WEEK EIGHT

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THE ARRAY

- Data structure
  - Contain groups of related items under one variable name
- Arrays
  - Simplest and most prevalent data structure
  - Object that contains items of the same data type
  - Each item is indexed by their order in the list (starting at 0)
  - Can hold primitive data types or objects
- String is essentially an array of characters

CREATING AN ARRAY

- An array is an object thus it needs an object **reference**
  - The reference is stored in a variable and refers to the place in memory that the object is stored
  - `int[] accounts;`
- When creating an array, we must define it with a permanent size
  - We can never directly change the size of this array after it is created
  - `accounts = new int[6];`
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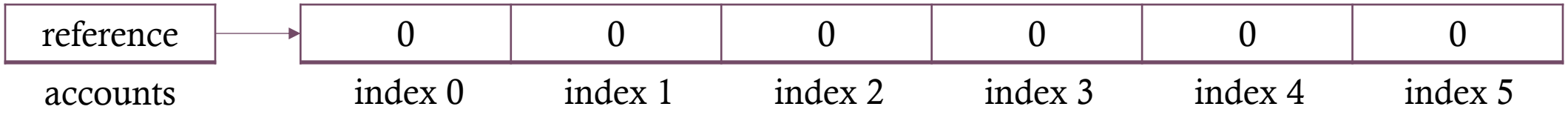
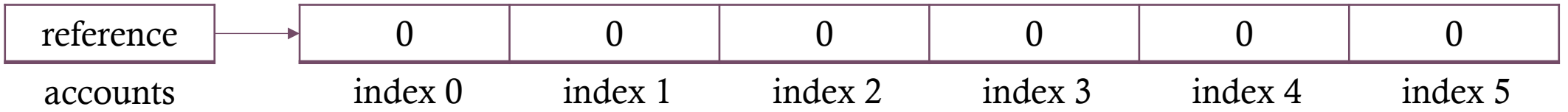
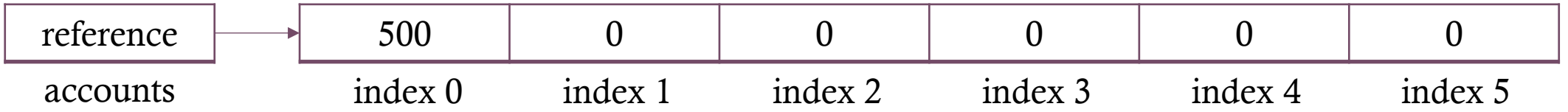


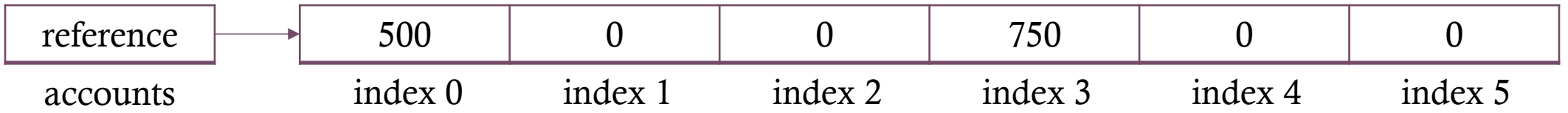
ACCESSING AND MODIFYING ARRAYS



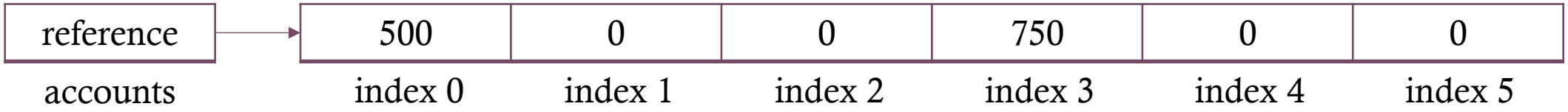
- Say we want to update the value of the first index
  - `accounts[0] = 500;`



- We can also reference an existing array value when modifying another
  - `accounts[3] = accounts[0] + 250;`



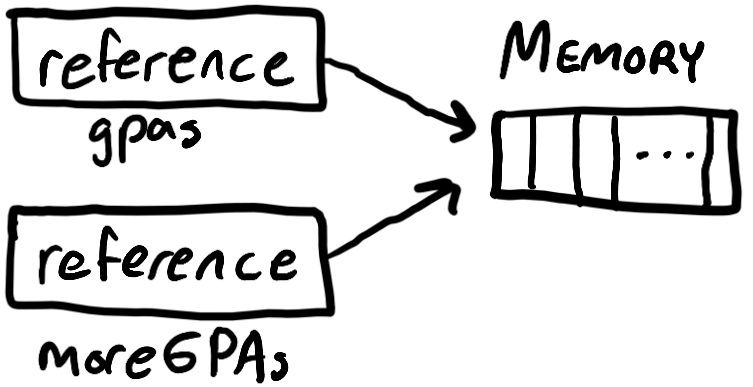
MORE ABOUT ACCESSING ARRAYS



- What happens if we try:
  - `int num = accounts[6];`
  - ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
- What if we try:
  - `int index = 3;`
  - `int value = accounts[index];`
  - value will equal 750

CREATING AN ARRAY WITH DEFAULT VALUES

- If you want your array to have some default values other than zero,
  - `double[] gpas = {2.7, 3.4, 4.0, 3.6};`
  - `gpas[2]` is equal to `4.0`
- Remember, arrays are objects
  - What happens if we do:
  - `System.out.println(gpas);`
  - `[D@7b23ec81`
  - What if we do:
  - `double[] moreGPAs = gpas;`
  - `moreGPAs` now referenes the same place in memory as `gpas`
  - If one changes, they both change



ADDITIONAL ARRAY FUNCTIONALITY

- `String[] weekDays = {“Mon”, “Tue”, “Wed”, “Thu”, “Fri”, “Sat”, “Sun”};`
- Because arrays are objects, they have some built in fields and methods
  - The length *field*:
    - `int size = weekDays.length; // 7`
  - Useful methods:
    - `Arrays.toString();`
    - `Arrays.equals();`
    - `Arrays.sort();`
    - `weekDays.clone();`
- Array objects have access to all the methods of that object
  - `String allCapsMon = weekDays[0].toUpperCase();`

ACTIVITY

- Write a method that uses an array to keep track of a certain number of doubles
- The method will be provided with a starting value, and a number of doubles
- The method should then store each double in an index in the array and then return the array
- For example,
  - If the method is given 5 as a starting value and 4 as the number of doubles,
  - The array should look like this: [5, 10, 20, 40]