CSI2441: Applications Development

Lecture 5
Arrays







Objectives

- Understand how arrays are used
- Understand how arrays occupy computer memory
- Manipulate an array to replace nested decisions
- Declare and initialize an array
- Declare and initialize constant arrays
- Load array values from a file





Objectives (continued)

- Search an array for an exact match
- Use parallel arrays
- Force subscripts to remain within array bounds
- Improve search efficiency by using an early exit
- Search an array for a range match





Understanding Arrays

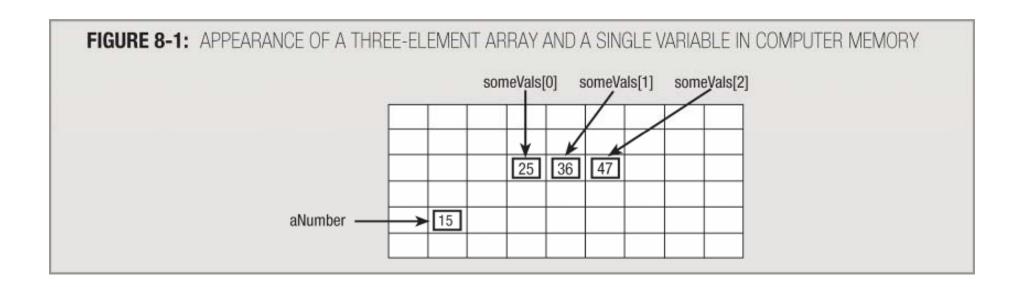
- Array:
 - Series or list of variables in computer memory
 - All share the same name
 - Each has a different subscript
- Subscript (or index):
 - Position number of an item in an array
 - Subscripts are always a sequence of integers





How Arrays Occupy Computer Memory

- Each item has same name and same data type
- **Element**: an item in the array
- Array elements are contiguous in memory
- Size of the array: number of elements it will hold







How Arrays Occupy Computer Memory (continued)

- Subscript is placed in parentheses or square brackets following the array name (language-dependent)
- Zero-based array:
 - First subscript is 0
 - Highest subscript value is 1 less than the array size
- Arrays make programs more efficient and professional





Manipulating an Array to Replace Nested Decisions

- Developing the application:
 - The input file

FIGURE 8-2: FILE DESCRIPTION FOR APARTMENT REQUEST RECORDS

APARTMENT INOUIRY FILE DESCRIPTION

File name: APTREQUESTS

FIELD DESCRIPTION DATA TYPE COMMENTS

Day of the month Numeric 1 - 31, day request was made

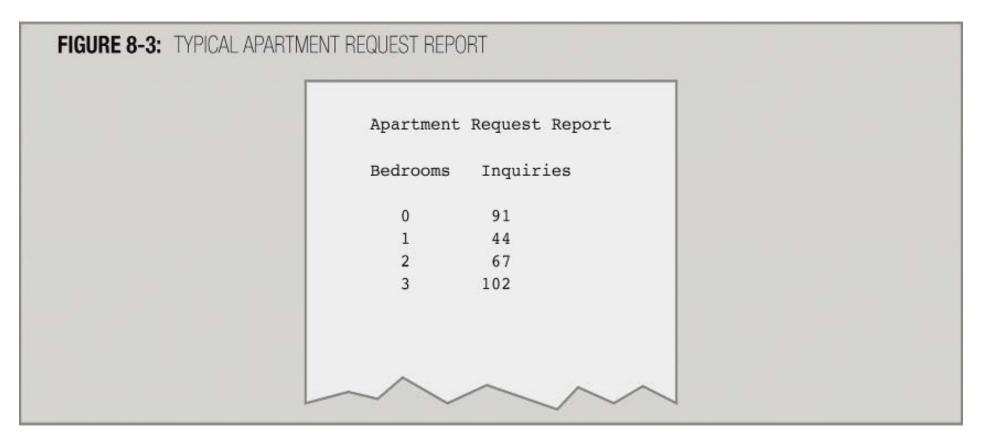
Bedrooms requested Numeric 0, 1, 2 or 3 for studio apartment

or number of bedrooms





- Developing the application:
 - The desired output



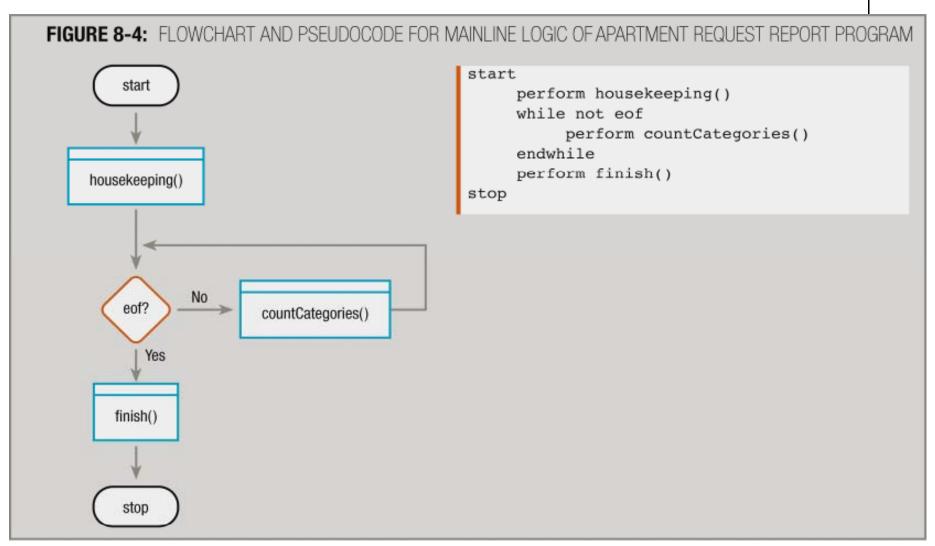




- Report could be created in several ways:
 - If data is sorted, a control break program could be created
 - If unsorted, multiple counters could be used to accumulate the grouping totals
 - Report could be created using arrays to accumulate the grouping totals







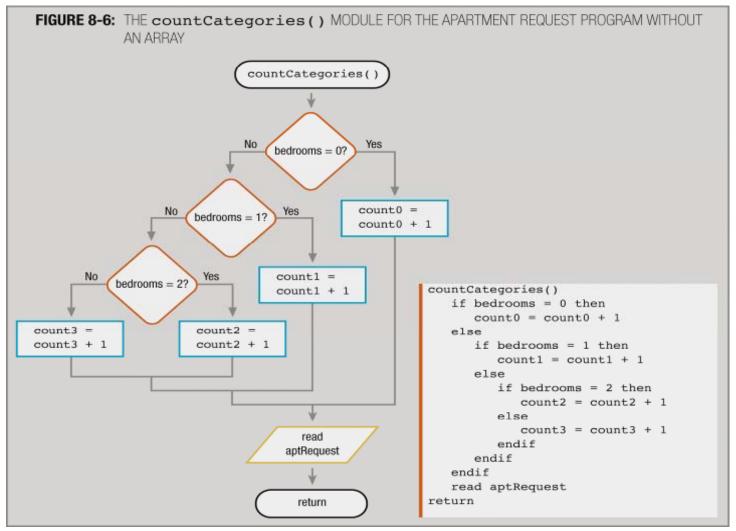






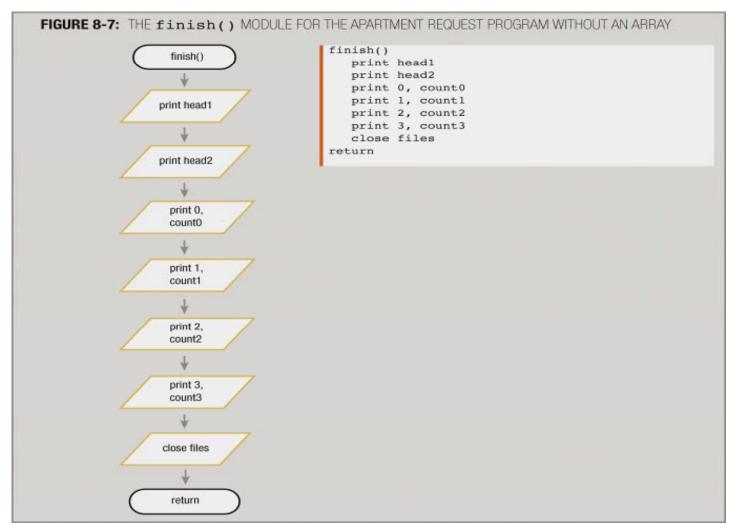














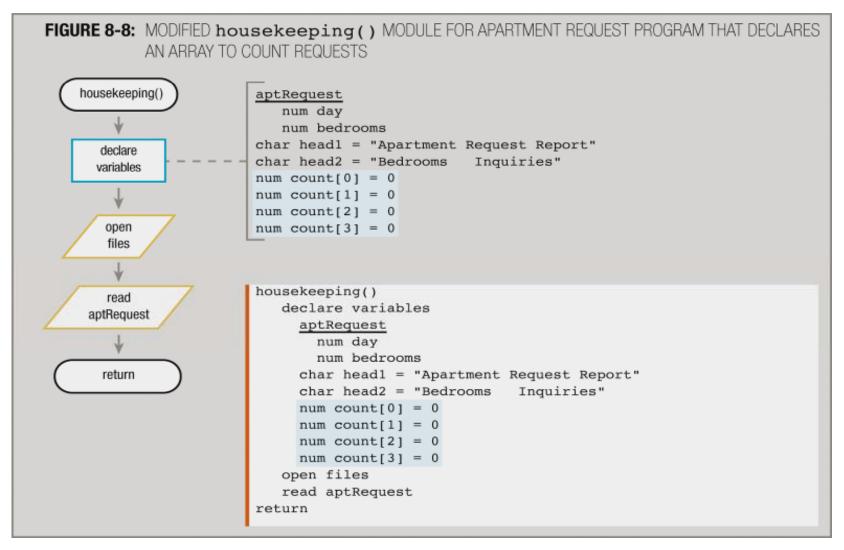


- Using an array
 - Simplifies the program logic
 - Reduces the number of statements needed
- Each element is referenced by name and subscript:

count[0]

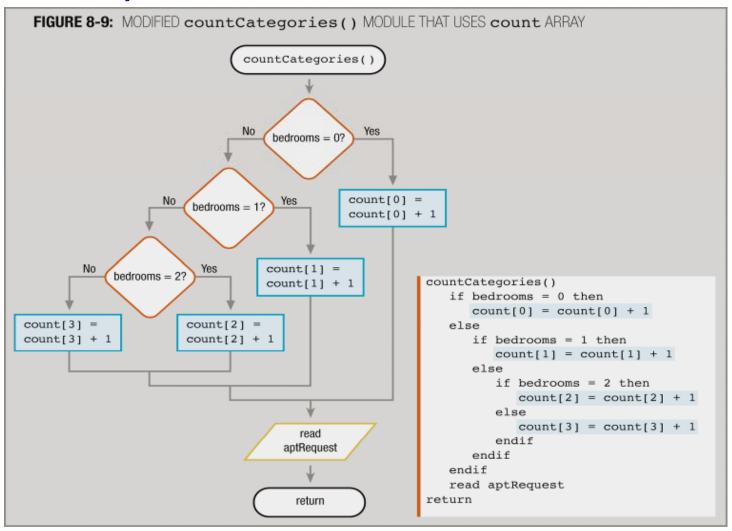












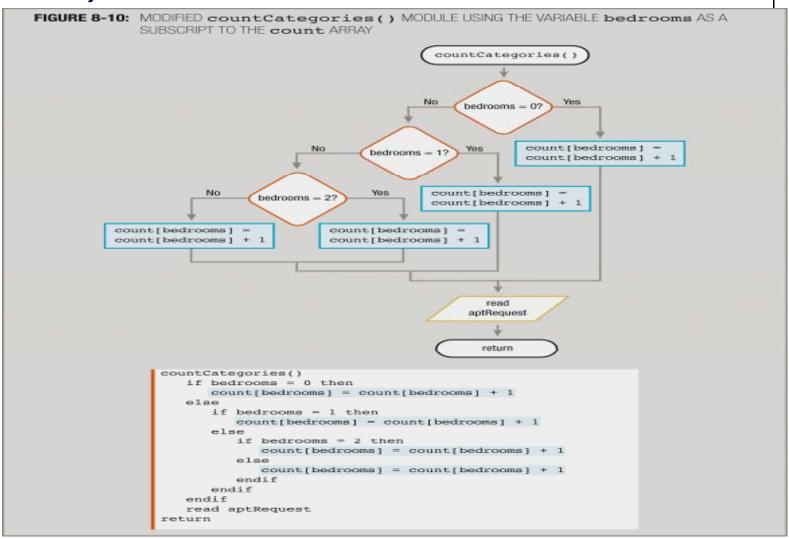




- Benefit: can use a variable as the subscript
- Look for relationships between the array subscript value and the data or processing required
- Application:
 - Number of bedrooms matches the array subscript



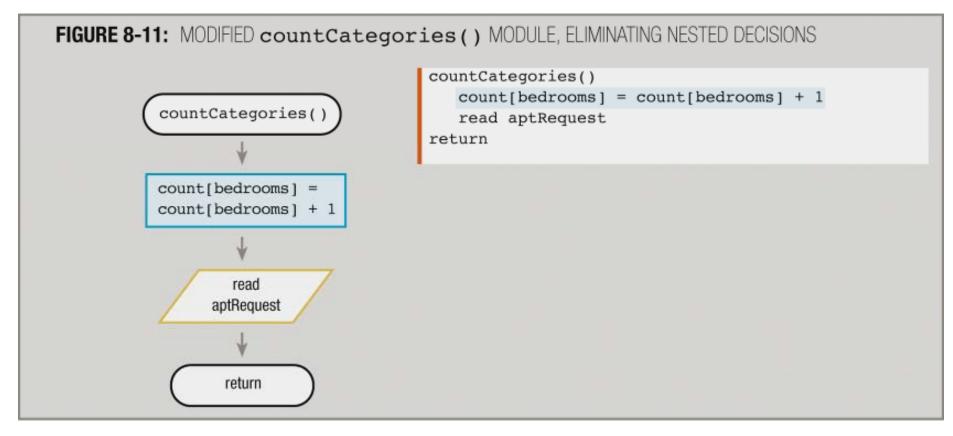








 If the action is the same for all values of the subscript, there is no need to test the value of the subscript



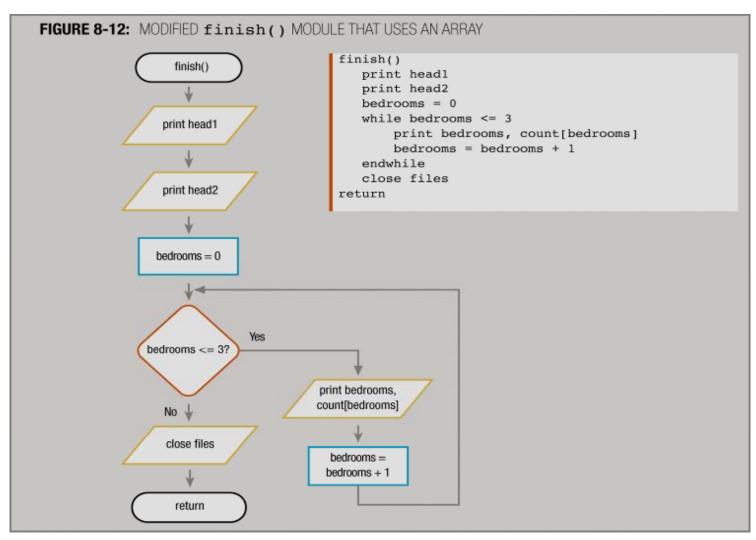




- Use the subscript to control an array printing loop
- Any variable can be used as a subscript for controlling a loop using the array, as long as it is:
 - Numeric with no decimal places
 - Initialized to some value (e.g., 0)
 - Incremented each time the logic passes through the loop (e.g., by 1)











Array Declaration and Initialization

- Array elements do not have to be declared individually
- Put the array size in square brackets in the declaration

FIGURE 8-13: DECLARING A 30-ELEMENT ARRAY NAMED count IN SEVERAL COMMON LANGUAGES

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Declaration Programming Language

DIM COUNT(30) BASIC, Visual Basic

int count[30]; C#, C++

int[] count = new int[30]; Java

COUNT OCCURS 30 TIMES PICTURE 9999. COBOL

array count [1..30] of integer; Pascal
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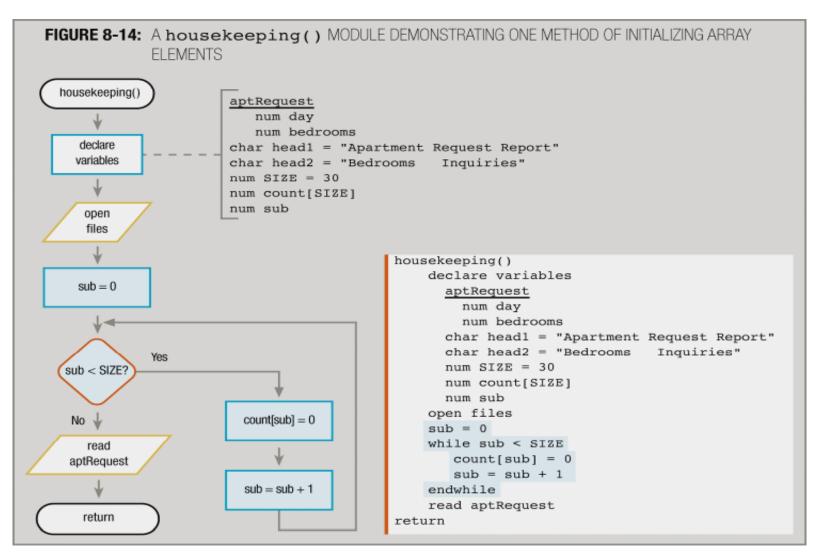
Array Declaration and Initialization (continued)

- Array elements should be initialized
- Initialization loop: loop structure that provides initial values to an array
- Use the loop control variable as the array subscript





Array Declaration and Initialization (continued)







Declaring and Initializing Constant Arrays

- Developing the application:
 - The input file
 - Floor and apartment letter will not change

FIGURE 8-15: TENANT FILE DESCRIPTION

TENANT FILE DESCRIPTION

File name: TENANTS

FIELD DESCRIPTION DATA TYPE COMMENTS

Tenant name Character Full name, first and last Floor number Numeric 0 through 4 - 0 is basement Apartment letter Character Single letter - A through F





- Developing the application:
 - Need to print rent bills based on the floor of the building

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Floor Rent in $
0 (the basement) 350
1 400
2 475
3 600
4 (the penthouse) 1000
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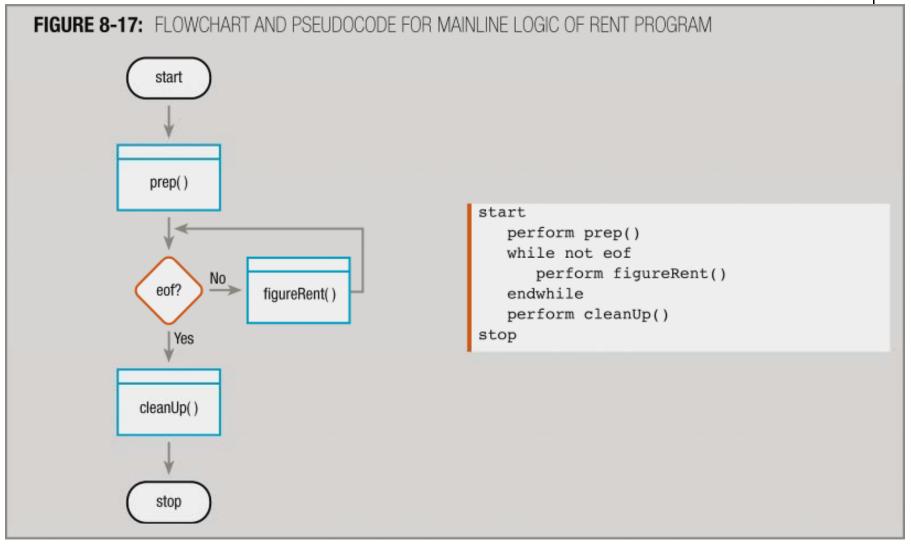




- Use an array to hold the floor and corresponding rent figures
- These array values will be constant
- Hard coded values: values assigned directly in program statements

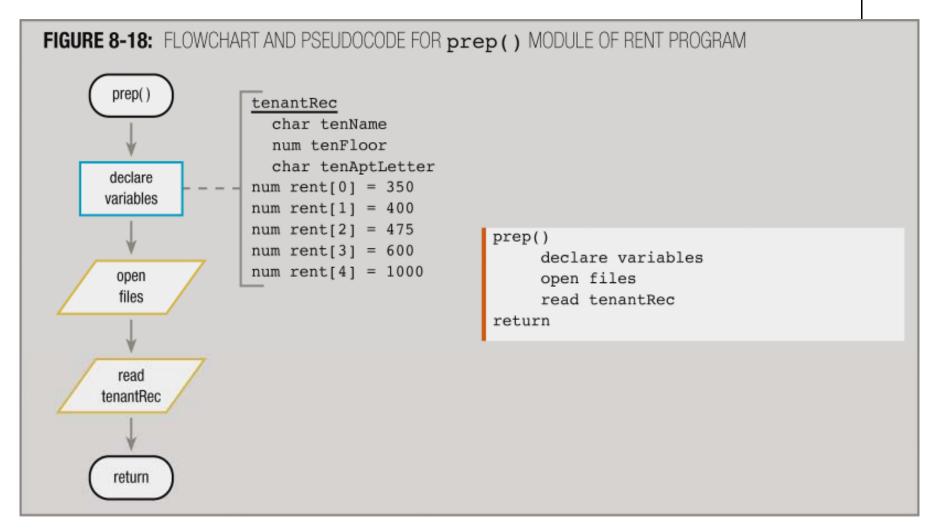












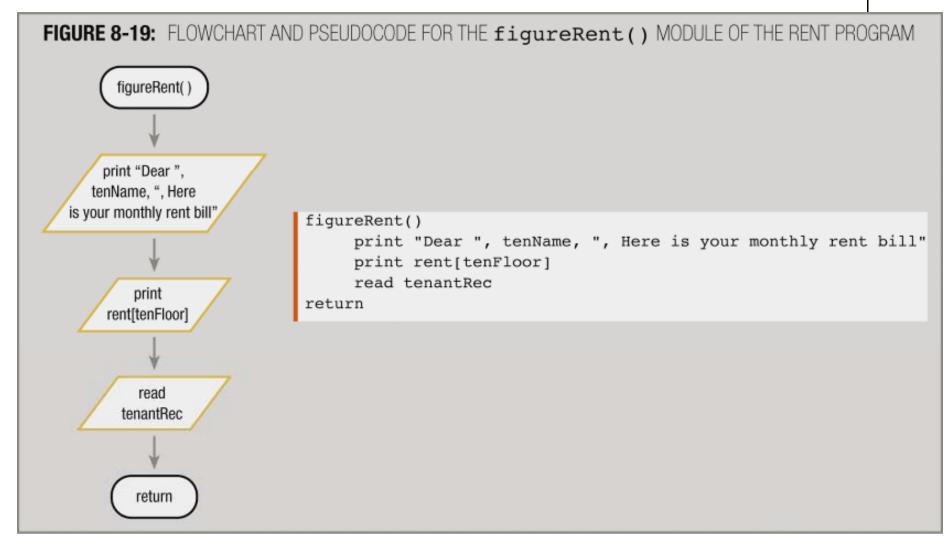




- Developing the application:
 - Choose a variable to be subscript: determine which variable the correct selection depends on
 - Rent depends on the floor, so select tenfloor variable as the subscript in the figureRent() module











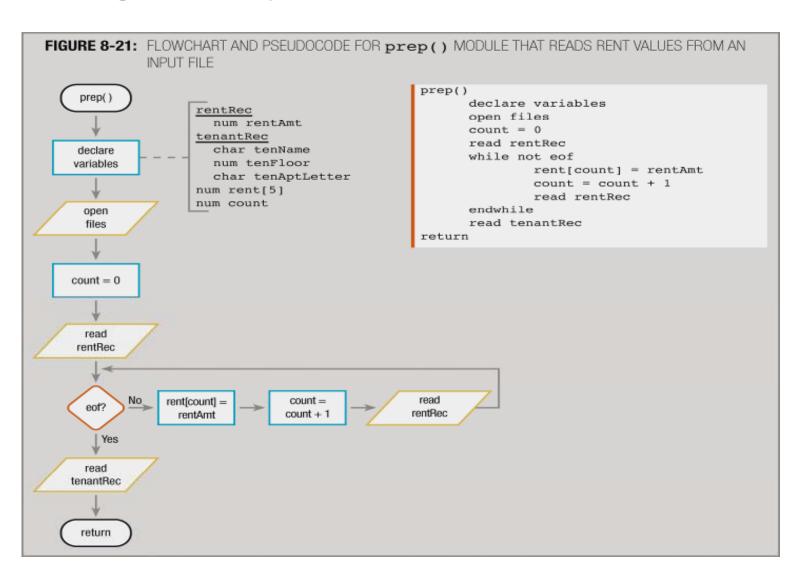
Loading an Array From a File

- Developing the application:
 - If there are many rent values or they change frequently, initialize the rent array from a file
 - Allows values to change without changing the program
 - In this file, the rent records are stored in order by floor





Loading an Array From a File (continued)







Searching for an Exact Match in an Array

- Developing the application:
 - The input file: customer orders
 - Item numbers are not consecutive, with large gaps

FIGURE 8-22: MAIL-ORDER CUSTOMER FILE DESCRIPTION

MAIL-ORDER CUSTOMER FILE DESCRIPTION

File name: CUSTREC

FIELD DESCRIPTION DATA TYPE COMMENTS

Customer name Character
Address Character

Item number Numeric A 3-digit number

Quantity Numeric A value from 1 through 99





Searching for an Exact Match in an Array (continued)

- Developing the application:
 - Create an array with valid item numbers
 - Use a loop to search the array for valid item values

FIGURE 8-23: AVAILABLE ITEMS IN MAIL-ORDER COMPANY ITEM NUMBER 106 108 307 405 457 688

num validItem[0] = 106 num validItem[1] = 108 num validItem[2] = 307 num validItem[3] = 405 num validItem[4] = 457 num validItem[5] = 688





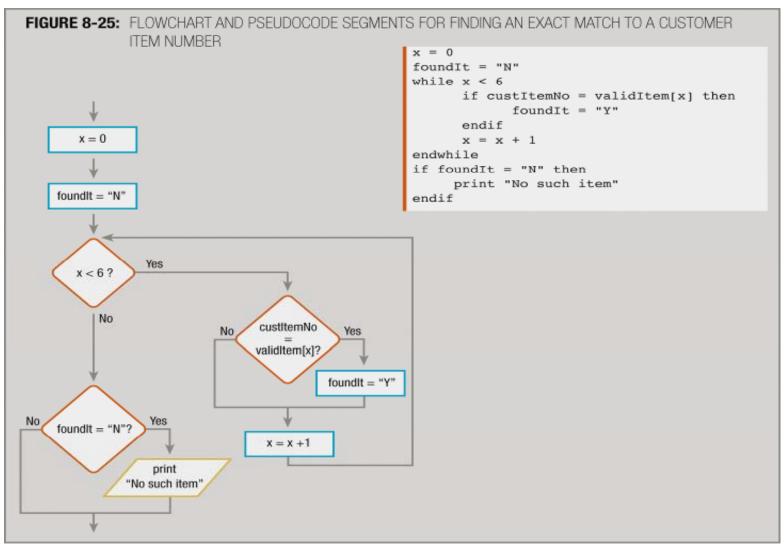
Searching for an Exact Match in an Array (continued)

- Flag: variable that indicates whether an event occurred
- Technique for searching an array:
 - Set a subscript variable to 0 to start at the first element
 - Initialize a flag variable to False to indicate the desired value has not been found
 - Examine each element in the array
 - If the value matches, set the flag to True
 - If the value does not match, increment the subscript and examine the next array element





Searching for an Exact Match in an Array (continued)





Using Parallel Arrays

- Parallel arrays: two arrays in which each element of one array is associated with the element in the same relative position in the other array
- Developing the application:
 - Use one array for item numbers
 - Use a second array for the item prices
 - When the correct item is found, the price is in the same position in the other array

 FIGURE 8-26: AVAILABLE ITEMS WITH PRICES FOR MAIL-ORDER COMPANY

 ITEM NUMBER
 ITEM PRICE

 106
 0.59

 108
 0.99

 307
 4.50

 405
 15.99

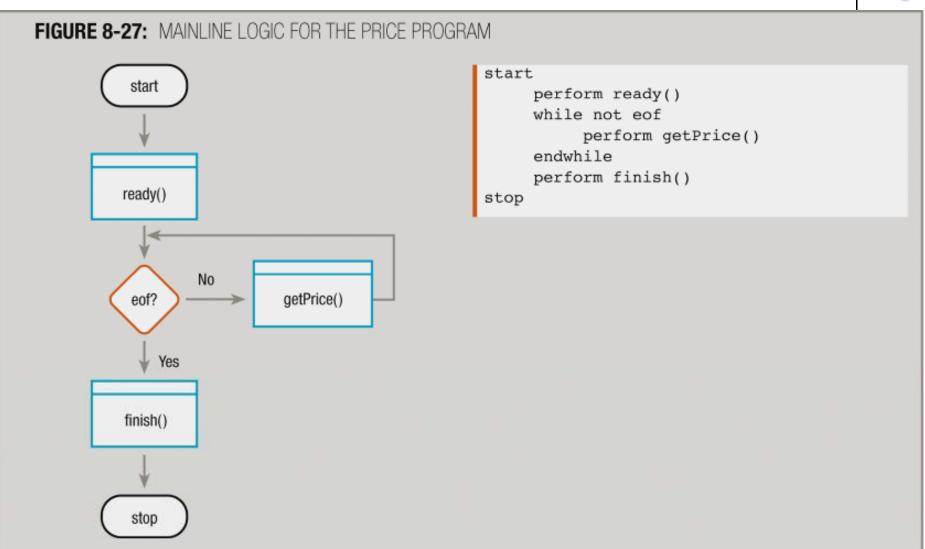
 457
 17.50

 688
 39.00





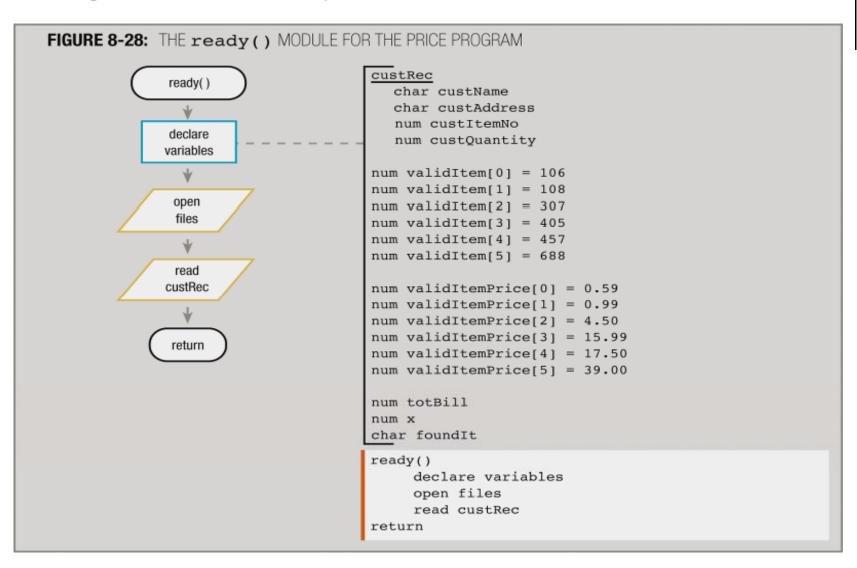
Using Parallel Arrays (continued)







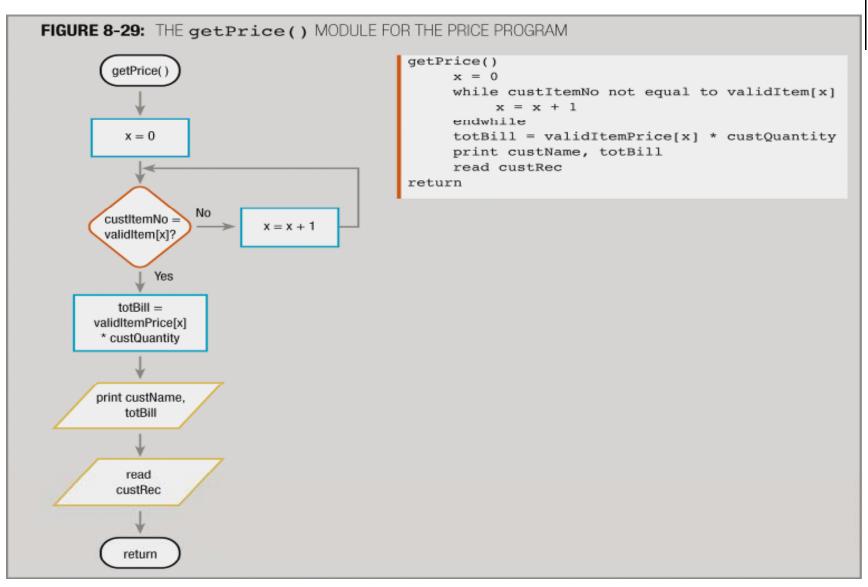
Using Parallel Arrays (continued)







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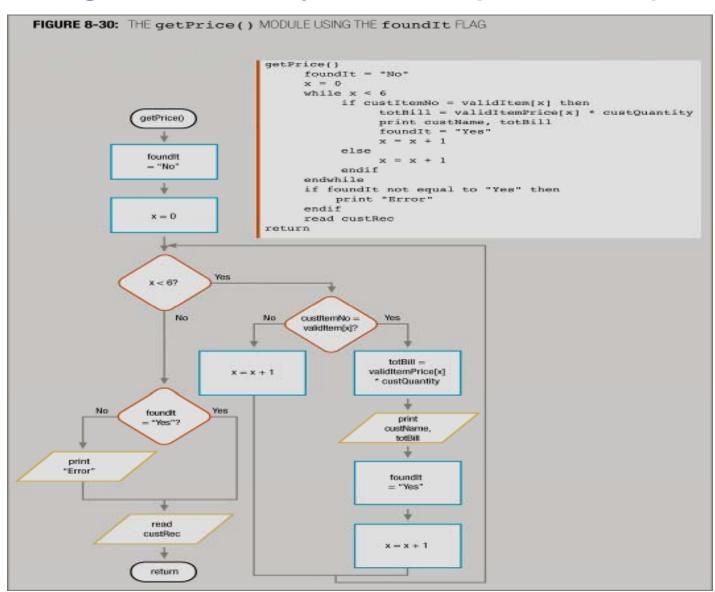
Remaining Within Array Bounds

- Out of bounds: using a subscript that is not within the acceptable range for the array
- Some languages give an error; others just search through memory beyond the end of the array
- Program should prevent bounds errors
- Developing the application:
 - Subscript should not go beyond 5 because there are only 6 array elements (with subscripts 0 to 5)





Remaining Within Array Bounds (continued)







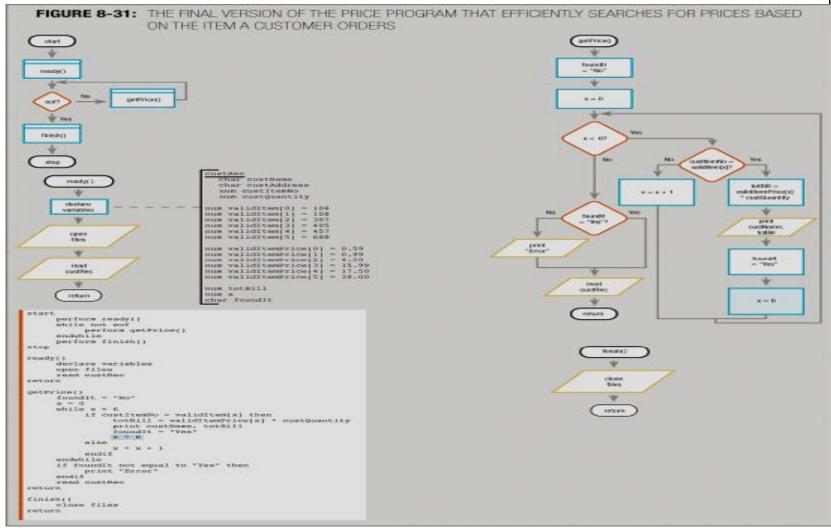
Improving Search Efficiency Using an Early Exit

- To improve efficiency, program should stop searching the array when a match is found
- Forcing a variable: setting a variable to a specific value instead of letting normal processing set it
- Early exit: leaving a loop as soon as a match is found
- The larger the array, the better the improvement by doing an early exit





Improving Search Efficiency Using an Early Exit (continued)







Searching an Array for a Range Match

- Range of values: any set of contiguous values
- Developing the application:
 - The input file

FIGURE 8-32: MAIL-ORDER CUSTOMER FILE DESCRIPTION

MAIL-ORDER CUSTOMER FILE DESCRIPTION

File name: CUSTREC

FIELD DESCRIPTION DATA TYPE COMMENTS

Customer name Character
Address Character

Item number Numeric A 3-digit number

Quantity Numeric A value from 1 through 99





- Developing the application:
 - Need to apply a discount for ranges of quantity ordered

FIGURE 8-33: DISCOUNTS ON ORDERS BY QUANTITY		
Number of items ordered	Discount %	
1-9	0	
10-24	10	
25-48	15	
49 or more	25	





Developing the application: one approach

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FIGURE 8-34: USABLE—BUT INEFFICIENT—DISCOUNT ARRAY
num discount[0] = 0
num discount[1] = 0
num discount[2] = 0
num discount[9] = 0
num discount[10] = 10
num discount[48] = 15
num discount[49] = 25
num discount[50] = 25
```





- Drawbacks of this approach:
 - Very large array, uses a lot of memory
 - Must store the same values repeatedly
 - What upper limit should be used for array elements?
- A better approach

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num discount[0] = 0
num discount[1] = 10
num discount[2] = 15
num discount[3] = 25
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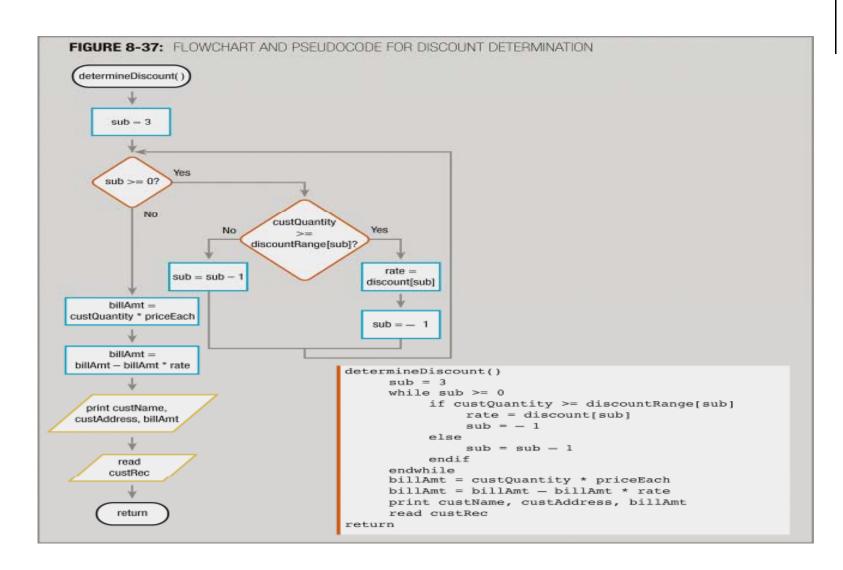
- This approach requires a parallel array to find the appropriate discount level
- Array will hold the low end value of each range
- Start comparing with the last discount array value
 - If quantity is at least as high as the array element value, apply the discount

FIGURE 8-36: THE discountRange ARRAY USING LOW END OF EACH DISCOUNT RANGE

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num discountRange[0] = 0
num discountRange[1] = 10
num discountRange[2] = 25
num discountRange[3] = 49
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Summary

- Array: series or list of variables in memory, all with same name and type, but different subscript
- Can use a variable as a subscript to the array to replace multiple nested decisions
- Can declare and initialize all elements in an array with a single statement
- Use a constant array when the array element values are fixed at the beginning of the program
- Can load an array from a file





Summary (continued)

- To search an array, initialize the subscript, then use a loop to test each array element value
- Set a flag when the desired value is found while searching an array
- Parallel arrays: each element in one array is associated with the element in the same relative position in the other array
- Ensure that subscript does not go out of bounds
- For range comparisons, store either the low- or high-end value of each range