

# Introduction to Arrays

More often than not, you will be working with more than just individual data values. Instead, you will have an entire list or set of data that is all the same type. And you definitely don't want to work with them this way:

real :: rh\_1, rh\_2, rh\_3, rh\_4, rh\_5, ...

rh\_1 = 88.2; rh\_2 = 74.8; rh\_3 = 55.4; ...

In Fortran, a collection of values of the same type is called an array. This allows us to do this instead:

real, dimension(1000) :: rh rh(1) = 88.2; rh(2) = 74.8; rh(3) = 55.4 print\*, rh(1:3) print\*, rh The numbers in parenthesis that specify the location of an item within an array are called subscripts (borrowed from mathematics). It's customary to refer to the expression x(3) as "x sub 3".

We can use variables as subscripts, too!

i = 1 print\*, rh(i)

So you might imagine writing a subroutine that would print out all of our rh records. Let's take a look! rhvals.f90

# Array Terminology and Declarations

The preferred method of declaring arrays is to use the dimension attribute in a type statement:

real, dimension(15) :: x real, dimension(1:5,1:3) :: y, z

The above are explicit-shape arrays.

Some terminology:

- \* Rank = number of dimensions
  - The rank of X is 1; rank of Y and Z is 2.
- \* Bounds = upper and lower limits of indices
  - The bounds of X are 1 and 15; bounds of Y and Z are 1 and 5 and 1 and 3.
- \* Extent = number of elements in dimension
  - The extent of X is 15; extents of Y and Z are 5 and 3.

## \* Size = total number of elements

Size of X, Y and Z is 15.

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- \* Shape = rank and extents
  - Shape of X is 15; shape of Y and Z is 5,3.

## \* Conformable = same shape

\* Y and Z are conformable.

# More on Declarations

- \* Literals and constants can be used in array declarations (with some caveats).
- \* The default lower bound is 1.
- \* Bounds can begin and end anywhere (i.e., you can use zero as a subscript as well as negative subscripts).

# **Examples**:

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integer, parameter :: lda = 5
real, dimension(0:lda-1) :: y
real, dimension(lda,lda+1,lda+2) :: big_array
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Declarations using colons for the subscripts may be used for a dummy argument of a procedure. This indicates that the shape of the dummy array is to be taken from the actual argument used when the procedure is called. This is known as an assumedshape array.

# \* Example: rhvals2.f90

 The declaration of arrays may also use values of other dummy arguments to establish extents. These are called automatic arrays.

## Example:

subroutine s2 (dummy\_list, n, dummy\_array)
real, dimension(:) :: dummy\_list
real, dimension(size(dummy\_list)) :: local\_list
real, dimension(n,n) :: dummy\_array, local\_array
real, dimension(2\*n + 1) :: longer\_local\_list

# Array Syntax

## We can reference:

## \* whole arrays

- a = 0.0 ! set all elements of the array a to zero
- **b** = **c** + **d** ! adds the elements of **c** and **d** together, assign result to **b**

## \* individual elements

a(1) = 0.0! set just one element of the array to zerob(0,0) = a(3) + c(5,1)

#### \* array sections

a(2:4) = 0.0 ! set a(2), a(3) and a(4) to zero b(-1:0,1:2) = c(1:2,2:3) + 1.0 ! adds one to the subsection of c

# Array-valued Expressions and Assignment

Arrays are now first-class objects, and array-valued expressions are evaluated element-wise, which saves writing many simple loops:

real, dimension(512,1024) :: raw, background, exposure, result, std\_err

result = (raw - background) / exposure

Similarly, all appropriate intrinsic functions operate element by element if given an array as an argument:

std\_err = SQRT(raw) / exposure

Note that the arrays must be conformable for these operations to be valid.

background = 0.1 \* exposure + 0.125 ! can include scalar constants and variables

# **Array Sections**

We can select a portion of an array to use in a particular computation with subscript-triplets. The general form is

[<bound1>] : [<bound2>] [:<stride>]

## **Examples**:

x(:)	! the whole array
x(3:9) or x(3:9:1)	! x(3) to x(9) in steps of 1
x(m:n) or x(m:n:k)	! use integer variables as bounds and stride
x(8:3:-1)	! x(8) to x(3) in steps of -1
x(m:)	! from x(m) to default upper bound
x(:n)	! from default lower bound to x(n)
x(::2)	! from lower bound to upper bound in steps of 2
x(m:m)	! one element section

## Slice assignment: can involve overlapping slices

b(1:9) = b(3:11)

a(2:10) = a(1:9) ! shift up one element ! shift down two elements

## Vector subscripts may also be used:

integer, dimension(4) :: mysub = (/ 32, 16, 17, 18 /)
real, dimension(100) :: vector

write(\*,\*) vector(mysub)

Note that vector subscripts can only be used on the left-hand side of an assignment if there are no repeated values in the list of subscripts.

# **Array Constructors**

A way of assigning an array a set of values along one dimension only. The constructor is delimited by (/ and /), and the elements are separated by commas.

x(1:4) = (/ 1.2, 3.5, 1.1, 1.5 /) x(1:4) = (/ 1.2, aval, 1.1, bval /) x(1:4) = (/ a(i,1:2), a(i+1,2:3) /) x(1:4) = (/ (sqrt(real(i)),i=1,4) /) ! a scalar expression
! also a scalar expression
! an array expression
! an implied do list

An implied do list is a list of expressions followed by something that is like an iterative control in a do statement.

x(1:4) = (/ sqrt(1.0), sqrt(2.0), sqrt(3.0), sqrt(4.0) /) ! equivalent

You can use them for other purposes, too:

print \*, (a(i,i), i = 1,n)

And they are valid in an array declaration:

real, dimension(4) :: x = (/ 1.2, 3.5, 1.1, 1.5 /)

The reshape intrinsic function can be used to define rank-two and greater arrays using array constructors:

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**RESHAPE** (source, shape)

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Example:

integer, dimension(2,2) :: a a = reshape( (/ 1,2,3,4 /), (/ 2,2 /) )

# **Allocatable Arrays**

Fortran 90 allows arrays to be created on-the-fly; these are known as deferred-shape arrays.

# Peclaration: (note allocatable attribute, fixed rank)

integer, dimension(:), allocatable :: ages
real, dimension(:,:), allocatable :: speed

# \* Allocation:

read\*, isize allocate(ages(isize), stat=ierr) if (ierr /= 0) print\*, "ages: allocation failed"

allocate(speed(0:isize-1,10), stat=ierr)
if (ierr /= 0) print\*, "speed: allocation failed"

# **Deallocating Arrays**

Heap storage can be reclaimed using the **PEALLOCATE** statement:

if (allocated(ages)) deallocate(ages, stat=ierr)

- You'll get an error if you try to deallocate an array without the allocate attribute or an array that has not previously been allocated space.
- If a procedure containing an allocatable array which does not have the save attribute is exited without being deallocated, then this storage becomes inaccessible.



