Java Programming Language SE - 6

Module 5 : Arrays

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Objectives

- Declare and create arrays of primitive, class, or array types
- Explain why elements of an array are initialized
- Explain how to initialize the elements of an array
- Determine the number of elements in an array
- Create a multidimensional array
- Write code to copy array values from one array to another





Relevance

• What is the purpose of an array?



Declaring Arrays

- Group data objects of the same type.
- Declare arrays of primitive or class types:

```
char s[];
Point p[];
char[] s;
Point[] p;
```

- Create space for a reference.
- An array is an object; it is created with new.



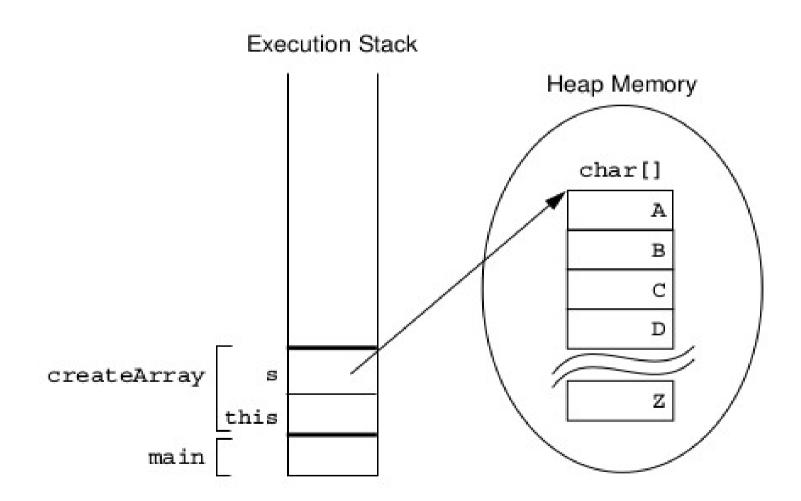
Creating Arrays

Use the new keyword to create an array object. For example, a primitive (char) array:

```
public char[] createArray() {
  char[] s;
  s = new char[26];
  for ( int i=0; i<26; i++ ) {
  s[i] = (char) ('A' + i);
  }
  return s;
}</pre>
```



Creating an Array of Character Primitives





Creating Reference Arrays

```
Another example, an object array:
public Point[] createArray() {
Point[] p;
p = new Point[10];
for ( int i=0; i<10; i++ ) {
p[i] = new Point(i, i+1);
return p;
```



Initializing Arrays

- Initialize an array element.
- Create an array with initial values.

```
String[] names;
names = new String[3];
names[0] = "Georgianna";
names[1] = "Jen";
names[2] = "Simon";
```



Multidimensional Arrays

Arrays of arrays:

```
int[][] twoDim = new int[4][];
twoDim[0] = new int[5];
twoDim[1] = new int[5];
int[][] twoDim = new int[][4]; // illegal
```

Array of four arrays of five integers each:

```
int[][] twoDim = new int[4][5];
```



Array Bounds

```
All array subscripts begin at 0:
public void printElements(int[] list) {
for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++) {
  System.out.println(list[i]);
}
</pre>
```



Using the Enhanced for Loop

 Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SETM) version 5.0 introduced an enhanced for loop for iterating over arrays:

```
public void printElements(int[] list) {
for ( int element : list ) {
   System.out.println(element);
}
```



Array Resizing

- You cannot resize an array.
- You can use the same reference variable to refer to an entirely new array, such as:

```
int[] myArray = new int[6];
myArray = new int[10];
```



Copying Arrays

```
The System.arraycopy() method to copy arrays is:
//original array
int[] myArray = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 };
// new larger array
int[] hold = \{ 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 \};
// copy all of the myArray array to the hold
// array, starting with the 0th index
System.arraycopy(myArray, 0, hold, 0, myArray.length);
```



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