

C++ VS. JAVA

C++ arrays are a primitive data type

Java arrays are objects

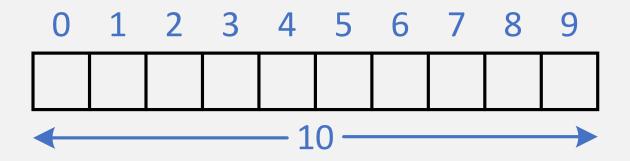


TRACKING THE SIZE

- Java arrays have a length attribute (instance field)
 - int[] scores = new int[10];
 - scores.length
- C++ arrays are really pointers they do not have attributes or fields
 - Track the size with a (named) constant
 - const int size = 10;
 - int scores[size];

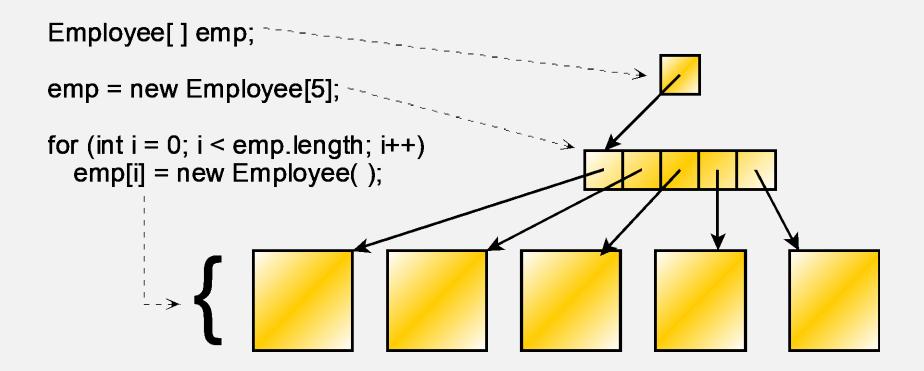


BOUNDS CHECKING



- Java checks each array index, throws an exception if the index is out of bounds
 - scores[i], throws an exception if i < 0 or if i ≥ 10
- C++ does not check any array index
 - scores[-1] or scores[10] will crash the program or corrupt adjacent data

JAVA: ARRAYS OF OBJECTS



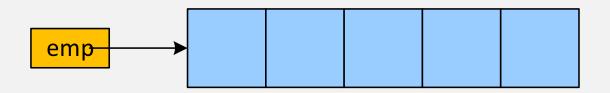
C++: AUTOMATIC ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

Employee emp[5];

emp

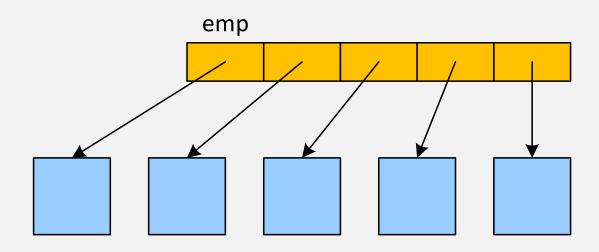
C++: DYNAMIC ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

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Employee* emp;
emp = new Employee[5];
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C++: ARRAY OF POINTERS TO OBJECTS

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Employee* emp[5];
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
  emp[i] = new Employee;</pre>
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C++: POINTER TO AN ARRAY OF POINTERS

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Employee** emp;
emp = new Employee*[5];
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
  emp[i] = new Employee;</pre>
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