

Arrays (some stuff)

In general

elemtype aname[alength];

- Block of memory of length S*alength is allocated,
 S = size in bytes of a single elemtype variable.
- aname = starting address of zeroth element = address of allocated block.
- Value of aname cannot be changed.
- Type of aname: elemtype *
- Type of aname[i]: elemtype

Example

 What does the following code do?

```
int q[4];
int *r;
r = q;
r[3] = 5;
cout << q[3] << endl;
cout << r[3] << endl;</pre>
```

- The array q is allocated in memory.
- Variable r is created.
- q = address of the zeroth element of the array is placed in r.
- Because r, q have the same value, r[3], q[3] also denote the same variable.

Character arrays with initialization

```
char n1[20]="Ajanta", n2[]="Ellora";
```

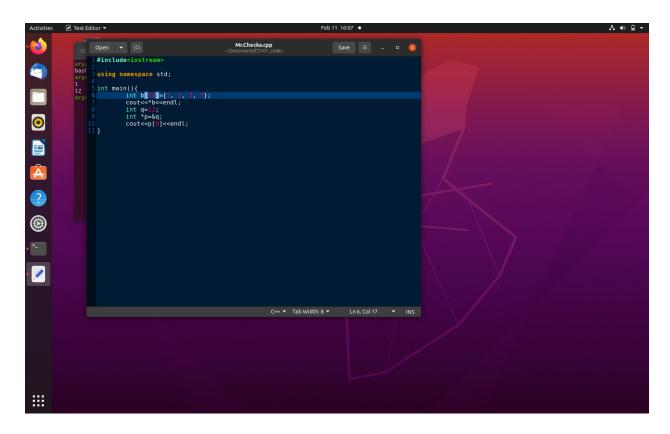
n1 will be created with length 20, and initialized as follows.

- 'A', 'j', 'a', 'n', 't', 'a' will get stored in n1[0] through n1[5].
- Finally '\0' will get stored in n1[6].
- The elements n1[7] through n1[19] will not be initialized.

n2 will be created of length 1 + the length of the string "Ellora".

• It will also be initialized to the string "Ellora" followed by '\0'.





Here you can clearly see 2 things-

- 1. You can denote *p by p[0] for any general pointer (Need not even be an array) BTW p[1] will give you the int that occupies the space just after *p or p[0] ends as computer will read p[n] as *(p+sizeof(datatype) \times n)
- 2. int b[10]={1,2} is as valid as int b[]={1,2} butint b[];
 isn't valid

BTW the '\0' at the end of a string/ character array is called "sentinel" Also cout<<char_array prints the string instead of the address as you would normally assume

Also also you can do

```
char arr[50]="Yes";
```

but you can't do

```
char arr[50]="Yes";
arr="No"; //Thus this means that you can only equate char_array to a string during Declaration
//But never otherwise i.e. aisehi assignment not allowed
```

Character string constant

- Character string constant: text enclosed within double quotes
- Examples: "India", "C++ is nice", "Please give your name"
- How C++ implements these:
 - The string is stored in some place in memory.
 - A null terminator is used.
 - It resembles a char array!
 - C++ denotes a character string constant by the address where it starts
- When you pass a character string constant, the address where it is stored in memory is passed.
 - Just like any array!
 - Its type is const char*



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While passing functions if use const char, then the string becomes const and we cannot change it at all-

```
void f(int arr[], char *muslin, const char nope){ //We could also have used char muslin[]
   muslin[0]='N';
    muslin[1]='o';
    muslin[2]='\0';
    //nope[0]='J' will give errors as we have defined the string as const
    return;
}
int main(){
   int arr[50]={1,2,3,4};
    char nope="Papaji";
    //btw char muslin[50]=nope is illegal
    char muslin[20]="Yes daadi";
    cout<<muslin<<endl;</pre>
    f(arr, muslin);
    cout<<muslin;</pre>
   return 0;
}
```

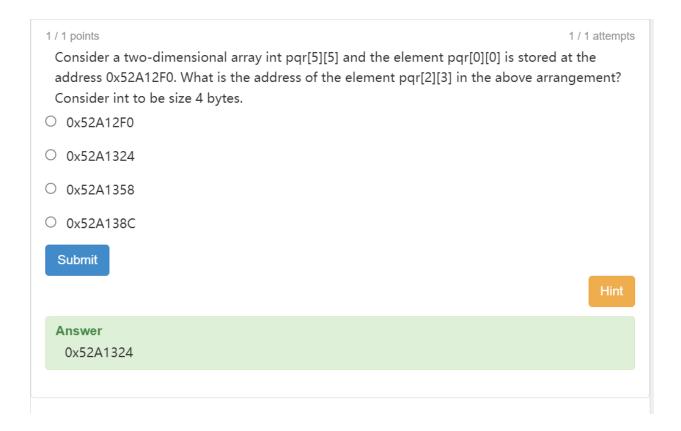
In 2D arrays (or multidimensional arrays in general, you have to hardcode all but one... woh re while passing. Like dekh le

```
//void death(int arr[][], char mamu[][][]) gives error
void death(int arr[][10], char mamu[][12][20]){
...
}
```

Compiler allots memory to 2D arrays row-wise i.e.

```
int arr[3][4];
```

This will be stored as arr[0][0], arr[0][1]...arr[0][3], arr[1][0]....arr[1][3].....arr[2][3]



You can hard-code initialise 2D arrays as such-

```
int arr[2][3]={{1,2,3},{4,5,6}}
//You can even write it as {1,2,3,4,5,6} as it dgaf
```

```
char countries[3][20] = {"India", "Nepal", "China"};
```

- Creates array countries with 3 rows each of 20 characters.
- 2d array = collection of 1d arrays.
- Thus countries[i] = array consisting of countries[i][0]...countries[i][19]
- Row i of array is initialized using ith character string in rhs.
- As usual, each character string implicitly includes a '\0' following it.

```
//In above code if we did this-
cout<<countries[1];
//Output- Nepal</pre>
```