

Arrays

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Arrays are used to store a group of like typed values, whether they are primitives or objects that can be referenced using one variable

Features of an Array

- Arrays are objects in Java.
- In Java all arrays are allocated memory at run time.
- The direct super class of an array type is Object class.
- Arrays can store only homogeneous data, i.e. data of same type.
- Ex: An array of integer values can hold only integer values
- Ex: An array of Strings contain only Strings and so on.
- The values (aka elements) in an array are stored in contiguous memory locations
- The elements of an array can be accessed by specifying the index of the desired element within square [] brackets after the array name.
- Ex: marks[0] is the 1st element, marks[7] is the 8th element and so on..

Types of Arrays

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- The arrays are identified as being of 'n' dimensions.
- There could any number of dimensions in an array.
- Increase in dimensions of an array increase the complexity of code.
- We generally use upto 3 dimensional arrays.
- So, we have 3 types of arrays:
 - 1) 1-D array
 - 2) 2-D array
 - 3) 3-D array

1-D Array

Suppose we want to store the marks of 3 subjects of 1 student

Syntax 1:

```
int [] marks = new int[3];
marks[0] = 65;
marks[1] = 67;
marks[2] = 78;
```

Syntax 2

```
int [] marks = {65, 67, 78};
```

Note: No of subjects : marks.length

```
Print marks : S.o.p(Arrays.toString(marks));
```

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2-D Array

Suppose there are 3 students, each student has 4 subjects each

Syntax 1

```
int [][] marks = new int[3][4];

// Student 1 Subject 1
marks[0][0] = 65

// Student 1 Subject 2
marks[0][1] = 65

// Student 2 Subject 4
marks[1][3] = 65

// Student 3 Subject 2
marks[2][1] = 65
```

Syntax 2

```
int [][] marks = {
    {56, 67, 78, 89},
    {65, 76, 87, 98},
    {91, 81, 71, 61},
}
```

Note: No of students : marks.length

No of subjects of student 2 : marks[1].length

Print marks : S.o.p(Arrays.deepToString(marks));

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3-D Array

Suppose there are 3 classes, each class has 4 students, each student has 5 subjects each

Syntax 1

```
int[][][] marks = new int[3][4][5];

// Class 1 Student 1 Subject 1
marks[0][0][0] = 76;

// Class 2 Student 3 Subject 4
marks[1][2][3] = 65;

// Class 3 Student 1 Subject 1
marks[2][0][0] = 76;
```

Syntax 2

```
int[][][] marks = {
    {
        {56, 67, 78, 89, 92},
        {65, 76, 87, 98, 73},
        {91, 81, 71, 61, 61},
        {87, 62, 78, 59, 65}
    },
    {
        {51, 62, 73, 84, 87},
    },
}
```

```

        {60, 71, 82, 93, 68},
        {86, 76, 66, 67, 51},
        {82, 82, 98, 89, 45}
    },
    {
        {59, 70, 81, 92, 91},
        {65, 76, 87, 98, 79},
        {91, 91, 71, 89, 61},
        {87, 62, 54, 94, 65}
    }
};

```

Note: No of classes : marks.length
 No of students in class 3 : marks[2].length
 No of subjects of student 2 in class 3 : marks[2][1].length
 Print marks : S.o.p(Arrays.deepToString(marks));

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Jagged Array

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- Jagged arrays (a.k.a Ragged Arrays) is array of arrays such that member arrays can be of different sizes
 - i.e., we can create a 2-D arrays but with variable number of columns in each row.

For ex: To store the marks of 3 students each having 2, 1 and 3 subjects, we create a Jagged array

Syntax 1

```

int [][] marks = new int[3][];
marks[0] = new int[2]; // Student 1 has 2 subjects
marks[1] = new int[1]; // Student 2 has 1 subject
marks[2] = new int[3]; // Student 3 has 3 subjects

```

Syntax 2

```

int [][] marks = {
    {56, 67},
    {65},
    {91, 81, 61},
}

```

Object Arrays

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- In the example above we stored integer values in the array.
 - Similarly we can also store objects in an array.
 - An object array is also known as as array of references

Features

- An "array of objects" in Java contains elements where each element is an instance of a specific class.

- This allows us to group multiple objects of the same type in a single array

1 dimensional array

Suppose we have a class Product with fields id, name, quantity and price
And we have a store that has all products of category Electronics

```
// Declare an array of Product objects of size 3
Product[] electronics = new Product[3];

// Initialize the array with Product objects
electronics[0] = new Product(1, "Laptop", 5, 899.99);
electronics[1] = new Product(2, "Phone", 10, 499.99);
electronics[2] = new Product(3, "Tablet", 7, 299.99);
```

2 dimensional array

Suppose we have a store that has 3 categories, each category having 3 products

```
Product[][] products = {
    // Electronics category
    {
        new Product(1, "Laptop", 5, 899.99),
        new Product(2, "Smartphone", 10, 499.99),
        new Product(3, "Tablet", 7, 299.99)
    },
    // Apparels category
    {
        new Product(4, "T-Shirt", 20, 19.99),
        new Product(5, "Jeans", 15, 39.99),
        new Product(6, "Jacket", 5, 79.99)
    },
    // Eatables category
    {
        new Product(7, "Apple", 100, 0.99),
        new Product(8, "Bread", 50, 1.99),
        new Product(9, "Milk", 30, 2.49)
    }
};
```

Note: No of categories : products.length
No of products in category 2 : products[1].length
Print products : S.o.p(Arrays.deepToString(products));

The toString() of Product class should be defined to print values properly

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Important methods
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Here's a list of useful methods in the Arrays class from the java.util package, along with brief descriptions:

1. `Arrays.copyOf(array, newLength)`
Creates a new array with a specified length, copying elements from the original array.
2. `Arrays.copyOfRange(array, from, to)`
Copies a range of elements from the original array into a new array.
3. `Arrays.sort(array)`
Sorts the elements of the array in ascending order.
4. `Arrays.sort(array, fromIndex, toIndex)`
Sorts the specified range of the array.
5. `Arrays.binarySearch(array, key)`
Searches for the specified key in a sorted array using binary search.
6. `Arrays.equals(array1, array2)`
Checks if two arrays are equal, i.e., they contain the same elements in the same order.
7. `Arrays.toString(array)`
Returns a string representation of the array.
8. `Arrays.deepToString(array)`
Returns a string representation of the array, handling nested arrays.
9. `Arrays.fill(array, value)`
Fills the entire array with the specified value.
10. `Arrays.fill(array, fromIndex, toIndex, value)`
Fills a specified range of the array with the specified value.

Arrays Parallel Sort

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- Java 8 introduced a new method called as `parallelSort()` in `java.util.Arrays` Class.
- It uses Parallel Sorting of array elements

Syntax: `Arrays.parallelSort(numbers);`

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