

### Lecture 8 -Arrays

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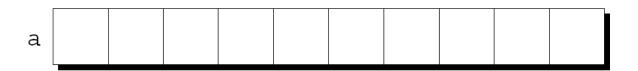
## Scalar Variables versus Aggregate Variables

- So far, the only variables we've seen are scalar: capable of holding a single data item.
- C also supports aggregate variables, which can store collections of values.
- There are two kinds of aggregates in C: arrays and structures.
- The focus of the lecture is on one-dimensional arrays, which play a much bigger role in C than do multidimensional arrays.



### **One-Dimensional Arrays**

- An array is a data structure containing a number of data values, all of which have the same type.
- These values, known as elements, can be individually selected by their position within the array.
- The simplest kind of array has just one dimension.
- The elements of a one-dimensional array a are conceptually arranged one after another in a single row (or column):





### One-Dimensional Arrays (cont.)

 To declare an array, we must specify the type of the array's elements and the number of elements:

```
int a[10];
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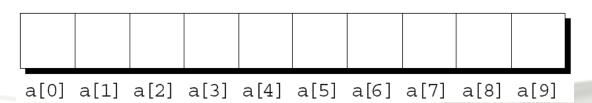
- The elements may be of any type; the length of the array can be any (integer) constant expression.
- Using a macro to define the length of an array is an excellent practice:

```
#define N 10
...
int a[N];
```



### **Array Subscripting**

- To access an array element, write the array name followed by an integer value in square brackets.
- This is referred to as subscripting or indexing the array.
- The elements of an array of length n are indexed from 0 to n 1.
- If a is an array of length 10, its elements are designated by a [0], a [1], ..., a [9]:





• Expressions of the form a [i] are Ivalues, so they can be used in the same way as ordinary variables:

```
a[0] = 1;
printf("%d\n", a[5]);
++a[i];
```

• In general, if an array contains elements of type *T*, then each element of the array is treated as if it were a variable of type *T*.



- Many programs contain for loops whose job is to perform some operation on every element in an array.
- Examples of typical operations on an array a of length N:



- C doesn't require that subscript bounds be checked; if a subscript goes out of range, the program's behavior is undefined.
- A common mistake: forgetting that an array with n elements is indexed from 0 to n − 1, not 1 to n:

```
int a[10], i;
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
a[i] = 0;</pre>
```

With some compilers, this innocent-looking for statement causes an infinite loop.

An array subscript may be any integer expression:

```
a[i+j*10] = 0;
```

The expression can even have side effects:

```
i = 0;
while (i < N)
a[i++] = 0;</pre>
```



Be careful when an array subscript has a side effect:

```
i = 0;
while (i < N)
a[i] = b[i++];</pre>
```

- The expression a [i] = b [i++] accesses the value of i and also modifies i, causing undefined behavior.
- The problem can be avoided by removing the increment from the subscript:

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
a[i] = b[i];
```



## Program: Reversing a Series of Numbers

• The reverse.c program prompts the user to enter a series of numbers, then writes the numbers in reverse order:

```
Enter 10 numbers: 34 82 49 102 7 94 23 11 50 31 In reverse order: 31 50 11 23 94 7 102 49 82 34
```

• The program stores the numbers in an array as they're read, then goes through the array backwards, printing the elements one by one.



## Program: Reversing a Series of Numbers (cont.)

```
reverse.c
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10
int main(void)
 int a[N], i;
 printf("Enter %d numbers: ", N);
  for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    scanf("%d", &a[i]);
  printf("In reverse order:");
  for (i = N - 1; i >= 0; i--)
   printf(" %d", a[i]);
  printf("\n");
  return 0;
```

#### **Array Initialization**

- An array, like any other variable, can be given an initial value at the time it's declared.
- The most common form of array initializer is a list of constant expressions enclosed in braces and separated by commas:

```
int a[10] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\};
```



### Array Initialization (cont.)

• If the initializer is shorter than the array, the remaining elements of the array are given the value 0:

```
int a[10] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\};
/* initial value of a is \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0\} */
```

Using this feature, we can easily initialize an array to all zeros:

There's a single 0 inside the braces because it's illegal for an initializer to be completely empty.

 It's also illegal for an initializer to be longer than the array it initializes.

### Array Initialization (cont.)

 If an initializer is present, the length of the array may be omitted:

```
int a[] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\};
```

 The compiler uses the length of the initializer to determine how long the array is.



### Designated Initializers (C99)

- It's often the case that relatively few elements of an array need to be initialized explicitly; the other elements can be given default values.
- An example:

```
int a[15] = \{0, 0, 29, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 48\};
```

• For a large array, writing an initializer in this fashion is tedious and error-prone.



- C99's *designated initializers* can be used to solve this problem.
- Here's how we could redo the previous example using a designated initializer:

```
int a[15] = \{[2] = 29, [9] = 7, [14] = 48\};
```

Each number in brackets is said to be a designator.



- Designated initializers are shorter and easier to read (at least for some arrays).
- Also, the order in which the elements are listed no longer matters.
- Another way to write the previous example:

```
int a[15] = \{[14] = 48, [9] = 7, [2] = 29\};
```



- Designators must be integer constant expressions.
- If the array being initialized has length n, each designator must be between 0 and n-1.
- If the length of the array is omitted, a designator can be any nonnegative integer.
  - The compiler will deduce the length of the array from the largest designator.
- The following array will have 24 elements:

```
int b[] = {[5] = 10, [23] = 13, [11] = 36, [15] = 29;
```



 An initializer may use both the older (element-byelement) technique and the newer (designated) technique:

```
int c[10] = \{5, 1, 9, [4] = 3, 7, 2, [8] = 6\};
```



### Program: Checking a Number for Repeated Digits

- The repdigit.c program checks whether any of the digits in a number appear more than once.
- After the user enters a number, the program prints either Repeated digit or No repeated digit:

```
Enter a number: 28212
Repeated digit
```

• The number 28212 has a repeated digit (2); a number like 9357 doesn't.



### Program: Checking a Number for Repeated Digits

- The program uses an array of 10 Boolean values to keep track of which digits appear in a number.
- Initially, every element of the digit\_seen array is false.
- When given a number n, the program examines n's digits one at a time, storing the current digit in a variable named digit.
  - If digit seen [digit] is true, then digit appears at least twice in n.
  - If digit\_seen[digit] is false, then digit has not been seen before, so the program sets digit\_seen[digit] to true and keeps going.



# Program: Checking a Number for Repeated Digits (cont.)

#### repdigit.c #include <stdbool.h> if (n > 0)#include <stdio.h> printf("Repeated digit\n"); else int main (void) printf("No repeated digit\n"); bool digit seen[10] = {false}; int digit; return 0; long n; printf("Enter a number: "); scanf("%ld", &n); while (n > 0) { digit = n % 10; if (digit seen[digit]) break; digit seen[digit] = true; n /= 10;

## Using the sizeof Operator with Arrays

- The sizeof operator can determine the size of an array (in bytes).
- If a is an array of 10 integers, then sizeof (a) is typically 40 (assuming that each integer requires four bytes).
- We can also use sizeof to measure the size of an array element, such as a [0].
- Dividing the array size by the element size gives the length of the array:

```
sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0])
```



# Using the sizeof Operator with Arrays (cont.)

- Some programmers use this expression when the length of the array is needed.
- A loop that clears the array a:

```
for (i = 0; i < sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0]); i++)
a[i] = 0;</pre>
```

Note that the loop doesn't have to be modified if the array length should change at a later date.



# Using the sizeof Operator with Arrays (cont.)

- Some compilers produce a warning message for the expression i < sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0]).
- The variable i probably has type int (a signed type), whereas sizeof produces a value of type size\_t (an unsigned type).
- Comparing a signed integer with an unsigned integer can be dangerous, but in this case it's safe.



## Using the sizeof Operator with Arrays (cont.)

• To avoid a warning, we can add a cast that converts sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0]) to a signed integer:

```
for (i = 0; i < (int) (sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0])); i++)
    a[i] = 0;</pre>
```

 Defining a macro for the size calculation is often helpful:

```
#define SIZE ((int) (sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0])))
for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
   a[i] = 0;</pre>
```



### Program: Computing Interest

- The interest.c program prints a table showing the value of \$100 invested at different rates of interest over a period of years.
- The user will enter an interest rate and the number of years the money will be invested.
- The table will show the value of the money at one-year intervals—at that interest rate and the next four higher rates—assuming that interest is compounded once a year.



Here's what a session with the program will look like:

```
Enter interest rate: 6
Enter number of years: 5

Years 6% 7% 8% 9% 10%
1 106.00 107.00 108.00 109.00 110.00
2 112.36 114.49 116.64 118.81 121.00
3 119.10 122.50 125.97 129.50 133.10
4 126.25 131.08 136.05 141.16 146.41
5 133.82 140.26 146.93 153.86 161.05
```



- The numbers in the second row depend on the numbers in the first row, so it makes sense to store the first row in an array.
  - The values in the array are then used to compute the second row.
  - This process can be repeated for the third and later rows.
- The program uses nested for statements.
  - The outer loop counts from 1 to the number of years requested by the user.
  - The inner loop increments the interest rate from its lowest value to its highest value.

#### interest.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM RATES ((int) (sizeof(value) / sizeof(value[0])))
#define INITIAL BALANCE 100.00
int main(void)
  int i, low rate, num years, year;
  double value[5];
 printf("Enter interest rate: ");
  scanf("%d", &low rate);
 printf("Enter number of years: ");
  scanf("%d", &num years);
```



```
printf("\nYears");
for (i = 0; i < NUM RATES; i++) {
  printf("%6d%%", low rate + i);
  value[i] = INITIAL BALANCE;
printf("\n");
for (year = 1; year <= num years; year++) {</pre>
  printf("%3d ", year);
  for (i = 0; i < NUM RATES; i++) {
    value[i] += (low rate + i) / 100.0 * value[i];
   printf("%7.2f", value[i]);
  printf("\n");
return 0;
```

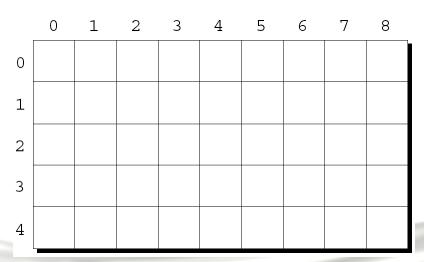


#### Multidimensional Arrays

- An array may have any number of dimensions.
- The following declaration creates a two-dimensional array (a matrix, in mathematical terminology):

```
int m[5][9];
```

 m has 5 rows and 9 columns. Both rows and columns are indexed from 0:





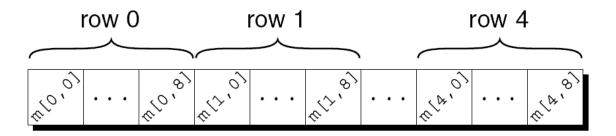
### Multidimensional Arrays (cont.)

- To access the element of m in row i, column j, we must write m[i][j].
- The expression m[i] designates row i of m, and m[i][j] then selects element j in this row.
- Resist the temptation to write m[i,j] instead of m[i][j].
- C treats the comma as an operator in this context, so m[i,j] is the same as m[j].



### Multidimensional Arrays (cont.)

- Although we visualize two-dimensional arrays as tables, that's not the way they're actually stored in computer memory.
- C stores arrays in row-major order, with row 0 first, then row 1, and so forth.
- How the m array is stored:





### Multidimensional Arrays (cont.)

- Nested for loops are ideal for processing multidimensional arrays.
- Consider the problem of initializing an array for use as an identity matrix. A pair of nested for loops is perfect:

```
#define N 10

double ident[N][N];
int row, col;

for (row = 0; row < N; row++)
  for (col = 0; col < N; col++)
   if (row == col)
     ident[row][col] = 1.0;
  else
   ident[row][col] = 0.0;</pre>
```

```
\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}
```



 We can create an initializer for a two-dimensional array by nesting one-dimensional initializers:

```
int m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\},\
\{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0\},\
\{0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0\},\
\{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1\}\};
```

- Initializers for higher-dimensional arrays are constructed in a similar fashion.
- C provides a variety of ways to abbreviate initializers for multidimensional arrays

- If an initializer isn't large enough to fill a multidimensional array, the remaining elements are given the value 0.
- The following initializer fills only the first three rows of m; the last two rows will contain zeros:

```
int m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\}, \{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0\}, \{0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0\}\};
```



 If an inner list isn't long enough to fill a row, the remaining elements in the row are initialized to 0:

```
int m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\},\
\{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1\},\
\{0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1\},\
\{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1\}\};
```



We can even omit the inner braces:

Once the compiler has seen enough values to fill one row, it begins filling the next.

 Omitting the inner braces can be risky, since an extra element (or even worse, a missing element) will affect the rest of the initializer.

- C99's designated initializers work with multidimensional arrays.
- How to create 2 x 2 identity matrix:

```
double ident[2][2] = \{[0][0] = 1.0, [1][1] = 1.0\};
```

As usual, all elements for which no value is specified will default to zero.



### **Constant Arrays**

 An array can be made "constant" by starting its declaration with the word const:

```
const char hex_chars[] =
  {'0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9',
   'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'};
```

 An array that's been declared const should not be modified by the program.



## Constant Arrays (cont.)

- Advantages of declaring an array to be const:
  - Documents that the program won't change the array.
  - Helps the compiler catch errors.
- const isn't limited to arrays, but it's particularly useful in array declarations.



## Program: Dealing a Hand of Cards

- The deal.c program illustrates both two-dimensional arrays and constant arrays.
- The program deals a random hand from a standard deck of playing cards.
- Each card in a standard deck has a suit (clubs, diamonds, hearts, or spades) and a rank (two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king, or ace).



 The user will specify how many cards should be in the hand:

```
Enter number of cards in hand: <u>5</u> Your hand: 7c 2s 5d as 2h
```

- Problems to be solved:
  - How do we pick cards randomly from the deck?
  - How do we avoid picking the same card twice?



- To pick cards randomly, we'll use several C library functions:
  - time (from <time.h>) returns the current time, encoded in a single number.
  - srand (from <stdlib.h>) initializes C's random number generator.
  - rand (from <stdlib.h>) produces an apparently random number each time it's called.
- By using the % operator, we can scale the return value from rand so that it falls between 0 and 3 (for suits) or between 0 and 12 (for ranks).



```
deal.c
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#define NUM SUITS 4
#define NUM RANKS 13
int main (void)
 bool in hand[NUM SUITS][NUM RANKS] = {false};
 int num cards, rank, suit;
 '9','t','j','q','k','a'};
 const char suit code[] = {'c','d','h','s'};
```



```
srand((unsigned) time(NULL));
printf("Enter number of cards in hand: ");
scanf("%d", &num cards);
printf("Your hand:");
while (num cards > 0) {
  suit = rand() % NUM SUITS; /* picks a random suit */
  rank = rand() % NUM RANKS; /* picks a random rank */
  if (!in hand[suit][rank]) {
    in hand[suit][rank] = true;
   num cards--;
   printf(" %c%c", rank code[rank], suit code[suit]);
printf("\n");
return 0;
```

- The in\_hand array is used to keep track of which cards have already been chosen.
- The array has 4 rows and 13 columns; each element corresponds to one of the 52 cards in the deck.
- All elements of the array will be false to start with.
- Each time we pick a card at random, we'll check whether the element of in hand corresponding to that card is true or false.
  - If it's true, we'll have to pick another card.
  - If it's false, we'll store true in that element to remind us later that this card has already been picked.



- Once we've verified that a card is "new," we'll need to translate its numerical rank and suit into characters and then display the card.
- To translate the rank and suit to character form, we'll set up two arrays of characters—one for the rank and one for the suit—and then use the numbers to subscript the arrays.
- These arrays won't change during program execution, so they are declared to be const.



## Variable-Length Arrays (C99)

- In C89, the length of an array variable must be specified by a constant expression.
- In C99, however, it's sometimes possible to use an expression that's *not* constant.
- The reverse2.c program—a modification of reverse.c—illustrates this ability.



## Variable-Length Arrays (C99) (cont.)

```
reverse2.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
 int i, n;
 printf("How many numbers do you want to reverse? ");
  scanf("%d", &n);
  int a[n];
  printf("Enter %d numbers: ", n);
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
     scanf("%d", &a[i]);
 printf("In reverse order:");
  for (i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--)
    printf(" %d", a[i]);
 printf("\n");
```

return 0;

How many numbers do you want to reverse? 4 Enter 4 numbers: 0 5 4 1 In reverse order: 1 4 5 0

## Variable-Length Arrays (C99) (cont.)

- The array a in the reverse2.c program is an example of a variable-length array (or VLA).
- The length of a VLA is computed when the program is executed.
- The chief advantage of a VLA is that a program can calculate exactly how many elements are needed.
- If the programmer makes the choice, it's likely that the array will be too long (wasting memory) or too short (causing the program to fail).



## Variable-Length Arrays (C99) (cont.)

 The length of a VLA doesn't have to be specified by a single variable. Arbitrary expressions are legal:

```
int a[3*i+5];
int b[j+k];
```

Like other arrays, VLAs can be multidimensional:

```
int c[m][n];
```

- Restrictions on VLAs:
  - Can't have static storage duration.
  - Can't have an initializer.



#### A Quick Review to This Lecture

- In C, *aggregate* variables store collections of values: arrays and structures.
- Declare an array by specifying type and number of elements

Using subscripting or indexing in range (0, n-1) to access elements

```
a[0] = 1;
printf("%d", a[5]);
a[0] a[1] a[2] a[3] a[4] a[5] a[6] a[7] a[8] a[9]
```

Subscripting out of range leads to undefined behavior

```
a[10] = 1;
```

Typical operations on an array a of length N:

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
a[i] = 0; /* clears a */
```

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    scanf("%d", &a[i]);    /* reads data into a */</pre>
```

array initializer

int 
$$a[10] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\};$$

constant expressions



If the initializer is shorter than the array, append 0:

```
int a[10] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}; // equal to \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0\}
int a[10] = \{0\}; // equal to \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}
```

Initializer longer than the array or empty is illegal

• If an initializer is present, the length of the array may be omitted:

```
int a[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
imply 10
```



Designated initializer

```
int a[15] = {[2] = 29, [9] = 7, [14] = 48};
int b[] = {[5] = 10, [23] = 13, [11] = 36, [15] = 29};
imply 24
int c[10] = {5, 1, [4] = 3, 7, [8] = 6};
```

element-by-element + designated

Using sizeof() to obtain the length of the array:

```
#define SIZE ((int) (sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0])))
for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
   a[i] = 0</pre>
```

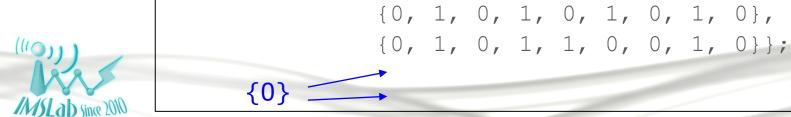


Declaring and initializing a two-dimensional array

```
int m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\},
                 \{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0\},\
                 \{0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0\},\
                \{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0\},\
                 \{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1\}\};
```

```
int m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\},
               \{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1\},
               \{0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1\}, \longleftarrow 0
               \{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1\},
                \{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1\}\};
```

int  $m[5][9] = \{\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\},\$ 





Using designated initializer to initialize a two-dimensional identity matrix

```
double ident[2][2] = {[0][0] = 1.0, [1][1] = 1.0};
```

Constant array is useful in many cases

```
const char hex_chars[] =
  {'0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9',
  'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F'};
```

Variable-Length Array (VLA) (supported by C99, but not by C++)

```
int m, n;
int c[m][n];
```

- Can't have static storage duration.
- Can't have an initializer.