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Data Structures – C++ Fundamentals

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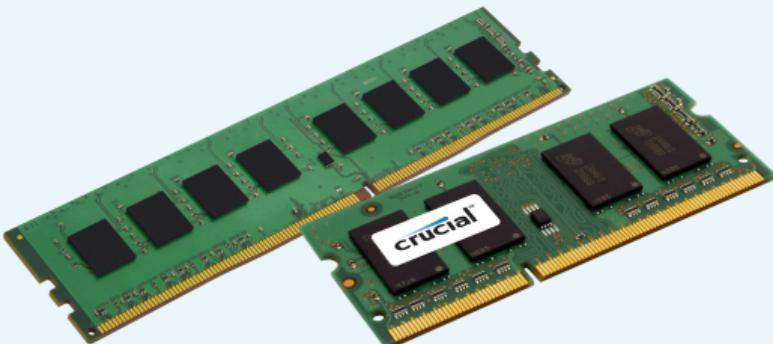
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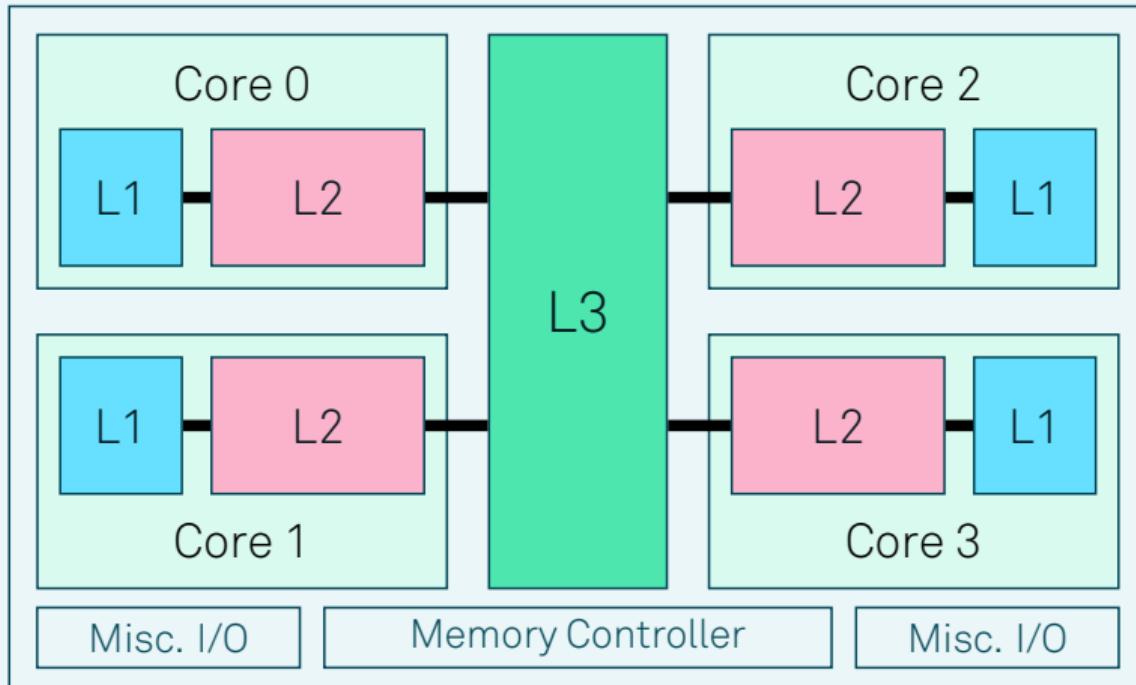


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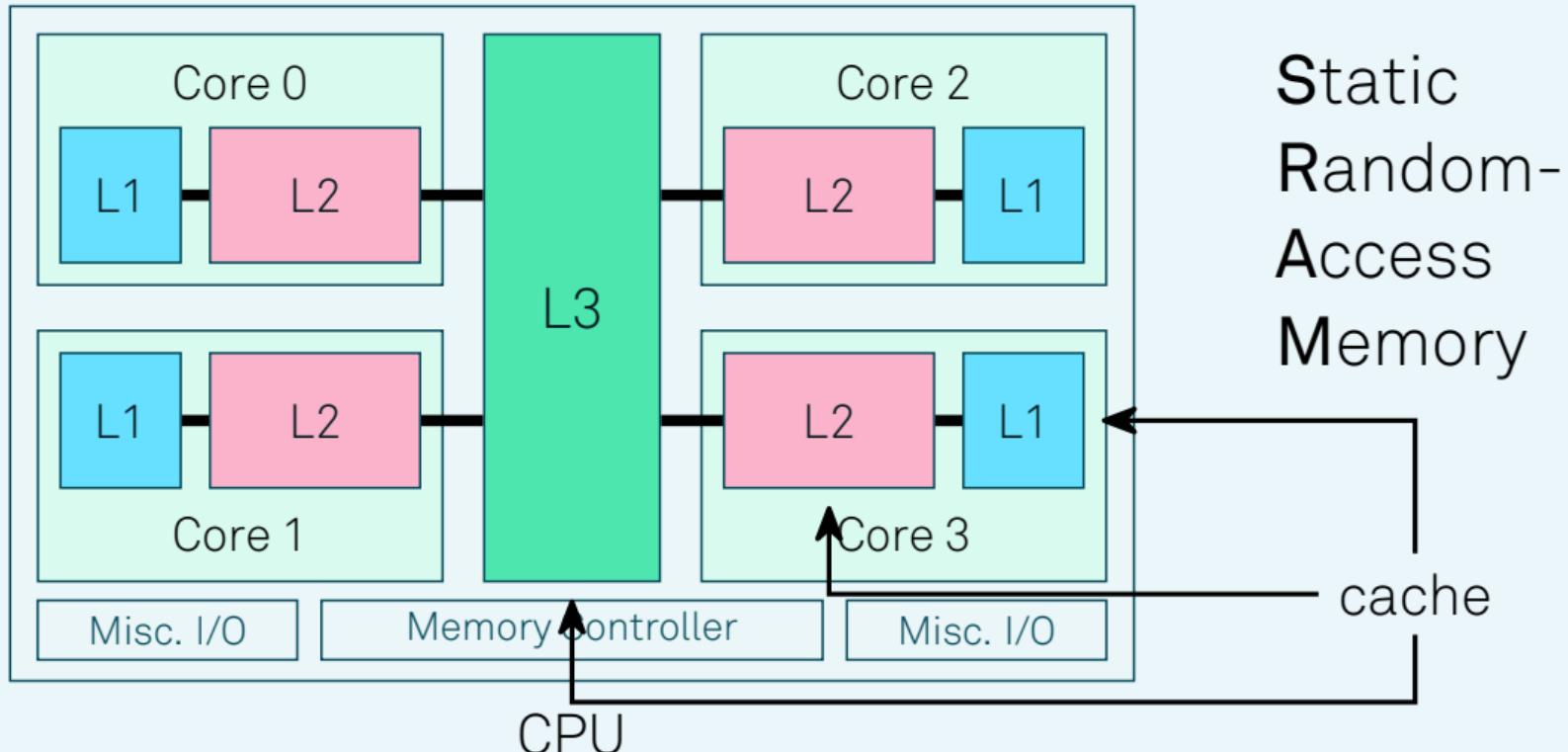
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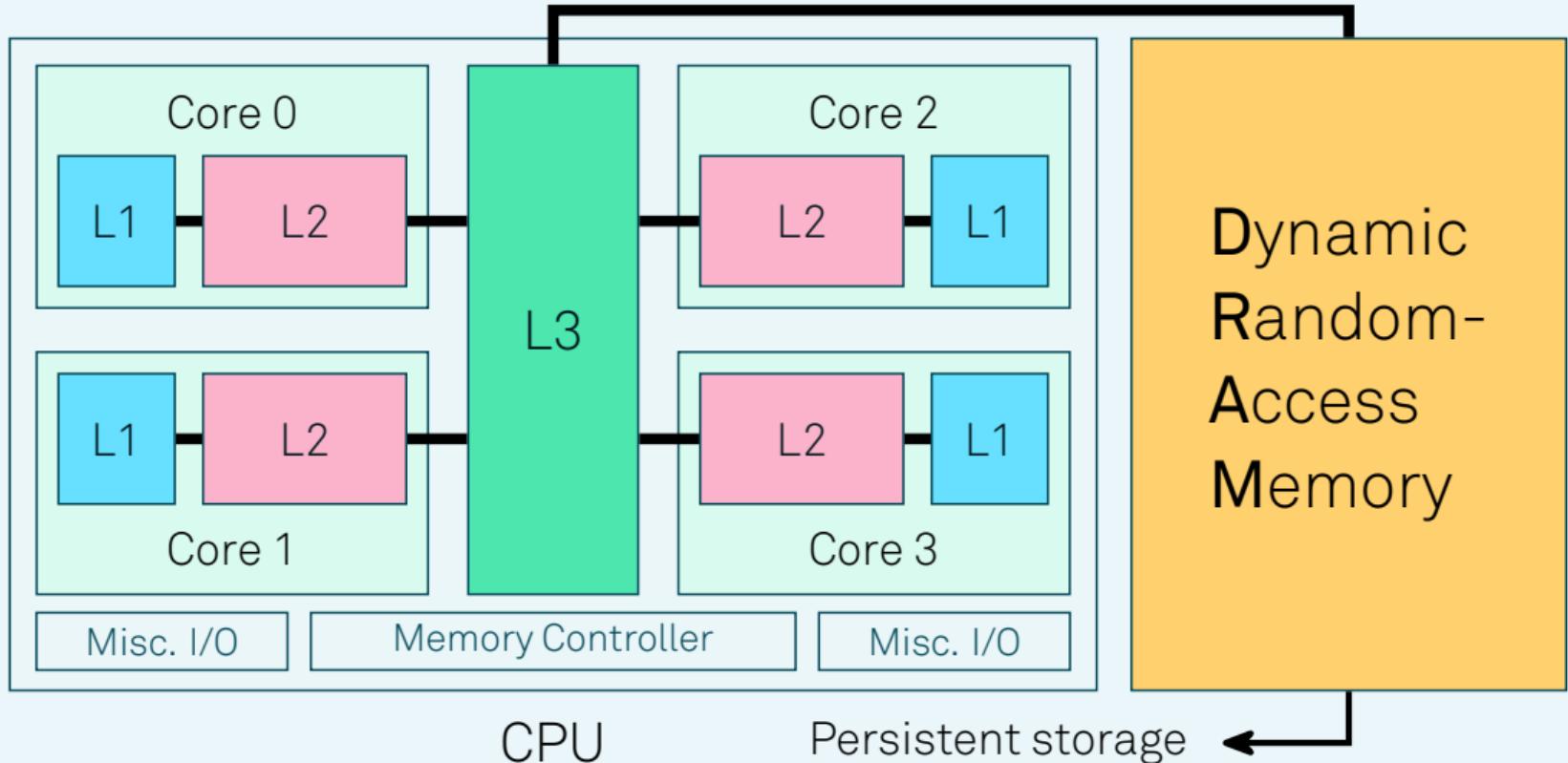
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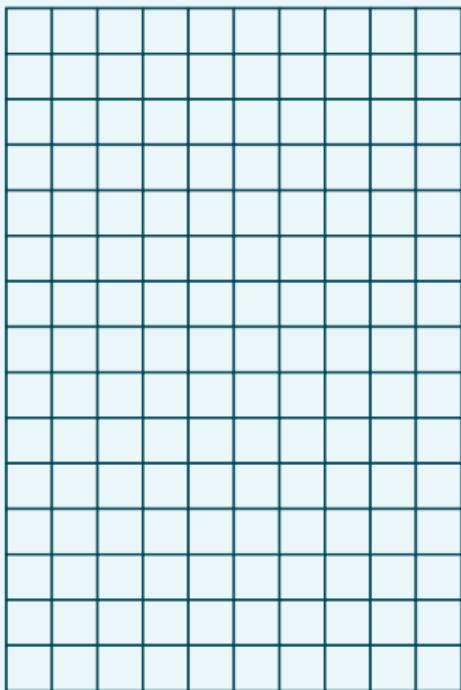
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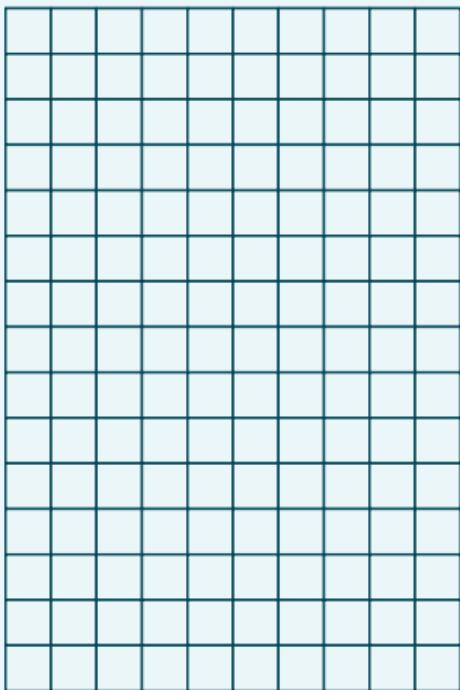
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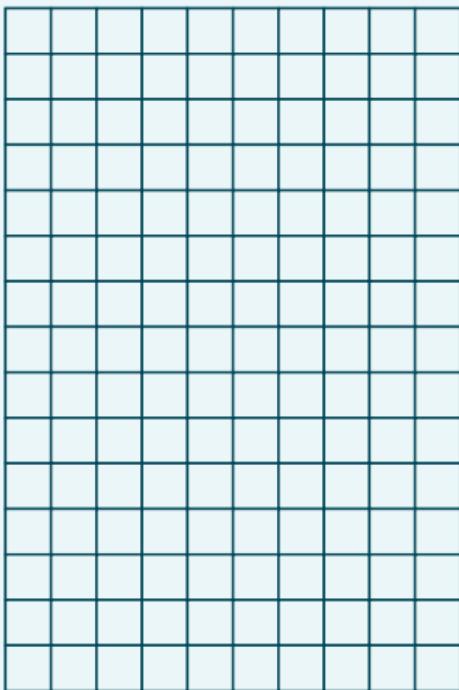
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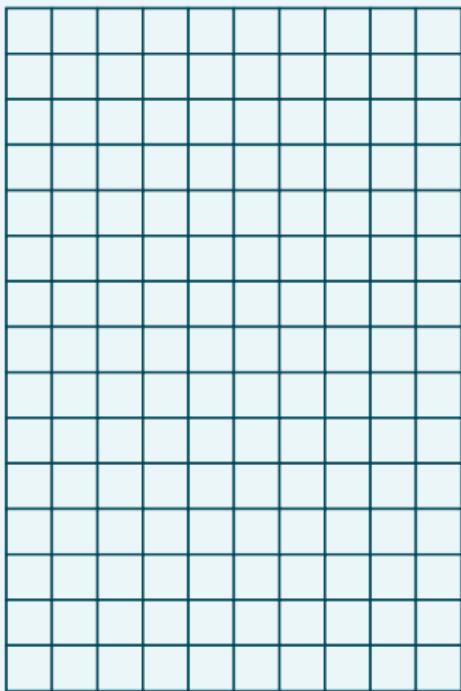


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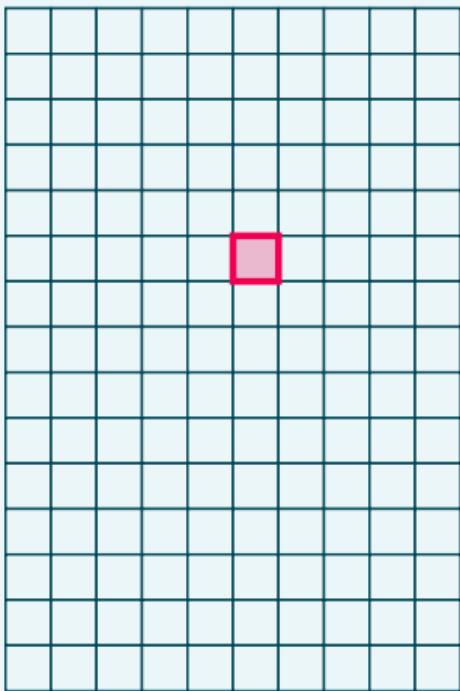


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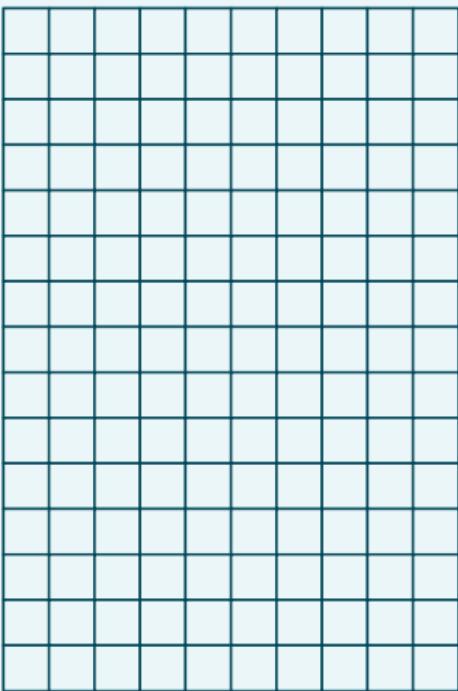
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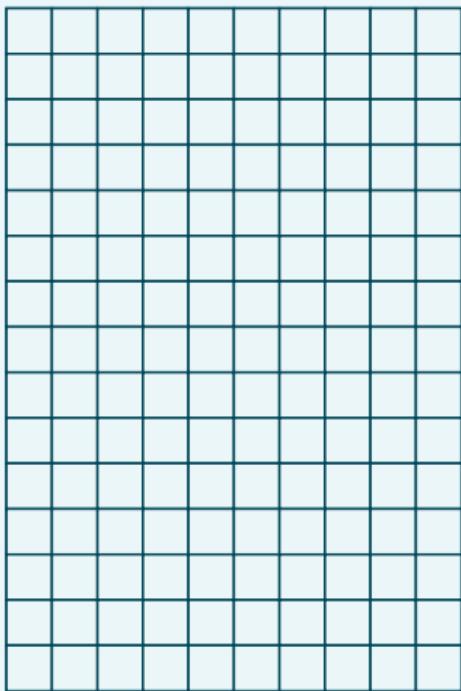


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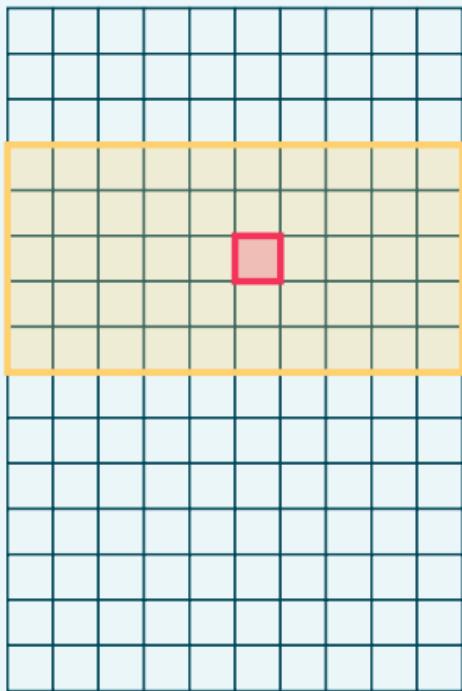


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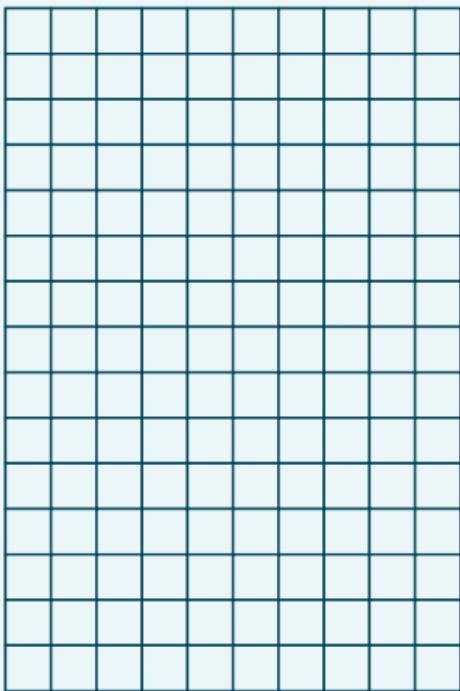
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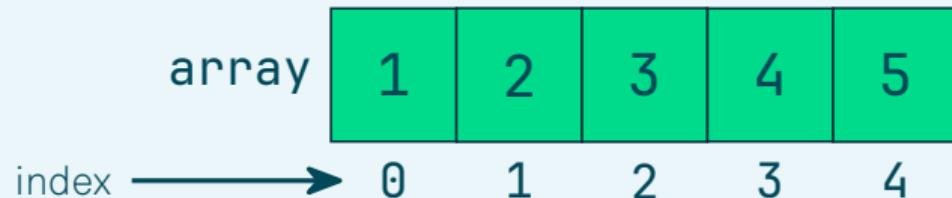
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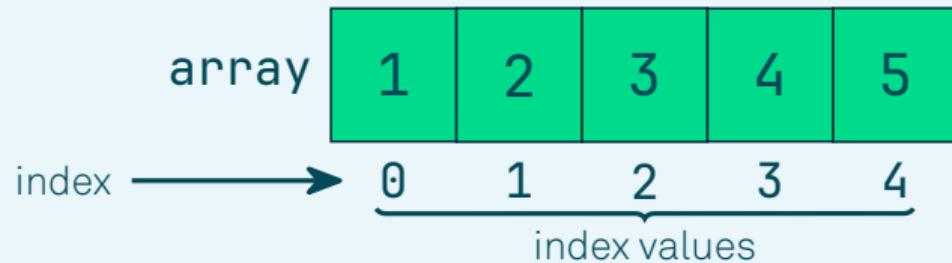
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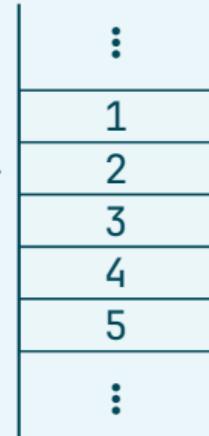
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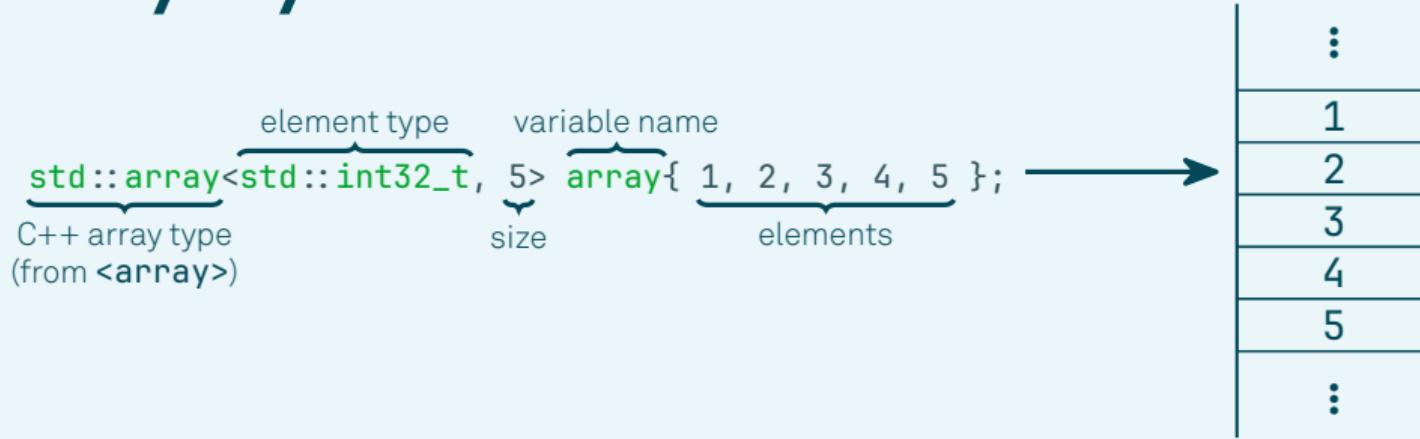
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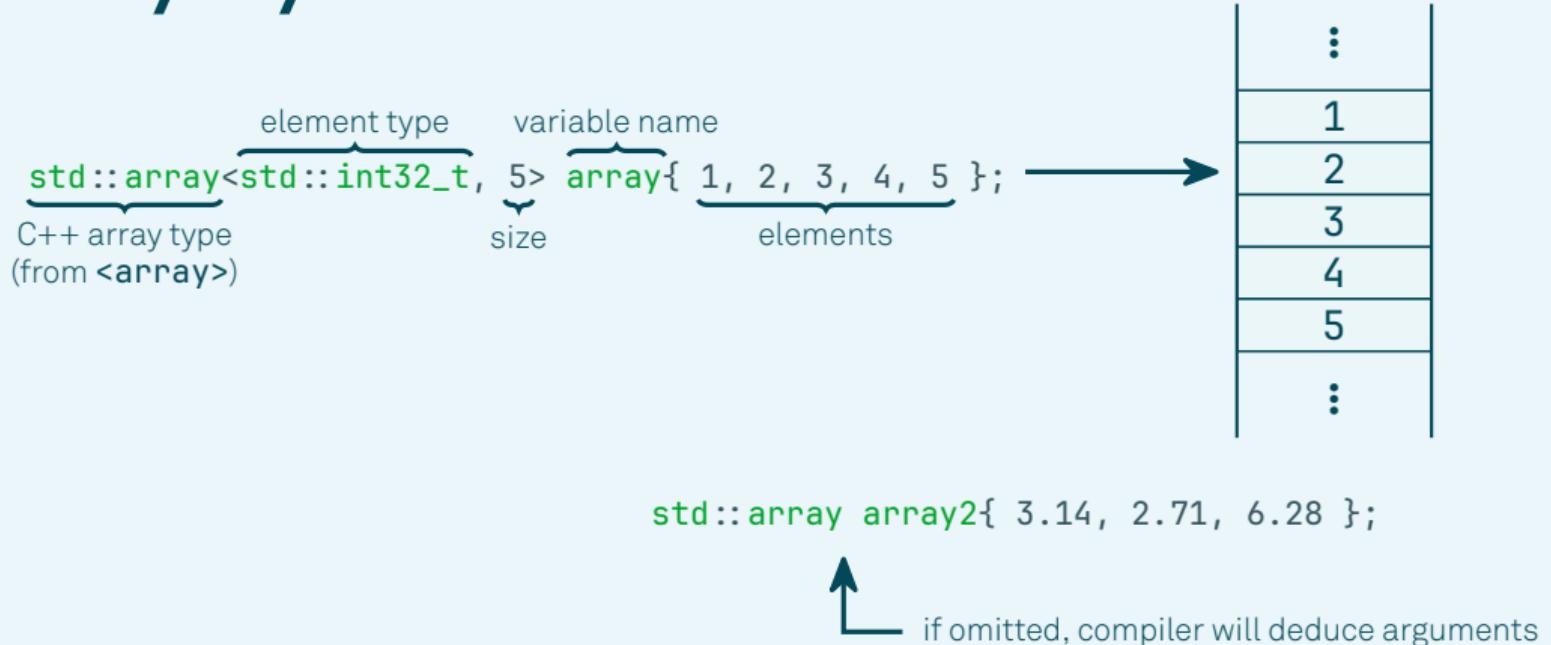


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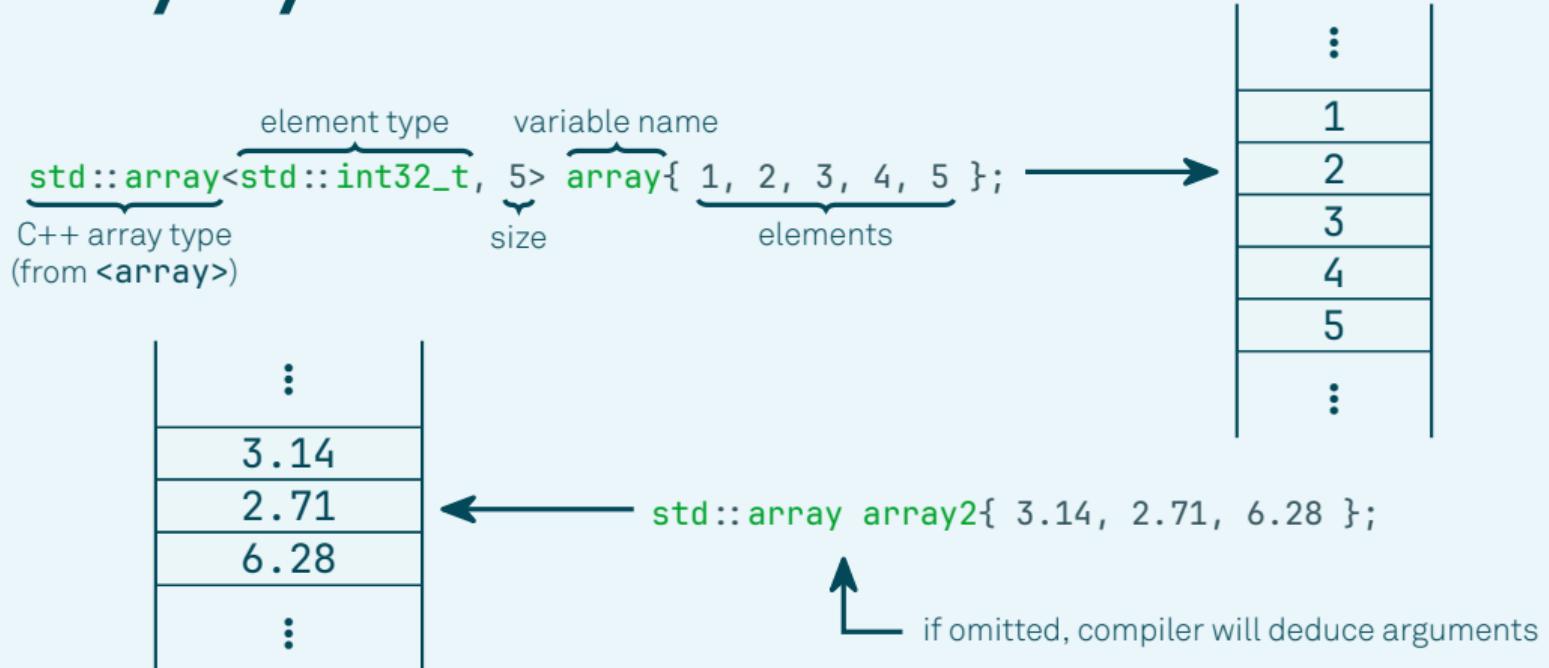


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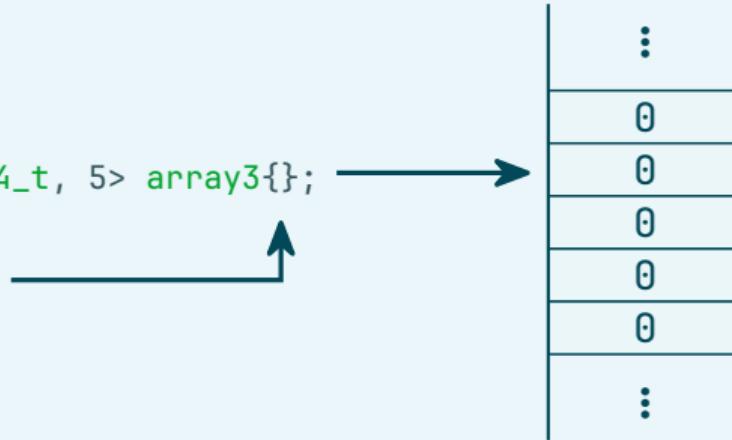
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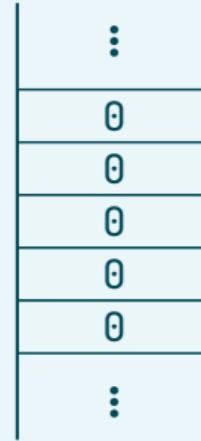
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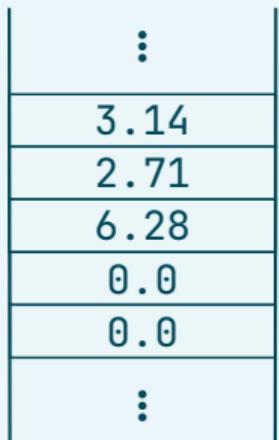
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/project/src/main.cpp:1:47: error: excess elements in struct initializer
```

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|  
|  
^~~
```

```
1 error generated.
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```
1 constexpr std::array<std::int16_t, 5> nums{ 1, -2, 23, 4, 13 };
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```
2 cout << "nums: ";
3 for (std::size_t i{0U}; i < nums.size(); ++i) {
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7 cout << "nums: ";
8 for (std::size_t i{nums.size()}; i > 0U; --i) {
9     cout << nums.at(i - 1U) << ' ';
10 }
11 cout << '\n';
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12 cout << "nums: ";
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22 cout << "nums: ";
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- Can make code both more readable and less readable

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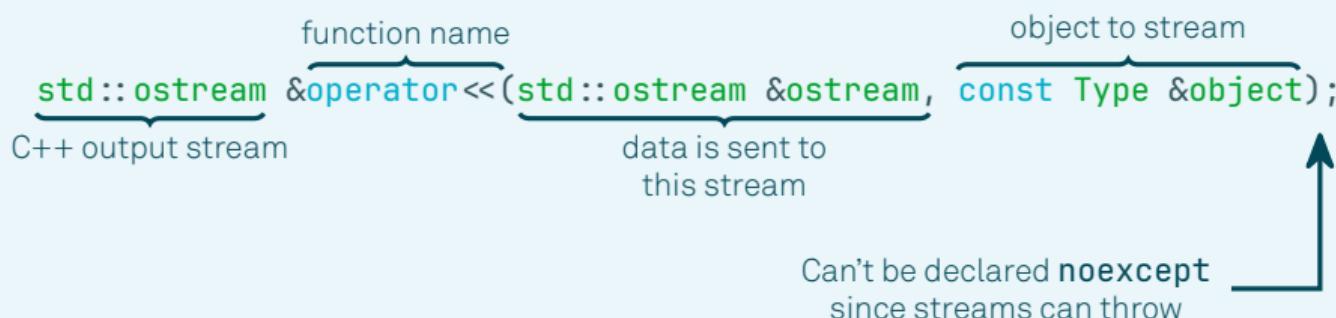
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cout << "nums: " << nums << '\n';
nums[0] = 4.4;
cout << "first element: " << nums[0] << '\n';
cout << "nums: " << nums << '\n';
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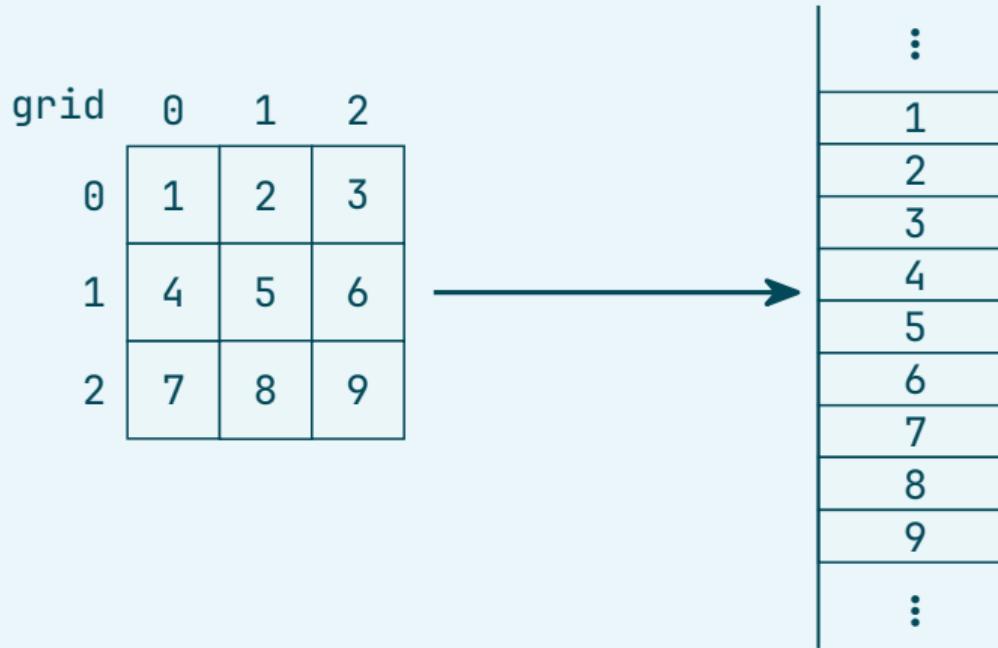
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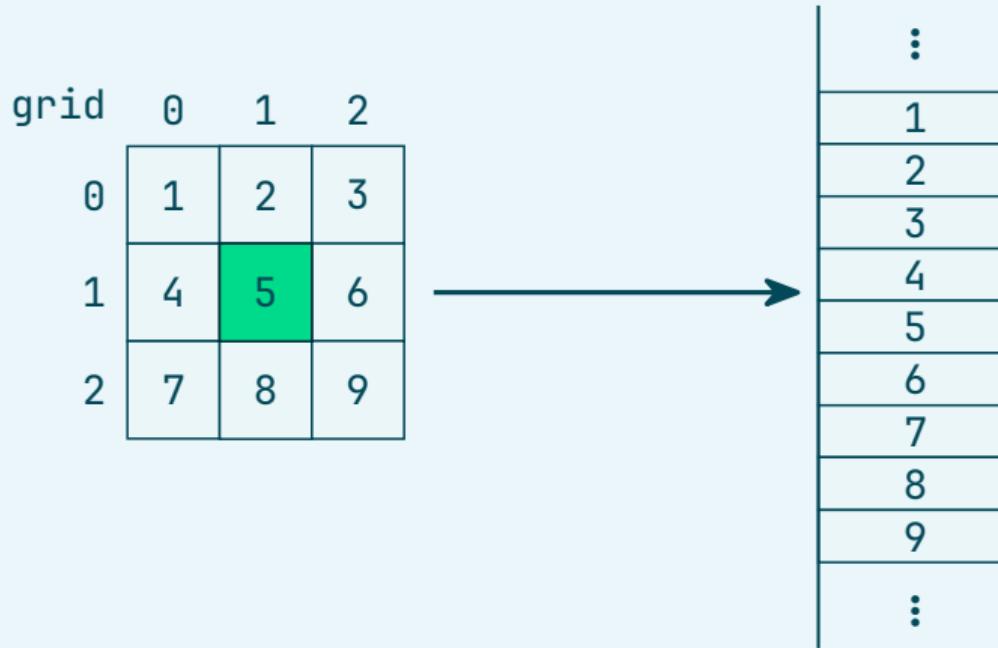
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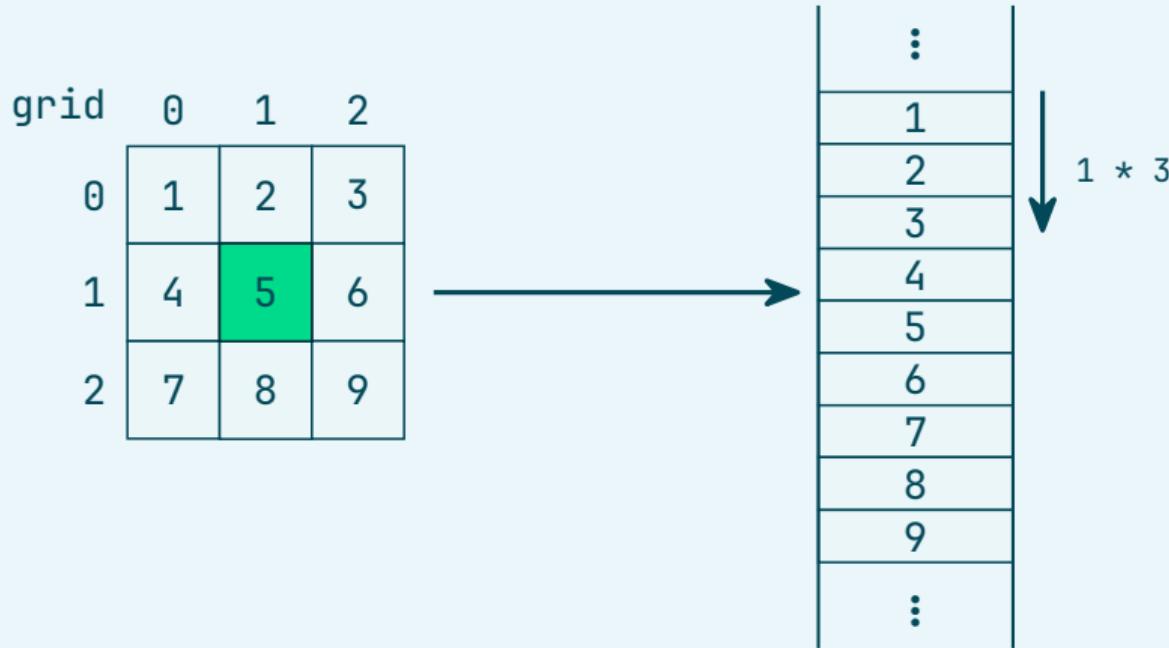
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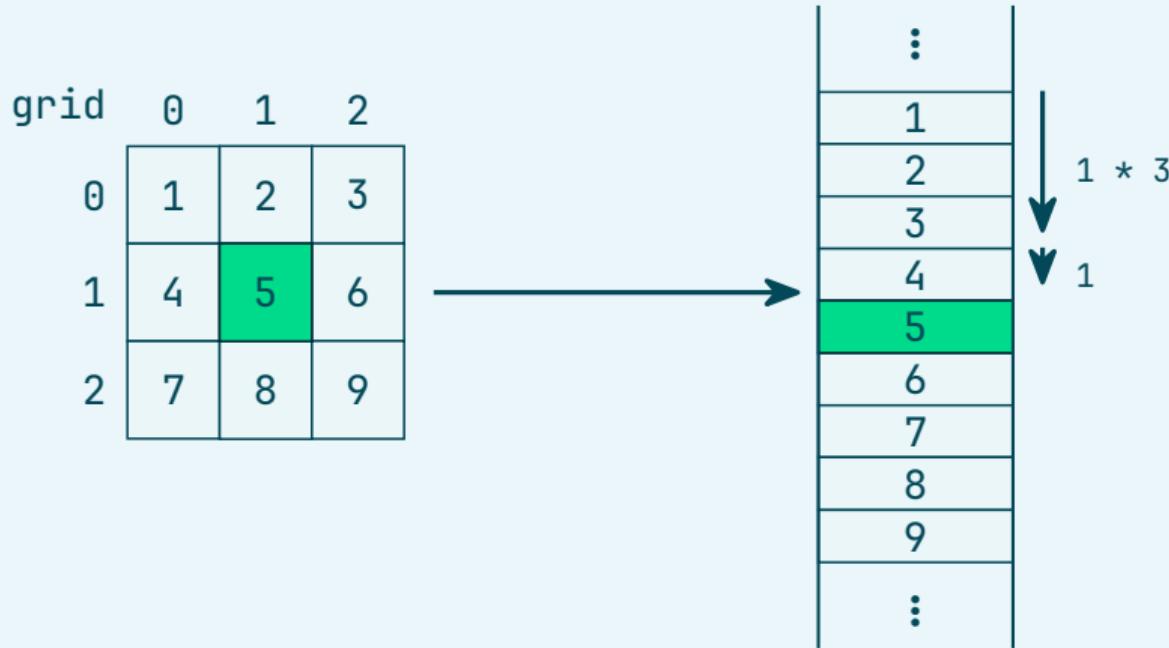
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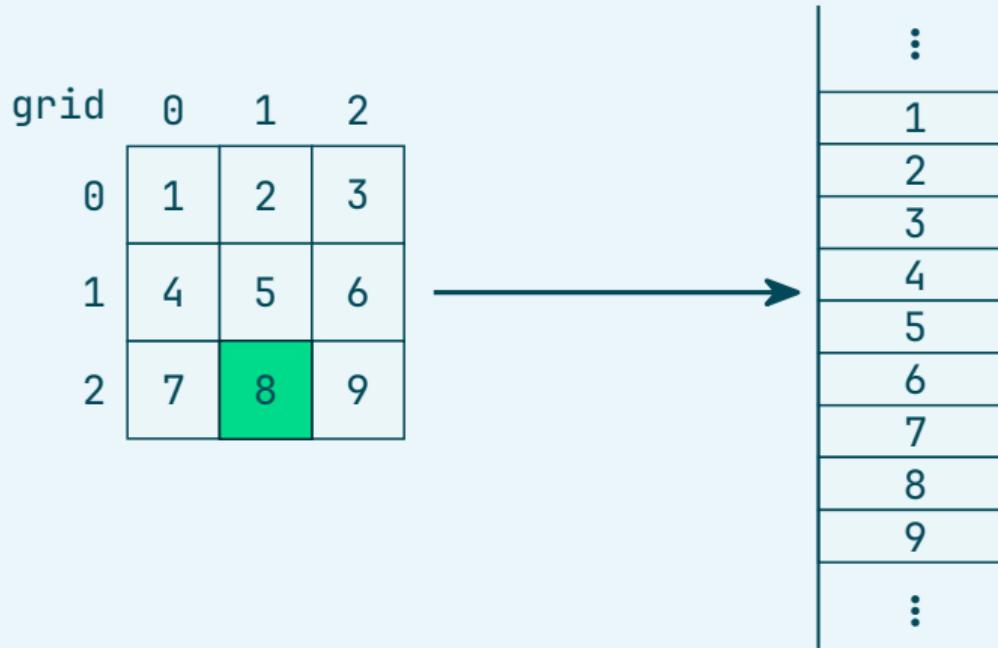
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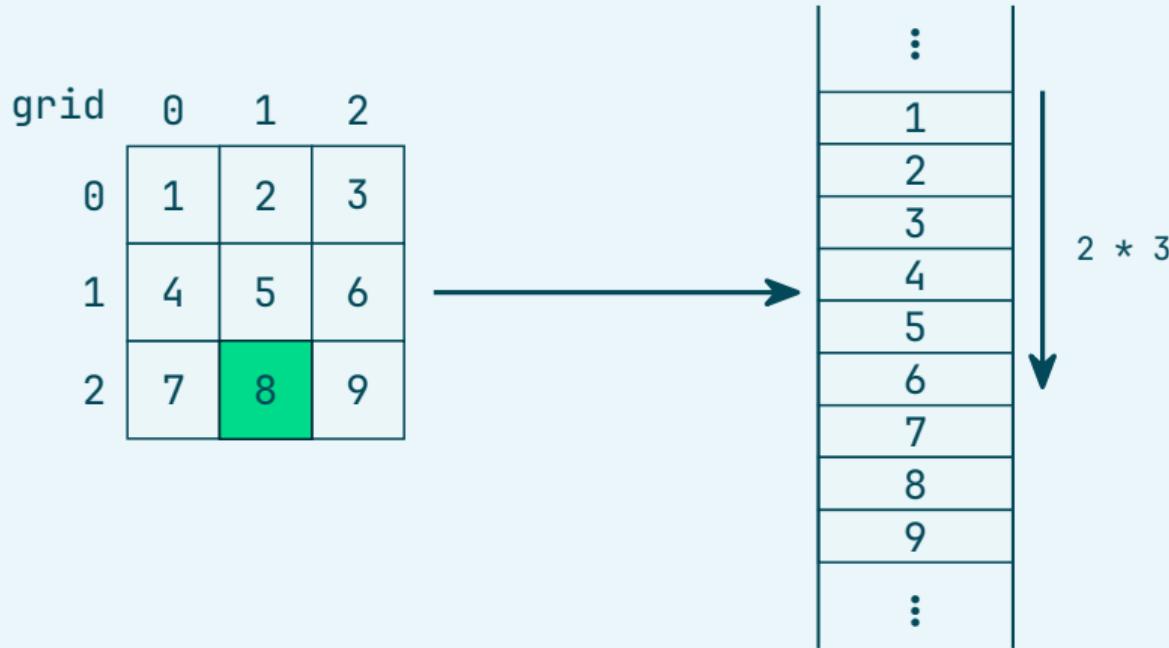
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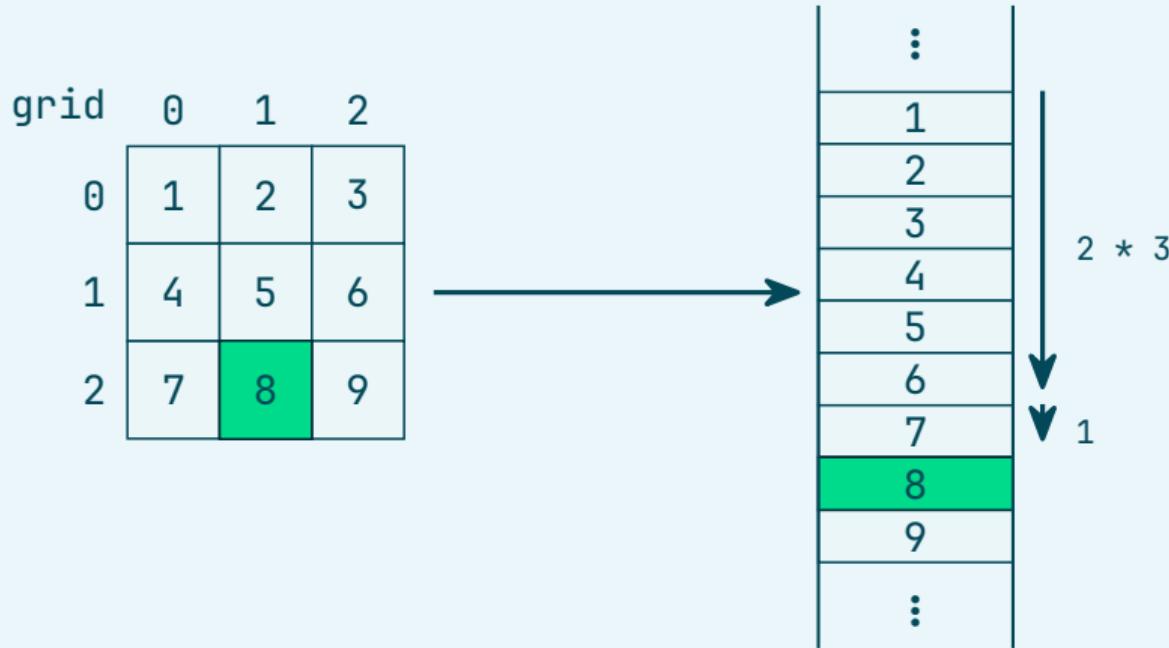
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