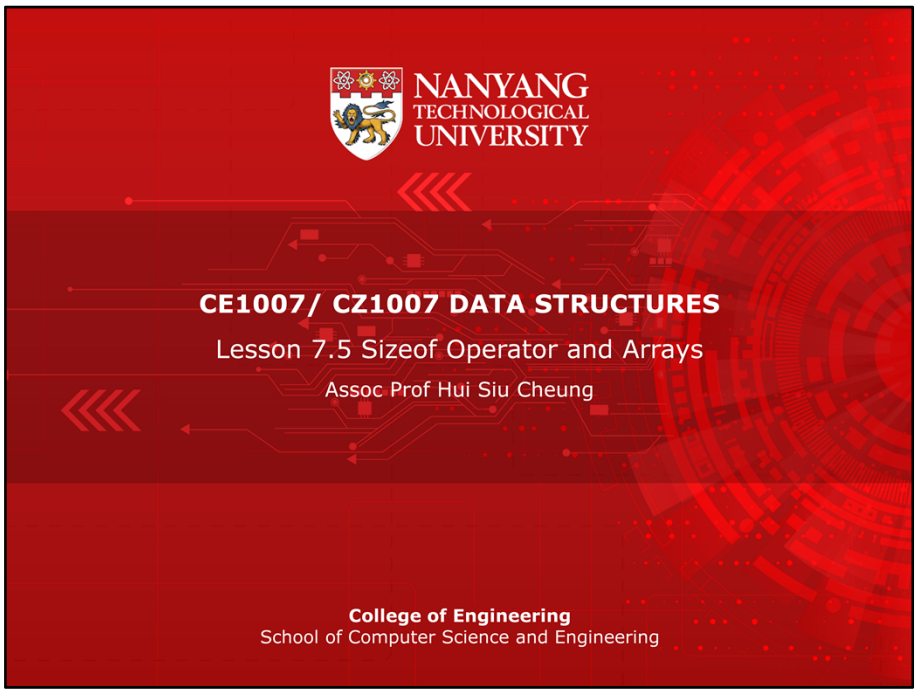
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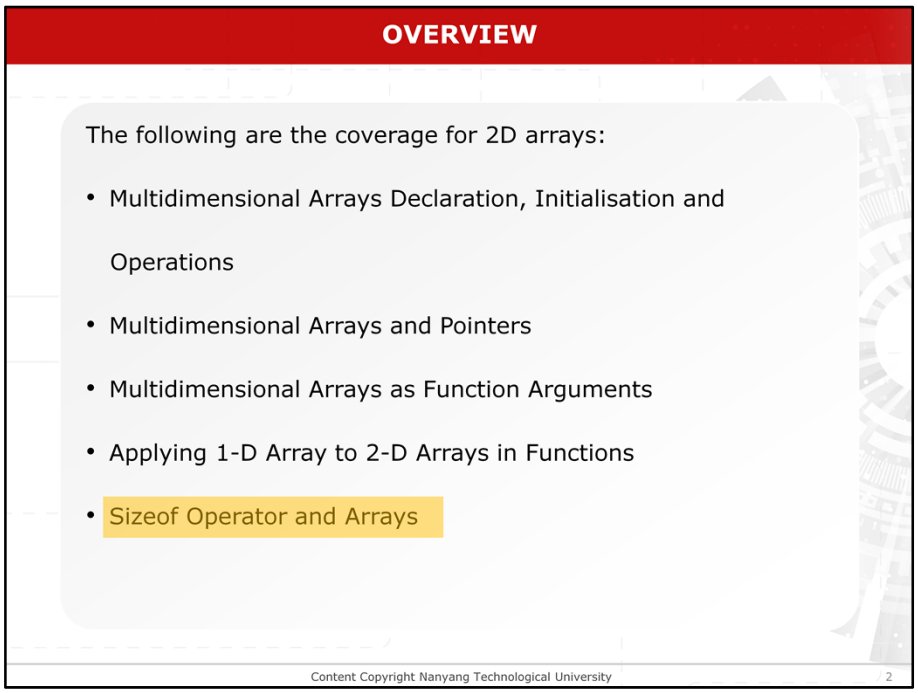
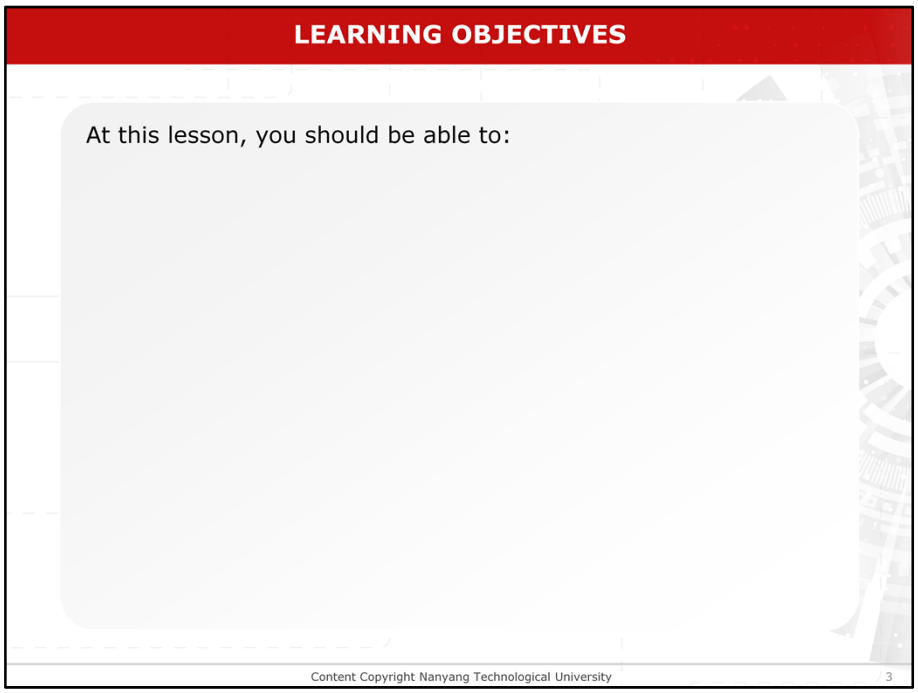


The following are the coverage for 2 dimensional ARRAYS. this video focuses on size of operator and arrays



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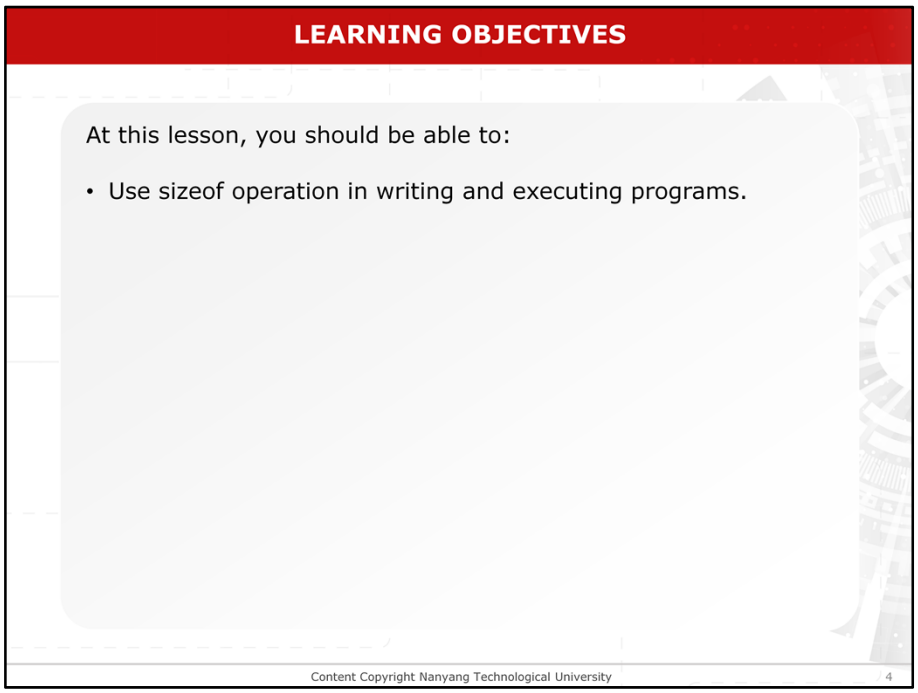
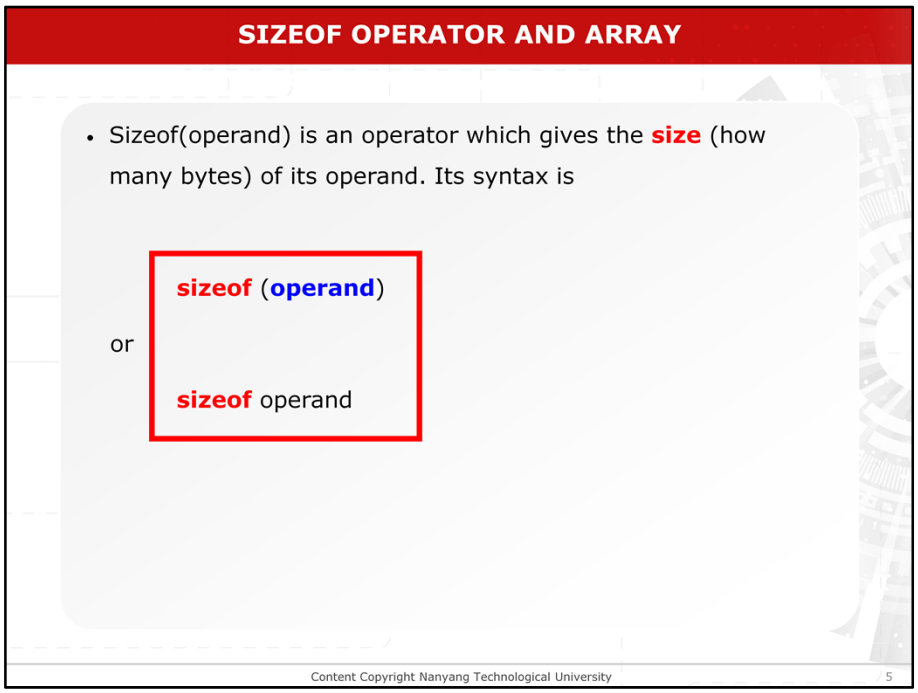
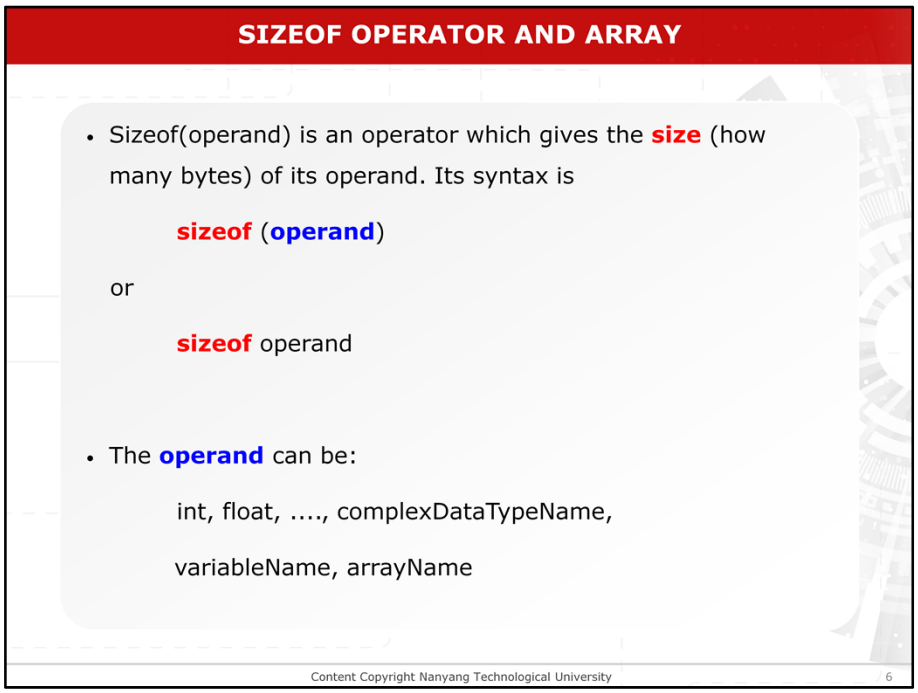


Use size of operation in writing and executing programs.

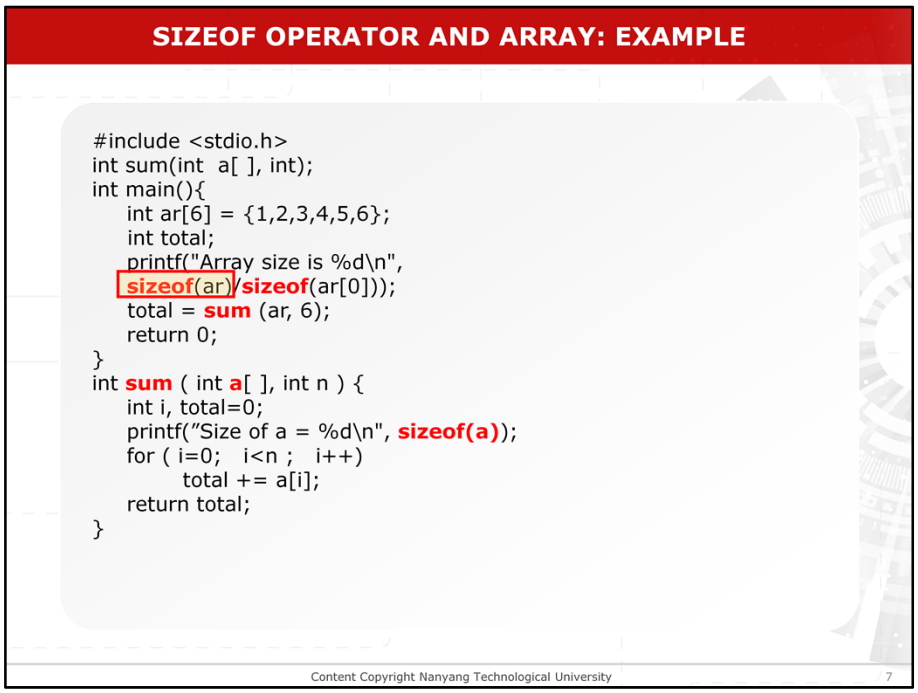


Sizeof Operator and Array

Size of is an operator which gives the size (in bytes) of its operand. Its syntax is as shown. The **operand** can either be a type enclosed in parenthesis or an expression.



We can also use it with arrays.



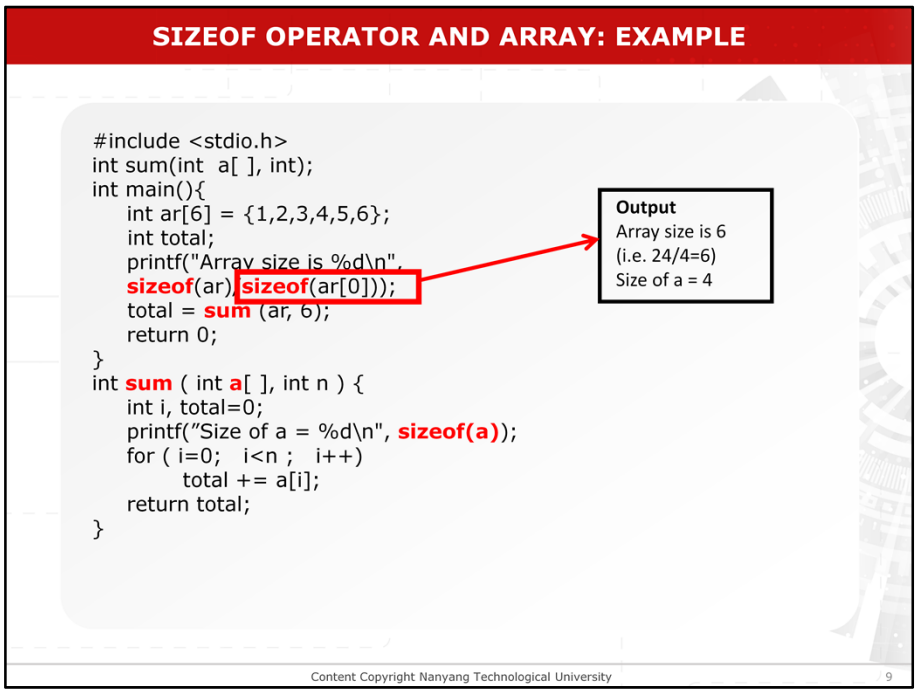
Sizeof Operator and Array: Example

In the **main** function of the program, the **size of** operator returns the number of bytes of the array.

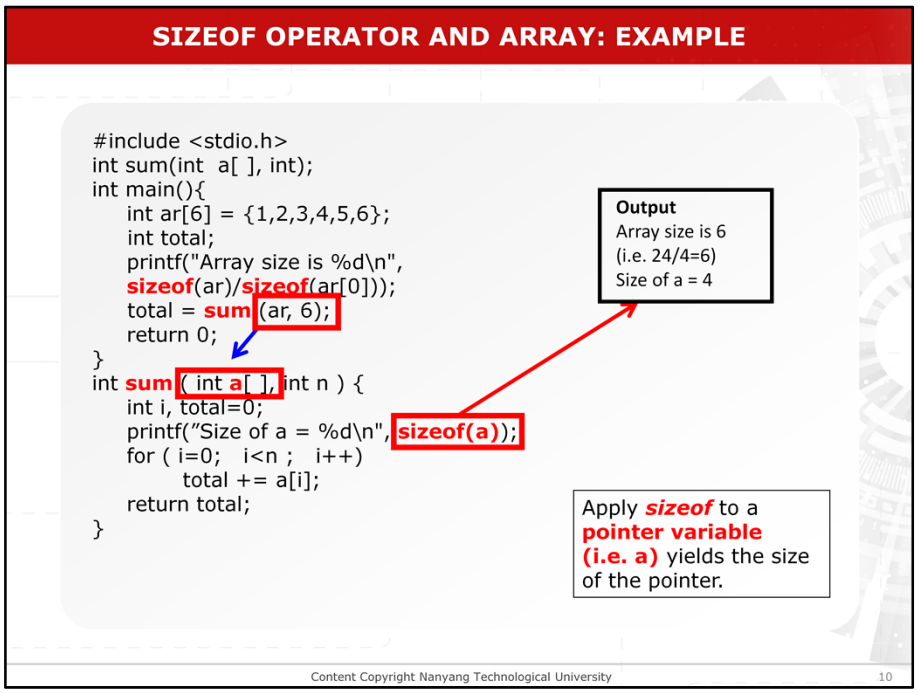
SIZEOF OPERATOR AND ARRAY: EXAMPLE

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum(int  a[ ], int);
int main(){
    int ar[6] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    int total;
    printf("Array size is %d\n",
    sizeof(ar)/sizeof(ar[0]));
    total = sum (ar, 6);
    return 0;
}
int sum ( int a[ ], int n ) {
    int i, total=0;
    printf("Size of a = %d\n", sizeof(a));
    for ( i=0;   i<n ;   i++)
          total += a[i];
    return total;
}
```

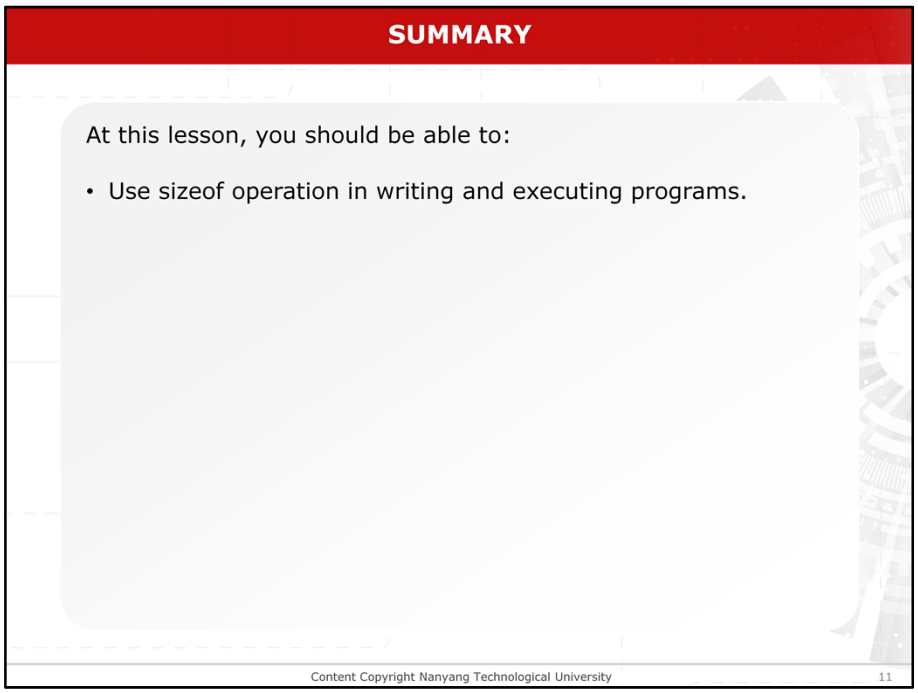

The second **size of** operator returns the number of bytes of each element in the array.



Therefore, the number of elements can be calculated by dividing the size of the array by the size of each element in the array. In this case, the array size is 24 by 6 which gives the value of 6.



However, in the function **sum**, the **size of** operator returns the number of bytes for the array **a**. It is in fact a pointer which contains the address of the argument passed in from the calling function. As a pointer has 4 bytes, the size of **a** is 4.



In summary, after viewing this video lesson, your should be able to do the listed.