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# C Programming for Engineers

## Arrays



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# Passing Arrays to Functions

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- To pass an array argument to a function, specify the **array's name without any brackets**.

- For example,

```
int hourlyTemperatures[HOURS_IN_A_DAY];  
modifyArray(hourlyTemperatures, HOURS_IN_A_DAY);
```

the function call passes array `hourlyTemperatures` and its size to function `modifyArray`.

- The name of the array evaluates to the address of the first element of the array.
- The called function *can modify* the element values in the callers' original arrays.

# Passing Array to Functions (1)

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```
1 // Fig. 6.13: fig06_13.c
2 // Passing arrays and individual array elements to functions.
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #define SIZE 5
5
6 // function prototypes
7 void modifyArray(int b[], size_t size);
8 void modifyElement(int e);
9
10 // function main begins program execution
11 int main(void)
12 {
13     int a[SIZE] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4}; // initialize array a
14
15     puts("Effects of passing entire array by reference:\n\nThe "
16         "values of the original array are:");
17
18     // output original array
19     for (size_t i = 0; i < SIZE; ++i) {
20         printf("%3d", a[i]);
21     }
22
23     puts(""); // outputs a newline
24
```

# Passing Array to Functions (2)

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```
25 modifyArray(a, SIZE); // pass array a to modifyArray by reference
26 puts("The values of the modified array are:");
27
28 // output modified array
29 for (size_t i = 0; i < SIZE; ++i) {
30     printf("%3d", a[i]);
31 }
32
33 // output value of a[3]
34 printf("\n\n\nEffects of passing array element "
35        "by value:\n\nThe value of a[3] is %d\n", a[3]);
36
37 modifyElement(a[3]); // pass array element a[3] by value
38
39 // output value of a[3]
40 printf("The value of a[3] is %d\n", a[3]);
41 }
42
```



# Passing Array to Functions (3)

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```
43 // in function modifyArray, "b" points to the original array "a"
44 // in memory
45 void modifyArray(int b[], size_t size)
46 {
47     // multiply each array element by 2
48     for (size_t j = 0; j < size; ++j) {
49         b[j] *= 2; // actually modifies original array
50     }
51 }
```

```
52
53 // in function modifyElement, "e" is a local copy of array element
54 // a[3] passed from main
55 void modifyElement(int e)
56 {
57     // multiply parameter by 2
58     printf("Value in modifyElement is %d\n", e *= 2);
59 }
```

# Passing Array to Functions (4)

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Effects of passing entire array by reference:

The values of the original array are:

0 1 2 3 4

The values of the modified array are:

0 2 4 6 8

Effects of passing array element by value:

The value of a[3] is 6

Value in modifyElement is 12

The value of a[3] is 6

# Memory location of Arrays

- array, &array and &array[0] have the same value, namely 0012FF78

```
1 // Fig. 6.12: fig06_12.c
2 // Array name is the same as the address of the array's first element.
3 #include <stdio.h>
4
5 // function main begins program execution
6 int main(void)
7 {
8     char array[5]; // define an array of size 5
9
10    printf("    array = %p\n&array[0] = %p\n    &array = %p\n",
11          array, &array[0], &array);
12 }
```

```
array = 0031F930
&array[0] = 0031F930
&array = 0031F930
```

# Protecting Array Elements

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- Function `tryToModifyArray` is defined with parameter `const int b[]`, which specifies that array `b` is constant and cannot be modified.
- The output shows the error messages produced by the compiler—the errors may be different for your compiler.

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```
1 // in function tryToModifyArray, array b is const, so it cannot be
2 // used to modify its array argument in the caller
3 void tryToModifyArray(const int b[])
4 {
5     b[0] /= 2; // error
6     b[1] /= 2; // error
7     b[2] /= 2; // error
8 }
```

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# Classwork Assignment

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- Search an Array: Write a program to initialize an array of size  $S$  with an initializer list. Also get a value for `num1` from user. Pass the array as well as `num1` to a function. Within the function, check each element of array whether it matches `num1`. If it matches, return 1, else return 0 to the `main` function.

# Binary Search – searching in a sorted array

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- The linear searching method works well for *small* or *unsorted* arrays.
- However, for large arrays linear searching is *inefficient*.
- If the array is sorted, the high-speed binary search technique can be used.
- The binary search algorithm eliminates from consideration *one-half* of the elements in a sorted array after each comparison.

# Binary Search – searching in a sorted array

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- The algorithm locates the *middle* element of the array and compares it to the search key.
- If they're equal, the search key is found and the index of that element is returned.
- If they're not equal, the problem is reduced to searching *one-half* of the array.
- If the search key is less than the middle element of the array, the *first half* of the array is searched, otherwise the *second half* of the array is searched.

# Demo

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➤ Demo from Princeton

<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/fall06/cos226/demo/demo-bsearch.ppt>

# Binary Search – C code (1)

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```
1 // Fig. 6.19: fig06_19.c
2 // Binary search of a sorted array.
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #define SIZE 15
5
6 // function prototypes
7 size_t binarySearch(const int b[], int searchKey, size_t low, size_t high);
8 void printHeader(void);
9 void printRow(const int b[], size_t low, size_t mid, size_t high);
10
11 // function main begins program execution
12 int main(void)
13 {
14     int a[SIZE]; // create array a
15
16     // create data
17     for (size_t i = 0; i < SIZE; ++i) {
18         a[i] = 2 * i;
19     }
20
21     printf("%s", "Enter a number between 0 and 28: ");
22     int key; // value to locate in array a
23     scanf("%d", &key);
24
```

# Binary Search – C code (2)

```
25     printHeader();
26
27     // search for key in array a
28     size_t result = binarySearch(a, key, 0, SIZE - 1);
29
30     // display results
31     if (result != -1) {
32         printf("\n%d found at index %d\n", key, result);
33     }
34     else {
35         printf("\n%d not found\n", key);
36     }
37 }
38
39 // function to perform binary search of an array
40 size_t binarySearch(const int b[], int searchKey, size_t low, size_t high)
41 {
42     // loop until low index is greater than high index
43     while (low <= high) {
44
45         // determine middle element of subarray being searched
46         size_t middle = (low + high) / 2;
47
```

# Binary Search – C code (3)

```
48 // display subarray used in this loop iteration
49 printRow(b, low, middle, high);
50
51 // if searchKey matched middle element, return middle
52 if (searchKey == b[middle]) {
53     return middle;
54 }
55
56 // if searchKey is less than middle element, set new high
57 else if (searchKey < b[middle]) {
58     high = middle - 1; // search low end of array
59 }
60
61 // if searchKey is greater than middle element, set new low
62 else {
63     low = middle + 1; // search high end of array
64 }
65 } // end while
66
67 return -1; // searchKey not found
68 }
69
```



# Binary Search – C code (4)

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```
70 // Print a header for the output
71 void printHeader(void)
72 {
73     puts("\nIndices:");
74
75     // output column head
76     for (unsigned int i = 0; i < SIZE; ++i) {
77         printf("%3u ", i);
78     }
79
80     puts(""); // start new line of output
81
82     // output line of - characters
83     for (unsigned int i = 1; i <= 4 * SIZE; ++i) {
84         printf("%s", "-");
85     }
86
87     puts(""); // start new line of output
88 }
89
```



# Binary Search – C code (5)

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```
90 // Print one row of output showing the current
91 // part of the array being processed.
92 void printRow(const int b[], size_t low, size_t mid, size_t high)
93 {
94     // loop through entire array
95     for (size_t i = 0; i < SIZE; ++i) {
96
97         // display spaces if outside current subarray range
98         if (i < low || i > high) {
99             printf("%s", "    ");
100        }
101        else if (i == mid) { // display middle element
102            printf("%3d*", b[i]); // mark middle value
103        }
104        else { // display other elements in subarray
105            printf("%3d ", b[i]);
106        }
107    }
108
109    puts(""); // start new line of output
110 }
```



# Binary Search – C code (6)

Enter a number between 0 and 28: 25

Indices:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14*	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
								16	18	20	22*	24	26	28
												24	26*	28
												24*		

25 not found

# Binary Search – C code (7)

Enter a number between 0 and 28: **8**

Indices:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
-----														
0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14*	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
0	2	4	6*	8	10	12								
				8	10*	12								
				8*										

8 found at index 4

Enter a number between 0 and 28: **6**

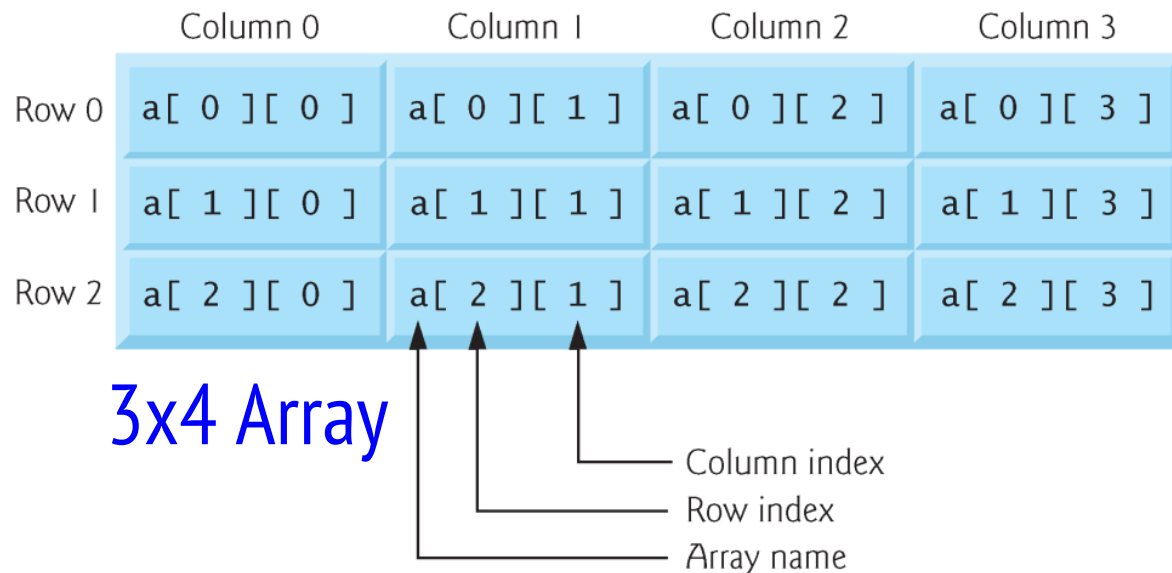
Indices:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
-----														
0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14*	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
0	2	4	6*	8	10	12								

6 found at index 3

# Multidimensional Arrays

- Arrays in C can have multiple indices.
- A common use of **multidimensional arrays** is to represent **tables** of values consisting of information arranged in *rows* and *columns*.
- Multidimensional arrays can have more than two indices.



# Initialization

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- Where it is defined
  - Braces for each dimension
    - `int b[2][2] = {{1, 2}, {3, 4}};`
  - If there are not enough initializers for a given row, the remaining elements of that row are initialized to 0.
    - `int b[2][2] = {{1}, {3, 4}};`
  - If the braces around each sublist are removed from the array1 initializer list, the compiler initializes the elements of the first row followed by the elements of the second row.
    - `int b[2][2] = {1, 2, 3, 4};`

# Multidimensional Array Example Code (1)

```
1 // Fig. 6.21: fig06_21.c
2 // Initializing multidimensional arrays.
3 #include <stdio.h>
4
5 void printArray(int a[][3]); // function prototype
6
7 // function main begins program execution
8 int main(void)
9 {
10     int array1[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};
11     puts("Values in array1 by row are:");
12     printArray(array1);
13
14     int array2[2][3] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
15     puts("Values in array2 by row are:");
16     printArray(array2);
17
18     int array3[2][3] = {{1, 2}, {4}};
19     puts("Values in array3 by row are:");
20     printArray(array3);
21 }
22
```



# Multidimensional Array Example Code (2)

```
23 // function to output array with two rows and three columns
24 void printArray(int a[][3])
25 {
26     // loop through rows
27     for (size_t i = 0; i <= 1; ++i) {
28
29         // output column values
30         for (size_t j = 0; j <= 2; ++j) {
31             printf("%d ", a[i][j]);
32         }
33
34         printf("\n"); // start new line of output
35     }
36 }
```

Values in array1 by row are:

1 2 3

4 5 6

Values in array2 by row are:

1 2 3

4 5 0

Values in array3 by row are:

1 2 0

4 0 0

# Two Dimensional Array Manipulation

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## ➤ Example

- `studentGrades[3][4]`
  - Row of the array represents a student.
  - Column represents a grade on one of the four exams the students took during the semester.
- The array manipulations are performed by four functions.
- Function `minimum` determines the lowest grade of any student for the semester.
  - Function `maximum` determines the highest grade of any student for the semester.
  - Function `average` determines a particular student's semester average.
  - Function `printArray` outputs the two-dimensional array in a neat, tabular format.



# 2D Array Manipulation Code (1)

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```
1 // Fig. 6.22: fig06_22.c
2 // Two-dimensional array manipulations.
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #define STUDENTS 3
5 #define EXAMS 4
6
7 // function prototypes
8 int minimum(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests);
9 int maximum(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests);
10 double average(const int setOfGrades[], size_t tests);
11 void printArray(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests);
12
13 // function main begins program execution
14 int main(void)
15 {
16     // initialize student grades for three students (rows)
17     int studentGrades[STUDENTS][EXAMS] =
18         { { 77, 68, 86, 73 },
19           { 96, 87, 89, 78 },
20           { 70, 90, 86, 81 } };
21
22     // output array studentGrades
23     puts("The array is:");
24     printArray(studentGrades, STUDENTS, EXAMS);
```

# 2D Array Manipulation Code (2)

```
25
26 // determine smallest and largest grade values
27 printf("\n\nLowest grade: %d\nHighest grade: %d\n",
28         minimum(studentGrades, STUDENTS, EXAMS),
29         maximum(studentGrades, STUDENTS, EXAMS));
30
31 // calculate average grade for each student
32 for (size_t student = 0; student < STUDENTS; ++student) {
33     printf("The average grade for student %u is %.2f\n",
34           student, average(studentGrades[student], EXAMS));
35 }
36 }
37
```

# 2D Array Manipulation Code (3)

```
38 // Find the minimum grade
39 int minimum(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests)
40 {
41     int lowGrade = 100; // initialize to highest possible grade
42
43     // loop through rows of grades
44     for (size_t i = 0; i < pupils; ++i) {
45
46         // loop through columns of grades
47         for (size_t j = 0; j < tests; ++j) {
48
49             if (grades[i][j] < lowGrade) {
50                 lowGrade = grades[i][j];
51             }
52         }
53     }
54
55     return lowGrade; // return minimum grade
56 }
57
```



# 2D Array Manipulation Code (4)

```
58 // Find the maximum grade
59 int maximum(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests)
60 {
61     int highGrade = 0; // initialize to lowest possible grade
62
63     // loop through rows of grades
64     for (size_t i = 0; i < pupils; ++i) {
65
66         // loop through columns of grades
67         for (size_t j = 0; j < tests; ++j) {
68
69             if (grades[i][j] > highGrade) {
70                 highGrade = grades[i][j];
71             }
72         }
73     }
74
75     return highGrade; // return maximum grade
76 }
77
```

# 2D Array Manipulation Code (5)

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```
78 // Determine the average grade for a particular student
79 double average(const int setOfGrades[], size_t tests)
80 {
81     int total = 0; // sum of test grades
82
83     // total all grades for one student
84     for (size_t i = 0; i < tests; ++i) {
85         total += setOfGrades[i];
86     }
87
88     return (double) total / tests; // average
89 }
90
```

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# 2D Array Manipulation Code (6)

```
91 // Print the array
92 void printArray(const int grades[][EXAMS], size_t pupils, size_t tests)
93 {
94     // output column heads
95     printf("%s", "                [0]  [1]  [2]  [3]");
96
97     // output grades in tabular format
98     for (size_t i = 0; i < pupils; ++i) {
99
100         // output label for row
101         printf("\nstudentGrades[%u] ", i);
102
103         // output grades for one student
104         for (size_t j = 0; j < tests; ++j) {
105             printf("%-5d", grades[i][j]);
106         }
107     }
108 }
```

# 2D Array Manipulation Code (7)

The array is:

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]
studentGrades[0]	77	68	86	73
studentGrades[1]	96	87	89	78
studentGrades[2]	70	90	86	81

Lowest grade: 68

Highest grade: 96

The average grade for student 0 is 76.00

The average grade for student 1 is 87.50

The average grade for student 2 is 81.75

# Classroom Assignment

- Matrix Addition/Subtraction – two matrices should have same number of rows and columns.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \cdots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} + b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & a_{m2} + b_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Addition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & 3+0 \\ 1+7 & 0+5 \\ 1+2 & 2+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 8 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtraction

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 3-0 \\ 1-7 & 0-5 \\ 1-2 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -6 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Variable Length Array

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- In early versions of C, all arrays had constant size.
- If size is unknown at compilation time
  - Use dynamic memory allocation with `malloc`
- The C standard allows a **variable-length array**
  - An array whose length, or size, is defined in terms of an expression evaluated at execution time.

# Variable Length Array Code (1)

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```
1 // Fig. 6.23: fig06_23.c
2 // Using variable-length arrays in C99
3 #include <stdio.h>
4
5 // function prototypes
6 void print1DArray(size_t size, int array[size]);
7 void print2DArray(int row, int col, int array[row][col]);
8
9 int main(void)
10 {
11     printf("%s", "Enter size of a one-dimensional array: ");
12     int arraySize; // size of 1-D array
13     scanf("%d", &arraySize);
14
15     int array[arraySize]; // declare 1-D variable-length array
16
17     printf("%s", "Enter number of rows and columns in a 2-D array: ");
18     int row1, col1; // number of rows and columns in a 2-D array
19     scanf("%d %d", &row1, &col1);
20
21     int array2D1[row1][col1]; // declare 2-D variable-length array
22 }
```



# Variable Length Array Code (2)

```
23     printf("%s",
24         "Enter number of rows and columns in another 2-D array: ");
25     int row2, col2; // number of rows and columns in another 2-D array
26     scanf("%d %d", &row2, &col2);
27
28     int array2D2[row2][col2]; // declare 2-D variable-length array
29
30     // test sizeof operator on VLA
31     printf("\nsizeof(array) yields array size of %d bytes\n",
32         sizeof(array));
33
34     // assign elements of 1-D VLA
35     for (size_t i = 0; i < arraySize; ++i) {
36         array[i] = i * i;
37     }
38
39     // assign elements of first 2-D VLA
40     for (size_t i = 0; i < row1; ++i) {
41         for (size_t j = 0; j < col1; ++j) {
42             array2D1[i][j] = i + j;
43         }
44     }
45
```



# Variable Length Array Code (3)

```
46 // assign elements of second 2-D VLA
47 for (size_t i = 0; i < row2; ++i) {
48     for (size_t j = 0; j < col2; ++j) {
49         array2D2[i][j] = i + j;
50     }
51 }
52
53 puts("\nOne-dimensional array:");
54 print1DArray(arraySize, array); // pass 1-D VLA to function
55
56 puts("\nFirst two-dimensional array:");
57 print2DArray(row1, col1, array2D1); // pass 2-D VLA to function
58
59 puts("\nSecond two-dimensional array:");
60 print2DArray(row2, col2, array2D2); // pass other 2-D VLA to function
61 }
62
63 void print1DArray(size_t size, int array[size])
64 {
65     // output contents of array
66     for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
67         printf("array[%d] = %d\n", i, array[i]);
68     }
69 }
```

# Variable Length Array Code (4)

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```
70
71 void print2DArray(size_t row, size_t col, int array[row][col])
72 {
73     // output contents of array
74     for (size_t i = 0; i < row; ++i) {
75         for (size_t j = 0; j < col; ++j) {
76             printf("%5d", array[i][j]);
77         }
78
79         puts("");
80     }
81 }
```

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# Variable Length Array Code (5)

```
Enter size of a one-dimensional array: 6
Enter number of rows and columns in a 2-D array: 2 5
Enter number of rows and columns in another 2-D array: 4 3
```

sizeof(array) yields array size of 24 bytes

One-dimensional array:

```
array[0] = 0
array[1] = 1
array[2] = 4
array[3] = 9
array[4] = 16
array[5] = 25
```

First two-dimensional array:

```
0  1  2  3  4
1  2  3  4  5
```

Second two-dimensional array:

```
0  1  2
1  2  3
2  3  4
3  4  5
```