

RECAP: Arrays and Classes

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Let's Look at arrays of different types

Arrays can store any type of data

Let's look at some examples:

1. Array of primitives - **int**
2. Array of objects – **String**
3. Array of objects - **Product**

An array can store any type of data.

Primitive Types

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

```
byte smallNumbers[] = new byte[4];
```

```
char characters[] = new char[26];
```

Object Types

```
String[] words = new String[4];
```

```
Product products[] = new Product[10];
```

1) Array of Primitives
e.g. int

Structure of an **int** primitive array

int[] numbers;

numbers

null

Structure of an **int** primitive array

```
int[] numbers;
```

```
numbers = new int[4];
```

numbers



0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0

Structure of an **int** primitive array

```
int[] numbers;
```

```
numbers = new int[4];
```

```
numbers[2] = 18;
```

We are directly
accessing the
element at index **2**
and setting it to a
value of **18**.

numbers

0	0
1	0
2	18
3	0

Structure of an **int** primitive array

```
int[] numbers;
```

```
numbers = new int[4];
```

```
numbers[2] = 18;
```

```
numbers[0] = 12;
```

We are setting the element at index **0** to a value of **12**.

numbers

0	12		
1	0		
2	18		
3	0		

Structure of an **int** primitive array

```
int[] numbers;
```

```
numbers = new int[4];
```

```
numbers[2] = 18;
```

```
numbers[0] = 12;
```

```
print(numbers[2]);
```

numbers

0	12
1	0
2	18
3	0

Here we are printing the contents of index location 2
i.e. 18 will be printed to the console.

2) Array of Objects
e.g. String

An array can store any type of data.

Primitive Types

```
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```

```
byte smallNumbers[] = new byte[4];
```

```
char characters[] = new char[26];
```

Object Types

```
String[] words = new String[4];
```

```
Product products[] = new Product[10];
```

Structure of a **String** object array

String[] words;

words

null

Structure of a **String** object array

```
String[] words;
```

```
words = new String[4];
```

words

0	null
1	null
2	null
3	null

Structure of a **String** object array

```
String[] words;
```

```
words = new String[4];
```

```
words[1] = "Dog";
```

words

0	null
1	
2	null
3	null

"Dog"

Structure of a **String** object array

```
String[] words;
```

```
words = new String[4];
```

```
words[1] = "Dog";
```

We are directly accessing the element at index **1** and setting it to a value of “Dog”.

words

0	null
1	
2	null
3	null

“Dog”

Structure of a **String** object array

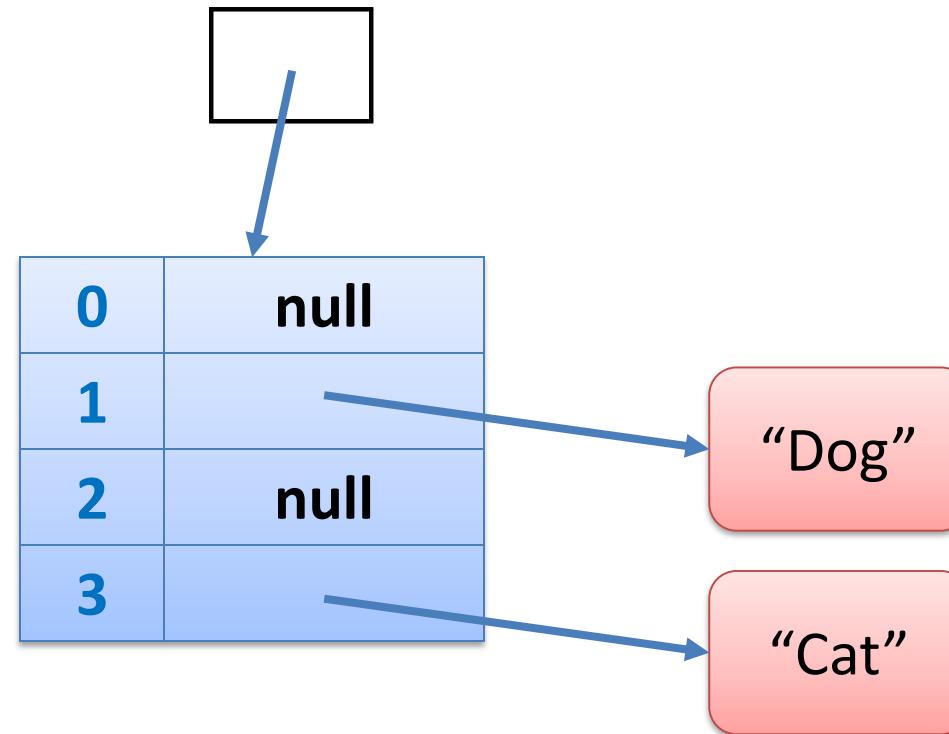
```
String[] words;
```

```
words = new String[4];
```

```
words[1] = "Dog";
```

```
words[3] = "Cat";
```

words



Structure of a **String** object array

```
String[] words;
```

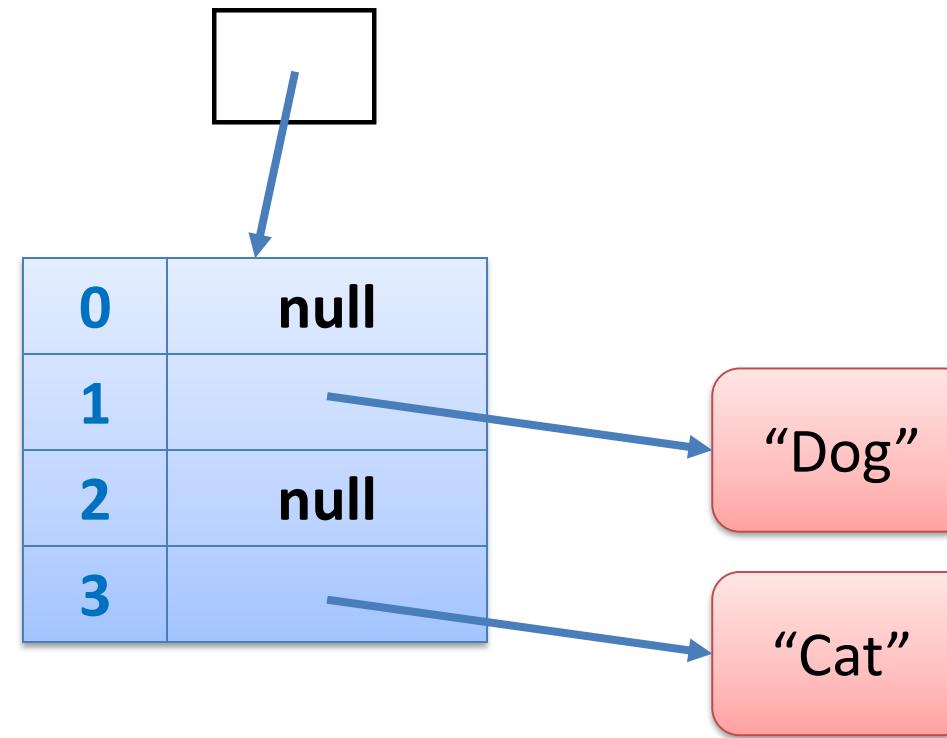
```
words = new String[4];
```

```
words[1] = "Dog";
```

```
words[3] = "Cat";
```

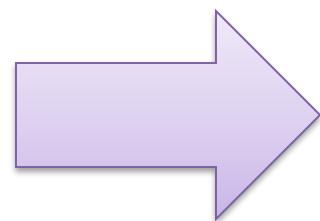
The element at index
3 is set to "Cat".

words



Structure of a **String** object array

```
String words[];  
  
words = new String[4];  
  
words[1] = "Dog";  
words[3] = "Cat";  
  
for (int i=0; i < words.length; i++)  
{  
    System.out.println(words[i]);  
}
```



```
null  
Dog  
null  
Cat
```

3) Array of Objects
e.g. Product

An array can store any type of data.

Primitive Types

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

```
byte smallNumbers[] = new byte[4];
```

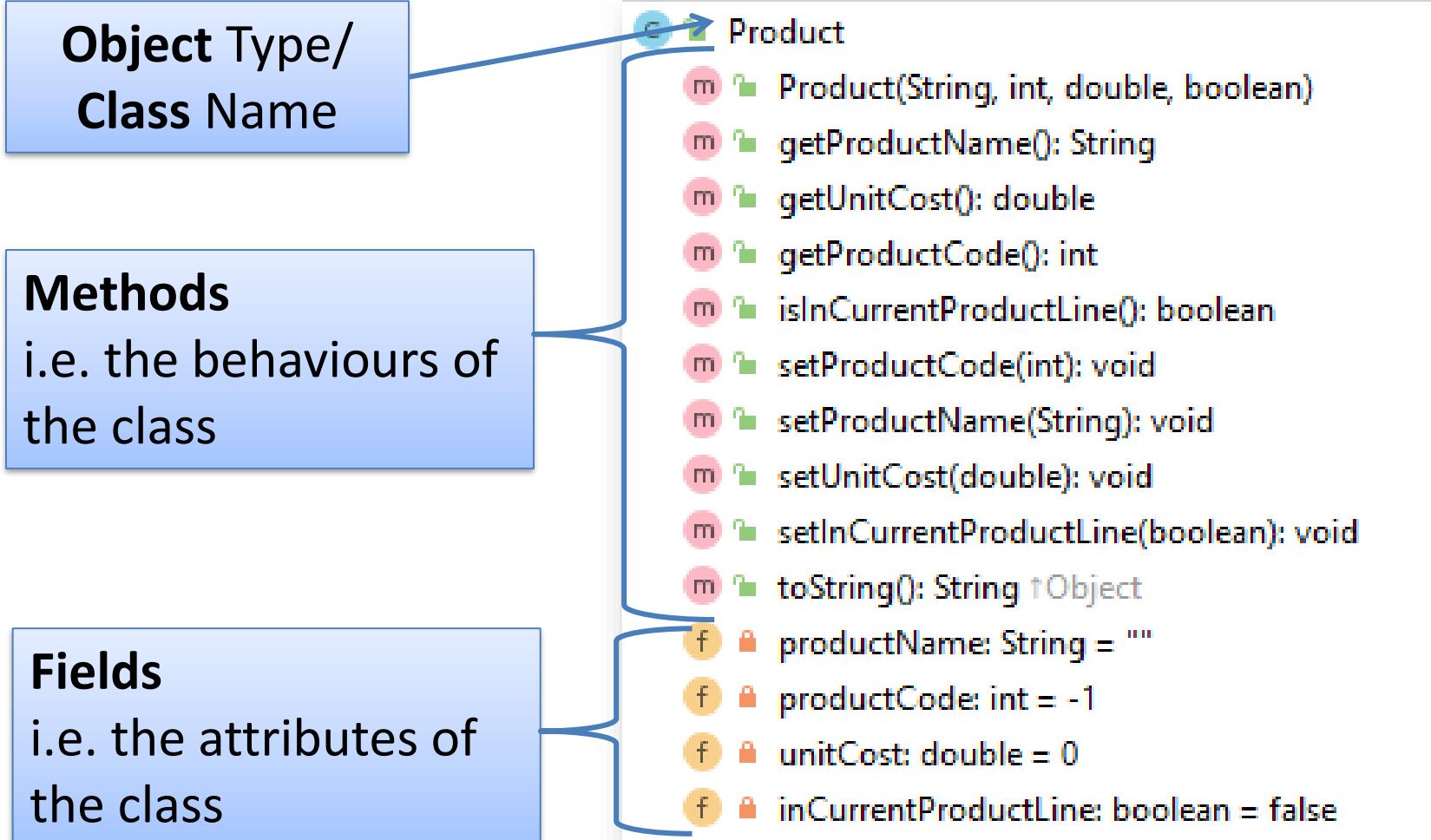
```
char characters[] = new char[26];
```

Object Types

```
String[] words = new String[4];
```

```
Product products[] = new Product[10];
```

Product Class



Structure of a **Product** primitive array

Product[] products;

products

null

Structure of a **Product** primitive array

```
Product[] products;
```

```
products = new Product[4];
```

products

0	null
1	null
2	null
3	null

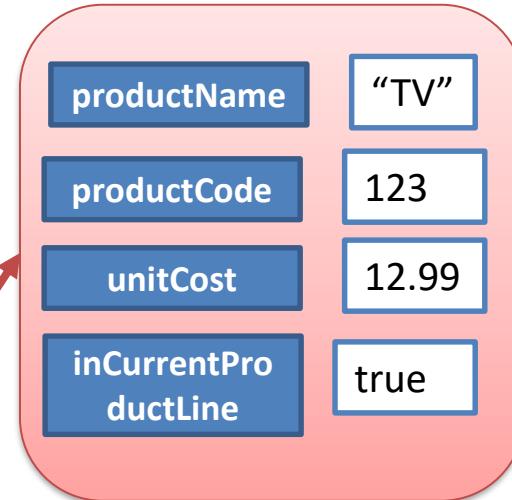
Structure of a **Product** primitive array

```
Product[] products;
```

```
products = new Product[4];
```

products

0	null
1	
2	null
3	null



```
products[1] = new Product("TV", 123, 12.99, true);
```

Example using a **Product** object array

```
public String listProducts() {  
  
    String listOfProducts = "";  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < total; i++) {  
        listOfProducts += i + ": " + products[i].toString() +  
"\n";  
    }  
  
    return listOfProducts;  
}  
}
```

Returns a String containing all the products stored in the primitive array.

Questions?

