in each element

# C/C++ Implementation of an Array ADT

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As an ADT	In C/C++
Ordered	Index: 0,1,2, ... SIZE-1
Fixed Size	intExp is constant
Homogeneous	dataType is the type of all elements
Direct Access	Array subscripting operator [ ]

# Properties of an Array

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- **Ordered**
  - Every element has a well-defined position
  - First element, second element, etc.
- **Fixed size or capacity**
  - Total number of elements are fixed
- **Homogeneous**
  - Elements must be of the same data type (and size)
  - Use arrays only for homogeneous data sets
- **Direct access**
  - Elements are accessed directly by their position
  - Time to access each element is same
  - **Different to sequential access** where an element is only accessed after the preceding elements

# Recap: Declaring Arrays in C/C++

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```
dataType arrayName[intExp];
```

- datatype – Any data type, e.g., integer, character, etc.
- arrayName – Name of array using any valid identifier
- intExp – **Constant** expression that evaluates to a positive integer

- Example:

- `const int SIZE = 10;`
  - `int list[SIZE];`

Why constant?

- Compiler **reserves a block of consecutive memory locations** enough to hold SIZE values of type int

# Recap: Accessing Arrays in C/C++

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`arrayName[indexExp];`

- `indexExp` – called **index**, is any expression that evaluates to a positive integer
- In C/C++
  - Array index starts at 0
  - Elements of array are indexed 0, 1, 2, ..., SIZE-1
  - `[ ]` is called array subscripting operator
- Example
  - `int value = list[2];`
  - `list[0] = value + 2;`

list[0]	7
list[1]	
list[2]	5
list[3]	
	⋮
list[9]	

# Array Initialization in C/C++ (1)

```
dataType arrayName[intExp]= {list of values}
```

- In C/C++, arrays can be **initialized at declaration**
  - intExp is **optional**: Not necessary to specify the size
- Example: Numeric arrays
  - `double score[ ] = {0.11, 0.13, 0.16, 0.18, 0.21}`

	0	1	2	3	4
score	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.18	0.21

- Example: Character arrays
  - `char vowel [5] = { 'A', 'E', 'I', 'O', 'U' }`

	0	1	2	3	4
vowel	A	E	I	O	U

# Array Initialization in C/C++ (2)

- Fewer values are specified than the declared size of an array
  - Numeric arrays: Remaining elements are assigned zero
  - Character arrays: Remaining elements contains null character '\0'
    - ASCII code of '\0' is zero

- Example

- `double score[5] = {0.11, 0.13, 0.16}`

	0	1	2	3	4
score	0.11	0.13	0.16	0	0

- `char name[6] = {'J', 'O', 'H', 'N'}`

	0	1	2	3	4	5
name	J	O	H	N	\0	\0

- If more values are specified than declared size of an array
  - Error is occurred: Handling depends on compiler



# Multidimensional Arrays

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- Most languages support arrays with more than one dimension
  - High dimensions capture characteristics/correlations associated with data
- **Example:** A table of test scores for different students on several tests
  - 2D array is suitable for storage and processing of data

	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
Student 1	99.0	93.5	89.0	91.0
Student 2	66.0	68.0	84.5	82.0
Student 3	88.5	78.5	70.0	65.0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
Student N	100.0	99.5	100.0	99.0

## Two Dimensional Arrays – Declaration

```
dataType  arrayName[intExp1][intExp2];
```

- intExp1 – constant expression specifying number of rows
- intExp2 – constant expression specifying number of columns
- Example:
  - const int NUM\_ROW = 2, NUM\_COLUMN = 4;
  - double scoreTable [NUM\_ROW][NUM\_COLUMN];
- Initialization:
  - Double scoreTable [ ][4] = { {0.5, 0.6, 0.3},  
{0.6, 0.3, 0.8}};
  - List the initial values in braces, row by row
  - May use internal braces for each row to improve readability

# Two Dimensional Arrays – Processing

```
arrayName[indexExp1][indexExp2];
```

- indexExp1 – row index
- indexExp2 – column index
- Rows and columns are numbered from 0
- Use nested loops to vary two indices
  - Row-wise or column-wise manner
- Example
  - `double value = score[2][1];`
  - `score[0][3] = value + 2.0;`

score	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]
[0]				2.7
[1]				
[2]		0.7		
[3]				
	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
[9]				

# Higher Dimensional Arrays

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- **Example:** Store and process a table of test scores
  - For several different students
  - On several different tests
  - Belonging to different semesters

```
const int SEMS = 10, STUDENTS = 30, TESTS = 4;  
typedef double ThreeDimArray[SEMS][STUDENTS][TESTS];  
ThreeDimArray gradeBook;
```

- What is represented by `gradebook[4][2][3]`?
  - Score of 3<sup>rd</sup> student belonging to 5<sup>th</sup> semester on 4<sup>th</sup> test
- All indices start from zero