SINGLE-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

Array

- single array variable can reference a large collection of data
- stores a fixed-size sequential collection of elements of the same type
- Once an array is created, its size is fixed
- array reference variable is used to access the elements in an array using an index
- Instead of declaring individual variables, such as number0, number1, . . . , and number99, declare one array variable such as numbers and use numbers[0], numbers[1], . . . , and numbers[99]

Declaring Array Variables

- declare a variable to reference the array and specify the array's element type
- Syntax: elementType[] arrayRefVar;
- use elementType arrayRefVar[] to declare an array variable
 - elementType can be any data type
 - double[] myList;

Creating Arrays

- declaration of an array variable does not allocate any space in memory for the array
- If a variable does not contain a reference to an array, the value of the variable is **null**
- cannot assign elements to an array unless it has already been created
- After an array variable is declared, you can create an array by using the new operator
 - arrayRefVar = new elementType[arraySize];
- (1) it creates an array using new elementType[arraySize];
- ▶ (2) it assigns the reference of the newly created array to the variable arrayRefVar.

- ► Combine in one statement
 - elementType[] arrayRefVar = new elementType[arraySize];
 OR
 - elementType arrayRefVar[] = new elementType[arraySize];
 - double[] myList = new double[10];
- To assign values to the elements:
 - arrayRefVar[index] = value;
 - myList[0] = 5.6;
 - myList[1] = 4.5;
 - myList[2] = 3.3;

Array Size and Default Values

- ▶ When space for an array is allocated, the array size must be given
- size of an array cannot be changed after the array is created
- Size can be obtained using arrayRefVar.length
- When an array is created, its elements are assigned the default value
 - o for the numeric primitive data types
 - ► \u0000 for char types
 - ► false for boolean types

Accessing Array Elements

- array elements are accessed through the index
- range from 0 to arrayRefVar.length-1
- Each element in the array is represented using syntax arrayRefVar[index];
- indexed variable can be used in the same way as a regular variable
 - myList[2] = myList[0] + myList[1];

Array Initializers

- combines the declaration, creation, and initialization of an array in one statement
 - elementType[] arrayRefVar = {value0, value1, ..., valuek};
 - double[] myList = {1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
- new operator is not used in the array-initializer syntax
- double[] myList;

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myList = {1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
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Processing Arrays

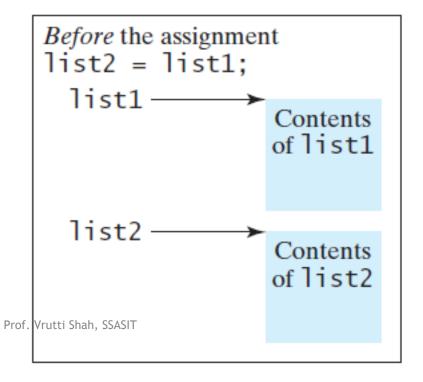
- ▶ When processing array elements, you will often use a for loop
- Initializing arrays with input values
- Initializing arrays with random values
- Displaying arrays
- Summing all elements
- Finding the largest element
- Finding the smallest index of the largest element
- Shifting elements
- char[] city = {'D', 'a', 'l', 'l', 'a', 's'};
 System.out.println(city);

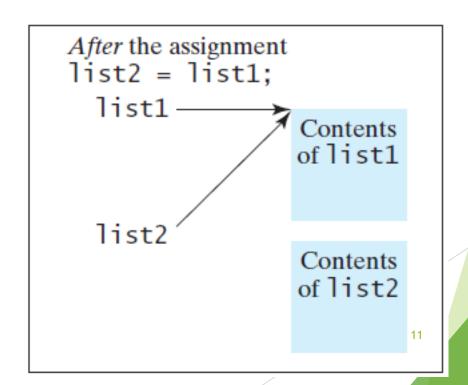
Foreach Loops

- enables you to traverse the array sequentially without using an index variable
- for (double e: myList) {
 System.out.println(e);
 }
- variable, e, must be declared as the same type as the elements in myList.
- Syntax:
- for (elementType element: arrayRefVar) {
 // Process the element
 }

Copying Arrays

- To copy the contents of one array into another, you have to copy the array's individual elements into the other array.
- list2 = list1;
- does not copy the contents of the array referenced by list1 to list2
- list1 and list2 reference the same array





Copying Arrays (Contd...)

- three ways to copy arrays
 - ▶ Use a loop to copy individual elements one by one
 - ► Use the static arraycopy method in the System class
 - Use the clone method to copy arrays
- Syntax of arraycopy method:
 - arraycopy(sourceArray, srcPos, targetArray, tarPos, length);
 - srcPos and tarPos indicate the starting positions in sourceArray and targetArray, respectively
 - number of elements copied from sourceArray to targetArray is indicated by length
- System.arraycopy(sourceArray, 0, targetArray, 0, sourceArray.length);

Copying Arrays (Contd...)

- arraycopy method does not allocate memory space for the target array
- target array must have already been created with its memory space allocated
- After the copying takes place, targetArray and sourceArray have the same content but independent memory locations

Passing Arrays to Methods

- When passing an array to a method, the reference of the array is passed to the method
- public static void printArray(int[] array) {
 for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
 System.out.print(array[i] + " ");
 }
 }</pre>
- To invoke the method: printArray(new int[]{3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 2});
- There is no explicit reference variable for the array. Such array is called an anonymous array

Passing Arrays to Methods (Contd...)

- Differences between passing the values of variables of primitive data types and passing arrays
 - For an argument of a primitive type, the argument's value is passed
 - For an argument of an array type, the value of the argument is a reference to an array (pass-by-sharing),
 - array in the method is the same as the array being passed
 - if you change the array in the method, you will see the change outside the method

public class Test { public static void main(String[] args) { int x = 1; // x represents an int value int[] y = new int[10]; // y represents an array of int values m(x, y); // Invoke m with arguments x and y System.out.println("x is " + x); System.out.println("y[0] is " + y[0]); public static void m(int number, int[] numbers) { number = 1001; // Assign a new value to number numbers[0] = 5555; // Assign a new value to numbers[0]

Returning an Array from a Method

When a method returns an array, the reference of the array is returned

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public static int[] reverse(int[] list) {
 int[] result = new int[list.length];
 for (int i = 0, j = result.length - 1;
 i < list.length; i++, j--) {
 result[j] = list[i];
 return result;
int[] list1 = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
 int[] list2 = reverse(list1);
```

Variable-Length Argument Lists

- A variable number of arguments of the same type can be passed to a method and treated as an array.
- Syntax: typeName... parameterName
- In the method declaration, you specify the type followed by an ellipsis (...)
- Only one variable-length parameter may be specified in a method, and this parameter must be the last parameter

Variable-Length Argument Lists (Contd...)

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public class VarArgsDemo {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
 printMax(34, 3, 3, 2, 56.5);
 printMax(new double[]{1, 2, 3});
 public static void printMax(double... numbers) {
 if (numbers.length == 0) {
 System.out.println("No argument passed");
 return;
```

The Arrays Class

- contains useful methods for common array operations such as sorting and searching
- java.util.Arrays class contains various static methods for
 - sorting and searching arrays
 - comparing arrays
 - filling array elements
 - returning a string representation of the array
- sort or parallelSort method to sort a whole array or a partial array
 - java.util.Arrays.sort(numbers);
 - java.util.Arrays.sort(chars, 1, 3);

The Arrays Class (Contd...)

- binarySearch method to search for a key in an array
- array must be presorted in increasing order
- If the key is not in the array, the method returns -(insertionIndex + 1)
 - java.util.Arrays.binarySearch(list, 11));
- use the equals method to check whether two arrays are strictly equal
 - System.out.println(java.util.Arrays.equals(list1, list2));
- use the fill method to fill in all or part of the array
 - java.util.Arrays.fill(list1, 5);
 - java.util.Arrays.fill(list2, 1, 5, 8);
- toString method to return a string that represents all elements in the array
 - System.out.println(Arrays.toString(list));