



# Fixed-sized collections

## Introduction to arrays

# Features of arrays

- Fixed in length, unlike **ArrayList**, **HashSet**, **HashMap**, etc.
- Use a special syntax.
  - For historical reasons.
- Objects with no methods.
  - Methods are provided by other classes; e.g., **java.util.Arrays**.
  - Methods that are static.



# Fixed-size collections

- Sometimes the maximum collection size can be pre-determined.
- A special fixed-size collection type is available: an *array*.
- Unlike the flexible List collections, arrays can store object references or primitive-type values (without autoboxing).



# The *weblog-analyzer* project

- Web server records details of each access.
- Supports analysis tasks:
  - Most popular pages.
  - Busiest periods.
  - How much data is being delivered.
  - Broken references.
- Analyze accesses by hour - there is a fixed number of these in a day!

# Creating an array object

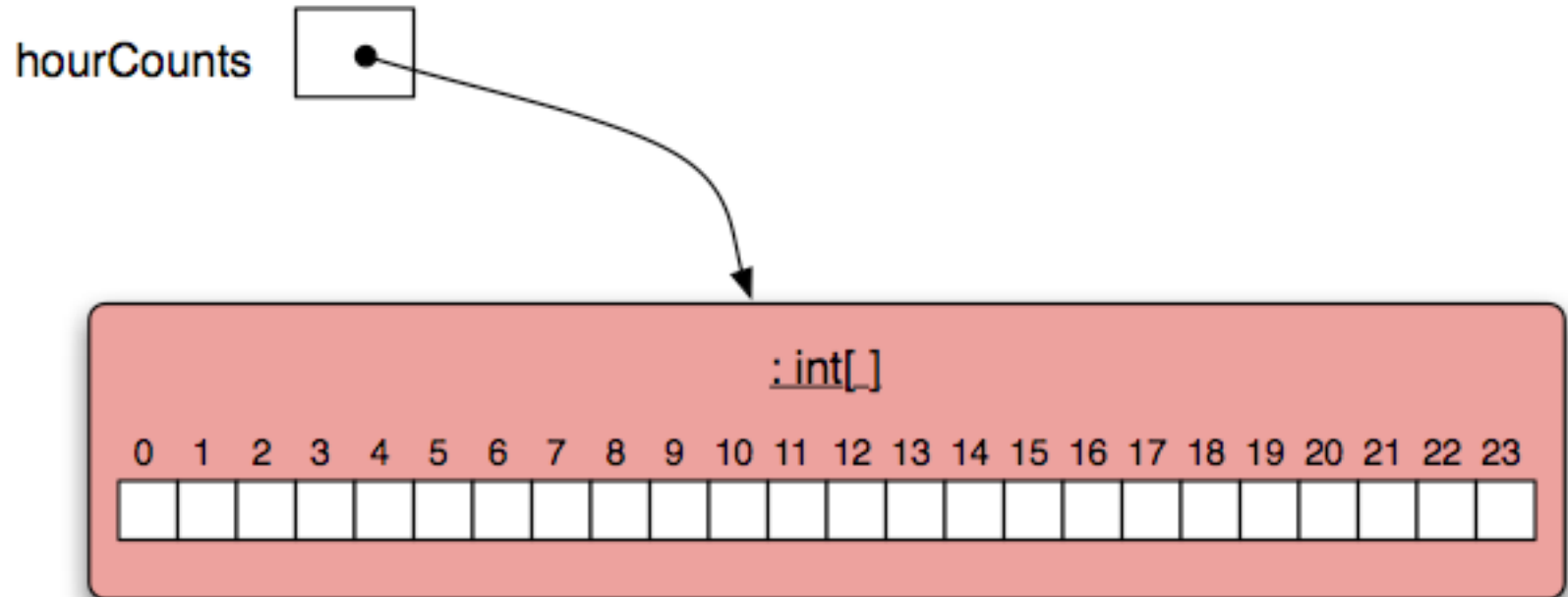
```
public class LogAnalyzer {  
    private int[] hourCounts;  
    private LogfileReader reader;  
  
    public LogAnalyzer() {  
        hourCounts = new int[24];  
        reader = new LogfileReader();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Array type  
— does not contain size

Array object creation  
— specifies size



# The hourCounts array



# Using an array

- Square-bracket notation is used to access an array element: `hourCounts[...]`
- Elements are used like ordinary variables.
- The target of an assignment:

```
hourCounts[hour] = ...;
```

- In an expression:

```
hourCounts[hour]++;
```

```
if (hourCounts[hour] > 0) ...
```

# Standard array use

```
private int[] hourCounts;  
private String[] names;
```

← declaration

...

```
hourCounts = new int[24];
```

← creation

...

```
hourcounts[i] = 0;  
hourcounts[i]++;  
System.out.println(hourcounts[i]);
```

← use



# Array literals

- The size is inferred from the data.

```
private int[] numbers = { 3, 15, 4, 5 };
```



declaration,  
creation and  
initialization

- Array literals in this form can only be used in declarations.
- Related uses require new:

```
numbers = new int[] {  
    3, 15, 4, 5  
};
```

# Array length

```
private int[] numbers = { 3, 15, 4, 5 };
```

```
int n = numbers.length;
```



not a method call!

- NB: length is a field rather than a method.
- It's value cannot be changed - 'fixed size'.



# The for loop

- There are two variations of the for loop, *for-each* and *for*.
- The for loop is often used to iterate a fixed number of times.
- Often used with a variable that changes a fixed amount on each iteration.

# For loop pseudo-code

## General form of the for loop

```
for(initialization; condition; post-body action) {  
    statements to be repeated  
}
```

## Equivalent while-loop version

```
initialization;  
while(condition) {  
    statements to be repeated  
    post-body action  
}
```

# Array iteration

for loop version

```
for(int hour = 0; hour < hourCounts.length; hour++) {  
    System.out.println(hour + ": " + hourCounts[hour]);  
}
```

while loop version

```
int hour = 0;  
while(hour < hourCounts.length) {  
    System.out.println(hour + ": " + hourCounts[hour]);  
    hour++;  
}
```



# Array-related methods

- `System` has static `arraycopy`.
- `java.util.Arrays` contains static utility methods for processing arrays:
  - `binarySearch`
  - `fill`
  - `sort`
- `ArrayList` has `toArray`.

# Practice

- Given an array of numbers, print out all the numbers in the array, using a for loop.

```
int[] numbers = { 4, 1, 22, 9, 14, 3, 9};
```

```
for ...
```

# Practice

- Fill an array with the Fibonacci sequence.

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 . . .

```
int[] fib = new int[howMany];
```

```
fib[0] = 0;
```

```
fib[1] = 1;
```

```
for(...) ...
```

# for loop with bigger step

```
// Print multiples of 3 that are below 40.  
for(int num = 3; num < 40; num = num + 3) {  
    System.out.println(num);  
}
```

# for loop and Iterator

No post-body action required.

```
for(Iterator<Track> it = tracks.iterator();  
    it.hasNext(); ) {  
    Track track = it.next();  
    if(track.getArtist().equals(artist)) {  
        it.remove();  
    }  
}
```





# Review

- Arrays are appropriate where a fixed-size collection is required.
- Arrays use a special syntax.
- For loops are used when an index variable is required.
- For loops offer an alternative to while loops when the number of repetitions is known.
- Used with a regular step size.



# The *automaton* project

- An array of ‘cells’.
- Each cell maintains a simple state.
  - Usually a small numerical value.
  - E.g., on/off or alive/dead.
- The states change according to simple rules.
- Changes affected by neighboring states.

# A simple automaton

```
nextState[i] =  
    (state[i-1] + state[i] + state[i+1]) % 2;
```

Step	Cell states - blank cells are in state 0												
0							+						
1						+	+	+					
2					+		+		+				
3				+	+		+		+	+			
4			+				+				+		
5		+	+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	
6	+		+				+				+		+

# The conditional operator

- Choose between two values:

*condition ? value1 : value1*

```
for(int cellValue : state) {  
    System.out.print(cellValue == 1 ? '+' : ' ');  
}  
System.out.println();
```

A vertical decorative strip on the left side of the slide. It features a close-up of a bird's head, likely a Great Grey Owl, with its characteristic white feathers and dark facial markings. Below the bird's head, a rough, textured tree branch is visible. The background of the slide is a solid light blue.

Further advanced material





# Arrays of more than one dimension

- Array syntax supports multiple dimensions.
  - E.g., 2D array to represent a game board, or a grid of cells.
- Can be thought of as an array of arrays.

# The *brain* project

```
Cell[][] cells;  
...  
cells = new Cell[numRows][numCols];  
...  
for(int row = 0; row < numRows; row++) {  
    for(int col = 0; col < numCols; col++) {  
        cells[row][col] = new Cell();  
    }  
}
```

# Alternative iteration

```
for(int row = 0; row < cells.length; row++) {  
    Cell[] nextRow = cells[row];  
    for(int col = 0; col < nextRow.length; col++) {  
        nextRow[col] = new Cell();  
    }  
}
```

- ‘Array of array’ style.
- Requires no access to **numRows** and **numCols**.
- Works with irregular shape arrays, which are supported in Java.



# Arrays and Streams

- `java.util.Arrays` has several `stream()` methods that return a `Stream` based on an array.
- `IntStream` is a `Stream` of `int` values.
- `IntStream.range()` creates a sequential `IntStream`.
- `toArray` returns an array from a `Stream`.