

An array is a container that is used to store multiple values in a single variable, instead of declaring separate variables for each value.



- Arrays store data (elements) of the same type (that is, an array cannot store both integers and doubles, and so on..). Elements are stored in a sequence.
- Arrays are indexed from 0...size 1
- Each element in an array can be accessed using its index (inside square brackets [])
- The size of an array must be determined at compiletime, so the compiler knows how much memory to allocate for the array elements. The size of an array cannot be changed!

Note: Arrays and Lists are two different things!



Array Accessing/Indexing

An element of an array can be accessed using an index, which is a number that represents the position of the item in the array.

| int arr[4] = {3, 6, 2, 7}; | |
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| <pre>std::cout << arr[0];</pre> | <pre>std::cout << arr[1];</pre> |
| <pre>std::cout << arr[2];</pre> | <pre>std::cout << arr[3];</pre> |

If this array had a larger size (say 300), how would we print out all elements of the array? Definitely not 300 print statements! What's the alternative?

Array Accessing/Indexing

A **loop** can also be used to iterate through the items in an array!

int arr[4] = {3, 6, 2, 7}; for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++) { std::cout << arr[i] << std::endl;

Array Element Modification

std::string cities[3]; cities[0] = "Boston"; cities[1] = "San Francisco"; cities[2] = "Salt Lake City";

cities[1] = "Phoenix"; 🚺

Change San Francisco to Phoenix?

Passing Array into Function

 Arrays are <u>automatically</u> passed into functions <u>by reference</u>. So, any changes made to the array within the function will be reflected in the original array.

• In the function parameters, it's best to use empty brackets and pass in the array size separately as another parameter.



Passing Array into Function



Exercise (5 minutes)

In main, declare **myArr** (an integer array of size 5).

Pass the array into a function. Within that function:

- Use a loop to set each element of *myArr* to the value of its index multiplied by 2.
- Print each element of *myArr* separated by a whitespace (using another loop!)
- Now, print out all elements of *myArr* in reverse order!
 Expected Output:
 0 2 4 6 8

8 6 4 2 0

VECTORS

Similar to arrays, vectors are a sequence of elements of a single type. However, unlike arrays, **vectors can change in size.** This is because vectors are implemented as dynamic arrays, which means that they can grow and shrink as needed. This makes vectors a very flexible and powerful data structure.

The C++ vector class is very *nice* because it provides us with many methods/functions that we can call on our vector objects/instances.

Vector Declaration

First, you must #include <vector> header in your code

std::vector<int> myVect; // creates an empty vector
Note: You absolutely cannot index an empty vector.

// Create a vector to store 20 elements
 std::vector<int> myVec(20);
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Note: Even though this vector is initially created to store 20 integers, you can add more numbers to the vector.

Vector Declaration

First, you must #include <vector> header in your code

std::vector<int> myVect = {2, 9, 3, 4, 7, 4};

Note: This initialization at declaration method is called an **initializer list** and only works with c++17 and later. So, if you must use it, be sure to pass (at least) a c++17 flag to your compilation process.

Some Vector Class Methods

std::vector<double> myVec = {2.5, 3.7, 12.6, 8.2};

myVec.push_back(10.1); // appends 10.1 to the end of myVec myVec.pop_back(); // deletes the last element of myVec std::cout << myVec.size(); // prints out size of myVec bool isEmpty = myVec.empty(); std::cout << myVec.front() << " " << myVec.back() << std::endl; std::cout << myVec.at(2) << " " << myVec[2] << std::endl; myVec.clear();



Exercise (5 minutes)

In main, declare **names** (a vector of strings). Pass the vector into a void function <u>by reference</u>. Within that function:

- Add the following names to the vector one at a time: John, Sarah, Jasmine, Damian, Mai, Ciara
- Remove the last name from the vector

Back in main:

- Using a loop, print out all names in the vector, one on each line
- Print out the size of the vector
- Delete all contents of the vector

2-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS & VECTORS

A 2D array is *just* an array of arrays. Similarly, a 2D vector is a vector of vectors. We use multidimensional arrays to store a grid of items, like a chessboard or a spreadsheet.

The general rule of thumb is to use a 2D array if you know the size of the grid at compile time, and to use a 2D vector if you don't.

This is because 2D arrays are more efficient, but 2D vectors are more flexible because they can grow and shrink as needed.



2-DIMENSIONAL ARRAY & VECTOR DECLARATION

int myArr[4][4]; // Creates a 4x4 array









