

# **Arrays**

- Arrays are our first reference type!
- Arrays act quite differently in storage vs memory/calldata
- Arrays aren't used as frequently as mappings 😢
  - useful for ordered data or when you need iteration
  - ∘ unlimited size plus iteration can be a DOS vector 📑

### **Reference Types**

- Reference Types: string, bytes, arrays, mappings, and structs
- As an argument you must declare the memory location: calldata, memory or storage
- Potentially passed by reference, as opposed to value types

Let's take a look at the data locations!

## **Storage**

In storage, arrays can be dynamic size or fixed size:

```
contract X {
  uint[3] favoriteNumbers;
  uint[] allNumbers;

constructor() {
   // push is allowed on dyamic arrays
   allNumbers.push(1);

  // not allowed on fixed size arrays
  favoriteNumbers[0] = 1;
  }
}
```

#### **Storage**

For reference types, they can be passed by reference as a storage pointer:

```
import "forge-std/console.sol";
contract X {
  uint[3] favoriteNumbers;

constructor() {
  modifyArray(favoriteNumbers);

  console.log(favoriteNumbers[0]); // 22
}

function modifyArray(uint[3] storage nums) private {
  nums[0] = 22;
}
}
```

#### **Calldata**

Refers to the data passed into the function, read-only:

```
import "forge-std/console.sol";
contract X {
  function readArr(uint[3] calldata arr) external view {
    // cannot write to the array
    console.log(arr[0]);
  }
}
```

## **Memory**

Temporary location, creates a copy of the reference type passed in:

```
import "forge-std/console.sol";
contract X {
  function readArr(uint[3] memory arr) external view {
    arr[0] = 5;
    console.log(arr[0]); // 5
  }
}
```