# Two Dimensional Arrays in C/C++



C++ Object Oriented Programming
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## Version 1. Fixed dimensions 5 by 3

Conceptual layout

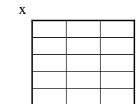
♦ Both dimensions are fixed

- Physical layout
- ♦ Allocated either in data segment or in stack
- ♦ Example

int i, j; int x[5][3];

for (i=0; i<5; i++)

for (j=0; j<3; j++)x[i][j] = 0;



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### Version 2a. Dynamic allocated 5 by n

- ♦ The first dimension is fixed as 5, the second dimension is variable
- $\diamond$  Allocated on the stack (x[]) and the heap (x[][])

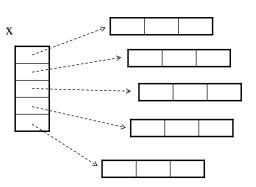
int i, j, n=3; int \*x[5];

for (i=0; i<5; i++) x[i] = new int[n];

for (i=0; i<5; i++)for (j=0; j< n; j++)x[i][j] = 0;

for (i=0; i<5; i++) delete[] x[i];

Conceptual layout



## Version 2b. Dynamic allocated m by n

- ♦ Both dimensions are variable
- ♦ Both allocated on the heap

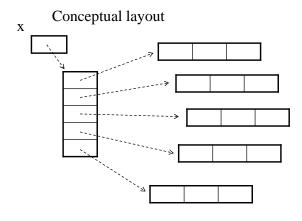
int \*\*x; x = new int\*[m]; for (i=0; i<m; i++)

int i, j, m=5, n=3;

x[i] = new int[n];for (i=0; i<m; i++)

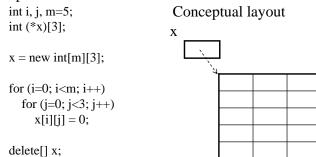
for (j=0; j<m; j++) x[i][j] = 0;

for (i=0; i<m; i++) delete[] x[i]; delete[] x;



#### Version 3. Dynamic allocated m by 3

- ♦ The first dimension is variable, the second dimension is fixed as 3
- ♦ Allocated on the heap



♦ Both dimensions are variable

Allocated on the heap

Conceptual layout

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int i, j, m=5, n=3;
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int **x, *tmp;
                                           tmp
x = new int*[m];
tmp = new int[m*n];
for (i=0; i<m; i++)
  x[i] = &tmp[i*n];
for (i=0; i<m; i++)
  for (j=0; j< n; j++)
     x[i][j] = 0;
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Version 4. Dynamic allocated m by n

delete[]x[0];delete[] x;

### Version 5. Dynamic allocated m by n

- ♦ Both dimensions are variable, emulate with 1-D array syntax
- Allocated on the heap

