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- When you use a value as an array subscript, C++ does not check it to make sure it is a *valid* subscript.
- In other words, you can use subscripts that are beyond the bounds of the array.

Code From Program 7-9

- The following code defines a three-element array, and then writes five values to it!

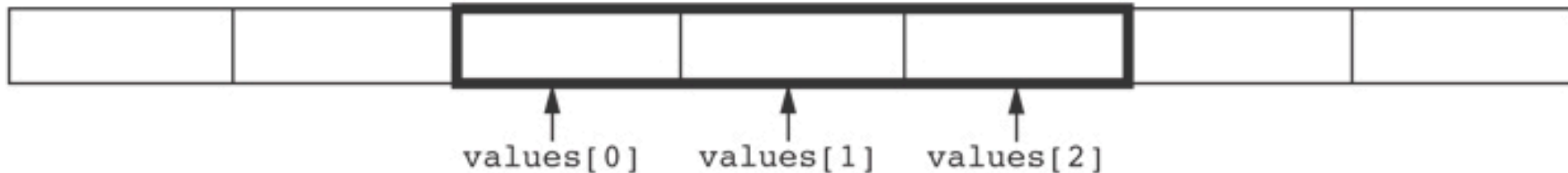
```
9      const int SIZE = 3;    // Constant for the array size
10     int values[SIZE];     // An array of 3 integers
11     int count;           // Loop counter variable
12
13     // Attempt to store five numbers in the 3-element array.
14     cout << "I will store 5 numbers in a 3-element array!\n";
15     for (count = 0; count < 5; count++)
16         values[count] = 100;
```

What the Code Does

The way the values array is set up in memory.
The outlined area represents the array.

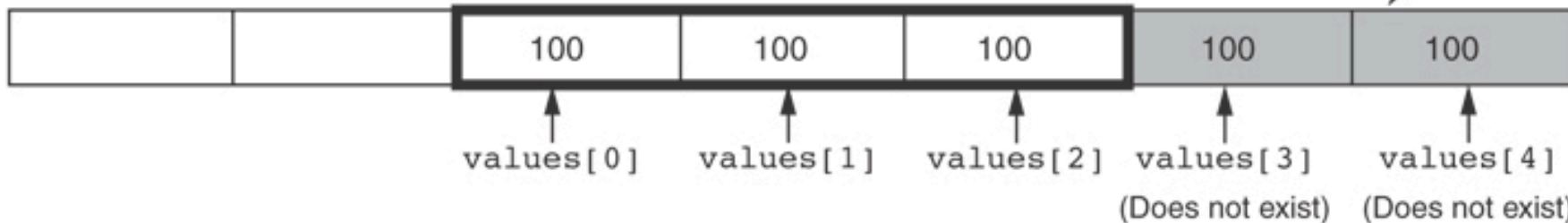
Memory outside the array
(Each block = 4 bytes)

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How the numbers assigned to the array overflow the array's boundaries.
The shaded area is the section of memory illegally written to.

Anything previously stored
here is overwritten.



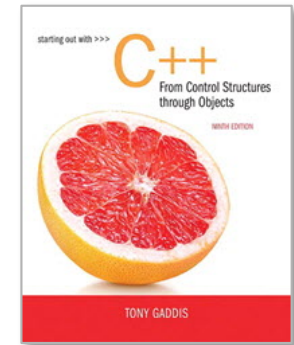
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- Be careful not to use invalid subscripts.
- Doing so can corrupt other memory locations, crash program, or lock up computer, and cause elusive bugs.

Off-By-One Errors

- An off-by-one error happens when you use array subscripts that are off by one.
- This can happen when you start subscripts at 1 rather than 0:

```
// This code has an off-by-one error.  
const int SIZE = 100;  
int numbers[SIZE];  
for (int count = 1; count <= SIZE; count++)  
    numbers[count] = 0;
```



7.4

The Range-Based `for` Loop

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- C++ 11 provides a specialized version of the `for` loop that, in many circumstances, simplifies array processing.
- *The range-based `for` loop is a loop that iterates once for each element in an array.*
- *Each time the loop iterates, it copies an element from the array to a built-in variable, known as the range variable.*
- The range-based `for` loop automatically knows the number of elements in an array.
 - You do not have to use a counter variable.
 - You do not have to worry about stepping outside the bounds of the array.

The Range-Based `for` Loop

- Here is the general format of the range-based `for` loop:

```
for (dataType rangeVariable : array)  
    statement;
```

- dataType*** is the data type of the range variable.
- rangeVariable*** is the name of the range variable. This variable will receive the value of a different array element during each loop iteration.
- array*** is the name of an array on which you wish the loop to operate.
- statement*** is a statement that executes during a loop iteration. If you need to execute more than one statement in the loop, enclose the statements in a set of braces.

The range-based `for` loop in Program 7-10

```
1 // This program demonstrates the range-based for loop.
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     // Define an array of integers.
8     int numbers[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 };
9
10    // Display the values in the array.
11    for (int val : numbers)
12        cout << val << endl;
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Modifying an Array with a Range-Based `for` Loop

- As the range-based `for` loop executes, its range variable contains only a copy of an array element.
- You cannot use a range-based `for` loop to modify the contents of an array unless you declare the range variable as a reference.
- To declare the range variable as a reference variable, simply write an ampersand (`&`) in front of its name in the loop header.
- Program 7-12 demonstrates

Modifying an Array with a Range-Based for Loop in Program 7-12

```
const int SIZE = 5;
int numbers[5];

// Get values for the array.
for (int &val : numbers)
{
    cout << "Enter an integer value: ";
    cin >> val;
}

// Display the values in the array.
cout << "Here are the values you entered:\n";
for (int val : numbers)
    cout << val << endl;
```

Modifying an Array with a Range-Based for Loop

You can use the `auto` key word with a reference range variable. For example, the code in lines 12 through 16 in Program 7-12 could have been written like this:

```
for (auto &val : numbers)
{
    cout << "Enter an integer value: ";
    cin >> val;
}
```

The Range-Based `for` Loop versus the Regular `for` Loop

- The range-based `for` loop can be used in any situation where you need to step through the elements of an array, and you do not need to use the element subscripts.
- If you need the element subscript for some purpose, use the regular `for` loop.