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**Arrays**  
 Chapter 8



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**Topics**

- 1) How can we store many values at once?
- 2) How can arrays (and elements) be passed to functions?
- 3) How can we store objects in an array?

**Arrays**

- Array:
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- Arrays vs Vectors
  - A vector is an object with complex operations.
  - Arrays are not objects:...
- Array Declaration:
  - Specify type of elements, and # elements.  
`int daysPerMonth[12];`
  - Once created, the array size...
- Directly access to any element:
  - For N elements...
  - `daysPerMonth[0] = 31; // January`

	Idx	Val
Jan	0	31
Feb	1	28
Mar	2	31
Apr	3	30
May	4	31
Jun	5	30
Jul	6	31
Aug	7	31
Sep	8	30
Oct	9	31
Nov	10	30
Dec	11	31

## Initializing an Array

- Array can be initialized when declared:  
int somePrimes[]  
- # of values in the initializer list...

- Initialized Array of strings:  
string monthNames[] = {  
    "January",  
    "February",  
    ....  
    "December"  
};

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## Array Bounds

- C++ does not do...  
on array index operations.  
- Out of bounds access...  
  
- Could be anything else in memory!

```
int price[4];  
price[0] = 10;    //  
price[4] = 11;    //  
price[-1] = 12;   //
```



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## Copying an array

- To copy an array...

```
const int SIZE = 10;  
int first[] = {2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20};  
int second[SIZE];  
for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {  
    second[i] = first[i];  
}
```

Variables:

Array Objects:



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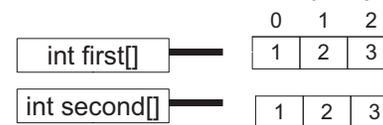
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## Comparing arrays

- An array variable...  
- Comparing array variables compares the memory addresses of the arrays, not their contents  
int first[3] = {1, 2, 3}, second[3] = {1, 2, 3};  
if (first == second) { // Likely bug.  
    // ...  
}

Variables:

Array Objects:



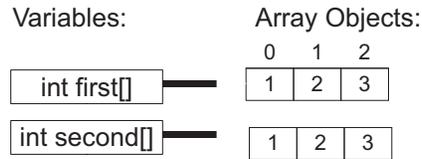
The array name, without the [], gives the address of the start of the array.

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## Comparing arrays

```
const int SIZE = 3;
int first[] = {1, 2, 3}, second[] = {1, 2, 3};
bool areSame = true;
for (int i=0; i<SIZE; i++) {
    if (first[i] != second[i]) {
        areSame = false;
    }
}
if (areSame) {
    cout << "Contents of arrays are the same!";
}
```



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## Review

- Create an array holding the values 10.1, 2.5 and 5.7; Write a loop to sum up all elements in the array; Output the total to the screen.

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## Arrays as function arguments

## Passing a full array

- Need two things to pass an array to a function:

Function can handle any size of array.

Must tell it the size of the array separately.

When calling, pass in the array (no []!), and size.

```
void showAllElements(char arr[], int size) {
    cout << "Display all elements:\n";
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}

int main () {
    const int N = 5;
    char myArray[N] =
        {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'};

    // Pass the whole array.
    showAllElements(myArray, N);
    ...
}
```

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## Pass array by ref or val?

- Passing an array to a function passes the memory address of the array.
- This behaves very much like pass-by-reference.
  - It is not a copy of the array: it is the real thing.
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## Vectors vs Arrays

- Vectors often more flexible than arrays:
  - Can resize them while program is running.
  - Can "ask" them how many elements they have. (Neither of these are possible with arrays.)
- Vectors are great for storing data when...
- Arrays are built-into the core C++; Vectors are in the standard template library.

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## Review

- Write a C++ function named showOdd() which accepts an array of int and outputs all odd elements.

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## Array of objects

- Can create arrays of objects.

```
int main () {
    const int NUM_CARS = 2;
    // Use default constructor
    Car myCars[NUM_CARS];
    cout << myCars[0].getMake() << endl;

    // Call set method
    myCars[0].setMake("Porsche");
    cout << myCars[0].getMake() << endl;

    // Use 1 parameter constructor.
    Car myCars2[] = {"Ferrari", "Pinto"};
    cout << myCars2[0].getMake() << endl;
    cout << myCars2[1].getMake() << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
class Car {
public:
    Car() {make = "--none--";}
    Car(string newMake);
    void setMake(string newMake);
    string getMake();
};
```

This creates an array of two objects, using the

Able to directly access methods of the array elements with [#].method()

Initialization list calls

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## Vector of objects

- Vector Element Access
  - push\_back()... and places it in the vector.
  - [ ] accesses the...

```
// Create empty vector to store cars.
vector<Car> myCars;
```

```
// Add a new car.
myCars.push_back(Car("Porsche"));
```

```
// Create another car, and add it.
Car otherCar("Ferrari");
myCars.push_back(otherCar);
otherCar.setMake("Pinto");
```

```
// Display the elements:
cout << myCars[0].getMake();
cout << myCars[1].getMake();
```

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## Array of Objects vs Multiple Arrays

- OOD array of class Person:  
Person myStudents[100];
- Non-OOD uses...  
string myStudentNames[100];  
int myStudentAges[100];
- OOD is better
  - Consider:
    - Adding 3 new attributes to the Person class.
    - Sorting the array(s) into alphabetical order by name.
    - Passing all the data to a method.

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## Summary

- Arrays store many items of the same type.
  - Must be a fixed size.
- Passing to functions:
  - Elements just like other variables (by val or by ref).
  - Actual array is passed as a memory address; so it's always affecting the original array.
- Vectors like an array, but:
  - Can add/remove elements at run-time,
  - Knows how many elements it is holding.
- Arrays of objects, or vectors of objects, are great for object-oriented programs.

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