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Unit II – ARRAYS AND STRINGS

Topic : Array



INTRODUCTION



Arrays

- Two-dimensional arrays
- Initializing of two dimensional arrays
- Multi –Dimensional Arrays



Arrays



- An array in C is a **collection of elements of the same data type stored in contiguous memory locations**.
- It is a fundamental data structure that helps to store and manage multiple values efficiently.
- **Arrays** are the **derived data type in C**

General Form:

```
datatype arrayName [size ];
```

data_type: Type of data to be stored in the array. Here data_type is valid C data type

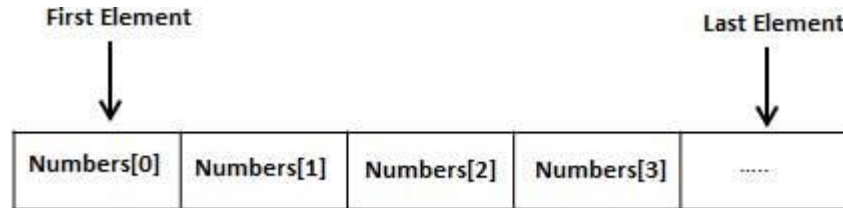
arrayName: Name of the array

size: Size of the array dimensions



- All arrays consist of contiguous memory locations. The lowest address corresponds to the first element and the highest address to the last element.

```
int Numbers[10];
```





Initialization :

At the time of declaration:

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

Default initialization (all elements set to 0 for global/static arrays):

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

Partially initialized (remaining elements set to 0):

```
int arr[5] = {1, 2};
```



Accessing Elements:

Array elements are accessed using an index (starting from 0).

```
arr[0] = 10; // Sets the first element
```

```
int x = arr[1]; // Retrieves the second element
```



Types of Arrays:

One-Dimensional Array - A single row of elements.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int arr[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
    printf("Elements of the array:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



Two-Dimensional Array



- An array of arrays, often visualized as a matrix
- The basic form of declaring a two-dimensional array of size x, y:

Syntax:

```
data_type array_name[x][y];
```

data_type: Type of data to be stored. Valid C/C++ data type.

can declare a two dimensional integer array say 'x' of size 10,20 as:

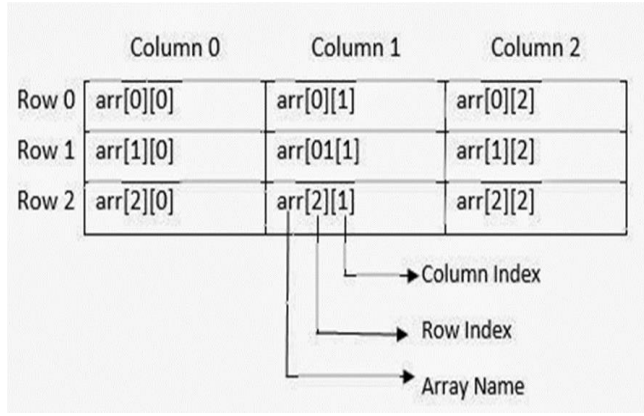
```
int x[10][20];
```

Elements in two-dimensional arrays are commonly referred by $x[i][j]$ where i is the row number and ' j ' is the column number.



- A two – dimensional array can be seen as a table with ‘x’ rows and ‘y’ columns where the row number ranges from 0 to (x-1) and column number ranges from 0 to (y-1).
- A two – dimensional array ‘x’ with 3 rows and 3 columns is shown below:

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2
Row 0	<code>x[0][0]</code>	<code>x[0][1]</code>	<code>x[0][2]</code>
Row 1	<code>x[1][0]</code>	<code>x[1][1]</code>	<code>x[1][2]</code>
Row 2	<code>x[2][0]</code>	<code>x[2][1]</code>	<code>x[2][2]</code>





Declaration and Initialization:

```
int arr[3][3] = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9}  
};
```

Accessing Elements:

Access element in the 2nd row, 3rd column

```
int x = arr[1][2];
```



Two-dimensional Array – Compile Time Initialization Example

```
int a[3 ][3 ] = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9} };
```

	column[0]	column [1]	column [2]
row[0]	1	2	3
row[1]	4	5	6
row[2]	7	8	9



EXAMPLE

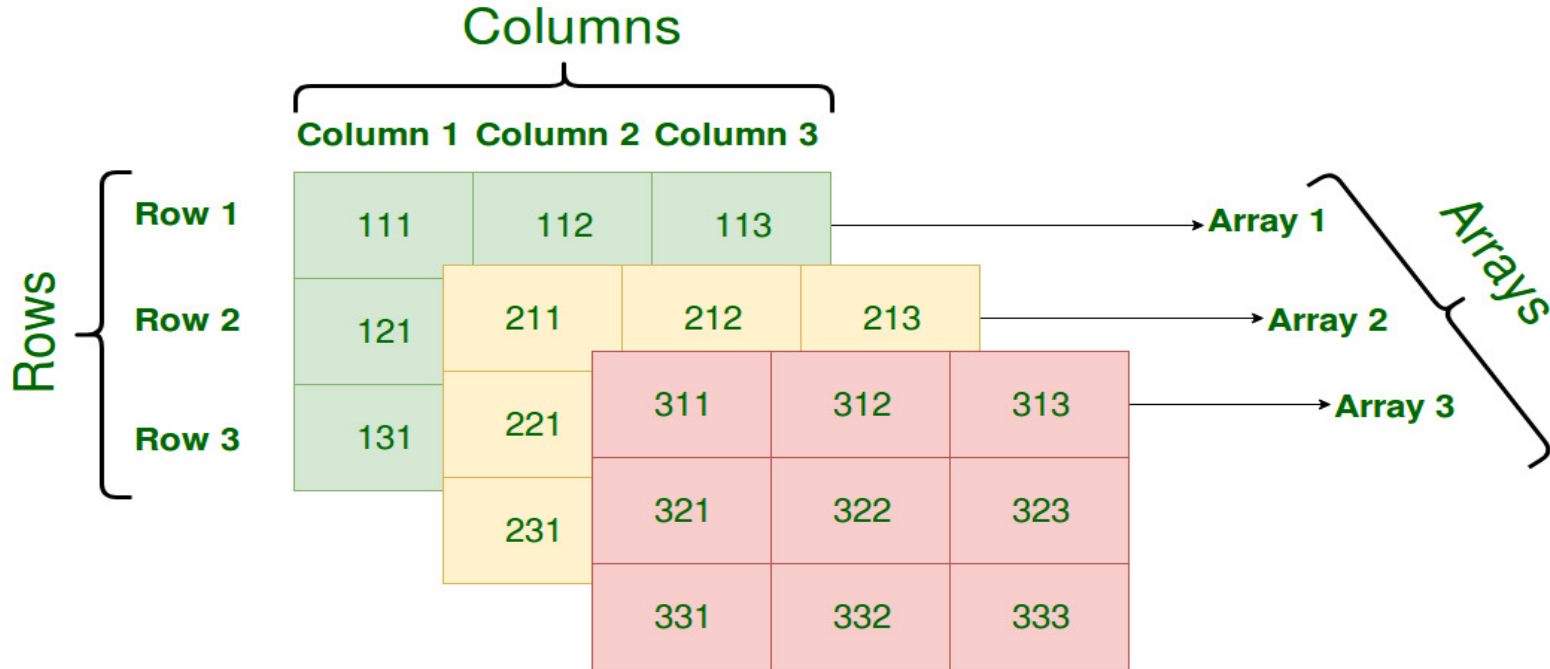


```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int matrix[2][2] = {
        {1, 2},
        {3, 4}
    };

    printf("Elements of the 2x2 matrix:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++)
        {
            printf("%d ", matrix[i][j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```



Multidimensional Arrays in C





Initializing Three-Dimensional Array

- Initialization in Three-Dimensional array is same as that of Two-dimensional arrays.
- The difference is as the number of dimension increases so the number of **nested braces** will also increase.

Method 1:

```
int x[2][3][4] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,  
20, 21, 22, 23};
```



Size of multidimensional arrays

- Total number of elements that can be stored in a multidimensional array can be calculated by multiplying the size of all the dimensions.

For example:

The array `int x[10][20]` can store total $(10*20) = 200$ elements.

Similarly array `int x[5][10][20]` can store total $(5*10*20) = 1000$ elements.

Two – dimensional array is the simplest form of a multidimensional array.



Key Points

- **Fixed Size:**

The size of an array must be specified at the time of declaration (for static arrays).

- **Contiguous Memory:**

Elements are stored in contiguous memory locations.

- **Indexing:**

Array indices start from 0 and go up to size - 1.

- **Boundary:**

Accessing out-of-bounds indices leads to undefined behavior.



Summary

- An **array** is a **variable that can store multiple values**. A **one dimensional array** is a set of single dimensional **arrays** of same size and type allocated in adjacent memory allocations.
- A **two dimensional array** is also defined as a table of data of same type arranged in rows and columns
- Total number of elements that can be stored in a multidimensional array can be calculated by **multiplying the size** of all the dimensions.

