

Key Terms and Concepts – Lesson 9

CIS163AA – Java Programming – Level 1

Term	Definition
Arraylist	An ArrayList's capacity is the number of items it can hold without having to increase its size.
Arraylist class	The ArrayList class provides a dynamically resizable container that stores lists of objects.
Arrays class	The Java Arrays class is a built-in class that contains many useful methods for manipulating arrays, such as methods to search, fill, compare, and sort arrays.
Ascending	When you place objects in order, beginning with the object that has the lowest value, you are sorting in ascending order.
Bubble sort	A bubble sort is a type of sort in which you continue to compare pairs of items, swapping them if they are out of order, so that the smallest items "bubble" to the top of the list, eventually creating a sorted list.
Descending	When you place objects in order, beginning with the object that has the highest value, you are sorting in descending order.
Dummy values	Dummy values are values the user enters that are not "real" data, but just signals to stop data entry.
Dynamically resizable	Dynamically resizable describes an object whose size can change during program execution.
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Enum constants	The enum constants are the allowed values for an enumerated data type.
Enumerated data type	An enumerated data type is a programmer- created data type with a fixed set of values.
Matrix table	When mathematicians use a two-dimensional array, they often call it a matrix or a table .
Multidimensional arrays	Multidimensional arrays contain two or more dimensions.
One-dimensional array or single- dimensional array	A one-dimensional array or single-dimensional array contains one column of values; you access its elements using a single subscript.
Ragged array	A ragged array is a two-dimensional array that has rows of different lengths.

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Sorting	Sorting is the process of arranging a series of objects in some logical order.
Two-dimensional arrays	Two-dimensional arrays have two or more columns of values, and you must use two subscripts to access an element.
Type-safe	Type-safe describes a data type for which only appropriate behaviors are allowed.

Note: Please see key terms in the textbooks for examples of some of the terms.