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Introduction

- An array with more than one level or dimension.
- 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional and so on.

General form of declaring N-dimensional arrays:

Data_type Array_name[size1][size2][size3]..[sizeN];

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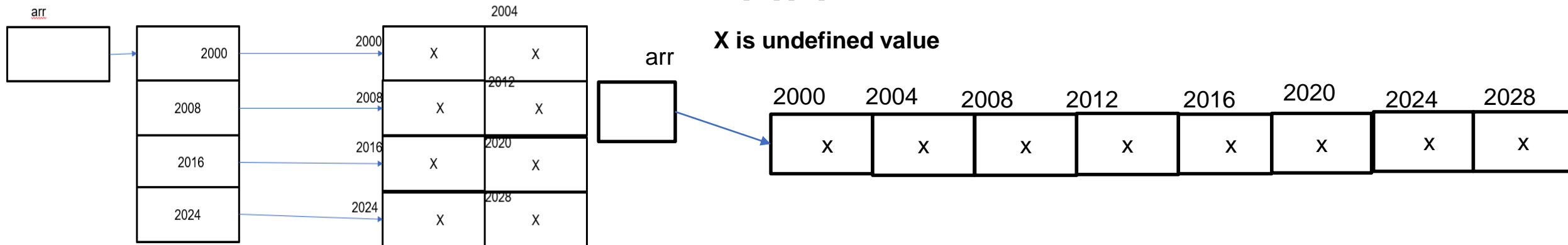
Two – Dimensional Array

- Treated as an array of arrays.
- Every element of the array must be of same type as arrays are homogeneous

Declaration

Syntax: `data_type array_name[size_1][size_2];` // size_1 and size_2 compulsory

`int arr[4][2];`



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Two – Dimensional Array

Initialization

- **data_type array_name[size_1][size_2] = {elements separated by comma};**
- `int arr[][] = {11,22,33,44,55,66}; // Error. Column size is compulsory`
- `int abc[3][2] = {{11,22},{33,44},{55,66}}; // valid`
- `int arr[][2] = {11, 22, 33 ,44,55,66 } ; // valid. Allocates 6 contiguous memory locations and assign the values`
- `int arr[][3] = {{11,22,33},{44,55},{66,77}}; // partial initialization`

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Internal Representation of a 2D Array

- 2D Array itself is an array, **elements are stored in contiguous memory locations.**

Consider, `int arr[3][4] = {{11, 22, 33, 44}, {55, 66, 77, 88}, {99, 100, 111, 121}};`

- Row major Ordering:** All elements of one row are followed by all elements of the next row and so on.



- Column Major Ordering:** All elements of one column are followed by all elements of the next column and so on.



- Generally, systems support Row Major Ordering.**

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Address of an Element in a 2D Array

- **Address of $A[i][j]$ = Base_Address + (i * No. of columns in every row) + j) * size of every element;**
- Consider, `int matrix[2][3]={1,2,3,4,5,6};` // base address is 100 and size of integer is 4 bytes

matrix[0][0] 100	1	Row	Column		
matrix[0][1] 104	2		0	1	2
matrix[0][2] 108	3	0	1	2	3
matrix[1][0] 112	4	1	4	5	6
matrix[1][1] 116	5				
matrix[1][2] 120	6				

- Address of `matrix[1][0]` = $100 + ((1 * 3) + 0) * 4 = 100 + 3 * 4 = 112$

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Demo of C Code

- To read and display a 2D Array



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Pointer and 2D Array

- **Pointer expression for $a[i][j]$ is $*(*(a + i) + j)$**
- Array name is a pointer to a row.
- $(a + i)$ points to i th 1-D array.
- **$*(a + i)$ points to the first element of i th 1D array**
- Coding examples

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Pointer and 2D Array continued..

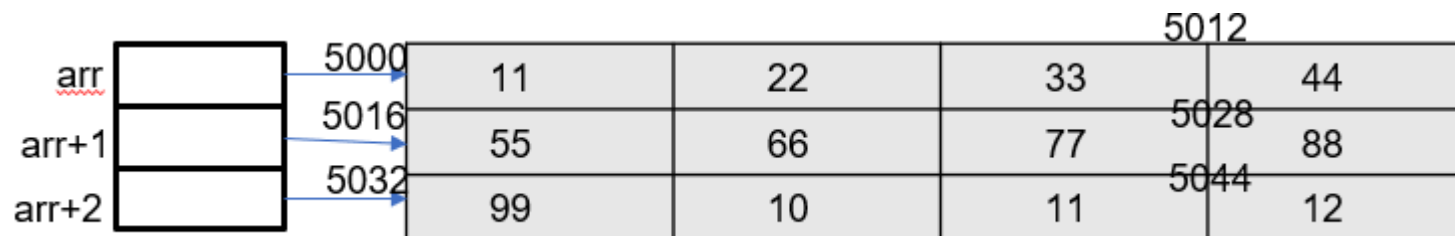
- Consider, `int arr[3][4] = {11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, 99, 100, 111, 121};`

`arr` – points to 0th elements of arr- Points to 0th 1-D array-5000

`arr+1`-Points to 1st element of arr-Points to 1st 1-D array-5016

`arr+2`-Points to 2nd element of arr-Points to 2nd 1-D array

`arr+ i` Points to ith element of arr ->Points to ith 1-D array



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Pointer and 2D Array continued..

- `int *p = arr;` // assigning the 2D array to a pointer results in warning
- Using `p[5]` results in 66. But `p[1][1]` results in error. `p` doesn't know the size of the column.
- Solution is to create a **pointer to an array of integers**.

`int (*p)[4] = arr;` //subscript([]) have higher precedence than indirection(*)

- Think about the **size of p** and **size of *p!!**

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Passing 2D array to a function

- Read and display 2D array using functions
- Write a function to add, subtract and multiply two matrices. Display appropriate message when these two matrices are not compatible for these operations.
- Write a program to take n names from the user and print it. Each name can have maximum of 20 characters.

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Three Dimensional (3D) Array

- Accessing each element by using three subscripts
- First dimension represents table ,2nd dimension represents number of rows and 3rd dimension represents the number of columns
- `int arr[2][3][2] = { {{5, 10}, {6, 11}, {7, 12}}, {{20, 30}, {21, 31}, {22, 32}} }; //2 table 3 rows 2 columns.`

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Practice programs

1. Given two matrices, write a function to find whether these two are identical.
2. Program to find the transpose of a given matrix.
3. Program to find the inverse of a given matrix.
4. Write a function to check whether the given matrix is identity matrix or not.
5. Write a program in C to find sum of right diagonals of a matrix.
6. Write a program in C to find sum of rows and columns of a matrix



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