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[Ch3] Multidemensional Arrays

Using a Range for with Multidimensional Arrays

We can loop through a 2-D array using the following code:

```
size_t cnt = 0;
for(auto &row : ia) //for every element in the outer array
  for(auto &col : row) { //for every element in the inner array
    col = cnt++; //give this element in the next value, and then increment cnt
}
```

In the example above, we used references as our loop control varaibles because we wanted to change the elements in the array. However, there is a deeper reason for using references. Consider the following loop:

```
for(const auto &row : ia) //For every row in the outer array
  for(auto col : row) //For every column in the inner array
   cout << col << endl;</pre>
```

This loop does not write to the lements, yet we still define the control variable of the outer loop as a reference. We do so in order to avoid the normal array to pointer conversion. If we neglect the reference and write these loops as:

```
for(auto row : ia)
for(auto col : row)
```

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Our program will not compile. As before, the first for iterates through ia, whose elements are arrays of size 4. Because row is not a reference, when the compiler initializes row it will convert each array element to a pointer to that array's first element. As a result, in this loop the type of row is int*. The inner for loop is illegal, Despite our intentions, that loop attempts to iterate over an int*.

Note: To use a multidimensional array in a range for, the loop control varaible for all but the innermost array must be references.

Exercise

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Exercise 3.43: Write three different versions of a program to print the elements of ia. One version should use a range for to manage the iteration, the other two should use an ordinary for loop in one case using subscripts and in the other using pointers. In all three programs write all the types directly. That is, do not use a type alias, auto, or decltype to simplify the code.

Range for:

```
for(int (&row)[4] : ia) {
  for(int col : row)
    cout << col << " ";
  cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

Subscript:

```
for(int i = 0; i != 3; ++i) {
  for(int j = 0; j != 4; j++)
    cout << ia[i][j] << " ";
  cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

Pointers:

```
for(int (*outPtr)[4] = arr; outPtr != arr + 3; outPtr++) {
  for(int *innerPtr = *outPtr; innerPtr != *outPtr + 4; innerPtr++)
```

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```
cout << *innerPtr << " ";
cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

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