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Lecture 08 - Arrays

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Introduction

- ▶ Simple data types use a single memory cell to store a variable
- ▶ Collections of data should be logically grouped
- ▶ Example: 75 students in the class should we declare 75 separate variables to hold grades?
- ▶ Grouping related data items together into a single composite data structure is done using an *array*

Declaring Arrays I

- ▶ An array is a collection of two or more adjacent memory cells, called **array elements**
- ▶ All elements in an array are associated with a single variable name
- ▶ Each element is individually accessed using *indices*

Declaring Arrays II

- ▶ To set up an array in memory, we declare both the *name of the array* and the *number of cells* associated with it:

```
double my_first_array[8];  
int students[10];
```
- ▶ This instructs C to associate 8 memory cells of type `double` with the name `my_first_array`
- ▶ This instructs C to associate 10 memory cells of type `int` with the name `students`
- ▶ These memory cells will be adjacent to each other in memory

Referencing Array Elements I

- ▶ To process the data stored in an array, each individual element is associated to a reference value
- ▶ By specifying the *array name* and identifying the element desired, we can access a particular value
- ▶ The subscripted variable `x[0]` (read as *x* sub zero) may be used to reference the *first* element

Referencing Array Elements II

- ▶ Other elements can be accessed similarly: `x[1]`, `x[2]`, ...
`myArray[0] = 8;`
`printf("value of second element=%d",myArray[1]);`
`scanf("input a number: %d",&anotherArray[9]);`
- ▶ For an array of size n , we index $0, 1, \dots, n-1$
- ▶ An array size *must* be an integer (no such thing as half an element)

Referencing Array Elements I

Pitfall

Take care that you do not reference an index outside the array:

```
1 double grades[75];
2 ...
3 printf("75th grade is %f\n", grades[74]);
4 printf("76th grade is %f\n", grades[75]); ← illegal
5 printf("-1th grade is %f\n", grades[-1]); ← illegal
6
7 int i;
8 for(i=0; i<76; i++)
9     printf("%d-th grade is %f\n", (i+1), grades[i]);
10    ↑ illegal on last iteration
```

Array Initialization

- ▶ You can declare multiple arrays along with regular variables:
`double cactus[5], needle, pins[7];`
- ▶ We can initialize a simple variable when we declare it:
`int sum = 0;`
- ▶ Same with arrays:

```
1 int array[SIZE];
2 for(i=0; i < SIZE; i++)
3     array[i] = 0;
```

Array Declaration & Initialization

- ▶ We can declare and initialize an array
- ▶ If we initialize when we declare, we can omit the size

```
1 int primeNumbersLessThanHundred[] = {
2     2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37,
3     41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83,
4     89, 97 };
```

Using for Loops for Sequential Access

- ▶ Elements of an array are processed in sequence, starting with element **zero**.
- ▶ This processing can be done easily using an indexed `for` loop: a counting loop whose loop control variable runs from zero to one less than the array size.
- ▶ Using the loop counter as an array index (subscript) gives access to each array element in turn.

```
1 for(i=0; i < SIZE; i++) {
2     printf("%d ",array[i]);
3 }
```

Using Array Elements as Function Arguments

You can use `scanf` with array elements just like with regular variables

```
1 int x[10];
2 int i = 0;
3 scanf("%d", &x[i]);
4 printf("Hey, I read %d\n", x[i]);
```

Arrays as Arguments

- ▶ You can also use entire arrays as function arguments
- ▶ Passing arrays as arguments to a function means:
 - ▶ The function can access any value in the array
 - ▶ The function can change any value in the array
- ▶ Syntax: specify an array as a parameter by using the square brackets:
`int sum(int array[], int size);`
- ▶ Note: what is *actually* being passed is a *pointer* to the first element of the array!
- ▶ We could equivalently define:
`int sum(int *array, int size);`

Full Example

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int sum(int array[], int size);
4
5 int main(void)
6 {
7     int foo[] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}, i;
8     printf("sum of all array elements is %d\n",sum(foo, 10));
9     return 0;
10 }
11
12 int sum(int a[], int size)
13 {
14     int i, summation = 0;
15     for(i=0; i<size; i++)
16     {
17         summation += a[i];
18     }
19     return summation;
20 }
```

Formal Array Parameter

- ▶ It was necessary to pass an additional variable `size` to `sum`
- ▶ An array does not have an explicit size associated with it
- ▶ C does not allocate space in memory for arrays, the operating system does *at runtime*
- ▶ As programmers, we are responsible for:
 - ▶ Memory management,
 - ▶ for keeping track of the size of an array and
 - ▶ for ensuring that we do not access memory outside the array
- ▶ If a function accesses an array, it needs to be told how big it is

Arrays as Input Arguments

- ▶ Since arrays are passed *by reference*, functions can modify their values
- ▶ Sometimes, we would like to pass arrays as arguments, but do not want to change their values.
- ▶ We can do this by using the `const` quantifier in the function declaration:
`int sum(const int foo[], int size) ...`
- ▶ Specifies to the compiler that the array is to be used *only* as an input
- ▶ The function does not intend to modify the array
- ▶ The compiler enforces this: any attempt to change an array element in the function as an error

Returning an Array Result

- ▶ C only allows us to return a single item
- ▶ It is not possible to return an array (a collection of items)
- ▶ We can, however, return a *pointer* to an array
- ▶ We cannot return a pointer to a *local* array (dangerous, undefined behavior)
- ▶ Requires knowledge of *dynamic memory* and `malloc`
- ▶ More later, for now: declare an array large enough for your purposes

Searching and Sorting an Array

Two common problems with array processing:

1. Searching - Finding the index of a particular element in an array
2. Sorting - rearranging array elements in a particular order

Searching an Array

```
Input      : hello
1 Assume the target has not been found //hello
2 ;
3 Start with the initial array element, a[0] ;
4 while the target is not found and there are more array elements do
5     if the current element matches array then
6         set flag true and store the array index ;
7     end
8     advance to next array element
9 end
10 if flag is set to true then
11     return the array index
12 end
13 return -1 to indicate not found
```

Algorithm 1: Searching Algorithm

Searching an Array

C code

```
1 int search(int array[], int size, int target)
2 {
3     int found = 0, index = -1;
4     while ( !found && (i < size) )
5     {
6         if ( array[i] == target ) {
7             found = 1;
8             index = i;
9         }
10        else {
11            i++;
12        }
13    }
14    if(found)
15        return index;
16    else
17        return -1;
18 }
```

Sorting an Array - Selection

```
1 foreach index value i = 0, ..., n - 2 do
2     Find the index of the smallest element in the
   subarray a[i, ..., n - 1] ;
3     Swap the smallest element with the element stored
   at index i ;
4 end
```

Algorithm 2: Selection Sort Algorithm

Sorting an Array - Selection

```
1 void selectionSort(int *a, int size)
2 {
3     int i, j, index_of_min, temp;
4     for(i=0; i<size-1; i++)
5     {
6         index_of_min = i;
7         for(j=i+1; j<size; j++)
8         {
9             if(a[index_of_min] > a[j])
10            {
11                index_of_min = j;
12            }
13        }
14        temp = a[i];
15        a[i] = a[index_of_min];
16        a[index_of_min] = temp;
17    }
18 }
```

Sorting an Array - Bubble Sort

```
1 while i ≤ n - 1 do
2     while j ≤ n - 1 do
3         if a[j] > a[j + 1] then
4             Swap a[j] and a[j + 1] ;
5         end
6     end
7 end
```

Algorithm 3: Bubble Sort Algorithm

Sorting an Array - Bubble Sort

C code

```
1 void bubbleSort(int *a, int size)
2 {
3     int i, j, temp;
4     for (i=0; i<size-1; i++)
5     {
6         for(j=0; j<size-1; j++)
7         {
8             if (a[j] > a[j+1])
9             {
10                temp = a[j];
11                a[j] = a[j+1];
12                a[j+1] = temp;
13            }
14        }
15    }
16 }
```

Multidimensional Arrays I

- ▶ A multidimensional array is an array with two or more dimensions
- ▶ Two-dimensional arrays represent tables of data, matrices, and other two-dimensional objects
- ▶ Declare multidimensional arrays similar to regular arrays:
`int myArray[10][20];`
- ▶ This declares a 10×20 sized array
- ▶ Interpretation: 10 rows, 20 columns

Multidimensional Arrays II

- ▶ Each row/column is still indexed $0, \dots, n - 1$ and $0, \dots, m - 1$
- ▶ Last row, last column: `myArray[9][19] = 29;`
- ▶ When iterating over a multidimensional array, use nested for loops

```
1 int a[10][10];
2 for(i=0; i<10; i++)
3     for(j=0; j<10; j++)
4         a[i][j] = 1 + i + j;
```

Initialization of Multidimensional Arrays

You can initialize multidimensional arrays when declaring

```
1 char tictactoe[][3] = { {' ', ' ', ' '},
2                        {' ', ' ', ' '},
3                        {' ', ' ', ' ' } };
```

This would initialize a 3×3 the array with all blank spaces.

Initialization of Multidimensional Arrays

- ▶ When declaring and initializing, you must still provide all dimensions *except* the outer-most
- ▶ The compiler is able to deduce the outer-most dimension at compile time
- ▶ Not sophisticated enough to deduce the rest

Common Programming Errors

- ▶ Most common error: out-of-range access error
- ▶ Segmentation fault, Bus error
- ▶ Error may not be caught in some situations: unexpected results
- ▶ Use correct syntax when passing arrays as parameters

Dynamic Memory

- ▶ `int array[10];` is a *static* declaration
- ▶ The size is fixed for the life of the program
- ▶ Often, you don't know how large of an array you'll need
- ▶ Not practical or possible to declare a "large enough" array for all purposes
- ▶ C does not allow you to declare an array size using a variable

Dynamic Memory

```
1 int n;  
2 printf("Enter the size of the array: ");  
3 scanf("%d", &n);  
4 int array[n]; ← Bad
```

- ▶ May compile
- ▶ May even work (*sometimes*)
- ▶ Behavior is not defined in C

Dynamic Memory

- ▶ Instead, we need to *dynamically* allocate memory
- ▶ We allocate a certain amount of memory only when we need it
- ▶ Memory is allocated at some point in the program
- ▶ Contrast with static declaration: done when the program starts

Dynamic Memory I

How-to in C

- ▶ The C function `malloc` (**m**emory **a**llocation) can be used to allocate memory.
- ▶ `malloc` takes one argument: the number of *bytes* to be allocated
- ▶ `malloc` returns a *generic* pointer to the allocated memory
- ▶ Returns `NULL` if it failed
- ▶ Can cast the generic pointer to the proper type (unnecessary in C, but required in C++)
- ▶ C function `sizeof` gives the number of bytes of each type of variable (*system dependant!*)

Dynamic Memory II

How-to in C

```
1 int n = 10;  
2 int *myDynamicArray = NULL;  
3 myDynamicArray = (int *) malloc(n * sizeof(int));  
4 myDynamicArray[0] = 1;  
5 myDynamicArray[9] = 42;
```

Dynamic Memory I

Garbage Collection

- ▶ If and when you are done using the memory, you should free it up so that it can be reused
- ▶ The C function `free` *deallocates* memory (frees it up):
`free(myDynamicArray);`
- ▶ Note that all information in `myDynamicArray` will be lost

Dynamic Memory I

Memory Management

- ▶ Be careful that you don't cause *dangling pointers* or *memory leaks*
- ▶ If you allocate memory, but lose a pointer to it, then the memory is effectively lost
- ▶ The memory is still being used, but you cannot access it
- ▶ This is a *memory leak*

Dynamic Memory I

Memory Management

```
1 int *my_array;  
2 my_array = (int *) malloc(10 * sizeof(int));  
3 my_array = NULL;
```

- ▶ The memory location pointing to that 40 bytes is now lost
- ▶ The memory will be unavailable (until the program ends).

Dynamic Memory I

Multi-Dimensional Arrays

- ▶ To declare a dynamic multi-dimensional array, you need to use pointers to pointers
- ▶ Each row (or column) needs a call to `malloc` via a loop

```
1 int **myMatrix = NULL;  
2 myMatrix = (int **) malloc(10 * sizeof(int *));  
3 int i=0;  
4 for(i=0; i<10; i++)  
5     myMatrix[i] = (int *) malloc(10 * sizeof(int));  
6 myMatrix[9][9] = 10;
```

Exercises

Write the following functions and write a main driver program to test them.

- ▶ `void printArray(int *array, int size)` – prints the elements of an integer array
- ▶ `void printMatrix(int **array, int rows, int columns)` – prints the elements of an integer array
- ▶ `double average(int *array, int size)` – computes the average of all elements in the array
- ▶ `int *onesArray(int size)` – returns a pointer to a dynamically allocated integer array all initialized to 1
- ▶ `int *sortedCopy(int *array, int size)` – returns (a pointer to) a sorted *copy* of array
- ▶ `int **identityMatrix(int n)` – returns a pointer to an $n \times n$ integer array, initialized to the identity matrix