

C++ Arrays

- Array is a group of similar types of element that have contiguous memory location.
- Array index starts from zero.
- We can store only fixed set of elements.

Data →

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 |
|----|----|----|----|

Address → 0 1 2 3

Advantages

- Code optimize
- Random Access
- Easy to traverse
- Easy to manipulate of sort data.

Disadvantage : Fixed size.

- Insertion of deletion are costly.

NOTE : Name of array access to the or point to the first element of array.

Array Type

- There are two types of Array
1. Single Dimension Array.

int a[2] = {1, 2, 3}

2. Multidimensional Array

int a[2][2] = {
 { 1 2 3 4 },
 { 5 6 7 8 }
}

Passing Array to function.

To reuse the array logic, we can create function. To pass array to function, we need to provide only name.

ex: `functionname(arrayname);` // Syntax

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

```
void printArray (int arr[5])
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
int arr1[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50}
```

```
int arr2[5] = {5, 15, 25, 35, 45}
```

```
printArray(arr1); // Here we pass the array
```

```
printArray(arr2);
```

```
}
```

```
void printArray (int arr[5])
{
```

```
cout << "Printing array element: " endl;
```

```
for (int i=0; i<5; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
cout << arr[i] << " ";
```

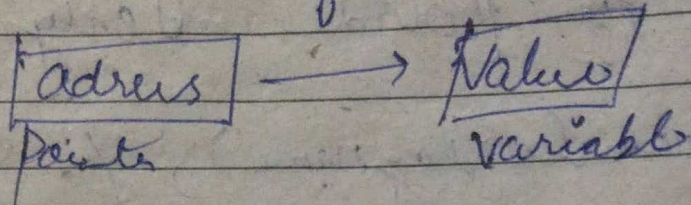
```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```


Pointer

- The pointer is indicator that points to an address of a value.



Advantage:

- reduce the code
- improve performance
- used with arrays, structure & function

Usage of pointer

- i → Dynamic memory allocation
- We can dynamically allocate memory using `malloc()` & `calloc()` functions where pointer is used.

ii → Array, function & structure

Symbol used in pointer

- & → Address operator : For address of variable
- * → Indirect operator : For value of address

Declaration

```
int *a;  
char *a;
```

```
or *p = &a
```


Array of pointer

An array of pointer is an array that consists of variables of pointer type, which means that the variable is a pointer addressing to some other element.

ex: `int *ptr[5];`

→ This is called a pointer Array or Array of pointer name ptr.

→ The element of an array of a pointer can also be initialize by assign the address of some other elements.

ex: `int a;`

`ptr[2] = &a;`

Here in array at index 2 there is address of a variable

Array of pointer to strings

• Difference Array of pointer to the array of pointer to string

→ An array of pointer to string is more efficient than the two dimensional array of characters. In case of memory consumption.

→ In an array of string (pointer), the manipulation of ^{string} pointer is comparatively easier than in the case of 2d array.

→ We can also easily change the ~~pointer~~ ^{string} pointers using the pointer.

Void Pointer

→ A void pointer is a general-purpose pointer that can hold the address of any data-type, but it is not associated with any data type.

Note: We cannot assign the address of a variable to the variable of a different data type; i.e. int can't access float or so on.

Note: If we want to hold the address of any data, we use the void-pointer,
Void.

Difference b/w C & C++ void pointer

→ In C we can assign the void pointer to any other pointer type without any typecasting.

Whereas in C++ we need to typecast when we assign the void pointer type to any other type.

* int a = 10
* &a \Rightarrow value decay!

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Reference (Address)

Reference can be created by using & (ampersand) operator. It occupies some memory location.

Therefore we can access the original variable by using either name of the variable or reference of the variable.

Ex: `int a = 10;` } same thing
`int &ref = a;`
value decay!

Ex: Reference variable cannot be modified.

Reference can also be passed as a function parameter. It does not create a copy of the argument. It behaves as an alias for a parameter.

Key point \rightarrow It enhances the performance as it does not create a copy of the argument.

Key point \rightarrow With the help of reference we can access the nested loop data.

Key point \rightarrow We cannot assign the Null value to the reference variable, but the pointer variable can be assigned with a Null value.

Function Pointer

- The function pointer is a pointer used to point functions.
- It is basically used to store the address of function.
- We can call the function by using the pointer function.
- They are mainly useful for event-driven applications, callbacks or even for storing the function in array.

* Syntax: `int (*FunPtr)(int int);`

Address of a function

- For getting the address, we just need to mention the name of the function. we do not need to call the function.

Passing a function's pointer as a parameter

- The function pointer can be accessed as a parameter to another function.

```

eg: #include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void func1()
{
}

void func2(void (*funcptr)())
{
    funcptr();
}

int main()
{
    func2(func1)
    return 0;
}
    
```


Memory Management.

Memory management is a process of managing memory, assigning the memory space to the programs to improve the overall system process.

To avoid the wastage of memory, we use the new operator to allocate the memory dynamically at run time.

Memory Management Operators.

We use the `malloc()` or `calloc()` function to allocate the memory dynamically at run time; `free()` is used to deallocate the dynamically allocated memory.

C++ also defines unary operators such as `new` or `delete`.

New operator:

→ A new operator is used to create the object; while

a delete operator is used to delete the object.

New operator exists lifetime till we delete it. It is independent of block.

Syntax :- `Pointer Variable = new data-type`
`*int = new int;`

eg: `int *p;`

`p = new int;`

/ delete pointer variable,

delete p;