

**CSc 352**

C Programming  
2D Arrays

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# 2D Array

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        for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {  
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0x00..10	1
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0x00..18	3
0x00..1c	4

# 2D Array Memory Layout

The memory layout for a 2D array is one, contiguous block of memory sized  $\mathbf{N} * \mathbf{M} * \mathbf{T}$  where  $\mathbf{N}$  is the number of rows,  $\mathbf{M}$  is the number of columns, and  $\mathbf{T}$  is the size of the type of each element.

With these “basic” 2D arrays, each row is of same length, even if not given a value explicitly

# 2D Array Indexing

To access an element at a pair of 2D indexes, such as:

```
int array[t][r] = {...}
....
printf("%d", array[x][y]);
```

The program can take the base address of **array** and add  $((r*x)+y)$  to get to the address of the requested element.

# 2D Array rows

numbers  
( 0x00...010 )

```
int main() {  
    int numbers[3][4] = { {1, 2, 3, 4},  
                          {50, 75}, {10, 20, 100} };  
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {  
            printf("Element at address %p ",  
                  &numbers[i][j]);  
            printf("is %d\n", numbers[i][j]);  
        }  
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```

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0x00..10	1
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0x00..18	3
0x00..1c	4
0x00..20	50
0x00..24	75
0x00..28	?
0x00..2c	?
0x00..30	10
0x00..34	20
0x00..38	100
0x00..3c	?

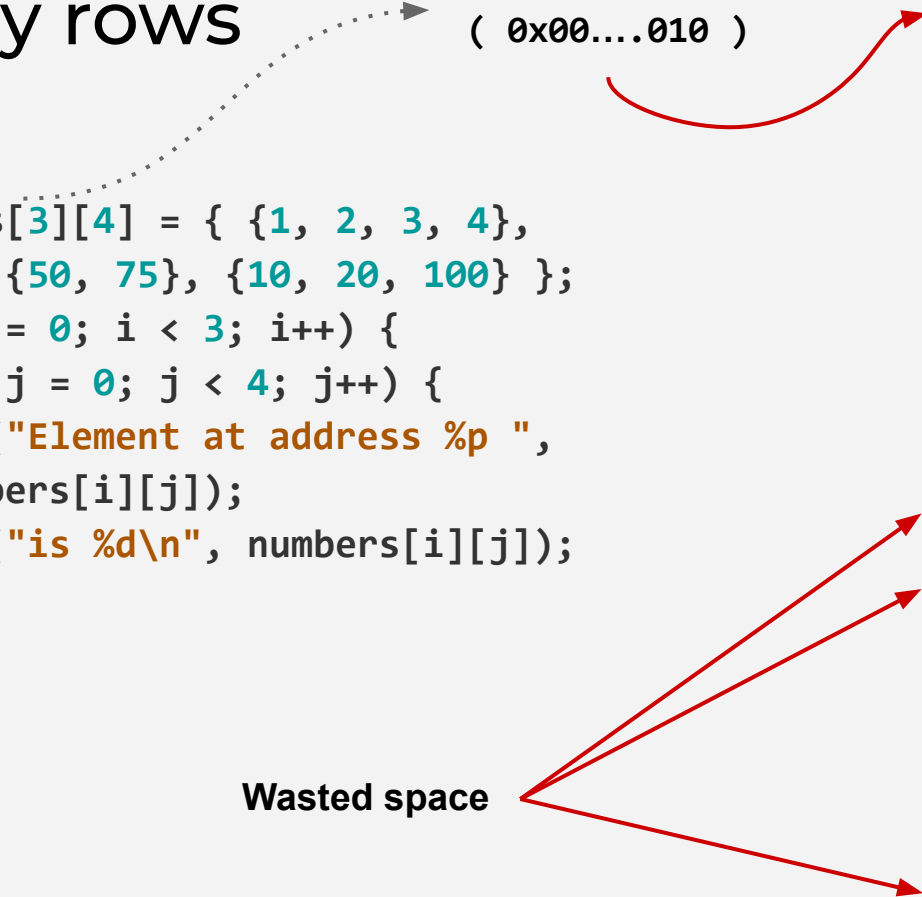
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Wasted space



## Activity

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Say we want some kind of alternative 2D structure to store rows of numbers, but we don't want any wasted space.

How can we fix the “wasted space” issue?

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# What will this print?

```
int main() {
    int x[2] = {1, -1};
    int y[1] = {-1};
    int z[4] = {10, 20, 100, -1};
    int* two_d[3] = {x, y, z};
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; two_d[i][j] != -1; j++) {
            printf("Element at address %p ",
                &two_d[i][j]);
            printf("is %d\n", two_d[i][j]);
        }
    }
    printf("%p %p %p %p", x, y, z, two_d);
}
```

Assuming that these arrays are placed in sequence on the stack.

# Array of Pointers

two\_d  
( 0x00...02c )

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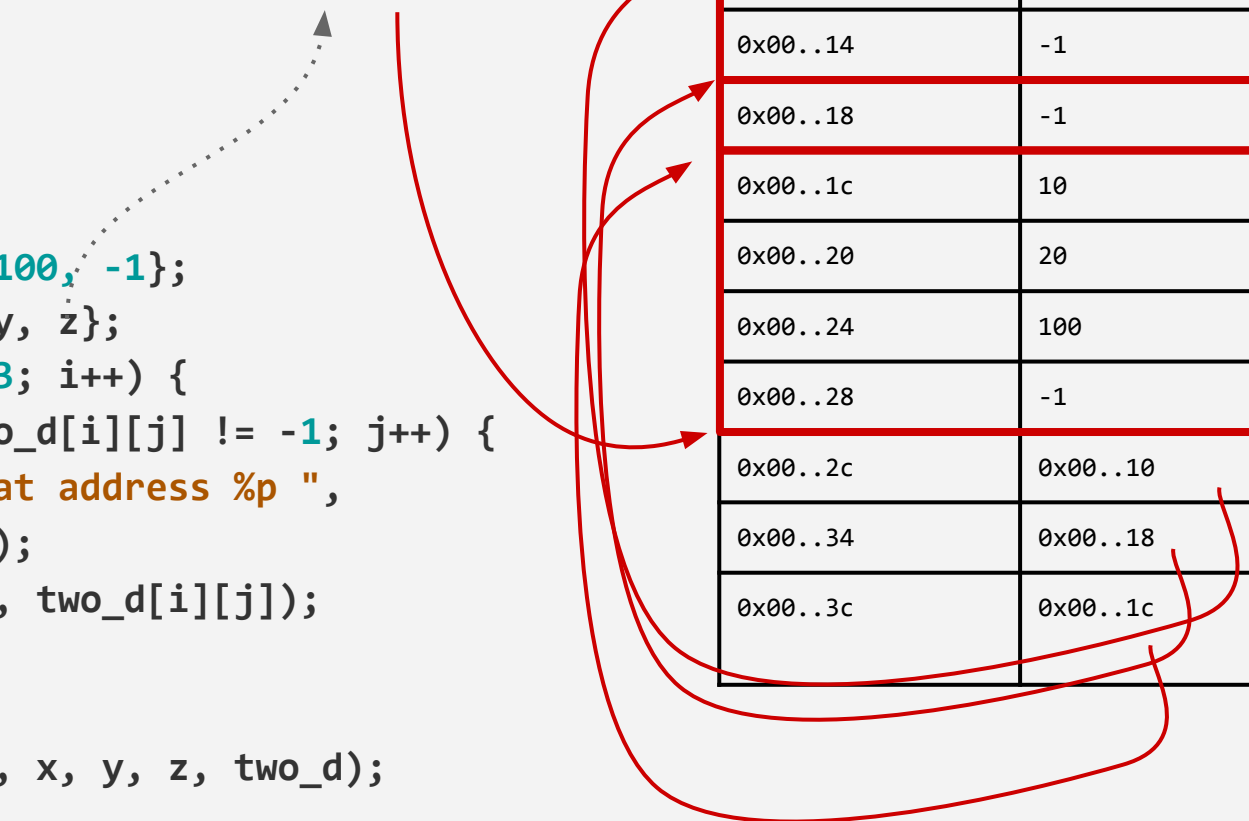
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# Analyze the program

Find `/tmp/story.txt` and `/tmp/most_occurring.c`

Reads in paragraphs, determined most occurring word for each, uses 2D arrays

1. Copy it to a directory that you control  

```
$ cp /tmp/story.txt ~/
$ cp /tmp/most_occurring.c ~/
```
2. Compile and try it out!  

```
$ gcc .... most_occurring.c
$ cat story.txt | ./a.out
```
3. Look at the source, what are the weaknesses?

`story.txt`

There once was a bear  
that lived by the sea in a tiny house.

He wanted to go into town to get some  
ice-cream. However, he knew people in town  
would be scared of him. Those town people  
are scared easily.

He came up with a plan to get around  
this. The plan was to dress up as a man.  
The plan worked, and he was able to get  
ice-cream.

`output`

```
Most-occurring word from paragraph 1: a
Most-occurring word from paragraph 2: town
Most-occurring word from paragraph 3: plan
```