# Chapter 8 Arrays



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# Arrays

- Arrays are objects that help us organize large amounts of information
- Chapter 8 focuses on:
  - array declaration and use
  - bounds checking and capacity
  - arrays that store object references
  - variable length parameter lists
  - multidimensional arrays

# **Outline**

Declaring and Using Arrays

Arrays of Objects

Variable Length Parameter Lists

Two-Dimensional Arrays

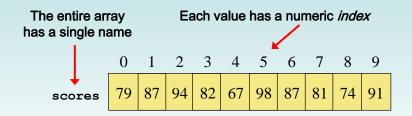
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#### **Arrays**

- The ArrayList class, introduced in Chapter 5, is used to organize a list of objects
- · It is a class in the Java API
- An array is a programming language construct used to organize a list of objects
- It has special syntax to access elements
- As its name implies, the ArrayList class uses an array internally to manage the list of objects

#### **Arrays**

· An array is an ordered list of values:



An array of size N is indexed from zero to N-1

This array holds 10 values that are indexed from 0 to 9

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#### **Arrays**

- A particular value in an array is referenced using the array name followed by the index in brackets
- · For example, the expression

scores[2]

refers to the value 94 (the 3rd value in the array)

 That expression represents a place to store a single integer and can be used wherever an integer variable can be used

#### Arrays

 For example, an array element can be assigned a value, printed, or used in a calculation:

```
scores[2] = 89;
scores[first] = scores[first] + 2;
mean = (scores[0] + scores[1])/2;
System.out.println("Top = " + scores[5]);
pick = scores[rand.nextInt(11)];
```

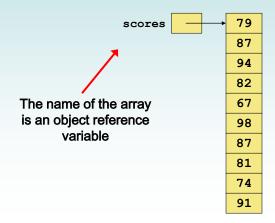
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## **Arrays**

- The values held in an array are called array elements
- An array stores multiple values of the same type the element type
- The element type can be a primitive type or an object reference
- Therefore, we can create an array of integers, an array of characters, an array of String objects, an array of Coin objects, etc.

## Arrays

- In Java, the array itself is an object that must be instantiated
- Another way to depict the scores array:



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# **Declaring Arrays**

The scores array could be declared as follows:

```
int[] scores = new int[10];
```

- The type of the variable scores is int[] (an array of integers)
- Note that the array type does not specify its size, but each object of that type has a specific size
- The reference variable scores is set to a new array object that can hold 10 integers

# **Declaring Arrays**

Some other examples of array declarations:

```
int[] weights = new int[2000];
double[] prices = new double[500];
boolean[] flags;
flags = new boolean[20];
char[] codes = new char[1750];
```

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# **Using Arrays**

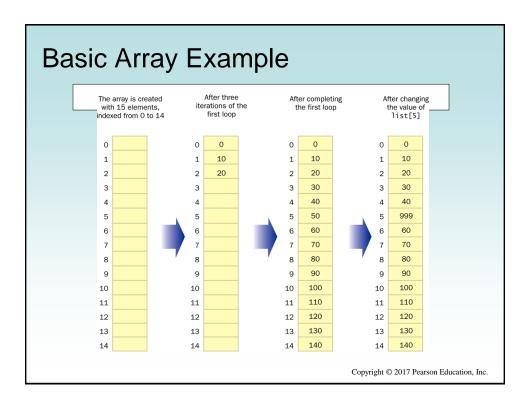
 The for-each version of the for loop can be used when processing array elements:

```
for (int score : scores)
    System.out.println(score);
```

- This is only appropriate when processing all array elements starting at index 0
- It can't be used to set the array values
- See BasicArray.java

```
// BasicArray.java
                      Author: Lewis/Loftus
11
// Demonstrates basic array declaration and use.
public class BasicArray
  // Creates an array, fills it with various integer values,
  // modifies one value, then prints them out.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     final int LIMIT = 15, MULTIPLE = 10;
     int[] list = new int[LIMIT];
     // Initialize the array values
     for (int index = 0; index < LIMIT; index++)</pre>
        list[index] = index * MULTIPLE;
     list[5] = 999; // change one array value
     // Print the array values
     for (int value : list)
       System.out.print(value + " ");
  }
}
                                                                  Inc.
```

```
Output
0 10 20 30 40 999 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140
//**********************
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   //-----
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// modifies one value, then prints them out.
   public static void main(String[] args)
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      // Initialize the array values
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        list[index] = index * MULTIPLE;
      list[5] = 999; // change one array value
      // Print the array values
      for (int value : list)
         System.out.print(value + " ");
   }
 }
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```



#### **Quick Check**

Write an array declaration to represent the ages of 100 children.

```
int[] ages = new int[100];
```

Write code that prints each value in an array of integers named values.

```
for (int value : values)
    System.out.println(value);
```

# **Bounds Checking**

- Once an array is created, it has a fixed size
- An index used in an array reference must specify a valid element
- That is, the index value must be in range 0 to N-1
- The Java interpreter throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if an array index is out of bounds
- · This is called automatic bounds checking

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# **Bounds Checking**

- For example, if the array codes can hold 100 values, it can be indexed from 0 to 99
- If the value of count is 100, then the following reference will cause an exception to be thrown:

```
System.out.println(codes[count]);
```

It's common to introduce off-by-one errors when using arrays:

```
for (int index=0; index = 100; index++)
  codes[index] = index*50 + epsilon;
```

# **Bounds Checking**

- Each array object has a public constant called length that stores the size of the array
- It is referenced using the array name:

```
scores.length
```

- Note that length holds the number of elements, not the largest index
- See ReverseOrder.java
- See LetterCount.java

```
continue
    for (int index = 0; index < numbers.length; index++)
    {
        System.out.print("Enter number " + (index+1) + ": ");
        numbers[index] = scan.nextDouble();
    }
    System.out.println("The numbers in reverse order:");
    for (int index = numbers.length-1; index >= 0; index--)
        System.out.print(numbers[index] + " ");
    }
}
```

```
Sample Run

The size of the array: 10
Enter number 1: 18.36
Enter number 2: 48.9
Enter number 3: 53.5
Enter number 4: 29.06
Enter number 5: 72.404
Enter number 6: 34.8
Enter number 7: 63.41
Enter number 7: 63.41
Enter number 9: 69.0
Enter number 10: 99.18
The numbers in reverse order:
99.18 69.0 45.55 63.41 34.8 72.404 29.06 53.5 48.9 18.36

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```

```
//*********************
// LetterCount.java
                       Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Demonstrates the relationship between arrays and strings.
import java.util.Scanner;
public class LetterCount
  // Reads a sentence from the user and counts the number of
  // uppercase and lowercase letters contained in it.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     final int NUMCHARS = 26;
     Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
     int[] upper = new int[NUMCHARS];
     int[] lower = new int[NUMCHARS];
     char current;  // the current character being processed
int other = 0;  // counter for non-alphabetics
continue
```

```
Continue

System.out.println("Enter a sentence:");
String line = scan.nextLine();

// Count the number of each letter occurence
for (int ch = 0; ch < line.length(); ch++) {
    current = line.charAt(ch);
    if (current >= 'A' && current <= 'Z')
        upper[current-'A']++;
    else
    if (current >= 'a' && current <= 'z')
        lower[current-'a']++;
    else
        other++;
}
continue

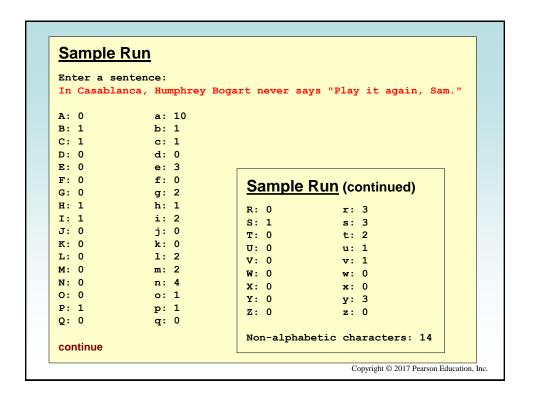
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```

```
continue

// Print the results
System.out.println();
for (int letter=0; letter < upper.length; letter++)
{
    System.out.print( (char) (letter + 'A') );
    System.out.print(": " + upper[letter]);
    System.out.print("\t\t" + (char) (letter + 'a') );
    System.out.println(": " + lower[letter]);
}

System.out.println();
System.out.println();
System.out.println("Non-alphabetic characters: " + other);
}

Video Note: Discussion of the LetterCount example
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```



#### Alternate Array Syntax

- The brackets of the array type can be associated with the element type or with the name of the array
- Therefore the following two declarations are equivalent:

```
double[] prices;
double prices[];
```

 The first format generally is more readable and should be used

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#### **Initializer Lists**

- An initializer list can be used to instantiate and fill an array in one step
- The values are delimited by braces and separated by commas
- Examples:

#### **Initializer Lists**

- Note that when an initializer list is used:
  - the new operator is not used
  - no size value is specified
- The size of the array is determined by the number of items in the list
- An initializer list can be used only in the array declaration
- See Primes.java

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```
//*****
              Output
// Primes.java
              Array length: 8
// Demonstrate The first few prime numbers are: array.
//************ 2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19
public class Primes
  //-----
  \ensuremath{//} Stores some prime numbers in an array and prints them.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     int[] primeNums = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19};
     System.out.println("Array length: " + primeNums.length);
     System.out.println("The first few prime numbers are:");
     for (int prime : primeNums)
       System.out.print(prime + " ");
}
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```

#### Arrays as Parameters

- An entire array can be passed as a parameter to a method
- Like any other object, the reference to the array is passed, making the formal and actual parameters aliases of each other
- Therefore, changing an array element within the method changes the original
- An individual array element can be passed to a method as well, in which case the type of the formal parameter is the same as the element type

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**Two-Dimensional Arrays** 

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# Arrays of Objects

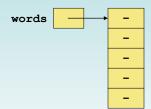
- The elements of an array can be object references
- The following declaration reserves space to store 5 references to String objects

```
String[] words = new String[5];
```

- It does NOT create the String objects themselves
- Initially an array of objects holds null references
- Each object stored in an array must be instantiated separately

# Arrays of Objects

• The words array when initially declared:



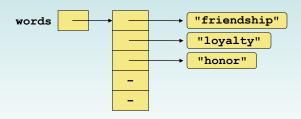
 At this point, the following line of code would throw a NullPointerException:

System.out.println(words[0]);

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# Arrays of Objects

 After some String objects are created and stored in the array:



### Arrays of Objects

- Keep in mind that String objects can be created using literals
- The following declaration creates an array object called verbs and fills it with four String objects created using string literals

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# Arrays of Objects

- The following example creates an array of Grade objects, each with a string representation and a numeric lower bound
- The letter grades include plus and minus designations, so must be stored as strings instead of char
- **See** GradeRange.java
- See Grade.java

```
//***********************
// GradeRange.java
                   Author: Lewis/Loftus
11
// Demonstrates the use of an array of objects.
//**********************
public class GradeRange
  //-----
  // Creates an array of Grade objects and prints them.
  public static void main(String[] args)
    Grade[] grades =
      new Grade("A", 95), new Grade("A-", 90),
      new Grade("B+", 87), new Grade("B", 85), new Grade("B-", 80),
      new Grade("D+", 67), new Grade("D", 65), new Grade("D-", 60),
      new Grade("F", 0)
    };
    for (Grade letterGrade : grades)
      System.out.println(letterGrade);
}
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```

```
Output
                                   **********************
//********
// GradeRange.java
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//
                               95
// Demonstrates the use of
                                   bjects.
                        Α-
                               90
//*************
                               87
                        B+
                               85
                        В
public class GradeRange
                        B-
                               80
  //-----C+
                               77
                       С
                               75
  // Creates an array of
                                   and prints them.
                        C-
                               70
  public static void main (
                               67
                       D+
                        D
                               65
     Grade[] grades =
                        D-
                               60
     {
       new Grade ("A", 95) F
                              0 -", 90),
       new Grade ("B+", 87, new Grade ("B-", 80), new Grade ("B-", 80),
       new Grade("D+", 67), new Grade("D", 65), new Grade("D-", 60),
       new Grade("F", 0)
     for (Grade letterGrade : grades)
       System.out.println(letterGrade);
  }
}
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```

```
//**********************
// Grade.java
             Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Represents a school grade.
public class Grade
{
 private String name;
 private int lowerBound;
  // Constructor: Sets up this Grade object with the specified
  // grade name and numeric lower bound.
  //-----
 public Grade(String grade, int cutoff)
   name = grade;
    lowerBound = cutoff;
  //-----
  // Returns a string representation of this grade.
  //-----
  public String toString()
  {
    return name + "\t" + lowerBound;
  }
continue
                                                 Inc.
```

# Arrays of Objects

- Now let's look at an example that manages a collection of DVD objects
- An initial capacity of 100 is created for the collection
- If more room is needed, a private method is used to create a larger array and transfer the current DVDs
- See Movies.java
- **See** DVDCollection.java
- See DVD.java

```
//***************************
// Movies.java
                   Author: Lewis/Loftus
11
// Demonstrates the use of an array of objects.
//********************************
public class Movies
  // Creates a DVDCollection object and adds some DVDs to it. Prints
  // reports on the status of the collection.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     DVDCollection movies = new DVDCollection();
     movies.addDVD("The Godfather", "Francis Ford Coppala", 1972, 24.95, true);
     movies.addDVD("District 9", "Neill Blomkamp", 2009, 19.95, false);
     movies.addDVD("Iron Man", "Jon Favreau", 2008, 15.95, false);
     movies.addDVD("All About Eve", "Joseph Mankiewicz", 1950, 17.50, false);
     movies.addDVD("The Matrix", "Andy & Lana Wachowski", 1999, 19.95, true);
     System.out.println(movies);
     movies.addDVD("Iron Man 2", "Jon Favreau", 2010, 22.99, false);
     movies.addDVD("Casablanca", "Michael Curtiz", 1942, 19.95, false);
     System.out.println(movies);
  }
```

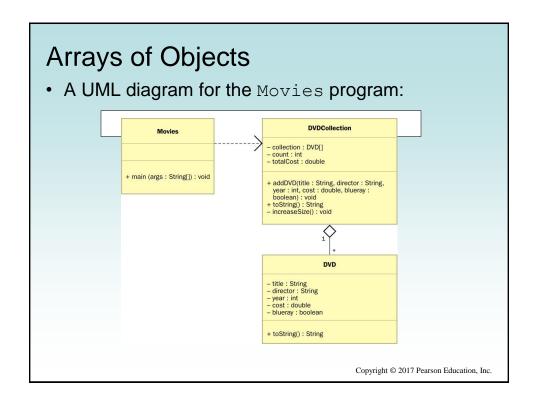
```
//
     Output
//
//
     //**
    My DVD Collection
pub1
    Number of DVDs: 5
    Total cost: $98.30
    Average cost: $19.66
    DVD List:
    $24.95 1972
                     The Godfather Francis Ford Coppala Blu-Ray
    $19.95 2009
                                    Neill Blomkamp
                     District 9
    $15.95 2008
                    Iron Man
                                     Jon Favreau
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     $17.50 1950
                    All About Eve Joseph Mankiewicz
    $19.95 1999
                     The Matrix
                                   Andy & Lana Wachowski Blu-Ray
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                                                                        į);
    continue
     System.out.println(movies);
     movies.addDVD("Iron Man 2", "Jon Favreau", 2010, 22.99, false);
movies.addDVD("Casablanca", "Michael Curtiz", 1942, 19.95, false);
     System.out.println(movies);
  }
}
```

```
//
   Output
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   //**
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       Output (continued)
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   Ave: My DVD Collection
   DVD
       Number of DVDs: 7
       Total cost: $141.24
   $24
       Average cost: $20.18
   $19.
   $15 DVD List:
   $17
   $19 $24.95 1972
                    The Godfather Francis Ford Coppala Blu-Ray
       $19.95 2009
                  District 9
                               Neill Blomkamp
   cont $15.95 2008
                  Iron Man
                                Jon Favreau
       $17.50 1950
                  All About Eve Joseph Mankiewicz
    Sys
       $19.95 1999
                  The Matrix
                               Andy & Lana Wachowski Blu-Ray
    mov $22.99 2010
                  Iron Man 2
                               Jon Favreau
    mov: $19.95 1942 Casablanca
                               Michael Curtiz
    System.out.println(movies);
  }
```

```
//*********************
// DVDCollection.java
                        Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Represents a collection of DVD movies.
//********
import java.text.NumberFormat;
public class DVDCollection
  private DVD[] collection;
  private int count;
  private double totalCost;
  // Constructor: Creates an initially empty collection.
  public DVDCollection()
  {
     collection = new DVD[100];
     count = 0;
     totalCost = 0.0;
continue
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```

```
continue
   // Returns a report describing the DVD collection.
   public String toString()
     NumberFormat fmt = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance();
      String report = "~~~~~~~~~\n";
      report += "My DVD Collection\n\n";
      report += "Number of DVDs: " + count + "\n";
      report += "Total cost: " + fmt.format(totalCost) + "\n";
      report += "Average cost: " + fmt.format(totalCost/count);
      report += "\n\nDVD List:\n\n";
      for (int dvd = 0; dvd < count; dvd++)</pre>
        report += collection[dvd].toString() + "\n";
      return report;
   }
continue
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```

```
//**********************
// DVD.java
            Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Represents a DVD video disc.
import java.text.NumberFormat;
public class DVD
  private String title, director;
  private int year;
  private double cost;
  private boolean bluRay;
  // Creates a new DVD with the specified information.
  //-----
  public DVD(String title, String director, int year, double cost,
    boolean bluRay)
    this.title = title;
    this.director = director;
    this.year = year;
    this.cost = cost;
    this.bluRay = bluRay;
  }
continue
                                                       Inc.
```



#### **Command-Line Arguments**

- The signature of the main method indicates that it takes an array of String objects as a parameter
- These values come from command-line arguments that are provided when the interpreter is invoked
- For example, the following invocation of the interpreter passes three String objects into the main method of the StateEval program:

java StateEval pennsylvania texas arizona

• See NameTag.java

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```
Command-Line Execution
// NameTag.ja
               > java NameTag Howdy John
11
// Demonstrat
                    Howdy
              My name is John
public class N
               > java NameTag Hello Bill
  // Prints
                                                    name that is
  // specifi
                    Hello
  //----
              My name is Bill
  public stat
     System.out.println();
     System.out.println("
                             " + args[0]);
     System.out.println("My name is " + args[1]);
}
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```

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- Suppose we wanted to create a method that processed a different amount of data from one invocation to the next
- For example, let's define a method called average that returns the average of a set of integer parameters

```
// one call to average three values
mean1 = average(42, 69, 37);

// another call to average seven values
mean2 = average(35, 43, 93, 23, 40, 21, 75);
```

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## Variable Length Parameter Lists

- We could define overloaded versions of the average method
  - Downside: we'd need a separate version of the method for each additional parameter
- We could define the method to accept an array of integers
  - Downside: we'd have to create the array and store the integers prior to calling the method each time
- Instead, Java provides a convenient way to create variable length parameter lists

- Using special syntax in the formal parameter list, we can define a method to accept any number of parameters of the same type
- For each call, the parameters are automatically put into an array for easy processing in the method

#### Indicates a variable length parameter list

```
public double average(int ... list)
{
    // whatever
} element array
    type name
```

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# Variable Length Parameter Lists

```
public double average(int ... list)
{
    double result = 0.0;

    if (list.length != 0)
    {
        int sum = 0;
        for (int num : list)
            sum += num;
        result = (double)num / list.length;
    }

    return result;
}
```

 The type of the parameter can be any primitive or object type:

```
public void printGrades(Grade ... grades)
{
    for (Grade letterGrade : grades)
        System.out.println(letterGrade);
}
```

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#### **Quick Check**

Write method called distance that accepts a variable number of integers (which each represent the distance of one leg of a trip) and returns the total distance of the trip.

```
public int distance(int ... list)
{
   int sum = 0;
   for (int num : list)
      sum = sum + num;
   return sum;
}
```

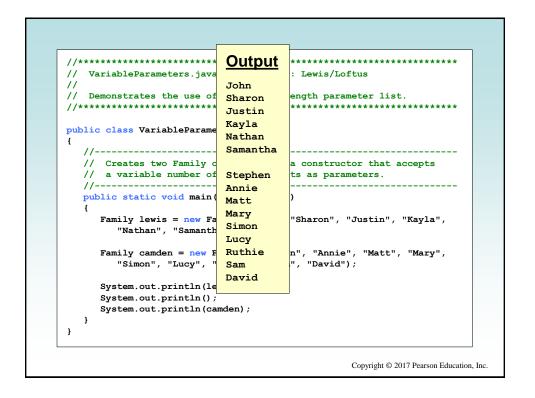
- A method that accepts a variable number of parameters can also accept other parameters
- The following method accepts an int, a String object, and a variable number of double values into an array called nums

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# Variable Length Parameter Lists

- The varying number of parameters must come last in the formal arguments
- A method cannot accept two sets of varying parameters
- Constructors can also be set up to accept a variable number of parameters
- See VariableParameters.java
- See Family.java

```
//*********************
// VariableParameters.java
                            Author: Lewis/Loftus
11
// Demonstrates the use of a variable length parameter list.
//*********************
public class VariableParameters
  // Creates two Family objects using a constructor that accepts
  // a variable number of String objects as parameters.
  //-----
  public static void main(String[] args)
     Family lewis = new Family("John", "Sharon", "Justin", "Kayla",
       "Nathan", "Samantha");
     Family camden = new Family("Stephen", "Annie", "Matt", "Mary",
       "Simon", "Lucy", "Ruthie", "Sam", "David");
     System.out.println(lewis);
     System.out.println();
     System.out.println(camden);
}
```



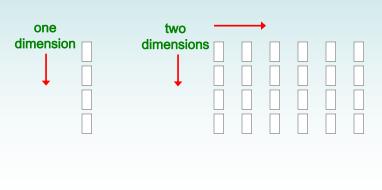
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# **Two-Dimensional Arrays**

- A one-dimensional array stores a list of elements
- A two-dimensional array can be thought of as a table of elements, with rows and columns



# **Two-Dimensional Arrays**

- To be precise, in Java a two-dimensional array is an array of arrays
- A two-dimensional array is declared by specifying the size of each dimension separately:

```
int[][] table = new int[12][50];
```

A array element is referenced using two index values:

```
value = table[3][6]
```

 The array stored in one row can be specified using one index

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# **Two-Dimensional Arrays**

Expression	Туре	Description
table	int[][]	2D array of integers, or array of integer arrays
table[5]	int[]	array of integers
table[5][12]	int	integer

- **See** TwoDArray.java
- See SodaSurvey.java

```
//**********************
// TwoDArray.java
                   Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Demonstrates the use of a two-dimensional array.
public class TwoDArray
{
  // Creates a 2D array of integers, fills it with increasing
  // integer values, then prints them out.
  //-----
  public static void main(String[] args)
     int[][] table = new int[5][10];
     // Load the table with values
     for (int row=0; row < table.length; row++)</pre>
       for (int col=0; col < table[row].length; col++)</pre>
         table[row][col] = row * 10 + col;
     // Print the table
     for (int row=0; row < table.length; row++)</pre>
       for (int col=0; col < table[row].length; col++)</pre>
         System.out.print(table[row][col] + "\t");
       System.out.println();
    }
  }
}
                                                            Inc.
```

```
//********************
    // TwoDArray.java
                         Author: Lewis/Loftus
<u>Output</u>
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         // LOAG the table with values
         for (int row=0; row < table.length; row++)</pre>
            for (int col=0; col < table[row].length; col++)</pre>
               table[row][col] = row * 10 + col;
         // Print the table
         for (int row=0; row < table.length; row++)</pre>
            for (int col=0; col < table[row].length; col++)</pre>
               System.out.print(table[row][col] + "\t");
            System.out.println();
         }
      }
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// SodaSurvey.java
                     Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Demonstrates the use of a two-dimensional array.
//********************
import java.text.DecimalFormat;
public class SodaSurvey
  // Determines and prints the average of each row (soda) and each
  // column (respondent) of the survey scores.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     int[][] scores = { {3, 4, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 4, 4},
                     {2, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 2, 2},
                     {3, 5, 4, 5, 5, 3, 2, 5, 5, 5},
                     {1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 4} };
     final int SODAS = scores.length;
     final int PEOPLE = scores[0].length;
     int[] sodaSum = new int[SODAS];
     int[] personSum = new int[PEOPLE];
continue
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continue
      for (int soda=0; soda < SODAS; soda++)</pre>
         for (int person=0; person < PEOPLE; person++)</pre>
             sodaSum[soda] += scores[soda][person];
             personSum[person] += scores[soda][person];
      DecimalFormat fmt = new DecimalFormat("0.#");
      System.out.println("Averages:\n");
      for (int soda=0; soda < SODAS; soda++)</pre>
         System.out.println("Soda #" + (soda+1) + ": " +
                     fmt.format((float)sodaSum[soda]/PEOPLE));
      System.out.println ();
      for (int person=0; person < PEOPLE; person++)</pre>
         System.out.println("Person #" + (person+1) + ": " +
                     fmt.format((float)personSum[person]/SODAS));
}
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<u>Output</u>
continue
                         Averages:
      for (int soda=0;
        for (int perso
                                              person++)
                         Soda #1: 3.2
            sodaSum[sod Soda #2: 2.6
                                              son];
            personSum[r Soda #3: 4.2
                                              [person];
                         Soda #4: 1.9
                                              "0.#");
      DecimalFormat fmt
      System.out.print Person #1: 2.2
                        Person #2: 3.5
      for (int soda=0; Person #3: 3.2
                                              +1) + ": " +
         System.out.pri Person #4: 3.5
                                              m[soda]/PEOPLE));
                   fmt Person #5: 2.5
      System.out.printlefor (int.person=6: 3
Person #6: 3
Person #7: 2
      for (int person=(
                                              son++)
        System.out.pri Person #8: 2.8
                                              rson+1) + ": " +
                    fmt Person #9: 3.2
                                              Sum[person]/SODAS));
                         Person #10: 3.8
}
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```

# **Multidimensional Arrays**

- An array can have many dimensions if it has more than one dimension, it is called a multidimensional array
- Each dimension subdivides the previous one into the specified number of elements
- Each dimension has its own length constant
- Because each dimension is an array of array references, the arrays within one dimension can be of different lengths
  - these are sometimes called ragged arrays

# Summary

- Chapter 8 has focused on:
  - array declaration and use
  - bounds checking and capacity
  - arrays that store object references
  - variable length parameter lists
  - multidimensional arrays