

# Activity 8: Arrays

Programs often need to store multiple values of the same type, such as a list of 1000 phone numbers or the names of your top 20 favorite songs. Rather than create a separate variable for each one, we can store them together using an array.

## Model 1 Array Syntax

Each value in an array is known as an *element*. The programmer must specify the *length* of the array (the number of array elements). Once the array is created, its length cannot be changed.

```
String[] wordArray = {"hello", "world"};
System.out.println(wordArray[0]);           // outputs hello
System.out.println(wordArray.length);       // outputs 2

double[] numberArray = new double[365];
System.out.println(numberArray[0]);         // outputs 0.0
System.out.println(numberArray.length);     // outputs 365
```

Array elements are accessed by *index* number, starting at zero:

|         |         |     |     |     |     |
|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| "hello" | "world" | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | 0.0 |
| 0       | 1       | 0   | 1   |     | 364 |

## Questions (15 min)

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

- Examine the results of the above code.
  - What is the index for the element "world"?
  - What is the length of the wordArray?
  - What is the length of the numberArray?
  - How would you access the last element of numberArray?
- Now examine the syntax of the code.
  - What are three ways that square brackets [] are used?
  - In contrast, how are curly braces used for an array?

3. What are the type and value for each of the four *expressions* below?

```
int[] a = {3, 6, 15, 22, 100, 0};  
double[] b = {3.5, 4.5, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0};  
String[] c = {"alpha", "beta", "gamma"};
```

a) `a[3] + a[2]`

b) `b[2] - b[0] + a[4]`

c) `c[1].charAt(a[0])`

d) `a[4] * b[1] <= a[5] * a[0]`

Array variables can be initialized without the `new` keyword:

```
int[] picks = {3, 5, 7, 2, 1};  
String[] names = {"Grace", "Alan", "Tim"};
```

However, if the variable is already declared, `new` is required:

```
picks = new int[] {3, 5, 7, 2, 1};  
names = new String[] {"Grace", "Alan", "Tim"};
```

4. Write *expressions* that create the following `new` arrays. (Do not declare variables.)

a) 

|   |    |      |     |   |      |
|---|----|------|-----|---|------|
| 0 | 14 | 1024 | 127 | 3 | 5521 |
|---|----|------|-----|---|------|

b) 

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3.23 | 1.52 | 4.23 | 32.5 | 2.45 | 5.23 | 3.33 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

5. Write *statements* that both declare and initialize variables for these `new` arrays.

a) 

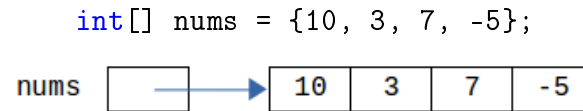
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b) 

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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## Model 2 Array Diagrams

Array elements are stored together in one contiguous block of memory. To show arrays in memory diagrams, we simply draw adjacent boxes.



### Questions (10 min)

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Draw a memory diagram for the following array declarations.

a) `int[] sizes = new int[5];`  
`sizes[2] = 7;`

b) `double[] costs = new double[4];`  
`costs[0] = 0.99;`

c) `String[] names = new String[3];`  
`names[1] = "Anita";`

7. What is the *default* value for uninitialized array elements? (Hint: You should have no empty boxes in your memory diagrams above.)

8. Like strings, arrays are reference types. What is the *value* of an array variable?

9. Draw a memory diagram of the following array. (Hint: You should have four arrows.)

```
String[] greek = {"alpha", "beta", "gamma"};
```

## Model 3 Arrays and Loops

The real power of arrays is the ability to process them using loops, i.e., performing the same task for multiple elements.

```
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {  
    // ... process array[i] ...  
}
```

Here are two specific examples:

```
// set all of the elements of x to -1.0  
double[] x = new double[100];  
for (int i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {  
    x[i] = -1.0;  
}  
  
// sum the elements of scores  
int sum = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++) {  
    sum += scores[i];  
}
```

### Questions (20 min)

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What is the value of array and accumulator at the end of the following code? Trace the loop by hand in the space below.

```
int[] array = {5, 26, 13, 12, 37, 15, 16, 4, 1, 3};  
int accumulator = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {  
    if (array[i] % 2 == 1 && i + 1 < array.length) {  
        array[i] *= -1;  
        accumulator += array[i+1];  
    }  
}
```

11. Implement the following method that creates and returns a new array.

```
/**
 * Return a new array containing the pairwise maximum value of
 * the arguments. For each subscript i, the return value at [i]
 * will be the larger of x[i] and y[i].
 *
 * @param x an array of double values
 * @param y an array of double values
 * @return pairwise max of x and y
 */
public static double[] pairwiseMax(double[] x, double[] y) {

}
}
```

12. Implement the following method that reads through two integer arrays.

```
/**
 * Computes the final average grade for a student. The labs are
 * worth 40% and the exams are worth 60%. All scores range from
 * 0 to 100, inclusive.
 *
 * @param labs the student's lab scores
 * @param exams the student's exam scores
 * @return weighted average of all scores
 */
public static double finalGrade(int[] labs, int[] exams) {

}
}
```