Arrays as Parameters in Functions

Or it can let the caller know by using a reference parameter:

```
void append_inputs(double inputs[], int capacity,
                   int& current_size)
{
   double input;
   while (cin >> input)
   {
      if (current_size < capacity)
      {
         inputs[current_size] = input;
         current_size++;
      }
   }
}
```

No return stmt.

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Here is a call to the reference parameter version of `append_inputs`:

```
append_inputs(values, MAXIMUM_NUMBER_OF_VALUES,
              current_size);
```

As before, after the call, the `current_size` variable specifies how many are in the array.

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Our next program uses the preceding functions to read values from standard input, double them, and print the result.

- The `read_inputs` function fills an array with the input values. It returns the number of elements that were read.
- The `multiply` function modifies the contents of the array that it receives, demonstrating that arrays can be changed inside the function to which they are passed.
- The `print` function does not modify the contents of the array that it receives.

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(6.4)

Recall that you saw quite a few (too many?) algorithms for working with arrays.

Suppose you need to solve a problem that does not exactly fit any of those?

What to do?

No, "give up" is not an option!

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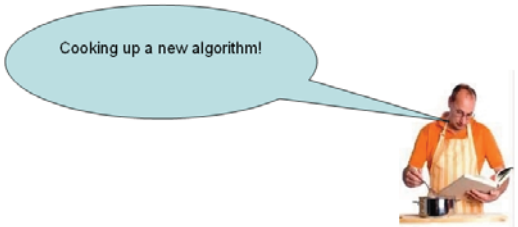
You can try to use algorithms you already know to produce a new algorithm that will solve this problem.

(Then you'll have yet another algorithm – even more!)



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Consider this problem: Example:

Compute the final quiz score from a set of quiz scores,

but be nice:

drop the lowest score.

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Hmm, what do I know how to do?

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We know how

Calculate the sum:

```
double total = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < size of values; i++)
{
   total = total + values[i];
}
```

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We also know how to

Find the minimum:

```
double smallest = values[0];
for (int i = 1; i < size of values; i++)
{
   if (values[i] < smallest)
   {
      smallest = values[i];
   }
}
```

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We also know how to

Remove an element:

```
values[pos] = values[current_size - 1];
current_size--;
```

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Aha! Here is the algorithm:

1. *Find the minimum* (lowest score)
2. *Remove it from the array*
3. *Calculate the sum*
   (will be without the lowest score)
4. *Calculate the final score*

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WAIT!

(Houston, we have a problem...)

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```
values[pos] = values[current_size - 1];
current_size--;
```

This algorithm removes by knowing *the position* of the element to remove...

...but...

```
double smallest = values[0];
for (int i = 1; i < size of values; i++)
{
   if (values[i] < smallest)
   {
      smallest = values[i];
   }
}
```

That's not the *position* of the smallest – it IS the smallest.

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Here's another algorithm I know that *does* find the position: (linear search)

```
int pos = 0;
bool found = false;
while (pos < size of values && !found)
{
   if (values[pos] == 100) // looking for 100
   {
      found = true;
   }
   else
   {
      pos++;
   }
}
```

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Aha! Here is the algorithm:

1. *Find the minimum*
2. *Find the position of the minimum*
   → **the one I just searched for!!!**
3. *Remove it from the array*
4. *Calculate the sum*
   (will be without the lowest score)
5. *Calculate the final score*

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But notice what I did...

I searched
for the minimum
and then
I searched
for the position...
...of the minimum!

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I wonder if I can *adapt* the algorithm that finds the minimum so that it finds the position of the minimum?

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I'll start with this: original algorithm

```
double smallest = values[0];
for (int i = 1; i < size of values; i++)
{
   if (values[i] < smallest)
   {
      smallest = values[i];
   }
}
```

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What is it about the minimum value and where the minimum value is?

need to change

```
double smallest = values[0];
for (int i = 1; i < size of values; i++)
{
   if (values[i] < smallest)
   {
      smallest = values[i];
   }
}
```

where the minimum value is (position)

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What is it about the minimum value and where the minimum value is?

```
int smallest_position = 0;
for (int i = 1; i < size of values; i++)
{
   if (values[i] < values[smallest_position])
   {
      smallest_position = i;
   }
}
```

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int min_position(double values[], int size)

There it is!

```
{
   int smallest_position = 0;
   for (int i = 1; i < size [redacted]; i++)
   {
      if (values[i] < values[smallest_position])
      {
         smallest_position = i;
      }
   }
   return smallest_position;
}
```

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Finally: For our program:

1. *Find the* **position** *of the minimum*
2. *Remove it from the array*
3. *Calculate the sum (will be without the lowest score)*
4. *Calculate the final score* (average)

see p. 274 for main program

see p. 273 for the "position of min" function

int min_position(double values[], int size)

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(6.5)

What if you come across a problem for which you cannot find an algorithm you know and you cannot figure out how to adapt any algorithms?

What to do?

No, again, "give up" is not an option!

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There is a technique that you can use called:

MANIPULATING PHYSICAL OBJECTS

better know as:

playing around with things.

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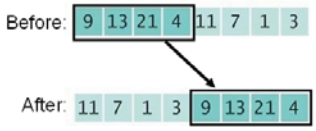
Here is a problem:

You are given an array whose size is an even number.
You are to switch the first and the second half.



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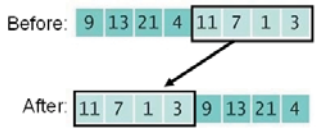

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To learn this *Manipulating Physical Objects* technique,
let's play with some coins
and review some algorithms you already know.

OK, let's *manipulate* some coins.
Go get eight coins.

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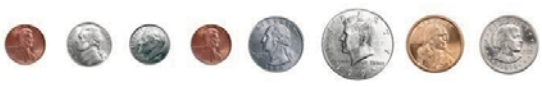
Good.



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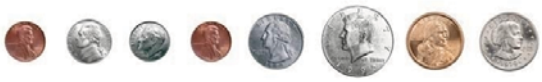
What algorithms do you know
that allow you to rearrange a set of coins?



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You know how to remove a coin.

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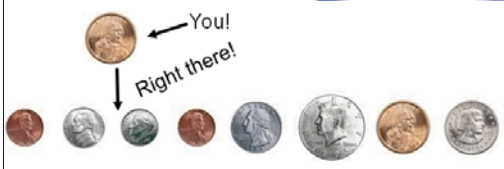
You know how to insert a coin at a specific position.



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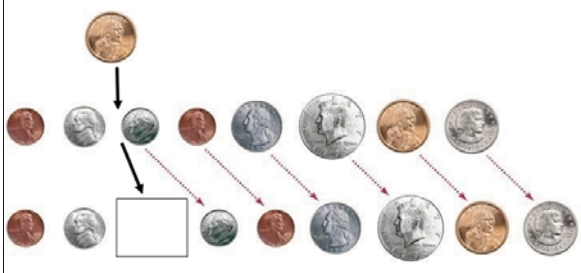

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You know how to insert a coin at a specific position.

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And you know how to swap two elements.

You two!

Swap places!

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Swapping.

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Swapping any two.

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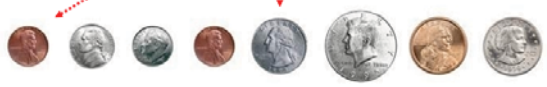
Hm.



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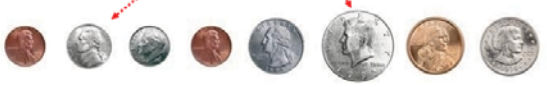
And hm.



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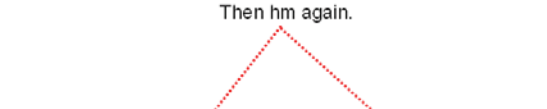

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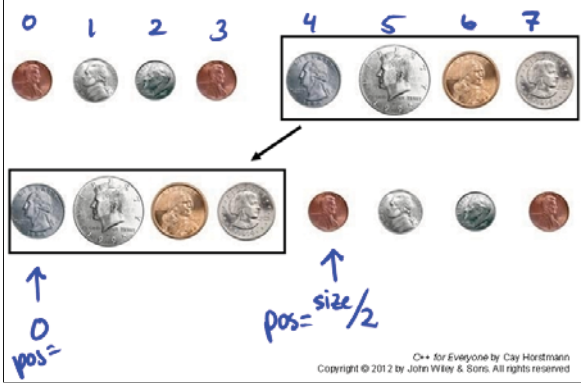

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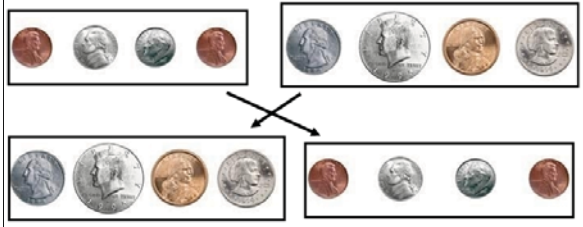

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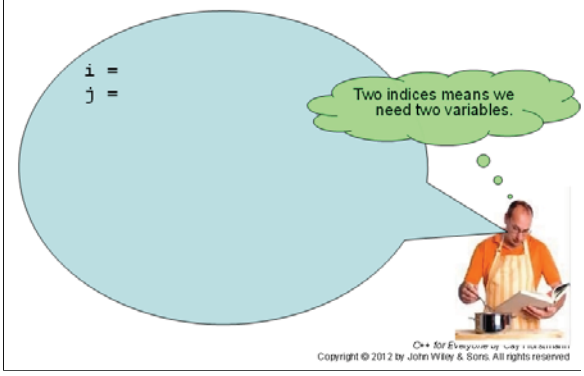

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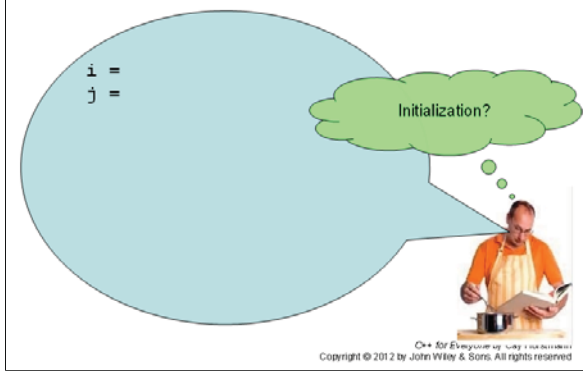

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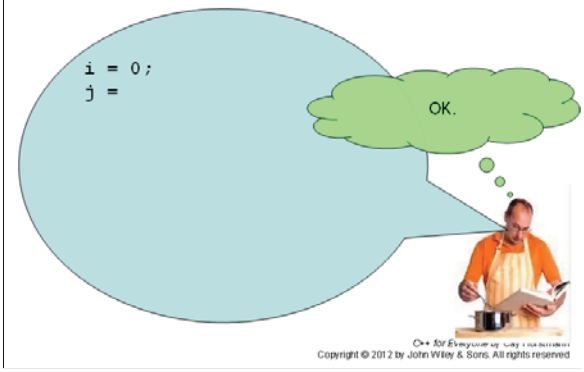

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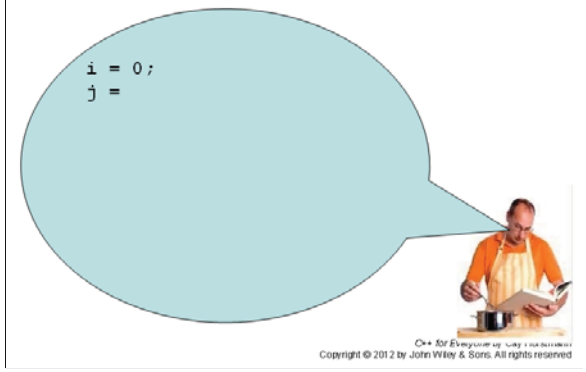

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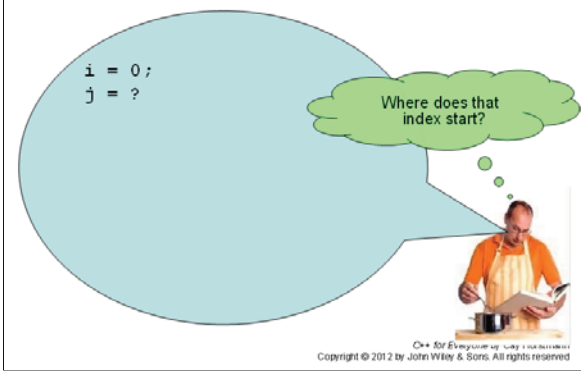

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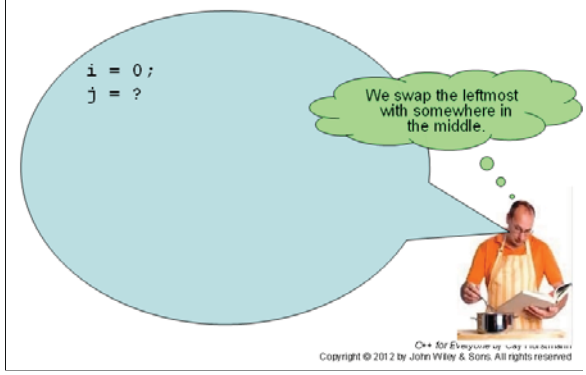

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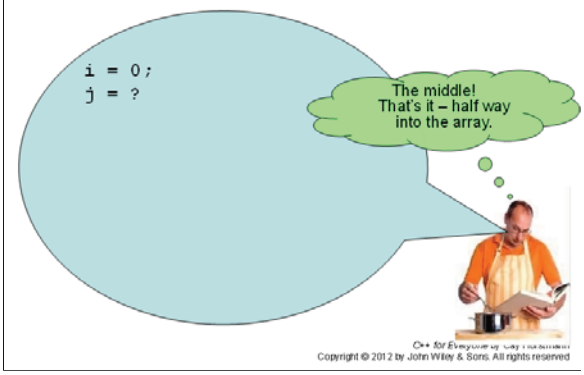

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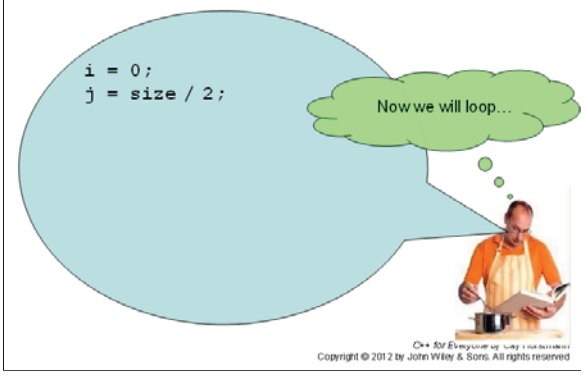

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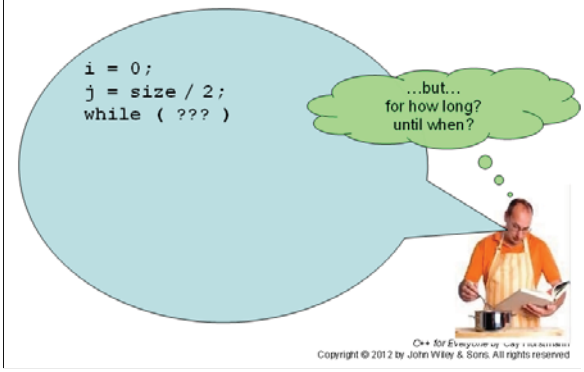

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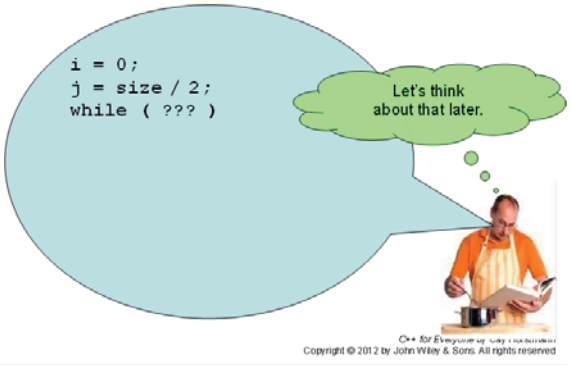

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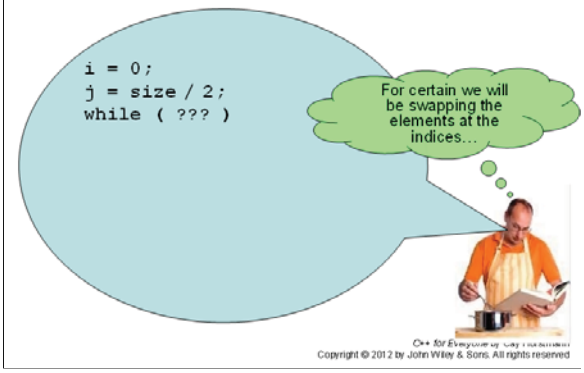

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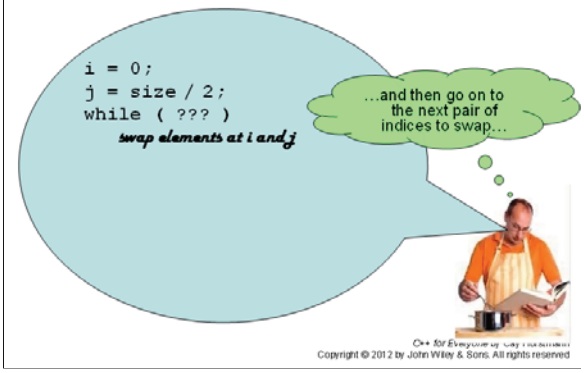

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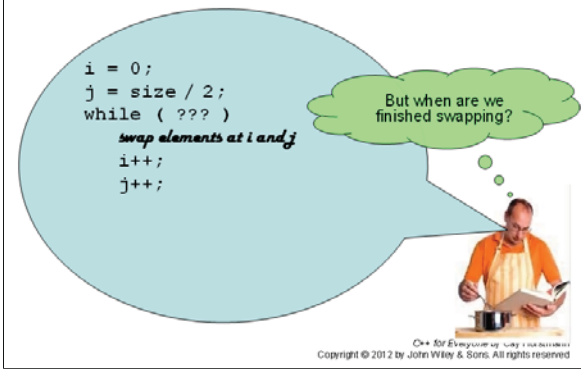

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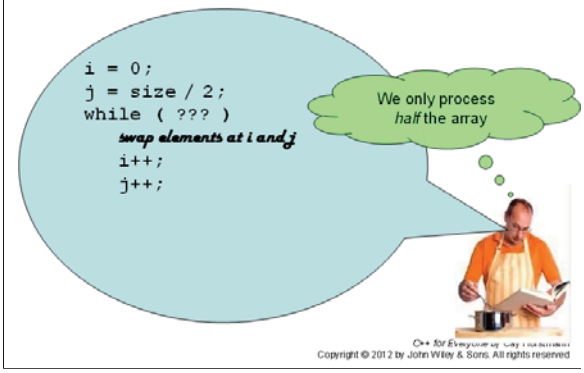

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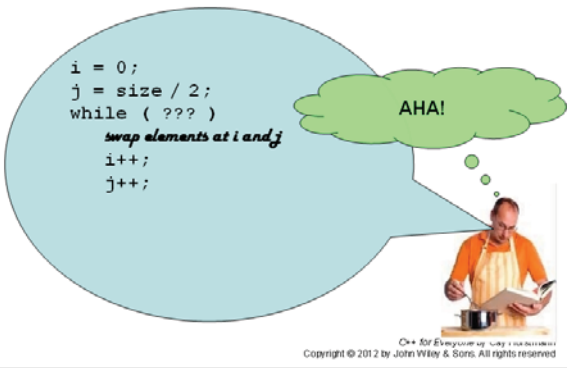

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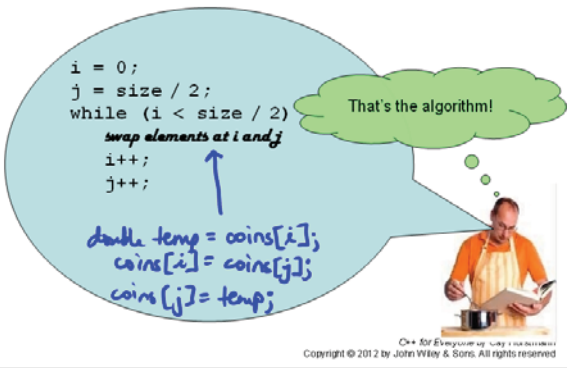

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Two-Dimensional Arrays 6.6

It often happens that you want to store collections of values that have a two-dimensional layout.

Such data sets commonly occur in financial and scientific applications.

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Two-Dimensional Arrays

An arrangement consisting of *tabular data*:
rows and columns of values

is called:
a ***two-dimensional array***, or a ***matrix***.

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