Implementing matrix using 2D Arrays in Java

Two - dimensional array is the simplest form of a multidimensional array. A two - dimensional array can be seen as an array of one - dimensional array for easier understanding.

Indirect Method of Declaration:

· Declaration - Syntax:

```
data_type[][] array_name = new data_type[x][y];
   For example: int[][] arr = new int[10][20];
```

· Initialization - Syntax:

```
array_name[row_index][column_index] = value;
For example: arr[0][0] = 1;
```

Example:

```
1
 2
 3 → class GFG {
 4
       public static void main(String[] args)
 5 -
 6
 7
          int[][] arr = new int[10][20];
 8
           arr[0][0] = 1;
9
10
          System.out.println("arr[0][0] = " + arr[0][0]);
11
12 }
13
```

Output:

```
arr[0][0] = 1
```

Direct Method of Declaration:

Syntax:

```
Example:
```

```
1
   2
   3 → class GFG {
          public static void main(String[] args)
   5 +
   6
              int[][] arr = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4 } };
   7
   8
   9
              for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
                  for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++)
System.out.println("arr[" + i + "][" + j + "] = "
  10
  11
                                   + arr[i][j]);
  12
  13
  14 }
  15
Output:
```

```
arr[0][0] = 1
arr[0][1] = 2
arr[1][0] = 3
arr[1][1] = 4
```

Accessing Elements of Two-Dimensional Arrays

Elements in two-dimensional arrays are commonly referred by $\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{i}][\mathbf{j}]$ where \mathbf{i}' is the row number and \mathbf{j}' is the column number.

Syntax:

```
x[row_index][column_index]
```

For example:

```
int[][] arr = new int[10][20];
arr[0][0] = 1;
```

The above example represents the element present in first row and first column.

Note: In arrays if size of array is N. Its index will be from 0 to N-1. Therefore, for row_index 2, actual row number is 2+1 = 3.

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Output:

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Representation of 2D array in Tabular Format: A two - dimensional array can be seen as a table with 'x' rows and 'y' columns where the row number ranges from 0 to (x-1) and column number ranges from 0 to (y-1). A two - dimensional array 'x' with 3 rows and 3 columns is shown below:

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2
Row 0	x[0][0]	x[0][1]	x[0][2]
Row 1	x[1][0]	x[1][1]	x[1][2]
Row 2	x[2][0]	x[2][1]	x[2][2]

Print 2D array in tabular format:

To output all the elements of a Two-Dimensional array, use nested for loops. For this two for loops are required, One to traverse the rows and another to traverse columns.

Output:

```
1 2
3 4
```