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The foreach Loop

- When writing a **for** loop that accesses each element of an array once, you will end up writing code like this:

```
for(int i = 0; i < myArray.Length; i++)
{
    <do something with myArray[i]>;
}
```

- In some cases, this code has unnecessary repetition: If you are not using the counter `i` for anything other than an array index, you still need to declare it, increment it, and write the condition with `myArray.Length`
- The **foreach loop** is a shortcut that allows you to get rid of the counter variable and the loop condition. It has this syntax:

```
foreach(<type> <variableName> in <arrayName>)
{
    <do something with variable>
}
```

  - The loop will repeat exactly as many times as there are elements in the array
  - On each iteration of the loop, the variable will be assigned the next value from the array, in order
  - The variable must be the same type as the array

- For example, this loop accesses each element of `homeworkGrades` and computes their sum:

```
int sum = 0;
foreach(int grade in homeworkGrades)
{
    sum += grade;
}
```

  - The variable `grade` is declared with type `int` since `homeworkGrades` is an array of `int`
  - `grade` has a scope limited to the body of the loop, just like the counter variable `i`
  - In successive iterations of the loop `grade` will have the value `homeworkGrades[0]`, then `homeworkGrades[1]`, and so on,

through `homeworkGrades[homeworkGrades.Length - 1]`

- A **`foreach`** loop is **read-only** with respect to the array: The loop's variable cannot be used to *change* any elements of the array. This code will result in an error:

```
foreach(int grade in homeworkGrades)
{
    grade = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
}
```