Arrays

Session 7



Objectives

- Explain array elements and indices
- Define an array
- Explain array handling in C
- Explain how an array is initialized
- Explain string / character arrays
- Explain two dimensional arrays
- Explain initialization of two dimensional arrays



Array Elements & Indices

- Each member of an array is identified by unique index or subscript assigned to it
- The dimension of an array is determined by the number of indices needed to uniquely identify each element
- An index is a positive integer enclosed in [] placed immediately after the array name
- An index holds integer values starting with zero
- An array with 11 elements will look like -

Player[0], player[1], player[2],.... Player[10]



Defining an Array-1

- An array has some particular characteristics and has to be defined with them
- These characteristics include –

Storage Class

Data Types of the elements in the Array

Array Name

Which indicates the location of the first

member of the array

Array Size

a constant evaluating to a +ve value



Defining an Array-2

An array is defined in the same way as a variable is defined. The only change is that the array name is followed by one or more expressions, enclosed within square brackets [], specifying the array dimension.

Storage_Class data_types array_name[size] int player[11];



Norms with Arrays

- All elements of an array are of the same type
- Each element of an array can be used wherever a variable is allowed or required
- Each element of an array can be referenced using a variable or an integer expression
- Arrays can have their data types like int, char, float or double



Array Handling in C-1

- An array is treated differently from a variable in C
- Two arrays, even if they are of the same type and size cannot be tested for equality
- It is not possible to assign one array directly to another
- Values cannot be assigned to an array on the whole, instead values are assigned to the elements of the array

Array Handling in C-2

```
/* Input values are accepted from the user into the array ary[10]*/
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
    int ary[10];
    int i, total, high;
    for(i=0; i<10; i++)
   printf("\n Enter value: %d : ", i+1);
   scanf("%d",&ary[i]);
     /* Displays highest of the entered values */
    high = ary[0];
     for(i=1; i<10; i++)
   if(ary[i] > high)
       high = ary[i];
    printf("\nHighest value entered was %d", high);
     /* prints average of values entered for ary[10] */
     for(i=0, total=0; i<10; i++)
   total = total + ary[i];
    printf("\nThe average of the elements of ary is %d",total/i);
```



- Each element of an Automatic array needs to be initialized separately
- In the following example the array elements have been assigned valued using the for loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
   char alpha[26];
   int i, j;
   for(i=65,j=0; i<91; i++,j++)
   {
    alpha[j] = i;
   printf("The character now assigned is %c \n", alpha[j]);
   }
   getchar();
}</pre>
```

 In case of extern and static arrays, the elements are automatically initialized to zero

Strings/Character Arrays-1

- A string can be defined as a character type array, which is terminated by a null character
- Each character in a string occupies one byte and the last character of a string is "\0" (Backslash zero)
- Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    char ary[5];
    int i;
    printf("\n Enter string : ");
    scanf("%s",ary);
    printf("\n The string is %s \n\n", ary);
    for (i=0; i<5; i++)
    printf("\t%d", ary[i]);
}</pre>
```

Strings/Character Arrays-2

Output -

If the entered string is appl, the output will be as shown below.

The input for the above is of 4 characters and the 5th character is the null character

If the entered string is apple, the output will be as shown below.

The above output is for an input of 5 characters



String Functions

Wide range of string functions, which are found in the standard header file <string.h>

Name	Function
strcpy(s1, s2)	Copies s2 into s1
strcat(s1, s2)	Concatenates s2 onto the end of s1
strlen(s1)	Returns the length of s1
strcmp(s1, s2)	Returns 0 if s1 and s2 are the same; less than 0 if s1 <s2; 0="" greater="" if="" s1="" than=""> s2</s2;>
strchr(s1, ch)	Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of ch in s1
strstr(s1, s2)	Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of s2 in s1



Two-Dimensional Arrays

- The simplest and the most commonly used multi-dimensional array is the two dimensional array
- A two-dimensional array can be thought of as an array of two single dimensional arrays
- A two-dimensional array looks like a railway time-table consisting of rows and columns
- A two-dimensional array is declared as -

int temp[4][3];



Initialization of Multidimensional Arrays-1

int ary[3][4] =

 $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12\}$; The result of the above assignment will be as follows:

$$ary [0] [0] = 1$$
 $ary [0] [1] = 2$ $ary [0] [2] = 3$ $ary [0] [3] = 4$ $ary [1] [0] = 5$ $ary [1][1] = 6$ $ary [1] [2] = 7$ $ary [1][3] = 8$ $ary [2] [0] = 9$ $ary [2][1] = 10$ $ary [2] [2] = 11$ $ary [2][3] = 12$

Initialization of Multidimensional Arrays-2

```
int ary[3][4]=
                 {7,8,3}
```



Initialization of Multidimensional Arrays-3

The result of the assignment will be as follows:

$$ary[0][0] = 1$$
 $ary[0][1] = 2$ $ary[0][2] = 3$ $ary[0][3] = 0$ $ary[1][0] = 4$ $ary[1][1] = 5$ $ary[1][2] = 6$ $ary[1][3] = 0$ $ary[2][0] = 7$ $ary[2][1] = 8$ $ary[2][2] = 3$ $ary[2][3] = 0$

A two - dimensional string array is declared in the following manner:

char str_ary[25][80];

Two-Dimensional Array-1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
void main ()
   int i, n = 0;
   int item;
   char x[10][12];
   char temp[12];
   clrscr();
   printf("Enter each string on a separate line\n\n");
   printf("Type 'END' when over \n\n");
   /* read in the list of strings */
   do
      printf("String %d : ", n+1);
      scanf("%s", x[n]);
   } while (strcmp(x[n++], "END"));
/*reorder the list of strings */
```

Example

contd....

Two-Dimensional Array-2

```
n = n - 1;
   for(item=0; item<n-1; ++item)</pre>
      /* find lowest of remaining strings */
                                                     Example
         for(i=item+1; i<n; ++i)</pre>
                 if(strcmp (x[item], x[i]) > 0)
                           /*interchange two stings */
                           strcpy (temp, x[item]);
                          strcpy (x[item], x[i]);
                           strcpy (x[i], temp);
/* Display the arranged list of strings */
printf("Recorded list of strings : \n");
     for(i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        printf("\nString %d is %s", i+1, x[i]);
```