Arrays II

DM2111 C++ Programming

Introduction

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- C-Style Strings
- String Class (C++)
- STL Vector
- Multi-dimensional Arrays (FYI)

C-style strings are basically character arrays

C-style string literals are enclosed in double quotes

```
char name[5] = "John";
'k'; // character literal
"k"; // C-style string literal
```

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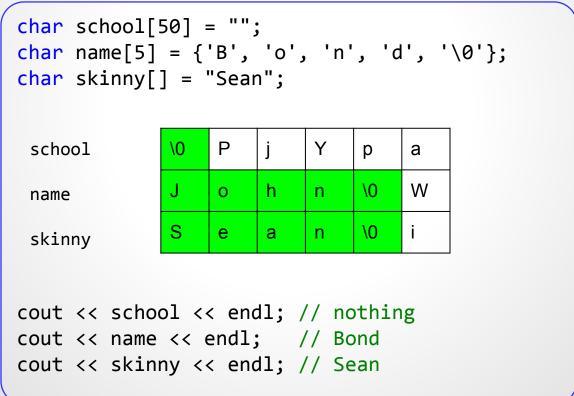
A character array is an array of type char

```
char school[50];
char name[4] = {'B', 'o', 'n', 'd'};
char skinny[] = "Sean";
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skinny
cout << school << endl; // ???Z?</pre>
cout << name << endl; // Bond???Z?</pre>
cout << skinny << endl; // Sean</pre>
```

C-Style Strings must be null-terminated



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C-style string initialization

Different ways of initialization

```
char name1[] = {'A', 'n', 'd', 'y'};
char name2[] = {'A', 'n', 'd', 'y', '\0'};
char name3[] = "Andy";

cout << "name1 = " << name1 << end1;
cout << "name2 = " << name2 << end1;
cout << "name2 = " << name3 << end1;</pre>
```

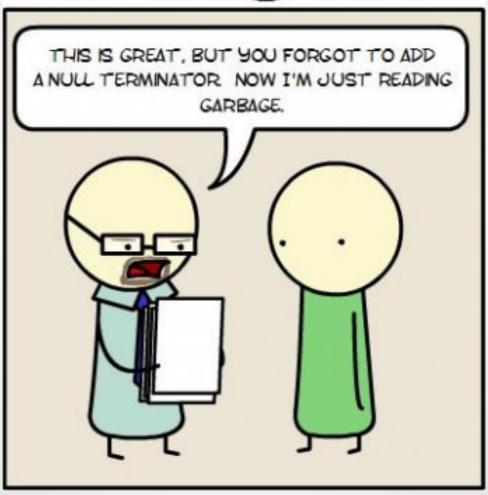
```
output

name1 = Andy╣ ② ♣♥♥

name2 = Andy

name3 = Andy
```





C-Style string functions

String length

```
char name[10] = "John";
cout << strlen (name);  // 4</pre>
```

String copy

```
char name[10] = "John";
char name2[5];

strcpy (name2, name);
cout << name2;  // John</pre>
```

String compare

```
char name[10] = "Joe";
char name2[5] = "Moe";
char name3[5];

strcpy (name3, name);
cout << strcmp (name, name3);  // 0
cout << strcmp (name, name2);  // -ve</pre>
```

C-style strings with iostream

Reading a word at a time

```
char name[50];
cout << "Please enter your name: ";
cin >> name;
cout << "Hi " << name << endl;</pre>
```

To read strings with blanks

C-style strings with iostream

Lots of things can go wrong

```
char name[8];
cin.get (name, 8);
cout << "Hi " << name << endl; // Hi Jackie

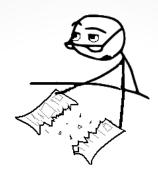
cin.getline (name, 8);
cout << "Hi " << name << endl; // Hi Chan</pre>
```



Read the documentation!

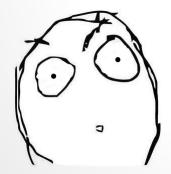
Passing C-style string as functions

Your C-style strings are interpreted as a char pointer



Same with all array types in C / C++

Pointers?



```
int sum (int num[10]);
int sum (int num[]);
int sum (int* num);
// They are all the same
```

Array as read-only parameters

To prevent function from changing parameter values, declare them as const

```
// somewhere in the code
print("You da man!");

void print (char str[])
{
    str[0] = toupper(str[0]); // you crash here
    cout << str; // works
}</pre>
```

```
// somewhere in the code
print("You da man!");

void print (coss char str[])
{
    str[0] = toupper(str[0]); // not allowed, compilation error
    cout << str; // works
}</pre>
```

String class makes life easier

```
wow
#include <string>
using std::string;
                                                            such powerful
                                              much flexible
#include <string>
                                                          many friendly
#include <iostream>
                                                          such optimized
using std::string;
                                                     so standard
void main (void)
    string str1, str2, str3;
                                                     excite
    str1 = "Hello";
                           // Hello
    str2 = str1 + " There!"; // Hello There!
                               // Hello There!
    str3 = str2;
                              // Hello there!
    str3[6] = 't';
```

Some string class functions

```
string str, str2;

str.length ();  // return length of string
str.size ();  // return length of string
str.compare (str2); // compare current string with str2
str.substr (3, 5);  // generate substring
...
```

Converting between strings and C-style strings

```
string str = "data";
char cstr[50];
strcpy (cstr, str.c_str()); // copy contents of str to cstr
string str2 (cstr);
```

Why do we still use C-style strings?

Compatibility issues with older libraries Some say C-style strings are faster When you just need an array of char

Arrays giving you problems?

Don't know how much space to allocate?

Don't know which is the last element?

Arrays giving you a lot of bugs?

Sleepless nights because of arrays?

C++ have the perfect solution!

STL Vector is a flexible "array"

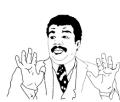
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

Not the 2i + 3j vector

It is a collection of objects

A container type

It is a class template



Don't worry, just use it.

STL Vector dynamically allocates memory

Compared to arrays, you don't need to know the exact size you need beforehand.

```
vector<int> ivec;
vector<char> cvec;
vector<string> svec;
vector<vector<int>> iivec;
// some older compilers require you to leave a space between >>
ivec.push_back(1); // add 1 to ivec
ivec.push_back(3); // add 3 to ivec
ivec.push_back(5); // add 5 to ivec
vector<int> ivec2(ivec); // ivec2 now contains {1, 3, 5}
```

STL Vector access

```
vector<int> ivec; // empty vector of ints

ivec.push_back(1); // add 1 to ivec
ivec.push_back(3); // add 3 to ivec
ivec.push_back(5); // add 5 to ivec

cout << ivec; // error, you still need to cout element by element

for (size_t i = 0; i < ivec.size(); ++i)
{
    cout << ivec[i]; // access is the same as arrays
    ivec[i] *= 2; // you can assign values the same way too
}</pre>
```

What is the last accessible element?
You can't access elements which you haven't defined.

STL Vector access



STL Vector access with iterators

```
vector<int> ivec; // empty vector of ints

ivec.push_back(1); // add 1 to ivec
ivec.push_back(3); // add 3 to ivec
ivec.push_back(5); // add 5 to ivec

cout << ivec; // error, you need to cout element by element

for (vector<int>::iterator iter = ivec.begin(); iter != ivec.end(); ++iter)
{
    cout << *iter; // need to dereference the iterator
}</pre>
```

Safer way of accessing elements

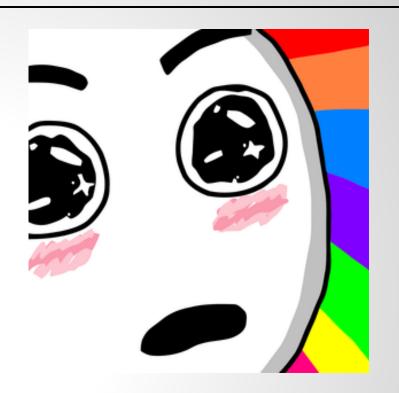
Could get long winded

New C++11 standard makes it easier, but we are not using it for now.

STL Vector other awesome stuff

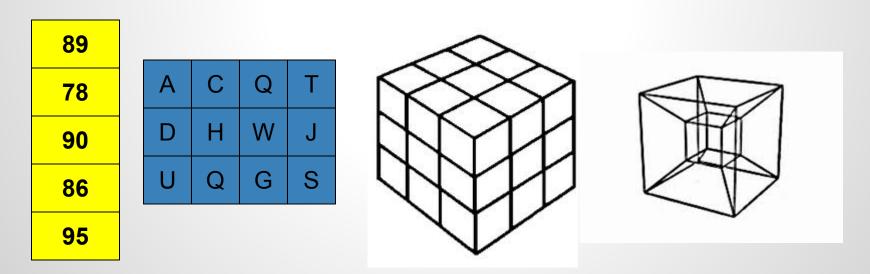
With STL vector, you can

- delete elements in the middle!
- insert elements anywhere!
- append one vector to another!
- assign one vector to another!
- check if it is empty!
- clear contents!
- compare vectors!



Other STL containers use the same convention, so you don't need to relearn stuff!

- 2 dimensional arrays a fixed number of components arranged in rows and columns (matrix)
- 3 dimensional arrays a fixed number of components arranged in rows, columns and depth (box)
- Higher dimensional arrays cannot be visualised



Declaration

Usage

```
table[0][0] = 'A';
table[0][1] = 'C';
table[0][2] = 'Q';
table[score[2]/45][1] = table[0][2];
...
box[0][0][0] = 1;
...
```

Initialisation

1	4
2	5
3	6

Α	В	C
Χ	Y	Z

Processing

```
char values[][3] = { {'A', 'B', 'C'},
                       {'X', 'Y', 'Z'}
                     };
for (int row = 0; row < 2; row ++) {
    for (int col = 0; col < 3; col ++)
        cout << values[row][col];</pre>
    cout << endl;</pre>
for (int col = 0; col < 3; col ++) {
    for (int row = 0; row < 2; row ++)
        cout << values[row][col];</pre>
    cout << endl;
```

Α	В	С
X	Y	Z

ABC XYZ

AX BY CZ

> 2 dimensions

```
int values[3][2][3] = { \{1, 2, 3\},
                            \{4, 5, 6\}
                          { {1, 2, 3},
                           {4, 5, 6}
                          },
                          { {1, 2, 3},
                           {4, 5, 6}
for (int row = 0; row < 3; row ++)
    for (int col = 0; col \langle 2; col ++)
        for (int dep = 0; dep < 3; dep ++)
             cout << values[row][col][dep] << " ";</pre>
```