

# **UNIT 6.**

# **STRUCTURED DATA TYPES**

## **PART 1: ARRAYS**

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# Structured data types vs simple data types

- Data can have an internal data structure
  - **Unstructured (simple) data types**
    - Data with a single element and a single value
      - *Numbers*: integer , float
      - *Characters*: char
      - Pointers
      - void
  - **Structured data types**
    - Data with an internal structure, not a single element
      - Character strings
      - Arrays and matrices
      - Structures



# ARRAYS

## Concept of array

- **Collection of elements** of the same type named with the same global identifier
- Individual elements of the array are identified by an **index** corresponding to the position of in the array
  - The index is ALWAYS an integer expression
- Dimensions of an array
  - One-dimensional array: vector
  - More than one dimension: matrix
    - Two-dimension array: table, with rows and columns

# Data structure to store the mean temperature of Madrid of each month of the year

One dimension = vector

<code>float temperature[365]</code>					
0	1	2	3		364
6.2	6.5	9.0	10.7	.....	1.0

- All elements of the same type (float)
- Share a name: temperature
- Each element has a different value
- Each element is identified with an index: [0], [1], ..., [11]
- Use the index to access the element
  - E.g.: Assign March temperature (third month)

```
temperature [2] = 17.5;
```

In C, Index of first element is 0 (not 1)

## Data structure to store information regarding a movie theatre

- Value  
(0 free, 1 occupied)



0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0



**Dos dimensiones**

- All elements share the name (**theatre**)
- Individual elements are identified by the indexes
  - In this case index will be row and column

```
theatre [0] [0] = 0;  
theatre [2] [3] = 1;
```

Row                    Column

Two green arrows point from the labels "Row" and "Column" to the index values [0] and [1] respectively in the code above.

*Data structure to store information from three computer labs – who is using a computer?*

- Three labs with four rows and five columns of desks
    - We store the students' id of the student using the computer

```
int tab[3][4][5]
```

A 5x5 matrix diagram with red labels Row 0, Column 0, and lab.

The matrix has the following values:

	Column	0	1	2	3	4	
Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1022	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
lab						0	2

## Declaring an array:

- What info do we need to specify to declare an array
  - Data type of the array elements
  - Name of the array
  - Number of dimensions
  - Number of elements for each dimension
- This tells the computer how much memory to allocate for this variable
  - n variables of the same type
  - Stored in consecutive cells in memory
- Datatypes of array elements
  - Array elements can be
    - Simple: integer, real, char
    - Structured: strings, an other array, a structure (Unit 6. Part 2)

# Declaring a vector

- Declaring a vector (one dimension)

- Template

```
<data type> <array name> [size];
```

- Size has to be an integer literal or an integer constant

- Example:

```
int vectorInt[10];
```

- array (vector) of 10 values of type int
  - Individual elements identified by the index

5	7	15	1	.....	250
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Index: 0      1      2      3      .....      9

- Other examples

```
float temperature[365];
```

# Declaring a matrix

- More than one dimensions

**<data type> <array name> [constant 1] [cte2].... [cteN];**

- Each constant indicates the number of elements in that dimension
- Example 1: Two dimensional array to store an image of size 800 x 600 in black and white

**int image [800] [600];**

- Example 2: Three dimensional array to store the initial letter of the name of the people at a movies theatre with rows, 15 columns and three levels

**char theatre [30] [15] [3];**

- Datatype : char
- Name : theatre
- dimensions: 3
- Number of elements per dimension: 30, 15 y 3

## Declaring arrays: arrays of arrays

- A two dimension matrix can be interpreted as a vector whose elements are vectors

```
int image [800] [600];
```

- Can be seen as a vector of 800 elements, where each element is a vector of 600 elements
- This can be generalized to more dimensions
  - A three dimensional matrix can be seen as a vector where each element is a two dimensional matrix

# Array and pointers

- In C there is a close relationship between arrays and pointers
  - The **name** of the array is a variable that stores the **memory address** of the first element of the array
    - i.e. the name of the array is a pointer: the memory address of the first element in the array
  - You can access array elements using the address of the first element + the distance of your element to the first
    - `elemento3= *(array+2)`
    - `// equal to elemento3= array[2]`
    - We will not use this notation,

## Using arrays: element by element

- In C you can't do operations with an array as a block
  - Print, scan, assign, compare – element by element
  - Other languages can handle arrays as a whole
- Array names are pointers ..
  - `int myTable [800] [600]`
  - `printf("%i", myTable );`
    - Prints the memory address of the first element of the array (the pointer)

## Assigning values

- Assign value to an element identified by its index

```
theatre [1] [3] [1]= 1;
```

```
marks [25]= 10;
```

```
image [0] [0]=1;
```

- Indexes are integer variables, literals or expressions

- Temperature[11]              Temperature[i+j-7]

- Indexes have to be in the correct range

- From 0 to size-1

- It's not possible to assign a value to the array as a whole

```
image =0; //error
```

# Initializing

- You can declare the array and then assign initial values element by element

```
int list[5];  
list[0]=6;  
list[1]=2;  
list[2]=7;  
list[3]=4;  
list[4]=8;
```

- Or you can declare and initialize in one single instruction
  - As with simple datatypes (int a=6;)

## Declare + initialize: vectors

- Only exception where you can handle your array as a unit
  - `int list[5]={6, 2, 7, 4, 8};`
  - You can omit the number of elements only if you initialize
    - The number of elements will be used by the computers to assign vector size
    - `int list []={6, 2, 7, 4, 8};`

## Declare + initialize: matrix

- Declaring and initializing arrays of more than one dimension
  - Initialized as a vector of vectors

```
int list [3][2]={  
    {0,1},  
    {10,11},  
    {20,21}  
};
```

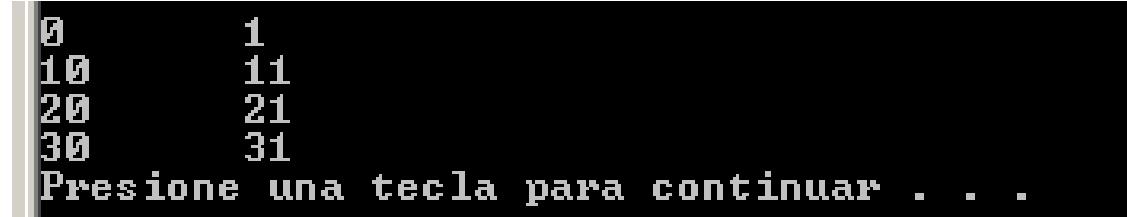
- list is a vector of three elements, where each element is a vector of two elements
- You can omit the size of the first dimension...

```
int list [] [2]={  
    {0,1},  
    {10,11},  
    {20,21}  
};
```

# Printing arrays

- One element
  - `printf ("This is the colour of the third pixel in the fourth column %i:", image [2][3] );`
- Whole array (remember elements one by one)

```
int array[4][2];
int i, j;
for (i=0; i<4; i++) {
    for (j=0; j<2; j++) {
        printf ("%i\t", array[i][j]);
    }
    printf("\n");
}
```



The terminal window displays the following output:

0	1
10	11
20	21
30	31

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## Reading arrays:

- One element

```
printf ("Enter the colour of the third pixel in the  
second column\n");
```

```
scanf("%i", & image[2][1]); // use &, we read an int
```

- Whole array

```
int myArray[4][2];  
for (i=0; i<4; i++) {  
    for (j=0; j<2; j++) {  
        printf ("Enter element %i %i:", i, j);  
        scanf ("%i", &myArray [i][j]);  
    }  
}
```

```
Introduzca el elemento 0 0:0  
Introduzca el elemento 0 1:1  
  
Introduzca el elemento 1 0:10  
Introduzca el elemento 1 1:11  
  
Introduzca el elemento 2 0:20  
Introduzca el elemento 2 1:21  
  
Introduzca el elemento 3 0:30  
Introduzca el elemento 3 1:31
```



## 6.1.2 STRINGS

# String variables

- Strings are a vector where the elements are chars
- But with one distinctive feature
  - An extra char is added at the end of the string
  - This extra char is the null character, '\0', whose ASCII code 0
  - This null character is added automatically by the computer
- Strings are declared and used as vectors with some distinctive features
  - Declare and initialize as a vector or ..
    - Can also be initialized to a string literal ("Hello")
  - Assign and compare as vector (element by element) or..
    - using library functions (library string.h): strcpy, strcmp
  - Print and read as a vector (element by element) or ...
    - using printf and scanf with %s format descriptor

# Declaring and initializing strings

- Declaring a vector of char and a string is identical

- `char MyVector [LENGTH];`
  - `char MyString [LENGTH];`

- Declaring and initializing

- Can be initialized as vectors of chars but adding the null char at the end

- Vectors of chars
    - `char vector_hello1 [] = { 'H', 'o', 'l', 'a' };`
    - `char vector_hello2 [4] = { 'H', 'o', 'l', 'a' };`
  - String
    - `char string_hello1 [] = { 'H', 'o', 'l', 'a', '\0' };`
    - `char string_hello2 [5] = { 'H', 'o', 'l', 'a', '\0' };`

- Strings can also be initialized to string literals

- If size is not specified an extra space is allocated for the null character

- `char string_hello3 [] = "Hola" ;`
    - `char string[1024] = "A random string in C";`
    - `char empty_string [] = "";`

- Note: this notation is only valid for declaring + initializing
      - Not to assign a value to a variable

## Assigning values to strings: strcpy

- Assign operator not working with strings
  - It would copy a pointer into a pointer, not the strings
  - MyString = myName; // **¡¡no!!**
  - MyString = "hola"; // **¡¡no!!**
- Instead use function *string copy* **strcpy**
  - Library string.h
    - strcpy (MyString, myName);
    - strcpy (MyString, "Paula");
  - Arguments: two string variables or a string variable and a string literal
  - Assigns the value of the second string to the first
- Alternative?: copy element by element

```
string [0]='h';
string [1]='o';
string [2]='l';
string [3]='a';
string [4]='\0';
```

## Comparing strings: strcmp

- Strings can't be compared as simple variables
  - If (myString == myName)
  - You'd be comparing pointers!
- Use function string compare: strcmp

```
int main(void) {
    int result;
    char example1[50], char example2[50];

    // assign values to our strings
    strcpy(example1, "C programming is useful");
    strcpy(example2, "C programming is fun");
    // Compare the two strings provided
    result = strcmp(example1, example2);
    if (result == 0)
        printf("Strings are the same\n");
    else
        printf("Strings are different\n");
    return (0);
}
```

# Joining strings (concatenate): strcat

- `strcat` concatenates two strings

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

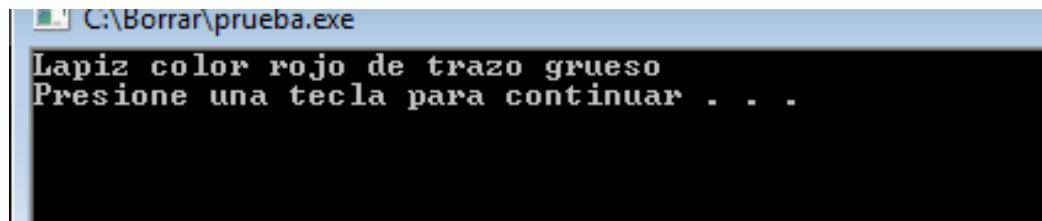
int main(void) {
    char color[]="rojo";
    char grosor[]="grueso";

    char descripcion[1024];

    strcpy(descripcion, "Lapiz color ");
    strcat (descripcion, color);
    strcat(descripcion, " de trazo ");
    strcat (descripcion, grosor);

    printf ("%s\n", descripcion);

    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```



# Example: strcpy and strcat

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#define LEN    80

int main (void)
{
    //Variable declaration
    char name[LEN];
    char surnames[LEN];
    char fullName[LEN *2];

    printf ("name?:\n");
    scanf ("%s", name);

    printf ("surname(s)?:\n");
    scanf ("%s", surnames);

    // 1. Initialize to empty string
    strcpy (fullName, "");

    //2. concatenate name
    strcat(fullName, name);

    // 3. concatenate blank space
    strcat(fullName, " ");

    // 4. concatenate surnames
    strcat(fullName, surnames);

    // 5. Print full name
    printf("Your full name is : %s\n",
    fullName);

    return 0;
}
```

# Finding the length of a string: strlen

```
//strlen - string length - gets the length of a string  
tam=strlen(MyString) ;
```

- Example:
  - Write your own code to find a string length:
    - Strings end with a null character ('\0')
    - This is used to find the length of the string

```
i=0;  
while (MyString[i] !='\0')  
    i++;  
tam = i; // or i+1 if we want to count the null char
```

# Reading and printing strings

- As seen in Unit 3
  - Format specifier for string variables and string literals %s
  - When using scanf with strings, address of operator not needed, '&'
    - Function scanf takes a pointer as parameter (pass by reference)
    - The string name is already a pointer

```
char str[100];
printf ("Enter string: ");
scanf ("%s", str);
printf ("String is: %s", str);
```

Enter string: hello world  
String is: hello



# ARRAYS AS PARAMETERS OF FUNCTIONS

# Arrays as parameters of functions

- A function can take an array as parameter
- But a function can't return an array using return
  - return used only with simple data
- A function can modify an array if it is passed to it as a parameter
- Arrays are always passed to functions by reference
  - .. The name of the array is a pointer (memory address of the first element)
- Syntax
  - Call to the function (actual parameters): just the array name
  - Header and prototype (formal parameters): name+ data type+ dimensions

# Matrices and vectors as parameters : syntax

- Declaration (prototype) and definition (header) – formal parameters
  - Use name of the array, type of data and dimensions
    - same syntax used when you declare the array

```
int myFunction (int matrix[ROW][COL]){
    int myFunctionVect (int vector[SIZE]) {
```

- Call to the function – actual parameters
  - Use only the name of the array

```
resu = myFunction (myMatrix);
Resu = myFunctionVect(myVector);
```

- Size of the array in the main and in the function has to be the same
  - We typically use constants to define it

# Example 1

Find the maximum of a two dimensional matrix (a table)

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define ROW 2
#define COL 3

int findMax (int a[ROW] [COL]);
void printMatrix(int a[ROW] [COL]);

int main(void) {
    int matrix[ROW] [COL];
    int i, j;
    // We assign some values to the matrix elements
    for (i=0; i<ROW; i++)
        for (j=0; j<COL; j++)
            matrix [i] [j]=i+j;

    printMatrix (matrix);
    printf ("The maximum is %i\n", findMax (matrix));

    return 0;
}
```

```
int findMax(int a[ROW][COL]) {
    int i, j, max;
    max=a[0][0];
    for (i=0; i<ROW; i++)
        for (j=0; j<COL; j++)
            if (max<a[i][j])
                max=a[i][j];
    return max;
}

void printMatrix (int a[ROW][COL]) {
    int i, j;
    for (i=0; i<ROW; i++) {
        for (j=0; j<COL; j++)
            printf("%i\t", a[i][j]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
    return;
}
```

- Write a function that takes a table (two dimensions) as parameter and adds up all the elements

## Example 2

Function to read a vector

```
#define TAM 5

void getVector(int a[]);

int main(void) {
    int v[TAM];
    printf("Enter the vector elements\n");
    getVector(v);
    return 0;
}

void getVector(int a[]) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<TAM; i++)
        scanf("%i", &a[i]);
    return;
}
```

function getVector will only work with vectors of size 5

# Omitting the size of the first dimension to work with vectors of different sizes

- You can omit the size of the **first** dimension when declaring a function
  - This code will work with vectors/matrices of different sizes

```
int myFunction (int matrix[][][COL]){
    int myFunctionVect (int vector[]){
```

- Call to the function remains the same

```
resu = myFunction (myMatrix);
Resu = myFunctionVect(myVector);
```

- **Only the first** dimension: It's not possible to omit the size of the second, third... dimensions
  - Therefore it's not possible to work with multidimensional arrays of varying sizes
- To overcome this: dynamic memory
  - We don't see this – but we introduce it in Unit 8

## Example 3

Function to read vectors of different sizes

```
void getVector(int a[], int longitud);

int main(void) {
    int v[256];
    printf("Enter the vector elements\n");
    getVector(v, 256);
    return 0;
}

void getVector (int a[], int len) {
    // arguments: a--vector to read
    //             len--length of the vector
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<len; i++)
        scanf("%i", &a[i]);
    return;
}
```

New version of function getVector can read vectors of any length

Vector a is a parameter, but declared without specifying its length

The actual length is now a parameter

## Example 4

Program that reads two vectors and copies them to a third vector

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define L1 5
#define L2 3

void copyVectors (int v1[], int v2[], int v3[], int len1, int len2);
void getVector(int v[], int vectorLength);
void printVector(int v[], int vectorLength);
```

```
int main(void)
{
    int va[L1], vb[L2], vc[L1+L2];

    printf("Enter values for vector 1\n");
    getVector(va, L1);
    printVector(" Enter values for vector 2\n");
    readVector(vb, L2);

    copyVectors(va, vb, vc, L1, L2);

    printf("The vectors you entered are\n");
    printVector(va, L1);
    printVector(vb, L2);
    printf("And the two vectors together are");
    printVector(vc, L1+L2);
    return 0;
}
```

```
void copyVectors (int v1[], int v2[], int v3[], int len1, int len2) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i< len1+len2; i++) {
        if (i<len1)
            v3[i]=v1[i];
        else
            v3[i]=v2[i-t1];
    }
    return;
}

void getVector(int v[], int vectorLength) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i< vectorLength; i++)
        scanf ("%i", &v[i]);
    return;
}

void printVector(int v[], int vectorLength) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i< vectorLength; i++)
        printf ("%i\n", v[i]);
    return;
}
```

# const keyword in function arguments

- **const** keyword can be used to force the compiler to check that a given argument is not changed within the function
  - if by mistake you try to modify a const argument , the compiler will throw an error
- Uses
  - Extra security check when passing parameters by value
    - `int findMinimum (const int n1, const int n2, const int n3){`
  - Extra security check for arrays
    - Arrays are always passed by reference
    - Use const for input data if you want to make sure you don't modify them

```
int sumVector(const int v[LEN]){
    for (i=0; i<LEN; i++)
        sum= sum + v[i];
    v[1] = 7; // the compiler will see this and generate error
}
```

## Example 4 bis

Modify the headers in Example 4 using `const` as an extra check for input vectors

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE1 5
#define SIZE2 3

void copyVectors (int const v1[], const int v2[], int v3[],
                  int len1, int len2);
void getVector(int v[], int vectorLength);
void printVector(int const v[], int vectorLength);
```

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