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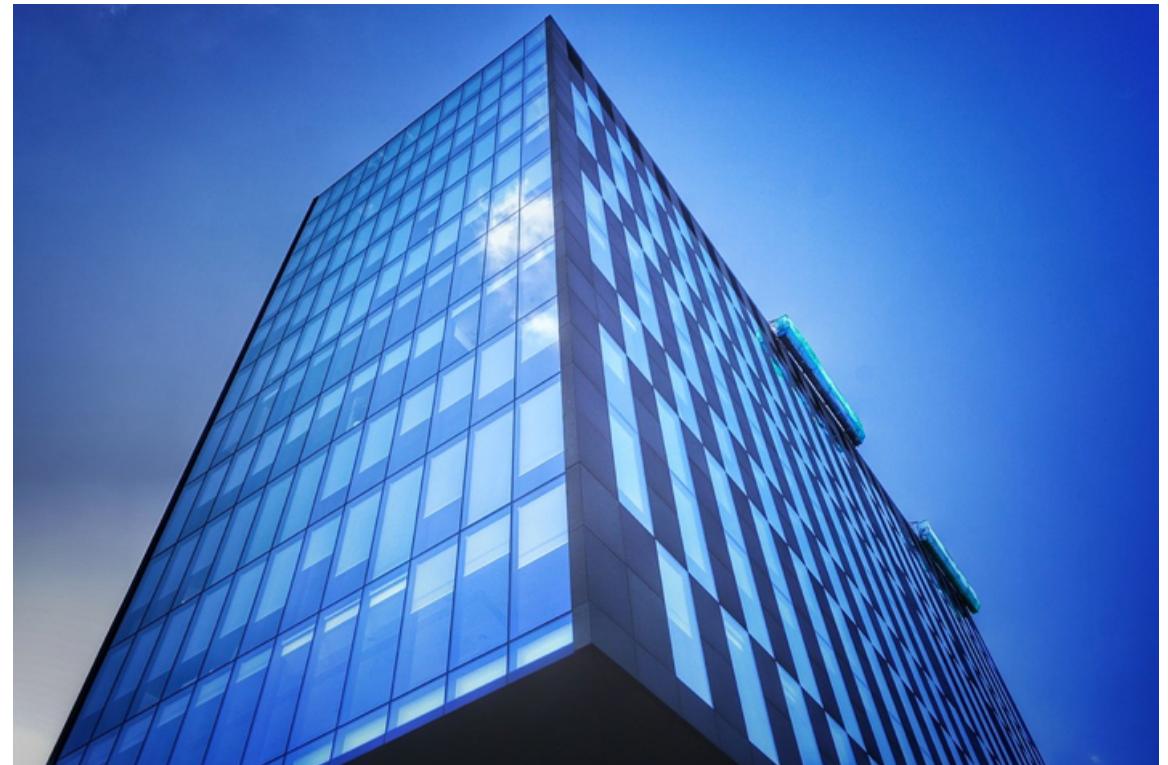
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# CS 161

## Introduction to CS I

### Lecture 19

- Multidimensional arrays



# Review static 1D arrays

```
1. const int n_people = 5;  
2. int height[n_people];  
3. for (int i=0; i<n_people; i++)  
4.     height[i] = rand()%13 + 60;
```

See lec19-max-in-array.cpp

- Let's find the tallest person (which index?)

```
1. int tallest = 0; /* start with first person */  
2. for (int i=1; i<n_people; i++)  
3.     if (height[i] > height[tallest])  
4.         tallest = i;  
5. cout << "Tallest person: index " << tallest  
6.             << " (" << height[tallest] << " inches)" << endl;
```

# Review dynamic arrays (on the heap)

- Dynamic array (e.g., when size could change)

```
1. float* g = new float[3]; /* from heap */  
2. . . .  
3. delete [] g; /* free the memory */  
4. g = NULL;
```

- Tip: anytime you use **new**, immediately decide where a **delete** should go
  - Anytime you use **new []**, decide where **delete []** should go

# Visualize dynamic arrays

See `lec19-dynamic-arrays.cpp`

- A farmer plants some number of corn fields each year
  - Different number each year
- Goal: store corn yield (number of bushels) for each field
- We can use the same variable (pointer) each year
  - Allocate the number of fields needed
  - Free them at the end of the year

## Your turn: Create an array in a function

- Fill in the blanks:

```
1. int* create_arr(int n) {  
2.     ____ new_arr = new ____ [____];  
3.     return _____;  
4. }
```

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- Solution:

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1. int* create_arr(int n) {  
2.     int* new_arr = new int[n];  
3.     return new_arr;  
4. }
```

## Your turn: Initialize array values in a function

- Fill in the blanks to initialize each value to its index \* 2:

```
1. ____ init_arr(int* arr, int n) {  
2.     for (int i=____; i<____; i++)  
3.         arr[____] = _____;  
4. }
```

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- Solution:

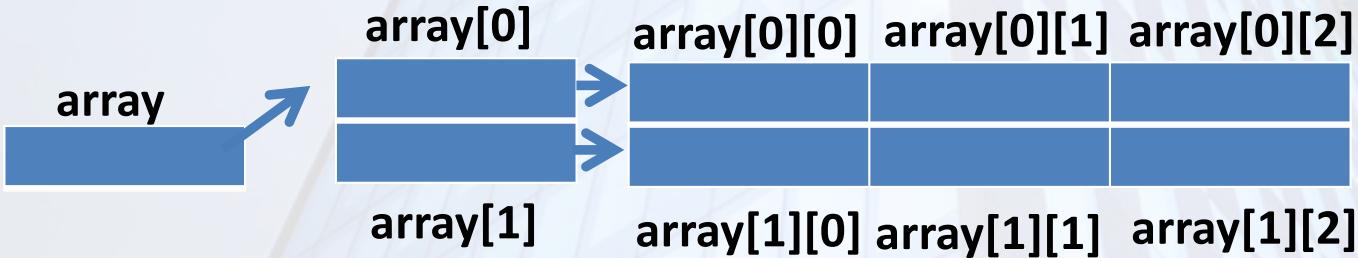
```
1. void init_arr(int* arr, int n) {  
2.     for (int i=0; i<n; i++)  
3.         arr[i] = i * 2;  
4. }
```

# Your ideas for 2D arrays

- Windows in a building
- Rooms on a floor of a building
- Tic-tac-toe board
- Battleship game board
- Keys on a keyboard
- Holes in a waffle
- Many more!

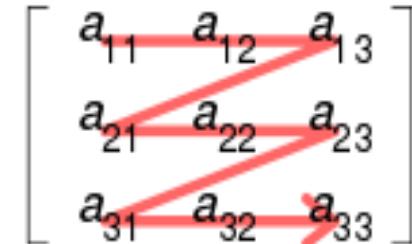
# Two-dimensional arrays

- Array of arrays

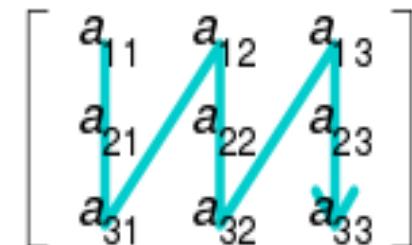


- Stride: number of items/locations between successive array elements
- C++ uses row-major order for 2D arrays

Row-major order

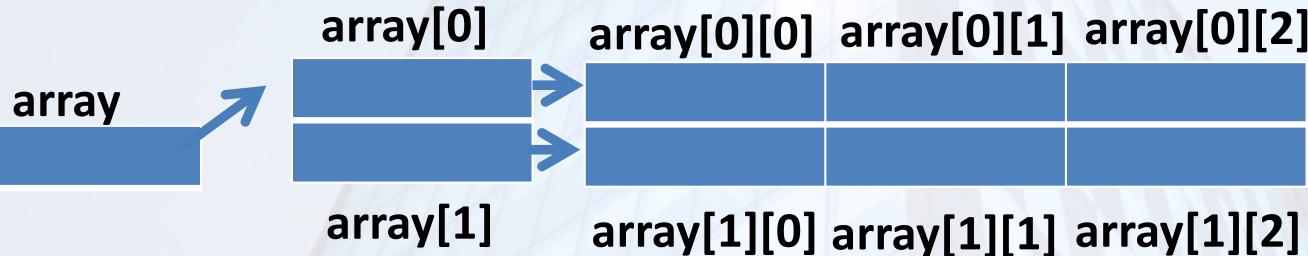


Column-major order





# Create 2D arrays: pointers to pointers



- Stack

```
1. int stack_arr[2][3];
```

See lec19-2d-arrays.cpp

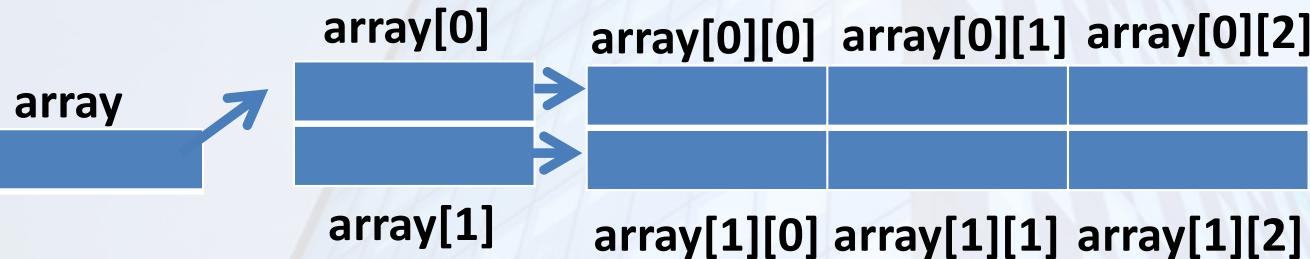
- Heap

```
1. int** heap_arr = new int*[2];
2. for (int i=0; i<2; i++)
3.     heap_arr[i] = new int[3];
```

Two "new"s



# Free 2D arrays on the heap



```
1. for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {  
2.     delete [] heap_arr[i];  
3.     heap_arr[i] = NULL;  
4. }  
5. delete [] heap_arr;  
6. heap_arr = NULL;
```

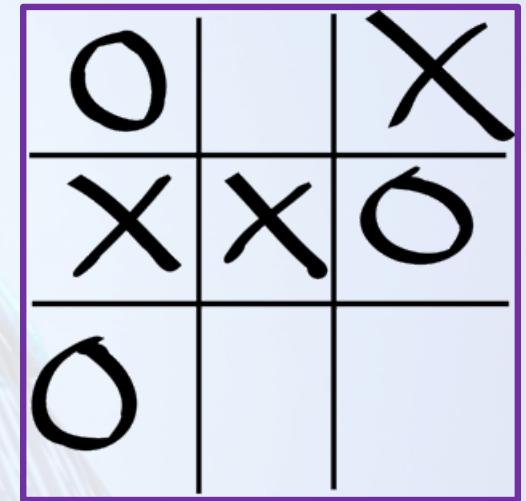
See lec19-2d-arrays.cpp

Two "delete"s

## Your turn: Fill in the blanks to...

- Declare a 2D array of characters to hold a tic-tac-toe board (3x3)

```
1. ____ tic_tac_toe = new ____ [____];  
2. for (int i=0; i<____; i++)  
3.   tic_tac_toe[i] = new ____ [____];
```



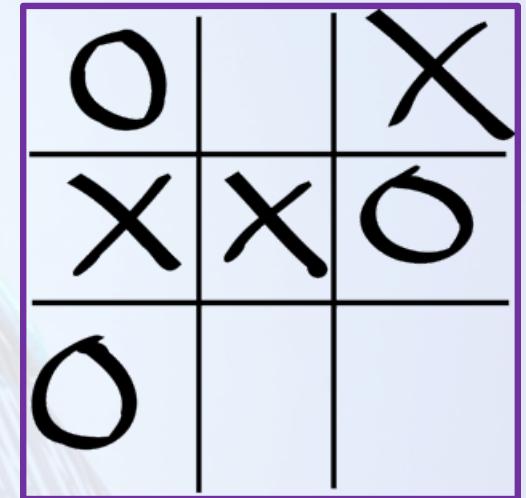
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- Solution:

```
1. char** tic_tac_toe = new char* [3];  
2. for (int i=0; i<3; i++)  
3.   tic_tac_toe[i] = new char [3];
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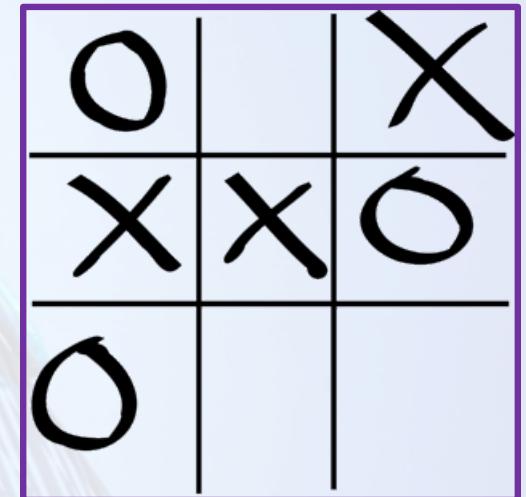
## Your turn: Fill in the blanks to...

- Assign items in your array to 'X' so that you get 3 'X's in a row (any direction)

```
1. tic_tac_toe[____] [____] = 'X';  
2. tic_tac_toe[____] [____] = 'X';  
3. tic_tac_toe[____] [____] = 'X';
```

- Print out your tic-tac-toe board

```
1. for (int i=0; i<____; i++) {  
2.     for (int j=0; j<____; j++)  
3.         cout << tic_tac_toe[____] [____];  
4.     cout << endl;  
5. }
```



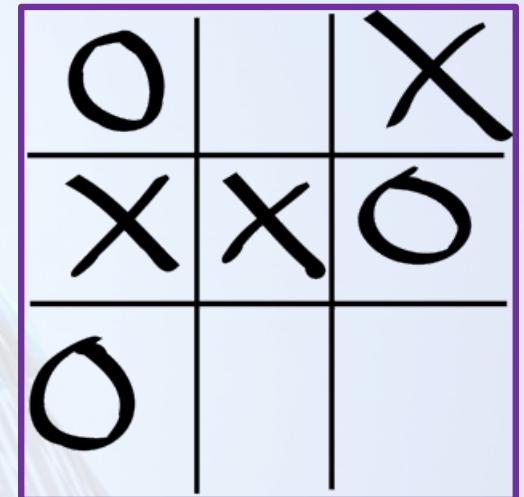
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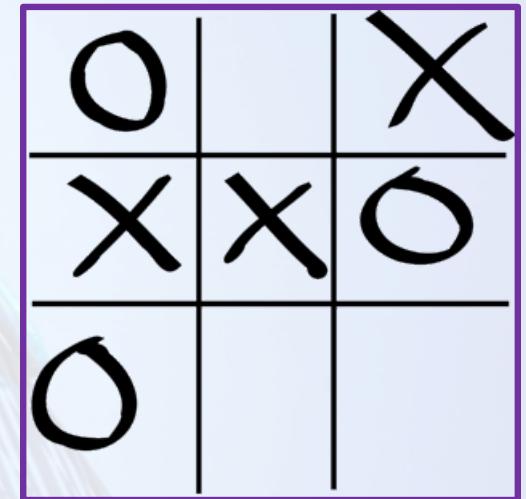
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4.     cout << endl;  
5. }
```



## Your turn: Fill in the blanks to...

- Free your tic-tac-toe board

```
1. for (int i=0; i<____; i++)  
2.     delete _____;  
3. delete _____;
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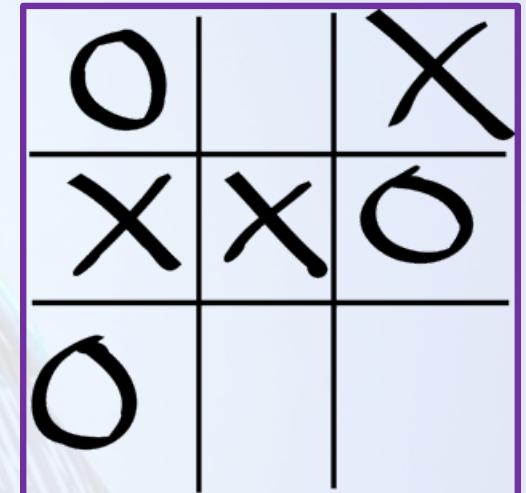
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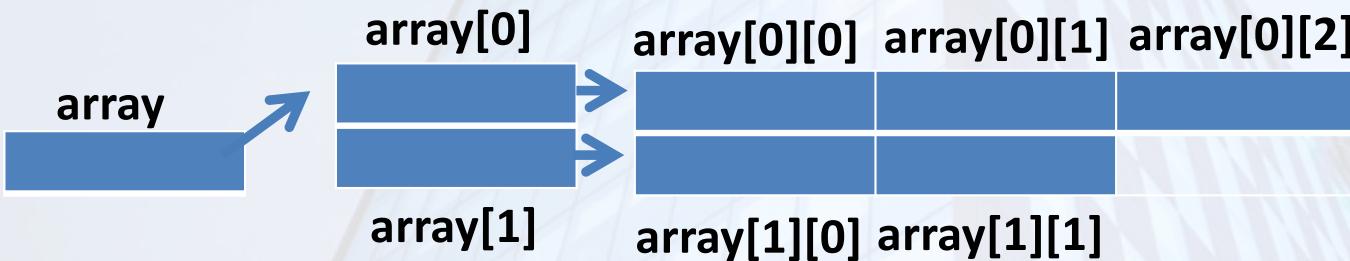
- Solution:

```
1. for (int i=0; i<3; i++)  
2.     delete [] tic_tac_toe[i];  
3. delete [] tic_tac_toe;
```



See lec19-tictactoe.cpp

# Jagged arrays



```
1. int** array = new int*[2];  
2. array[0] = new int[3];  
3. array[1] = new int[2];
```

How would you free this heap memory?  
Same way as with rectangular 2D array.

# Passing static 2D arrays to functions

- Static: must include the size of both dimensions, or at least the final dimension

```
1. int main() {  
2.     int array[5][5];  
3.  
4.     pass_2Darray(array);  
5.  
6.     return 0;  
7. }
```

```
1. void pass_2Darray(int a[5][5]) {  
2.     cout << a[0][0] << endl;  
3. }  
4. /* OR */  
5. void pass_2Darray(int a[][5]) {  
6.     cout << a[0][0] << endl;  
7. }
```

# Passing dynamic 2D arrays to functions

- Static: must include the size of both dimensions, or at least the final dimension

```
1. int main() {  
2.     int** array;  
3.     /* allocate array */  
4.     pass_2Darray(array);  
5.     /* free array */  
6.     return 0;  
7. }
```

```
1. void pass_2Darray(int* a[]) {  
2.     cout << a[0][0] << endl;  
3. }  
4. /* OR */  
5. void pass_2Darray(int** a) {  
6.     cout << a[0][0] << endl;  
7. }
```

# What vocabulary did we learn today?

- Stride
- Row-major order
- Column-major order
- Jagged array

# What ideas and skills did we learn today?

- How to declare 2D arrays on the stack
- How to declare (and delete) 2D arrays on the heap
- How 2D arrays are arranged in memory
  - Pointers to pointers
  - Row-major order
- How to pass 2D arrays to functions
  - (More on this next time)

## Week 7 continues

- Attend lab (laptop required)
- Read **Rao Lesson 4** (pp. 71-74)  
**Rao Lesson 6** (pp. 145-146)
- Study session Thursday 2/20, 6-7 p.m. in LINC 268
- Assignment 4** (due **Sunday, Feb. 23**)

See you Friday!

- Bring: [name of] your favorite collectible item