Module 7 - Arrays, Enhanced Loops, and Comparing

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General Notes

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Swapping Two Variables (General)

- Swapping two variables x and y means to assign y's value to x, and x's value to y
- A **temporary variable** is a variable used briefly to store a value.
 - A common method for swapping uses a temporary variable.
- Most swaps are actually performed between two list elements.
 - For example, reversing a list with N elements can be achieved by swapping element 1 and N, element 2 and N-1, element 3 and N-2, etc. (stopping at the middle of the list).

Modifying & Copying / Comparing Arrays

Modifying Arrays

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class NegativeToZero {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner scnr = new Scanner(System.in);
   final int NUM_ELEMENTS = 8;
                                     // Number of elements
   int[] userVals = new int[NUM_ELEMENTS]; // User numbers
   int i;
                            // Loop index
   // Prompt user to input values
   System.out.println("Enter " + NUM_ELEMENTS + " integer values...");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     System.out.print("Value: ");
     userVals[i] = scnr.nextInt();
   }
   // Convert negatives to 0
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     if (userVals[i] < 0) {</pre>
      userVals[i] = 0;
    }
   }
   // Print numbers
   System.out.print("New numbers: ");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     System.out.print(userVals[i] + " ");
   }
 }
```

Copying Arrays

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class NegativeToZeroCopy {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner scnr = new Scanner(System.in);
   final int NUM_ELEMENTS = 8;
                                          // Number of elements
   int[] userVals = new int[NUM_ELEMENTS]; // User numbers
   int[] copiedVals = new int[NUM_ELEMENTS]; // New numbers
   int i:
                            // Loop index
   // Prompt user for input values
   System.out.println("Enter " + NUM_ELEMENTS + " integer values...");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     System.out.print("Value: ");
     userVals[i] = scnr.nextInt();
   }
   // Convert nums to newNums
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {
     copiedVals[i] = userVals[i];
   }
   // Convert negatives to 0
   for (i = 0; i < copiedVals.length; ++i) {
     if (copiedVals[i] < 0) {</pre>
       copiedVals[i] = 0;
    }
   }
   // Print numbers
   System.out.println("\nOriginal and new values: ");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     System.out.println(userVals[i] + " became " + copiedVals[i]);
   System.out.println();
 }
```

Debugging Example: Reversing an Array

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class ArrayReverseElem {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner scnr = new Scanner(System.in);
   final int NUM ELEMENTS = 8; // Number of elements
   int[] userVals = new int[NUM_ELEMENTS]; // User numbers
                          // Loop index
   int tempVal;
                               // Temp variable for swapping
   // Prompt user to input values
   System.out.println("Enter " + NUM_ELEMENTS
       + " integer values...");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
    System.out.print("Value: ");
    userVals[i] = scnr.nextInt();
   }
   // Reverse array's elements
   for (i = 0; i < (userVals.length / 2); ++i) {
    tempVal = userVals[i];
                                          // Temp for swap
     userVals[i] = userVals[userVals.length - 1 - i]; // First part of swap
     userVals[userVals.length - 1 - i] = tempVal; // Swap complete
   }
   // Print numbers
   System.out.print("\nNew values: ");
   for (i = 0; i < userVals.length; ++i) {</pre>
     System.out.print(userVals[i] + " ");
```

Two-dimensional Arrays

Enhanced for loop: Arrays

The **enhanced for loop** is also called a **for-each loop**.

 The enhanced for loop declares a new loop variable, whose scope is limited to the for loop, that will be assigned with each successive element of an array.

Limitations of the for-each loop:

- **for-each loops** are not appropriate when you want to modify the array.
- for-each loops do not keep track of index. So we can not obtain array index using for-each loop.
- for-each loops only iterate forward over the array in single steps

```
// Syntax
for (type var : array)
{
    statements using var;
}
```

- Compared to a regular for loop, an enhanced for loop decreases the amount of code needed to iterate through arrays, thus enhancing code readability and clearly demonstrating the loop's purpose.
- An enhanced for loop also prevents a programmer from writing code that incorrectly accesses elements outside the array's range.

Common Error: Modifying The Loop Variable

A common error is modifying the loop variable in an attempt to modify the array's elements.

The loop variable is a copy of the current array element in the iteration. Thus, assigning the loop variable with a value only modifies the loop variable and does not change the array element.