

Counter-Controlled Loops

Inside a function, most commonly, you'll calculate the size of an array at the point where it is declared, and then **pass that size as an additional argument** when you **call** the function.

For instance, here is a function which sums the elements in a **vector**:

```
int sum(const vector<int>& v)
{
    int sum = 0;
    for (size_t i = 0, len = v.size(); i < len; ++i)
        sum += v.at(i);
    return sum;
}
```

Notice that the function only requires one argument, since the **vector** "carries" its size along with it. With an array, you'd need to write the same function like this:

```
int sum(const int array[], size_t len)
{
    int sum = 0;
    for (size_t i = 0; i < len; ++i)
        sum += array[i];
    return sum;
}
```

Unlike **string** and **vector**, arrays have no built-in **size()** member function. And, because **array** is really a pointer, you can't use the **sizeof** "trick" inside the function. You must pass the length as an argument **when calling** the function. Note, also, that unlike **vector** you have no range-checked **at()** function. You must use the built-in subscript operator.



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