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4.1. Functions and their parameters

- Blocks of code can sometimes re-use the same variables and need to be used throughout a program
- For example calculating the maximum of two integers:

```
int maximum = 0, a = 12, b = 10;
 if (a > b) {
    maximum = a;
  } else {
    maximum = b;
   maximum now holds the value of a or b, whichever is largest
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- Before you can use (call) a function, you have to declare it (similar to how we have to declare variables before use).
- A function declaration contains a return type, function name, and parameters, example: int maximum(int a, int b);
- You typically declare and implement the function before main(), example:

```
int maximum( int a, int b ) {
  if (a > b) {
    return a;
  } else {
    return b;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

 With each function call, formal parameters need actual parameters, unless the function prototype has default values:

```
#include <iostream> // output to the console
#include <cstdint> // we're using the uint16 t type
void drawLine(char symbol = '-', uint16 t len = 25) {
  for (auto line = 0; line < len; line++) std::cout << symbol;</pre>
  std::cout << '\n';</pre>
int main() {
  drawLine(); // writes 25 times the '-' symbol to console
  drawLine(50); // writes 50 times the '-' symbol to console
  drawLine('=', 9); // writes 9 times the '=' symbol to console
  return 0;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- Functions can call other functions, allowing cycles: function a() calls b(), b() calls a()
 - → In this case, declarations need to come first. Example:

```
int a(); // declaration of function a()
int b(); // declaration of function b()
int a() { // implementation of function a():
  std::cout << "Yes" << '\n';
  return b();
int b() { // implementation of function b():
  std::cout << "No"<< '\n';
  return a();
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- A function declaration can have parameters: variables that obtain a value when the function is called and that are treated as local variables. in the implementation of the function
- A function can have a return type. If not, we use void \rightarrow ls this a type?

```
void printMaximum( int a, int b ) { // a and b are parameters
  if (a > b) {      // a and b can be used as variables of
    std::cout << a; // type integer in the implementation of</pre>
  } else {
             // the function
    std::cout << b;</pre>
  std::cout << '\n'; // note that we don't return anything</pre>
```

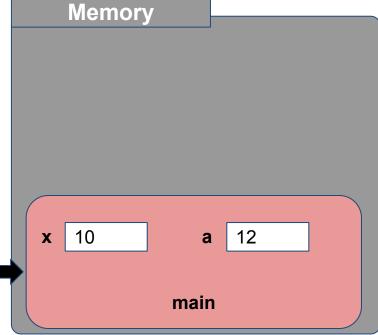




4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

• A function is *called*:

```
// declare & implement myFunct:
int myFunct(int b, int a) {
 a = 2 * b + a * a;
  return a + 1;
// now we can call myFunct:
int main() {
  int x = 10; int a = 12;
 a = myFunct(a, x+1); // a?
  return 0;
```



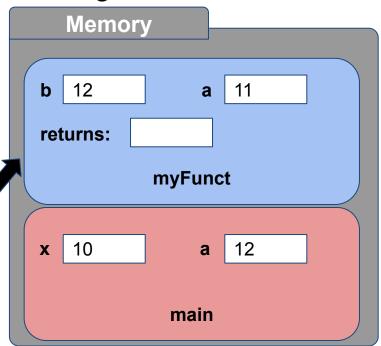




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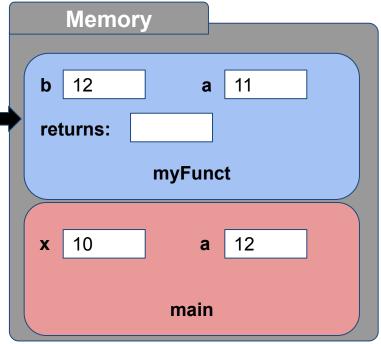




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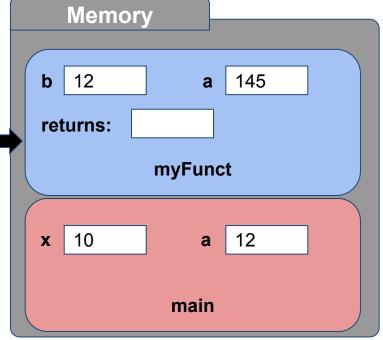




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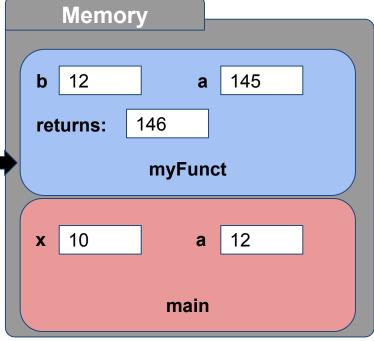




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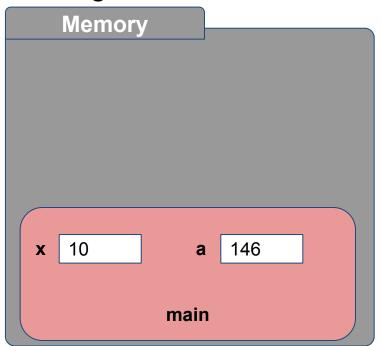




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```



A stack is created in memory, in which the function's local variables are stored





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

Maze Game v.1.0: expand this code to move the player and <u>add color</u>

```
/* First draft of Maze Game: draw the player, respond to key presses */
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
int main() {
  char c = ' '; // used for user key input
  auto x = 10, y = 5; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ...
   mvaddch(y, x, '@'); // ncurses function: draw a @ at position (x,y)
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   // handle here the moving
  endwin();
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
/* First draft of Maze Game: draw the player, respond to key presses
   Result of the in-class programming code (see YouTube video of the lecture)
*/
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses
void initNCurses() {
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
  noecho(); // don't show keys pressed in terminal
  start color(); // use color
  init pair(1, COLOR BLUE, COLOR GREEN);
  init pair(2, COLOR RED, COLOR YELLOW);
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
void clearScreen() {
  attron(COLOR PAIR(1)); // set color pair to 1
  for ( auto line = 0; line < LINES; line++) {</pre>
    for ( auto col = 0; col < COLS; col++) {</pre>
      mvaddch(line, col, '.'); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(1));
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair) {
  attron(COLOR PAIR(colorpair)); // set color pair to 1
  mvaddch(y, x, symbol); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(colorpair));
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
int main() {
 auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses functionality
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
 endwin();
                   // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```



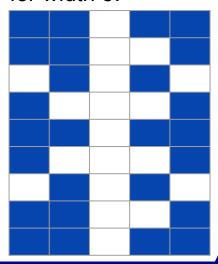


4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

Bluetooth.cpp (difficulty level: 🌙 🥒 🥦): Draw a bluetooth icon of a particular odd width, in neurses. Draw spaces in white on a blue background. Use int width as a parameter and only draw the icon when width is odd.

```
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text
// --- implement the bluetooth function here ---
int main() {
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // initialize window, hide cursor
  noecho(); // don't show keys pressed in terminal
  start color(); // use color
  init pair(1, COLOR BLACK, COLOR BLUE);
  init_pair(2, COLOR_BLACK, COLOR WHITE);
  bluetooth(9); // draw a bluetooth icon of width 9
  auto c = ' '; while ( c != 'q' ) c = getch(); // wait for 'q'
  endwin(); // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
```

for width 5:





4.2. Recursive Functions

 A function can call itself. For example in a function to calculate the factorial of a number (notation: n!)

```
// factorial of n (n!):
double factr(double n) {
  if (n == 0.0)
    return 1.0;
  else if (n > 0.0)
    return n * factr(n-1);
```

```
double f = factr(3.0);
```

Mathematical definition:

and so on ...



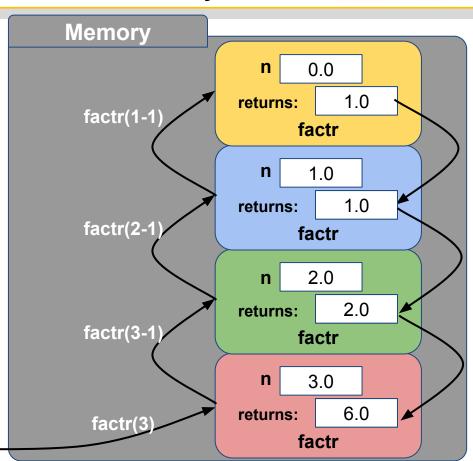


4.2. Recursive Functions

 Whenever a function is called, a new space is reserved in memory for parameters and local variables. Example:

```
double factr(double n) {
  if (n == 0.0)
    return 1.0;
  else if (n > 0.0)
    return n * factr(n-1)
```

```
double f = factr(3.0);
```







4.3. Call by Value

In C++, most parameters are passed by value

- This means, a function always receives **copies** of the actual parameters
- When the function is called, the values of the actual parameters are assigned to the formal parameters in the function declaration:

```
double factr(double n); // n is a formal parameter of factrr
double y = factr(6.0); // 6.0 is the actual parameter of factr
```

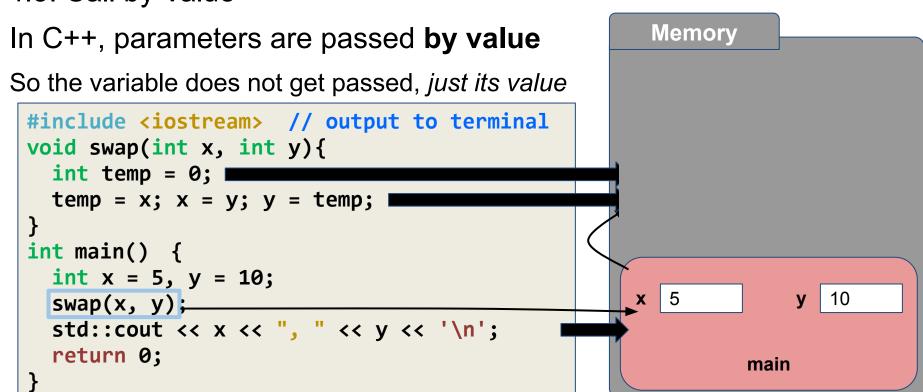
- With call-by-value, variables given as actual parameters are never changed
- The same variable can be simultaneously passed to multiple parameters:

```
int a = 10;
y = maximum(a, a); // the value 10 is copied to both parameters
```





4.3. Call by Value







4.3. Call by Value

```
In C++, parameters are passed by value
                                                      Memory
You can use the function's return value:
 #include <iostream> // output to terminal
 int addFive(int x) {
   x += 5; I
   return x;
 int main() {
   int x = 10;
   x = addFive(x) \perp
   std::cout << x << '\n';
   return 0;
                                                              main
```





4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

- **inline** tells the compiler that inline substitution of a function is preferred over function call: instead of calling the function and transferring control to the function body, a copy of the function body is executed
- This avoids overhead from the function call (passing the arguments and retrieving the result)
- This may result in a larger executable (due to repeating multiple times)

```
inline int maximum( int a, int b ) {
  return (a > b)? a : b;
```





4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

Sometimes, the same functionality is needed on different types:

```
auto maximum( int a, int b );
auto maximum( double a, double b );
auto maximum( char a, char b );
```

(note that **auto** is not allowed for the function's parameters, deduced return types are a C++14 extension)

- Multiple functions with the same name are allowed, if
 - the number of parameters are different, or
 - at least one parameter has a different type
- This is *overloading* the function name, and should be used for multiple functions of the same functionality. Note that with subtle differences, like signed/unsigned, float/double, it is hard to predict what will be called





4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

- There are four Overloading Resolution Rules
 - An exact match between parameter types
 - A promotion (e.g., char to int)
 - A standard type conversion (e.g. float and int)
 - A constructor or user-defined type conversion (see later)
- = **delete** can be used to prevent calling the wrong overload:

```
void myFunction(int) { ; }
void myFunction(double) = delete;
int main() {
 myFunction(7); // this is fine
  myFunction(7.0); // this results in a compilation error
  return 0;
```





4.5. **Default Parameters** and Function Attributes

- Parameters can be given a default value (If the call does not supply a value for this parameter, this default value will be used):
 - All default parameters must be the *rightmost* parameters
 - Default parameters must be declared only once
 - Default parameters can improve compile time and avoid redundant code because they avoid defining other overloaded functions

```
void myFunction(int a, int b = 7); // declaration of myFunction
void myFunction(int a, int b) { ; } // definition of myFunction
int main() {
 myFunction(8); // this is fine, a = 8, b = 7
  return 0;
```





4.5. Default Parameters and Function Attributes

- Functions can be marked with standard properties, to express their intent:
 - [[noreturn]] indicates that a function does not return, for optimization purposes or compiler warnings (from C++11)
 - [[deprecated]], [[deprecated("reason")]] indicates that the use of a function is discouraged through a compiler warning (from C++14)
 - o [[nodiscard]], [[nodiscard("reason")]] (C++17, resp. C++20) throws a warning if the function's return value is not handled

```
[[noreturn]] void myFunction() { std::exit(0); }
[[deprecated("old function, use newFunction instead")]]
void oldFunction(int p) { ... }
[[nodiscard("please handle return value")]] int addFive(int n) {...}
```





- It is likely that any code you will write will have to be split into several functions that call each other, instead of implementing everything in the main() function
- We define and implement these functions in separate files, if they form a collection that belong to each other (see for example the functions we used from ncurses)
- This is a module: a part of a program that can be compiled separately
- In C++, a module always should consist of two files:
 - o a **header** file (*.h), which contains the function declarations
 - an implementation file (*.cpp), in which the functions are implemented





```
/* Second draft of Maze Game: drawing functions are our module "drawMaze" */ Maze.cpp
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions related to drawing
int main() {
 auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses functionality
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
 endwin();
  return 0;
```





```
/* Drawing functions declared */
                                                                            drawMaze.h
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses and use color
void initNCurses();
// clear the screen
void clearScreen();
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair);
```





```
/* Drawing functions implemented */
                                                                           drawMaze.cpp
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses
void initNCurses() {
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
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  init pair(2, COLOR RED, COLOR YELLOW);
void clearScreen() {
  attron(COLOR_PAIR(1)); // set color pair to 1
  for ( auto line = 0; line < LINES; line++) {</pre>
    for ( auto col = 0; col < COLS; col++) {</pre>
      mvaddch(line, col, '.'); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(1));
```

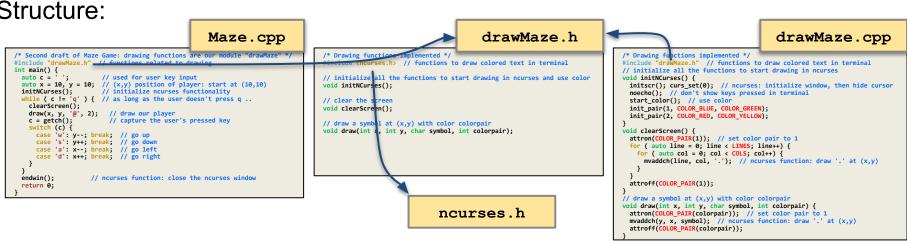




4.6. Header files and Modules

```
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
                                                                         drawMaze.cpp
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair) {
  attron(COLOR_PAIR(colorpair)); // set color pair to 1
 mvaddch(y, x, symbol); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
 attroff(COLOR PAIR(colorpair));
```

Structure:







4.6. Header files and Modules

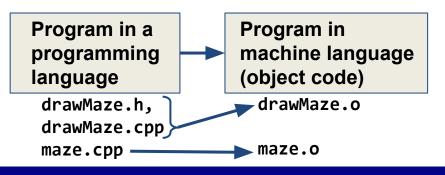
Maze Game v.2.0: How to compile the program?

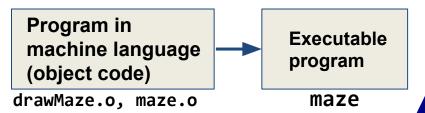
First compile the module and the program into object files:

```
g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11 → object file drawMaze.o
g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11 \rightarrow object file maze.o is created
```

Then link the object files:

g++ maze.o drawMaze.o -o maze -l ncurses









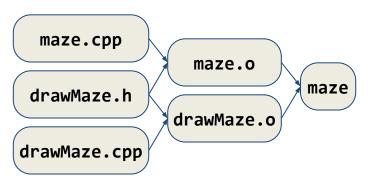
- Why use modules?
 - To better structure the program code: Separate modules make it easier to divide your code and find where you need to change or continue your source code
 - Make modules re-usable by others: Anyone can read the header (*.h) file and will know what functions they can use if the module is included, reading the implementation (*.cpp) is not needed
 - Save compilation time: Object files are already compiled, they
 just need to be linked to other modules and the program code





4.6. Header files and Modules: The make utility

Revisiting the Maze Game v.2.0, we have these *dependencies*:



```
compile drawMaze.cpp:
g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11s
compile maze.cpp:
g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11
link the objects files into the executable program maze:
g++ maze.o drawMaze.o -o maze -l ncurses
```

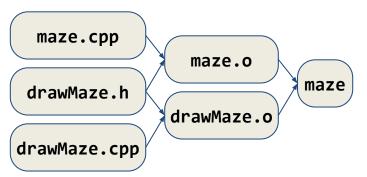
- After a change, we want to recompile only the affected files
- The **make** program automates this process for us: just type make in the terminal, in the code's directory





4.6. Header files and Modules: The make utility

• We need to tell make about these dependencies in a specific file that we need to create in the code's directory: Makefile



 After each rule, we need to type a **tab** before each g++ command in Makefile

```
Makefile
# Rule to make our program when
# 'drawMaze.o' and 'maze.o' are compiled:
maze: drawMaze.o maze.o
  g++ drawMaze.o maze.o -o maze -l ncurses
# Rule for dependency 'maze.o':
maze.o: maze.cpp drawMaze.h
  g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11
# Rule for dependency 'drawMaze.o':
drawMaze.o: drawMaze.cpp drawMaze.h
  g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11
```



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4.7. Variadic arguments

- Functions can take a variable number of parameters, using an ellipsis (...) as the last argument/parameter (example: see std::printf)
- Within the body of the variadic function, the values of these arguments can be accessed, using these function macros and type from the <cstdarg> library:
 - va start: enables access to variadic function arguments
 - va arg: accesses the next variadic function argument
 - va_copy (since C++11): makes a copy of the variadic arguments
 - va_end: ends traversing through the variadic arguments
 - va_list: holds the information needed by the above function macros



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4.7. Variadic arguments

Example: (traversing the format string by pointer -- see next chapters)

```
void myPrint(const char * format, ...) {
 va list args;
 va start(args, format);
 while (*format != '\0') {
    int i = va arg(args, int);
    if (*format == 'd') {
     std::cout << 'i' << i << ' ';
    } else if (*format == 'c') {
      std::cout << 'c' << (char)i << ' ';
    ++format;
  va end(args);
```

```
#include <cstdarg>
#include <iostream>
int main() {
 myPrint("dcd", 3, 'a', 14);
 myPrint("cc", 'c', 'd');
 std::cout << '\n';
```



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Summary

```
int maximum( int a, int b );
```

- A function returns at most one value and thus must have a return type (so int, float, double, bool, char, etc., or void: no return value)
- A function has a name and a list of parameters between braces
- The parameters are typed variables (int, float, double, bool, char, etc.)
- The function is implemented as a block following the function definition, between curly braces:
- Each time this function is called, these statements are executed with any parameters as local variables

```
int maximum( int a, int b ) {
   if (a > b) {
      return a;
   } else {
      return b;
   }
}
```





- 5.1. Array basics
- 5.2. Multidimensional Arrays
- 5.3. Strings (Arrays of char)
- 5.4. Arrays as function parameters
- 5.5. Reading char arrays from the terminal
- 5.6. Lambda Expressions and foreach Loops





5.1. Arrays: Reminders

Types (int, float, double, bool, char, etc.) tell the compiler:

- the size of the variables (e.g., 4, 8, 1 bytes) in memory
- how these bits in memory should be interpreted
- and know the possible operations on them

For example:

if height and width are variables of type int, then the compiler knows

- that 4 bytes need to be reserved for each of them,
- which are organized so they span the whole numbers from -2147483648 to 2147483647
- and that height * width is a legal operation





5.1. Arrays

- An array is a serially numbered collection of variables that are all of the same type
- The number of elements is the size of the array
- Array elements are accessible via their index, from 0 to size-1

For example:

float myArray[7]; is an array of 7 float variables, indexed from 0 to 6:

| Memory | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| element 1 4 bytes | element 2 4 bytes | element 3 4 bytes | element 4 4 bytes | element 5 4 bytes | element 6 4 bytes | element 7 4 bytes |
| myArray[0] | myArray[1] | myArray[2] | myArray[3] | myArray[4] | myArray[5] | myArray[6] |





5.1. Arrays: Initialization, sizeof

• An array can be initialized by listing the elements between curly braces, { and }, and separated by commas:

```
double myArray[] = {1.09, 2.18, 4.36, 8.72};
In this case, the array will automatically get the size 4
```

• **sizeof** is built-in operator that returns the number of *bytes* for the given variable or type:

```
int myArraySize = sizeof(myArray) / sizeof(myArray[0]); // 16/4
```

Loops are typically used for larger arrays:

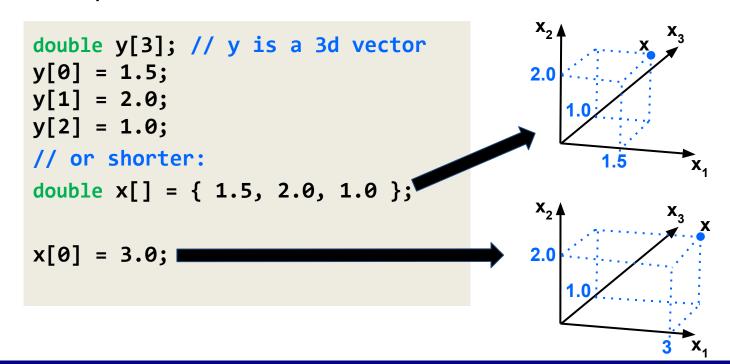
```
bool myArray[400];
for (int i = 0; i < 400; i++) myArray[i] = false;</pre>
```





5.1. Arrays

Example: a three-dimensional vector







5.1. Arrays: Writing beyond the array boundary

- Most C++ compilers allow using any array indices to access array elements, even incorrect ones
- Non-existing array elements are usually other parts of memory, such as other variables or program code:

```
int myArray[4] = {9, 8, 7, 6};
int myInteger = 5;
std::cout << myArray[4] << std::endl; // returns only a warning</pre>
```

What could happen: myArray[4] returns the value of myInteger:

```
        Memory

        9
        8
        7
        6
        5

        myArray[0]
        myArray[1]
        myArray[2]
        myArray[3]
        myInteger
```





5.1. Arrays

return 0;

Example 01 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
  Write a program that initializes an array of 50 booleans, repeatedly having two
  elements with a true value, followed by one element with false.
  So the array starts with: true, true, false, true, true, false, true, true, ...
  Do not use any variables other than myArray and a loop iteration variable.
*/
int main() {
  bool myArray[50];
```





5.1. Arrays

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that lets a user fill an array of 10 integers, using a loop,
 and then calculate and output the average of all given numbers to the terminal.
 Assume that the user enters a valid number each time.
 */
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
int main() {
 int myArray[10];
 return 0;
```





5.1. Arrays

```
/**
  Write a program that draws a histogram or bar chart through
 an array of 17 integers. To 'draw' the bars, use the string
  "\u2589" or an empty space.
  */
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
#include <random>
                     // rand(), returns a pseudo-random int
int main() {
 int myArray[17];
  for (int i = 0; i < 17; i++) { // fill array with random
    myArray[i] = ( rand() % 25 ); // numbers between 0 and 24
    // draw here with std::cout and std::endl
    std::cout << myArray[i] << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

```
example output:
```





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays

• An array can be multidimensional, for example 2-dimensional:

```
int myTable[2][4] = \{ \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \};
```

- This array is essentially an array of 2 arrays: myTable[0], myTable[1]
- Initialization of larger arrays typically needs nested loops:

```
double map[100][20];
for (int x = 0; x < 100; x++) {
   for (int y = 0; y < 20; y++) {
      map[x][y] = 0.0;
   }
}</pre>
```

- sizeof(myTable) will return the total size, so 2x4x4=32 bytes
- sizeof(myTable[0]) will return 4x4 = 16 bytes





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays: Maze Game v.3.00

- Expand on version 2.00 by drawing an actual maze in the screen background, in a tiled way (since the screen can be any size)
- Add this as a two-dimensional array that you initialize yourself in the clearScreen function to build up a maze, for example:





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays: Maze Game v.3.00

```
/* Third draft of Maze Game: We add an actual maze to our module "drawMaze" */
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions related to drawing the maze and player
int main() {
 auto c = ' ';  // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses window and draw the maze
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player and maze, check for collisions
   c = getch(); // capture the user's pressed key
    switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
 endwin();
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

- Strings are sequences of symbols, for example to store textual data
- In C++, there is no built-in (primitive) string type. Sequences of characters can easily be implemented as an array of char variables, which always end with a zero (a character that has the value 0, or also: '\0', but NOT '0'): char myName[10] = {'S', 'l', 'i', 'm', 'S', 'h', 'a', 'd', 'y', 0}; std::cout << yourName << std::endl; // returns contents of yourName</p>

```
| 'S' | '1' | 'i' | 'm' | 'S' | 'h' | 'a' | 'd' | 'y' | '\0' | | myName[0] myName[1] myName[2] myName[3] myName[4] myName[5] myName[6] myName[7] myName[8] myName[9]
```





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

Later, we will see that: char yourName[] = "Marshall Bruce Mathers III"; // works, too, and ends with a 0

We have already used constant strings when writing output for the terminal: #include <iostream>

```
std::cout << "This is a string!" << std::endl;</pre>
```

- The ending zero (which also is present in the constant strings such as these two above) makes sure that we never go beyond the end of the string
- As such, the empty string "" contains still one character (with value 0, or also: '\0', but NOT '0')





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

With arrays of characters, you can manage any string already, but you will see that strings are not as easy to deal with as the basic types (int, float, double, bool, char). For example concatenating two strings is lots of work:

```
/** Write a program that concatenates two strings, s1 and s2, no matter
   what size they have */
#include <iostream> // use std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
int main() {
   char s1[] = "Apples and ", s2[] = "oranges";
   // create a new string s, which contains s1 and s2 below:
   std::cout << "Concatenated string: " << s << std::endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```





5.4. Arrays as function parameters

In C++, array parameters are passed by reference

```
void swap( int a[10], int i, int j) {  // this swap function works!
  int temp = a[i];  // after this function ends, the original array a
  a[i] = a[j];  // will have swapped the values in its elements i
  a[j] = temp;  // and j. Variables i, j, and temp were created
}  // at function start and are removed from memory
```

- The function above thus uses the actual array parameter, not a copy
- With call-by-reference, variables given as actual parameters may be changed by the function
- In a function declaration, arrays can be of unspecified length:
 void swap(int a[], int i, int j); // Note we'll have to check for a's size





5.5. Reading char arrays from the terminal

When trying our this approach:

```
char buffer[80];
std::cin >> buffer;
```

you will see this has a few flaws: **cin** stops reading beyond the first whitespace character (so we cannot input sentences), and we might have a buffer overrun when we enter more than 80 characters

The correct approach is to use:

```
char buffer[80];
std::cin.get( buffer, 80 ); // Reads at most 79 characters, 0 is last element
```

In the above, get() seems to be a function, but: What exactly is cin?





5.6. Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- Lambda expressions construct a closure: an unnamed function object that is capable of capturing variables in scope
- They are often used as callbacks (functions as arguments), for example when iterating over containers such as arrays (see also STL later)
- These are typically used for short code snippets that are not reused (they are inline) and do not specifically require a name:

```
auto x = [](char symbol) { std::cout << symbol << ' '; };
auto x = [](double d, int t) -> double { return (d<t)?0:d; };</pre>
```

capture clause (see next slide) parameters return type function body





5.6. Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- We can capture external variables from the enclosing scope in three ways using the capture clause:
 - [&]: capture all external variables by reference
 - [=]: capture all external variables by value
 - o [a, &b]: capture variable a by value, and variable b by reference

```
int a = 7, b = 14;
auto swap = [&a, &b]() -> { int t = a; a = b; b = t; };
```

 Lambdas are the simplest way of passing functions as arguments, two other methods are (1) passing functions as pointers and (2) using the std::function<> template class → see [more in-depth information] or later in this course





5.7. Range-based Loops (since C++11)

- The foreach loop or <u>range-based for loop</u> eases iterating over data
- It leaves out the iterator, initialization and stopping conditions:

```
#include <iostream> // output to the console
int main() {
  int array[]= { 8, 2, 7, 2, 8, 7, 9, 1};
  for( auto value : array ) { // foreach loop over array
    std::cout << value << ' ';
  }
  std::cout << std::endl;
  return 0;
}</pre>
```





5.7. Range-based Loops (since C++11)

- std::for_each loops are similar to range-based for loops, and provided in <iostream>
- They apply a function to each of the elements in the range [first,last):