# **Arrays & ArrayLists**

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- The syntax above can only be used in the array declaration. You can't do this:
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... and if you have not yet assigned a value to it, for example, with:
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 weight = 145.6;
 graduated = true;

... then the default value of that variable is:
 0 for non floating-point types (e.g. int, byte, short, long)
 0.0 for floating-point types (e.g. double, float)
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#### **Default Values for Objects**

• If you declare a variable to have a given Object (not primitive) type, for example:

```
Person john;
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```

... and if you have not yet assigned a value to it, for example, with:

```
john = new Person();
name = "John Smith";
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- ... then the default value of that variable is null
- null is a legal value, but there isn't much you can do with it
  - It's an error to refer to its fields, because it has none
  - It's an error to send a message to it, because it has no methods
  - null is basically a pointer that doesn't point to anything
  - It's very similar to Python's *None*



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- When you create an array of primitives or Objects, but you haven't yet given values to each element in that array, the slots will have the default values associated with the type of array
  - primitives in a numeric array will default to 0 (or 0.0)
  - primitives in a boolean array will default to false
  - Objects in an array of Objects will default to null
- For example, here we create an array of 100 ints int[] count = new int[100];
   Every value in this array will default to 0
- We can then iterate over the array to set each value to a new int
   for (int i = 0; i < count.length; i++) {
   count[i] = i + 1; //set each value to index i plus 1
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- This is like a "table" of 3 rows and 2 columns
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## **Array Methods**

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- *length* is useful, but there is no *add*, *remove*, *reverse*, etc.

Ref: https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/reflect/Array.html





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- ArrayLists are part of Java's Collections Framework
  - Collections are defined in java.util
  - To use ArrayLists specifically, you have to import java.util.ArrayList
  - All *Collections* share similar methods (add, remove, size, etc.)
  - We'll learn more about *Collections* later in this course



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• The syntax of the toString method is:
   public String toString() {
       return "someString";
```

• Below is an implementation of the *toString* method in a Customer class

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# **Classroom Project**



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- In Eclipse, create a new "Classroom" project
  - This program will represent an actual classroom, with ways (methods) of adding students and assigning seats
- Create 3 classes:
  - Classroom
    - The classroom itself, with seats and students
    - Make sure public static void main(String[] args) IS checked
  - Seat
    - A seat in the classroom
  - Student
    - A student assigned to the classroom and sitting in a seat



```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
     * Represents a classroom with students.
      * Each classroom has a list of students,
     * and an array that corresponds to the seats in the classroom.
      * @author lbrandon
    public class Classroom {
 10
         //instance variables
  11
 12
  13⊖
         /**
         * Name of building.
  14
 15
 16
         String buildingName;
 17
 18⊖
         * Name of classroom.
  19
 20
         String roomName;
 22
  23⊝
  24
         * List of students in classroom.
 25
         ArrayList<Student> students;
 26
 27
 28⊖
         /**
 29
         * Seats in classroom.
 30
 31
         Seat[][] seats;
  32
```



```
33
       //constructor
34⊖
       /**
        * Create a Classroom with given buildingName, roomName, number of rows, and number of columns.
35
        * @param buildingName of building
        * @param roomName of room
37
        * @param rows for seats
38
39
        * @param columns for seats
40
41⊖
       public Classroom(String buildingName, String roomName, int rows, int columns) {
42
43
           //set building name
           this.buildingName = buildingName;
44
45
46
           //set room name
           this.roomName = roomName;
47
48
49
           //create 2-dimensional array of seats with given number of rows and columns
           this.seats = new Seat[rows][columns];
50
51
52
           //populate 2-dimensional array of seats with instances of Seat
53
           //iterate over the rows
54
           for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
55
               //iterate over the columns in each row
               for (int j = 0; j < columns; j++) {</pre>
57
58
59
                   //create a new instance of Seat in each slot in 2-dimensional array
                   seats[i][j] = new Seat(i, j);
61
62
63
           //create empty ArrayList for students
           this.students = new ArrayList<Student>();
65
66
67
```



## **Classroom Project – Seat Class**

```
    Seat.java 

    Seat.
Classroom.java
       3 * Represents a seat in a classroom.
       4 * Each seat has a row and column associated with it.
       5 * It also MIGHT have a student assigned to it.
               * @author lbrandon
       8 public class Seat {
                                  //instance variables
   10
   11
    12⊖
                                  /**
                                    * Seat row.
   13
   14
    15
                                  int row;
   16
   17⊝
                                   /**
   18
                                     * Seat column.
   19
  20
                                  int column;
   21
   229
                                    * Student assigned to this seat, otherwise null.
   23
   24
   25
                                  Student studentInSeat;
   26
  27
                                  //constructor
   28⊜
                                     * Creates a seat for a class at given row and column.
   29
   30
                                      * @param row for seat
                                      * @param column for seat
   31
   32
   33⊖
                                  public Seat(int row, int column) {
   34
                                                   this.row = row;
  35
                                                    this.column = column;
   36
```



# **Classroom Project – Seat Class**

```
38⊖
         * Assigns the given student to this seat.
         * @param student to assign
 41
 42⊖
         public void putStudentInSeat(Student student) {
 43
             this.studentInSeat = student;
 44
 45
 46
        //methods
 47
 48⊝
         * Returns row, column, and student for this seat.
 50
51⊜
        @Override
        public String toString() {
    return this.row + ", " + this.column + ": " + this.studentInSeat; //calls the toString method in student
△52
 53
54
55
```



## **Classroom Project – Student Class**

```
☑ Student.java 
☒
Classroom.java
    * Represents a student for a class.
    * Each student has a name and ID.
    * @author lbrandon
   public class Student {
10
       //instance variables
11
12⊖
       /**
        * Name of student.
13
14
15
       String name;
16
17⊝
        * ID for student.
18
19
        */
20
       String ID;
21
22
       //constructor
23
249
        * Creates a student with given name and ID.
25
26
        * @param name for student
        * @param ID for student
27
28
       public Student(String name, String ID) {
290
           this.name = name;
30
           this.ID = ID;
31
32
33
```



# **Classroom Project – Student Class**



```
//methods
 69
 70⊝
         * Adds the given student to the classroom.
 72
         * @param student to add
 73
        public void addAStudent(Student student) {
 749
            this.students.add(student);
 75
 76
 77
 78⊖
         /**
         * Finds a seat and assigns to the given student.
 79
         * @param student to assign
 81
        public void assignStudentToSeat(Student student) {
 82⊖
 83
             int rows = this.seats.length; //gets number of rows
 84
            int columns = this.seats[0].length; //gets number of columns in first row
 85
 86
 87
            //iterate over rows and columns
             for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
 89
                 for (int j = 0; j < columns; j++) {</pre>
                     //find available seat, if student in that seat is null (empty)
 90
                     if (this.seats[i][j].studentInSeat == null) {
 91
                         //assign student
 92
                         this.seats[i][j].putStudentInSeat(student);
 93
 94
                         //we're done, break out of loop (and method)
 95
                         return;
 96
 97
 98
 99
100
101
```



```
1029
103
         * Prints all the students in the class.
104
105⊖
        public void printAllStudents() {
            System.out.println("Students in class: ");
106
107
108
            //use enhanced for loop to print each student
109
            for (Student student : this.students) {
110
                 System.out.println(student); //calls the toString in the Student class
111
112
        }
113
1149
115
         * Returns layout of classroom, with seat and student info.
116
117⊖
        @Override
118
        public String toString() {
119
            String s = "\n";
120
121
            int rows = seats.length; //gets number of rows
122
            int columns = seats[0].length; //gets number of columns in first row
123
124
            for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
125
                 for (int j = 0; j < columns; j++) {</pre>
126
                     s += seats[i][j] + "\t"; //calls the toString method in the Seat class
127
128
                 s += "\n";
129
130
131
             return s;
132
122
```



```
134
135⊖
        public static void main(String[] args) {
136
137
             //create classroom
138
            Classroom huntsman = new Classroom("HH", "105", 10, 5);
139
140
             //create students
             Student finegan = new Student("finegan", "fineganw");
141
             Student bob = new Student("bob", "roberts");
142
143
144
             //add students to class
145
             huntsman.addAStudent(finegan);
146
             huntsman.addAStudent(bob);
147
148
             //assign students to seats
149
             huntsman.assignStudentToSeat(finegan);
150
             huntsman.assignStudentToSeat(bob);
151
152
             //print list of students in class
153
             huntsman.printAllStudents();
154
155
             //print the classroom itself
156
             //calls the toString method in classroom
157
             System.out.println(huntsman);
158
159
160 }
```

