DYNAMIC AND MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

Specifying array size at runtime

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CREATING AND USING ARRAYS

WORKS

- `int scores[15];`
- `int scores[15][10];`
- `int* scores = new int[15];`
- `int* scores = new int[size];`

- `void function(int table[ ][12]);`

DOESN'T WORK

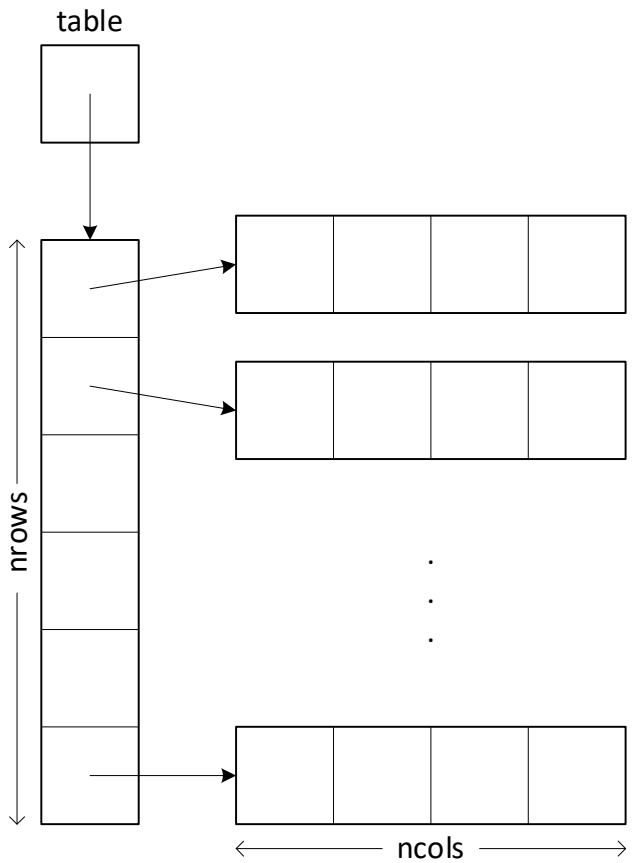
- `int* scores = new int[15][10];`
- `int* scores = new int[rows][cols];`

- `void function(int table[ ][ ]);`

AUTOMATIC TYPE DEDUCTION

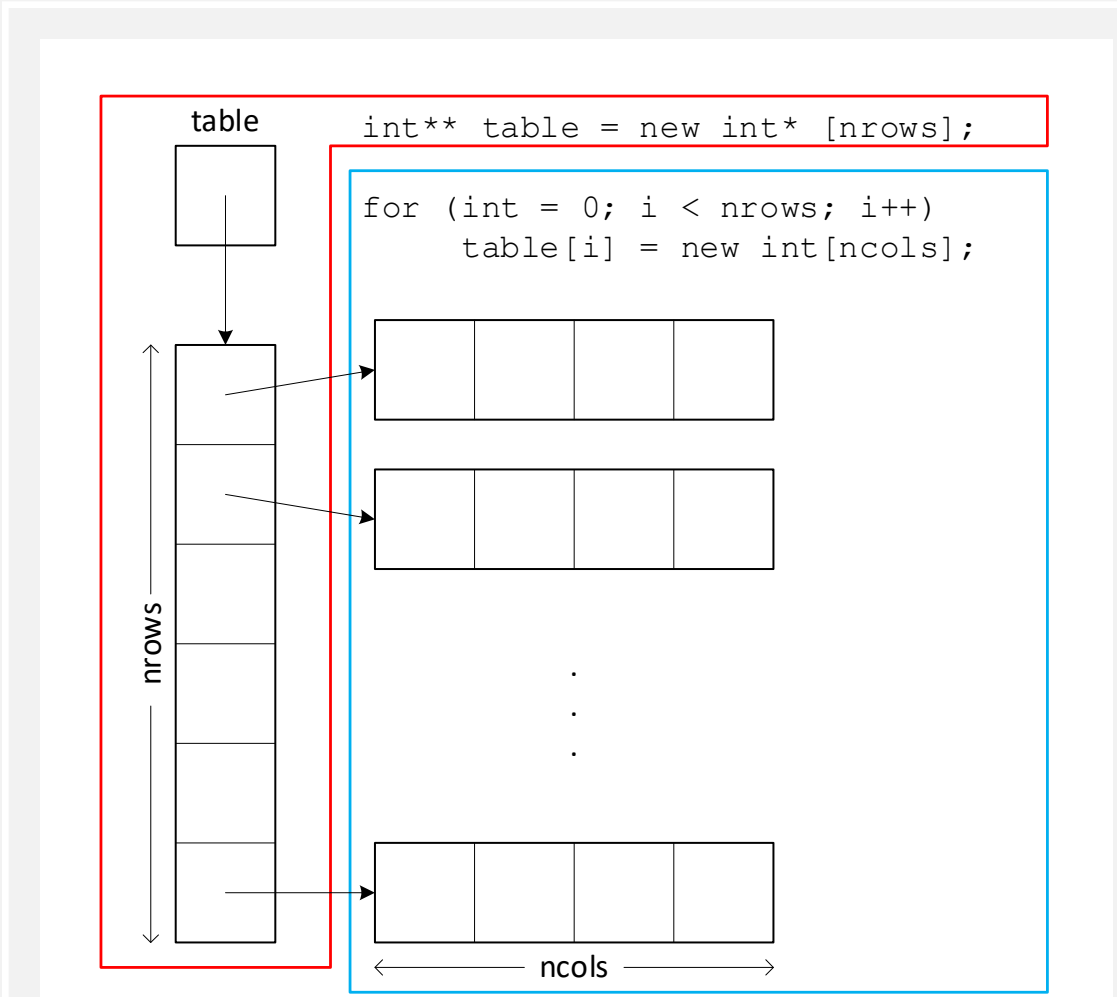
```
int nrows = 15;
const int ncols = 10;

auto scores = new int[nrows][ncols];
```

- The number of rows is dynamic:
  - Input
  - Calculated
- The number of columns is static:
  - Must be a compile-time constant
  - For two or more dimensions, only the first may be a variable



CREATING A TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARRAY AS AN ARRAY OF ARRAYS

- Advantages
  - Array sizes match a specific problem
  - Element access uses a two-index notation: `table[row][col]`
  - May be extended to higher dimensions
- Disadvantages:
  - creating the array
  - destroying the array



CREATING & DESTROYING ARRAYS

```
int** table = new int* [nrows];
for (int i = 0; i < nrows; i++)
    table[i] = new int[ncols];
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < nrows; i++)
    for (int j = 0; j < ncols; j++)
        ...table[i][j]...
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < nrows; i++)
      delete[] table[i];
delete[] table;
```

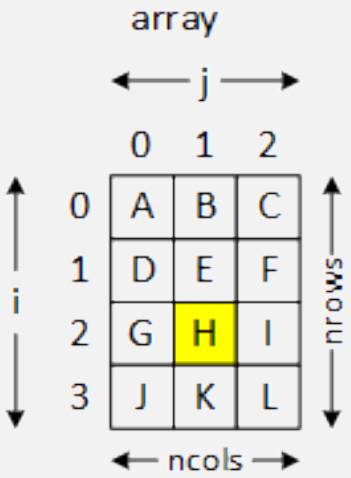
SYNTHESIZING A 2D ARRAY

```
inline int index(int row, int col, int ncols)
{
    return row * ncols + col;
}
```

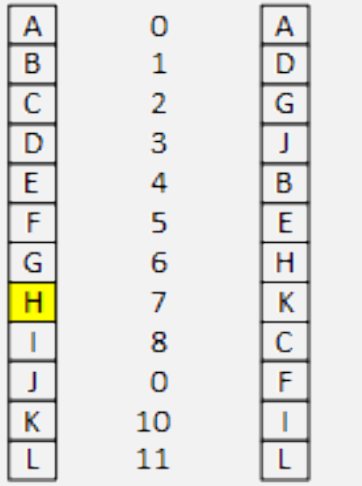
```
int*   table = new int[nrows * ncols];
```

```
table[index(row, col, ncols)]
table[row * ncols + col]
```

TWO-DIMENSIONAL INITIALIZER LISTS AND ROW-MAJOR ORDERING

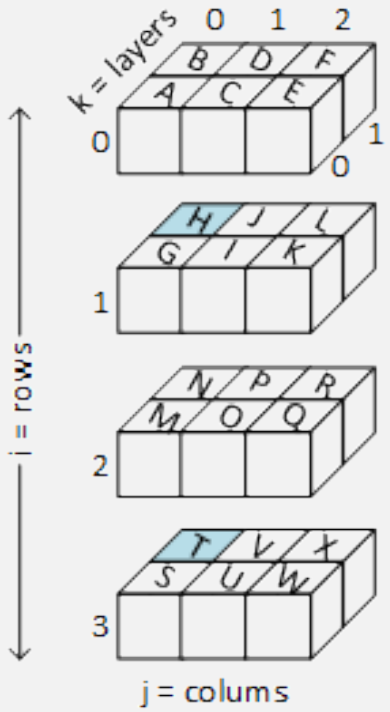


T array[4][3];




```
char  array[4][3] = {
   'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F',
   'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L'
};
```

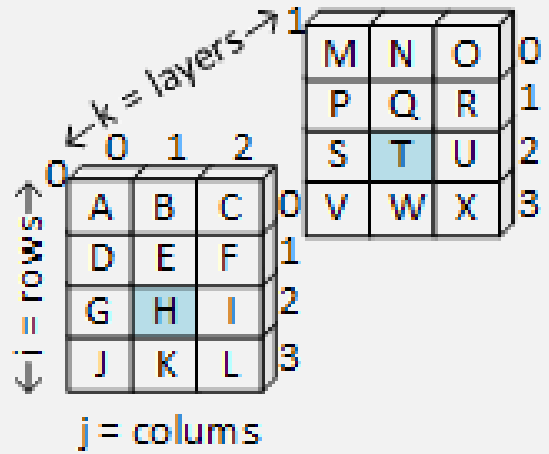
THREE-DIMENSIONAL INITIALIZATION ORDER




```
{
   'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F',
   'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L'
};
```

- `char  array[4][3][2]`
- `char*  array = new char[nrows * ncols * nlayr]`

- ```
  inline int index(int i, int j, int k, int ncols, int nlayr)
    { return k + nlayr * (j + ncols * i); }
  ```

- `array[index(1, 0, 1, ncols, nlayr)]`
- `array[index(3, 0, 1, ncols, nlayr)]`
  ```

THREE-DIMENSIONAL ROWS X COLUMNS X LAYERS ORDER



- `char  array[4][3][2]`
- `char*  array = new char[nrows * ncols * nlayr]`

- ```
  inline int index(int i, int j, int k, int ncols, int nlayr)
    { return nrows * ncols * k + (j + ncols * i); }
  ```

- `array[index(1, 0, 1, ncols, nlayr)]`
- `array[index(3, 0, 1, ncols, nlayr)]`
  ```