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When programming, it is often necessary to store multiple related values.

One option is to use multiple variables; alternatively, a data structure could be used. A data structure allows multiple values to be stored under one identifier (name).

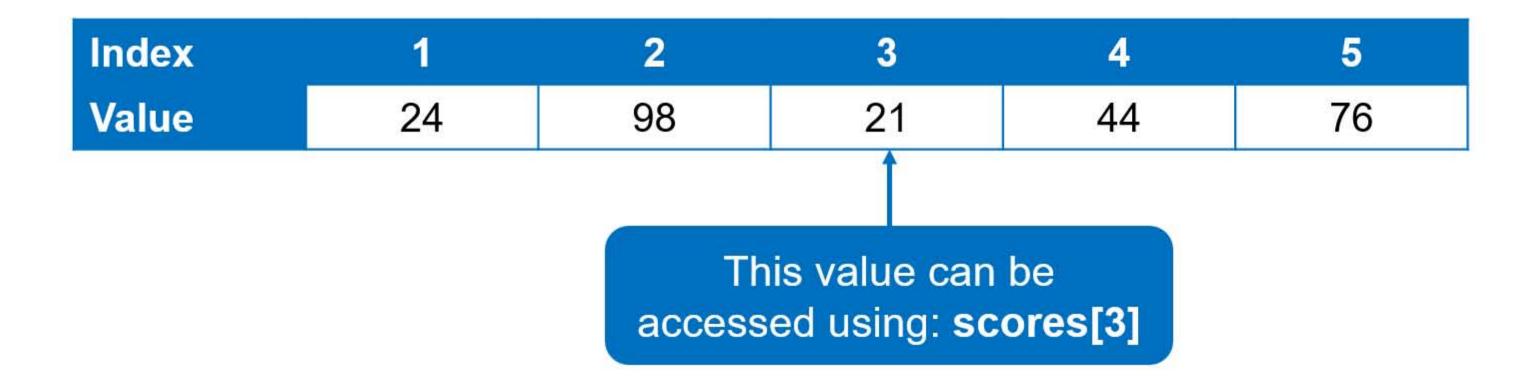
A commonly used data structure is the array.

Arrays

An array allows a set of related values to be stored in the form of a list under one identifier.

Each position in an array has a unique index which allows it to be accessed.

This is an array that stores the top scores for an online game.



Creating an Array

In pseudocode we create an array by placing the values in square brackets separated by commas.

The pseudocode for creating the scores array is shown below:

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	44	76

scores = [24, 98, 21, 44, 76]

The pseudocode for creating an empty array with 4 elements is:

scores[1:4]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	(24)	98	21	44	76

Score 24
Output

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	(24)	98	21	44	76

Score 24

Output
24

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	44	76

Score 98

Output
24

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	44	76

Score 98

Output
24
98

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	(21)	44	76

Score 21

Output

24
98

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	(21)	44	76

Score 21

Output

24

98

21

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	(44)	76

Score 44
Output
24
98
21

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

ENDFOR

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	(44)	76

Score 44

Output

24
98
21
44

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

ENDFOR

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	44	(76)

Score 76

Output 24

98

21

44

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]

A FOR loop can be used to cycle through each value in an array.

This example can be used to cycle through each value in the 1D scores array.

Index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	24	98	21	44	(76)

Score 76

Output

24

98

21

44

76

FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(scores)

PRINT scores[i]