

Multidimensional Arrays

Introduction

- A two-dimensional array can be declared as follows:

- ```
int chessTable[8][8];
```

- This declares the chessTable array with 8 sets of 8 integers element. Note how each dimension is between its own pair of square brackets
- You can visualize a two-dimensional array as a rectangular arrangement like, in our previous example, a table which has 8 rows and each row has 8 columns.
- Even though we can visualize them as rows and columns, in memory, all the elements are stored sequentially.
  - For example, let's suppose we have the following two-dimensional array: `int numbers[3][4]`
  - In memory, the elements are stored sequentially as follows:
    - `numbers[0][0] | numbers[0][1] | numbers[0][2] | numbers[1][0] |`  
`numbers[1][1] | numbers[1][2] | numbers[2][0] | numbers[2][1] |`  
`numbers[2][2]`
- Another way of visualizing a two-dimensional array is like an array of elements where each element is an array itself
  - A simple array is also called a **one-dimensional** array of elements

## Initializing Multidimensional Arrays

- Initializing a two-dimensional array is similar to initialization of a one-dimensional array. The difference is that you put the initial values for each row between braces, {}, and then enclose all the rows between braces:

- ```
int numbers[3][4] = {  
    {10,20,30,40}, // Values for first row  
    {15,25,35,45}, // Values for second row  
    {47,48,49,50} // Values for third row  
}
```

- You need a nested loop to process all the elements in a multidimensional array. Below you can see how you can sum the elements in a multidimensional array:

- ```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```

int main(){
 int numbers[3][4] = {
 {10,20,30,40}, // Values for first row
 {15,25,35,45}, // Values for second row
 {47,48,49,50} // Values for third row
 };
 int sum = 0;

 for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
 sum += numbers[i][j];
 }
 }
 cout << "The sum of the elements is " << sum << endl;
 return 0;
}

```

## Using the `sizeof` operator

- You can use the `sizeof` operator to work out the number of elements in each dimension. You just need to be a bit more careful on what the `sizeof` operator is producing:
  - Assuming we are using the same numbers multidimensional array from the previous example, the following statements are true:
    - `sizeof(numbers) / sizeof(numbers[0])` -> it tells you how many rows are in our multidimensional array.
      - The same principles as for the simple, one dimensional arrays, applies here when we compute this formula.
      - Let's suppose that `int` type occupies 4 bytes in our computer
      - `numbers[3][4]` means that we have a total of 3x4 integer numbers which means 12 integers, which occupies 12x4 bytes, which sums up to 48 bytes, thus, `sizeof(numbers)` is 48 bytes
      - The first row has 4 elements of `int` type, which means that it occupies 4x4 bytes, namely 16 bytes, thus `sizeof(numbers[0])` is 16 bytes
      - Now the final formula is translated to  $48/16 \Rightarrow 3$ , where 3 is the number of rows.
    - `sizeof(numbers[0]) / sizeof(numbers[0][0])` -> it tells you how many elements (or columns) are in the first row (0 index);
      - Homework => prove that the above formula gives you how many elements are in the first row. Inspire from our previous example.

## Accessing elements in a two-dimensional array

- As with simple arrays, or one-dimension array, in order to access an element in a two-dimension array, you have to specify two values:
  - one for the row of your element
  - and another one for the column of your element

- e.g: in order to access the element on the third row and on the 4th column, in a two-dimension array called numbers, we type: `numbers[3][4]`.

## Class exercises

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1. Write a C++ program which prints the element on the main diagonal of a two-dimension array with n rows and n columns.

- Input:

```
■ 1 2 3
 4 5 6
 7 8 9
```

- Output: The elements on the main diagonale are: 1 5 9
- Solution:

```
■ #include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
 int numbers[3][4] = {
 {1,2,3},
 {4,5,6},
 {7,8,9}
 };
 cout << "The elements on the main diagonale are: ";
 for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 cout<<numbers[i][i]<< " ";
 }
 return 0;
}
```

- Explanation:

- As you can see, the elements on the main diagonale are 1, 5, and 9.
- The indexes corresponding to these elements are:
  - `numbers[0][0]`
  - `numbers[1][1]`
  - `numbers[2][2]`
- We can easily observe that the formula for a number to be on the main diagonale is `numbers[row][col]` where `row` and `col`, which represents the corresponding index of the row and column, have the same value.
- In conclusion, we only need one loop to iterate through the values.

2. Write a C++ program which displays the numbers on the second diagonale of a two-dimension array.

◦ Input:

```

■ 1 2 3
 4 5 6
 7 8 9

```

◦ Output: The elements on the main diagonale are: 3 5 7

◦ Solution:

```

■ #include <iostream>
 using namespace std;
 int main(){
 int numbers[3][3] = {
 {1,2,3},
 {4,5,6},
 {7,8,9}
 };
 int numberOfRows = sizeof(numbers) / sizeof(numbers[0]);
 cout << "The elements on the second diagonal are: ";
 for(int i = 0; i < numberOfRows; i++) {
 cout<<numbers[i][numberOfRows-i-1]<< " ";
 }
 return 0;
 }

```

◦ Explanation:

- As we can see, the elements on the second diagonale are: 3,5, and 7
- Their corresponding indexes are:
  - `numbers[0][2] | numbers[1][1] | numbers[2][0]`
- If we try to create a formula, based on the number of rows which gives us these number, we reach the following:
  - let `n` be the number of rows meaning 3
    - for the first number we see that that we can obtain the indexes as follows
      - 3 (number of rows) - 0 - 1 for the row
      - 0 for the column
    - for the second number we can obtain the indexes by:
      - 3 (number of rows) - 1 -1 for the row
      - 1 for the column
    - for the third number we can obtain the indexes by:
      - 3 (number of rows) -2 -1 for the row
      - 2 for the column

- We can generalize the formula as follows:
  - $n-1-i$  for the row index
  - $i$  for the column index

3. Write a C++ program which reads a matrix from the standard input and computes its transpose.

◦ Input:

```
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
```

◦ Output:

```
1 4 7
2 5 8
3 6 9
```

◦ Solution:

```
■ #include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 int numbers[3][3] = {
 {1, 2, 3},
 {4, 5, 6},
 {7, 8, 9}
 };

 int transpose[3][3];

 for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++){
 for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
 transpose[i][j] = numbers[j][i];
 }
 }

 for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
 cout << transpose[i][j] << " ";
 }
 cout << endl;
 }
}
```

◦ Explanation:

- By transpose of a matrix, we understand that the rows becomes columns and viceversa.

- To start, we declare another two dimensional array which will be able to store the transpose.
- Then we iterate through the elements of the original matrix, and at each step, we simply store at the current position (`transpose[i][j]`), the element which can be found at the location given by `j` for the rows and `i` for the columns

## Homework exercises:

1. Write a C++ program which computes the average of the prime numbers which can be found on the main diagonale of a matrix (Two-Dimensional array)

◦ Input:

```
■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15
```

◦ Output: The average of the prime numbers on the main diagonale is 8

2. Write a C++ program which computes the harmonic mean (media armonica) of the numbers on the second diagonale.

◦ Input:

```
■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15
```

◦ Output: The harmonic mean of the numbers on the second diagonale is: 8,08

3. Write a C++ program which computes the sum of the numbers on the main diagonale and the sum of the numbers on the second diagonale and then displays which one is greater

◦ Input:

```
■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15
```

◦ Output: The second diagonale has the sum greater.

4. Write a C++ program which displays if a certain number, read from the standard input, is present in a Two-Diagonale array. Also the program should display how many times the number has appeared in

the matrix

- Input: Enter the number to search for: 5 - C++ 1 2 3 4 5 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 15
- Output: The number appears in the matrix 2 times
- Input 2: Enter the number to search for: 51

```

■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15

```

- Output: The number could be found in the matrix

## Advanced exercises

1. Write a C++ program which displays the number below the main diagonal (including the ones on the diagonal itself). The numbers should be displayed in a nice and formatted way. See the output below

- Input:

```

■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15

```

- Output:

```

■ 1
 5 5
 9 10 11
 13 14 15 15

```

2. Write a C++ program which displays the prime numbers below the main diagonal (including the ones on the diagonal itself).

- Input:

```

■ 1 2 3 4
 5 5 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 15

```

- Output:

■

5 5 11 13