

## Chapter 7: Arrays and the ArrayList Class

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## Chapter Topics

Chapter 7 discusses the following main topics:

- 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

Chapter 7 discusses the following main topics:

- The Sequential Search Algorithm
- Parallel Arrays
- Two-Dimensional Arrays
- Arrays with Three or More Dimensions
- The Selection Sort and the Binary Search
- Command-Line Arguments
- 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

- 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
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

- 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

- 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

20	0	0	0	0	0
numbers[0]	numbers[1]	numbers[2]	numbers[3]	numbers[4]	numbers[5]

- 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: [ArrayDemo1.java](#)
- Array subscripts can be accessed using variables (such as for loop counters).
- See example: [ArrayDemo2.java](#)

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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: [InvalidSubscript.java](#)
- 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;
```

- 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, 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: [ArrayInitialization.java](#)

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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

- 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: [PayArray.java](#)

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## Processing Array Contents

- Array elements can be used in relational operations:
 

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

- 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

### Example:

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

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## Array Size

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

Index subscripts start at 0 and end at one *less than* the array length.

```
for(int i = 0; i < temperatures.length; i++)
{
    System.out.println("Temperature " + i + ": "
        + temperatures[i]);
}
```

## Array Size

- 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: [DisplayTestScores.java](#)

## Reassigning Array References

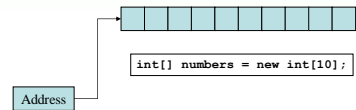
- An array reference can be assigned to another array of the same type.

```
// 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.

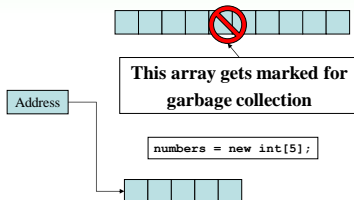
## Reassigning Array References

The `numbers` variable holds the address of an `int` array.



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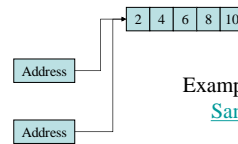


## Copying Arrays

- This is *not* the way to copy an array.

```
int[] array1 = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
int[] array2 = array1; // This does not copy array1.
```

`array1` holds an address to the array  
`array2` holds an address to the array



Example:  
[SameArray.java](#)

## Copying Arrays

- 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];
```

- 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: [PassElements.java](#)
- 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);`

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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## 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;

// 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)
{
    if (firstArray[i] != secondArray[i])
        arraysEqual = false;
    i++;
}

if (arraysEqual)
    System.out.println("The arrays are equal.");
else
    System.out.println("The arrays are not equal.");
```

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## Useful Array Operations

- Finding the Highest Value
 

```
int [] numbers = new int[50];
int highest = numbers[0];
for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
{
    if (numbers[i] > highest)
        highest = numbers[i];
}
```
- Finding the Lowest Value
 

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

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## Useful Array Operations

- Summing Array Elements:
 

```
int total = 0; // Initialize accumulator
for (int i = 0; i < units.length; i++)
    total += units[i];
```
- 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;
```
- Example: [SalesData.java](#), [Sales.java](#)

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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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## Arrays and Files

- 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();
```

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## Arrays and Files

- 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();
```

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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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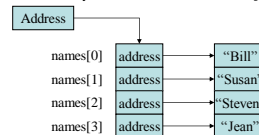
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## String Arrays

- 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.



Example:  
[MonthDays.java](#)

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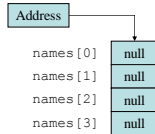
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## String Arrays

- 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.



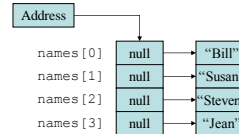
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## String Arrays

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

The `names` variable holds the address to the array.



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

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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());
```

- 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 do write the parentheses after the name of the String class's `length` method.

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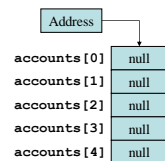
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## Arrays of Objects

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

```
BankAccount[] accounts = new BankAccount[5];
```

The `accounts` variable holds the address of an `BankAccount` array.



The array is an array of references to `BankAccount` objects.

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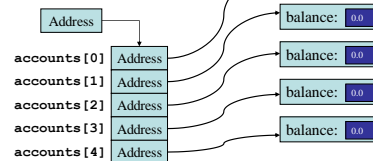
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## Arrays of Objects

- Each element needs to be initialized.
 

```
for (int i = 0; i < accounts.length; i++)
    accounts[i] = new BankAccount();
```
- See example: [ObjectArray.java](#)

The `accounts` variable holds the address of an `BankAccount` array.



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## 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: [SearchArray.java](#)

## Two-Dimensional Arrays

- 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				

## Two-Dimensional Arrays

- 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.

```
double[][] scores = new double[3][4];
```



- 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.

## Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements

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

## Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements

The `scores` variable holds the address of a 2D array of doubles.

Address	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
row 0	scores[0][0]	scores[0][1]	scores[0][2]	scores[0][3]
row 1	scores[1][0]	scores[1][1]	scores[1][2]	scores[1][3]
row 2	scores[2][0]	scores[2][1]	scores[2][2]	scores[2][3]

## Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements

Accessing one of the elements in a two-dimensional array requires the use of both subscripts.

The `scores` variable holds the address of a 2D array of doubles.

```
scores[2][1] = 95;
```

Address	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
row 0	0	0	0	0
row 1	0	0	0	0
row 2	0	95	0	0



## Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements

- Programs that process two-dimensional arrays can do so with nested loops.
- To fill the scores array:

```
for (int row = 0; row < 3; row++)
{
    for (int col = 0; col < 4; col++)
    {
        System.out.print("Enter a score: ");
        scores[row][col] = keyboard.nextDouble();
    }
}
```

Number of rows, not the largest subscript

Number of columns, not the largest subscript

keyboard references a Scanner object

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## Accessing Two-Dimensional Array Elements

- 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]);
    }
}
```

- See example: [CorpSales.java](#)

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## Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array

- 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}
- Declares an array with three rows and three columns.

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## Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array

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

The numbers variable holds the address of a 2D array of int values.

produces:

Address	column 0	column 1	column 2
row 0	1	2	3
row 1	4	5	6
row 2	7	8	9

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## The length Field

- Two-dimensional arrays are arrays of one-dimensional arrays.
- 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

- 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.

- See example: [Lengths.java](#)

The array can have variable length rows.

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## Summing The Elements of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = { { 1, 2, 3, 4 },
                   { 5, 6, 7, 8 },
                   { 9, 10, 11, 12 } };

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

System.out.println("The total is " + total);
```

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## Summing The Rows of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = {{ 1, 2, 3, 4 },
                  { 5, 6, 7, 8 },
                  { 9, 10, 11, 12 } };

int total;

for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)
{
    total = 0;
    for (int col = 0; col < numbers[row].length; col++)
        total += numbers[row][col];
    System.out.println("Total of row "
        + row + " is " + total);
}
```

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## Summing The Columns of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = {{1, 2, 3, 4},
                  {5, 6, 7, 8},
                  {9, 10, 11, 12}};

int total;

for (int col = 0; col < numbers[0].length; col++)
{
    total = 0;
    for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)
        total += numbers[row][col];
    System.out.println("Total of column "
        + col + " is " + total);
}
```

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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: [Pass2Darray.java](#)

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## Ragged Arrays

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

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

- Then create the individual rows.
 

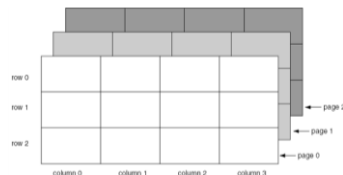
```
ragged[0] = new int [3];
ragged[1] = new int [4];
ragged[2] = new int [5];
ragged[3] = new int [6];
```

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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: [BinarySearchDemo.java](#)

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## Command-Line Arguments

- A Java program can receive arguments from the operating system command-line.
- The main method has a header that looks like this:

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

- The main method receives a `String` array as a parameter.
- The array that is passed into the `args` parameter comes from the operating system command-line.

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## Command-Line Arguments

- To run the example:

```
java CommandLine How does this work?
args[0] is assigned "How"
args[0] is assigned "does"
args[0] is assigned "this"
args[0] is assigned "work?"
```

- Example: [CommandLine.java](#)
- It is not required that the name of main's parameter array be `args`.

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## Variable-Length Argument Lists

- Special type parameter – `vararg...`
  - Vararg parameters are actually arrays
  - Examples: [VarArgsDemo1.java](#), [VarargsDemo2.java](#)

```
public static int sum(int... numbers)
{
    int total = 0; // Accumulator
    // Add all the values in the numbers array.
    for (int val : numbers)
        total += val;
    // Return the total.
    return total;
}
```

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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.

If we try to store any other type of object in this `ArrayList`, an error will occur.

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## Using an ArrayList

- 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

- 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: [ArrayListDemo1.java](#)

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## Using an ArrayList

- The `ArrayList` class's `toString` method returns a string representing all items in the `ArrayList`

```
System.out.println(nameList);
```

This statement yields:  
[ James, Catherine ]
- The `ArrayList` class's `remove` method removes designated item from the `ArrayList`

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

This statement removes the second item.
- See example: [ArrayListDemo3.java](#)

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## Using an ArrayList

- 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

- 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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## Using an ArrayList

- You can store any type of *object* in an ArrayList

```
ArrayList<BankAccount> accountList =
    new ArrayList<BankAccount>();
```

This creates an ArrayList that can hold  
BankAccount objects.

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## Using an ArrayList

```
// Create an ArrayList to hold BankAccount objects.
ArrayList<BankAccount> list = new ArrayList<BankAccount>();

// Add three BankAccount objects to the ArrayList.
list.add(new BankAccount(100.0));
list.add(new BankAccount(500.0));
list.add(new BankAccount(1500.0));

// Display each item.
for (int index = 0; index < list.size(); index++)
{
    BankAccount account = list.get(index);
    System.out.println("Account at index " + index +
        "\nBalance: " + account.getBalance());
}
```

See: [ArrayListDemo6.java](#)

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## Using an ArrayList

- 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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