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Multidimensional Arrays, Type Casting, Structs and Enums

Today's Agenda

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A short revision of **arrays**.

A short revision of **functions**.

Exercises 5.1: Arrays and Functions

- (a) Return the largest element in a list.
- (b) Check whether an element occurs in a list.
- (c) Compute the running total of a list.
- (d) Test whether a string is a palindrome.
- (e) Reverse a list. Assume a fixed length of 10 elements!

You can put all your code inside main (in the beginning, while testing your logic) and later divide it into functions. You can also start with separate functions right away.

Multidimensional Arrays

The arrays we know ... int $my_array[10] = ...;$... are one-dimensional. With regular arrays you "iterate along one dimension".

However sometimes you want to have more dimensions than one.

Examples: Matrices/Tensors, Tables.

You cannot only have two-dimensional arrays but as many dimensions as you need. So you will have **one index for each dimension**.

Example Case: Two-Dimensional Arrays

We refer to the row index as i and to the column index as j.

With two dimensions we need to define two sizes: How many rows? How many columns?

The initialization looks a lot like for regular arrays.

```
int my_matrix[3][4] = {
    {1, 2, 3, 4},
    {5, 6, 7, 8},
    {9, 10, 11, 12}
};
```

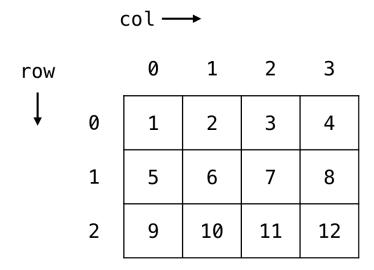
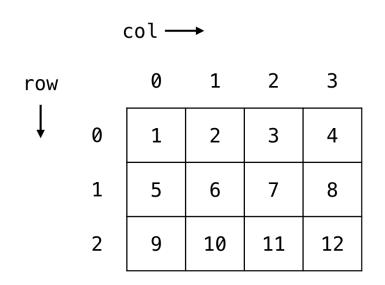


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See example_5_1_matrix_initialisation.c on GitHub.



Indexing an array is also very similar to regular arrays:

```
int value_at_bottom_left = my_matrix[2][0]; // Will return 9
```

Example Usecase: Matrix properties

See: example_5_2_diagonal_matrix.c

Exercise 5.2: Matrix Properties

I have prepared a main -file for you called exercise_5_2_matrix_main.c.

You are expected to implement two functions (either inside that file or in a separate file).

- (a) The function int is_symmetric(int rows, int columns, int matrix[rows] [columns]) returns 1 if the given matrix is symmetric and 0 otherwise.
- (b) The function int is_skew_symmetric(int rows, int columns, int matrix[rows][columns]) returns 1 if the given matrix is skew-symmetric and 0 otherwise.

Revisiting Integer Division

When dividing two integers the result will always be an integer even when stored in a float.

```
int main() {
   int a = 11;
   int b = 5;

float result = a/b; // Will store 2.0000...

return 0;
}
```

Enter "Type Casting"

Inside an equation you can convert variables to other data types so that the will be treated as a variable of their newly assigned type (only inside that equation).

```
int main() {
  int a = 11;
 int b = 5;
  float result 1 = (float)(a)/b; // Will store 2.2000...
  float result_2 = a/(float)(b); // Will store 2.2000...
  float result_3 = (float)(a/b); // WRONG! Will store 2.0000...
  // The variables a and b themselves did
 // not change -> Both still of type 'int'
  return 0;
```

What if we want to bundle related information of different data types together?

Answer: We can use a **struct**!

Example Usecase: Points with 3D Coordinates - Bad

```
int main() {
  float point_1_x = 12;
  float point_1_y = 8.5;
  float point_1_z = 0.2;
  float point_2x = 12.1;
  float point_2_y = 7.5;
  float point_2_z = 0.4;
  . . .
  return 0;
```

Example Usecase: Points with 3D Coordinates - Good

```
struct point {
  float x;
 float y;
  float z;
int main() {
  struct point point_1;
  point_1.x = 12;
  point_1.y = 8.5;
  point_1.z = 0.2;
  struct point point_2;
  point_2.x = 12.1;
  point_2.y = 7.5;
  point_2.z = 0.4;
  return 0;
```

Example Usecase: Points with 3D Coordinates - Even Better

```
struct point {
 float x;
 float y;
 float z;
int main() {
  struct point point_1 = {
    x = 12,
   y = 8.5
   z = 0.2
  struct point point_2 = {
    x = 12.1
   y = 7.5
   z = 0.4
 };
 return 0;
```

Example Usecase: Points with 3D Coordinates - Perfect

```
struct point {
  float x;
  float y;
  float z;
int main() {
  struct point point_1 = \{12, 8.5, 0.2\};
  struct point point_2 = \{12.1, 7.5, 0.4\};
  return 0;
```

Why should you use struct 's? - #1

- 1. Cleaner code
- 2. Less variable names
- 3. Consistency accross same "object types" is required

Why should you use struct 's? - #2

Example usecase: You can loop over an array of structs.

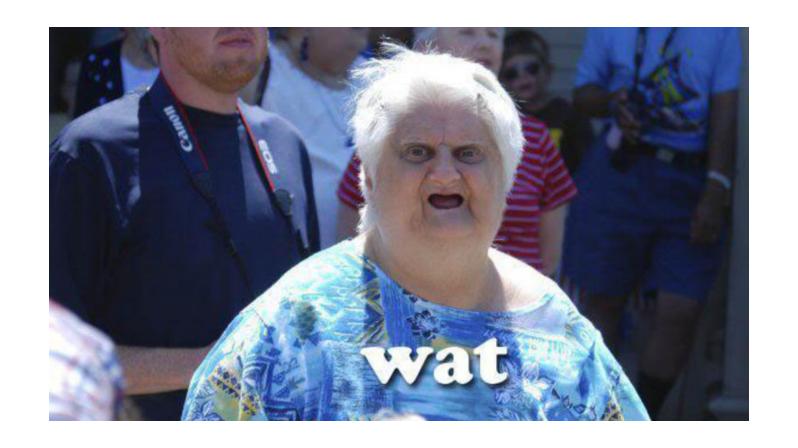
See example_5_3_struct_array.c on GitHub.

Union's

A union can store different data types as well.

BUT: All of them get stored in the same spot of memory.

The size of the union is determined by its largest component.



Shared Memory Space?

```
union mix {
                       // 4 bytes
 int number;
 struct {short lo, hi;} s; // 4 bytes
 char letters[4];
                 // 4 bytes
} m;
// define as integer 'number'
m.number = 0xFF00F00F; // 1111 1111 0000 0000 11110000 0000 1111
// interpret as struct 's'
                  // 1111 1111 0000 0000
m.s.lo;
m.s.hi;
                                               11110000 0000 1111
// interpret as char array 'letters'
m.letters[0];
             // 1111 1111
m.letters[1];
                                    0000 0000
m.letters[2];
                                               11110000
m.letters[3];
                                                         0000 1111
```

Enum's

Example usecase: Using variables that are supposed to store/represent a state, which is encoded in the form of an integer. E.g. the state of a traffic light.

You can now declare the state variable without remembering the encoding for each state:

```
enum color_1 c = BLUE;

if (c == BLUE) {
   // do something
}
```

Defining Enum's

```
enum color_1 {
 RED = 1 	 // 1
 YELLOW, // 2
 GREEN,
enum color_2 {
 RED,
 YELLOW, // 1
 GREEN = YELLOW + 2, // 3
 BLUE,
 GRAY = 17, // 17
 BROWN
};
```

See example_5_4_enums.c on GitHub.

Exercise 5.3: Using Struct's, Union's and Enum's - #1

- (a) Create a **struct rectangle** for a rectangle containing its length and width as double values.
- (b) Create a **struct triangle** for a right triangle containing the length of its hypotenuse and its height as double values.
- (c) Create a struct circle for a circle containing its radius as double value.
- (d) For each shape, write a function that receives an appropriate struct as a parameter and returns its area as a double. You can find a constant named M_PI in math.h.

Exercise 5.3: Using Struct's, Union's and Enum's - #2

- (e) Create an enum shape_type with a value for each of the shapes created above.
- (f) Create a **struct shape** that uses a union to hold any of the shapes created above and in addition an enum indicating which type of shape is currently in use.
- (g) Create a function **shape_area** that gets a shape as parameter. The function should then print the type and the area of the contained shape. Finally the function should return the area of the shape as a double.
- (h) Declare a some shapes and check / use your function.

See You Next Week!

All code examples and exercise solutions on GitLab (solutions right after my tutorial):

https://gitlab.lrz.de/dostuffthatmatters/IN8011-WS20



