

# 2D Arrays in Java

- In this lecture, we will cover
  - Multidimensional Arrays
    - An array of arrays
  - Keeping track of access

## Your future in CS

I used to include this on my slides, but since these slides have changed - going to just leave it up here for every notebook. I get a lot of questions about more programming courses, the concentrations, and minors in computer science. Here is a brief reminder.

CS 165 – Next Course In Sequence, also consider CS 220 (math and stats especially)

- CO Jobs Report 2021 – 77% of *all* new jobs in Colorado require programming
- 60% of all STEM jobs requires *advanced* (200-300 level)
- 31% of all Bachelor of Arts degree titled jobs also required coding skills
- 2016 Report found on average jobs that require coding skills paid \$22,000 more
- Concentrations in CS:
  - Computer science has a number of concentrations.
    - [General concentration](#) is the most flexible, and even allows students to double major or minor pretty easily.
    - [Software Engineering](#)
    - [Computing Systems](#)
    - [Human Centered Computing](#)
    - [Networks and Security](#)
    - [Artificial Intelligence](#)
    - Computer Science Education.
  - Minors:
    - [Minor in Computer Science](#) - choose your own adventure minor
    - [Minor in Machine Learning](#) - popular with stats/math, and engineering
    - [Minor in Bioinformatics](#) - Biology + Computer Science

## Warmup Activity

- write a method that build an array of length N
- Adds random **ints** to the array until N
  - from 1 until and including *range* (another parameter passed in)
- returns the array

Reminder:

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
int val = rnd.nextInt(6)+1;
```

generates a random number between 0-5, adds 1 to it, and stores it into val

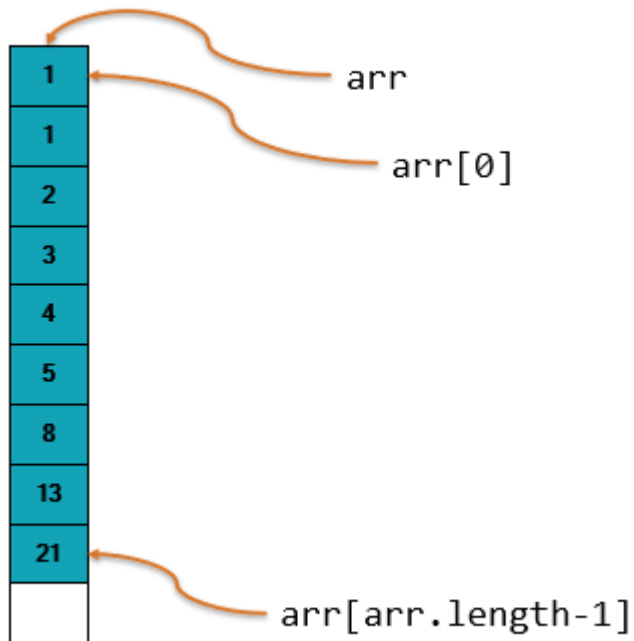
```
In [2]: public static int[] randomArray(int n, int range) {  
        Random rnd = new Random();  
        int[] rtn = new int[n];  
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
            rtn[i] = rnd.nextInt(range) + 1;  
        }  
        return rtn;  
    }  
  
    int[] random_one = randomArray(10, 12);  
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(random_one));  
  
    int[] random_two = randomArray(10, 20);  
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(random_two))
```

[3, 2, 10, 7, 10, 5, 6, 11, 10, 3]

[13, 15, 1, 17, 20, 20, 4, 1, 12, 16]

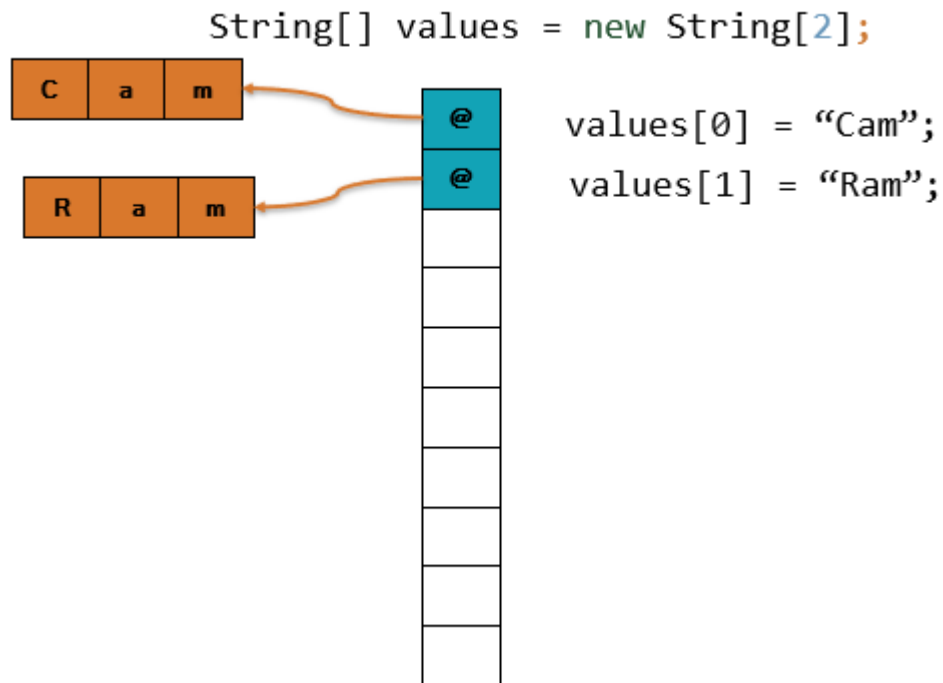
## Array Review

```
int[] arr = {1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21};
```

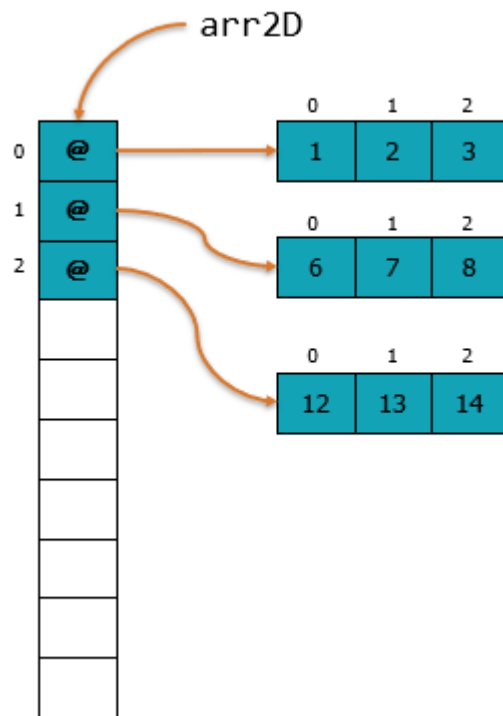


- Ways to store
  - Variables in order
  - index from 0..N
- Arrays are

- a type themselves
- the value of the array
  - reference to memory location!
  - Matters for parameters and return values!
- .length gives us total memory allocated
- Arrays can
  - be any size – as long as you allocate it
  - Store any valid type
  - primitives and objects
  - and other arrays (since they are a type themselves)!



- An array of objects are always references to those objects
- So since arrays are types, we can also do the following



```
In [3]: int[][] arr2D = {{1,2,3},{6,7,8},{12,13,14}};

int[] inner = arr2D[0];
System.out.println(inner[0]); // what is printed here?

// we also have a short hand notation that is *very* common

int val = arr2D[2][1];
System.out.println(val); // what is printed here?
```

1  
13

The above array is known as 3x3 array.

Printing the array is also commonly done with nested for loops

```
In [5]: for(int[] row : arr2D) {
        for(int col: row)
            System.out.printf("%4d", col);
            System.out.println();
        }
```

1   2   3  
6   7   8  
12 13 14

```
In [23]: // just adding these so it will be easier later in our code
public static void print2D(Object[][] values) {
    for(Object[] row: values) {
        for(Object col: row)
            System.out.printf("%20s", col);
    }
}
```

```

        System.out.println();
    }
    System.out.println();
}

public static void print2D(int[][] values) {
    for(int[] row: values) {
        for(int col: row)
            System.out.printf("%4d", col);
        System.out.println();
    }
    System.out.println();
}

```

However, if I need to modify the values, I need to use a standard for loop!

In [24]: `String[][] names = {"Superman", "Batman"}, {"Lex Luther", "Joker"};`

```

print2D(names);

for(int row =0; row < names.length; row++) {
    for(int col = 0; col < names[row].length; col++) { // notice!!!
        names[row][col] = names[row][col].toUpperCase();
    }
}

print2D(names); // notice names is modified!

```

Superman	Batman
Lex Luther	Joker
SUPERMAN	BATMAN
LEX LUTHER	JOKER

## Declaring Arrays

- There are multiple ways to declare arrays
- Shorthand using the curly brackets
- Declaring the entire array at once
- Irregular / declaring on the fly

In [27]: `int[][] matrix = new int[3][3];`

```

print2D(matrix); // fully initialized with 0

```

```

0  0  0
0  0  0
0  0  0

```

And then modify the values of the empty array.

```
In [28]: for(int i = 0; i < matrix.length; i++) {
        for(int j = 0; j < matrix[i].length; j++) {
            matrix[i][j] = j + (i*10) + 1;
        }
    }

    print2D(matrix);
```

```
1  2  3
11 12 13
21 22 23
```

## Irregular / Ragged Arrays

- You can have arrays of variable length within an array
- These are often called 'ragged' or irregular arrays

```
In [32]: int[][] ragged = new int[3][];

System.out.println(Arrays.toString(ragged));

[null, null, null]
```

Notice: It recreated an array of 3 null values, but it will require an `int[]` to be placed in each spot.

```
In [60]: Random rnd = new Random();

for(int i = 0; i < ragged.length; i++) {
    ragged[i] = new int[rnd.nextInt(6)+1];
    for(int j = 0; j < ragged[i].length; j++) {
        ragged[i][j] = j + (i*10);
    }
}

print2D(ragged);
```

```
0  1  2  3
10 11 12 13 14 15
20 21
```

## In class activity

- Write a method that
  - builds an NxM array (n and m are both parameters)
  - populates it with random double values between 0 and 1
    - `Random rnd = new Random();`  
`rnd.nextDouble(); // gives between 0 and 1`
  - returns that array
    - print out the array contents
- Expert level (if you finish with the first task)
  - Create a second level where M is random 1-M creating a ragged array.

```
In [65]: public static double[][] matrixSeed(int n, int m) {
    Random rnd = new Random();
    double[][] seed = new double[n][m];
    for(int row = 0; row < seed.length; row++) {
        for(int col = 0; col < seed[row].length; col++) {
            seed[row][col] = rnd.nextDouble();
        }
    }
    return seed;
}

public static void printSeed(double[][] seed) {
    for(double[] row: seed) {
        for(double col: row) {
            System.out.printf("%6.2f", col);
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
    System.out.println();
}

double[][] hidden_a = matrixSeed(10, 10);
double[][] hidden_b = matrixSeed(10, 5);

printSeed(hidden_a);
printSeed(hidden_b);
```

```
0.20 0.61 0.12 0.42 0.26 0.69 0.24 0.75 0.86 0.96
0.17 0.90 0.04 0.40 0.05 0.25 1.00 0.08 0.89 0.04
0.16 0.74 0.51 0.95 0.75 0.16 0.59 0.65 0.85 0.04
0.36 0.76 0.06 0.68 0.94 0.49 0.36 0.86 0.96 0.01
0.19 0.06 0.00 0.07 0.01 0.05 0.61 0.84 0.70 0.17
0.32 0.08 0.69 0.02 0.48 0.15 0.43 0.03 0.34 0.03
0.09 0.71 0.55 0.67 0.53 0.17 0.49 0.54 0.34 0.89
0.12 0.00 0.62 0.62 0.84 0.23 0.47 0.77 0.78 0.42
0.45 0.44 0.13 0.33 0.29 0.07 0.83 0.90 0.89 0.20
0.49 0.48 0.34 0.05 0.72 0.74 0.91 0.96 0.36 0.14

0.12 0.45 0.77 0.00 0.31
0.60 0.40 0.44 0.70 0.03
0.37 0.41 0.33 0.81 0.52
0.44 0.17 0.48 0.82 0.14
0.16 0.91 0.90 0.76 0.28
0.22 0.69 0.12 0.31 0.96
0.95 0.84 0.25 0.99 0.44
0.68 0.00 0.13 0.04 1.00
0.33 0.14 0.47 0.83 0.66
0.10 0.04 0.31 0.36 0.88
```

Why am I calling it a "seed"?

This is actually common to do when working with artificial neural networks or other machine learning applications. It is the 'starting point' for learning!

## Overview

- Practice arrays!
- You can even make 3D arrays, just be adding on another layer
  - You are now dealing in 3D space..
- Data science and Machine Learning often deals with N-dimensional arrays!
  - Often, you don't know the N, so making sure you break it down is important!
- This is a topic we cover the least, that you will want to practice before CS 165.