Arrays

CS 115

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One, two, and multi-dimensional arrays

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int value2;
// ...
int value999;

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cout << value999 << endl;
cout << value998 << endl;
// ...
cout << value0 << endl;
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  cout << a[i] << endl;
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{
  int sum = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    sum += a[i];
  return sum;
}

int main()
{
  // Array initialization
  int a[] = { 3, 24, -88, 17, -1 };
  cout << sumArray(a, 5) << endl;
}
```

- Array size can be left unspecified in array initialization syntax

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int a[] = {1,2,6,3,8};
int x = sumArray(a, sizeof(a) / sizeof(int));
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```
bool arrayIsSorted(const int a[], unsigned int n){
  for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++){
    if (a[i] > a[i+1])
      return false;
  }
  return true;
}
```

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```
void swap(int &a, int &b) {
  int tmp = a;
  a = b;
  b = tmp;
}
// below a[] is not a constant as want to produce side-effect
void reverseArray(int a[], unsigned int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n/2; i++)
    swap(a[i], a[n - i - 1]);
}
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// count: total number of components in the subarray
int sumSubarray(const int a[],
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                unsigned int count){
  int sum = 0;
  for (int i = pos; i < pos + count; i++)
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  return sum;
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int sumSubarray(const int a[],
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  assert(begin <= end);
  int sum = 0;
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  return sum;
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  for (unsigned int product = 0; product < NUM_OF_PRODUCTS; product++)
    cin >> sales[region][product];

// total sales for a particular product (product 0)
unsigned int total_sales = 0;

for (unsigned int region = 0; region < NUM_OF_REGIONS; region++)
  // add up sales from all regions for product 0
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```

- Can you compute total sales from region 1?

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  return sales[r][p];
}
// Implement a function that sets the value
// of one element from the sales array
void setSales(unsigned int sales[NUM_OF_REGIONS][NUM_OF_PRODUCTS],
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  sales[r][p] = v;
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```
// too lazy to write long types? Use typedef instead!

typedef unsigned int Sales[NUM_OF_REGIONS][NUM_OF_PRODUCTS];

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typedef unsigned int Sales[NUM_YEARS][NUM_REGIONS][NUM_PRODUCTS];

unsigned int total_sales = 0;
for (unsigned int year = 0; year < NUM_YEARS; year++)
  for (unsigned int region = 0; region < NUM_REGIONS; region++)
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      total_sales += sales[year][region][product];
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```