

Java Array Syntax

Declaration and Initialization:

// Declaration

```
dataType[] arrayName;
```

// Initialization

```
dataType[] arrayName = new dataType[size];
```

```
dataType[] arrayName = {element1, element2, ...};
```

Example:

<pre>int[] numbers = new int[5]</pre>	<pre>// Declaration and initialization with size</pre>
<pre>int[] primes = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11}</pre>	<pre>// Declaration and initialization with values</pre>

Accessing Elements:

```
arrayName[index];
```

Example:

```
int thirdElement = numbers[2]; // Accessing the third element
```

Updating Elements:

```
arrayName[index] = newValue;
```

Example:

```
numbers[0] = 10; // Updating the first element
```

Iterating through an Array:

```
for (dataType element : arrayName) {
```

```
// Process element  
}
```

Example:

```
for (int number : numbers) {  
    System.out.println(number); // Print each number in the array  
}
```

Counting Array Length:

Example:

```
int size = numbers.length; // Get the length of the array
```

Sorting Arrays:

```
Arrays.sort(arrayName);
```

Example:

```
Arrays.sort(numbers); // Sorts the array 'numbers' in ascending order
```

Arrays.sort():

- Arrays.sort() is used to sort arrays of primitive data types or objects that implement the Comparable interface.
- It sorts arrays in place, modifying the original array.
- This would sort the numbers array in ascending order.

Copying Arrays:

Method 1- Using a Loop

```
// Create a new array with the same length as the original  
  
int[] originalArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
int[] copiedArray = new int[originalArray.length];
```

```
// Copy elements one by one
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < originalArray.length; i++) {  
    copiedArray[i] = originalArray[i];  
}
```

Method 2- Using System.arraycopy():

```
// Create a new array with the same length as the original
```

```
int[] originalArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
int[] copiedArray = new int[originalArray.length];
```

```
// Use System.arraycopy() to copy the array
```

```
System.arraycopy(originalArray, 0, copiedArray, 0, originalArray.length);
```

Method 3- Using Arrays.copyOf():

```
// Create a new array with the same length as the original and copy its elements
```

```
int[] originalArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
int[] copiedArray = Arrays.copyOf(originalArray, originalArray.length);
```

Note - All three methods will create a copy of the original array. The choice of method depends on your preference and requirements. `System.arraycopy()` is generally faster for large arrays, while `Arrays.copyOf()` provides a more concise syntax.

