

Unit 8: Arrays



Definition: An "array" is a type of data capable of storing multiple values. It is used to group data that are very similar and related to each other.

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Syntax1: type_of_variable[] n; //N is defined as an array of type_of_variable
n = new type_of_variable[syze] //Reserve System Memory.
```

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Syntax2: type_of_variable n[] = type_of_variable [syze];
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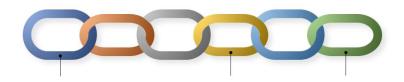
The first element of Array is **n[0]**.



Initialize the values of an Array:

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type_of_variable n[] = {value1, value2,...,value_n};
```

- Each element of the array can be used exactly like any other variable. It can be assigned a
 value or it can be used within a expression.
- All the elements of an array must be of the same type.



Sort Array:

- The arrays are used to sort elements.
- The most important sorting algorithms are:
 - Selection sort.
 - Bubble sort.
 - Insertion sort.
 - Merge sort.
 - Quick sort.

Arrays Class:

This class contains various methods for manipulating arrays (such as sorting and searching). This class also contains a static factory that allows arrays to be viewed as lists.



Arrays class methods:

- The methods are used with Arrays class:
 - **Sorting ->** sort(array) Method.
 - **Searching** -> The array should be sorted in increasing order.
 - "bynarySearch(array, value)"-> Return index of element inside the arrays if exists.
 - Comparing-> "equals(array1, array2)" method. Return "true" or "false" if they are equals.
 - Filling-> fill(array, value) method. Insert value in each elements of array.



Two-Dimensional Array:

- A two-dimensional array uses two indices to locate each element. We can see this type of data as an array that, in turn, contains other arrays.
- It looks like a grid in which the data is distributed in rows and columns.
- Two-dimensional arrays are frequently used to place objects on a plane.

Syntax:

```
type_of_variable [][] n = type_of_variable [syze1][size2];
```

Initialize the values of an two-dimensional Array:

```
type_of_variable[][] n = {{val1, val2, ...valn}, ..., {val1, val2, ..., valn}}
```



For each:

- Indicate the name of the array you want to traverse and in which variable each element is going to be placed with each iteration of the loop.
- You don't to have to specify which index the loop starts and ends with, that's taken care of by Java.
- Used to avoid errors in the size of indexes.