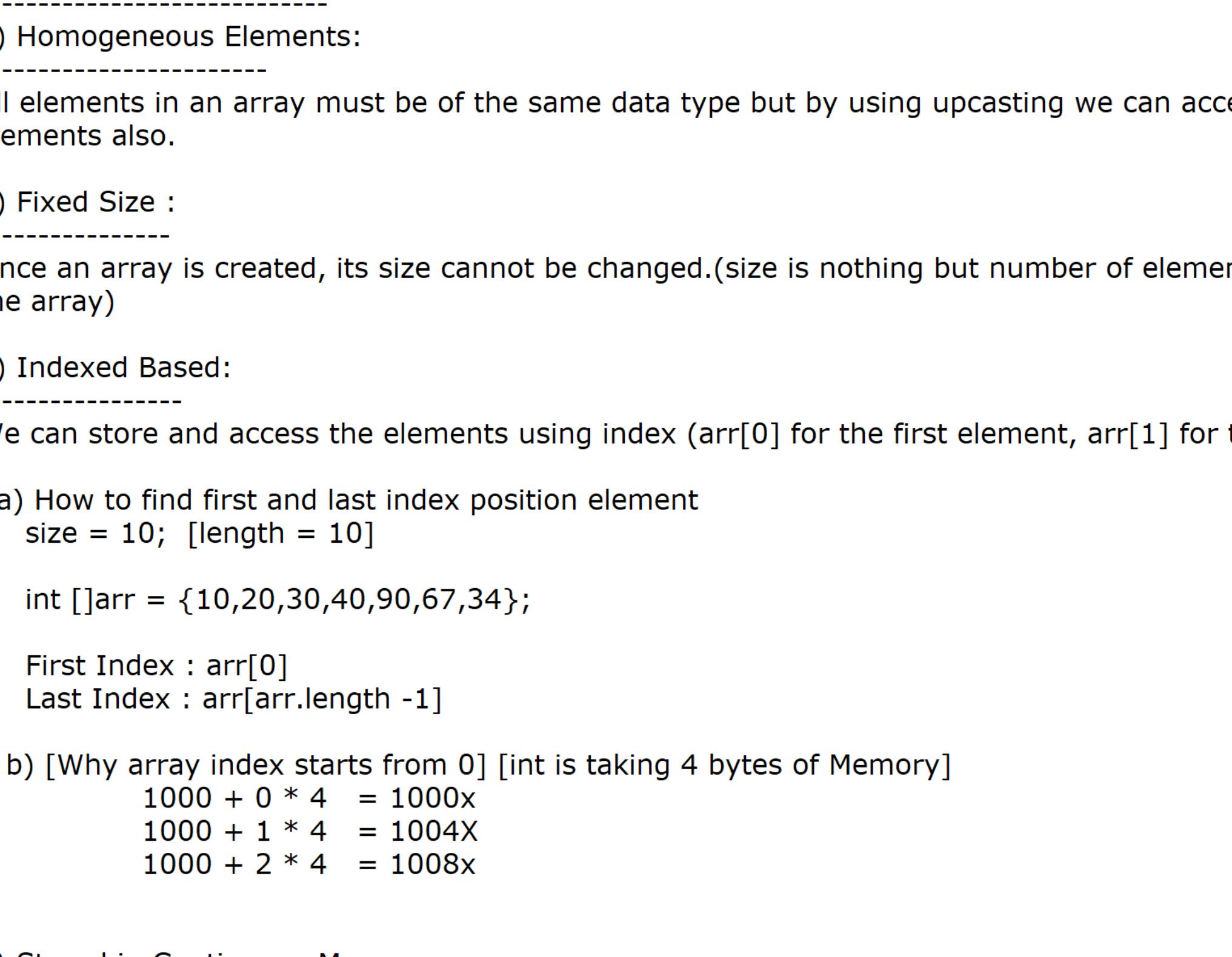


What is an array in java ?

- * An array is a **container object** which is used to hold **fixed** number of values in an **ordered** Collection.
- * An array is an object in java so, It is always created inside **HEAP MEMORY**.
- * The length of an array is established when the array is created. After creation, its length is fixed.

Example :



Characteristics of an Array :

1) Homogeneous Elements:

All elements in an array must be of the same data type but by using upcasting we can accept Hetrogeneous elements also.

2) Fixed Size :

Once an array is created, its size cannot be changed.(size is nothing but number of elements are available in the array)

3) Indexed Based:

We can store and access the elements using index (arr[0] for the first element, arr[1] for the second, etc.)

- a) How to find first and last index position element
size = 10; [length = 10]

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int []arr = {10,20,30,40,90,67,34};
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First Index : arr[0]
Last Index : arr[arr.length -1]

- b) [Why array index starts from 0] [int is taking 4 bytes of Memory]
1000 + 0 * 4 = 1000X
1000 + 1 * 4 = 1004X
1000 + 2 * 4 = 1008X

4) Stored in Contiguous Memory:

Array elements are stored in adjacent memory locations, improving access speed (CACHE Memory).

5) Stored in Heap Memory:

Arrays are objects in Java and are stored in the HEAP MEMORY.

6) Default Values:

If an array is declared but not initialized, Java assigns default values because it is a reference data type.

7) Efficient Retrieval:

Direct access to elements using an index provides fast data retrieval (O(1) time complexity).

Drawback of an array :

- 1) Fixed in size
- 2) Insertion OR deletion at the begining or middle is O(n)
- 3) No predefined method support.

Types of Array in Java :

* In Java, Basically We have 2 types of array :

- 1) Single OR One Dimensional Array.([[]])

- 2) 2D OR Multi-Dimensional Array.([[]][[]])

Note : We have jagged array which is a multi-dimensional array where each row can have a different number of columns

Working with single OR one Dimensional Array :

In Java we can create single dimensional array by using following ways :

- 1) The most common way to create an array object by using new keyword :

Example :

```
int [] arr = new int[5];
```

An array is an Object in java so whenever we create an array in java then Internally JVM provides a class which is loaded into JVM memory on the behalf of Array.

int x; //Primitive

int []x; //Object

Primitive type Array	JVM Provided class (JNI ENCODING)
int []	[I
byte[]	[B
short[]	[S
long[]	[J
float[]	[F
double[]	[D
char[]	[C
boolean[]	[Z
String[]	[LFully Qualified Name