



# Multidimensional Arrays

2D static array

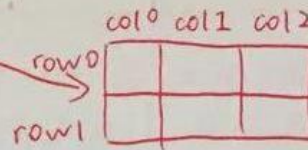
Beginning address of where array is in memory

• `data_type array_name[rows][cols];`

– `int array[2][3];`

– `int array[4][2][3];`

– `int array[2][4][2][3];`



You can have arrays of more than 2 dimensions

• What are examples of these?

– 2-D – Matrices, Spreadsheet, Minesweeper, Battleship, etc.

– 3-D – Multiple Spreadsheets, (x, y, z) system

– 4-D – (x, y, z, time) system

\* 2D static array has contiguous memory on the stack



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## Initializing 2-D Arrays

(static)

0,0	0,1	0,2
1,0	1,1	1,2

columns  
in row

• **Declaration:** `int array[2][3] = {{0,0,0},{0,0,0}};`

• **Individual elements:** `array[0][0]=0;`

`array[0][1]=0; array[0][2]=0;`

`array[1][0]=0; array[1][1]=0;`

`array[1][2]=0;`

this is not good if your array is large!

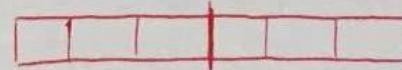
• **Loop:** *Better choice*

C/C++ is row major, the memory is laid out by row  
This is how it looks like in memory:

rows for outer loop → `for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)`

cols for inner loop → `for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)`

`array[i][j]=0;`



first row second row

\* The number of cols is called "stride", in this case, it is 3.

• **Why do we need multiple brackets?**

To specify each element in the 2D array. To interpret `array[i][j]`, it is:

from starting point of the array +  $(i * \text{stride}) + j$

# Reading/Printing 2-D Arrays



- Reading Array Values

```
for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)  
  for(j = 0; j < 3; j++) {  
    cout << "Enter a value for " << i << ", " << j << ":  
    ";  
    cin >> array[i][j];  
  }
```

*Both start at 0*

*specify rows*

*specify cols*

*Use double brackets to access content*

- Printing Array Values

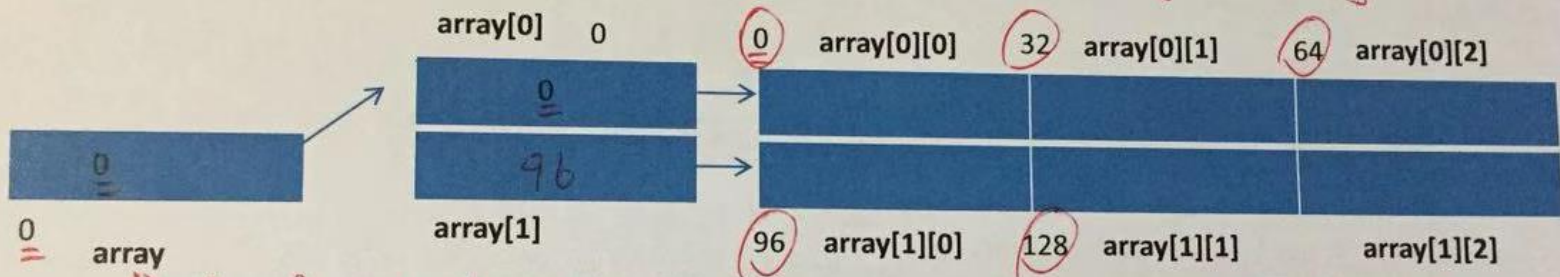
```
for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)  
  for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)  
    cout << "Array: " << array[i][j] <<  
endl;
```

# Static vs. Dynamic 2-D arrays...



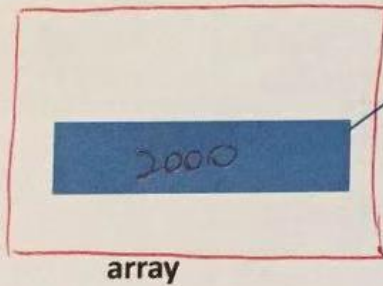
stack                      heap                      double pointers  
 stack    e.g. int array [2][3]

This is done at compile time

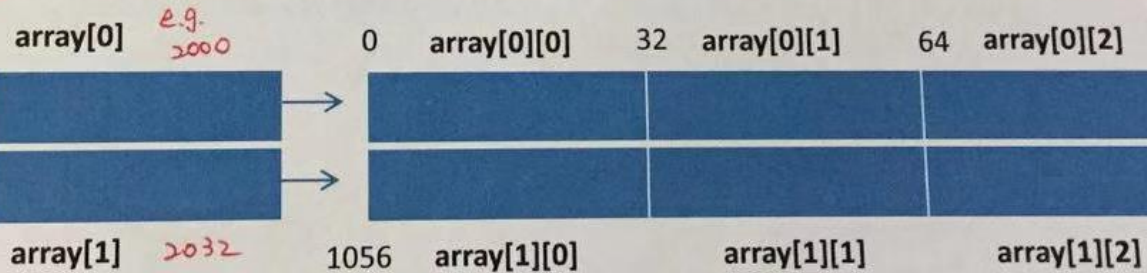


↑ self-ref constant pointer, which means array, &array, array[0], &array[0][0] are the same  
 In this case, 0.

stack



Heap



Notice: it is not contiguous

e.g. int \*\* array;

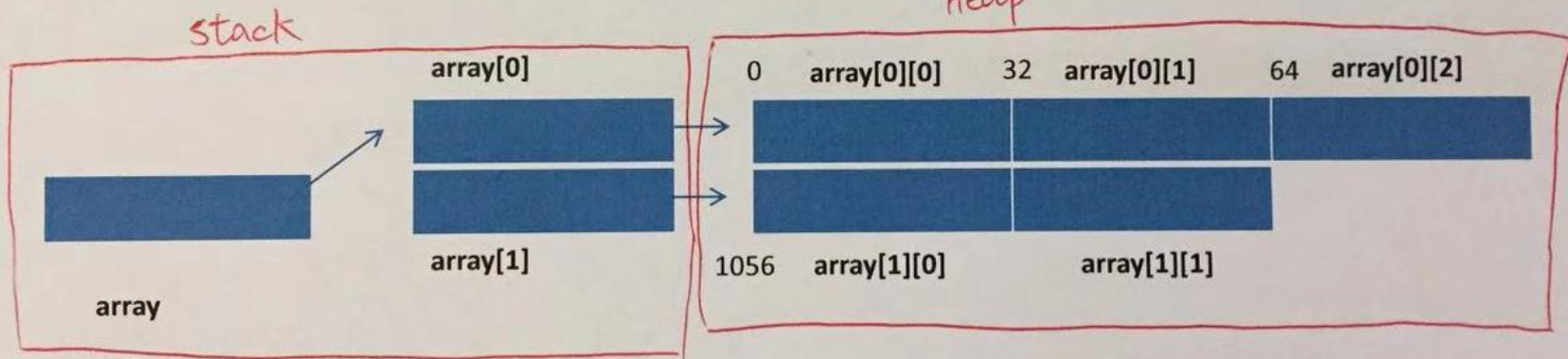
array = new int\*[2];

array[0] = new int[3];  
 array[1] = new int[3];

# Jagged Arrays

at compile time, you know the # of rows

```
int *array[2];  
array[0] = new int[3];  
array[1] = new int[2];
```



# Passing a 2-D Array (Static)



```
int main() {  
    int array[5][5];  
    ...  
    pass_2darray(array);  
    ...  
}
```

*stride (# of cols)*

```
void pass_2darray(int a[5][5]) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}
```

*You can pass both, but not necessary*

**OR**

```
void pass_2darray(int a[][5]) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}
```

*stride (# of cols) is necessary*

# Passing a 2-D Array (Dynamic)



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```
int main() {  
    int **array;  
    ...  
    pass_2darray(array);  
    ...  
}  
void pass_2darray(int *a[]) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}  
OR  
void pass_2darray(int **a) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}
```

## Passing a 2-D Array (Dynamic)



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```
int main() {  
    int *array[2];  
    ...  
    pass_2darray(array);  
    ...  
}  
void pass_2darray(int *a[]) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}
```

**OR**

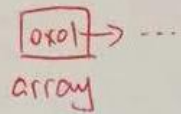
```
void pass_2darray(int **a) {  
    cout << "Array at zero: " << a[0][0] << endl;  
}
```



# Create 2-D Array in Functions

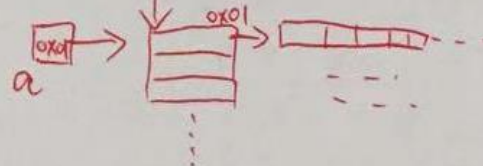


```
int main() {  
    int **array;  
    ...  
    array = create_2darray(rows, cols);  
    ...  
}
```



```
int **create_2darray(int r, int c) {  
    int **a; ← temporary double pointers  
    a = new int*[r];  
    for(int i=0; i<r; i++)  
        a[i] = new int[c];  
    return a;  
}
```

Can't put these onto stack since once you leave the function, the stack memory here will be popped off



return the memory address a is pointing to

# Create 2-D Array in Functions

```

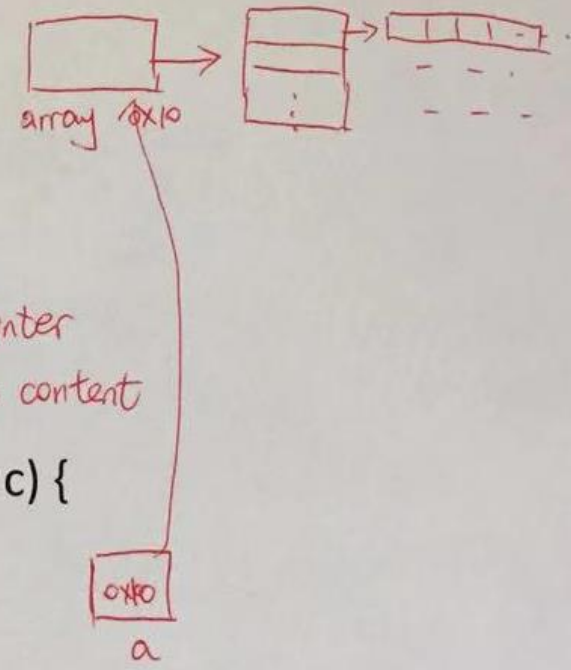
int main() {
    int **array;
    ...
    create_2darray(&array, rows, cols);
    ...
}

void create_2darray(int ***a, int r, int c) {
    *a = new int*[r];
    for(int i=0; i<r; i++)
        (*a)[i] = new int[c];
}

```

dereference

pass the address of the double pointer  
since we are trying to change its content





## Create 2-D Array in Functions

```
int main() {  
    int **array;  
  
    ...  
    create_2darray(array, rows, cols);  
  
    ...  
}  
  
void create_2darray(int **&a, int r, int c) {  
    a = new int[r];  
    for(int i=0; i<r; i++)  
        a[i] = new int[c];  
}
```

*pass the double pointer as reference*

Only free memory on the heap

# How does freeing memory work?



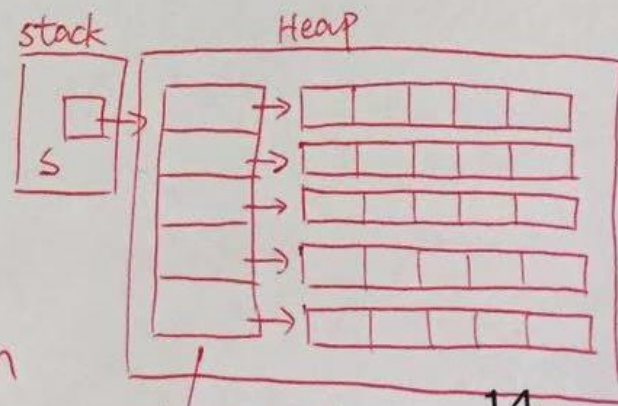
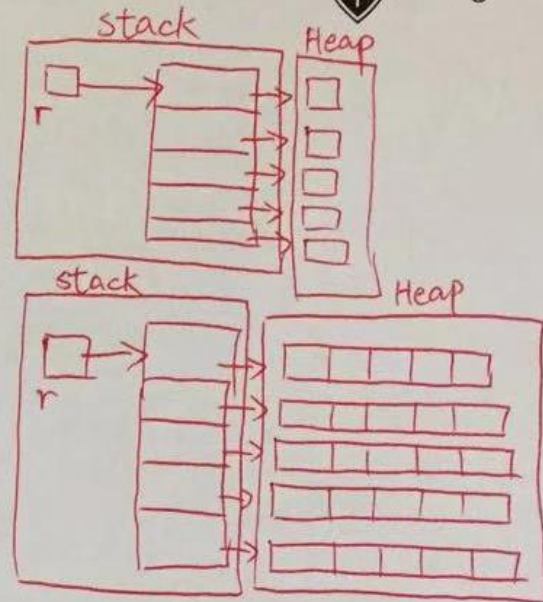
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```
int *r[5], **s;
```

```
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  r[i]=new int; ← one int per array  
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  delete r[i];
```

```
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  r[i]=new int[5]; ← 5 int per array  
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  delete [] r[i];  
  ↑  
  need this to delete whole array
```

```
s=new int*[5];  
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  s[i]=new int[5];  
for(int i=0; i < 5; i++)  
  delete [] s[i];  
delete [] s;
```



★ Deletion has the reverse order of creation

create these first,  
delete these last