Chapter 6: Arrays

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Arrays

> An array is an ordered list of values



Arrays

- Arrays are objects that help us organize large amounts of information
- > Chapter 6 focuses on:
 - array declaration and use
 - passing arrays and array elements as parameters
 - arrays of objects
 - searching an array
 - sorting elements in an array
 - hashing
 - two-dimensional arrays
 - the ArrayList class
 - · polygons, polylines, and more button components

Arrays

- A particular value in an array is referenced using the array name followed by the index in brackets
- > For example, the expression

scores[2]

refers to the value 94 (the 3rd value in the array)

That expression represents a place to store a single integer and can be used wherever an integer variable can be used

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Arrays

For example, an array element can be assigned a value, printed, or used in a calculation: scores[2] = 89;

scores[first] = scores[first] + 2;

mean = (scores[0] + scores[1])/2;

System.out.println ("Top = " + scores[5]);

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Declaring Arrays

> The scores array could be declared as follows:

int[] scores = new int[10];

- > The type of the variable scores is int[] (an array of integers)
- Note that the type of the array does not specify its size, but each object of that type has a specific size
- > The reference variable scores is set to a new array object that can hold 10 integers
- > See BasicArray.java (page 320)

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Arrays

- > The values held in an array are called array elements
- An array stores multiple values of the same type (the element type)
- The element type can be a primitive type or an object reference
- Therefore, we can create an array of integers, or an array of characters, or an array of String objects, etc.
- > In Java, the array itself is an object
- Therefore the name of the array is a object reference variable, and the array itself must be instantiated

Declaring Arrays

> Some examples of array declarations:

double[] prices = new double[500];

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boolean[] flags;
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- flags = new boolean[20];
- char[] codes = new char[1750];

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Bounds Checking

- > Once an array is created, it has a fixed size
- An index used in an array reference must specify a valid element
- > That is, the index value must be in bounds (0 to N-1)
- The Java interpreter throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if an array index is out of bounds
- > This is called *automatic bounds checking*

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Bounds Checking

- Each array object has a public constant called length that stores the size of the array
- > It is referenced using the array name:

scores.length

- Note that length holds the number of elements, not the largest index
- See <u>ReverseOrder.java</u> (page 322)
- > See LetterCount.java (page 324)

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Bounds Checking

- For example, if the array codes can hold 100 values, it can be indexed using only the numbers 0 to 99
- If count has the value 100, then the following reference will cause an exception to be thrown:

System.out.println (codes[count]);

It's common to introduce off-by-one errors when using arrays

problem

for (int index=0; index <= 100; index++)
codes[index] = index*50 + epsilon;</pre>

Initializer Lists

- > An initializer list can be used to instantiate and initialize an array in one step
- The values are delimited by braces and separated by commas
- > Examples:

int[] units = {147, 323, 89, 933, 540, 269, 97, 114, 298, 476};

char[] letterGrades = {'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'F'};

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Initializer Lists

- > Note that when an initializer list is used:
- the new operator is not used
- no size value is specified
- The size of the array is determined by the number of items in the initializer list
- An initializer list can only be used only in the array declaration
- > See Primes.java (page 328)

Arrays of Objects

- > The elements of an array can be object references
- > The following declaration reserves space to store 25 references to string objects

String[] words = new String[25];

- > It does NOT create the string objects themselves
- Each object stored in an array must be instantiated separately
- > See GradeRange. java (page 330)

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Arrays as Parameters

- An entire array can be passed as a parameter to a method
- Like any other object, the reference to the array is passed, making the formal and actual parameters aliases of each other
- Changing an array element within the method changes the original
- An array element can be passed to a method as well, and follows the parameter passing rules of that element's type

Command-Line Arguments

- > The signature of the main method indicates that it takes an array of String objects as a parameter
- > These values come from command-line arguments that are provided when the interpreter is invoked
- For example, the following invocation of the interpreter passes an array of three string objects into main:
 - > java StateEval pennsylvania texas arizona
- These strings are stored at indexes 0-2 of the parameter
- > See <u>NameTag.java</u> (page 332)

Arrays of Objects

- > Objects can have arrays as instance variables
- Many useful structures can be created with arrays and objects
- The software designer must determine carefully an organization of data and objects that makes sense for the situation
- See <u>Tunes.java</u> (page 333)
- > See <u>CDCollection.java</u> (page 335)
- See <u>CD. java</u> (page 337)

Searching

- > A binary search is more efficient than a linear search but it can only be performed on an ordered list
- > A binary search examines the middle element and moves left if the desired element is less than the middle, and right if the desired element is greater
- This process repeats until the desired element is found



> See Searches.java (page 340)

Searching

- A common task when working with arrays is to search an array for a particular element
- A linear or sequential search examines each element of the array in turn until the desired element is found



Sorting

- Sorting is the process of arranging a list of items in a particular order
- > The sorting process is based on specific value(s)
 - sorting a list of test scores in ascending numeric order
 - sorting a list of people alphabetically by last name
- > There are many algorithms for sorting a list of items
- > These algorithms vary in efficiency
- > We will examine two specific algorithms:
 - Selection Sort
 - Insertion Sort

Selection Sort

> The approach of Selection Sort:

- select a value and put it in its final place into the list
- repeat for all other values

> In more detail:

- find the smallest value in the list
- switch it with the value in the first position
- find the next smallest value in the list
- switch it with the value in the second position
- repeat until all values are in their proper places

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Swapping

- > Swapping is the process of exchanging two values
- > Swapping requires three assignment statements

temp = first; first = second; second = temp;

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Selection Sort

≻ An example:			
original:			2
smallest is 1:			2
smallest is 2:			9
smallest is 3:			9
smallest is 6:			9

- > See <u>SortGrades.java</u> (page 345)
- > See <u>Sorts.java</u> (page 346) -- the selectionSort method

Insertion Sort

- > The approach of Insertion Sort:
 - pick any item and insert it into its proper place in a sorted sublist
 - repeat until all items have been inserted
- > In more detail:
 - consider the first item to be a sorted sublist (of one item)
 - insert the second item into the sorted sublist, shifting the first item as needed to make room to insert the new addition
 - insert the third item into the sorted sublist (of two items), shifting items as necessary
 - repeat until all values are inserted into their proper positions

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Insertion Sort

An example:							
original:							
insert 9:							
insert 6:							
insert 1:							
insert 2:							
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Comparing Sorts

- Time efficiency refers to how long it takes an algorithm to run
- Space efficiency refers to the amount of space an algorithm uses
- Algorithms are compared to each other by expressing their efficiency in *big-oh notation*
- An efficiency of O(n) is better than O(n²), where n refers to the size of the input
- Time efficiency O(2ⁿ) means that as the size of the input increases, the running time increases exponentially

Sorting Objects

- Integers have an inherent order, but the ordering criteria of a collection of objects must be defined
- Recall that a Java interface can be used as a type name and guarantees that a particular class implements particular methods
- We can use the Comparable interface and the compareTo method to develop a generic sort for a set of objects
- See SortPhoneList.java (page 349)
- > See <u>Contact.java</u> (page 350)
- See <u>Sorts.java</u> (page 346) the second insertionSort method

Comparing Sorts

- > Both Selection and Insertion sorts are similar in efficiency
- They both have outer loops that scan all elements, and inner loops that compare the value of the outer loop with almost all values in the list
- Approximately n² number of comparisons are made to sort a list of size n
- We therefore say that these sorts have efficiency O(n²), or are of order n²
- Other sorts are more efficient: O(n log₂ n)

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Hashing

- Hashing is a technique used to efficiently store and retrieve data in an array
- > An array used for hashing is called a hash table
- A hash function calculates a hash code for each data item.
- The hash code is used as an index into the array, telling where the data item should be stored
- Example: hash function f(n) = n % 7
 - Element 18 would be stored in array cell 18 % 7 or 4

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Two-Dimensional Arrays

- To be precise, a two-dimensional array in Java is an array of arrays
- A two-dimensional array is declared by specifying the size of each dimension separately:

int[][] scores = new int[12][50];

A two-dimensional array element is referenced using two index values

value = scores[3][6]

The array stored in one row or column can be specified using one index

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Two-Dimensional Arrays

- > A one-dimensional array stores a list of elements
- A two-dimensional array can be thought of as a table of elements, with rows and columns



Two-Dimensional Arrays

Expression	Туре	Description
scores	int[][]	2D array of integers, or array of integer arrays
scores[5]	int[]	array of integers
scores[5][12]	int	integer

- > See <u>TwoDArray. java</u> (page 356)
- > See SodaSurvey. java (page 357)

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The ArrayList Class

- > The ArrayList class is part of the java.util package
- Like an array, it can store a list of values and reference them with an index
- > Unlike an array, an ArrayList object grows and shrinks as needed
- Items can be inserted or removed with a single method invocation
- It stores references to the Object class, which allows it to store any kind of object
- > See DestinysChild.java (page 360)

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ArrayList Efficiency

- > The ArrayList class is implemented using an array
- The code of the ArrayList class automatically expands the array's capacity to accommodate additional elements
- The array is manipulated so that indexes remain continuous as elements are added or removed
- If elements are added to and removed from the end of the list, this processing is fairly efficient
- If elements are inserted and removed from the middle of the list, the elements are constantly being shifted around

Specifying an ArrayList Element Type

- ArrayList is a generic type, which allows us to specify the type of data each ArrayList should hold
- For example, ArrayList<Family> holds Family objects
- > See Recipe. java (page 362)

Polygons and Polylines

- > Arrays often are helpful in graphics processing
- Polygons and polylines are shapes that can be defined by values stored in arrays
- A polyline is similar to a polygon except that its endpoints do not meet, and it cannot be filled
- > See <u>Rocket.java</u> (page 365)

The Rocket Program



Check Boxes

- > A check box is a button that can be toggled on or off
- > A check box is represented by the JCheckBox class
- > A change of state generates an *item event*
- > The ItemListener interface corresponds to item
 events
- The itemStateChanged method of the listener responds when a check box changes state

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The Polygon Class

- > The Polygon class, defined in the java.awt package can be used to define and draw a polygon
- > Two versions of the overloaded drawPolygon and fillPolygon methods each take a single Polygon object as a parameter
- A Polygon object encapsulates the coordinates of the polygon

The StyleOptions Program

- A frame is a container that can be used to create stand-alone GUI applications
- > A frame is represented by the JFrame class
- > A Font object represents by the font's:
 - family name (such as Times or Courier)
 - style (bold, italic, or both)
 - font size
- > See StyleOptions.java (page 369)
- > See StyleGUI.java (page 370)



The QuoteOptions Program	
Quote Options	
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Radio Buttons

- A set of radio buttons represents a set of mutually exclusive options
- When a radio button from a group is selected, the other button currently "on" in the group is toggled off
- > A radio button generates an action event
- > See <u>QuoteOptions.java</u> (page 372)
- See <u>QuoteGUI.java</u> (page 374)

Summary

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