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Assignment 1

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1. Give a declaration for

- * The character variable `user_input`, with an initial value of the letter 'a'.

```
char user_input = 'a';
```

- * The character variable `letter_k`, with the constant value 'K'.

```
const char letter_k = 'K';
```

- * An array called `scores` of 300 double values.

```
double scores[300];
```

- * A structure with tag `student` with 3 structure members:
the integer `ID`, the integer `major`, the double `gpa`

```
struct student{  
    int ID;  
    int major;  
    double gpa;  
};
```

- * An array of 2000 student structures called `honors`.

```
student honors[2000];
```

2. How many array elements result from the following array declaration?

```
char errmsg[] = "Bad input.\n";
```

The above char array contains the below.

```
'B', 'a', 'd', ' ', 'i', 'n', 'p', 'u', 't', '.', '\n'
```

There are 11 elements in the char array `errmsg`.

3. Write a C++ code fragment (not a declaration) that initializes the `honors` array, such that the `ID` for each student is set to 100000 + the array index value, the `major` for each student is set to 20, and the `gpa` for each student is 0.0.

```
int i;  
int arrSize = sizeof(honors)/sizeof(*honors);  
for(i=0; i<arrSize; i++){  
    honors[i].ID = 1000 + i;  
    honors[i].major = 20;  
    honors[i].gpa = 0.0;  
}
```

4. The wayward programmer has a program containing the following code:

```
double weights[] = {16.2, 85.0, 76.3, 13.4, 18.1, 18.1,
                    19.9, 26.55, 88.1, 51.0};

for ( i = 0; i < 15; i++) {
    weights[i] = weights[i+1] - 12.6;
}
```

* What do you expect to happen when the program containing this code is executed?

I expect that for the first 9 elements of the array, all will execute as expected. For the following 6 nonexistent/out of bounds elements, the 'wayward programmer' is in for a surprise, as the 'wayward programmer' has just left the boundaries of their declared array.

* At what point in its execution does this code do something wrong?

when $i \geq 9$, the array of doubles named weights runs out of elements. When the line `weights[9] = weights[10] - 12.6;` is executed, the non existent element `weights[10]` will be retrieved without error, potentially giving the user bad data.

* When executed, does this program behave differently than the the closest equivalent Java code?

This code reacts very different on c++ from the equivalent java code. In java, you would receive an 'array/index out of bounds exception'. In C++, the language does no checking on your indexing. Because of this, you can address 17 elements of a 10 element array without receiving an error message or exception.