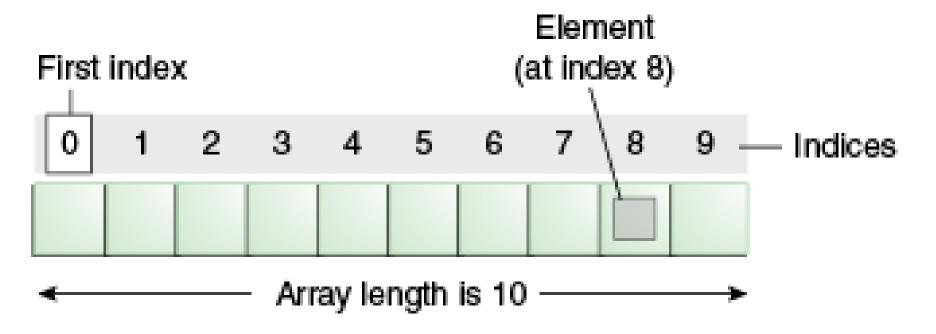
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# Java Arrays



# Arrays are "built-in" Objects

int[] thisDecade; // Reference to an array



thisDecade is a reference to an array of integers, but the array has not been instantiated.

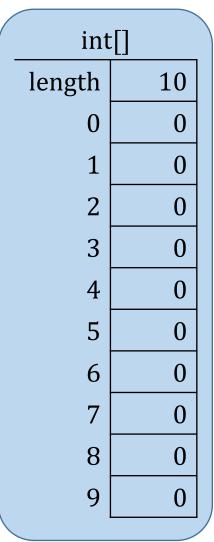
# Arrays are Objects

int[] thisDecade; // Reference to an array
thisDecade=new int[10]; // Instantiate

thisDecade

Create a new array object of length 10 with int fields initialized to zero

Like: new Array<int>(10)



# Arrays are Objects

```
int[] thisDecade; // Reference to an array
thisDecade=new int[10]; // Instantiate
thisDecade[0]=2020; // Initialize
thisDecade[1]=2021;
```

Assign values to individual fields Like: thisDecade.add(0,2020);

int[]		
length	10	
0	2020	
1	2021	
2	2022	
3	2023	
4	2024	
5	2025	
6	2026	
7	2027	
8	2028	
9	2029	

#### Arrays as Objects

- Once an array is created, you cannot change its size!
- Fields in the object...
  - length the number of items in this array
  - 0

  - length-1

Values of the array

Reference to int[] may refer to "objects" with *different* numbers of fields!

- When created, all values are initialized to zero
- Values can be changed at any time
  - thisDecade[3]=2013;

#### Shortcut: Declare, Instantiate, & Initialize

```
int[] thisDecade = {2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029};
```

thisDecade

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int[]		
10		
2020		
2021		
2022		
2023		
2024		
2025		
2026		
2027		
2028		
2029		
	10 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028	

#### Generic Types

- An array is an array
  - array of integers
  - array of Strings
  - array of doubles
  - array of references to objects of the BankAccount class
- Java allows us to create arrays of a specific type
  - Type must be specified when declared and instantiated
  - We consider the type part of the "class name" of the array
  - All elements of the array must be of the type specified
  - Arrays don't need them, but Generic Types will eventually be in angle brackets <T>

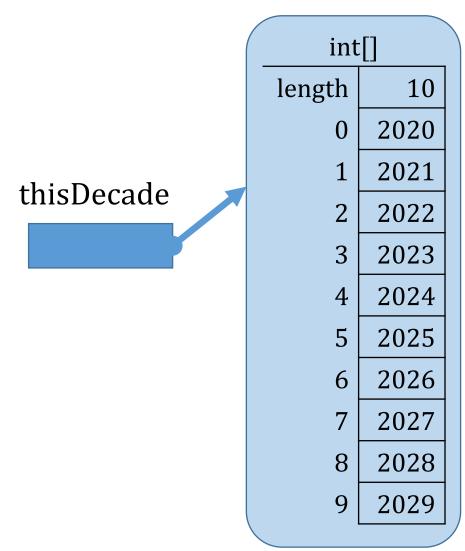
## Array Syntax

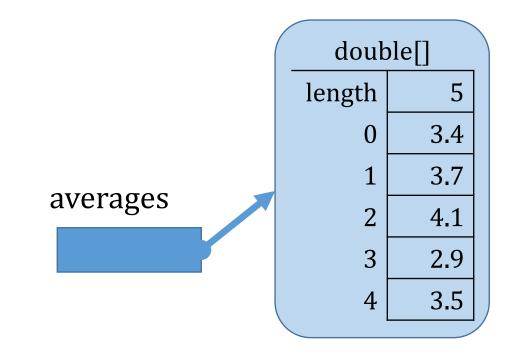
- Declaration: *type name*;
  - *type*: any built-in type or class name (so far)
- Instantiation: *name* = new *type*[*size*];
  - *size*: integer expression
- Combined: *type*[] *name* = new *type*[*size*];
- Shortcut: *type*[] *name* = { *t1*, *t2*, ... };
  - *t1, t2, ...* are expressions of the correct type
- Access an element: name[index]
  - *index*: integer expression,  $0 \le index < size$
- Array size: *name*.length *name*.size() does NOT work

only works in declaration initialization,

{} is not a literal array!

## Arrays Objects in Memory





double[] averages =  $\{3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 2.9, 3.95\}$ ;

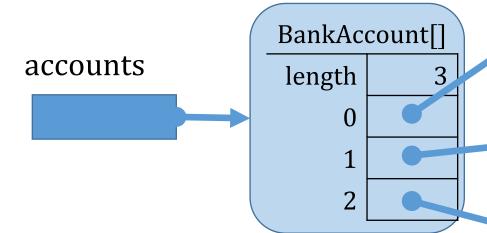
Variable names are *not* stored in memory

#### Arrays of References : Class

```
public class BankAccount {
     private double balance;
      public BankAccount(double firstDeposit) {
           balance = firstDeposit;
     public double getBalance() {
           return balance;
      ... code for deposit method
      ... code for withdraw method
```

## Arrays of References

BankAccount
balance 20000.0



BankAccount balance 15000.0

BankAccount balance 40000.0

#### Accessing Elements of Arrays

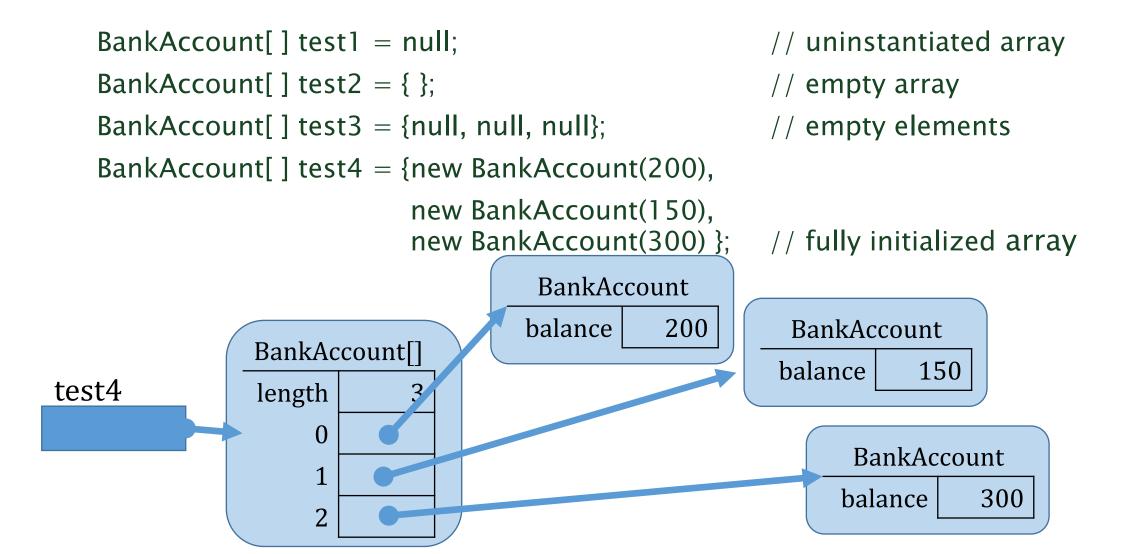
thisDecade[0] is 2020

averages[averages.length - 1] is 3.95

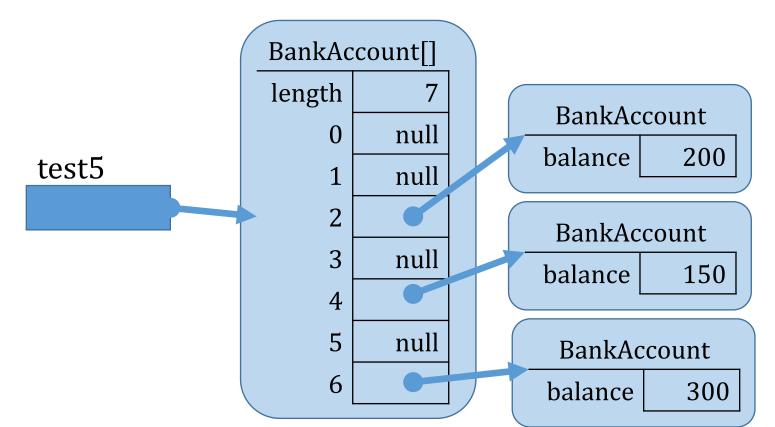
investments[2].getBalance() returns 40000.0

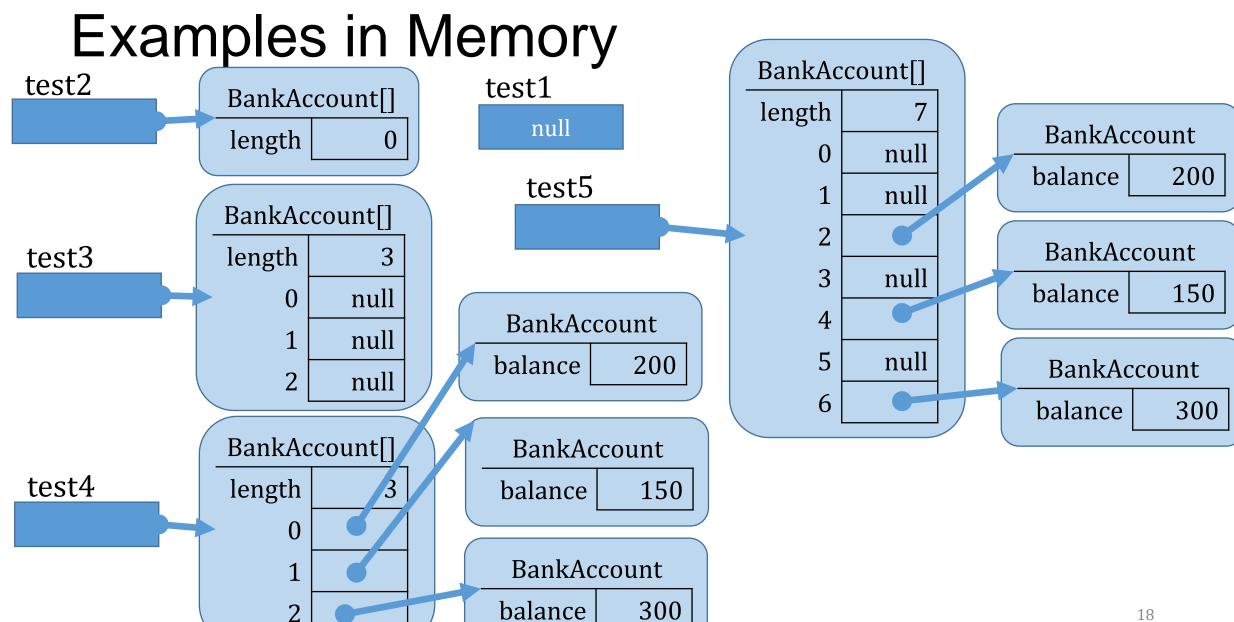
```
BankAccount[\ ]\ test1 = null; \\ test1 \\ \underline{null}
```

```
BankAccount[] test1 = null;
                                                      // uninstantiated array
BankAccount[] test2 = { };
                                                     // empty array
BankAccount[] test3 = {null, null, null};
                                                     // empty elements
                                   BankAccount[]
                   test3
                                   length
                                             null
                                             null
                                             null
```



```
BankAccount[] test4 = {new BankAccount(200),new BankAccount(150), new BankAccount(300) };
BankAccount[] test5 = {null, null, new BankAccount(200), null, new BankAccount(300) };
```





## Problem with Arrays

- Arrays are great if you know how big they need to be
  - but we don't always know how big it needs to be
- One alternative
  - Start out with medium sized array
  - If it needs to grow bigger, create a bigger array, copy the medium to the bigger array repeat as necessary
  - If it grows smaller, create a smaller array, copy the medium to the smaller array repeat as necessary
- Another alternative: Java "ArrayList" class... more to come

# Arrays of Arrays

- It is possible to make an array of arrays
  - Not quite the same as multi-dimensional arrays, but close (superset)
- Example:

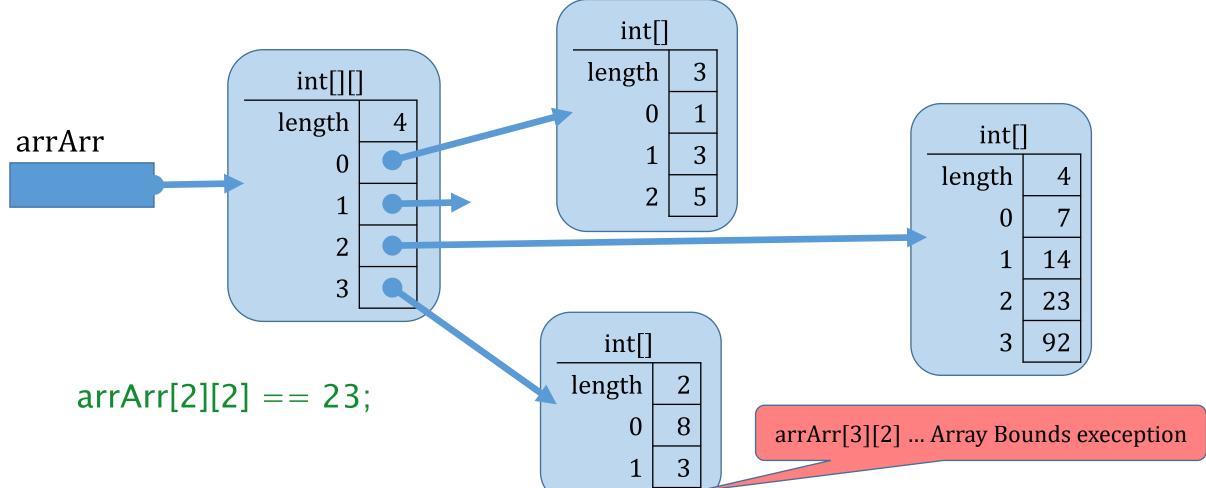
Other languages, like C, have multi-dimensional arrays like a matrix... these are different!

```
int[][] arrArr = { {1, 3, 5}, null, {7, 14, 23, 92}, {8, 3} };
System.out.println("arrArr length is:" + arrArr.length);
```

prints: arrArr length is 4

## Memory for Array of Arrays

int[][] arrArr = { {1, 3, 5}, null, {7, 14, 23, 92}, {8, 3} };



# "Arrays" Library Class

- Library class with many static functions to perform on arrays
  - compare, copy, search, sort, fill, select, iterate, stream, toString
- The toString method makes:

  "name[e<sub>0</sub>.toString(),e<sub>1</sub>.toString(),...e<sub>s-1</sub>.toString()]"

invoke as: Arrays.toString(thisDecade)

returns: thisDecade[2020,2021,2022,2023,2024,2025,2026,2027,2028,2029]