

# Arrays in C

## Definition – *Array*

- A collection of objects of the *same type* stored contiguously in memory under one name
  - May be type of any kind of variable
  - May even be collection of arrays!
- For ease of access to any member of array
- For passing to functions as a group

# Examples

- **int A[10]**
  - An array of ten integers
  - **A[0], A[1], ..., A[9]**
- **double B[20]**
  - An array of twenty long floating point numbers
  - **B[0], B[1], ..., B[19]**
- Arrays of **structs, unions, pointers,** etc., are also allowed
- Array indexes *always* start at zero in C

## Examples (continued)

- **int C[]**
  - An array of an unknown number of integers (allowable in a parameter of a function)
  - **C[0], C[1], ..., C[*max-1*]**
- **int D[10][20]**
  - An array of ten rows, each of which is an array of twenty integers
  - **D[0][0], D[0][1], ..., D[1][0], D[1][1], ..., D[9][19]**
  - Not used so often as arrays of pointers

# Array Element

- May be used wherever a variable of the same type may be used
  - In an expression (including arguments)
  - On left side of assignment
- Examples:—  
**A[3] = x + y;**  
**x = y - A[3];**  
**z = sin(A[i]) + cos(B[j]);**

## Array Elements (continued)

- Generic form:–
  - *ArrayName*[*integer-expression*]
  - *ArrayName*[*integer-expression*] [*integer-expression*]– Same type as the underlying type of the array
- Definition:– *Array Index* – the expression between the square brackets

## Array Elements (continued)

- Array elements are commonly used in loops
- E.g.,

```
for(i=0; i < max; i++)  
    A[i] = i*i;
```

```
sum = 0; for(j=0; j < max; j++)  
    sum += B[j];
```

```
for (count=0; rc!=EOF; count++)  
    rc=scanf("%f", &A[count]);
```

# Remember while using an Array

- It is the programmer's responsibility to avoid indexing off the end of an array
  - *Likely* to corrupt data
  - May cause a *segmentation fault*
  - Could expose system to a *security hole*!
- C does **NOT** check *array bounds*
  - I.e., whether index points to an element within the array
  - Might be high (beyond the end) or negative (before the array starts)



# Declaring Arrays

- Static or automatic
- Array size determined explicitly or implicitly
- Array size may be determined at run-time
  - Automatic only
  - Not in textbook

## Declaring Arrays (continued)

- Outside of any function – always static

```
int A[13];
```

```
#define CLASS_SIZE 73  
double B[CLASS_SIZE];
```

```
const int nElements = 25  
float C[nElements];
```

```
static char[256]; /*not visible to  
linker */
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*Static*  $\Rightarrow$  retains values  
across function calls

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const int nElements = 25  
float C[nElements];
```

```
static char D[256];    /*not visible to  
linker */
```

# Declaring Arrays (continued)

- Inside function or compound statement – usually automatic

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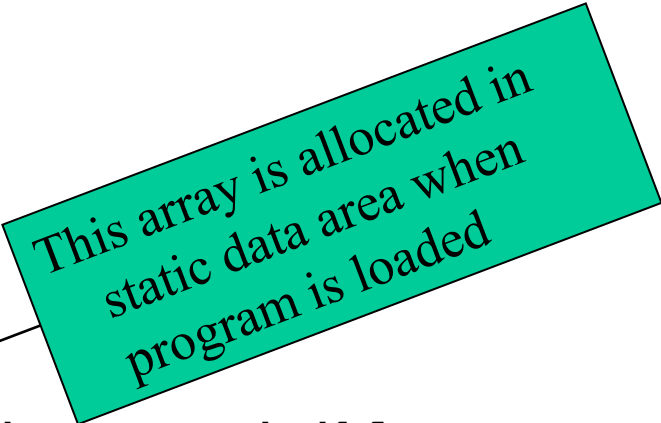
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```
} //f
```



This array is allocated in static data area when program is loaded

# Dynamic Array Size Determination

- gcc supports the following:—

```
void func(<other parameters>, const int n) {  
    double Arr[2*n];  
  
} //func
```

- I.e., array size is determined by evaluating an expression at run-time
  - Automatic allocation on *The Stack*
  - Not in C88 ANSI standard, not in Kernighan & Ritchie
  - Part of C99

# Array Initialization

- `int A[5] = {2, 4, 8, 16, 32};`
  - Static or automatic
- `int B[20] = {2, 4, 8, 16, 32};`
  - Unspecified elements are guaranteed to be zero
- `int C[4] = {2, 4, 8, 16, 32};`
  - Error — compiler detects too many initial values
- `int D[5] = {2*n, 4*n, 8*n, 16*n, 32*n};`
  - Automatically only; array initialized to expressions
- `int E[n] = {1};`
  - gcc, C99, C++
  - Dynamically allocated array (automatic only). Zeroth element initialized to 1; all other elements initialized to 0

# Implicit Array Size Determination

- `int days[] = {31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31};`
  - Array is created with as many elements as initial values
    - In this case, 12 elements
  - Values must be compile-time constants (for static arrays)
  - Values may be run-time expressions (for automatic arrays)



# Getting Size of Implicit Array

- **sizeof** operator – returns # of bytes of memory required by operand
- Examples:–
  - **sizeof (int)** – # of bytes per **int**
  - **sizeof (float)** – # of bytes per **float**
  - **sizeof days** – # of bytes in array **days** (previous slide)
  - # of elements in **days** = **(sizeof days)/sizeof(int)**
- Must be able to be determined at compile time
  - Dynamically allocated arrays not supported

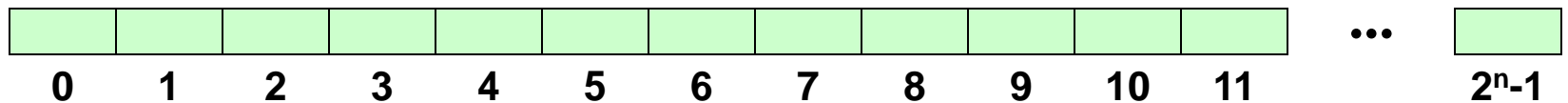
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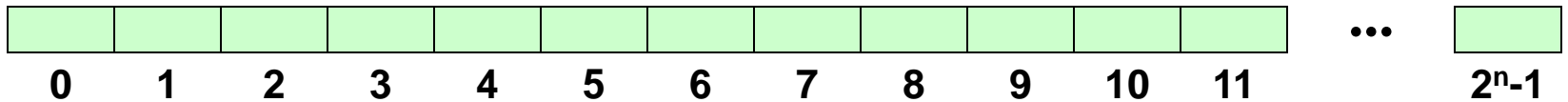
**sizeof** – no parentheses  
means size of the object

# Digression – Memory Organization



- All modern processors have memories organized as sequence of *numbered bytes*
  - Many (but not all) are linear sequences
  - Notable exception – *Pentium!*
- Definitions:—
  - *Byte*: an 8-bit memory cell capable of storing a value in range 0 ... 255
  - *Address*: number by which a memory cell is identified

# Memory Organization (continued)



- Larger data types are sequences of bytes – e.g.,
  - **short int** – 2 bytes
  - **int** – 2 or 4 bytes
  - **long** – 4 or 8 bytes
  - **float** – 4 bytes
  - **double** – 8 bytes
- (Almost) always aligned to multiple of size in bytes
- Address is “first” byte of sequence (i.e., byte zero)
  - May be low-order or high-order byte
  - *Big endian* or *Little endian*

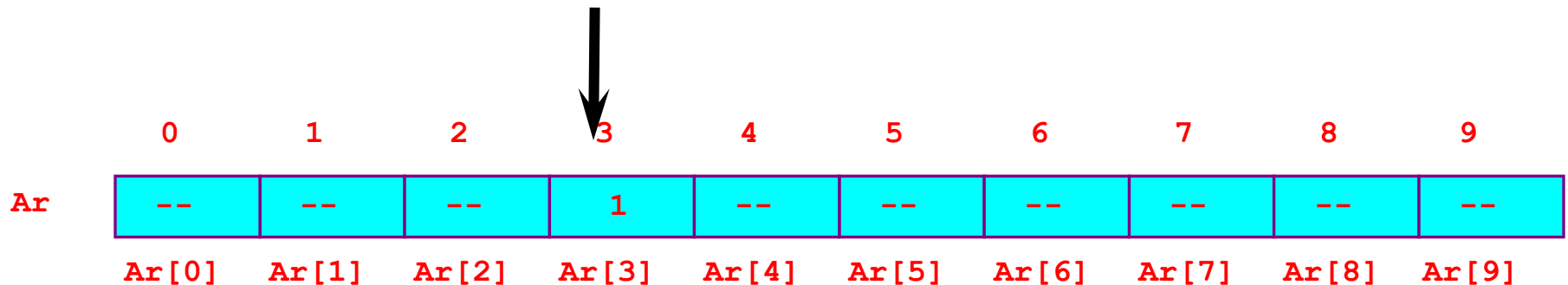
# Subscripting

```
// array of 10 uninitialized ints
```

```
int Ar[10];
```

```
Ar[3] = 1;
```

```
int x = Ar[3];
```



# Change Value of Array elements

```
int mark[5] = {19, 10, 8, 17, 9}
```

```
// make the value of the third element to -1  
mark[2] = -1;
```

```
// make the value of the fifth element to 0  
mark[4] = 0;
```

# Input and Output Array Elements

// take input and store it in the 3rd element

```
scanf("%d", &mark[2]);
```

// take input and store it in the ith element

```
scanf("%d", &mark[i-1]);
```

// print the first element of the array

```
printf("%d", mark[0]);
```

// print the third element of the array

```
printf("%d", mark[2]);
```

// print ith element of the array

```
printf("%d", mark[i-1]);
```

# Example 1: Array Input/Output

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int values[5];
    printf("Enter 5 integers: ");
    // taking input and storing it in an array
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
    {
        scanf("%d", &values[i]);
    }
    printf("Displaying integers: ");
    // printing elements of an array
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
    {
        printf("%d\n", values[i]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
Enter 5 integers: 1
-3
34
0
3
Displaying integers: 1
-3
34
0
3
```



# Example 2: Calculate Average

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int marks[10], i, n, sum = 0, average;
```

```
    printf("Enter number of elements: ");
```

```
    scanf("%d", &n);
```

```
    for(i=0; i<n; ++i)
```

```
    {
```

```
        printf("Enter number%d: ", i+1);
```

```
        scanf("%d", &marks[i]);
```

```
        // adding integers entered by the user to the sum variable
```

```
        sum += marks[i];
```

```
    }
```

```
    average = sum/n;
```

```
    printf("Average = %d", average);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Enter n: 5

Enter number1: 45

Enter number2: 35

Enter number3: 38

Enter number4: 31

Enter number5: 49

Average = 39

# Multidimensional Arrays

float x[3][4];

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 1	x[0][0]	x[0][1]	x[0][2]	x[0][3]
Row 2	x[1][0]	x[1][1]	x[1][2]	x[1][3]
Row 3	x[2][0]	x[2][1]	x[2][2]	x[2][3]

float y[2][4][3];

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Row 1	x[0][0]	x[0][1]	x[0][2]	x[0][3]	
Row 2	x[1][0]	x[0][0]	x[0][1]	x[0][2]	x[0][3]
Row 3	x[2][0]	x[1][0]	x[1][1]	x[1][2]	x[1][3]
		x[2][0]	x[2][1]	x[2][2]	x[2][3]

# Initializing a multidimensional array

Initialization of a 2d array

// Different ways to initialize two-dimensional array

```
int c[2][3] = {{1, 3, 0}, {-1, 5, 9}};
```

```
int c[][3] = {{1, 3, 0}, {-1, 5, 9}};
```

```
int c[2][3] = {1, 3, 0, -1, 5, 9};
```

Initialization of a 3d array

```
int test[2][3][4] = {  
    {{3, 4, 2, 3}, {0, -3, 9, 11}, {23, 12, 23, 2}},  
    {{13, 4, 56, 3}, {5, 9, 3, 5}, {3, 1, 4, 9}}};
```

# Example: Sum of two matrices

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float a[2][2], b[2][2], result[2][2];

    // Taking input using nested for loop
    printf("Enter elements of 1st matrix\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; ++j)
        {
            printf("Enter a%d%d: ", i + 1, j + 1);
            scanf("%f", &a[i][j]);
        }

    // Taking input using nested for loop
    printf("Enter elements of 2nd matrix\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; ++j)
        {
            printf("Enter b%d%d: ", i + 1, j + 1);
            scanf("%f", &b[i][j]);
        }

    // adding corresponding elements of
    two arrays
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; ++j)
        {
            result[i][j] = a[i][j] + b[i][j];
        }

    // Displaying the sum
    printf("\nSum Of Matrix:");

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; ++j)
        {
            printf("%.1f\t", result[i][j]);

            if (j == 1)
                printf("\n");
        }
    return 0;
}
```

# Example: Sum of two matrices

Enter elements of 1st matrix

Enter a11: 2;

Enter a12: 0.5;

Enter a21: -1.1;

Enter a22: 2;

Enter elements of 2nd matrix

Enter b11: 0.2;

Enter b12: 0;

Enter b21: 0.23;

Enter b22: 23;

Sum Of Matrix:

2.2    0.5

-0.9   25.0

# Example: Three-dimensional array

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int test[2][3][2];

    printf("Enter 12 values: \n");

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; ++j)
        {
            for (int k = 0; k < 2; ++k)
            {
                scanf("%d", &test[i][j][k]);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

// Printing values with proper index.

```
printf("\nDisplaying values:\n");
for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
{
    for (int j = 0; j < 3; ++j)
    {
        for (int k = 0; k < 2; ++k)
        {
            printf("test[%d][%d][%d] = %d\n", i, j, k,
                test[i][j][k]);
        }
    }
}

return 0;
}
```

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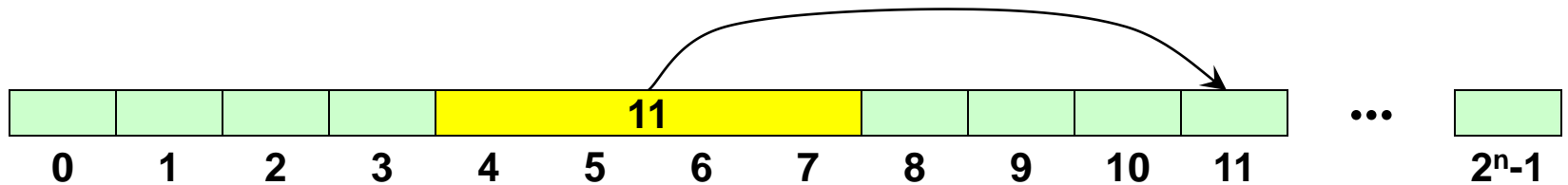
Enter 12 values:

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12

Displaying Values:

test[0][0][0] = 1  
test[0][0][1] = 2  
test[0][1][0] = 3  
test[0][1][1] = 4  
test[0][2][0] = 5  
test[0][2][1] = 6  
test[1][0][0] = 7  
test[1][0][1] = 8  
test[1][1][0] = 9  
test[1][1][1] = 10  
test[1][2][0] = 11  
test[1][2][1] = 12

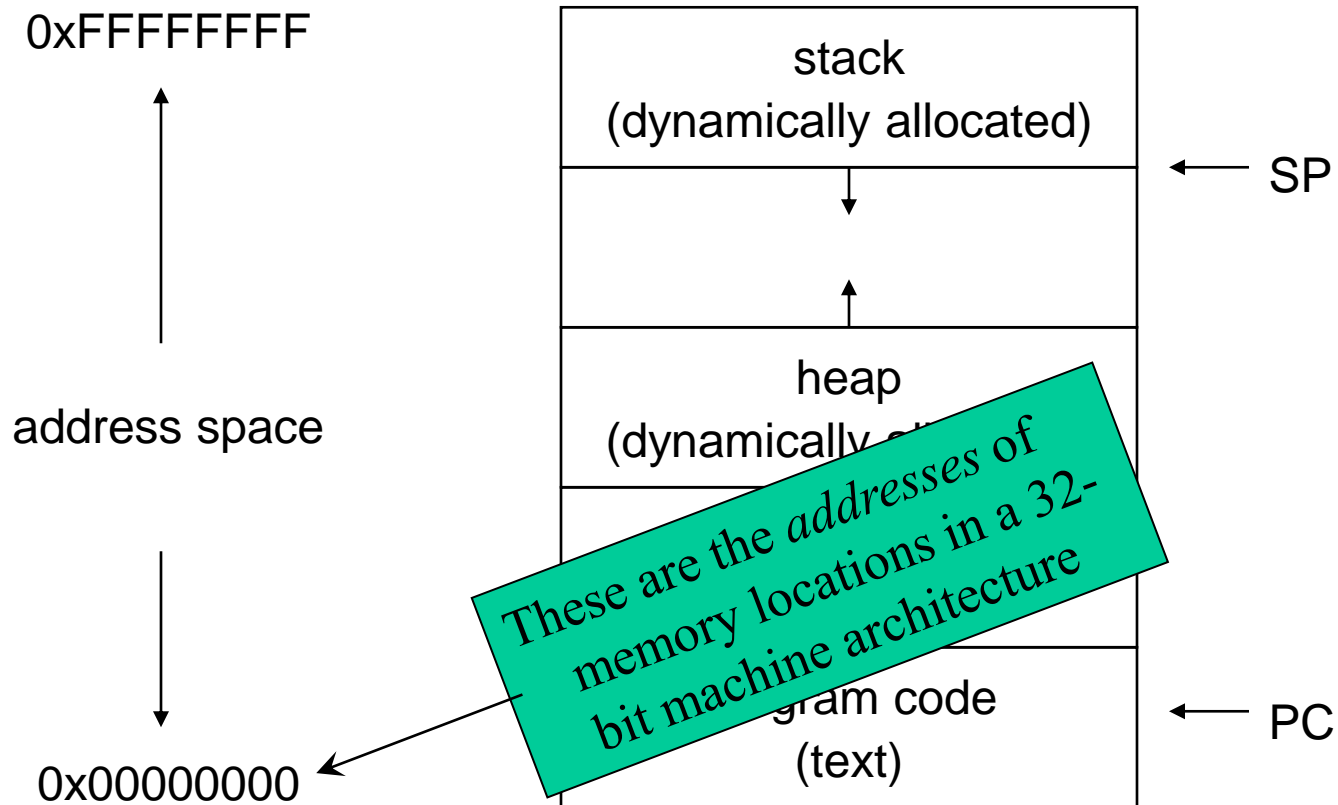
# Definition – *Pointer*



- A *value* indicating the *number* of (the first byte of) a data object
  - Also called an *Address* or a *Location*
- Used in machine language to identify which data to access
  - E.g., *stack pointer* is address of most recent entry of *The Stack*
- Usually 2, 4, or 8 bytes, depending upon machine architecture



# Memory Addressing



# Pointers in C

- Used *everywhere*
  - For building up *complex* data structures
  - For returning values from functions
  - For managing arrays
- '**&**' unary operator generates a *pointer* to **x**
  - E.g., **scanf** ("%d", **&x**) ;
  - E.g., **p = &c** ;
  - Operand of '**&**' must be an *l-value* — *i.e.*, a legal object on left of assignment operator ('=')
- Unary '**\***' operator *dereferences* a pointer
  - *i.e.*, gets value pointed to
  - E.g. **\*p** refers to value of **c** (above)
  - E.g., **\*p = x + y** ; **\*p = \*q** ;

Not the same as binary '**&**' operator (bitwise AND)

# Declaring Pointers in C

- `int *p;` — a pointer to an `int`
- `double *q;` — a pointer to a `double`
- `char **r;` — a pointer to a pointer to a `char`
- `type *s;` — a pointer to an object of `type type`
  - E.g, a `struct`, `union`, `function`, something defined by a `typedef`, etc.

## Declaring Pointers in C (continued)

- Pointer declarations:—read from *right* to *left*
- **const int \*p;**
  - **p** is a pointer to an integer constant
  - I.e., pointer can change, thing it points to cannot
- **int \* const q;**
  - **q** is a constant pointer to an integer variable
  - I.e., pointer cannot change, thing it points to can!
- **const int \* const r;**
  - **r** is a constant pointer to an integer constant

# Pointer Arithmetic

- `int *p, *q;`  
`q = p + 1;`
  - Construct a pointer to the next *integer* after `*p` and assign it to `q`
- `double *p, *r;`  
`int n;`  
`r = p + n;`
  - Construct a pointer to a *double* that is `n doubles` beyond `*p`, and assign it to `r`
  - `n` may be negative

## Pointer Arithmetic (continued)

- `long int *p, *q;`  
`p++; q--;`
  - Increment `p` to point to the next `long int`;  
decrement `q` to point to the previous `long int`
- `float *p, *q;`  
`int n;`  
`n = p - q;`
  - `n` is the number of floats between `*p` and `*q`;  
i.e., what would be added to `q` to get `p`

## Pointer Arithmetic (continued)

- `long int *p, *q;`  
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*C never checks that the resulting pointer is valid*

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# Why introduce pointers in the middle of a lesson on arrays?

- Arrays and pointers are *closely related* in C
  - In fact, they are essentially the same thing!
  - Esp. when used as parameters of functions
- `int A[10];`  
`int *p;`
  - *Type* of **A** is `int *`
  - `p = A;` and `A = p;` are legal assignments
  - `*p` refers to `A[0]`  
`*(p + n)` refers to `A[n]`
  - `p = &A[5];` is the same as `p = A + 5;`



# Arrays and Pointers (continued)

- **double A[10];** vs. **double \*A;**
- *Only* difference:—
  - **double A[10]** sets aside *ten* units of memory, each large enough to hold a **double**
  - **double \*A** sets aside *one* pointer-sized unit of memory
    - You are expected to come up with the memory elsewhere!
  - Note:— all pointer variables are the same size in any given machine architecture
    - Regardless of what types they point to

## Note

- *C* does *not* assign arrays to each other
  - *E.g.*,
    - `double A[10] ;`  
`double B[10] ;`
- A = B;**
- assigns the pointer value **B** to the pointer value **A**
  - Contents of array **A** are untouched

# Arrays as Function Parameters

- `void init(float A[], int arraySize);`  
`void init(float *A, int arraySize);`
- Are identical function prototypes!
- Pointer is passed by value
- I.e. caller copies the *value* of a pointer to `float` into the parameter `A`
- Called function can reference *through* that pointer to reach thing pointed to

## Arrays as Function Parameters (continued)

- ```
void init(float A[], int arraySize) {  
    int n;  
  
    for(n = 0; n < arraySize; n++)  
        A[n] = (float)n;  
  
} //init
```

- Assigns values to the array *A in place*
  - So that caller can see the changes!

# Examples

```
while ((rc = scanf("%lf", &array[count]))
    !=EOF && rc==0)
```

...

```
double getLargest(const double A[], const
    int sizeA) {
    double d;
    if (sizeA > 0) {
        d = getLargest(&A[1], sizeA-1);
        return (d > A[0]) ? d : A[0];
    } else
        return A[0];
}    // getLargest
```

# Result

- Even though all arguments are passed *by value* to functions ...
- ... pointers allow functions to assign back to data of caller
- Arrays are pointers passed by value

## Safety Note

- When passing arrays to functions, *always* specify **const** if you don't want function changing the value of any elements
- Reason:— you don't know whether your function would pass array to another before returning to you
  - Exception — many software packages don't specify **const** in their own headers, so you can't either!

# Reading Assignment

Chapter 5 of Kernighan & Ritchie



# Questions?