

CS133: Developing Programming Principles

Lecture 11 **Array Introduction,** **Arrays as parameters**

Arrays

- A special kind of object that stores a collection of variables.
- All variables are of the same type.
- The number of entries is fixed when the array is created.
- Individual elements can be accessed and updated.

Using an array

1. Choose a name and “base” type (declaration)
2. Set size of array (allocation of memory)
3. Set values of entries (initialization)

Declaring an array

- Syntax:

**All elements
of this type** **Name of
collection**

↓ ↓

***BaseType*[] Var_Name;**

↑

**Indicates this
is an array**

Allocating memory

- Syntax:

[illegible]

Note: Declaration and allocation can be combined

```
BaseType[ ] ArrayName = new BaseType[ Length ] ;
```

Initializing values

- When array is created, individual values are not initialized.
- Entries should be initialized before being used:

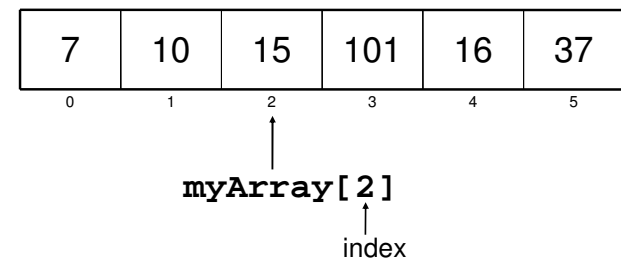
ArrayName[i] = Expression;

0 ≤ i < length Of type BaseType

Example

```
int[] myArray = new int[6];  
myArray[0] = 7;  
myArray[1] = 10;  
myArray[2] = 15;  
myArray[3] = 101;  
myArray[4] = myArray[2] + 1;  
myArray[5] = 37;
```

Example continued



Length of **myArray** is 6.

Accessing arrays

- The first index is 0.
- The last index is length-1.
- Treat `myArray[n]` as a variable of the array's type (the base type).

The length of an array

- We can get the length of an array after it was created.

`MyArray.length`

↑
Name of array

↑
Notice: no brackets

Example of arrays

- Create an array, of size 100, of boolean values, which stores whether or not the integer index is a prime.
- For example:
`prime[4]` should be `false`
`prime[5]` should be `true`

Example continued

1. Declare array
`boolean[] prime;`
 2. Allocate memory
`prime = new boolean[10];`
- Note: valid entries are `prime[0]`, `prime[1]`, ..., `prime[9]`

Looping

```
// Set all entries to false
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    prime[i] = false;
}
// Set primes true
prime[2] = true;
prime[3] = true;
prime[5] = true;
prime[7] = true;
```

Iterating through an array

- General format:

```
for (int i = 0; i < myArray.length; i++)
{
    // code
}
```

Iterating through an array example

- Print out values:

```
for (int j = 0; j < prime.length; j++)
{
    if (prime[j]) {
        System.out.println(j + " is prime.");
    } else {
        System.out.println(j + " is not prime.");
    }
}
```

Passing an array as a parameter

- Declare array in parameter list in “usual way”:
`public ReturnType MethodName(BaseType[] arrayName)`
- *BaseType* can be primitive or class name
- Use array in method in “usual way”

calcPrimeArray

```
// pre: val > 2, pList != null, pList.length >= val
// post: sets pList[val] == true iff val is prime
public void calcPrimeArray(boolean[] pList, int val)
{
    int upperBound = (int)(Math.sqrt(val) + 1);
    int factor = 2;
    pList[val] = true;
    while (factor <= upperBound) && pList[val]) {
        if (pList[factor] && (val % factor == 0)) {
            pList[val] = false;
        }
        factor++;
    }
}
```

Array parameters

```
boolean[] prime = new boolean[100];
// Initialize element to false as before
// Set first few entries manually
prime[0] = false;
prime[1] = false;
prime[2] = true;
// Set rest of entries using help
for (int i = 3; i < prime.length; i++) {
    calcPrime(prime, i);
}
```

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException

- If you specify an index that is larger than (length-1) or less than zero, you get this error.
- Remember: `myArray.length` is **not** a valid index.

Declaring and allocating arrays of objects

```
BaseType[ ] ArrayName =  
    new BaseType[ Length ] ;
```



Class name

- Note: memory allocated for array elements but individual entries are not initialized.

Initializing array entries

```
ArrayName[ i ] = new BaseType( Arguments );
```

↑
 $0 \leq i < \text{length}$

↑
Allocate
memory for
object of type
BaseType

Array of objects example

- Given: `Date(int y, int m, int d)` constructs a Date object with given year, month and day.

- Create an array of birthdays:

```
Date[] birthday = new Date[5];  
birthday[0] = new Date(88, 9, 14);  
birthday[1] = new Date(87, 1, 11);  
birthday[2] = new Date(88, 6, 18);  
birthday[3] = new Date(86, 5, 13);  
birthday[4] = new Date(87, 11, 12);
```

Example: initialize birthday array

```
Date[] birthday = new Date[5];
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
for(int i = 0; i < birthday.length; i++)
{
    int yr = in.nextInt();
    int mon = in.nextInt();
    int day = in.nextInt();
    birthday[i] = new Date(yr, mon, day);
}
```

Example: counting September birthdays

```
int septCount = 0;
for(int i = 0; i < birthday.length; i++)
{
    if (birthday[i].getMonth() == 8)
        septCount++;
}
```

- Where `public int getMonth()` is a method in `Date` that returns a number representing the month.


```
ERROR: undefined
OFFENDING COMMAND:

STACK:
```