

# Java Arrays

Normally, an array is a collection of similar type of elements which has contiguous memory location.

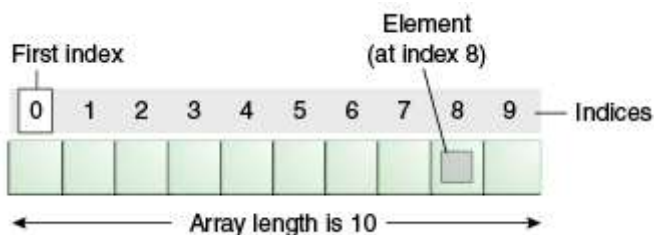
**Java array** is an object which contains elements of a similar data type. Additionally, The elements of an array are stored in a contiguous memory location. It is a data structure where we store similar elements. We can store only a fixed set of elements in a Java array.

Array in Java is index-based, the first element of the array is stored at the 0th index, 2nd element is stored on 1st index and so on.

Unlike C/C++, we can get the length of the array using the length member. In C/C++, we need to use the sizeof operator.

In Java, array is an object of a dynamically generated class. Java array inherits the Object class, and implements the Serializable as well as Cloneable interfaces. We can store primitive values or objects in an array in Java. Like C/C++, we can also create single dimensional or multidimensional arrays in Java.

Moreover, Java provides the feature of anonymous arrays which is not available in C/C++.



## Advantages

- **Code Optimization:** It makes the code optimized, we can retrieve or sort the data efficiently.
- **Random access:** We can get any data located at an index position.

## Disadvantages

- **Size Limit:** We can store only the fixed size of elements in the array. It doesn't grow its size

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# Types of Array in java

There are two types of array.

- o Single Dimensional Array
- o Multidimensional Array

## Single Dimensional Array in Java

### Syntax to Declare an Array in Java

```
dataType[] arr; (or)  
dataType []arr; (or)  
dataType arr[];
```

### Instantiation of an Array in Java

```
arrayRefVar=new datatype[size];
```

## Example of Java Array

Let's see the simple example of java array, where we are going to declare, instantiate, initialize and traverse an array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate how to declare, instantiate, initialize  
//and traverse the Java array.  
class Testarray{  
  public static void main(String args[]){  
    int a[]=new int[5];//declaration and instantiation  
    a[0]=10;//initialization  
    a[1]=20;  
    a[2]=70;
```

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```
a[4]=50;  
//traversing array  
for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++)//length is the property of array  
System.out.println(a[i]);  
}}
```

### Test it Now

Output:

```
10  
20  
70  
40  
50
```

## Declaration, Instantiation and Initialization of Java Array

We can declare, instantiate and initialize the java array together by:

```
int a[]={33,3,4,5};//declaration, instantiation and initialization
```

Let's see the simple example to print this array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the use of declaration, instantiation  
//and initialization of Java array in a single line  
class Testarray1{  
public static void main(String args[]){  
int a[]={33,3,4,5};//declaration, instantiation and initialization  
//printing array  
for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++)//length is the property of array  
System.out.println(a[i]);  
}}
```

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Output:

```
33
3
4
5
```

## For-each Loop for Java Array

We can also print the Java array using **for-each loop**. The Java for-each loop prints the array elements one by one. It holds an array element in a variable, then executes the body of the loop.

The syntax of the for-each loop is given below:

```
for(data_type variable:array){
    //body of the loop
}
```

Let us see the example of print the elements of Java array using the for-each loop.

```
//Java Program to print the array elements using for-each loop
class Testarray1{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        int arr[]={33,3,4,5};
        //printing array using for-each loop
        for(int i:arr)
            System.out.println(i);
    }
}
```

Output:

```
33
3
```

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## Passing Array to a Method in Java

We can pass the java array to method so that we can reuse the same logic on any array.

Let's see the simple example to get the minimum number of an array using a method.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the way of passing an array
//to method.
class Testarray2{
    //creating a method which receives an array as a parameter
    static void min(int arr[]){
        int min=arr[0];
        for(int i=1;i<arr.length;i++)
            if(min>arr[i])
                min=arr[i];

        System.out.println(min);
    }

    public static void main(String args[]){
        int a[]={33,3,4,5}; //declaring and initializing an array
        min(a); //passing array to method
    }
}
```

Test it Now

Output:

3

## Anonymous Array in Java

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ature of an anonymous array, so you don't need to declare the array while  
ie method.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the way of passing an anonymous array
//to method.
public class TestAnonymousArray{
    //creating a method which receives an array as a parameter
    static void printArray(int arr[]){
        for(int i=0;i<arr.length;i++){
            System.out.println(arr[i]);
        }

        public static void main(String args[]){
            printArray(new int[]{10,22,44,66}); //passing anonymous array to method
        }
    }
}
```

### Test it Now

Output:

```
10
22
44
66
```

## Returning Array from the Method

We can also return an array from the method in Java.

```
//Java Program to return an array from the method
class TestReturnArray{
    //creating method which returns an array
    static int[] get(){
        return new int[]{10,30,50,90,60};
    }
}
```

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```
//calling method which returns an array
int arr[]=get();
//printing the values of an array
for(int i=0;i<arr.length;i++)
System.out.println(arr[i]);
}}
```

**Test it Now**

Output:

```
10
30
50
90
60
```

## ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException

The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) throws an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` if length of the array is negative, equal to the array size or greater than the array size while traversing the array.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the case of
//ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException in a Java Array.
public class TestArrayException{
public static void main(String args[]){
int arr[]={50,60,70,80};
for(int i=0;i<=arr.length;i++){
System.out.println(arr[i]);
}
}}
```

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```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4
    at TestArrayException.main(TestArrayException.java:5)
50
60
70
80
```

## Multidimensional Array in Java

In such case, data is stored in row and column based index (also known as matrix form).

### Syntax to Declare Multidimensional Array in Java

```
dataType[][] arrayRefVar; (or)
dataType [][]arrayRefVar; (or)
dataType arrayRefVar[][]; (or)
dataType []arrayRefVar[];
```

### Example to instantiate Multidimensional Array in Java

```
int[][] arr=new int[3][3]; //3 row and 3 column
```

### Example to initialize Multidimensional Array in Java

```
arr[0][0]=1;
arr[0][1]=2;
arr[0][2]=3;
arr[1][0]=4;
arr[1][1]=5;
arr[1][2]=6;
arr[2][0]=7;
arr[2][1]=8;
arr[2][2]=9;
```

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## Example of Multidimensional Java Array

Let's see the simple example to declare, instantiate, initialize and print the 2Dimensional array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the use of multidimensional array
class Testarray3{
public static void main(String args[]){
//declaring and initializing 2D array
int arr[][]={{1,2,3},{2,4,5},{4,4,5}};
//printing 2D array
for(int i=0;i<3;i++){
for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
System.out.print(arr[i][j]+" ");
}
System.out.println();
}
}}
```

Test it Now

Output:

```
1 2 3
2 4 5
4 4 5
```

## Jagged Array in Java

If we are creating odd number of columns in a 2D array, it is known as a jagged array. In other words, it is an array of arrays with different number of columns.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the jagged array
class TestJaggedArray{
public static void main(String[] args){
```

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2D array with odd columns

```
int arr[][] = new int[3][];
arr[0] = new int[3];
arr[1] = new int[4];
arr[2] = new int[2];
//initializing a jagged array
int count = 0;
for (int i=0; i<arr.length; i++)
    for(int j=0; j<arr[i].length; j++)
        arr[i][j] = count++;

//printing the data of a jagged array
for (int i=0; i<arr.length; i++){
    for (int j=0; j<arr[i].length; j++){
        System.out.print(arr[i][j]+ " ");
    }
    System.out.println();//new line
}
}
```

### Test it Now

Output:

```
0 1 2
3 4 5 6
7 8
```

## What is the class name of Java array?

In Java, an array is an object. For array object, a proxy class is created whose name can be obtained by `getClass().getName()` method on the object.

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```

class Testarray4{
public static void main(String args[]){
//declaration and initialization of array
int arr[]={4,4,5};
//getting the class name of Java array
Class c=arr.getClass();
String name=c.getName();
//printing the class name of Java array
System.out.println(name);

}}

```

### Test it Now

Output:

I

## Copying a Java Array

We can copy an array to another by the arraycopy() method of System class.

### Syntax of arraycopy method

```

public static void arraycopy(
Object src, int srcPos, Object dest, int destPos, int length
)

```

## Example of Copying an Array in Java

```

//Java Program to copy a source array into a destination array in Java
class TestArrayCopyDemo {
public static void main(String[] args) {

```

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```

    char[] src = { 'd', 'e', 'c', 'a', 'f', 'f', 'e',
    char[] dest = { 'd', 'e', 'c', 'a', 'f', 'f', 'e',

```

```
        'i', 'n', 'a', 't', 'e', 'd' };  
    //declaring a destination array  
    char[] copyTo = new char[7];  
    //copying array using System.arraycopy() method  
    System.arraycopy(copyFrom, 2, copyTo, 0, 7);  
    //printing the destination array  
    System.out.println(String.valueOf(copyTo));  
}  
}
```

### Test it Now

Output:

```
caffeine
```

## Cloning an Array in Java

Since, Java array implements the Cloneable interface, we can create the clone of the Java array. If we create the clone of a single-dimensional array, it creates the deep copy of the Java array. It means, it will copy the actual value. But, if we create the clone of a multidimensional array, it creates the shallow copy of the Java array which means it copies the references.

```
//Java Program to clone the array  
class Testarray1{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        int arr[]={33,3,4,5};  
        System.out.println("Printing original array:");  
        for(int i:arr)  
            System.out.println(i);  
  
        System.out.println("Printing clone of the array:");  
        int carr[]=arr.clone();
```

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```
System.out.println(i);

System.out.println("Are both equal?");
System.out.println(arr==carr);

}}
```

Output:

```
Printing original array:
33
3
4
5
Printing clone of the array:
33
3
4
5
Are both equal?
false
```

## Addition of 2 Matrices in Java

Let's see a simple example that adds two matrices.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the addition of two matrices in Java
class Testarray5{
public static void main(String args[]){
//creating two matrices
int a[][]={{1,3,4},{3,4,5}};
int b[][]={{1,3,4},{3,4,5}};
```

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```
int c[][]=new int[2][3];

//adding and printing addition of 2 matrices
for(int i=0;i<2;i++){
for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
c[i][j]=a[i][j]+b[i][j];
System.out.print(c[i][j]+" ");
}
System.out.println();//new line
}

}}
```

**Test it Now**

Output:

```
2 6 8
6 8 10
```

## Multiplication of 2 Matrices in Java

In the case of matrix multiplication, a one-row element of the first matrix is multiplied by all the columns of the second matrix which can be understood by the image given below.

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$$\text{Matrix 1} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{Matrix 2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Matrix 1} \\ * \\ \text{Matrix 2} \end{matrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1*1+1*2+1*3 & 1*1+1*2+1*3 & 1*1+1*2+1*3 \\ 2*1+2*2+2*3 & 2*1+2*2+2*3 & 2*1+2*2+2*3 \\ 3*1+3*2+3*3 & 3*1+3*2+3*3 & 3*1+3*2+3*3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Matrix 1} \\ * \\ \text{Matrix 2} \end{matrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 12 & 12 & 12 \\ 18 & 18 & 18 \end{Bmatrix}$$

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Let's see a simple example to multiply two matrices of 3 rows and 3 columns.

```
//Java Program to multiply two matrices
public class MatrixMultiplicationExample{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //creating two matrices
        int a[][]={{1,1,1},{2,2,2},{3,3,3}};
        int b[][]={{1,1,1},{2,2,2},{3,3,3}};

        //creating another matrix to store the multiplication of two matrices
        int c[][]=new int[3][3]; //3 rows and 3 columns

        //multiplying and printing multiplication of 2 matrices
        for(int i=0;i<3;i++){
            for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
                c[i][j]=0;
                for(int k=0;k<3;k++){
                    c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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```
c[i][j]+a[i][k]*b[k][j]+ " "); //printing matrix element
```

```
    } //end of j loop  
    System.out.println();//new line  
}  
}}
```

### Test it Now

Output:

```
6 6 6  
12 12 12  
18 18 18
```

## Related Topics

- 1) Java Program to copy all elements of one array into another array
- 2) Java Program to find the frequency of each element in the array
- 3) Java Program to left rotate the elements of an array
- 4) Java Program to print the duplicate elements of an array
- 5) Java Program to print the elements of an array
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