



CS212: Object-Oriented Programming

Arrays in Java

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INTRODUCTION - ARRAYS

- ❖ It's a Data structure
- ❖ A Group of variables having the same data type
- ❖ Remain same size once created.
 - Fixed-length entries

The diagram illustrates an array structure. On the left, the text "Name of array (c)" has an arrow pointing to the first element's index, "c[0]". Below this, the text "Index (or subscript) of the element in array c" has an arrow pointing to the index "11" of the last element, "c[11]". The array elements are listed in a column, each followed by its value in a green box. The values are: -45, 6, 0, 72, 1543, -89, 0, 62, -3, 1, 6453, and 78.

c[0]	-45
c[1]	6
c[2]	0
c[3]	72
c[4]	1543
c[5]	-89
c[6]	0
c[7]	62
c[8]	-3
c[9]	1
c[10]	6453
c[11]	78



ARRAYS INDEX

❖ Index

- Also called subscript
- Position number in square brackets
- Must be positive integer or integer expression
- First element has index zero

```
a = 5;  
b = 6;  
c[a + b] += 2; // Adds 2 to c[ 11 ]
```



DECLARING AND CREATING ARRAYS (IN JAVA)

❖ Declaring and Creating arrays

- Arrays are objects that occupy memory
- Created dynamically with keyword new

```
int c[] = new int[ 12 ];
```

– Equivalent to

```
int c[]; // declare array variable  
c = new int[ 12 ]; // create array
```

- We can create arrays of objects too

```
String b[] = new String[ 100 ];
```

```
String[] b = new String[ 100 ], x = new  
String[ 27 ];
```



IMPORTANT NOTES

- » In an array declaration, specifying the number of elements in the square brackets of the declaration (e.g., `int c[12];`) is a syntax error.
- » Declaring multiple array variables in a single declaration can lead to subtle errors. Consider the declaration `int[] a, b, c;`. If `a`, `b` and `c` should be declared as array variables, then this declaration is correct—placing square brackets directly following the type indicates that all the identifiers in the declaration are array variables. However, if only `a` is intended to be an array variable, and `b` and `c` are intended to be individual `int` variables, then this declaration is incorrect—the declaration `int a[], b, c;` would achieve the desired result.



```
1 // Fig. 7.2: InitArray.java
2 // Creating an array.
```

```
3
4 public class InitArray
5 {
```

Declare array as an
array of ints

Create 10 ints for
array; each int is
initialized to 0 by default

```
6     public static void main( String args[] )
7     {
```

```
8         int array[]; // declare array named array
```

array.length returns
length of array

```
9
10        array = new int[ 10 ]; // create the space for array
```

```
11
12        System.out.printf( "%s%8s\n", "Index", "value" ); // column headings
```

```
13
14        // output each array element's value
```

```
15        for ( int counter = 0; counter < array.length; counter++ )
```

```
16            System.out.printf( "%5d%8d\n", counter, array[ counter ] );
```

```
17    } // end main
```

```
18 } // end class InitArray
```

Index	value
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0

Each int is initialized
to 0 by default

array[counter] returns int
associated with index in array



EXAMPLES USING ARRAYS (CONT.)

❖ Using an array initializer

- Use initializer list

- Items enclosed in braces ({})
- Items in list separated by commas

```
int n[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 };
```

- Creates a five-element array
- Index values of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

- Do not need keyword new



```

1 // Fig. 7.3: InitArray.java
2 // Initializing the elements of an array
3
4 public class InitArray
5 {
6     public static void main( String args[] )
7     {
8         // initializer list specifies the value for each element
9         int array[] = { 32, 27, 64, 18, 95, 14, 90, 70, 60, 37 };
10
11         System.out.printf( "%s%8s\n", "Index", "Value" ); // column headings
12
13         // output each array element's value
14         for ( int counter = 0; counter < array.length; counter++ )
15             System.out.printf( "%5d%8d\n", counter, array[ counter ] );
16     } // end main
17 } // end class InitArray

```

Declare array as an
array of ints
initializer.

Compiler uses initializer
list to allocate array

Index	Value
0	32
1	27
2	64
3	18
4	95
5	14
6	90
7	70
8	60
9	37



IMPORTANT NOTES

- » Constant variables also are called **named constants** or **read-only variables**. Such variables often make programs more readable than programs that use literal values (e.g., 10)—a named constant such as `ARRAY_LENGTH` clearly indicates its purpose, whereas a literal value could have different meanings based on the context in which it is used.
- » Assigning a value to a constant after the variable has been initialized is a compilation error.
- » Attempting to use a constant before it is initialized is a compilation error.



ENHANCED FOR LOOP STATEMENT

» Enhanced for statement

- New feature of J2SE 5.0
- Allows iterates through elements of an array or a collection without using a counter
 - Avoiding the possibility of “stepping outside” the array
- Syntax

for (*parameter* : *arrayName*)
statement

- where parameter has a **type** and an **identifier**.
- type of the parameter must be consistent with the type of the elements in the array



ENHANCED FOR LOOP STATEMENT

```
1 // Fig. 7.12: EnhancedForTest.java
2 // Using enhanced for statement to total integers in an array.
3
4 public class EnhancedForTest
5 {
6     public static void main( String args[]
7     {
8         int array[] = { 87, 68, 94, 100, 83, 78, 85, 91, 76, 87 };
9         int total = 0;
10
11         // add each element's value to total
12         for ( int number : array )
13             total += number;
14
15         System.out.printf( "Total of array elements: %d\n", total );
16     } // end main
17 } // end class EnhancedForTest
```

For each iteration, assign the next element of array to `int` variable `number`, then add it to `total`

Total of array elements: 849

ENHANCED FOR LOOP STATEMENT

» Lines 12-13 are equivalent to

```
for (int counter = 0; counter < array.length;  
    counter++)  
    total += array[ counter ];
```

» Usage Limitations

- > Can access array elements
- > **Cannot** modify array elements
- > Cannot access the counter indicating the index



PASSING ARRAYS TO METHODS

» To pass array argument to a method

❖ Specify array name without brackets

- Array `hourlyTemperatures` is declared as

```
int hourlyTemperatures[] = new int[ 24 ];
```

- The method call

```
modifyArray( hourlyTemperatures );
```

- Passes array `hourlyTemperatures` to method `modifyArray`



```

1  // Fig. 7.13: PassArray.java
2  // Passing arrays and individual array elements to methods.
3
4  public class PassArray
5  {
6      // main creates array and calls modifyArray and modifyElement
7      public static void main( String args[] )
8      {
9          int array[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
10
11         System.out.println(
12             "Effects of passing reference to entire
13             "The values of the original array are:" );
14
15         // output original array elements
16         for ( int value : array )
17             System.out.printf( "    %d", value );
18
19         modifyArray( array ); // pass array reference
20         System.out.println( "\n\nThe values of the modified array are:" );
21
22         // output modified array elements
23         for ( int value : array )
24             System.out.printf( "    %d", value );
25
26         System.out.printf(
27             "\n\nEffects of passing array element value:\n" +
28             "array[3] before modifyElement: %d\n", array[ 3 ] );

```

Declare 5-int array
with initializer list

Pass entire array to
method modifyArray




```

29
30     modifyElement( array[ 3 ] ); // attempt to modify array[ 3 ]
31     System.out.printf(
32         "array[3] after modifyElement: %d\n", array[ 3 ] );
33 } // end main
34
35 // multiply each element of an array by 2
36 public static void modifyArray( int array2[] )
37 {
38     for ( int counter = 0; counter < array2.length; counter++ )
39         array2[ counter ] *= 2;
40 } // end method modifyArray
41
42 // multiply argument by 2
43 public static void modifyElement( int element )
44 {
45     element *= 2;
46     System.out.printf(
47         "Value of element in modifyElement: %d\n", element );
48 } // end method modifyElement
49 } // end class PassArray

```

Pass array element array[3]
to method modifyElement

Method modifyArray
manipulates the array directly

Method modifyElement
manipulates a primitive's
copy

Effects of passing reference to entire array:
The values of the original array are:
1 2 3 4 5

The values of the modified array are:
2 4 6 8 10

Effects of passing array element value:
array[3] before modifyElement: 8
Value of element in modifyElement: 16
array[3] after modifyElement: 8



PASSING ARRAYS TO METHODS (CONT.)

» Two ways to pass arguments to methods

❖ Pass-by-value

- Copy of argument's value is passed to called method
 - In Java, every primitive is pass-by-value

❖ Pass-by-reference

- Caller gives called method direct access to caller's data
- Called method can manipulate this data
- Improved performance over pass-by-value
- In Java, every object is pass-by-reference
 - In Java, arrays are objects
 - Therefore, arrays are passed to methods by reference



MULTIDIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

» Tables with rows and columns

- > Two-dimensional array
- > m-by-n array

The diagram illustrates a 3x4 two-dimensional array named 'a'. The array is represented as a table with 3 rows (Row 0, Row 1, Row 2) and 4 columns (Column 0, Column 1, Column 2, Column 3). Each cell in the table contains a reference to an element in the array, formatted as `a[row][column]`. For example, the element at Row 0, Column 0 is `a[0][0]`. Arrows point from the labels 'Column index', 'Row index', and 'Array name' to the corresponding parts of the `a[2][1]` element, showing how the indices are used to access a specific element.

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 0	<code>a[0][0]</code>	<code>a[0][1]</code>	<code>a[0][2]</code>	<code>a[0][3]</code>
Row 1	<code>a[1][0]</code>	<code>a[1][1]</code>	<code>a[1][2]</code>	<code>a[1][3]</code>
Row 2	<code>a[2][0]</code>	<code>a[2][1]</code>	<code>a[2][2]</code>	<code>a[2][3]</code>

Column index
Row index
Array name



MULTIDIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

» Arrays of one-dimensional array

- Declaring two-dimensional array `b[2][2]`

```
int b[][] = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4 } };
```

– 1 and 2 initialize `b[0][0]` and `b[0][1]`

– 3 and 4 initialize `b[1][0]` and `b[1][1]`

```
int b[][] = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4, 5 } };
```

– row 0 contains elements 1 and 2

– row 1 contains elements 3, 4 and 5

- Lengths of rows in array are not required to be the same!



MULTIDIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

» Creating two-dimensional arrays with array-creation expressions

❖ Can be created dynamically

- 3-by-4 array

```
int b[][];  
b = new int[ 3 ][ 4 ];
```

- Rows can have different number of columns

```
int b[][];  
b = new int[ 2 ][ ]; // create 2 rows  
b[ 0 ] = new int[ 5 ]; // create 5 cols for  
row 0  
b[ 1 ] = new int[ 3 ]; // create 3 cols for  
row 1
```



VARIABLE LENGTH ARGUMENTS

» Variable-length argument lists

- ❖ New feature in J2SE 5.0
- ❖ Unspecified number of arguments
- ❖ Use ellipsis (...) in method's parameter list
 - Can occur only once in parameter list
 - Must be placed at the end of parameter list
- ❖ Array whose elements are all of the same type



VARIABLE LENGTH ARGUMENTS

```
1 // Fig. 7.20: VarargsTest.java
2 // Using variable-length argument lists.
3
4 public class VarargsTest
5 {
6     // calculate average
7     public static double average( double... numbers )
8     {
9         double total = 0.0; // initialize total
10
11         // calculate total using the enhanced for s
12         for ( double d : numbers )
13             total += d;
14
15         return total / numbers.length;
16     } // end method average
17
18     public static void main( String args[] )
19     {
20         double d1 = 10.0;
21         double d2 = 20.0;
22         double d3 = 30.0;
23         double d4 = 40.0;
24
```

Method `average` receives a variable length sequence of `doubles`

Calculate the total of the `doubles` in the array

Access `numbers.length` to obtain the size of the `numbers` array



VARIABLE LENGTH ARGUMENTS

```
25     System.out.printf( "d1 = %.1f\nd2 = %.1f\nd3 = %.1f\nd4 = %.1f\n\n",
26         d1, d2, d3, d4 );
27
28     System.out.printf( "Average of d1 and d2 is %.1f\n",
29         average( d1, d2 ) );
30     System.out.printf( "Average of d1, d2 and d3 is %.1f\n",
31         average( d1, d2, d3 ) );
32     System.out.printf( "Average of d1, d2, d3 and d4 is %.1f\n",
33         average( d1, d2, d3, d4 ) );
34 } // end main
35 } // end class VarargsTest
```

Invoke method average
with two arguments

Invoke method average
with three arguments

```
d1 = 10.0
d2 = 20.0
d3 = 30.0
d4 = 40.0
```

```
Average of d1 and d2 is 15.0
Average of d1, d2 and d3 is 20.0
Average of d1, d2, d3 and d4 is 25.0
```

Invoke method average
with four arguments



COMMON PROGRAMMING ERROR

- » Placing an ellipsis in the middle of a method parameter list is a syntax error. An ellipsis may be placed only at the end of the parameter list.



USING COMMAND-LINE ARGUMENTS

» Command-line arguments

- ❖ Pass arguments from the command line
 - `String args[]`
- ❖ Appear after the class name in the java command
 - `java MyClass a b`
- ❖ Number of arguments passed in from command line
 - `args.length`
- ❖ First command-line argument
 - `args[0]`



```
1 // Fig. 7.21: InitArray.java
2 // Using command-line arguments to initialize an array.
```

```
3
4 public class InitArray
```

```
5 {
6     public static void main( String args[] )
```

```
7 {
```

```
8     // check number of command-line arguments
```

```
9     if ( args.length != 3 )
```

```
10         System.out.println(
```

```
11             "Error: Please re-enter the entire command, including\n" +
```

```
12             "an array size, initial value and increment." );
```

```
13 else
```

```
14 {
```

```
15     // get array size from first command-line argument
```

```
16     int arrayLength = Integer.parseInt( args[ 0 ] );
```

```
17     int array[] = new int[ arrayLength ]; // create array
```

```
18
19     // get initial value and increment from command-line argument
```

```
20     int initialValue = Integer.parseInt( args[ 1 ] );
```

```
21     int increment = Integer.parseInt( args[ 2 ] );
```

```
22
23     // calculate value for each array element
```

```
24     for ( int counter = 0; counter < array.length; counter++ )
```

```
25         array[ counter ] = initialValue + increment * counter;
```

```
26
27     System.out.printf( "%s%s\n", "Index", "Value" );
```

```
28
```

Array `args` stores
command-line arguments

Check number of arguments
passed in from the command line

Obtain first command-line
argument

Obtain second and third
command-line arguments

Calculate the value for each array
element based on command-line
arguments

```

29      // display array index and value
30      for ( int counter = 0; counter < array.length; counter++ )
31          System.out.printf( "%5d%8d\n", counter, array[ counter ] );
32      } // end else
33  } // end main
34 } // end class InitArray

```

Missing command-line arguments

`java InitArray`

Error: Please re-enter the entire command, including an array size, initial value and increment.

`java InitArray 5 0 4`

Index	Value
0	0
1	4
2	8
3	12
4	16

Three command-line arguments are 5, 0 and 4

`java InitArray 10 1 2`

Index	Value
0	1
1	3
2	5
3	7
4	9
5	11
6	13
7	15
8	17
9	19

Three command-line arguments are 10, 1 and 2



QUESTIONS/ANSWERS & DISCUSSION