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C Arrays

- C array is a collection of variables called array elements.
- All array elements must be the same type.
- Array elements don’t have a name.
- Array elements accessed by a number called the array index.
- Valid array indices for array with \( n \) elements are \( 0 \ldots n - 1 \).
- Array can have millions/billions of elements.
- Array elements must be initialized.
- Can’t assign scanf/printf whole arrays.
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Reading Arrays

Scanf can’t read an entire array. This will read only 1 number:

```c
#define ARRAY_SIZE 42
...
int array[ARRAY_SIZE];
scanf("%d", &array);
```

Instead you must read the elements one by one:

```c
i = 0;
while (i < SIZE) {
    scanf("%d", &array[i]);
    i = i + 1;
}
```
printf can’t print an entire array. This won’t compile:

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Copying Arrays

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Arrays of Arrays

- C supports arrays of arrays.
- Useful for multi-dimensional data.

```c
int matrix[3][3] = {{1, 2, 3},
                    {4, 5, 6},
                    {7, 8, 9}};

printf("%d\n", matrix[1][1]);
```
#define SIZE 42

...  

int matrix[SIZE][SIZE];  
int i, j;  

i = 0  
while (i < SIZE) {  
    j = 0;  
    while (j < SIZE) {  
        scanf("%d", &matrix[i][j]);  
        j = j + 1;  
    }  
    i = i + 1;  
}
while (i < SIZE) {
    j = 0;
    while (j < SIZE) {
        print("%d", &matrix[i][j]);
        j = j + 1;
    }
    printf("\n");
    i = i + 1;
}