

Array:

An array in TypeScript is like a container that holds a collection of items of the same type. It's like a list where you can store multiple values together under a single name.

Explanation:

Imagine you have a box where you can put multiple things of the same kind. For instance, you have a box for storing fruits. You can put apples, oranges, and bananas in that box. Similarly, an array is like a box where you can store multiple items of the same type, like numbers, strings, or even objects.

Example

```
// Defining an array of numbers
let numbers: number[] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];

// Defining an array of strings
let fruits: string[] = ["Apple", "Orange", "Banana"];

// Accessing elements in the array
console.log(numbers[0]); // Output: 1
console.log(fruits[1]); // Output: Orange
```

- numbers is an array holding numbers from 1 to 5.
- fruits is an array holding strings that represent different types of fruits.
- You can access individual elements in the array using their index (position) within square brackets [].

```
// Variable 'imranNames' is of type function that returns an array of strings.
let imranNames: () => string[];

// Assigning the function to the variable (Actual Function)
imranNames = () => ['imran', 'imran g'];

// Here, we have an array that contains functions.
// (() => string)[] indicates an array where each element is a function (() => string).
// Each function takes no parameters and returns a string.
let functionsArray: (() => string)[];

// Assigning actual data to the array of functions
functionsArray = [() => "ALI", () => 'Zeeshan'];
```

Explanation:

- **imranNames** is a variable representing a function that doesn't take any parameters and returns an array of strings.
- Assigned a function that returns an array **['imran', 'imran g']** to **imranNames**.
- **functionsArray** is an array holding functions. The notation **((() => string))[]** indicates that it's an array where each element is a function that takes no parameters and returns a string.
- Assigned two functions **((() => "ALI")** and **((() => 'Zeeshan'))** to **functionsArray**.

This TypeScript code defines a function variable, **imranNames**, and an array of functions, **functionsArray**, following specific types that indicate the expected structure of these variables.

Array Types

Union-Type Arrays

A union type in TypeScript allows a variable to hold values of multiple types.

there isn't a syntax error or a blatant mistake. However, the appropriateness of each declaration depends on your specific use case and what kind of data you intend to store. Let's review them again:

1. **let imranData: string | number[]:**
 - This allows **imranData** to either hold a **string** or an array of numbers.
2. **let imranData1: (string | number)[]:**
 - This is an array that can hold elements of either type **string** or **number**.
3. **let imranData3: (string | number)[]:**
 - Similar to **imranData1**, this is also an array that can hold elements of either type **string** or **number**.

```
let imranData4: (string[] | number[])
```

This declaration where **imranData4** can hold either an array of strings (**string[]**) or an array of numbers (**number[]**). This means that **imranData4** can be assigned an array of strings OR an array of numbers, but not both types mixed in the same array.

Therefore, based on the provided information, the declaration **let imranData4: (string[] | number[])** seems correct for a variable that can hold different types of arrays (strings or numbers) based on the union type specification.

Evolving Any Arrays

In TypeScript, when you create an empty array without explicitly specifying its type, TypeScript infers it as an "evolving" `any[]` array. This means the array can hold any type of content.

```
// TypeScript infers 'values' as an empty array of type 'any[]' initially.
let values = [];

// You push a string into the 'values' array, making TypeScript infer it as an array of strings.
values.push("");

// Now, you assign a number (0) into the 'values' array, leading TypeScript to infer it as an
// array that can hold numbers or strings.
values[0] = 0;
```

Initially, `values` starts as an empty array. Since TypeScript couldn't determine the type at this point, it defaults to `any[]`.

- Upon adding a string (`""`), TypeScript updates its inference and considers `values` as an array of strings (`string[]`).
- However, when you assign a number (`0`) to the first index, TypeScript then assumes the array can hold either numbers or strings (`number | string`).

The problem arises when TypeScript infers an array as `any[]` or allows it to evolve through different types (string, number, etc.). This "evolving" nature goes against the purpose of TypeScript's type checking. TypeScript works most effectively when it precisely knows the types your values are meant to be.

Therefore, it's best practice to explicitly define the types of arrays to avoid the array's type evolving to `any[]`, allowing TypeScript to provide better type checking and improve code safety.

```
// pop() - Removes the last element of an array and returns that element
const myArray = [1, 2, 3, 4];
const removedElement = myArray.pop(); // Removes 4
console.log(myArray); // Output: [1, 2, 3]
console.log(removedElement); // Output: 4

// unshift() - Adds one or more elements to the beginning of an array and returns the new
// length of the array
const anotherArray = [2, 3, 4];
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const newLength = anotherArray.unshift(1); // Adds 1 to the beginning
console.log(anotherArray); // Output: [1, 2, 3, 4]
console.log(newLength); // Output: 4

// splice() - Changes the content of an array by adding, removing, or replacing elements
const fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry'];
fruits.splice(2, 0, 'lemon'); // Adds 'lemon' at index 2 without deleting any element
console.log(fruits); // Output: ['apple', 'banana', 'lemon', 'cherry']

fruits.splice(2, 1, 'orange'); // Replaces element at index 2 with 'orange'
console.log(fruits); // Output: ['apple', 'banana', 'orange', 'cherry']

fruits.splice(2, 3, 'kiwi', 'grape'); // Adds 'kiwi' and 'grape' at index 2, deletes 3 elements
console.log(fruits); // Output: ['apple', 'banana', 'kiwi', 'grape']

// slice() - Extracts a section of an array and returns a new array
const animals = ['cat', 'dog', 'elephant', 'lion', 'tiger'];

const sliced = animals.slice(1, 4);
// This takes a slice from index 1 (inclusive) to index 4 (exclusive) meaning ending index-1
// So, it extracts elements from index 1 to index 3
console.log(sliced); // Output: ['dog', 'elephant', 'lion']

const fromIndexOnwards = animals.slice(1);
// When only one parameter is provided, it extracts elements from the specified index to the
end of the array
// Here, it extracts elements from index 1 to the end
console.log(fromIndexOnwards); // Output: ['dog', 'elephant', 'lion', 'tiger']

const fullCopy = animals.slice();
// When no parameters are provided, it creates a shallow copy of the entire array
console.log(fullCopy); // Output: ['cat', 'dog', 'elephant', 'lion', 'tiger']

The shift() method in TypeScript is used to remove the first element from an array and returns
that removed element. This method mutates the original array by removing the first element
and shifting all other elements to a lower index.
const fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'orange', 'grapes'];

const shiftedFruit = fruits.shift();
// After calling shift(), the 'apple' element is removed from the 'fruits' array
// 'shiftedFruit' now contains the removed element which is 'apple'
console.log(shiftedFruit); // Output: 'apple'

console.log(fruits); // Output: ['banana', 'orange', 'grapes']
// The 'fruits' array has been mutated, and 'apple' is no longer in the array.

"Mutates" refers to changing the original data directly. In the context of programming, when a
method mutates an array or an object, it means it modifies the original array or object directly,
instead of creating a new one.

```

For removing an element at a specific index in an array in TypeScript, you can use the splice() method. Here's an example:

```
const array = ['apple', 'banana', 'orange', 'grapes'];
```

```
// Remove the element at index 1 (i.e., 'banana')
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```
array.splice(1, 1);
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// The first argument is the starting index from where elements should be removed,
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```
// and the second argument is the number of elements to be removed.
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// In this case, it starts at index 1 and removes 1 element.
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```
console.log(array); // Output: ['apple', 'orange', 'grapes']
```

The splice() method can remove elements starting from a specified index in an array and can also add new elements in place of the removed elements if needed.