

2.1 Arrays

Objectives

- To define an array, initialize an array and refer to individual elements of an array.
- To define symbolic constants.
- To define and manipulate multiple-subscripted arrays.

Agenda

- Introducing Arrays
- Declaring Array Variables
- Initializing Arrays
- Accessing Array Elements
- Copying Arrays
- Multidimensional Arrays

Introduction

- An array is a collection of elements of the same type that are referenced by a common name.
- Compared to the basic data type (int, float & char) it is an aggregate or derived data type.
- All the elements of an array occupy a set of contiguous memory locations.
- Why need to use array type? Consider the following issue:

"We have a list of 1000 students' marks of an integer type. If using the basic data type (int), we will declare something like the following..."

```
int  studMark0, studMark1, studMark2, ...,  
      studMark999;
```

Introduction cont...

- Declaration part by using normal variable declaration

```
int main(void)
{
    int studMark1, studMark2, studMark3, studMark4, ...,
        ..., studMark998, stuMark999, studMark1000;
    ...
    ...
    return 0;
}
```

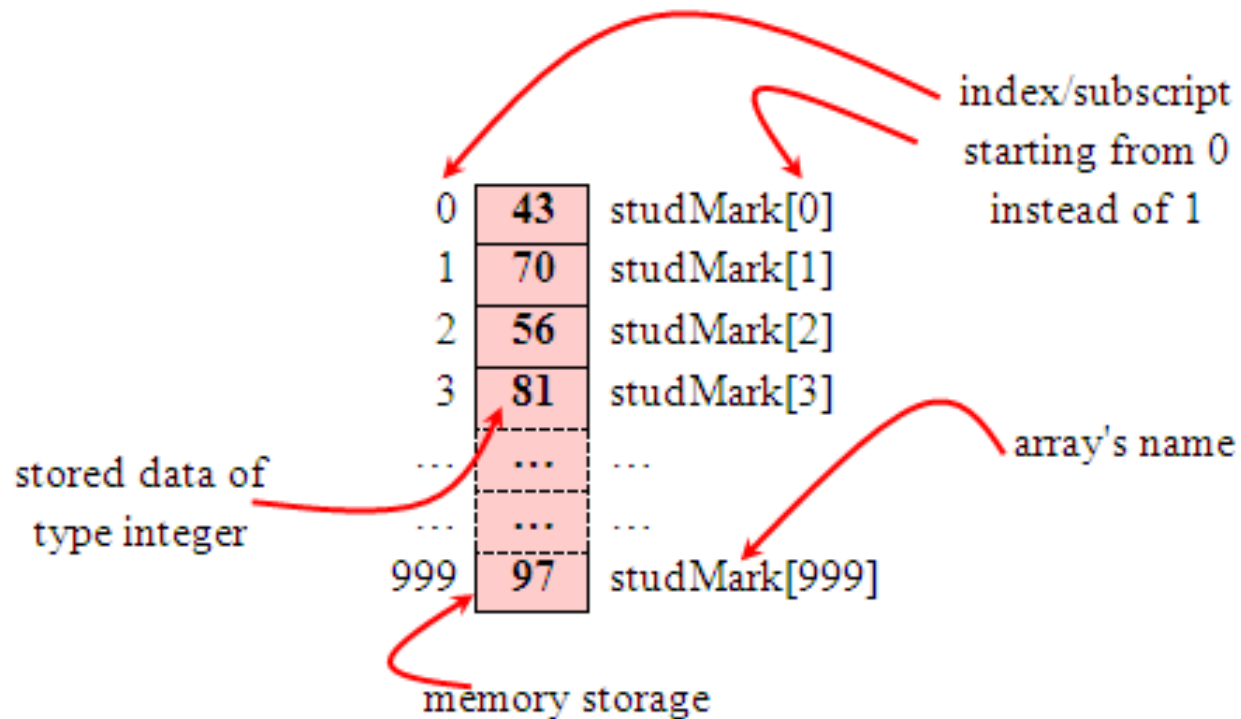
- By using an array, one can declare like this,

```
int    studMark[1000];
```

- This will reserve 1000 contiguous memory locations for storing the students' marks.

Introduction cont...

- Graphically, this can be depicted as



- So... array has simplified our declaration and of course, manipulation of the data.

One Dimensional Array: Declaration

- Dimension refers to the array's size, which is how big the array is.
- A single or one dimensional array declaration has the following form,

```
array_element_data_type array_name[array_size];
```

- Here, *array_element_data_type* define the base type of the array, which is the type of each element in the array.
- *array_name* is any valid C identifier name that obeys the same rule for the identifier naming.
- *array_size* defines how many elements the array will hold.

- For example, to declare an array of 30 characters, that construct a people name, we could declare,

```
char cName[30];
```

J	cName[0]
o	cName[1]
d	cName[2]
i	cName[3]
e	cName[4]
...	cName[5]
...	...
...	...
r	cName[29]

- In this statement, the array character can store up to 30 characters with the first character occupying location cName[0] and the last character occupying cName[29].
- Note that the index runs from 0 to 29. In C, an index always starts from 0 and ends with array's (size-1).
- So, take note the difference between the array size and subscript/index terms.

- Examples of the one-dimensional array declarations,
`int xNum[20], yNum[50];`
`float fPrice[10], fYield;`
`char chLetter[70];`
- The first example declares two arrays named xNum and yNum of type int. Array xNum can store up to 20 integer numbers while yNum can store up to 50 numbers.
- The second line declares the array fPrice of type float. It can store up to 10 floating-point values.
- fYield is basic variable which shows array type can be declared together with basic type provided the type is similar.
- The third line declares the array chLetter of type char. It can store a string up to 69 characters.
- Why 69 instead of 70? Remember, a string has a null terminating character (\0) at the end, so we must reserve for it.

Starting from a given memory location, the successive array elements are allocated space in consecutive memory locations.

Array a



- **x: starting address of the array in memory**
 - **k: number of bytes allocated per array element**
- **a[i] → is allocated memory location at address $x + i*k$**

One Dimensional Array: Initialization

Method 1 -- Initialization at the time of declaration

- Giving initial values to an array.
- Initialization of an array may take the following form,

type **array_name[size]** = {**a_list_of_value**};

- For example:

int idNum[7] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7};

float fFloatNum[5] = {5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 6.1};

char chVowel[6] = {'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u', '\0'};

- The first line declares an integer array idNum and it immediately assigns the values 1, 2, 3, ..., 7 to idNum[0], idNum[1], idNum[2], ..., idNum[6] respectively.
- The second line assigns the values 5.6 to fFloatNum[0], 5.7 to fFloatNum[1], and so on.
- Similarly the third line assigns the characters 'a' to chVowel[0], 'e' to chVowel[1], and so on. Note again, for characters we must use the single apostrophe/quote (') to enclose them.
- Also, the last character in chVowel is NULL character ('\0').

- Initialization of an array of type char for holding strings may take the following form,
`char array_name[size] = "string_lateral_constant";`
- For example, the array chVowel in the previous example could have been written more compactly as follows,
`char chVowel[6] = "aeiou";`
- When the value assigned to a character array is a string (which must be enclosed in double quotes), the compiler automatically supplies the NULL character but we still have to reserve one extra place for the NULL.
- For unsized array (variable sized), we can declare as follow,
`char chName[] = "Mr. Dracula";`
- C compiler automatically creates an array which is big enough to hold all the initializer.

Different cases: Initialization

- To set every element to same value

```
int n[ 5 ] = { 0 };
```

- If array size omitted, initializers determine size

```
int n[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
```

- 5 initializers, therefore 5 element array

```
int n[ 5 ] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
```

- If not enough initializers, rightmost elements 0
- If too many syntax error

One Dimensional Array: Initialization

Method 2 — Set the values using loop

```
int main()  
{  
    int n[ 10 ]; // n is an array of 10 integers  
    // initialize elements of array n to 0  
    for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )  
        n[ i ] = 0; // set element at location i to 0  
}
```

Array size

- Can be specified with constant variable (**const**)
`const int size = 20;`
- Constants cannot be changed
- Constants must be initialized when declared
- Also called named constants or read-only variables
- The **sizeof** operator can determine the size of an array (in bytes).

```
int a[10];
```

```
sizeof(a) = 40 (assuming each integer requires  
4 bytes)
```

One Dimensional Array: Accessing array elements

Individual elements of the array can be accessed by using the array name followed by the element subscript enclosed in square brackets as follows:

array_name[subscript]

Notice that the array elements start from 0, not 1, so the first element of the a array is a[0] and the last element is a[size-1] where size is the number of element in the a array.

The following program demonstrates how to access elements of an array:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    const int SIZE = 5;
    int a[SIZE],i;
    for(i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
    {
        a[i] = i;
        printf("a[%d] = %d\n",i,a[i]);
    }
}
```


One Dimensional Array: Copying Arrays

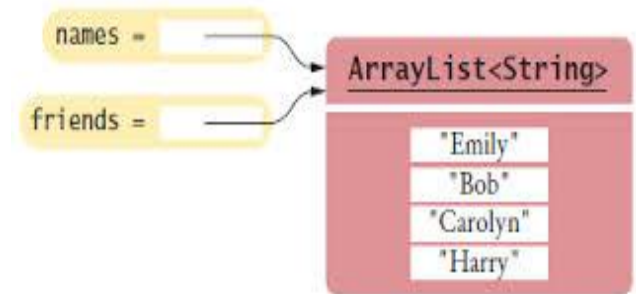
Can you copy array using a syntax like this?

list = myList;

This is not allowed in C.

You have to copy individual elements from one array to the other as follows:

```
for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_SIZE; i++)  
{  
    list[i] = myList[i];  
}
```



Rules to be followed when using arrays



- The data type can be any valid data type such as int, float, char, etc. [structure or union – Will be dealt in later chapter].
- All elements of an array must always be of the same data type
- The name of an array must follow naming rules of variables.
- The size of the array must be zero or a constant positive integer.
- The array index must evaluate to an integer between 0 and $n-1$ where n is the number of elements in the array.

Don't Do's

You cannot

- use `=` to assign one array variable to another
`a = b; /* a and b are arrays */`
- use `==` to directly compare array variables
`if (a == b)`
- directly `scanf` or `printf` arrays
`printf (".....", a);`

Illustrations

Summing Elements in an array

Use a variable named total to store the sum. Initially total is 0.
Add each element in the array to total using a loop like this:

```
double total = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_SIZE; i++)  
{  
    total += myList[i];  
}
```

Finding Maximum in an array

Use a variable named max to store the largest element. Initially max is myList[0]. To find the largest element in the array myList, compare each element in myList with max, update max if the element is greater than max.

```
double max = myList[0];  
for (int i = 1; i < ARRAY_SIZE; i++)  
{  
    if (myList[i] > max) max = myList[i];  
}
```

Finding index of the largest element in the array

```
double max = myList[0];  
int indexOfMax = 0;  
for (int i = 1; i < ARRAY_SIZE; i++)  
{  
    if (myList[i] > max)  
    {  
        max = myList[i];  
        indexOfMax = i;  
    }  
}
```

Shifting Elements

```
double temp = myList[0]; // Retain the first element
// Shift elements left
for (int i = 1; i < myList.length; i++)
{
    myList[i - 1] = myList[i];
}
// Move the first element to fill in the last position
myList[myList.length - 1] = temp;
```



Try it Yourself - Predict the output

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

int main()
{
    int arr[5];

    // Assume that base address of arr is 2000 and size of integer
    // is 32 bit
    arr++;
    printf("%u", arr);

    return 0;
}
```

- (A) 2002
- (B) 2004
- (C) 2020
- (D) lvalue required



Try it Yourself - Predict the output

2. What will be the output of the program ?

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main()
{ int a[5] = {5, 1, 15, 20, 25};
  int i, j, m; i = ++a[1];
  j = a[1]++; m = a[i++];
  printf("%d, %d, %d", i, j, m);
  return 0; }
```

- A. 2, 1, 15
- B. 1, 2, 5
- C. 3, 2, 15
- D. 2, 3, 20



Try it Yourself - Predict the output

3. What is the output of the following program?

```
int main()
{
    int i;
    int arr[5] = {0};
    for (i = 0; i <= 5; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

- A. Compiler Error: Array index out of bound.
- B. The always prints 0 five times followed by garbage value
- C. The program always crashes.
- D. The program may print 0 five times followed by garbage value, or may crash if address (arr+5) is invalid.

Answers --- Predict the output

1. D) lvalue required

Array name in C is implemented by a constant pointer. It is not possible to apply increment and decrement on constant types.

2. C) 3, 2, 15

Step 1: `int a[5] = {5, 1, 15, 20, 25};` The variable `arr` is declared as an integer array with a size of 5 and it is initialized to

`a[0] = 5, a[1] = 1, a[2] = 15, a[3] = 20, a[4] = 25 .`

Step 2: `int i, j, m;` The variable `i, j, m` are declared as an integer type.

Step 3: `i = ++a[1];` becomes `i = ++1`; Hence `i = 2` and `a[1] = 2`

Step 4: `j = a[1]++;` becomes `j = 2++`; Hence `j = 2` and `a[1] = 3`.

Step 5: `m = a[i++]`; becomes `m = a[2]`; Hence `m = 15` and `i` is incremented by 1 (`i++` means `2++` so `i=3`)

Step 6: `printf("%d, %d, %d", i, j, m);` It prints the value of the variables `i, j, m`

Hence the output of the program is 3, 2, 15

3. D) The program may print 0 five times followed by garbage value, or may crash if address (`arr+5`) is invalid.

Try it Yourself – Code debugging



```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXSIZE 10
void main()
{ int array[MAXSIZE];
  int i, num, negative_sum = 0;
  printf ("Enter the value of N \n");
  scanf ("%d", &num);
  printf("Enter %d numbers \n", num);
  for (i = 0; i < num; i++)
  { scanf ("%d", array[i]); }
  /* Summation starts */
  for (i = 0; i < num; i++)
  { if (array[i] < 0) { negative_sum = negative_sum + array[i];
    }
  }
  printf("\n Sum of all negative numbers = %d\n", negative_sum);
}
```

Answers — Code Debugging

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXSIZE 10
void main()
{
    int array[MAXSIZE];
    int i, num, negative_sum = 0;
    printf ("Enter the value of N \n");
    scanf ("%d", &num);
    printf ("Enter %d numbers \n", num);
    for (i = 0; i < num; i++)
    {
        scanf ("%d", &array[i]);
    } /* Summation starts */
    for (i = 0; i < num; i++)
    {
        if (array[i] < 0) { negative_sum = negative_sum + array[i];
        }
    }
    printf ("\n Sum of all negative numbers = %d\n", negative_sum);
}
```



Try it Yourself - Simple word problems

To Print the Alternate Elements in an Array Array - NH-WP3.c

Find 2 Elements in the Array such that Difference between them is Largest Array - NH-WP1.c

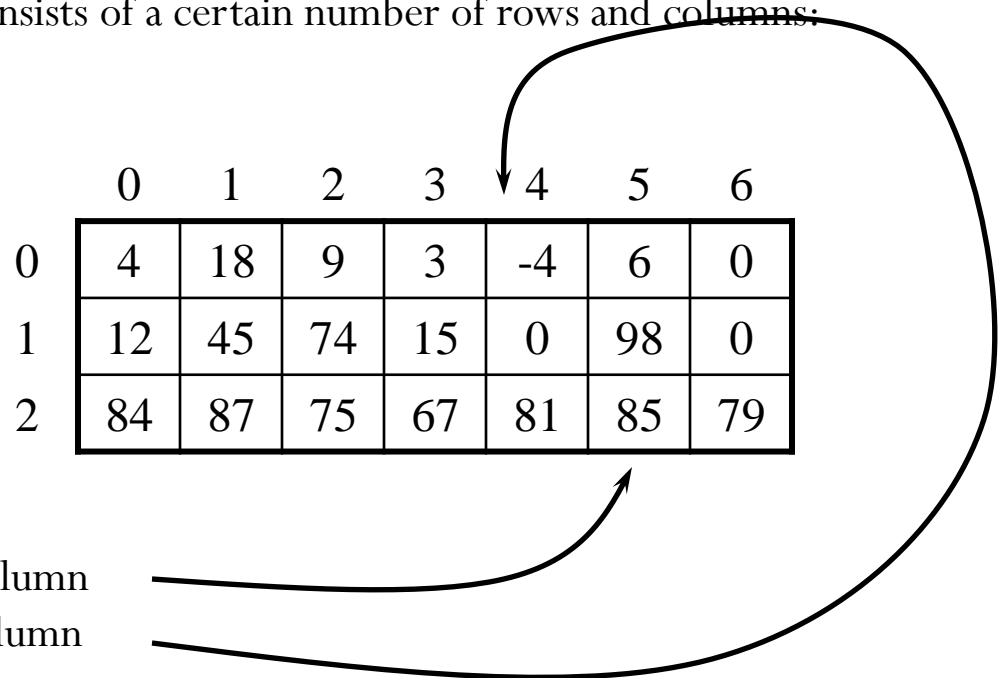
To Sort the Array in an Ascending Order Array - NH-WP2.c

Multidimensional Arrays

- C also allows an array to have more than one dimension.

For example, a two-dimensional array consists of a certain number of rows and columns:

```
const int NUMROWS = 3;  
const int NUMCOLS = 7;  
int Array[NUMROWS][NUMCOLS];
```



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	4	18	9	3	-4	6	0
1	12	45	74	15	0	98	0
2	84	87	75	67	81	85	79

Array[2][5] 3rd value in 6th column

Array[0][4] 1st value in 5th column

The declaration must specify the number of rows and the number of columns, and both must be constants.

Starting from a given memory location, the elements are stored row-wise in consecutive memory locations.

x: starting address of the array in memory

c: number of columns

k: number of bytes allocated per array element

$a[i][j]$ is allocated memory location at address

$$x + (i * c + j) * k$$

Multi Dimensional Array - Initialization

Method 1--Initialization at the time of declaration

```
int Array1[2][3] = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6} };
```

```
int Array2[2][3] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
```

```
int Array3[2][3] = { {1, 2} , {4} };
```

Rows of Array1:

1	2	3
4	5	6

Rows of Array2:

1	2	3
4	5	0

Rows of Array3:

1	2	0
4	0	0

Multi Dimensional Array - Initialization

Method 2— Setting values using loop (nested loop)

```
int main()
{
    const int NUMROW = 3;
    const int NUMCOL = 7;
    int Array1[NUMROW][NUMCOL];

    for (int row = 0; row < NUMROW; row++)
    {
        for (int col = 0; col < NUMCOL; col++)
        {
            scanf("%d",&Array1[row][col]);
        }
    }
}
```

Multidimensional Array – Accessing Elements

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1					
2					
3					
4					

```
matrix = new int[5][5];
```

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1					
2		7			
3					
4					

```
matrix[2][1] = 7;
```

	0	1	2
0	1	2	3
1	4	5	6
2	7	8	9
3	10	11	12

```
int[][] array = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9},  
    {10, 11, 12}  
};
```

Multidimensional Array - Illustrations

**To add two matrix entered by the user
and print it.**

```
#include<stdio.h>

void main() { int a[3][3],b[3][3],c[3][3];
int i,j;
printf("enter the elements in both the array:");
for(i=0 ; i<3 ; i++)
{
for(j=0 ; j<3 ; j++)
{
scanf("%d",&a[i][j]);
}
}
}
```

```
for(i=0 ; i<3 ; i++)
{
for(j=0 ; j<3 ; j++)
{
scanf("%d",&b[i][j]);
}
}
for(i=0 ; i<3 ; i++)
{
for(j=0 ; j<3 ; j++)
{
c[i][j]=a[i][j]+b[i][j];
printf("%d",c[i][j]);
}
}
printf("n");
} }
```

Multidimensional Array - Illustrations

To input a matrix and print its transpose.

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

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
void main()
```

```
{ int a[3][3],b[3][3];
```

```
int i,j; clrscr();
```

```
printf("enter the elements in the array");
```

```
for(i=0 ; i<3 ; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
for(j=0 ; j<3 ; j++)
```

```
{
```

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

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
for(j=0 ; i<3 ; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
for(i=0 ; j<3 ; j++)
```

```
{
```

```
printf("%2d",&b[j][i]);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
getch();
```

```
}
```



Try it Yourself - Predict the output

1. `#include <stdio.h>`

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int a[][] = {{1,2},{3,4}};
```

```
    int i, j;
```

```
    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
```

```
        for (j = 0; j < 2; j++)
```

```
            printf("%d ", a[i][j]);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

A 1 2 3 4

B Compiler Error in line " `int a[][] = {{1,2},{3,4}};`"

C 4 garbage values

D 4 3 2 1

Try it Yourself - Predict the output



2. Consider the following declaration of a 'two-dimensional array in C:

```
char a[100][100];
```

Assuming that the main memory is byte-addressable and that the array is stored starting from memory address 0, the address of a[40][50] is.....?

- A. 4040
- B. 4050
- C. 5040
- D. 5050

Answers – Predict the Output

1. Answer: (B)

There is compilation error in the declaration

```
int a[][] = {{1,2},{3,4}};
```

Except the first dimension, every other dimension must be specified.

```
int arr[] = {5, 6, 7, 8} //valid
```

```
int arr[][5] = {}; //valid
```

```
int arr[][] = {}; //invalid
```

```
int arr[][10][5] = {}; //valid
```

```
int arr[][][5] = {}; //invalid
```


Answers — Predict the Output

2. Answer: (B)

Address of $a[40][50] = \text{Base address} +$
 $40 * 100 * \text{element_size} +$
 $50 * \text{element_size}$

$$= 0 + 4000 * 1 + 50 * 1 = 4050$$



Try it Yourself - Simple word problems

To Check if a given Matrix is an Identity Matrix [MDArray-NH-WP!.c](#)

To Calculate the Sum of the Elements of each Row & Column
[MDArray-NH-WP2.c](#)

Common Programming Errors



- It is important to note the difference between the “seventh element of the array” and “array element seven.” Because array subscripts begin at 0, the “seventh element of the array” has a subscript of 6, while “array element seven” has a subscript of 7 and is actually the eighth element of the array. This is a source of “**off-by-one**” errors.
- **Forgetting to initialize** the elements of an array whose elements should be initialized.
- **Providing more initializers** in an array initializer list than there are elements in the array is a syntax error.
- **Ending a #define preprocessor directive with a semicolon.** Remember that preprocessor directives are not C statements.



- Assigning a value to a symbolic constant in an executable statement is a syntax error. A symbolic constant is not a variable. No space is reserved for it by the compiler as with variables that hold values at execution time.
- Not providing `scanf` with a character array large enough to store a string typed at the keyboard can result in destruction of data in a program and other runtime errors. This can also make a system susceptible to worm and virus attacks.
- Referencing a double-subscripted array element as `a[x, y]` instead of `a[x][y]`.

Summary

- The ability to use a single name to represent a collection of items and refer to an item by specifying the item number enables us to develop concise and efficient programs.
- C allows arrays of more than one dimensions.
- Exact limit is determined by the compiler