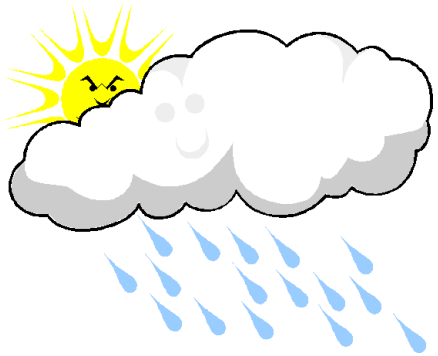
Arrays

Can we solve this problem?

- Consider the following program (input underlined):

```
How many days' temperatures? 7
Day 1's high temp: 45
Day 2's high temp: 44
Day 3's high temp: 39
Day 4's high temp: 48
Day 5's high temp: 37
Day 6's high temp: 46
Day 7's high temp: 53
Average temp = 44.6
4 days were above average.
```



Why the problem is hard

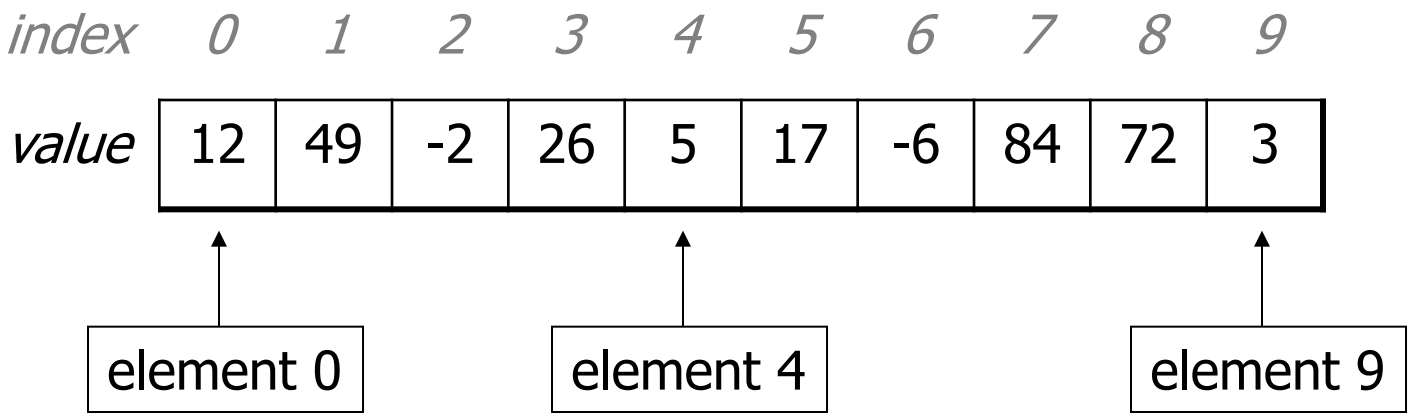
- We need each input value twice:
  - to compute the average (a cumulative sum)
  - to count how many were above average

- We could read each value into a variable... but we:
  - don't know how many days are needed until the program runs
  - don't know how many variables to declare

- We need a way to declare many variables in one step.

Arrays

- **array**: object that stores many values of the same type.
  - **element**: One value in an array.
  - **index**: A 0-based integer to access an element from an array.

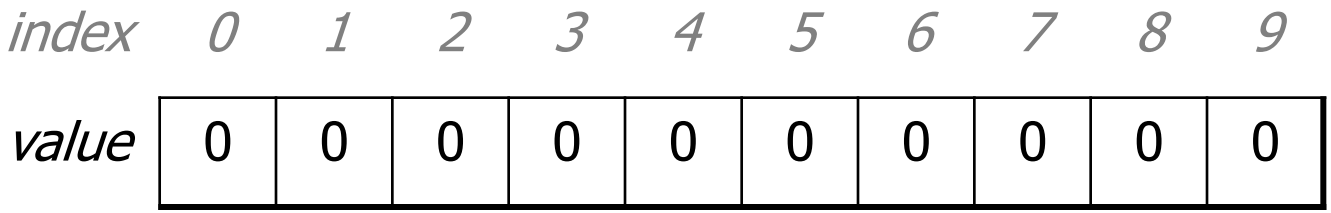


Array declaration

type`[]` **name** `=` `new` **type**`[`**length**`];`

- Example:

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



Array declaration, cont.

- The length can be any integer expression.

```
int x = 2 * 3 + 1;
int[] data = new int[x % 5 + 2];
```

- Each element initially gets a "zero-equivalent" value.

Type	Default value
`int`	`0`
`double`	`0.0`
`boolean`	`false`
`String` or other object	`null` (means, "no object")

Accessing elements

```
name[index]                    // access
name[index] = value;           // modify
```

– Example:

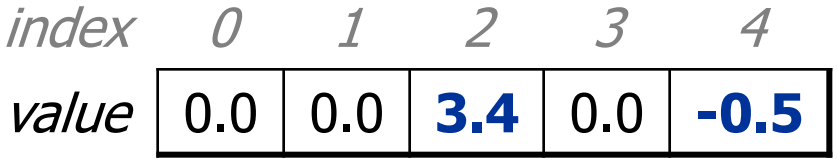
```
numbers[0] = 27;
numbers[3] = -6;

System.out.println(numbers[0]);
if (numbers[3] < 0) {
    System.out.println("Element 3 is negative.");
}
```

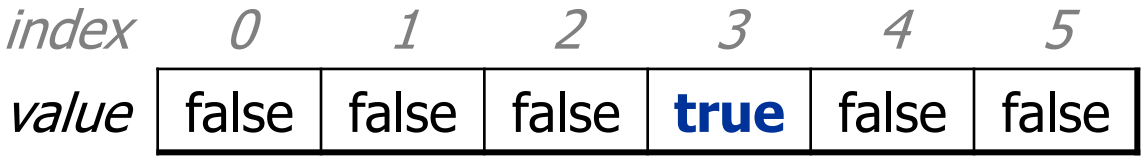
index	*0*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*
value	**27**	0	0	**-6**	0	0	0	0	0	0

Arrays of other types

```
double[] results = new double[5];
results[2] = 3.4;
results[4] = -0.5;
```




```
boolean[] tests = new boolean[6];
tests[3] = true;
```

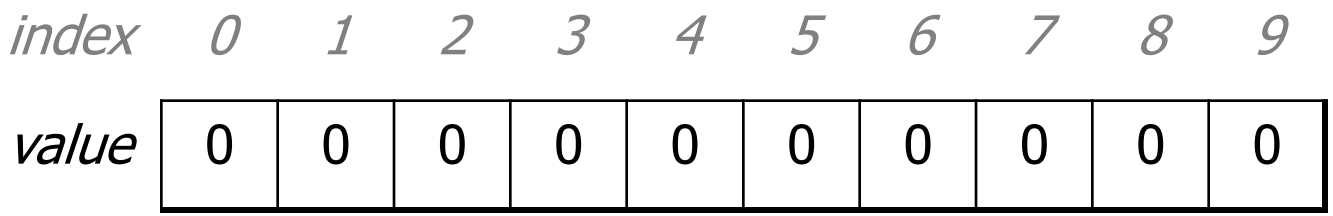


Out-of-bounds

- Legal indexes: between **0** and the **array's length - 1**.
  - Reading or writing any index outside this range will throw an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`.

- Example:

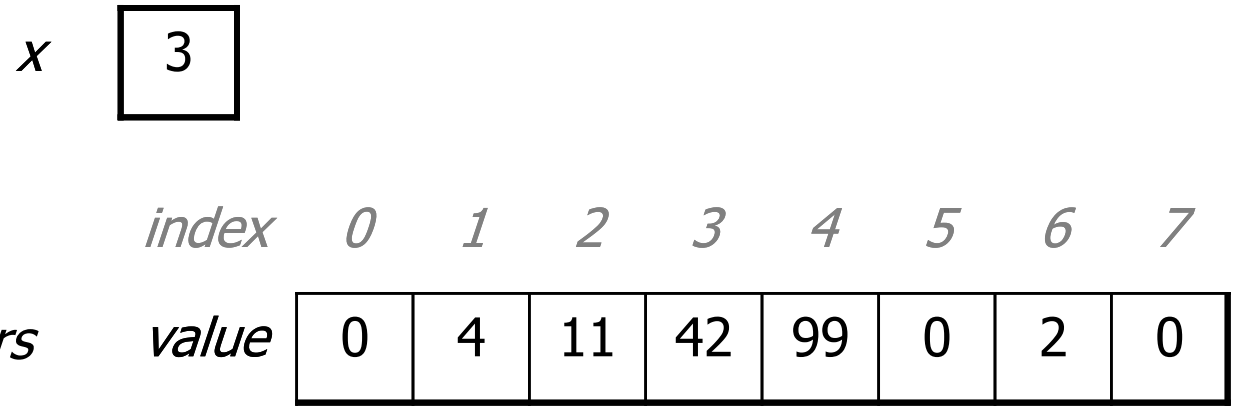
```
int[] data = new int[10];
System.out.println(data[0]);        // okay
System.out.println(data[9]);        // okay
System.out.println(data[-1]);       // exception
System.out.println(data[10]);       // exception
```



Accessing array elements

```
int[] numbers = new int[8];
numbers[1] = 3;
numbers[4] = 99;
numbers[6] = 2;

int x = numbers[1];
numbers[x] = 42;
numbers[numbers[6]] = 11; // use numbers[6] as index
```



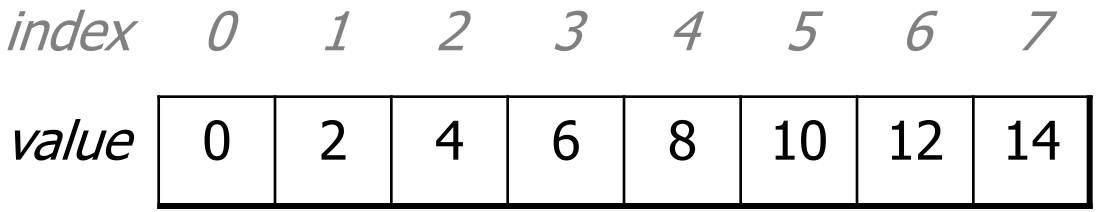
Arrays and `for` loops

- It is common to use `for` loops to access array elements.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
    System.out.print(numbers[i] + " ");
}
System.out.println();  // output: 0 4 11 0 44 0 0 2
```

- Sometimes we assign each element a value in a loop.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
    numbers[i] = 2 * i;
}
```



The `length` field

- An array's `length` field stores its number of elements.

  name`.length`

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {
    System.out.print(numbers[i] + " ");
}
// output: 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14
```

  - It does not use parentheses like a String's `.length()`.

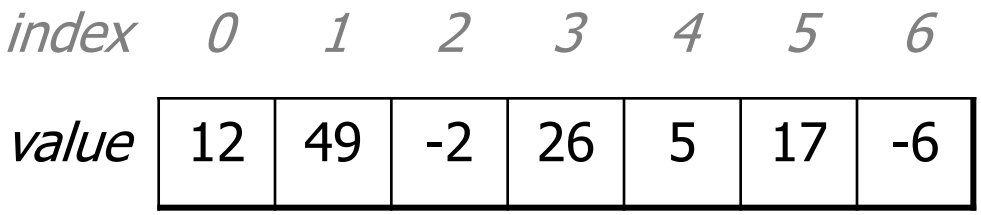
- What expressions refer to:
  - The last element of any array?
  - The middle element?

Quick array initialization

type`[]` **name** `=` `{`**value**`,` **value**`,` ... **value**`};`

– Example:

```
int[] numbers = {12, 49, -2, 26, 5, 17, -6};
```



– Useful when you know what the array's elements will be

– The compiler figures out the size by counting the values

"Array mystery" problem

- **traversal**: An examination of each element of an array.
- What element values are stored in the following array?

```
int[] a = {1, 7, 5, 6, 4, 14, 11};
for (int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i++) {
    if (a[i] > a[i + 1]) {
        a[i + 1] = a[i + 1] * 2;
    }
}
```

index	*0*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*
value	1	7	10	12	8	14	22

Limitations of arrays

- You cannot resize an existing array:

```
int[] a = new int[4];
a.length = 10;              // error
```

- You cannot compare arrays with `==` or `equals`:

```
int[] a1 = {42, -7, 1, 15};
int[] a2 = {42, -7, 1, 15};
if (a1 == a2) {  ... }              // false!
if (a1.equals(a2)) {  ... }         // false!
```

- An array does not know how to print itself:

```
int[] a1 = {42, -7, 1, 15};
System.out.println(a1);             // [I@98f8c4]
```