



Last Week

Deep Copy

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Person p1 = new Person(5, "Bo Peep");  
    Person p2 = new Person(3, "Shaun Sheep");  
    MissingPerson mp =  
        new MissingPerson(p1, "Field", p2);  
    System.out.println(mp);  
    p1.setName("Bad Wolf");  
    p1.setAge(10);  
    System.out.println(mp);  
}
```

Bo Peep, age 5, at Field, seeks Shaun Sheep, age 3
Bad Wolf, age 10, at Field, seeks Shaun Sheep, age 3

- Best solution: make `Person` class immutable
- Alternative: stop instance variables from sharing with any outside variables or objects
- Do this by copying objects passed in to methods and storing the copy instead of the original
- Same if mutable object stored in instance variable is returned by method: caller can modify it
- Must also copy objects stored in instance variables and return the copy instead of original object
- This is called defensive copying
- Commonly needed in constructors, getters, and setters



- For mutable classes, write a copy constructor: a constructor that takes one argument of the same type as the object being constructed
- Just makes the new object an exact copy of the input argument
- *E.g.:*

```
public Person(Person orig) {  
    this.age = orig.age;  
    this.name = orig.name;  
}
```

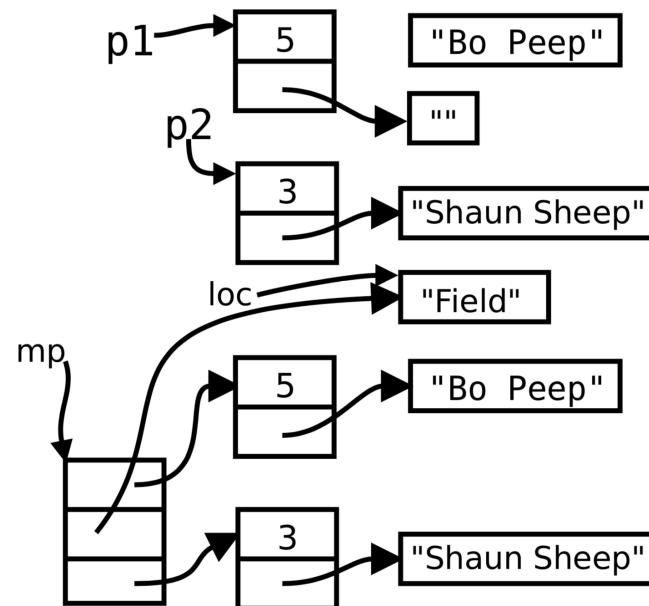
- If any instance variables are mutable classes, copy constructor must copy those objects, too
- This is called a deep copy: it does not share any mutable objects with the original object

```
public MissingPerson(MissingPerson orig) {  
    this.seeker = new Person(orig.seeker);  
    this.location = orig.location; // immutable!  
    this.sought = new Person(orig.sought);  
}
```



With a deep copy, `p1` and `p2` do not share with `mp`, so this is harmless:

```
p1.setName("");
```





```
public class MissingPerson {  
    private Person seeker;  
    private String location;  
    private Person sought;  
    public MissingPerson(Person seeker, String location,  
                        Person sought) {  
        if (seeker.getName().isEmpty()  
            || location.isEmpty()) {  
            System.out.println("Missing name/location");  
            System.exit(1);  
        }  
        this.seeker = new Person(seeker); // copy!  
        this.location = location;  
        this.sought = new Person(sought); // copy!  
    }  
    :  
}
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}  
public Person getSeeker() {  
    return new Person(seeker); // copy!  
}  
public String getLocation() {  
    return location; // immutable  
}  
public Person getSought() {  
    return new Person(sought); // copy!  
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```
public void setSeeker(Person seeker) {  
    this.seeker = new Person(seeker);  
}  
public void setLocation(String location) {  
    this.location = location; // immutable  
}  
public void setSought(Person sought) {  
    this.sought = new Person(sought);  
}  
}
```

With this change, "Shaun Sheep" is safe from the "Bad Wolf"



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Lecture 7

Arrays

- Classes allow design of a type holding any combination of values of any types
- But what if you want to store an arbitrary number of values of the same type?
- *E.g.*, the arbitrary number of command line arguments passed to the program
- These are passed as an array
- An array can be used like an arbitrary sequence of separate variables of the same type, but also as a single value

- Declare a single variable to hold a whole array
- Form: *baseType [] varName*
- Where *baseType* is the type of every array element
- E.g.: *String[] args;*
- Use the same syntax to declare:
 - ▶ local variables
 - ▶ instance or class variables
 - ▶ method parameters
- Similar syntax to declare method that returns an array:
baseType [] methodName (type name, ...)
(can be **public** or **private**, **static** or not)

- As for class types, declaring a variable does not create an array
- Simplest way to get an array is initialise to a constant
- Form: *baseType [] varName = {value, ...};*
- *E.g.:*

```
public static final int[] DAYS_IN_MONTH
    = {31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,30,31,30,31};
```

- (Why make this **static final**?)
- But **{...}** is not an expression; this syntax can only be used in variable initialisations

- To create a fresh array, use special `new` syntax
- Form: `new type [size]`

```
double[] data = new double[10];
```

- Note array type never includes size, but `new` expression always does
- Size can be specified as any integer-valued expression ≥ 0 , so you can calculate the size
- You cannot specify initial values for array elements in `new` expression
 - ▶ Number elements are initialised to 0 or 0.0, `booleans` to `false`, `chars` to '`\0`', and objects to `null`
 - ▶ You must initialize object array elements yourself!

- Access array elements using `array [index]`
- *E.g.: `args[2]`*
- The value inside the brackets is called an array index
- Array indexes range from 0 to array size - 1
- Use the same syntax to assign to an array element
- *E.g.: `data[2] = data[1] * 10;`*

Array Index Out of Bounds

- Size of an array is fixed at the time it is created
- Arrays cannot be expanded (or shrunk)
- Accessing or assigning an array at an index < 0 or \geq the size of the array causes an error:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 0
        at Tst.main(Tst.java:3)
```

- An array index can be specified as an expression
- Very common to index an array with a variable
- *E.g.:*

```
public static final int[] daysInMonth
    = {31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,30,31,30,31};
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int month = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
    int day = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
    int yearday = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < month - 1; ++i) {
        yearday += daysInMonth[i];
    }
    System.out.println(yearday + day);
}
```



- The size of an array is `array.length`
- *E.g.:*

```
public class ArgCount {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.printf("You entered %d arguments%n",  
            args.length);  
    }  
}
```

- Very useful for iterating over a whole array:

```
for (int i = 0 ; i < a.length ; ++i) ... a[i] ...
```



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What does this print?

```
int[] a = {1,1,2}  
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for (int i=1; i<=a.length; ++i) sum += a[i];  
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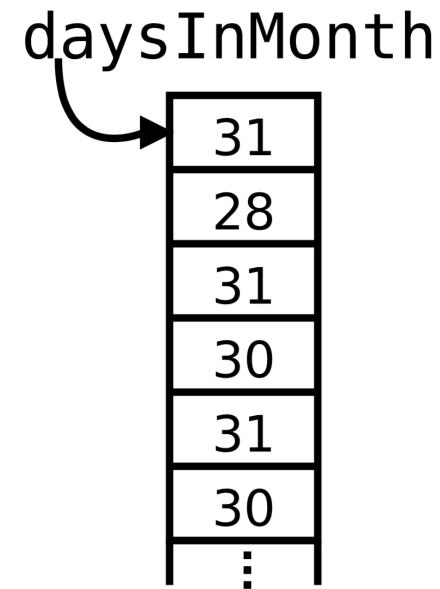
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- Arrays are reference types
- Similar to objects (but not quite the same)
- Stored in memory as a sequence of elements: efficient to index
- Unlike your own classes, array types cannot be made immutable
- Beware **privacy leaks**: copy arrays if necessary





- You cannot write a copy constructor for arrays
- but you can write a **static** method to copy an array, e.g.:

```
public static String[] copyStringArray(String[] orig){  
    String[] copy = new String[orig.length];  
    for (int i = 0; i<orig.length; ++i) {  
        copy[i] = orig[i];  
    }  
    return copy;  
}
```

- But you need to write a separate copy method for each base type of array you need to copy



- Can declare array with a class as base type
- *E.g., String[] args*
- creating an array of objects does not create any objects, just an array full of nulls
- Be sure to initialise the array elements to new objects if necessary

```
Person[] people = new Person[args.length];
for (int i = 0; i < people.length ; ++i) {
    people[i] = new Person(0, args[i]);
}
```

(creates an array of **Persons** with age 0 and name taken from command line arguments)



- You cannot assign to an array's `length` “member” to resize it

```
arr.length = arr.length + 1; // compilation error!
```

- But it's easy to create a new, bigger array and copy
- To grow `arr` and add 42 at the end:

```
int[] tmp = new int[arr.length+1];
for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; ++i) tmp[i] = arr[i];
tmp[arr.length] = 42;
arr = tmp;
```



- Copying an array to add one element to the end is expensive and inconvenient
- One common trick is the partially filled array: an array where the first elements are the intended elements, and the rest are meaningless
- A variable holds the number of meaningful elements
- Make effective array bigger by just incrementing the number of meaningful elements
- But when that reaches the size of the actual array, must copy to new, bigger array

```
public class ExpandingIntArray {  
    public static final int INITIAL_SIZE = 10;  
    public static final int EXPANSION = 2;  
    private int[] data = new int[INITIAL_SIZE];  
    private int length = 0;  
    public void append(int val) {  
        if (length >= data.length) {  
            int[] tmp = new int[EXPANSION*data.length];  
            for (int i = 0; i<data.length; ++i) {  
                tmp[i] = data[i];  
            }  
            data = tmp;  
        }  
        data[length] = val;  
        length++;  
    }  
}
```

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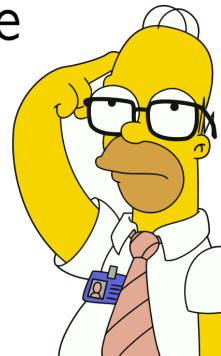
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- As of Java 5, there is a special form of `for` loop:
the foreach loop
- Form:
`for(elementType name : array) body`
- Executes `body` for each element of `array`, with variable `name` bound to the element
- No need to worry about array indices
- E.g.:

```
int daysInYear = 0;  
for (int monthLength : DAYS_IN_MONTH) {  
    daysInYear += monthLength;  
}
```



- Unlike some languages, Java does not directly support 2 or more dimensional arrays
- However, you can make arrays of arrays, e.g.:

```
int[][] tTable = new int[10][];
for (int i = 0; i<10; ++i) tTable[i] = new int[10];
for (int i = 0; i < tTable.length; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < tTable[i].length; ++j) {
        tTable[i][j] = (i+1)*(j+1);
    }
}
for (int[] row : tTable) {
    for (int n : row) System.out.printf("%4d", n);
    System.out.println();
}
```



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