

Arrays In Java

What is an Array?

Normally, an array is a collection of similar types of elements which have contiguous memory locations.

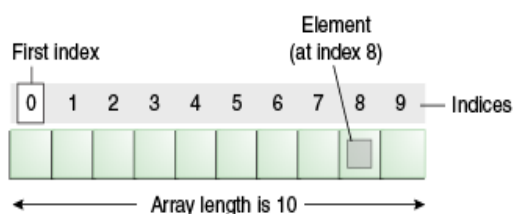
Java array is an object which contains elements of a similar data type. Additionally, The elements of an array are stored in a contiguous memory location. It is a data structure where we store similar elements. We can store only a fixed set of elements in a Java array.

Arrays in Java are index-based, the first element of the array is stored at the 0th index, 2nd element is stored on the 1st index and so on.

Unlike C/C++, we can get the length of the array using the length member. In C/C++, we need to use the sizeof operator.

In Java, an array is an object of a dynamically generated class. Java array inherits the Object class, and implements the Serializable as well as Cloneable interfaces. We can store primitive values or objects in an array in Java. Like C/C++, we can also create single dimensional or multidimensional arrays in Java.

Moreover, Java provides the feature of anonymous arrays which is not available in C/C++.



Advantages

- **Code Optimization:** It makes the code optimised, we can retrieve or sort the data efficiently.
- **Random access:** We can get any data located at an index position.

Disadvantages

- **Size Limit:** We can store only the fixed size of elements in the array. It doesn't grow its size at runtime. To solve this problem, collection framework is used in Java which grows automatically.

Types of Array in java

There are two types of array.

- Single Dimensional Array
 - Multidimensional Array
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Single Dimensional Array in Java

Syntax to Declare an Array in Java

```
dataType[] arr; (or)  
dataType []arr; (or)  
dataType arr[];
```

Instantiation of an Array in Java

```
arrayRefVar=new datatype[size];
```

Example of Java Array

Let's see the simple example of java array, where we are going to declare, instantiate, initialize and traverse an array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate how to declare, instantiate, initialize
//and traverse the Java array.
class Testarray{
public static void main(String args[]){
int a[]=new int[5];//declaration and instantiation
a[0]=10;//initialization
a[1]=20;
a[2]=70;
a[3]=40;
a[4]=50;
//traversing array
for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++){//length is the property of array
System.out.println(a[i]);
}}
```

Output:

```
10
20
70
40
50
```

Declaration, Instantiation and Initialization of Java Array

We can declare, instantiate and initialize the java array together by:

```
int a[]={33,3,4,5};//declaration, instantiation and initialization
```

Let's see the simple example to print this array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the use of declaration, instantiation
//and initialization of Java array in a single line
class Testarray1{
public static void main(String args[]){
int a[]={33,3,4,5};//declaration, instantiation and initialization
//printing array
for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++)//length is the property of array
System.out.println(a[i]);
}}
```

Output:

```
33
3
4
5
```

For-each Loop for Java Array

We can also print the Java array using **for-each loop**

. The Java for-each loop prints the array elements one by one. It holds an array element in a variable, then executes the body of the loop.

The syntax of the for-each loop is given below:

```
for(data_type variable:array){  
    //body of the loop  
}
```

Let us see the example of print the elements of Java array using the for-each loop.

```
//Java Program to print the array elements using for-each loop  
class Testarray1{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        int arr[]={33,3,4,5};  
        //printing array using for-each loop  
        for(int i:arr)  
            System.out.println(i);  
    }  
}
```

Output:

```
33  
3  
4  
5
```

Passing Array to a Method in Java

We can pass the java array to method so that we can reuse the same logic on any array.

Let's see the simple example to get the minimum number of an array using a method.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the way of passing an array
//to method.
class Testarray2{
//creating a method which receives an array as a parameter
static void min(int arr[]){
int min=arr[0];
for(int i=1;i<arr.length;i++)
if(min>arr[i])
min=arr[i];

System.out.println(min);
}

public static void main(String args[]){
int a[]={33,3,4,5};//declaring and initializing an array
min(a);//passing array to method
}}
```

Output:

3

Anonymous Array in Java

Java supports the feature of an anonymous array, so you don't need to declare the array while passing an array to the method.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the way of passing an anonymous array
//to method.
public class TestAnonymousArray{
//creating a method which receives an array as a parameter
static void printArray(int arr[]){
for(int i=0;i<arr.length;i++)
System.out.println(arr[i]);
}

public static void main(String args[]){
printArray(new int[]{10,22,44,66});passing anonymous array to method
}}
```

Output:

```
10
22
44
66
```

Returning Array from the Method

We can also return an array from the method in Java.

```
//Java Program to return an array from the method
class TestReturnArray{
//creating method which returns an array
static int[] get(){
return new int[]{10,30,50,90,60};
}

public static void main(String args[]){
//calling method which returns an array
int arr[]=get();
//printing the values of an array
for(int i=0;i<arr.length;i++)
System.out.println(arr[i]);
}}
```

Output:

```
10  
30  
50  
90  
60
```

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException

The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) throws an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` if length of the array is negative, equal to the array size or greater than the array size while traversing the array.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the case of  
//ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException in a Java Array.  
public class TestArrayException{  
public static void main(String args[]){  
int arr[]={50,60,70,80};  
for(int i=0;i<=arr.length;i++){  
    System.out.println(arr[i]);  
}  
}}
```

Output:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4  
    at TestArrayException.main(TestArrayException.java:5)  
50  
60  
70  
80
```

Multidimensional Array in Java

In such case, data is stored in row and column based index (also known as matrix form).

Syntax to Declare Multidimensional Array in Java

```
dataType[][] arrayRefVar; (or)
dataType [][]arrayRefVar; (or)
dataType arrayRefVar[][]; (or)
dataType []arrayRefVar[];
```

Example to instantiate Multidimensional Array in Java

```
int[][] arr=new int[3][3]; //3 row and 3 column
```

Example to initialize Multidimensional Array in Java

```
arr[0][0]=1;
arr[0][1]=2;
arr[0][2]=3;
arr[1][0]=4;
arr[1][1]=5;
arr[1][2]=6;
arr[2][0]=7;
arr[2][1]=8;
arr[2][2]=9;
```

Example of Multidimensional Java Array

Let's see the simple example to declare, instantiate, initialize and print the 2D array.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the use of multidimensional array
class Testarray3{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //declaring and initializing 2D array
        int arr[][]={{1,2,3},{2,4,5},{4,4,5}};
        //printing 2D array
        for(int i=0;i<3;i++){
            for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
                System.out.print(arr[i][j]+" ");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
}
```

```
1 2 3
2 4 5
4 4 5
```

Jagged Array in Java

If we are creating odd number of columns in a 2D array, it is known as a jagged array. In other words, it is an array of arrays with different number of columns.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the jagged array
class TestJaggedArray{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        //declaring a 2D array with odd columns
        int arr[][] = new int[3][];
        arr[0] = new int[3];
        arr[1] = new int[4];
        arr[2] = new int[2];
        //initializing a jagged array
        int count = 0;
        for (int i=0; i<arr.length; i++){
            for(int j=0; j<arr[i].length; j++){
                arr[i][j] = count++;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
//printing the data of a jagged array
for (int i=0; i<arr.length; i++){
    for (int j=0; j<arr[i].length; j++){
        System.out.print(arr[i][j]+" ");
    }
    System.out.println();//new line
}
}
```

Output:

```
0 1 2
3 4 5 6
7 8
```

Addition of 2 Matrices in Java

Let's see a simple example that adds two matrices.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the addition of two matrices in Java
class Testarray5{
public static void main(String args[]){
//creating two matrices
int a[][]={{1,3,4},{3,4,5}};
int b[][]={{1,3,4},{3,4,5}};

//creating another matrix to store the sum of two matrices
int c[][]=new int[2][3];

//adding and printing addition of 2 matrices
for(int i=0;i<2;i++){
for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
c[i][j]=a[i][j]+b[i][j];
System.out.print(c[i][j]+" ");
}
System.out.println();//new line
}
}}
```

Output:

```
2 6 8
6 8 10
```

Multiplication of 2 Matrices in Java

In the case of matrix multiplication, a one-row element of the first matrix is multiplied by all the columns of the second matrix which can be understood by the image given below.

$$\text{Matrix 1} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{Matrix 2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Matrix 1} \times \text{Matrix 2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1*1+1*2+1*3 & 1*1+1*2+1*3 & 1*1+1*2+1*3 \\ 2*1+2*2+2*3 & 2*1+2*2+2*3 & 2*1+2*2+2*3 \\ 3*1+3*2+3*3 & 3*1+3*2+3*3 & 3*1+3*2+3*3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Matrix 1} \times \text{Matrix 2} \begin{Bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 12 & 12 & 12 \\ 18 & 18 & 18 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{JavaTpoint}$$

Let's see a simple example to multiply two matrices of 3 rows and 3 columns.

```
//Java Program to multiply two matrices
public class MatrixMultiplicationExample{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //creating two matrices
        int a[][]={{1,1,1},{2,2,2},{3,3,3}};
        int b[][]={{1,1,1},{2,2,2},{3,3,3}};

        //creating another matrix to store the multiplication of two matrices
        int c[][]=new int[3][3]; //3 rows and 3 columns
```

```
//multiplying and printing multiplication of 2 matrices
for(int i=0;i<3;i++){
    for(int j=0;j<3;j++){
        c[i][j]=0;
        for(int k=0;k<3;k++){
            {
                c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
            }
        }
        //end of k loop
        System.out.print(c[i][j]+" "); //printing matrix element
    }
    //end of j loop
    System.out.println();//new line
}
}
```

Output:

6 6 6

12 12 12

18 18 18