

# 11. Reference Types

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Reference Types: Definition and Initialization, Pass By Value, Pass by Reference, Temporary Objects, Const-References

# Swap!

```
// POST: values of x and y have been exchanged
```

```
void swap(int& x, int& y) {  
    int t = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = t;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int a = 2;  
    int b = 1;  
    swap(a, b);  
    assert(a == 1 && b == 2); // ok! 😊  
}
```

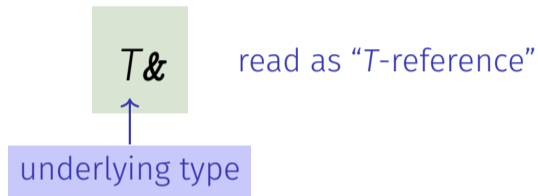
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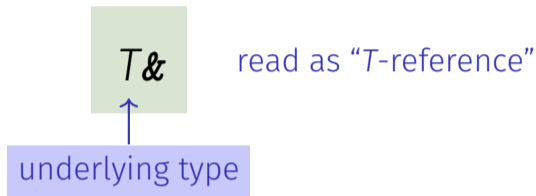
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- not a function-specific concept, but a new class of types: *reference types*

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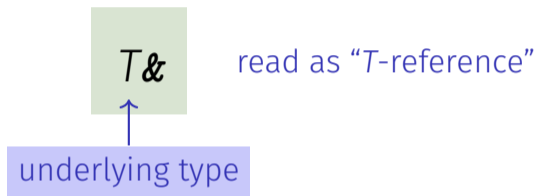


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- ...but initialization and assignment work differently

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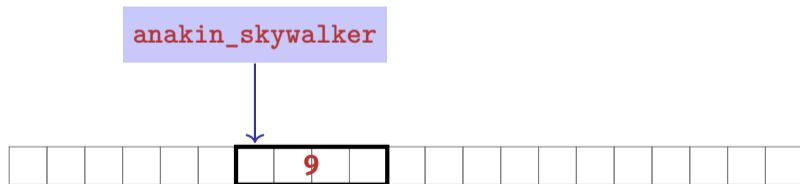
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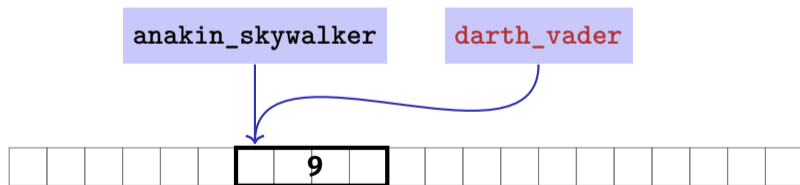
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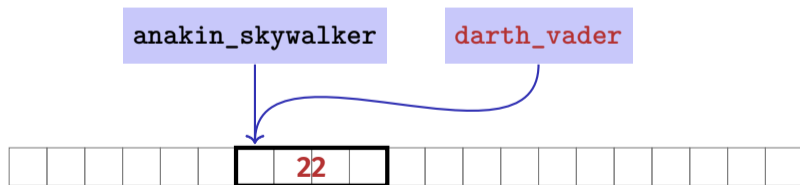
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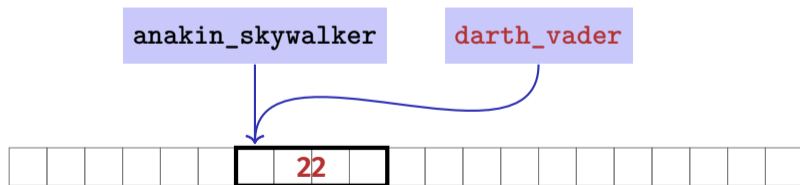
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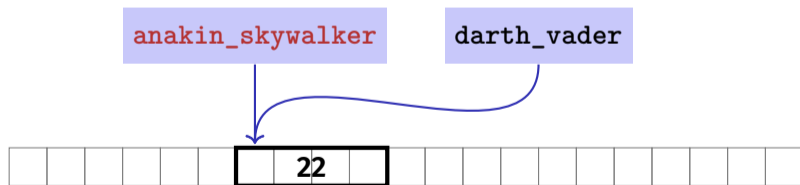
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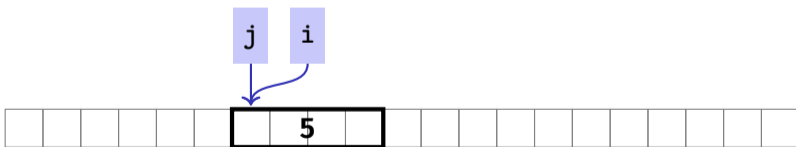


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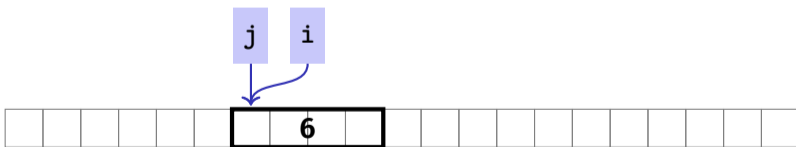
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std::cout << j; // 6
```





# Pass by Reference

Formal argument *is of* reference type:

⇒ *Pass by Reference*

Formal argument is (internally) initialized with the **address** of the call argument (L-value) and thus becomes an **alias**.

# Pass by Value

Formal argument *is not of* reference type:

⇒ *Pass by Value*

Formal argument is initialized with the *value* of the actual parameter (R-Value) and thus becomes a *copy*.

# References in the Context of intervals\_intersect

```
// PRE: [a1, b1], [a2, b2] are (generalized) intervals,  
// POST: returns true if [a1, b1], [a2, b2] intersect, in which case  
//       [l, h] contains the intersection of [a1, b1], [a2, b2]
```

```
bool intervals_intersect(int& l, int& h,  
                        int a1, int b1, int a2, int b2) {
```

```
    sort(a1, b1);
```

```
    sort(a2, b2);
```

```
    l = std::max(a1, a2); // Assignments
```

```
    h = std::min(b1, b2); // via references
```

```
    return l <= h;
```

```
}
```

```
...
```

```
int lo = 0; int hi = 0;
```

```
if (intervals_intersect(lo, hi, 0, 2, 1, 3)) // Initialization
```

```
    std::cout << "[" << lo << "," << hi << "]" << "\n"; // [1,2]
```



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```
// POST: a <= b
void sort(int& a, int& b) {
    if (a > b)
        std::swap(a, b); // Initialization ("passing through" a, b
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- Thus possible: `inc(inc(x))` or `++(inc(x))`

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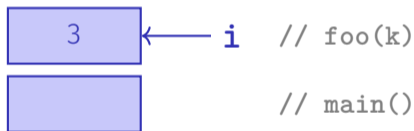
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value of the actual parameter is  
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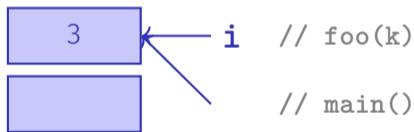


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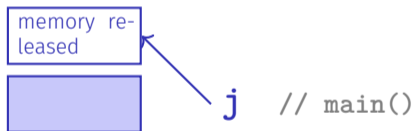
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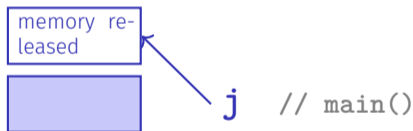


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When a reference is created, the object referred to must “stay alive” at least as long as the reference.

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The compiler detects our *cheating attempt*

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int& rw = n;     // rw is read-write alias
rw = 6;         // OK
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Typically doesn't pay off for fundamental types (`int`, `double`, ...). Types with a larger memory footprint will be introduced later in this course.

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Vector Types, Sieve of Erathostenes, Memory Layout, Iteration

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at the end of the crossing out process, only prime numbers remain.

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- Answer: with a *vector*.

# Erathosthenes with Vectors: Initialization

...

```
#include <vector>
```

Initialization with **n** elements  
initial value **false**.

...

```
std::vector<bool> crossed_out(n, false);
```

↑  
element type in triangular brackets

# Erathosthenes with Vectors: Computation

```
for (unsigned int i = 2; i < crossed_out.size(); ++i)
    if (!crossed_out[i]) { // i is prime
        std::cout << i << " ";

        // cross out all proper multiples of i
        for (unsigned int m = 2*i; m < crossed_out.size(); m += i)
            crossed_out[m] = true;
    }
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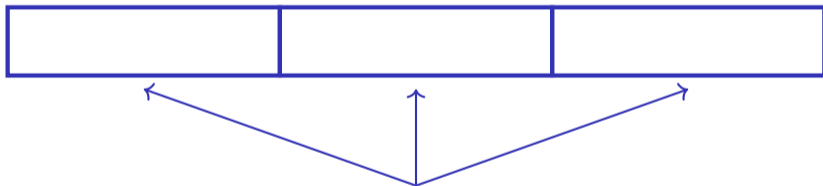
Example: a vector with 3 elements of type **T**



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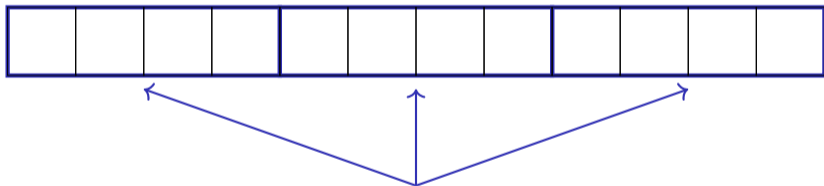
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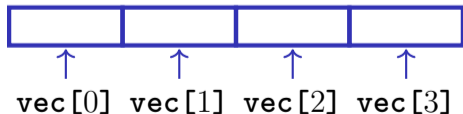
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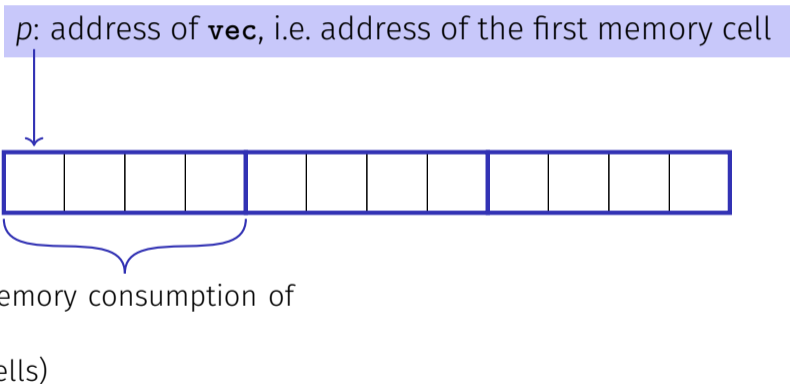
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- The value  $i$  of `exp` is called *index*
- `[]` is the *index operator* (also *subscript operator*)

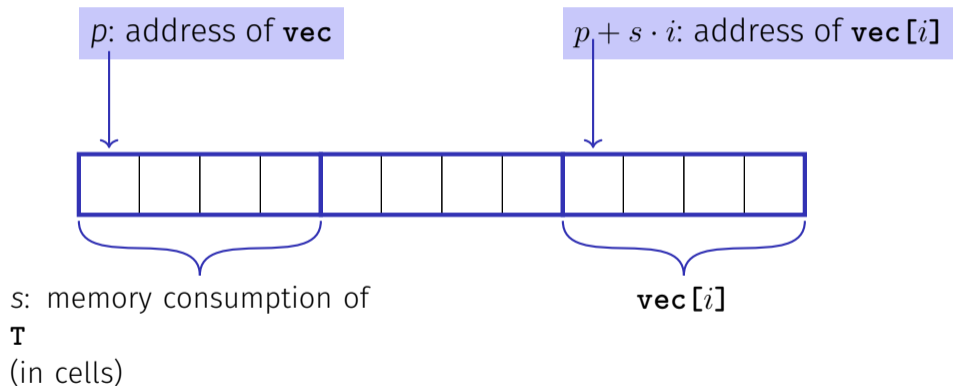
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## Bound Checks

When using a subscript operator on a vector, it is the sole *responsibility of the programmer* to check the validity of element accesses.

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## CWE - CWE-125: Out-of-bounds Read (3.0)

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However, this method only verifies that the given array index is less than the maximum length of the array but does not check for the minimum value (CWE-839). This will allow a negative value to be accepted as the input array index, which will result in a **out of bounds** read (CWE-125) and may allow access to sensitive ...

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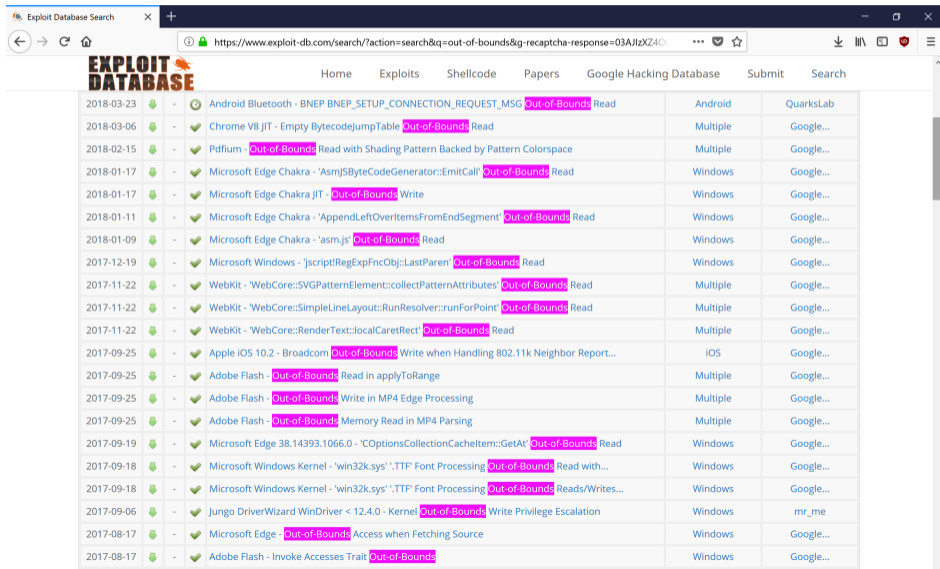
This typically occurs when the pointer or its index is incremented or decremented to a position beyond the bounds of the buffer or when pointer arithmetic results in a position outside of the valid memory location to name a few. This may result in corruption of sensitive information, a crash, or code execution among other ...

## c - How dangerous is it to access an array out of bounds? - Stack ...

<https://stackoverflow.com/.../how-dangerous-is-it-to-access-an-arr...> ▾ [Diese Seite übersetzen](#)

As far as the ISO C standard (the official definition of the language) is concerned, accessing an array outside its bounds has "undefined behavior". The literal meaning of this is: behavior, upon use of a nonportable or erroneous program construct or of erroneous data, for which this International Standard imposes no ...

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Exploit Database search results for the query 'out-of-bounds'. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Exploits, Shellcode, Papers, Google Hacking Database, Submit, and Search. The main content is a table listing various exploits, each with a date, a status icon, a title, a description, a platform, and a source.

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2018-01-09	🟢	Microsoft Edge Chakra - 'asm.js'	Out-of-Bounds Read	Windows	Google...
2017-12-19	🟢	Microsoft Windows - 'jscript!RegExpFuncObj::LastParen'	Out-of-Bounds Read	Windows	Google...
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2017-08-17	🟢	Microsoft Edge - Out-of-Bounds Access when Fetching Source		Windows	Google...
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# 13. Characters and Texts I

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Characters and Texts, ASCII, UTF-8, Caesar Code

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    std::cout << c; // abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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Useable Bits	Bit patterns
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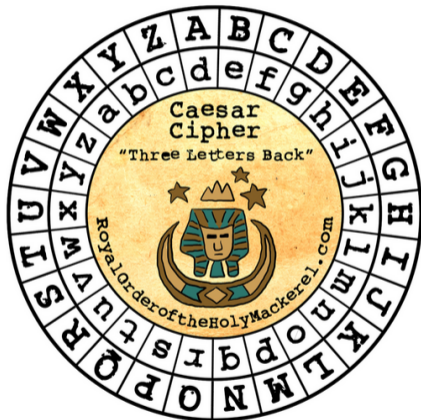
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P.S.: Search for **apple "unicode of death"** P.S.: Unicode & UTF-8 are not relevant for the exam

# Caesar-Code

Replace every printable character in a text by its pre-pre-predecessor.

' ' (32) → '|' (124)  
'!' (33) → '}' (125)  
...  
'D' (68) → 'A' (65)  
'E' (69) → 'B' (66)  
...  
~ (126) → '{' (123)



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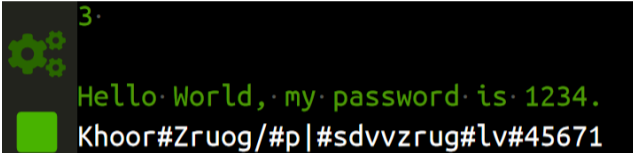
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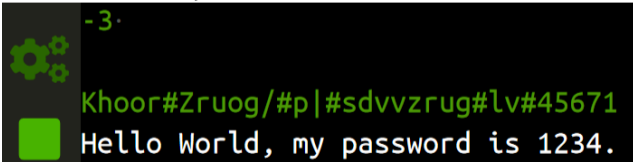
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    return 0;  
}
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- Better: from arbitrary character source (console, file, ...) to arbitrary character sink (console, ...)

