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Lecture 2



Outline

- **1.** Advanced flow control and data aggregates
- 2. Extending expressive power: pointers, functions and memory



- Why?
 - It may be that we have to read, store, process, and finally, print dozens, maybe hundreds, perhaps thousands of numbers.

int var1, var2, var3, var4, var5, var5, var7, var8, var9;

- store five values of type int
 - the elements in an array are numbered starting from 0







Assigning a value to a chosen element of an array

numbers[0] = 111;

A value stored in the third element of the array



 The sum of all values stored in the numbers array

int numbers[5], sum = 0;

for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
 sum += numbers[i];</pre>

 Assigning the same value (e.g. 2012) to all elements of the array

int numbers[5];

for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
numbers[i] = 2012;</pre>

• What the code below does?

for(int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
 auxiliary = numbers[i];
 numbers[i] = numbers[4 - i];
 numbers[4 - i] = auxiliary;</pre>



Array initialization

• The vector initiator is simply a list of values enclosed inside **curly brackets**.

int vector[5] = { 0,1,2,3,4 };

• We didn't specify the size of the array but **provided an initiator**.

int vector[] = { 0,1,2,3,4,5,6 };



Not only ints

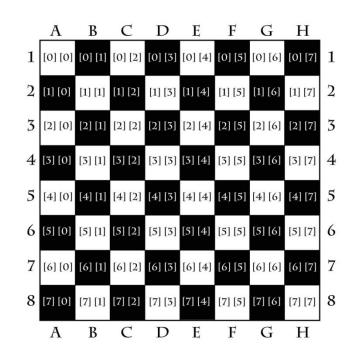
float FloatArr[10];
char surname[20];

bool votes[100];



two dimensional array

int chessboard[8][8];



- The device records the air temperature on an hourly basis and does it throughout the month.
- This gives us a total of 24 * 31 = 744 values.
 - float temp[31][24];
 - float sum = 0.0, average;
 - for(int day = 0; day < 31; day++)</pre>
 - sum += temp[day][11];
 - average = sum / 31;
 - cout << "Average temperature at noon: " << average temperature at noon: "



float temp[31][24]; float max = -100.0;

for(int day = 0; day < 31; day++)
for(int hour = 0; hour < 24; hour++)
if(temp[day][hour] > max)
max = temp[day][hour];
cout << "The highest temperature was " << max << endl;</pre>

float temp[31][24]; int hotdays = 0;

for(int day = 0; day < 31; day++)
if(temp[day][11] >= 20.0)
hotdays++;
cout << hotdays <<" days were hot.";</pre>



float temp[31][24]; int d,h;

for(d = 0; d < 31; d++) for(h = 0; h < 24; h++) temp[d][h] = 0.0;



 The "C++" language does not limit the number of the array's dimensions.

int guests[3][15][20];





- A string is little more than a type
- Variables of type string may be assigned with the same operators as any other variable

string student_name[100000];

- For example, suppose that the first registered student is Mr. Bond (James Bond).
 - student_name[0] = "Bond";

float student_time[100000];

- Mr. Bond has spent three hours and thirty minutes studying our course.
 - student_time[0] = 3.5;



- The main issue here is that the data concerning the same object (a student) is dispersed between three variables, although it should logically exist as a consolidated unit.
- Can we use an aggregate whose elements could be of different types?
 - A structure can contain any number of any elements of any type.





struct STUDENT {
 string name;
 float time;
 int recent_chapter;

};

- The declaration of the structure \rightarrow
 - the declaration of the structure always starts with the keyword struct
 - there is a so-called struct tag after the keyword (STUDENT in this case); it's the name of the structure itself; there is a widely accepted custom of composing structure tags with capital letters simply to distinguish them from ordinary variables
 - here comes the opening curly bracket a signal that the declaration of fields begins at this point
 - our structure has three fields: the first is a string and is called name; the second is a float and is called time; the third is an and it's called recent_chapter

struct STUDENT {
 string name;
 float time;
 int recent_chapter;
};

- The declaration of variable
 - struct STUDENT stdnt; STUDENT stdnt2;
- selection operator designed for structures and is denoted as a single character. (dot).
 - stdnt.time = 1.5;

Structures – why do we need them? STUDENT STDNTS[100000];

struct STUDENT {
 string name;
 float time;
 int recent_chapter;
};

stndts[0].name = "Bond"; stndts[0].time = 3.5; stdnts[0].recent_chapter = 4;







- We can also use the structure tag to declare an array of structures:
 - DATE Visits[100];
 - Visits[0].year = 2012;
 Visits[0].month = 1;
 Visits[0].day = 1;

struct DATE {
 int year;
 int month;
 int day;
};

- struct DATE {
 int year, month, day;
 } DateOfBirth, Visits[100];
- DATE current_date;

struct DATE {
 int year;
 int month;
 int day;
};



• A structure can be a field inside another structure.

struct STUDENT {
 string name;
 float time;
 int recent_chapter;
 struct DATE last_visit;
} HarryPotter;

 HarryPotter.last_visit.year = 2012; HarryPotter.last_visit.month = 12; HarryPotter.last_visit.day = 21;





Structures – a few important rules

 A structure's field names may overlap with the tag names and that's not a problem, although it may cause you some difficulty in reading and understanding the program.

struct STRUCT {
 int STRUCT;
} Structure;

Structure.STRUCT = 0; /* STRUCT is a field name here */

Structures – a few important rules

 It may be the case that the particular compiler you're working with doesn't like it when a structure's tag name overlaps with the variable's name

struct STR {
 int field;
 Structure;
 int STR;

Structure.field = 0; STR = 1;



Structures – a few important rules

• Two structures can contain fields with the same names

struct {
 int f1;
 } str1;

struct {
 char f1;
} str2;

str1.f1 = 32; str2.f1 = str1.f1;



Initializing structures

- You can initialize your structures as early as at the time of declaration.
- The structure's initiator is enclosed in curly brackets and contains a list of values assigned to the subsequent fields, starting from the first.

struct DATE date = { 2012, 12, 21 };

- date.year = 2012;
- date.month = 12;
- date.day = 21;

Initializing structures

struct STUDENT he = { "Bond", 3.5, 4, { 2012, 12, 21 }};

- he.name = "Bond";
- he.time = 3.5;
- he.recent_chapter = 4;
- he.last_visit.year = 2012
- he.last_visit.month = 12;
- he.last_visit.day = 21;



Initializing structures

STUDENT nobody = { };

- nobody.name = "";
- nobody.time = 0.0;
- nobody.recent_chapter = 0;
- nobody.last_visit.year = 0
- nobody.last_visit.month = 0;
- nobody.last_visit.day = 0;



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Pointers – the absolute basics

- Pointers are used to store information about the location (address) of any other data.
- Try to get this important difference:
 - the value of the variable is what the variable stores;
 - the address of the variable is information about where
 this variable is placed (where it lives)



Pointers – the absolute basics

 This declaration sets up a variable named p. It isn't an *int* - the asterisk means that p is a pointer and will be used to store information about the location of the data of type *int*.







Pointers – the absolute basics

 A pointer that is assigned a value of zero is called a null pointer

 The NULL symbol is actually equal to zero. It looks like a variable but you can't modify its value. It's a so-called macro.

 $\varphi = \varphi;$

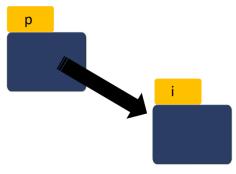


How to assign a value?

• We can assign the pointer with the value which points to any already existing variable.

 After completing the assignment, the p variable will point to the place where the i variable is stored in the memory

p = &i;





How to get a value

 Dereferencing is an operation where the pointer variable (as we'll see later, it's not only a variable, but also an expression that yields a pointer) becomes synonymous with the value it points to.



How to get a value

• We assign the value of 2 to the *ivar* variable

We make the *ptr* pointer point to the *ivar* variable
 ptr = &ivar;

ivar = 2;

 The following invocation brings up 2 to the screen
 COUT << *ptr;

How to set a value

• How do we set a value pointed to by the pointer?

sizeof operator

 The operator provides information on how many bytes of memory its argument occupies



int i; char c; char tab[10];

i = sizeof c; i = sizeof tab;



sizeof operator

• What will the result be?

char tab[10]; int i;

i = sizeof tab[1];

i = sizeof i;





sizeof operator

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

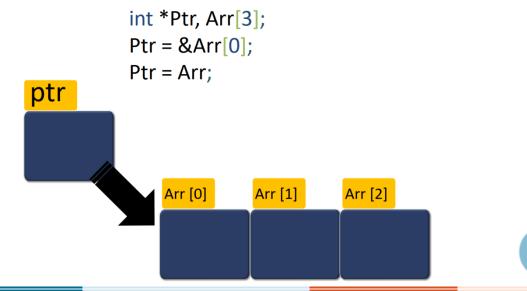
int main(void) {

cout << "This computing environment uses:" << endl; cout << sizeof(char) << " bytes for chars" << endl; cout << sizeof(short int) << " bytes for shorts" << endl; cout << sizeof(int) << " bytes for ints" << endl; cout << sizeof(long int) << " bytes for longs" << endl; cout << sizeof(float) << " bytes for floats" << endl; cout << sizeof(double) << " bytes for doubles" << endl; cout << sizeof(bool) << " byte for bools" << endl; cout << sizeof(int *) << " bytes for pointers" << endl; return 0;

Pointers vs. arrays

• What do pointers and arrays have in common?

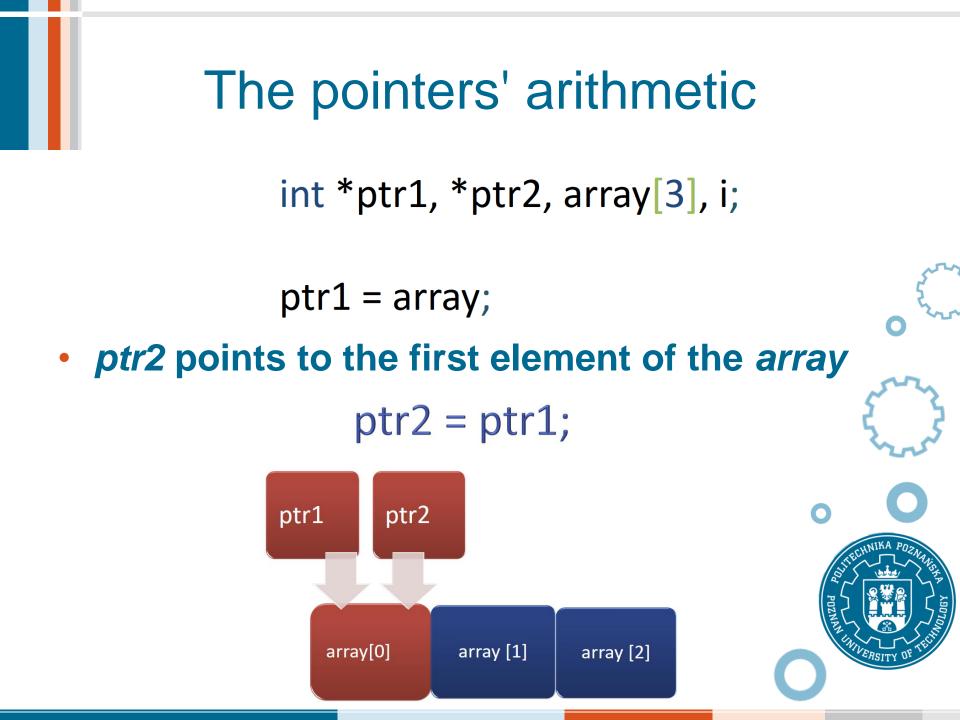
The two assignments that follow the declaration will set *Ptr* to the same value.





The pointers' arithmetic

- The pointers' arithmetic is significantly different from the integers' arithmetic as it is relatively reduced and allows the following operations only:
 - adding an integer value to a pointer giving a pointer (*ptr* + *int ptr*)
 - **subtracting an integer** value from a pointer giving a pointer (*ptr* $-int \rightarrow ptr$)
 - subtracting a pointer from a pointer giving an integer (*ptr* − *ptr* → *int*)
 - **comparing the two pointers** for equality or inequality (such a comparison gives a value of type *int* representing true or faller $(ptr == ptr \rightarrow int, ptr != ptr \rightarrow int)$



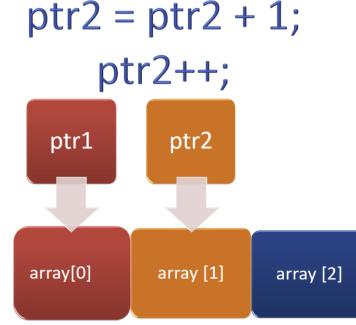
The pointers' arithmetic

• We can check if the two pointers are equal

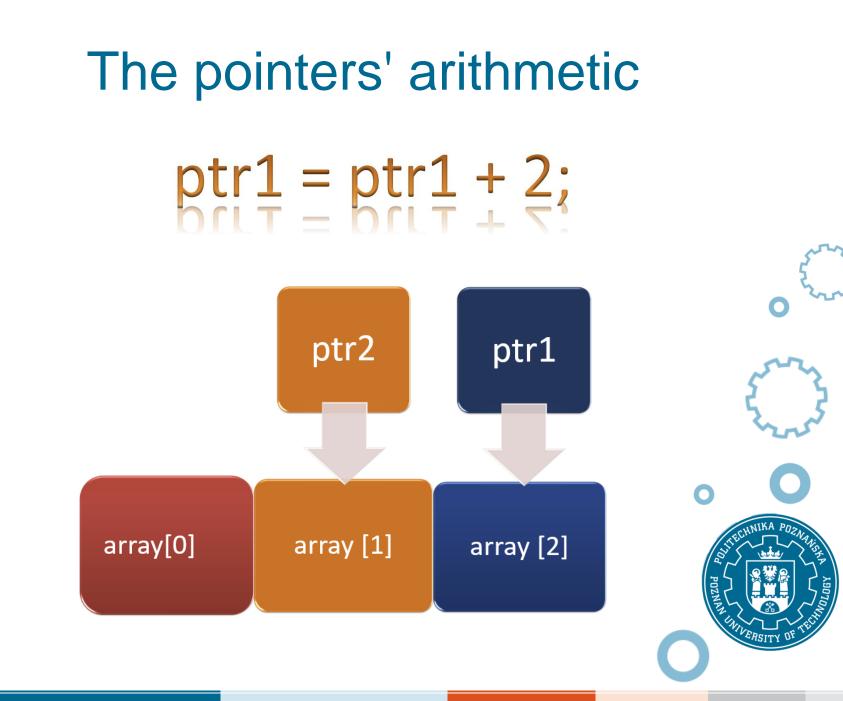
if(ptr2 == ptr1) {

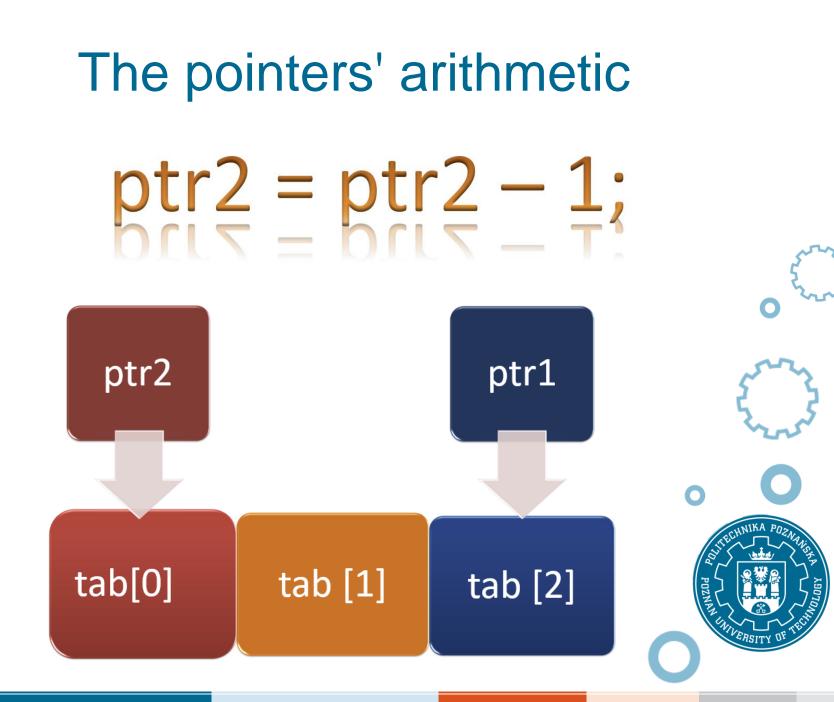
The pointers' arithmetic

- It's determined how many bytes of memory the type occupies (we use the sizeof operator for this purpose) in our case it will be sizeof (int)
- the value we want to add to the pointer is multiplied by the given size









What is a function?

- A function is a kind of box (not always black) that can do something useful
- In general, we can divide functions into two groups:
 - functions written by someone else (not you) which are made available by the environment, sometimes called predefined or library functions
 - functions written by you



What is a function?

- Each function is characterized by the following traits:
 - name
 - parameters
 - type of result

float square(float x);



What is a function?

Transforming a declaration into a definition requires us to add a body

float square(float x)
{
 float result;

result = x * x; return result;

First function

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
float square(float x)
{
    float result;
    result = x * x;
    return result;
}
int main(void) {
    float arg = 2.0;
    cout << "The second power of " << arg << " is " << square(arg) << endl;
    return 0;</pre>
```





First function

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
float square(float);
int main(void) {
    float arg = 2.0;
    cout << "The second power of " << arg << " is " << square(arg) << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
float square(float x)
```

```
float result;
result = x * x;
return result;
```





Defining functions

return_type function_name (parameters_list)
{
 function_body;
}

Defining functions

#include <iostream>

```
using namespace std;
void Greet(void)
        cout << "Ave user!" << endl;</pre>
void GreetManyTimes(int howmanytimes)
    while(howmanytimes > 0)
        Greet();
        howmanytimes--;
int main(void)
        int sizeofego;
        cout << "How big is your ego? [km]" << endl;</pre>
        cin >> sizeofego;
        GreetManyTimes(1 + sizeofego);
        return 0;
```

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Example functions

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
float FahrenheitToCelsius(float temp)
{
    return ((temp - 32.0) * 5.0) / 9.0;
```

```
void TestTheFunction(float temp) {
            cout << "Fahrenheit " << temp << " corresponds to " <<
FahrenheitToCelsius(temp) << " Centigrade" << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
TestTheFunction(32.0);
TestTheFunction(212.0);
TestTheFunction(451.0);
return 0;
```

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Example functions

- We expect the program to produce the following output:
 - Fahrenheit 32 corresponds to 0 Centigrade
 - Fahrenheit 212 corresponds to 100 Centigrade
 - Fahrenheit 451 corresponds to 232.778 Centigrade



The invocation syntax

- A function may:
 - return a value when it has a type name in front of its name or it doesn't have the type name there (in this case the function is considered as returning an *int* value); such a function has a result and may have an effect, too
 - return nothing when the void keyword is in front of we can expect that it has an effect

The invocation syntax

void VoidFunction(int par) { ... ; return; }

int NonVoidFunction(int par) { ... ; return par * par; }

- The only acceptable form of the *VoidFunction* invocation looks like this:
 - VoidFunction(2);
- the NonVoidFunction can be invoked in the following two ways:
 - value = NonVoidFunction(2);
 - NonVoidFunction(2);

Side effects

- Any function needs to have the ability to communicate with its environment.
- We already know two kinds of communication like this:
 - transferring data to a function using actual parameters whose values are assigned to formal parameters
 - transferring data from a function using the function's result; note that only one value may b transferred by such means because the syntax of return statement allows you to specify only one value



Using a global variable

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int globvar = 0;
```

```
void func(void)
```

```
cout << "Thank you for invoking me :)" << endl;
globvar++;
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    func();
cout << endl << "The function enjoyed " << globvar <<
    " times" << endl;
return 0;</pre>
```







Passing parameters by value

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

```
void AmIAbleToChangeMyParameter(int param)
```

```
cout << "------" << endl;
cout << "I have got: " << param << endl;
param++;
cout << "I'm about to give back: " << param << endl;
cout << "------" << endl;</pre>
```

int main(void)

int var = 1;

cout << "var = " << var << endl; AmIAbleToChangeMyParameter(var); cout << "var = " << var << endl; return 0;







#include <iostream>

```
using namespace std;
```

```
void AmIAbleToChangeMyParameter(int &param)
    cout << "-----" << endl;
    cout << "I have got: " << param << endl;</pre>
    param++;
    cout << "I'm about to give back: " << param << endl;</pre>
    cout << "-----" << endl;
int main(void)
    int var = 1;
    cout << "var = " << var << endl:
    AmIAbleToChangeMyParameter(var);
```

cout << "var = " << var << endl; return 0;







• You can mix parameters of both kinds if you find it useful.

```
#include <iostream>
```

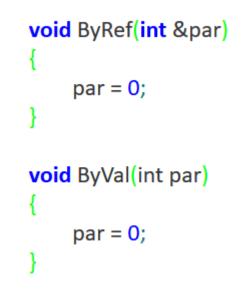
```
using namespace std;
void MixedStyles(int bval, int &bref)
{
    bref = bval + 1;
}
int main(void)
{
    int var1 = 1, var2;
    MixedStyles(var1, var2);
    cout << "var1 = " << var1 << ", var2 = " << var2 << endl;
    return 0;</pre>
```







- The "passing by reference" method has one important and obvious **limitation**.
- If a parameter is declared as passed by reference (so it is preceded by the & sign) its^o corresponding actual parameter must be a variable.
- An actual parameter referring to a "passed by value" formal parameter may be an expression in general, so we can use not only a variable also a literal, or even a function invocation's result.





- ByVal(i);
- ByVal(i + 2);
- ByVal(intfun(0));

Passing parameters by value

• It is possible to utilize "passing by value" and be able to propagate the value outside the function

#include <iostream>

using namespace std; void ByPtr(int *ptr) { *ptr = *ptr + 1; } int main(void) {

> int variable = 1; int *pointer = &variable;

ByPtr(pointer); cout << "variable = " << variable << endl; return 0;



Parameters – cont.

- We're now going to rewrite our *Greet* function to make it more flexible. We want it to:
 - be able to emit any greeting, not only the one predefined in the source code,
 - be able to emit the greeting more than once, on the invoker's demand.
- This means that our NewGreet has to have two parameters intended to:
 - store the greeting
 - store the number of greeting repetitions

Parameters – cont.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void NewGreet(string greet, int repeats)
    for(int i = 0; i < repeats; i++)</pre>
         cout << greet << endl;</pre>
int main(void)
    NewGreet("Hi!", 5);
    return 0;
```







Default parameters – a simple example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void NewGreet(string greet, int repeats = 1)
         for(int i = 0; i < repeats; i++)</pre>
              cout << greet << endl;</pre>
int main(void)
    NewGreet("Hello", 2);
    NewGreet("Good morning");
    NewGreet("Hi", 1);
    return 0;
```







Default parameters – a simple example

- The program will produce the following output:
 - Hello Hello Good morning Hi

#include <iostream></iostream>
using namespace std;
<pre>void NewGreet(string greet, int repeats = 1) </pre>
{ for(int i = 0; i < repeats; i++)
cout << greet << endl;
}
int main(void)
NewGreet("Hello", 2);
NewGreet("Good morning");
NewGreet("Hi", 1); return 0;
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Default parameters – a simple example

 Is it possible to have more than one default parameter in one function?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void NewGreet(string greet = "Good morning", int repeats = 1)
         for(int i = 0; i < repeats; i++)</pre>
              cout << greet << endl;</pre>
int main(void)
         NewGreet("Hello", 2);
         NewGreet("Hi");
         NewGreet();
         return 0;
```

Different tools for different tasks

• A function to find the larger of two float numbers

```
float max(float a, float b)
{
    if(a > b)
        return a;
    else
        return b;
}
```





Max – extended version

float max(float a, float b, float c)
{
 int m = a;
 if(b > m)
 m = b;
 if(c > m)
 m = c;
 return m;
}

- Previous function
 - x = max(max(a,b),c);

How to find the best candidate?

```
void PlayWithNumber(int x) { ... }
void PlayWithNumber(float x) { ... }
:
PlayWithNumber(1);
:
```

Which of these two overloaded functions is the best candidate for the invocation?

How to find the best candidate?

void PlayWithNumber(int x) { ... }
void PlayWithNumber(float x) { ... }
:
PlayWithNumber(1.0);
.

- Which of these two overloaded functions is the best candidate for the invocation?
 - There is no good candidate
 - PlayWithNumber(1.0f);

A new operator: a three-argument one

- This operator works as follows:
 - calculates the value of the expression1
 - if the calculated value is non-zero, the operator returns the value of *expression2*, completely neglecting *expression3*
 - if the value calculated in step 1 is zero, the operator returns the value of *expression3*, omitting *expression2*.

expression1 ? expression2 : expression3

A new operator: a three-argument one

- i = i > 0 ? 1 : 0;
- **if**(i > 0)
- i = 1;
- else
- i = 0

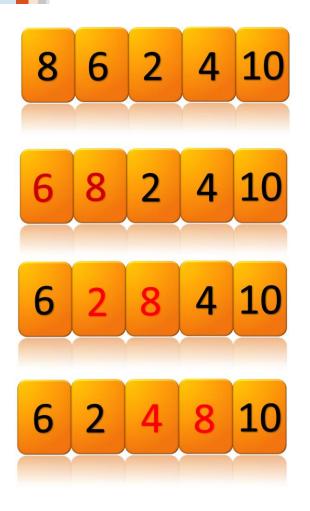
float max(float a, float b)
{

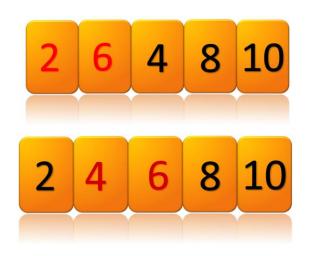
return a > b ? a : b;





Sorting an array











Sorting an array

int numbers[5]; // array to be sorted
int aux; // auxiliary variable for swaps

```
// we need 5 - 1 comparisons - why?
for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
    // compare adjacent elements
    if( numbers[i] > numbers[i + 1]) {
        /* if we went here it means that we have to swap the elements */
        aux = numbers[i];
        numbers[i] = numbers[i + 1];
        numbers[i + 1] = aux;
    }
}
```

```
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```

Sorting an array

```
int numbers[5];
int aux;
bool swapped;
```

do { // we will decide if we need to continue this loop
 swapped = false; // no swap occured yet

```
for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
if(numbers[i] > numbers[i + 1]) {
    swapped = true;
    aux = numbers[i];
    numbers[i] = numbers[i + 1];
    numbers[i + 1] = aux;
  }
} while(swapped);
```







```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    int numbers[5];
    int aux;
    bool swapped;
    // ask the user to enter 5 values
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
         cout << endl << "Enter value #" << i + 1 << ": ";</pre>
         cin >> numbers[i];
    // sort them
    do {
         swapped = false;
         for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
              if(numbers[i] > numbers[i + 1]) {
                 swapped = true;
                 aux = numbers[i];
                 numbers[i] = numbers[i + 1];
                 numbers[i + 1] = aux;
     } while(swapped);
    // print results
    cout << endl << "Sorted array: " << endl;</pre>
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
         cout << numbers[i] << " ";</pre>
    cout << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

Final version







Memory on demand

float *array = new float[20];
int count = new int;

delete [] array; delete count;

Memory on demand

dynamic arrays

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main(void) {
 float *arr;

arr = new float[5]; for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) arr[i] = i * i; for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) cout << arr[i] << endl; delete [] arr; return 0;



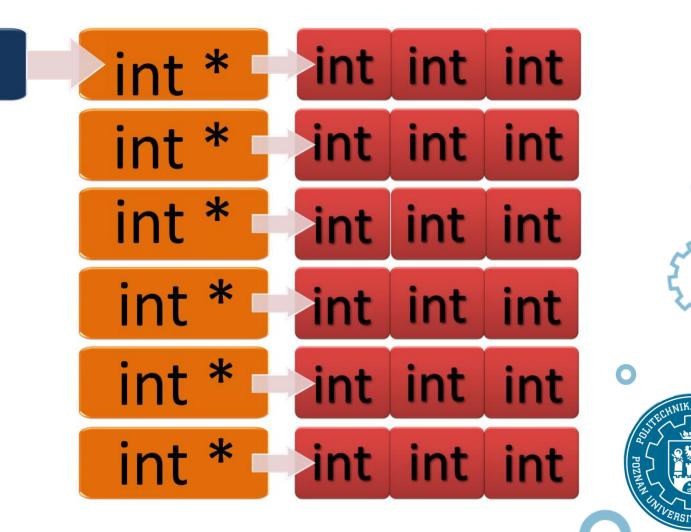
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    int *numbers, how_many_numbers;
    int aux;
    bool swapped;
```

```
cout << "How many numbers are you going to sort? ";
cin >> how_many_numbers;
if( how_many_numbers <= 0 || how_many_numbers > 1000000) {
    cout << "Are you kidding?" << endl;
    return 1;
}
numbers = new int[how_many_numbers];
for(int i = 0; i < how_many_numbers; i++) {
    cout << "\nEnter the number #" << i + 1 << ": ";
    cin >> numbers[i];
}
do {
    swapped = false;
    for(int i = 0; i < how_many_numbers - 1; i++)</pre>
```

```
if(numbers[i] > numbers[i + 1]) {
    swapped = true;
    aux = numbers[i];
    numbers[i] = numbers[i + 1];
    numbers[i + 1] = aux;
}
```

```
} while(swapped);
cout << endl << "The sorted array:" << endl;
for(int i = 0; i < how_many_numbers; i++)
    cout << numbers[i] << " ";
cout << endl;
delete [] numbers;
return 0;
```





int **

int **ptrarr;
ptrarr = new int * [rows];

for(int r = 0; r <rows; r++)
 ptrarr[r] = new int[columns];</pre>



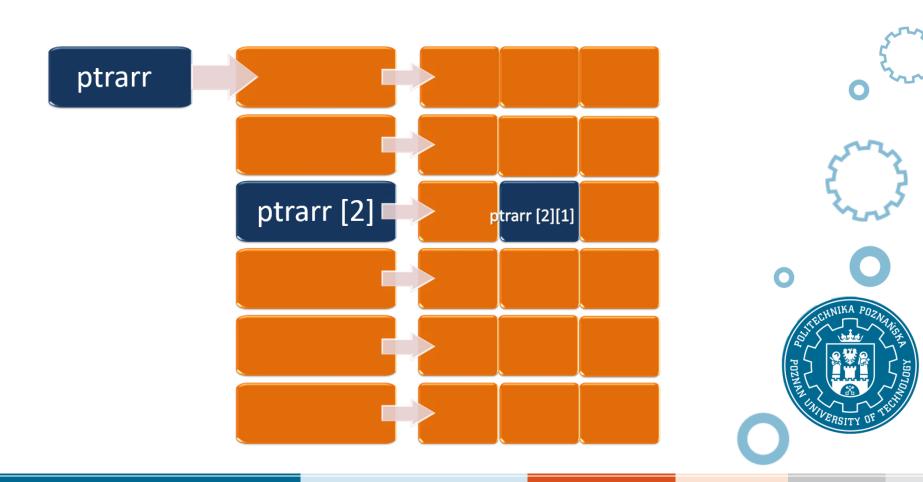
ptrarr[r][c] = 0;



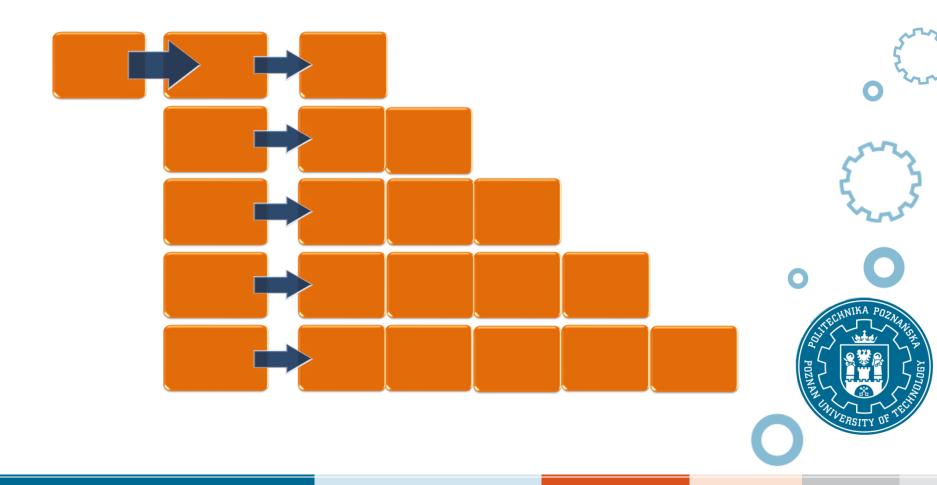




• ptrarr[2][1]



every row may be of a different length



#include <iostream>

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using namespace std;
int main(void)
     int rows = 5, cols = 5;
     int **arr;
     // allocate and initialize the array
     arr = new int * [rows];
     for (int r = 0; r < rows; r++) {
          arr[r] = new int[r + 1];
          for(int c = 0; c <= r; c++)
               arr[r][c] = (r + 1) * 10 + c + 1;
     // print the array
     for(int r = 0; r < rows; r++) {
          for(int c = 0; c <= r; c++)</pre>
               cout << arr[r][c] << " ";</pre>
          cout << endl;
     // free the array
     for(int r = 0; r < rows; r++)
          delete [] arr[r];
     delete [] arr;
     return 0;
```

