

## Lesson 6: Basic Arrays

1. An **array** is a collection of multiple values in a single variable with similar data types by using an **index**.
2. **Index**- a number that represents a position in a collection/an array; starts at 0
3. **Elements**- individual values in an array
4. Arrays can contain any type of value (base types or objects), but you can't store different types in a single array. You can have an array of integers, or an array of strings, or an array of arrays, but you can't have an array that contains, for example, both strings and integers.

Declare w/ values:

```
String names[] = {"Chris", "Sam", "Peter"};
```

Declare w/o values:

```
String [] array = new String [100];
```

### Reading Array Element

```
identifier[index];  
names[0];
```

### Assigning Array Element

```
identifier[index] = value;  
names[0] = "Jaymar"
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    String studentNames[] = {"David", "Alenere", "Jaymar", "Ace", "Jasfer"};  
    System.out.println(studentNames[3]);  
}
```

```
String studentNames[] = {"David", "Alenere", "Jaymar", "Ace", "Jasfer"};  
studentNames[0] = "Emman";  
System.out.println(studentNames[0]);
```

5. To **create an array** in Java, we follow the following syntax:  
**dataType** - it can be primitive data types like int, char, double, byte, etc. or Java objects  
**datatype [] arrayName**;
6. **arrayName** - it is an identifier
7. In Java, we can declare and allocate the memory of an array in one single statement.  
For example,  
**double [] data = new double[10];**
8. In Java, we can **initialize arrays** during declaration. For example,  
**int [] age = {12, 4, 5, 2, 5};**
9. We can **access the element of an array** using the index number. Here is the syntax for accessing elements of an array:  
**Array[index]**

10. In Java, we can also loop through each element of the array. For example,

```
class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create an array  
        int [] age = {12, 4, 5};  
  
        // loop through the array using for loop  
        System.out.println("Using for Loop:");  
        for(int i = 0; i < age.length; i++) {  
            System.out.println(age[i]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

11. A **multidimensional array** is an array of arrays. Each element of a multidimensional array is an array itself.

12. **Iterating arrays**- reads every element inside an array and does something with it.

13. Accessing arrays

```
Scanner s = new Scanner (System.in);  
Names[0] = s.next line();
```

14. **BREAK** Keyword- used to break out of a loop statement