

# VBA Arrays, Collections and Dictionaries

STATIC ARRAY		COLLECTION	
Declare	<code>Dim arr(0 To 5) As Long</code> <code>Dim arr( 5) As Long</code>	Declare and create	<code>Dim coll As New Collection</code>
Reset all values	<code>Erase arr</code>	Declare and create in two steps	<code>Dim coll As Collection</code> <code>Set coll = New Collection</code>
DYNAMIC ARRAY		Add item	<code>coll.Add "Apple"</code> <code>coll.Add 55</code>
Declare	<code>Dim arr() As Long</code>	Access item	<code>Range("A1") = coll(1)</code>
Set size	<code>ReDim arr(1 To 10)</code>	Remove item at index two	<code>Coll.Remove 2</code>
Increase size of existing array	<code>ReDim Preserve arr(1 To 10)</code>	Go through all items (For)	<code>For i = 1 To coll.Count</code> <code>    Debug.Print coll(i)</code> <code>Next i</code>
Set size to zero	<code>Erase arr</code>	Go through all items(For Each)	<code>For Each v In coll</code> <code>    Debug.Print v</code>
DYNAMIC AND STATIC ARRAY			
Assign a value	<code>arr(1) = 56</code>		
Go through all items(For)	<code>For i = LBound(arr) To UBound(arr)</code> <code>    Debug.Print arr(i)</code> <code>Next i</code>		
Go through all items(For Each)	<code>For Each v In arr</code> <code>    Debug.Print v</code> <code>Next v</code>		
ARRAYS AND RANGES		DICTIONARY	
Create variant array	<code>Dim arr() As Variant</code>	Declare	<code>Dim dict As Object</code>
Read cell values to array	<code>arr = Range("A1:Z2").Value</code>	Create	<code>Set dict = _</code> <code>CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")</code>
Write array values to Range	<code>Range("A3:Z4").Value = arr</code>	Add item. Key must not already exist.	<code>dict.Add &lt;key&gt;, &lt;value&gt;</code> <code>dict.Add "Apples", 50</code>
ARRAYS AND SUBS/FUNCTIONS		Silent Add. Updates value if key exists.	<code>dict(&lt;key&gt;) = value</code> <code>dict("Orange") = 67</code>
Use array parameter	<code>Sub UseArray(ByRef arr()) As Long</code>	Access item	<code>value = dict("Apple")</code>
Pass to procedure	<code>Dim arr(0 To 2) As Long</code> <code>UseArray arr</code>	Check if item exists	<code>If dict.Exists("Apple") Then</code>
Use as return value	<code>Function GetArray() As Long()</code> <code>    Dim arr(0 To 2) As Long</code> <code>    GetArray = arr</code> <code>End Sub</code>	Remove item	<code>dict.Remove "Apple"</code>
Return from procedure	<code>Dim arr() As Long</code> <code>arr = GetArray</code>	Remove all items	<code>dict.RemoveAll</code>
TWO DIMENSIONAL ARRAY		Go through all items	<code>Dim key As Variant</code> <code>For Each key In dict.Keys</code> <code>    Debug.Print key, dict(key)</code> <code>Next</code>
Create	<code>Dim arr(0 To 2, 0 To 4) As Long</code>	Number of items	<code>dict.Count</code>
Assign value	<code>arr(0,0) = 45</code> <code>arr(2,4) = 67</code>	Make key non case sensitive. Dictionary must be empty.	<code>dict.CompareMode = TextCompare</code>
Read through array	<code>Dim i As Long, j As Long</code> <code>For i = LBound(arr) To UBound(arr)</code> <code>    For j = LBound(arr, 2) To UBound(arr, 2)</code> <code>        Debug.Print arr(i, j)</code> <code>    Next j</code> <code>Next i</code>		