

1. Definitions

We will define several terms that you need to know to understand arrays. They are as follows:

- a. The name of a **static array** is a **constant** pointer to the first element in the array.
- b. An array is static if its size/capacity must be known at compile time.
- c. The **size/capacity** is the number of memory cells allocated to an array. Also referred to as the declared size.
- d. The data type of an array is referred to as the base type or type.
- e. All the elements in an array have the same base type. Thus, an array is referred to as a homogeneous data type.
- f. An **index/subscript** is used to access the memory cells in an array.
- g. The elements of an array are referred to as subscripted variables or elements.
- h. `[]` is called the subscript operator.
- i. The **index** is ALWAYS a non-negative integer.
- j. The **range** of an index is between 0 and the size-1.

2. Array Declarations

- a. syntax: `type_name Array_Name[Declared_size];`
- b. Examples:
 - `int score[S];` // example of an array of integer
 - `call_record call_database[12];` //example of an array of records
 - `string page[100];` //example of an array of strings

3. Using Constants to help define an Array

- a. consider the following:

```
const int NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS = 40;           //remember, constants all
                                              //defined with capital letters

scores[NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS];
```

4. Arrays in Memory

- a. two parts:
 - base address - this is the address of the first item in the array. For example, `score[0]`, or `call_database[0]`.
- b. See drawing on next page:

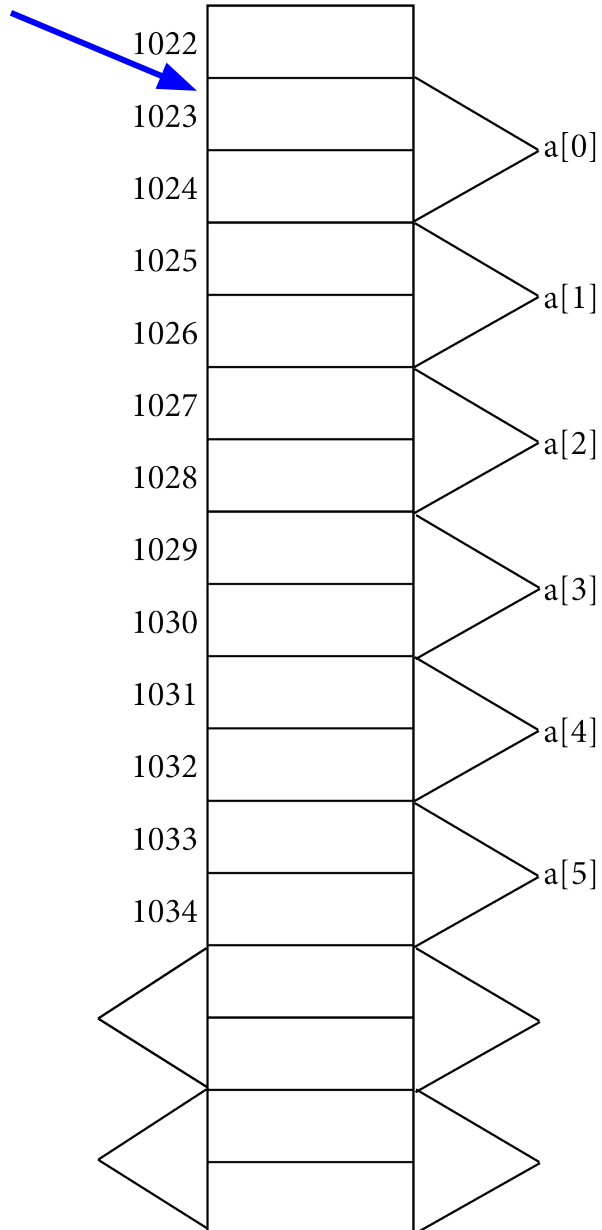
An Array "a" in memory

- a is a constant pointer to 1st element in the array.
- Where is a [6]

$$6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ bytes from } a[0]$$

$$12 + 1023 = 1035$$

Address of a[0]



5. Pitfall

- You must make sure that the array index is between 0 and the SIZE-1. If not, your array will be out of range.
- Out of range errors cause your program to behave unpredictably.
- You always remember to check that $0 \leq \text{index} < \text{SIZE}$ is true.

6. Initializing an Array

- Initialize when declared as in the following examples:
 - `int children[3] = {2,12,1};`
 - `char alpha[2] = {'a','b'};`
 - `string names[2] = {"Lofton", "Bullard"};`
- Initialize each element one by one with separate assignment statements as in the following examples:
 - example 1:
 - `int children[3];`
`children[0] = 2;`
`children[1] = 12;`
`children[2] = 1;`
 - `int alpha[2];`
`alpha[0] = 'a';`
`alpha[1] = 'b';`
 - `string names[2];`
`names[0] = "Lofton";`
`names[1] = "Bullard";`
- Initialize with a for loop as in the following:

```
int scores[100];
for(int i=0; i< 100; i++)
{
    scores[i] = 0;
}
```

7. Array in Functions

- You may pass an array element (indexed variable) as an argument to a function.
Consider the following:

```
int Total_Points(int x, int y)
{
    return x + y;
}
int main()
{
```

```
int scores [ 2 ] = {88, 42};
cout << Total_Points(scores[0], scores[1]) << endl; return
0;
}

//Note: scores is an array and scores is a constant pointer to the first
//element in the array. Each element in the memory pointed to by
//scores is an integer.
```

8. Array in Functions {being passed as parameters

- Arrays are passed to functions through the call-by-reference mechanism.
- Arrays are passed by reference by default.
- The argument in the call statement is called an array argument.
- The argument in the prototype is called an array parameter. Consider the following code examples:

Example 1:

```
void Array_Passing( int myArray [],int count) //passing an array- call-
{                                           //by-reference
    for (int i=0; i<count; i++)
    {
        cout<< myArray[i] << endl;
    }
}

int main()
{
    int myArray[10] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};
    Array_Passing(myArray, 10); //passing an array
    return 0;
}
```

Example 2: When the parameter is specified as a const, then it may not be changed inside the function. This means that it may not appear on the left-hand side of an assignment statement or as an argument to a function that will try to change it.

```
void Array_Passing( const int myArray [ ], int count) //passing an array
{                                           //as a constant parameter

    for (int i=0; i<count; i++)
    {
        cout<< myArray[i] << endl;

        //myArray[i] = 15; //This will not be allowing because of const
    }
```

```
}  
  
int main()  
{  
int myArray[10] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};  
  
Array_Passing(myArray, 10); //passing an array  
  
return 0;  
}
```