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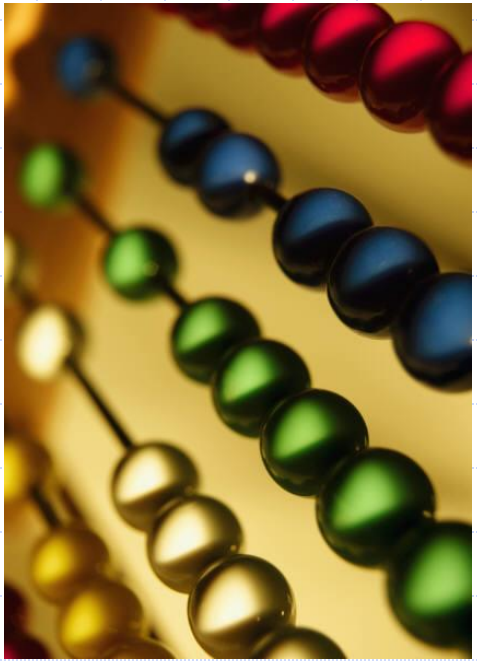
Arrays



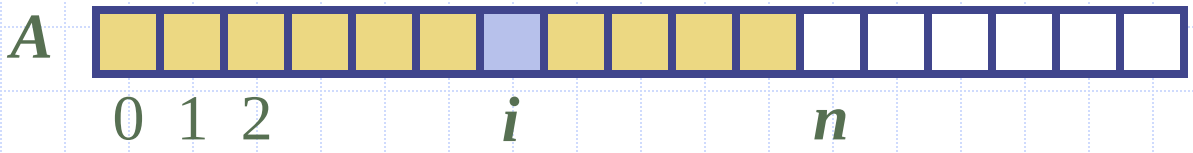
Reading

M. T. Goodrich, R. Tamassia and M. H. Goldwasser, *Data Structures and Algorithms in Java*, 6th Edition, 2014.

- **Chapter 3. Arrays and Linked Lists**

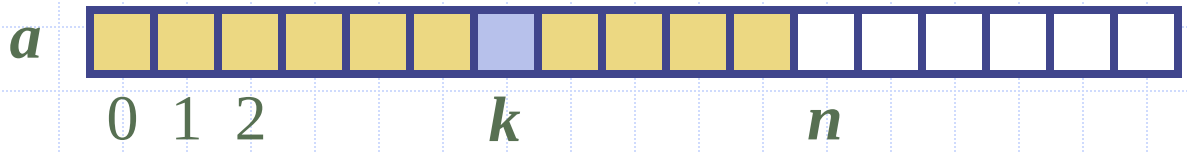
Array Definition

- An ***array*** is a sequenced collection of variables all of the same type. Each variable, or ***cell***, in an array has an ***index***, which uniquely refers to the value stored in that cell. The cells of an array, A, are numbered 0, 1, 2, and so on.
- Each value stored in an array is often called an ***element*** of that array.



Array Length and Capacity

- Since the length of an array determines the maximum number of things that can be stored in the array, we will sometimes refer to the length of an array as its ***capacity***.
- In Java, the length of an array named *a* can be accessed using the syntax *a*.length. Thus, the cells of an array, *a*, are numbered 0, 1, 2, and so on, up through *a*.length−1, and the cell with index *k* can be accessed with syntax *a*[*k*].



Declaring Arrays (first way)

- The first way to create an array is to use an assignment to a literal form when initially declaring the array, using a syntax as:

$$elementType[\,]\ arrayName = \{initialValue_0, initialValue_1, \ldots, initialValue_{N-1}\};$$

- The *elementType* can be any Java base type or class name, and *arrayName* can be any valid Java identifier. The initial values must be of the same type as the array.

Declaring Arrays (second way)

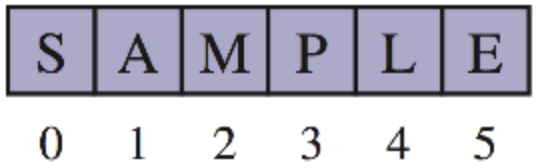
- The second way to create an array is to use the **new** operator.
  - However, because an array is not an instance of a class, we do not use a typical constructor. Instead we use the syntax:

new *elementType*[*length*]

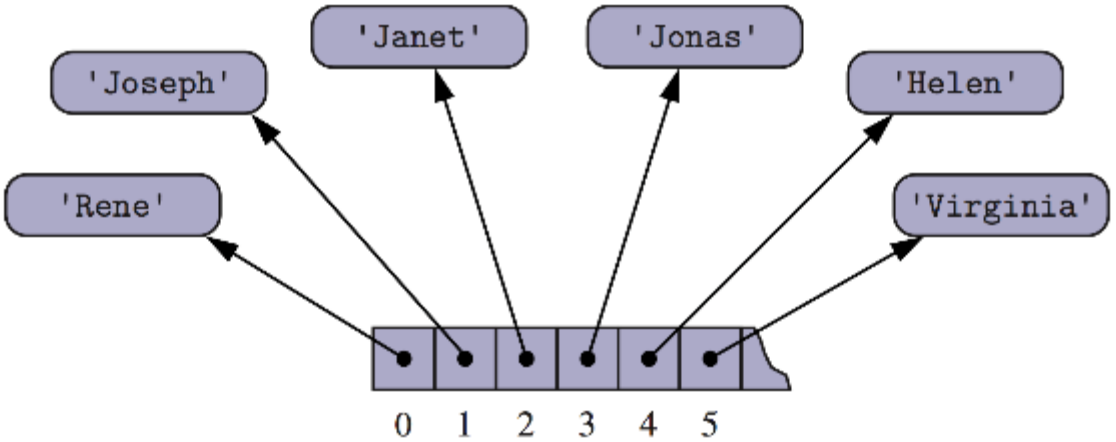
- *length* is a positive integer denoting the length of the new array.
- The **new** operator returns a reference to the new array, and typically this would be assigned to an array variable.

Arrays of Characters or Object References

- An array can store primitive elements, such as characters.

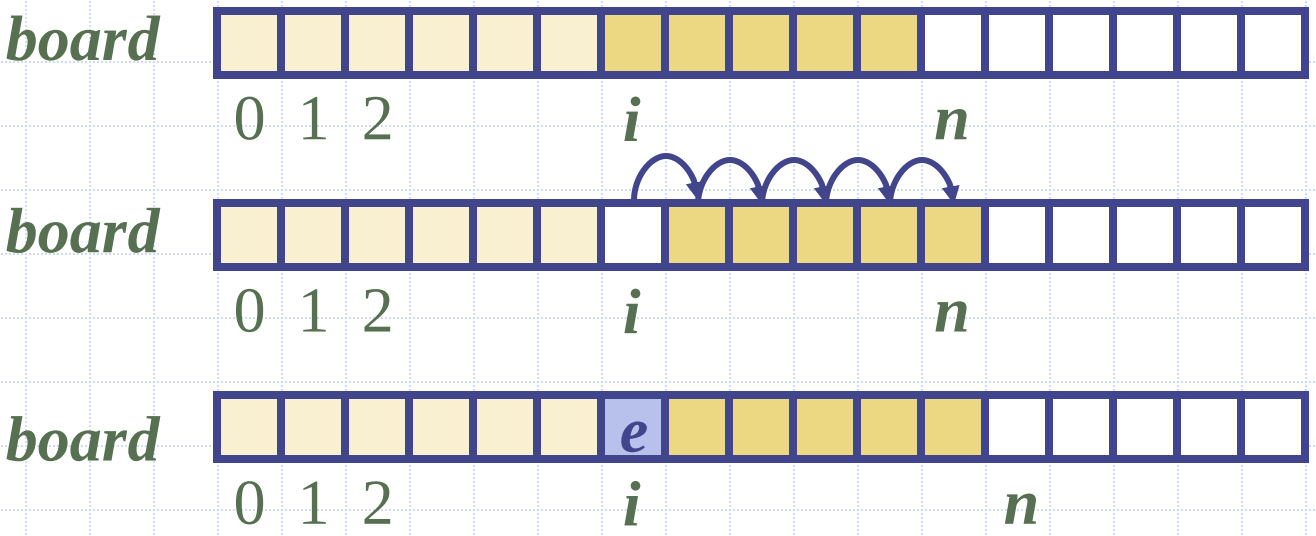


- An array can also store references to objects.



Adding an Entry

- To add an entry e into array board at index i, we need to make room for it by shifting forward the $n - i$ entries $board[i], \ldots, board[n-1]$



Removing an Entry

- To remove the entry e at index i, we need to fill the hole left by e by shifting backward the $n - i - 1$ elements $board[i + 1], \ldots, board[n - 1]$