# Arrays

#### Goals

This chapter introduces the Java array for storing collections of many objects. Individual elements are referenced with the Java subscript operator []. After studying this chapter you will be able to

- declare and use arrays that can store reference or primitive values
- implement methods that perform array processing

## 8.1 The Java Array Object

Java **array** objects store collections of elements. They allow a large number of elements to be conveniently maintained together under the same name. The first element is at index 0 and the second is at index 1. Array elements may be any one of the primitive types, such as int or double. Array elements can also be references to any object.

The following code declares three different arrays named balance, id, and tinyBank. It also initializes all five elements of those three arrays. The subscript operator [] provides access to individual array elements.

```
// Declare two arrays that can store up to five elements each
double[] balance = new double[5];
String[] id = new String[5];

// Initialize the array of double values
balance[0] = 0.00;
balance[1] = 111.11;
balance[2] = 222.22;
balance[3] = 333.33;
balance[4] = 444.44;

// Initialize all elements in an array of references to String objects
id[0] = "Bailey";
id[1] = "Dylan";
id[2] = "Hayden";
id[3] = "Madison";
id[4] = "Shannon";
```

The values referenced by the arrays can be drawn like this, indicating that the arrays balance, and id, store collections. balance is a collection of primitive values; id is a collection of references to String objects.

| balance[0] | 0.0  |
|------------|------|
| balance[1] | 1.11 |
| balance[2] | 2.22 |
| balance[3] | 3.33 |
| balance[4] | 4.44 |

| id[0] | "Bailey"  |
|-------|-----------|
| id[1] | "Dylan"   |
| id[2] | "Hayden"  |
| id[3] | "Madison" |
| id[4] | "Shannon" |

The two arrays above were constructed using the following general forms:

#### General Form: Constructing array objects

```
type[] array-name = new type [capacity];
class-name[] array-name = new class-name [capacity];
```

- *type* specifies the type, which can be either a primitive or reference type, of element that will be stored in the array.
- *array-name* is any valid Java identifier. With subscripts, the array name can refer to any and all elements in the array.
- capacity is an integer expression representing the maximum number of elements that can be stored in the array. The capacity is always available through a variable named length that is referenced as array-name.length.

#### Example: array declarations

## Accessing Individual Elements

Arrays support random access. The individual array elements can be found through subscript notation. A subscript is an integer value between [ and ] that represents the index of the element you want to get to. The special symbols [ and ] represent the mathematical subscript notation. So instead of  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ , and  $x_{n-1}$ , Java uses x[0], x[1], and x[n-1].

#### General Form: Accessing one array element

```
array-name [index] // Index should range from 0 to capacity - 1
```

The subscript range of a Java array is an integer value in the range of 0 through its capacity - 1. Consider the following array named x.

```
double[] x = new double[8];
```

The individual elements of x may be referenced using the indexes 0, 1, 2, ... 7. If you used -1 or 8 as an index, you would get an **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException**. This code assigns values to the first two array elements:

```
// Assign new values to the first two elements of the array named x: \underline{x}[0] = 2.6; x[1] = 5.7;
```

Java uses zero-based indexing. This means that the first array element is accessed with index 0; the same indexing scheme used with string. The index 0 means the first element in the collection. With arrays, the first element is found in subscript notation as x[0]. The fifth element

is accessed with index 4 or with subscript notation as x[4]. This subscript notation allows individual array elements to be displayed, used in expressions, and modified with assignment and input operations. In fact, you can do anything to an individual array element that can be done to a variable of the same type. The array is simply a way to package together a collection of values and treat them as one.

The familiar assignment rules apply to array elements. For example, a string literal cannot be assigned to an array element that was declared to store double values.

```
// ERROR: x stores numbers, not strings
x[2] = "Wrong type of literal";
```

Since any two double values can use the arithmetic operators, numeric array elements can also be used in arithmetic expressions like this:

```
x[2] = x[0] + x[1]; // Store 8.3 into the third array element
```

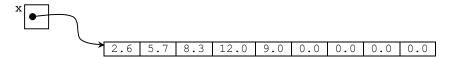
Each array element is a variable of the type declared. Therefore, these two integers will be promoted to double before assignment.

```
x[3] = 12; // Stores 12.0
x[4] = 9;
```

Arrays of primitive double values are initialized to a default value of 0.0 (an array of ints have elements initialized to 0, arrays of objects to null). The array x originally had all 8 elements to 0.0. After the five assignments above, the array would look like this.

| Element   |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Reference | Value |
| x[0]      | 2.6   |
| x[1]      | 5.7   |
| x[2]      | 8.3   |
| x[3]      | 12.0  |
| x[4]      | 9.0   |
| x[5]      | 0.0   |
| x[6]      | 0.0   |
| x[7]      | 0.0   |

The value of an array is a reference to memory where elements are stored in a contiguous (next to each other) fashion. Here is another view of an array reference value and the elements as the data may exist in the computer's memory.



## **Out-of-Range Indexes**

Java checks array indexes to ensure that they are within the proper range of 0 through capacity - 1. The following assignment results in an exception being thrown. The program usually terminates prematurely with a message like the one shown below.

```
x[8] = 4.5; // This out-of-range index causes an exception
```

The program terminates prematurely (the output shows the index, which is 8 here).

```
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBounds exception: 8
```

This might seem like a nuisance. However, without range checking, such out-of-range indexes could destroy the state of other objects in memory and cause difficult-to-detect bugs. More dramatically, your computer could "hang" or "crash." Even worse, with a workstation that runs all of the time, you could get an error that affects computer memory now, but won't crash the system until weeks later. However, in Java, you get the more acceptable occurrence of an ArrayIndexOutOfBounds exception while you are developing the code.

#### Self-Check

Use this initialization to answer the questions that follow:

```
int[] arrayOfInts = new int[100];
```

- **8-1** What type of element can be properly stored as elements in arrayOfInts?
- 8-2 How many integers may be properly stored as elements in arrayOfInts?
- **8-3** Which integer is used as the indearrayOfInts to access the first element in arrayOfInts?
- **8-4** Which integer is used as the indearrayOfInts to access the last element in arrayOfInts?
- **8-5** What is the value of arrayOfInts[23]?
- **8-6** Write code that stores 78 into the first element of arrayOfInts.
- 8-7 What would happen when this code executes? arrayOfInts[100] = 100;

## 8-2 Array Processing with Determinate Loops

Programmers must frequently access consecutive array elements. For example, you might want to display all of the meaningful elements of an array containing test scores. The Java for loop provides a convenient way to do this.

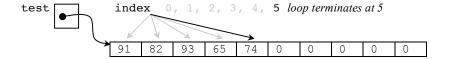
```
int[] test = new int[10];
test[0] = 91;
test[1] = 82;
test[2] = 93;
test[3] = 65;
test[4] = 74;

for (int index = 0; index < 5; index++) {
    System.out.println("test[" + index + "] == " + test[index]);
}
Output
test[0] == 91
test[1] == 82
test[2] == 93</pre>
```

test[1] == 82 test[2] == 93 test[3] == 65 test[4] == 74

Changing the int variable index from 0 through 4 provide accesses to all meaningful elements in the array referenced by test. This variable index acts both as the loop counter and as an array index inside the for loop (test[index]). With index serving both roles, the specific array element accessed as test[index] depends on the value of index. For example, when index is

0, test[index] references the first element in the array named test. When index is 4, test[index] references the fifth element. Here is a more graphical view that shows the changing value of index.



#### Shortcut Array Initialization and the **length** Variable

Java also provides a quick and easy way to initialize arrays without using new or the capacity.

```
int[] test = { 91, 82, 93, 65, 74 };
```

The compiler sets the capacity of test to be the number of elements between { and }. The first value (91) is assigned to test[0], the second value (82) to test[1], and so on. Therefore, this shortcut array creation and assignment on one line are equivalent to these six lines of code for a completely filled array (no meaningless values).

```
int[] test = new int[5];
test[0] = 91;
test[1] = 82;
test[2] = 93;
test[3] = 65;
test[4] = 74;
```

This shortcut can be applied to all types.

The length variable stores the capacity of an array. It is often used to avoid out-of-range index exceptions. For example, the index range of the array x is 0 through x.length - 1. The capacity is referenced as the array name, a dot, and the variable named length. Do not use () after length as you would in a String message.

```
// Assert the capacities of the four arrays above
assertEquals(7, x.length);
assertEquals(5, vowels.length);
assertEquals(4, names.length);
assertEquals(4, accounts.length);
```

#### **Argument/Parameter Associations**

At some point, you will find it necessary to pass an array to another method. In this case, the parameter syntax requires [] and the correct type to mark the parameter can be matched to the array argument.

#### General Form: Array parameters

```
type[] array-reference
```

Example Array Parameters in method headings

```
public static void main(String[] args)
public double max(double[] x)
public boolean equal(double[] array1, double[] array2)
```

This allows array references to be passed into a method so that method has access to all elements in the array. For example, this method inspects the meaningful array elements (indexed from 0 through n - 1) to find the smallest value and return it.

```
public int min([int[] array], int n) {
    // Assume the first element is the smallest
    int smallest = array[0];

    // Inspect all other meaningful elements in array[1] through array[n-1]
    for (int index = 1; index < n; index++) {
        if (array[index] < smallest)
            smallest = array[index];
    }
    return smallest;
}</pre>
```

An array often stores fewer meaningful elements than its capacity. Therefore, the need arises to store the number of elements in the array that have been given meaningful values. In the previous code, n was used to limit the elements being referenced. Only the first five elements were considered to potentially be the largest. Only the first five should have been considered. Without limiting the search to the meaningful elements (indexed as 0 through n - 1), would the smallest be 65 or would it be one of the 0s stored as one of the fifteen elements at the end that Java initialized to the default value of 0?

Consider the following test method that accidentally passes the array capacity as test.length (20) rather than the number of meaningful elements in the array (5).

```
@Test
public void testMin() {
   int[] test = new int[20];
   test[0] = 91;
   test[1] = 82;
   test[2] = 93;
   test[3] = 65;
   test[4] = 74;
   assertEquals(65, min(test, test.length)); // Should be 5
}
```

The assertion fails with this message:

```
java.lang.AssertionError: expected:<65> but was:<0>
```

If an array is "filled" with meaningful elements, the length variable can be used to process the array. However, since arrays often have a capacity greater than the number of meaningful elements, it may be better to use some separate integer variable with a name like n or size.

#### Messages to Individual Array Elements

The subscript notation must be used to send messages to individual elements. The array name must be accompanied by an index to specify the particular array element to which the message is sent.

#### General Form: Sending messages to individual array elements

```
array-name [index] . message-name (arguments)
```

The *index* distinguishes the specific object the message is to be sent to. For example, the uppercase equivalent of id[0] (this element has the value "Dylan") is returned with this expression:

```
names[0].toUpperCase(); // The first name in an array of Strings
```

The expression names.touppercase() is a syntax error because it attempts to find the uppercase version of the entire array, not one of its string elements. The touppercase method is not defined for standard Java array objects. On the other hand, names[0] does understand touppercase since names[0] is indeed ca reference to a String. names is a reference to an array of Strings.

Now consider determining the total of all the balances in an array of BankAccount objects. The following test method first sets up a miniature database of four BankAccount objects. *Note:* A constructor call—with new—generates a reference to any type of object. Therefore this assignment

```
// A constructor first constructs an object, then returns its reference
account[0] = new BankAccount("Hall", 50.00);
```

first constructs a BankAccount object with the ID "Hall" and a balance of 0.0. The reference to this object is stored in the first array element, account[0].

```
@Test
public void testAssets() {
   BankAccount[] account = new BankAccount[100];
   account[0] = new BankAccount("Hall", 50.00);
   account[1] = new BankAccount("Small", 100.00);
   account[2] = new BankAccount("Ewall", 200.00);
   account[3] = new BankAccount("Westphall", 300.00);
   int n = 4;
   // Only the first n elements of account are meaningful, 96 are null
   double actual = assets(account, n);
   assertEquals(650.00, actual, 0.0001);
}
```

The actual return value from the assets method should be the sum of all account balances indexed from 0..n-1 inclusive, which is expected to be 650.0.

```
// Accumulate the balance of n BankAccount objects stored in account[]
public double assets(BankAccount[] account, int n) {
   double result = 0.0;
   for (int index = 0; index < n; index++) {
     result += account[index].getBalance();
   }
   return result;
}</pre>
```

#### Modifying Array Arguments

Consider the following method that adds the incValue to every array element. The test indicates that changes to the parameter x also modifies the argument intArray.

```
public void testIncrementBy() {
   int[] intArray = { 1, 5, 12 };
   increment(intArray, 6);
   assertEquals(7, intArray[0]); // changing the elements of parameter x
   assertEquals(11, intArray[1]); // in increment is the same as changing
   assertEquals(18, intArray[2]); // intArray in this test method
}

public void increment(int[] x, int incValue) {
   for (int index = 0; index < x.length; index++)
        x[index] += incValue;
}</pre>
```

To understand why this happens, consider the characteristics of reference variables.

A reference variable stores the location of an object, not the object itself. By analogy, a reference variable is like the address of a friend. It may be a description of where your friend is located, but it is not your actual friend. You may have the addresses of many friends, but these addresses are not your actual friends.

When the Java runtime system constructs an object with the new operator, memory for that object gets allocated somewhere in the computer's memory. The new operation then returns a reference to that newly constructed object. The reference value gets stored into the reference variable to the left of =. For example, the following construction stores the reference to a BankAccount object with "Chris" and 0.0 into the reference variable named chris.

```
BankAccount chris = new BankAccount("Chris", 0.00);
```

A programmer can now send messages to the object by way of the reference value stored in the reference variable named chris. The memory that holds the actual state of the object is stored elsewhere. Because you will use the reference variable name for the object, it is intuitive to think of chris as the object. However, chris is actually the reference to the object, which is located elsewhere.

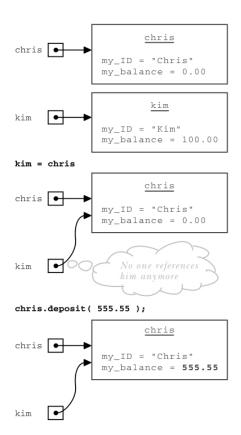
The following code mimics the same assignments that were made to the primitive variables above. The big difference is that the deposit message sent to chris actually modifies kim. This happens because both reference variables chris and kim—refer to the same object in memory after the assignment kim = chris. In fact, the object originally referred to by the reference variable named kim is lost forever. Once the memory used to store the state of an object no longer has any references, Java's garbage collector reclaims the memory so it can be reused later to store other new objects. This allows your computer to recycle memory that is no longer needed.

```
BankAccount chris = new BankAccount("Chris", 0.00);
BankAccount kim = new BankAccount("Kim", 100.00);
kim = chris;
// The values of the object were not assigned.
// Rather, the reference to chris was assigned to the reference variable kim.
// Now both reference variables refer to the same object.
System.out.println("Why does a change to 'chris' change 'kim'?");
chris.deposit(555.55);
System.out.println("Kim's balance was 0.00, now it is " + kim.getBalance());
```

#### Output

```
Why does a change to 'chris' change 'kim'? Kim's balance was 0.00, now it is 555.55
```

Assignment statements copy the values to the right of = into the variable to the left of =. When the variables are primitive number types like int and double, the copied values are numbers. However, when the variables are references to objects, the copied values are the locations of the objects in memory as illustrated in the following diagram.



After the assignment kim = chris, kim and chris both refer to the same object in memory. The state of the object is not assigned. Intead, the reference to the object is assigned. A message to either reference variable (chris or kim) accesses or modifies the same object, which now has the state of "Chris" and 555.55. An assignment of a reference value to another reference variable of the same type does not change the object itself. The state of an object can only be changed with messages designed to modify the state.

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The same assignment rules apply when an argument is assigned to a parameter. In this method and test, chris and kim both refer to the same object.

```
@Test
public void testAddToBalance() {
   BankAccount kim = new BankAccount("Chris", 0.00);
   assertEquals(0.0, kim.getBalance(), 0.0001);
   increment(kim);
   assertEquals(555.55, kim.getBalance(), 1e-14);
}
public void increment(BankAccount chris) {
   chris.deposit(555.55);
}
```

Java has one argument/parameter association. It is called pass by value. When an argument is assigned to a parameter, the argument's value is copied to the parameter. When the argument is a primitive type such as int or double, the copied values are primitive numeric values or char values. No method can change the primitive arguments of another method. However, when an object reference is passed to a method, the value is a reference value. The argument is the location of the object in computer memory.

At that moment, the parameter is an alias (another name) for the argument. Two references to the same object exist. The parameter refers to the same object as the argument. This means that when a method modifies the parameter, the change occurs in the object referenced by the argument.

In this code that reverses the array elements, three reference variables reference the array of ints constructed in the test method.

```
Method
              Array Reference
testReverse
             intArray 🔍
reverse
swap
                             4
                                  6
                                     8 10
@Test
public void testReverse() {
  int[] intArray = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
  reverse(intArray);
  assertEquals(10, intArray[0]); // was 2
  assertEquals(8, intArray[1]); // was 4
  assertEquals(6, intArray[2]); // was 6
assertEquals(4, intArray[3]); // was 8
assertEquals(2, intArray[4]); // was 1
                                   // was 8
// was 10
}
// Reverse the array elements so x[0] gets exchanged with x[x.length-1],
// x[1] with x[x.length-2], x[2] with x[x.length-3], and so on.
public void reverse(int[] x) {
  int leftIndex = 0;
  int rightIndex = x.length - 1;
  while (leftIndex < rightIndex) {</pre>
    swap(x, leftIndex, rightIndex);
    leftIndex++;
    rightIndex--;
  }
}
// Exchange the two integers in the specified indexes
// inside the array referenced by a.
private void swap(int[] a, int leftIndex, int rightIndex) {
                              // Need to store a[leftIndex] before
  int temp = a[leftIndex];
  a[leftIndex] = a[rightIndex]; // a[leftIndex] gets erased in this assignment
  a[rightIndex] = temp;
```

#### Self-Check

**8-8** Given the small change of < to <= in the for loop, describe what would happen when this method is called where the number of meaningful elements is n.

```
// Accumulate the balance of n BankAccount objects stored in account[]
public double assets(BankAccount[] account, int n) {
   double result = 0.0;
   for (int index = 0; index <= n; index++) {
     result += account[index].getBalance();
   }
   return result;
}</pre>
```

**8-9** Write method sameEnds to return true if the integer in the first index equals the integer in the last index. This test method must compile and the assertions must pass.

```
@Test
public void testSameEnds() {
   int[] x1 = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
   int[] x2 = { 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 4 };
   int[] x3 = { 5, 6 };
   int[] x4 = { 5, 5 };
   assertFalse(sameEnds(x1));
   assertTrue(sameEnds(x2));
   assertFalse(sameEnds(x3));
   assertTrue(sameEnds(x4));
}
```

**8-10** Write method swapEnds that switches the end elements in an array of Strings. The following code must compile and the assertions must pass.

```
@Test
public void testSwapEnds() {
 String[] strings = { "a", "b", "c", "x" };
  swapEnds(strings);
  assertEquals("x", strings[0]);
  assertEquals("b", strings[1]);
  assertEquals("c", strings[2]);
  assertEquals("a", strings[3]);
}
public void testSwapEndsWhenLengthIsTwo() {
  String[] strings = { "a", "x" };
  swapEnds(strings);
  assertEquals("x", strings[0]);
  assertEquals("a", strings[1]);
}
@Test
public void testSwapEndsWhenTooSmall() {
 String[] strings = { "a" };
  // There should be no exceptions thrown. Use guarded action.
  swapEnds(strings);
  assertEquals("a", strings[0]);
}
```

**8-11** Write method for accountsLargerThan that takes an array of BankAccount references s and returns the number of accounts with a balance greater than the second argument of type double. The following test method must compile and

the assertions must pass.

```
@Test
 public void testAssets() {
   BankAccount[] account = new BankAccount[100];
   account[0] = new BankAccount("Hall", 50.00);
   account[1] = new BankAccount("Small", 100.00);
   account[2] = new BankAccount("Ewall", 200.00);
   account[3] = new BankAccount("Westphall", 300.00);
   int n = 4;
   int actual = studentsFun.accountsLargerThan(0.00, account, n);
   assertEquals(4, actual);
   actual = studentsFun.accountsLargerThan(50.00, account, n);
   assertEquals(3, actual);
   actual = studentsFun.accountsLargerThan(100.00, account, n);
    assertEquals(2, actual);
   actual = studentsFun.accountsLargerThan(200.00, account, n);
   assertEquals(1, actual);
   actual = studentsFun.accountsLargerThan(300.00, account, n);
    assertEquals(0, actual);
```

## Programming Project: ArrayFun

This project asks you to solve seven problems requiring arrays. You are asked to write seven methods in one class named ArrayFun and a test method for each in a unit test named ArrayFunTest. Develop (code and test) one method at a time.

#### 1) public boolean sumGreaterThan(double[] array, double sum)

Given a filled array of double array elements, return true if the sum of all array elements is greater than sum.

```
sumGreaterThan( { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3 }, 4.0) \rightarrow true sumGreaterThan( { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3 }, 6.6) \rightarrow false
```

#### 2) public int numberOVowels(char[] array)

Given a filled array of char array elements, return the number of vowels which could be the letters 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', or 'u' in either upper case or lower case.

```
numberOfVowels({'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u', 'A', 'E', 'l', 'O', 'U', 'x', 'z'}) \rightarrow 10 numberOfVowels( {'y', 'Y' } ) \rightarrow 0 numberOfVowels( {'a', 'X', 'a' } ) \rightarrow 2
```

#### 3) public int numberOfPairs(String[] array)

Return the number of times a pair occurs in array. A pair is any two String values that are equal (case sensitive) in consecutive array elements.

```
numberOfPairs( {"a", "b", "c" } ) \rightarrow 0 numberOfPairs( {"b", "a", "a", "b"} ) \rightarrow 1 numberOfPairs( {"a", "a", "a"} ) \rightarrow 2 numberOfPairs( {"a", "a", "b", "b" } ) \rightarrow 2
```

#### 4) public int stringsLongerThan(String[] array, int len)

Write a test method for stringsLongerThan that takes the array of Strings and returns the number of Strings with a length greater than len.

```
stringsLongerThan({"a", "ab", "abc"}, 0) \rightarrow 3 stringsLongerThan({"a", "ab", "abc"}, 2) \rightarrow 1 stringsLongerThan({"a", "ab", "abcd", "abcde", "abcdef", "abcdefg"}, 3) \rightarrow 4
```

#### 5) public int howMany(String[] array, String valueToFind)

Complete method howMany to return the number of elements in an array of Strings that equals valueToFind.

```
howMany( {"A", "a", "A", "a"}, "A") \rightarrow 2
howMany( {"And", "there", "goes", "another"}, "another") \rightarrow 1
howMany( {"And", "there", "goes", "another"}, "Not Here") \rightarrow 0
```

#### 6) public void sortOfSort(int[] array)

Write method sortOfSort that modifies the parameter array to place the largest integer at index n-1 and the smallest integer at array[0]. The others elements must still be in the array, but not in any particular order. You must modify the given array argument by changing array in method sortOfSort.

```
Original Array Modified Array { 4, 3, 2, 0, 1, 2 } { 0, 3, 2, 1, 2, 4 } { 1, 3, 2, 4 } { 1, 3, 2, 4 }
```

#### 7) public void evensLeft(int[] array)

(A Nick Parlante Javabat problem) Modify the parameter array so it still contains the exact same numbers as the given array, but rearranged so that all the even numbers come before all the odd numbers. Other than that, the numbers can be in any order. You must modify the array arguments by changing array in method evensLeft.

## Answers to Self-Checks

8-1 int

```
8-2 100
8-3 0
8-4 99
8-5 0
8-6 \times [0] = 78;
8-7 ArrayIndexOutOfBounds exception would terminate the program
8-8 There would be a getBalance() message sent to account[n+1] which is probably null. The program
   would terminate with a NullPointerException
8-9 public boolean sameEnds(int[] array) {
     return array[0] == array[array.length-1];
8-10 private void swapEnds(String[] array) {
      if (array.length >= 2) {
        int rightIndex = array.length - 1;
        String temp = array[rightIndex];
        array[rightIndex] = array[0];
        array[0] = temp;
8-11 public int accountsLargerThan(double amt, BankAccount[] account, int n) {
      int result = 0;
      for (int index = 0; index < n; index++) {</pre>
        if(account[index].getBalance() > amt)
          result ++;
      return result;
```