APS105: Lecture 17

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Arrays in Functions





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Arrays in Functions

Indexed variables can be arguments to functions

Example: If a program contains these declarations:

int i, n, a[10]; void my_function(int n);

 Variables a[0] through a[9] are of type int, making these calls legal:

> my_function(a[0]); my_function(a[3]); my_function(a[i]);

Display 7.3

Arrays as Function Arguments

A formal parameter can be for an entire array

- Such a parameter is called an array parameter
 - It is not a call-by-value parameter
 - It is not a call-by-reference parameter
 - Array parameters behave much like call-byreference parameters

Array Parameter Declaration

 An array parameter is indicated using empty brackets in the parameter list such as

void fill_up(int a[], int size);

Function Calls With Arrays

- If function fill_up is declared in this way: void fill_up(int a[], int size);
- and array score is declared this way: int score[5], number_of_scores;
 - fill_up is called in this way:
 fill_up(score, number_of_scores);



Function Call Details

A formal parameter is identified as an array parameter by the []'s with no index expression

void fill_up(int a[], int size);

An array argument does not use the []'s

fill_up(score, number_of_scores);

Array Formal Parameters

- An array formal parameter is a placeholder for the argument
 - When an array is an argument in a function call, an action performed on the array parameter is performed on the array argument
 - The values of the indexed variables can be changed by the function

Array Argument Details

What does the computer know about an array?

- The base type
- The address of the first indexed variable
- The number of indexed variables
- What does a function know about an array argument?
 - The base type
 - The address of the first indexed variable

How does the function know how to access the array elements?

- To access element i, the function uses the formula
 - address in memory of element i =
 start address of array + i * element size
 - Start address of array = address of first element in array
 - E.g.

score[2] is an indexed variable to the location identified by the above formula

Array Parameter Considerations

- Because a function does not know the size of an array argument...
 - The programmer should include a formal parameter that specifies the size of the array
 - The function can process arrays of various sizes
 - Function fill_up from Display 7.4 can be used to fill an array of any size:

fill_up(score, 5);
fill_up(time, 10);

const Modifier

- Array parameters allow a function to change the values stored in the array argument
- If a function should not change the values of the array argument, use the modifier const
- An array parameter modified with const is a constant array parameter
 - Example:

void show_the_world(const int a[], int size);

Using const With Arrays

- If const is used to modify an array parameter:
 - const is used in both the function declaration and definition to modify the array parameter
 - The compiler will issue an error if you write code that changes the values stored in the array parameter

Function Calls and const

- If a function with a constant array parameter calls another function using the const array parameter as an argument...
 - The called function must use a constant array parameter as a placeholder for the array
 - The compiler will issue an error if a function is called that does not have a const array parameter to accept the array argument

const Parameters Example

double compute_average(int a[], int size);

```
void show_difference(const int a[], int size)
{
    double average = compute_average(a, size);
    ...
}
```

- compute_average has no constant array parameter
- This code generates an error message because compute_average could change the array parameter

Returning An Array

- Recall that functions can return a value of type int, double, char, ..., or a class type
- Functions cannot return arrays
- We learn later how to return a pointer to an array



Programming with Arrays





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Programming With Arrays

- The size needed for an array is changeable
 - Often varies from one run of a program to another
 - Is often not known when the program is written
- A common solution to the size problem
 - Declare the array size to be the largest that could be needed
 - Decide how to deal with partially filled arrays

Partially Filled Arrays

- When using arrays that are partially filled
 - Functions dealing with the array may not need to know the declared size of the array, only how many elements are stored in the array
 - A parameter, number_used, may be sufficient to ensure that referenced index values are legal
 - A function such as fill_array in Display 7.9 needs to know the declared size of the array

Display 7.9 (2)

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Display 7.9 (1

Display 7.9 (3)

Constants as Arguments

- When function fill_array (Display 7.9) is called, MAX_NUMBER_SCORES is used as an argument
 - Can't MAX_NUMBER_SCORES be used directly without making it an argument?
 - Using MAX_NUMBER_SCORES as an argument makes it clear that fill_array requires the array's declared size
 - This makes fill_array easier to be used in other programs



Multidimensional Arrays





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Multi-Dimensional Arrays

- C++ allows arrays with multiple index values
 - char page [30] [100];
 declares an array of characters named page
 - page has two index values: The first ranges from 0 to 29 The second ranges from 0 to 99
 - Each index in enclosed in its own brackets
 - Page can be visualized as an array of 30 rows and 100 columns

Index Values of page

 The indexed variables for array page are page[0][0], page[0][1], ..., page[0][99] page[1][0], page[1][1], ..., page[1][99]

page[29][0], page[29][1], ..., page[29][99]

page is actually an array of size 30
 page's base type is an array of 100 characters

Multidimensional Array Parameters

- Recall that the size of an array is not needed when declaring a formal parameter: void display_line(const char a[], int size);
- The base type of a multi-dimensional array must be completely specified in the parameter declaration
 - void display_page(const char page[][100], int size_dimension_1);

```
//Illustrates the use of an indexed variable as an argument.
//Adds 5 to each employee's allowed number of vacation days.
#include <iostream>
const int NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES = 3;
int adjust_days(int old_days);
//Returns old_days plus 5.
int main()
{
    using namespace std;
    int vacation[NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES], number;
    cout << "Enter allowed vacation days for employees 1"
         << " through " << NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES << ":\n";
    for (number = 1; number <= NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES; number++)</pre>
        cin >> vacation[number-1];
    for (number = 0; number < NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES; number++)</pre>
        vacation[number] = adjust_days(vacation[number]);
    cout << "The revised number of vacation days are:\n";</pre>
    for (number = 1; number <= NUMBER_OF_EMPLOYEES; number++)</pre>
        cout << "Employee number " << number</pre>
             << " vacation days = " << vacation[number-1] << end];
    return 0;
}
int adjust_days(int old_days)
{
    return (old_days + 5);
}
```

Sample Dialogue

Enter allowed vacation days for employees 1 through 3: **10 20 5** The revised number of vacation days are: Employee number 1 vacation days = 15 Employee number 2 vacation days = 25 Employee number 3 vacation days = 10



Display 7.4



Function with an Array Parameter

Function Declaration

void fill_up(int a[], int size);
//Precondition: size is the declared size of the array a.
//The user will type in size integers.
//Postcondition: The array a is filled with size integers
//from the keyboard.

Function Definition

```
//Uses iostream:
void fill_up(int a[], int size)
{
    using namespace std;
    cout << "Enter " << size << " numbers:\n";
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
        cin >> a[i];
    size--;
    cout << "The last array index used is " << size << endl;
}
```

Partially Filled Array (part 1 of 3)

//Shows the difference between each of a list of golf scores and their average.
#include <iostream>
const int MAX_NUMBER_SCORES = 10;

void fill_array(int a[], int size, int& number_used);
//Precondition: size is the declared size of the array a.
//Postcondition: number_used is the number of values stored in a.
//a[0] through a[number_used-1] have been filled with
//nonnegative integers read from the keyboard.

double compute_average(const int a[], int number_used);
//Precondition: a[0] through a[number_used-1] have values; number_used > 0.
//Returns the average of numbers a[0] through a[number_used-1].

void show_difference(const int a[], int number_used);
//Precondition: The first number_used indexed variables of a have values.
//Postcondition: Gives screen output showing how much each of the first
//number_used elements of a differs from their average.

```
int main()
{
```

```
using namespace std;
int score[MAX_NUMBER_SCORES], number_used;
cout << "This program reads golf scores and shows\n"</pre>
```

```
<< "how much each differs from the average.n;
```

```
cout << "Enter golf scores:\n";
fill_array(score, MAX_NUMBER_SCORES, number_used);
show_difference(score, number_used);
```

```
return 0;
```

}

```
//Uses iostream:
void fill_array(int a[], int size, int& number_used)
{
    using namespace std;
    cout << "Enter up to " << size << " nonnegative whole numbers.\n"
        << "Mark the end of the list with a negative number.\n";</pre>
```

Display 7.9 (1/3)



Partially Filled Array (part 2 of 3)

```
int next, index = 0;
    cin >> next;
    while ((next >= 0) && (index < size))</pre>
    {
        a[index] = next;
        index++;
        cin >> next;
    }
    number_used = index;
}
double compute_average(const int a[], int number_used)
{
    double total = 0;
    for (int index = 0; index < number_used; index++)</pre>
        total = total + a[index];
    if (number used > 0)
    {
        return (total/number_used);
    }
    else
    {
        using namespace std;
        cout << "ERROR: number of elements is 0 in compute_average.\n"</pre>
              << "compute_average returns 0.\n";
        return 0;
    }
}
void show_difference(const int a[], int number_used)
{
    using namespace std;
    double average = compute_average(a, number_used);
    cout << "Average of the " << number_used</pre>
         << " scores = " << average << end]
         << "The scores are:\n";
    for (int index = 0; index < number_used; index++)</pre>
    cout << a[index] << " differs from average by "</pre>
         << (a[index] - average) << end];
}
```



Display 7.9 (3/3)



Partially Filled Array (part 3 of 3)

Sample Dialogue

```
This program reads golf scores and shows
how much each differs from the average.
Enter golf scores:
Enter up to 10 nonnegative whole numbers.
Mark the end of the list with a negative number.
69 74 68 -1
Average of the 3 scores = 70.3333
The scores are:
69 differs from average by -1.33333
74 differs from average by 3.66667
68 differs from average by -2.33333
```