

More Arrays (Savitch, Chapter 7)

TOPICS

- Array Basics
- Arrays in Classes and Methods
- Programming with Arrays
- · Searching and Sorting Arrays
- Multi-Dimensional Arrays
- · Static Variables and Constants



Array Basics: Outline

- Creating and Accessing Arrays
- Array Details
- The Instance Variable length
- More About Array Indices
- Analyzing Arrays

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Creating and Accessing Arrays

- An array is a special kind of object
- Think of as collection of variables of same type
- Creating an array with 7 variables of type double

double[] temperature = new double[7];

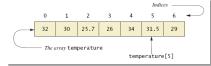
- To access an element use
 - The name of the array
 - An index number enclosed in braces
- Array indices begin at zero

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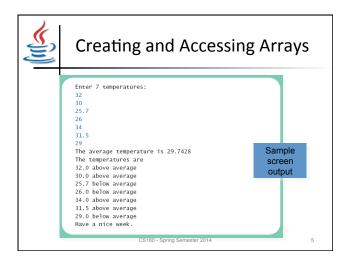
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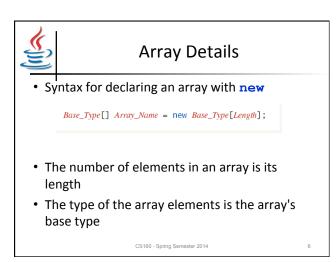
• Figure 7.1 A common way to visualize an array

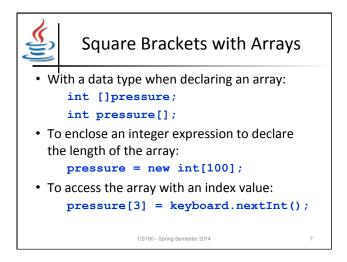


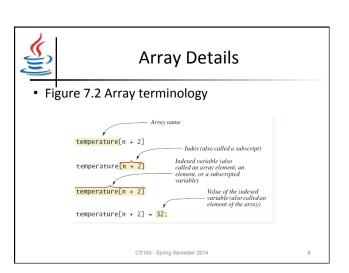
• Note class ArrayOfTemperatures

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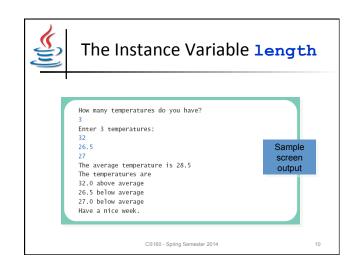




The Instance Variable **length**

- As an object an array has only one public instance variable:
 - Variable length
 - Contains number of elements in the array
 - It is final, value cannot be changed
- Note class ArrayOfTemperatures2

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More About Array Indices

- Index of first array element is 0
- Last valid Index is arrayName.length 1
- Array indices must be within bounds to be valid:
 - When program tries to access outside bounds, run time exception occurs
- Get used to using index 0

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Initializing Arrays

• Possible to initialize at declaration time

double[] reading = {3.3, 15.8, 9.7};

• Also may use normal assignment statements

One at a time

- In a loop

int[] count = new int[100];
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++)
 count[i] = 0;</pre>

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Arrays in Classes and Methods: Outline

- Indexed Variables as Method Arguments
- · Entire Arrays as Arguments to a Method
- Arguments for the Method main
- Array Assignment and Equality
- Methods that Return Arrays

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Indexed Variables as Method Arguments

- Indexed variable of an array
 - Example ... a [i]
 - Can be used anywhere variable of array base type can be used
- View class ArgumentDemo using indexed variable as an argument

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Entire Arrays as Arguments

- Declaration of array parameter similar to how an array is declared
- Example:

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Entire Arrays as Arguments

- Array parameter in a method heading does not specify the length
 - An array of any length can be passed to the method
 - Inside the method, elements of the array can be changed
- When you pass the entire array, do not use square brackets in the actual parameter

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Arguments for Method main

- Recall heading of method main public static void main (String[] args)
- This declares an array
 - Formal parameter named args
 - Its base type is **String**
- Thus possible to pass to the run of a program multiple strings
 - These can then be used by the program

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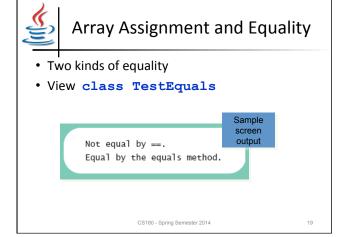
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Array Assignment and Equality

- Arrays are objects
 - Assignment and equality operators behave (misbehave) as specified in previous chapter
- Variable for the array object contains memory address of the object
 - Assignment operator = copies this address
 - Equality operator == tests whether two arrays are stored in same place in memory

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Array Assignment and Equality

- Note results of ==
- Note definition and use of method equals
 - Receives two array parameters
 - Checks length and each individual pair of array elements
- · Remember array types are reference types

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Methods that Return Arrays

- A Java method may return an array
- View class ReturnArrayDemo
- Note definition of return type as an array
- To return the array value
 - Declare a local array
 - Use that identifier in the **return** statement

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Programming with Arrays and Classes: Outline

- Programming Example: A Specialized List Class
- Partially Filled Arrays

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Programming Example

- A specialized List class
 - Objects can be used for keeping lists of items
- Methods include
 - Capability to add items to the list
 - Also delete entire list, start with blank list
 - But no method to modify or delete list item
- · Maximum number of items can be specified

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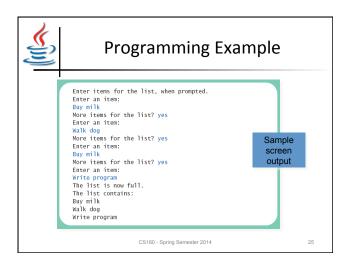
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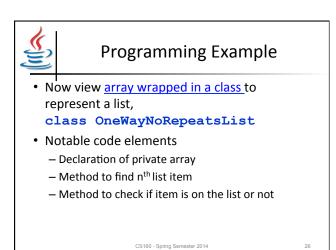


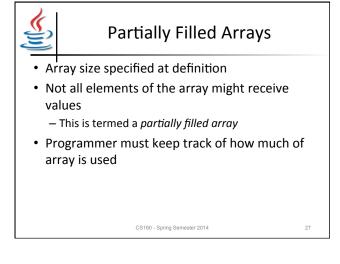
Programming Example

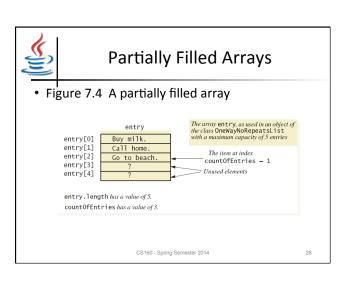
- View class ListDemo
- Note declaration of the list object
- Note method calls

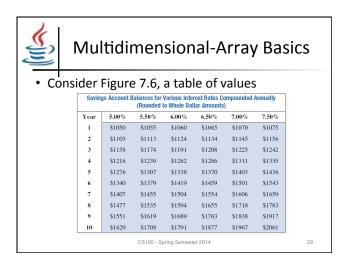
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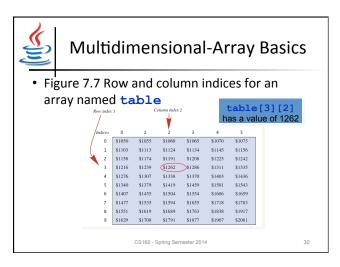


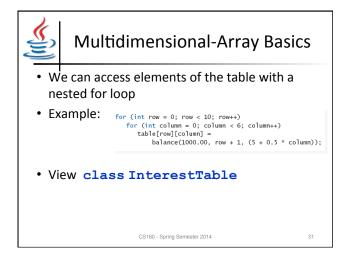


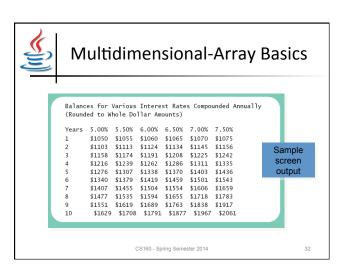














Java's Representation of Multidimensional Arrays

- Multidimensional array represented as several onedimensional arrays
- Given

int [][] table = new int [10][6];

- Array table is actually 1 dimensional of type int[]
 It is an array of arrays
- Important when sequencing through multidimensional array

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Summary

- An array is a collection of variables all of the same type
- Arrays are objects, created with operator new
- Elements numbered starting with 0, ending with 1 less than length
- Indexed variable can be used as a parameter treated like variable of base type

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Summary

- Entire array can be passed as parameter to a method
- Method return value can be an array
- Partially filled array usually stores values in initial segment, use an int to track how many are used

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Summary

- Multidimensional arrays are implemented as an array of arrays
- Treat two-dimensional array as a table with rows and columns

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public vs. private

- Variables defined as public are visible (and changeable) outside the class
 - Sometimes called global variables
- Methods defined as public are visible (and callable) outside the class
- Private variables are visible/defined only within their scope

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Scope

- Class instance variables
 - Can be accessed anywhere in the class
- Method instance variables
 - Can be accessed anywhere in the method
 - Method parameters are local to the method
 - Method parameters are initialized to the value of the passed argument
- Loop instance variables
 - Can be accessed anywhere in the loop

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Static Variables

- Static variables are shared by all objects of a class
 - Variables declared static final are considered constants – value cannot be changed
- Variables declared static (without final) can be changed
 - Only one instance of the variable exists
 - It can be accessed by all instances of the class

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Static Variables

- Static variables also called class variables
 - Contrast with *instance variables*
- Do not confuse class variables with variables of a class type
- Both static variables and instance variables are sometimes called *fields* or *data members*

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Using Named Constants

 To avoid confusion, always name constants (and variables).

```
area = PI * radius * radius;
is clearer than
area = 3.14159 * radius * radius;
```

• Place constants near the beginning of the program.

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Named Constants

 Once the value of a constant is set (or changed by an editor), it can be used (or reflected) throughout the program.

```
public static final double
  INTEREST RATE = 6.65;
```

 If a literal (such as 6.65) is used instead, every occurrence must be changed, with the risk than another literal with the same value might be changed unintentionally.

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Declaring Constants

Svntax

```
public static final
  Variable_Type = Constant;
```

• Examples

```
public static final double
  PI = 3.14159;
public static final String MOTTO =
  "The customer is always right.";
```

By convention, uppercase letters are used for constants.

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