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# Arrays I

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#### Lecture Topics

- Array Basics
  - Declaration/Initialization
  - Retrieving/Changing values of elements
  - Array Length
- Iterating Through an Array
  - Traditional For Loop
  - Enhanced For Loop
- Copying an Array
  - Shallow Copies
  - Deep Copies

#### Colors/Fonts

 Local Variable Names **Brown**  Primitive data types **Fuchsia** Literals Blue Keywords Orange Object names Green Operators/Punctuation – **Black**  Field Names Lt Blue **Method Names Purple** Parameter Names Gold Comments Gray Package Names **Pink** 

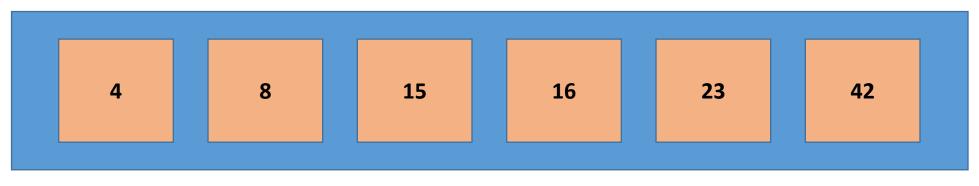
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Boolean expression is false

Boolean expression is true

#### Arrays

- An *array* is a container object that holds a fixed number of values.
- All values must be of the <u>same</u> data type or object (all ints, Strings, etc.)



An array of ints

- Declared just like any other variable with one difference:
  - An open and close bracket is included after the data type (shown below)

```
int[] numbers;

double[] values;

String[] names;
```

- There are two ways to initialize an array:
  - Without data:

• Or with data:

Values are comma separated in open/close braces

- Has space for 6 ints.
- Default values are
  - 0 (for numeric arrays)
  - ''(for char)
  - false (for boolean)
  - null (for objects)

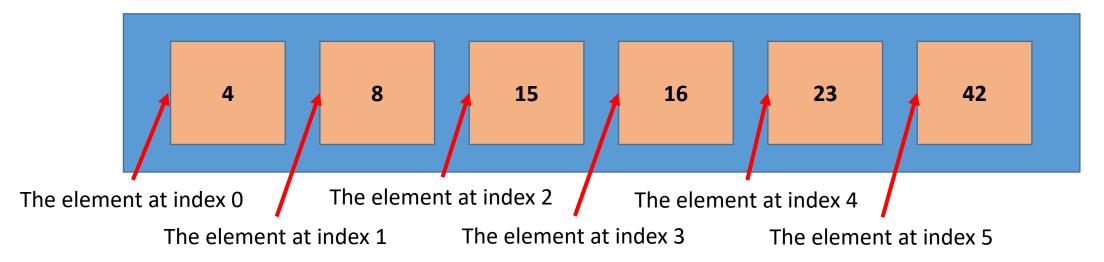
• Without data:

```
int[] numbers = new int[6];
```

• Or with data:

```
int[] numbers = {4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42};
```

- An *index* (or *subscript*) is the number representing the position of an array element.
  - First index is always zero.
  - The index is always of type int.
- An *element* is the data or object referenced by an index.



- Internally, arrays do not technically have a size limit, however...
  - Array indexes are represented by an int.
  - The maximum value of an int is 2,147,483,647.
  - Therefore, that is the maximum length of an array.

- Variables map to locations in memory using a *symbol table*.
  - A symbol could be a variable or class or method, for example.
  - Managed by the operating system.
- A memory map is a diagram of memory addresses and the data associated with an address or addresses.
  - An address typically corresponds to 8 bits/1 byte of space.

#### **Memory Map**

Variables

```
int number = 58;
double value = 16.5;
char letter = 'L';
```

Symbol Table

Symbol	Address
number	1000
value	1004
letter	100C

ints are 32 bits/4 bytes doubles are 64 bits/8 bytes chars are 16 bits/2 bytes

Address	Data
1000	
1001	58
1002	30
1003	
1004	
1005	
1006	
1007	16 F
1008	16.5
1009	
100A	
100B	
100C	•
100D	<b>L</b>

Memory Map

Variables

#### Symbol Table

Symbol	Address
letter	1000
numbers	1002

Address	Data
1000	L
1001	<b>L</b>
1002	numbers[0]
1003	5
1004	5
1005	
1006	numbers[1]
1007	3
1008	3
1009	
100A	numbers[2]
100B	1
100C	
100D	

#### Arrays

• The array's base address is the address where the array begins.

• The following formula calculates the address of other indexes in the array:

base address + index \* byte size

#### **Memory Map**

#### Symbol Table

Symbol	Address
letter	1000
numbers	1002

numbers[0] = 
$$1002_{16} + 0 * 4 = 1002_{16}$$
  
numbers[1] =  $1002_{16} + 1 * 4 = 1006_{16}$   
numbers[2] =  $1002_{16} + 2 * 4 = 100A_{16}$ 

• Memory addresses are represented using the hexadecimal system (Base-16).

Address	Data
1000	
1001	<b>L</b>
1002	numbers[0]
1003	5
1004	<b>)</b>
1005	
1006	numbers[1]
1007	3
1008	3
1009	
100A	numbers[2]
100B	1
100C	
100D	

After initializing an empty array...

```
int[] numbers = new int[6];
```

• You can initialize the elements by referencing the index using *subscript notation*:

```
numbers[0] = 4;
numbers[1] = 8;
numbers[2] = 15;
numbers[3] = 16;
numbers[4] = 23;
numbers[5] = 42;
```

• To retrieve an array's element, simply reference the index:

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

System.out.println(multiplesOfTen[0]);
System.out.println(multiplesOfTen[1]);
System.out.println(multiplesOfTen[2] + multiplesOfTen [3]);

10
20
70
```

Assign a new value/object to the array at the desired index.

```
int[] myTwoNumbers = new int[2];
myTwoNumbers[0] = 10;
myTwoNumbers[1] = 20;
System.out.println(myTwoNumbers[0]);
                                                      10
System.out.println(myTwoNumbers[1]);
                                                      20
                                                      30
myTwoNumbers[0] = 30;
                                                      40
myTwoNumbers[1] = 40;
System.out.println(myTwoNumbers[0]);
System.out.println(myTwoNumbers[1]);
```

- To retrieve an array's length, call on it's length field.
  - The length field is an int.

```
int[] numbers = new int[10];
int numbersLength = numbers.length;
System.out.println(numbersLength);
```

10

#### ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException

- This exception is caused by:
  - Trying to retrieve a value at an a non-existent index.
  - Trying to store a value to a non-existent index.
  - Using a negative as an index (someArray[-1])

- For loops are ideal for iterating through the elements of an array.
  - The loop's counter can be used to represent each index.

```
String[] names = {"John", "Jane", "Jack"};

for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(names[i]);
}

This loop will iterate from 0 through 2.

John
Jane
Jack
Will be 0, then 1, then 2</pre>
```

This for loop demonstrates the ability to initialize the elements of an array.

```
String[] names = new String[3];
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {</pre>
   System.out.print("Enter name #" + i + ": ");
   names[i] = keyboard.nextLine();
}
                                                  Enter name #0: John
                                                   Enter name #1: Jane
//Prints the values of the names array
                                                  Enter name #2: Jack
for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {</pre>
                                                   John
   System.out.println(names[i]);
                                                   Jane
                                                   Jack
```

- You may have noticed the output started by asking for name #0.
  - It would look better if it started by asking for name #1
  - We would still want to assign that name to index 0, though.

```
Enter name #0: John
Enter name #1: Jane
Enter name #2: Jack
John
Jane
Jack
```

- This change will add one to i when printed.
  - But it won't actually replace the current value of i.

```
String[] names = new String[3];
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    System.out.print("Enter name #" + (i + 1) + ": ");
    names[i] = keyboard.nextLine();
}

    Enter name #1: John
    Enter name #2: Jane
    Enter name #3: Jack</pre>
```

 This for loop demonstrates the ability to change or alter the values of an array.

```
String[] names = {"John", "Jane", "Jack"};

for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    names[i] = names[i].toUpperCase();

}
//Prints the values of the names array
for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(names[i]);
}</pre>
JOHN
JANE
JACK
```

• This for loop iterates through the elements backwards.

• This for loop iterates through a portion of the array.

```
String[] names = {"John", "Jane", "Joe", "Jack"};
for(int i = 0; i < names.length/2; i++) {
    System.out.println(names[i]);
}
John
Jane</pre>
```

- The *for-each loop* (also known as *enhanced for loop* or *for-in loop*) is special type of for loop that iterates over the contents of an array or list.
  - This is the type of for loop Python uses.

```
for(dataType variableName : arrayName) {
    ...
}
```

- For each element in the array or list, variableName will represent that element for each iteration.
  - The data type of variableName must match the data type of the array.

```
String[] names = {"John", "Jane", "Joe", "Jack"};
for(String name : names) {
  System.out.println(name);
John
Jane
Joe
Jack
```

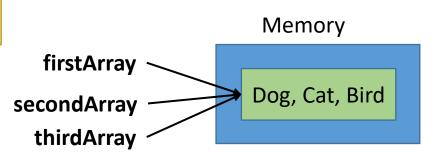
- For-each loops will iterate over the entire length of the array.
  - Even if there is no element present.

- For-each loops are the preferred way to iterate over every element, from start to finish.
- Benefits of the for-each loop :
  - No need to worry about array size/length.
  - No need to worry about any ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsExceptions.
- Drawbacks of the for-each loop:
  - Can't change the elements in the array.
  - Can't go in reverse.
  - Can't iterate over a portion of the array.
  - Can't work with additional arrays in the loop.
    - For example, copying elements from one array to another.
  - Doesn't keep track of subscripts/index numbers.
    - There's no counter variable like a traditional for loop.

- Copying an array like the example below creates a shallow copy.
  - Shallow copies are multiple variables referencing the same data.

```
String[] firstArray = {"Dog", "Cat", "Bird"};
String[] secondArray = new String[5];
```

```
secondArray = firstArray;
String[] thirdArray = firstArray;
```



• Since the variables reference the same array, changing one appears to change any others.

```
String[] firstArray = {"Dog", "Cat", "Bird"};
String[] secondArray = new String[5];
System.out.println(firstArray[0]);

secondArray[0] = "Fish";
System.out.println(firstArray[0]);

Dog
Fish

Dog, Cat, Bird
SecondArray
```

- To create a second, separate array with the same contents you need to perform a *deep copy*.
  - A deep copy copies the contents of one array into a second array of the same length.

```
int[] original = {3, 5, 7, 9};
int[] copy = new int[original.length];

for(int i = 0; i < original.length; i++) {
   copy[i] = original[i];
}

Copies the value to the corresponding index in the other array.</pre>
```

• Since the variables reference different arrays, changing one does not alter the original.

```
int[] original = {3, 5, 7, 9};
int[] copy = new int[original.length];

for(int i = 0; i < original.length; i++) {
    copy[i] = original[i];
}

System.out.println(original[0]);
copy[0] = 99;
System.out.println(original[0]);</pre>
```