

# 2D ARRAYS & FILES

CSSE 120—Rose Hulman Institute of Technology

# Final Exam Facts

- **Date:** Thursday, February 25, 2010
- **Time:** 8:00 to 12:00 PM
- **Venue:** **See schedule lookup page or course schedule**
- **Chapters:** Zelle chapters 1 to 12.1, Assigned C readings from Kochan plus Web resources linked from ANGEL Resources page
- You may bring two sheets of paper this time.

# Two-dimensional Arrays

- Like a list of lists in Python
- But size is fixed, like C arrays
- Visualize as a matrix:

NUM\_ROWS = 3  
(loop using i)

NUM\_COLS = 6 (loop using j)

4	3	6	31	8	2
9	4	7	8	4	1
34	2	16	5	3	6

- Can make ragged arrays (different number of items in each row) but more difficult to do

# 2D Array Syntax

- Declaration reserves space, but doesn't set values to anything!

```
int nums[NUM_ROWS][NUM_COLS];
```

- Display

```
for (i = 0; i < NUM_ROWS; i++) {  
    for (j = 0; j < NUM_COLS; j++) {  
        printf("%2d ", nums[i][j]);  
    }  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

# Modify your code

- Ask the user for the number of rows and columns instead
- Then prompt them to input the value of each element
- Print out the values they entered in matrix form
- Challenge: print out the row sums and column sums

# File handling

- Need to include `<stdlib.h>` to access many file handling functions
- Open a file using **fopen()**
- Modes:
  - “r” (read)
  - “w” (write)
  - “a” (append)
- Returns a file pointer to access the file: **FILE\***
- Close a file using **fclose()**

# A simple example

```
FILE *inFile;
```

```
inFile = fopen("my_file.txt", "r");
```

```
if (inFile == NULL) {
```

```
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
```

```
}
```

```
// Read data from the file pointed to by inFile
```

```
fclose( inFile );
```

# How do we read from a file?

- `getc(my_fileptr) ;`      `/* read the next character from the file*/`
- `fgets(buffer, n, my_fileptr);`  
`/* read the next line of text from file, up to n-1 chars, into buffer */`
- `fscanf(my_fileptr, "%d", &num);`  
`/* read the next int value from file into variable num*/`

# How do we write to a file?

- `putc(c, my_fileptr) ;`    `/* Converts int c to a char and write it to file */`
- `fputs(my_string, my_fileptr);`  
`/* Copies my_string to file, except the string terminating char */`
- `fprintf(my_fileptr, "%s\n", my_string) ;`  
`/* Similar to printf() except the first parameter is a file pointer */`

# File Handling

- Check out ***FileDemo*** from your SVN repo
- See problem description in comments
- Work on solving problem for 10 minutes

# HW27

- See instructions linked from ANGEL
- You'll read two 2D matrices from a file, perform math on them and then output the result back to a file.