### Lecture 6

# **Array and ArrayList Class**

#### References:

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# **Chapter Topics (1 of 2)**

- Introduction to Arrays
- Processing Array Contents
- Passing Arrays as Arguments to Methods
- Some Useful Array Algorithms and Operations
- Returning Arrays from Methods
- String Arrays
- Arrays of Objects



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### **Chapter Topics (2 of 2)**

- The Sequential Search Algorithm
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- Two-Dimensional Arrays
- Arrays with Three or More Dimensions
- The Selection Sort and the Binary Search
- The ArrayList Class



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# **Introduction to Arrays**

- Primitive variables are designed to hold only one value at a time.
- Arrays allow us to create a collection of like values that are indexed.
- An array can store any type of data but only one type of data at a time.
- An array is a list of data elements.



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### **Creating Arrays (1 of 3)**

- An array is an object so it needs an object reference.
   // Declare a reference to an array that will hold integers.
   int[] numbers;
- The next step creates the array and assigns its address to the numbers variable.

// Create a new array that will hold 6 integers.

numbers = new int[6];

0 0 0 0 0 0 0

index 0 index 1 index 2 index 3 index 4 index 5

Array element values are initialized to 0.

Array indexes always start at 0.

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# **Creating Arrays (2 of 3)**

 It is possible to declare an array reference and create it in the same statement.

```
int[] numbers = new int[6];
```

Arrays may be of any type.

```
float[] temperatures = new float[100];
char[] letters = new char[41];
long[] units = new long[50];
double[] sizes = new double[1200];
```

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### **Creating Arrays (3 of 3)**

- The array size must be a non-negative number.
- It may be a literal value, a constant, or variable.

```
final int ARRAY_SIZE = 6;
int[] numbers = new int[ARRAY_SIZE];
```

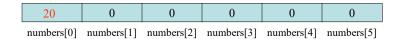
 Once created, an array size is fixed and cannot be changed.



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# **Accessing the Elements of an Array**



- An array is accessed by:
  - the reference name
  - a subscript that identifies which element in the array to access.

```
numbers[0] = 20; //pronounced "numbers sub zero"
```



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### **Inputting and Outputting Array Elements**

- Array elements can be treated as any other variable.
- They are simply accessed by the same name and a subscript.
- See example: <u>ArrayDemo1.java</u>
- Array subscripts can be accessed using variables (such as for loop counters).
- See example: <u>ArrayDemo2.java</u>



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### **Bounds Checking**

 Array indexes always start at zero and continue to (array length - 1).

```
int values = new int[10];
```

- This array would have indexes 0 through 9.
- See example: <u>InvalidSubscript.java</u>
- In for loops, it is typical to use i, j, and k as counting variables.
  - It might help to think of i as representing the word index.



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### **Off-by-One Errors**

It is very easy to be off-by-one when accessing arrays.

```
// This code has an off-by-one error.
int[] numbers = new int[100];
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
   numbers[i] = 99;</pre>
```

- Here, the equal sign allows the loop to continue on to index 100, where 99 is the last index in the array.
- This code would throw an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.



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### **Array Initialization**

 When relatively few items need to be initialized, an initialization list can be used to initialize the array.

```
int[]days = {31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31};
```

- The numbers in the list are stored in the array in order:
  - days[0] is assigned 31,
  - days[1] is assigned 28,
  - days[2] is assigned 31,
  - days[3] is assigned 30,
  - etc.
- See example: <u>ArrayInitialization.java</u>



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### **Alternate Array Declaration**

Previously we showed arrays being declared:

```
int[] numbers;
```

- However, the brackets can also go here: int numbers[];
- These are equivalent but the first style is typical.
- Multiple arrays can be declared on the same line.
   int[] numbers, codes, scores;
- With the alternate notation each variable must have brackets.

```
int numbers[], codes[], scores;
```

The scores variable in this instance is simply an int variable.



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### **Processing Array Contents (1 of 2)**

Processing data in an array is the same as any other variable.

```
grossPay = hours[3] * payRate;
```

Pre and post increment works the same:

```
int[] score = {7, 8, 9, 10, 11};
++score[2]; // Pre-increment operation
score[4]++; // Post-increment operation
```

See example: <u>PayArray.java</u>



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### **Processing Array Contents (2 of 2)**

Array elements can be used in relational operations:

```
if(cost[20] < cost[0])
{
    //statements
}</pre>
```

They can be used as loop conditions:

```
while(value[count] != 0)
{
    //statements
}
```



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### **Array Length**

 Arrays are objects and provide a public field named length that is a constant that can be tested.

```
double[] temperatures = new double[25];
```

- The length of this array is 25.
- The length of an array can be obtained via its length constant.

```
int size = temperatures.length;
```

The variable size will contain 25.



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# The Enhanced for Loop (1 of 2)

- Simplified array processing (read only)
- Always goes through all elements
- General format:

```
for(datatype elementVariable : array)
    statement;
```

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# The Enhanced for Loop (2 of 2)

#### Example:

```
int[] numbers = {3, 6, 9};
For(int val : numbers)
{
   System.out.println("The next value is " + val);
}
```

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### Array Size (1 of 2)

 The length constant can be used in a loop to provide automatic bounding.

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### Array Size (2 of 2)

You can let the user specify the size of an array:

```
int numTests;
int[] tests;
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("How many tests do you have? ");
numTests = keyboard.nextInt();
tests = new int[numTests];
```

• See example: <u>DisplayTestScores.java</u>

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# **Reassigning Array References (1 of 3)**

 An array reference can be assigned to another array of the same type.

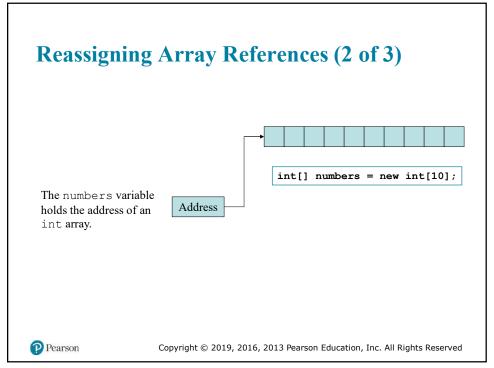
```
// Create an array referenced by the numbers variable.
int[] numbers = new int[10];
// Reassign numbers to a new array.
numbers = new int[5];
```

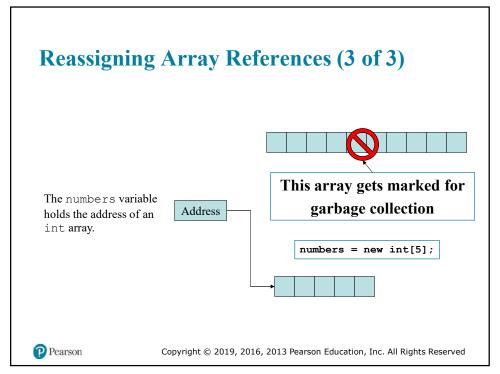
• If the first (10 element) array no longer has a reference to it, it will be garbage collected.

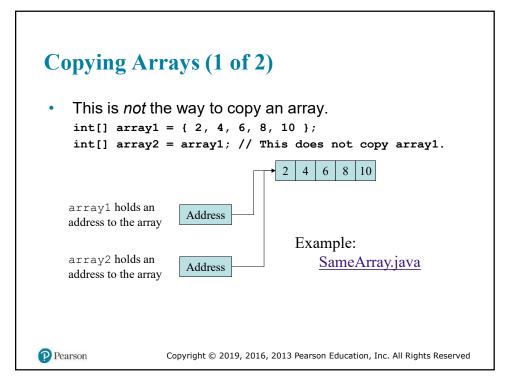


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# Copying Arrays (2 of 2)

- You cannot copy an array by merely assigning one reference variable to another.
- You need to copy the individual elements of one array to another.

```
int[] firstArray = {5, 10, 15, 20, 25 };
int[] secondArray = new int[5];
for (int i = 0; i < firstArray.length; i++)
  secondArray[i] = firstArray[i];</pre>
```

 This code copies each element of firstArray to the corresponding element of secondArray.



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### **Passing Array Elements to a Method**

- When a single element of an array is passed to a method it is handled like any other variable.
- See example: <u>PassElements.java</u>
- More often you will want to write methods to process array data by passing the entire array, not just one element at a time.



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# **Passing Arrays as Arguments**

- Arrays are objects.
- Their references can be passed to methods like any other object reference variable.

```
showArray(numbers);

Address

Example: PassArray.java

public static void showArray(int[] array)
{
   for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++)
       System.out.print(array[i] + " ");
}

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```

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### **Comparing Arrays**

 The == operator determines only whether array references point to the same array object.

```
int[] firstArray = { 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 };
int[] secondArray = { 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 };

if (firstArray == secondArray) // This is a mistake.
    System.out.println("The arrays are the same.");
else
    System.out.println("The arrays are not the same.");
```



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# **Comparing Arrays: Example**

```
int[] firstArray = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
 int[] secondArray = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
 boolean arraysEqual = true;
 int i = 0;
 \ensuremath{//} First determine whether the arrays are the same size.
 if (firstArray.length != secondArray.length)
   arraysEqual = false;
 // Next determine whether the elements contain the same data.
 while (arraysEqual && i < firstArray.length)</pre>
   if (firstArray[i] != secondArray[i])
     arraysEqual = false;
 if (arraysEqual)
   System.out.println("The arrays are equal.");
   System.out.println("The arrays are not equal.");
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```

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# **Useful Array Operations (1 of 2)**

Finding the Highest Value

Finding the Lowest Value

```
int lowest = numbers[0];
for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
{
    if (numbers[i] < lowest)
        lowest = numbers[i];
}</pre>
```

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### **Useful Array Operations (2 of 2)**

Summing Array Elements:

```
int total = 0; // Initialize accumulator
for (int i = 0; i < units.length; i++)
  total += units[i];</pre>
```

Averaging Array Elements:

```
double total = 0; // Initialize accumulator
double average; // Will hold the average
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++)
        total += scores[i];
average = total / scores.length;</pre>
```

Example: <u>SalesData.java</u>, <u>Sales.java</u>



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### **Partially Filled Arrays**

- Typically, if the amount of data that an array must hold is unknown:
  - size the array to the largest expected number of elements.
  - use a counting variable to keep track of how much valid data is in the array.

```
int[] array = new int[100];
int count = 0;
...

System.out.print("Enter a number or -1 to quit: ");
number = keyboard.nextInt();
while (number != -1 && count <= 99)
{
    array[count] = number;
    count++;
    System.out.print("Enter a number or -1 to quit: ");
    number = keyboard.nextInt();
    input, number and keyboard were
    previously declared and keyboard
    references a Scanner object
...

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```

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### Arrays and Files (1 of 2)

Saving the contents of an array to a file:

```
int[] numbers = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};

PrintWriter outputFile =
    new PrintWriter ("Values.txt");

for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++)
    outputFile.println(numbers[i]);

outputFile.close();</pre>
```

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### Arrays and Files (2 of 2)

Reading the contents of a file into an array:

```
final int SIZE = 5; // Assuming we know the size.
int[] numbers = new int[SIZE];
int i = 0;
File file = new File ("Values.txt");
Scanner inputFile = new Scanner(file);
while (inputFile.hasNext() && i < numbers.length)
{
    numbers[i] = inputFile.nextInt();
    i++;
}
inputFile.close();</pre>
```

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### **Returning an Array Reference**

- A method can return a reference to an array.
- The return type of the method must be declared as an array of the right type.

```
public static double[] getArray()
{
   double[] array = { 1.2, 2.3, 4.5, 6.7, 8.9 };
   return array;
}
```

- The getArray method is a public static method that returns an array of doubles.
- See example: ReturnArray.java

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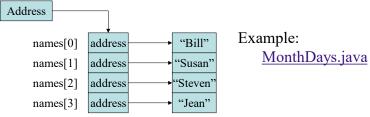
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### String Arrays (1 of 3)

- Arrays are not limited to primitive data.
- An array of String objects can be created:

```
String[] names = { "Bill", "Susan", "Steven", "Jean" };
```

The names variable holds the address to the array. A String array is an array of references to String objects.



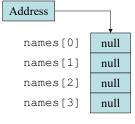
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### String Arrays (2 of 3)

 If an initialization list is not provided, the new keyword must be used to create the array: String[] names = new String[4];

The names variable holds the address to the array.



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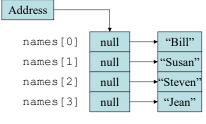
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# String Arrays (3 of 3)

 When an array is created in this manner, each element of the array must be initialized.

```
names[0] = "Bill";
names[1] = "Susan";
names[2] = "Steven";
names[3] = "Jean";
```

The names variable holds the address to the array.



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# Calling String Methods On Array Elements

- String objects have several methods, including:
  - toUpperCase
  - compareTo
  - equals
  - charAt
- Each element of a String array is a String object.
- Methods can be used by using the array name and index as before.

```
System.out.println(names[0].toUpperCase());
char letter = names[3].charAt(0);
```



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### The length Field & The length Method

- Arrays have a final field named length.
- String objects have a **method** named length.
- To display the length of each string held in a String array:

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++)
    System.out.println(names[i].length());</pre>
```

- An array's length is a field
  - You do not write a set of parentheses after its name.
- A String's length is a method
  - You <u>do</u> write the parentheses after the name of the String class's length method.

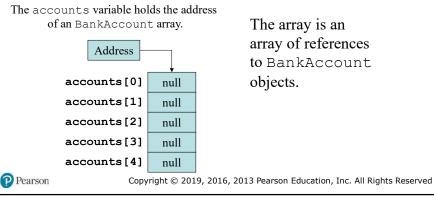


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• Because Strings are objects, we know that arrays can contain objects.

BankAccount[] accounts = new BankAccount[5];



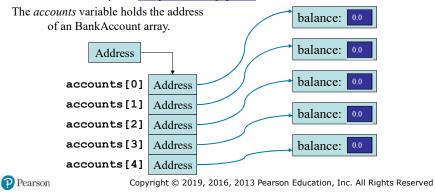
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# **Arrays of Objects (2 of 2)**

Each element needs to be initialized.

```
for (int i = 0; i < accounts.length; i++)
  accounts[i] = new BankAccount();</pre>
```

See example: <u>ObjectArray.java</u>



### The Sequential Search Algorithm

- A search algorithm is a method of locating a specific item in a larger collection of data.
- The sequential search algorithm uses a loop to:
  - sequentially step through an array,
  - compare each element with the search value, and
  - stop when
    - the value is found or
    - the end of the array is encountered.
- See example: <u>SearchArray.java</u>



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# **Two-Dimensional Arrays (1 of 2)**

- A two-dimensional array is an array of arrays.
- It can be thought of as having rows and columns.

	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
row 0				
row 1				
row 2				
row 3				

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### **Two-Dimensional Arrays (2 of 2)**

- Declaring a two-dimensional array requires two sets of brackets and two size declarators
  - The first one is for the number of rows
  - The second one is for the number of columns.



- The two sets of brackets in the data type indicate that the scores variable will reference a two-dimensional array.
- Notice that each size declarator is enclosed in its own set of brackets.



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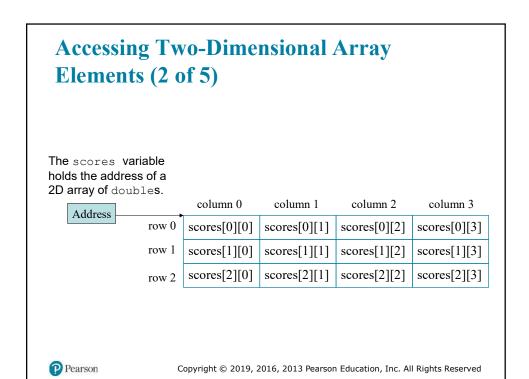
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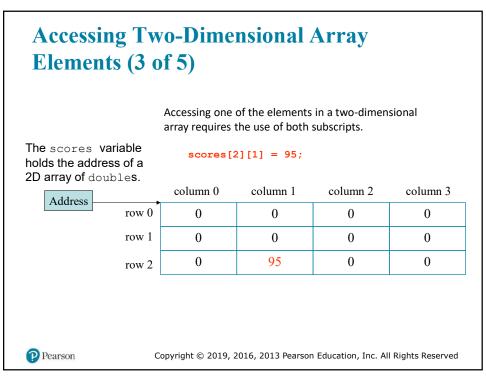
# **Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements (1 of 5)**

- When processing the data in a two-dimensional array, each element has two subscripts:
  - one for its row and
  - another for its column.



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# **Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements (4 of 5)**

- Programs that process two-dimensional arrays can do so with nested loops.
- To fill the scores array: Number of rows, not the largest subscript for (int row = 0; row < 3; row++) Number of columns, not the for (int col = 0; col < 4; col++) largest subscript System.out.print("Enter a score: "); scores[row][col] = keyboard.nextDouble(); } keyboard references a Scanner object } Pearson Copyright © 2019, 2016, 2013 Pearson Education, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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# **Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements (5 of 5)**

To print out the scores array:

```
for (int row = 0; row < 3; row++)
{
   for (int col = 0; col < 4; col++)
   {
      System.out.println(scores[row][col]);
   }
}</pre>
```

See example: <u>CorpSales.java</u>

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# **Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array (1 of 2)**

 Initializing a two-dimensional array requires enclosing each row's initialization list in its own set of braces.

```
int[][] numbers = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9} };
```

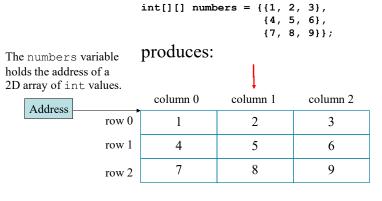
- Java automatically creates the array and fills its elements with the initialization values.
  - row 0 {1, 2, 3}
  - row 1 {4, 5, 6}
  - row 2 {7, 8, 9}



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# **Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array (2 of 2)**



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### The length Field (1 of 2)

- The length field of the array gives the number of rows in the array.
- Each row has a length constant tells how many columns is in that row.
- Each row can have a different number of columns.



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### The length Field (2 of 2)

To access the length fields of the array:
 int[][] numbers = { { 1, 2, 3, 4 },

```
{ 5, 6, 7 },
{ 9, 10, 11, 12 } };

for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)
{
  for (int col = 0; col < numbers[row].length; col++)
    System.out.println(numbers[row][col]);
}

Number of rows
    Number of columns in this row.</pre>
```

See example: Lengths.java

The array can have variable length rows.

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# Summing The Elements of a Two-Dimensional Array

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# Summing The Rows of a Two-Dimensional Array

# Summing The Columns of a Two-Dimensional Array

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# **Passing and Returning Two-Dimensional Array References**

- There is no difference between passing a single or two-dimensional array as an argument to a method.
- The method must accept a two-dimensional array as a parameter.
- See example: <u>Pass2Darray.java</u>

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### **Ragged Arrays**

- When the rows of a two-dimensional array are of different lengths, the array is known as a <u>ragged</u> <u>array</u>.
- You can create a ragged array by creating a twodimensional array with a specific number of rows, but no columns.

```
int [][] ragged = new int [4][];
```

Then create the individual rows.

```
ragged[0] = new int [3];
ragged[1] = new int [4];
ragged[2] = new int [5];
ragged[3] = new int [6];
```

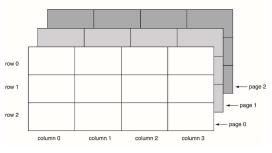


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### **More Than Two Dimensions**

- Java does not limit the number of dimensions that an array may be.
- More than three dimensions is hard to visualize, but can be useful in some programming problems.



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#### **Selection Sort**

- In a selection sort:
  - The smallest value in the array is located and moved to element 0.
  - Then the next smallest value is located and moved to element 1.
  - This process continues until all of the elements have been placed in their proper order.
  - See example: SelectionSortDemo.java



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### **Binary Search**

- A binary search:
  - requires an array sorted in ascending order.
  - starts with the element in the middle of the array.
  - If that element is the desired value, the search is over.
  - Otherwise, the value in the middle element is either greater or less than the desired value
  - If it is greater than the desired value, search in the first half of the array.
  - Otherwise, search the last half of the array.
  - Repeat as needed while adjusting start and end points of the search.
- See example: <u>BinarySearchDemo.java</u>



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### The ArrayList Class

- Similar to an array, an ArrayList allows object storage
- Unlike an array, an ArrayList object:
  - Automatically expands when a new item is added
  - Automatically shrinks when items are removed
- Requires:

import java.util.ArrayList;



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# Creating an ArrayList

ArrayList<String> nameList = new ArrayList<String>();

Notice the word String written inside angled brackets <>

This specifies that the ArrayList can hold String objects.



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# Using an ArrayList (1 of 8)

- To populate the ArrayList, use the add method:
  - nameList.add("James");
  - nameList.add("Catherine");
- To get the current size, call the size method
  - nameList.size(); // returns 2



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# Using an ArrayList (2 of 8)

 To access items in an ArrayList, use the get method

```
nameList.get(1);
```

In this statement 1 is the index of the item to get.

Example: <u>ArrayListDemo1.java</u>



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### Using an ArrayList (3 of 8)

To return a string representing all items in the

```
ArrayList
    System.out.println(nameList);
This statement yields:
```

#### This statement yields:

 The ArrayList class's remove method removes designated item from the ArrayList

```
nameList.remove(1);
```

[ James, Catherine ]

This statement removes the second item.

See example: ArrayListDemo3.java



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### Using an ArrayList (4 of 8)

- The ArrayList class's add method with one argument adds new items to the end of the ArrayList
- To insert items at a location of choice, use the add method with two arguments:

```
nameList.add(1, "Mary");
```

This statement inserts the String "Mary" at index 1

 To replace an existing item, use the set method: nameList.set(1, "Becky");

This statement replaces "Mary" with "Becky"

See example: ArrayListDemo5.java



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### Using an ArrayList (5 of 8)

- An ArrayList has a capacity, which is the number of items it can hold without increasing its size.
- The default capacity of an ArrayList is 10 items.
- To designate a different capacity, use a parameterized constructor:

ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>(100);

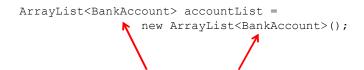


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 You can store any type of object in an ArrayList



This creates an ArrayList that can hold BankAccount objects.

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See: ArrayListDemo6.java



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# Using an ArrayList (8 of 8)

- The diamond operator
  - Beginning in Java 7, you can use the <> operator for simpler ArrayList declarations:

No need to specify the data type here.

ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>();

Java infers the type of the ArrayList object from the variable declaration.

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