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One-Dimensional Arrays

- In an array, all data items (known as *elements*) must have the same type.
- An array can be visualized as a series of boxes, each capable of holding a single value belonging to this type:



• An array whose elements are arranged in a linear fashion is said to be *one-dimensional*.



Creating Arrays

- An array declaration contains [], element can be of any type, e.g., objects:
 int[] a; or int a[];
 String[] b; or String b[];
- Declaring an array variable doesn't allocate space for the array's elements. One way to allocate this space is to use new keyword: a = new int[10];
- Be careful not to access the elements of an array before the array has been allocated. Doing so will cause a **NullPointerException** to occur.



Creating Arrays

• Allocate space when the array is declared:

```
int[] a = new int[10];
int n = 10;
int[] a = new int[n];
```

• An array can be **initialized** at the time it's declared:

int[] $a = \{3, 0, 3, 4, 5\};$

- The word new isn't used if an initializer is present.

- When an array is created using new, the elements of the array are given default values:
 - Numbers are set to zero.
 - boolean elements are set to false.
 - Array and object elements are set to null.



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Visualizing Arrays

- Each array element has an *index*, or *subscript*, that specifies its position within the array.
 - only the numbers between 0 and n 1 are valid indexes.

$$-n=9$$
 $0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9$

- a[i] represents the *i*th element in array a.
- An array subscript can be any expression, provided that it evaluates to an int value.
 a[0], a[i], a[2*i-1]



Array Subscripting

- Access a nonexistent array element causes an error named ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.
- An array element behaves just like a variable of the element's type:

a[i] = 10; System.out.println(a[i]);

- If the elements of an array are objects, they can call instance methods.
 - if the array b contains String objects, the call b[i].length() would return the length of the string stored in b[i].



Processing the Elements in an Array

- The number of elements in an array a is given by the expression a.length.
- A loop that adds up the elements in the array a, leaving the result in the sum variable:

```
int sum = 0;
int i = 0;
while (i < a.length) {
    sum += a[i];
    i++;
}
```

Exercise: Write a Program

 The MaxScores program generates n=10 random scores in 0 – 100, computes the average and finds the max score. Output the average and max scores. of a series of scores entered by the user:

- Try 1: ask the users to type in n and the scores from the keyboard
- Try2: check the validity of user's type and repeat until legal input is obtained.



General Form of the for Statement

• Form of the for statement:

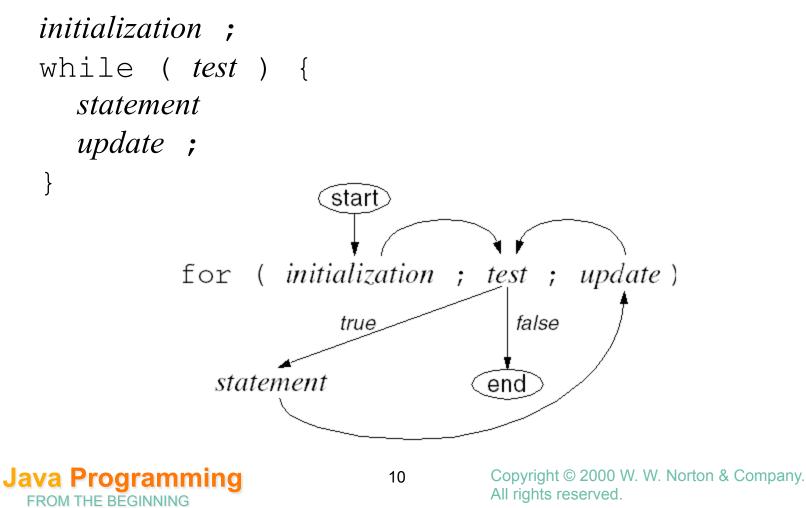
for (initialization ; test ; update)
 statement

- *Initialization* is an initialization step that's performed once, before the loop begins to execute.
- *Test* controls loop termination (the loop continues executing as long as *test* is true).
- *Update* is an operation to be performed at the end of each loop iteration.



for Statements Versus while Statements

is equivalent to the following while loop:



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• A for statement:

• An equivalent while statement:

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• uses --i instead of i--

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for Statement Idioms

• Typical ways to write a for statement

Counting up from 0 to n-1: for (i = 0; i < n; i++) ... Counting up from 1 to n: for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) ... Counting down from n-1 to 0: for (i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) ... Counting down from n to 1: for (i = n; i >= 1; i--) ...

- *initialization, test,* and *update* parts need not be related.
- The three parts that control a for loop are optional—any or all can be omitted.
 - When both *initialization* and *update* are omitted, same as while loop
 - If the *test* part is missing, it defaults to true, so the for statement doesn't terminate, for (;;)

- The break cause the loop to terminate.

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Declaring Control Variables

• For convenience, the *initialization* part of a for statement may declare a variable:

for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)

- A variable declared in this way can't be accessed outside the loop. (The variable isn' t visible outside the loop.)
- It's illegal for the enclosing method to declare a variable with the same name. It is legal for two for statements to declare the same variable, however. Java Programming Copyright © 2000 W. W. Norton & Company. 13

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Declaring Control Variables

- Having a for statement declare its own control variable is usually a good idea. It's convenient, and it can make programs easier to understand.
- More than one variable can be declared in initialization, provided that all variables have the same type:

for (int i = 0, j = 0; i < n; i++)



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Commas in **for** Statements

• In a for statement, both *initialization* and *update* are allowed to contain commas:

for (i = 0, j = 0; i < n; i++, j += i)

- Any number of expressions are allowed within *initialization* and *update*, provided that each can stand alone as a statement.
- When expressions are joined using commas, the expressions are evaluated from left to right.
- Using commas in a for statement is useful primarily when a loop has two or more counters.

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Searching for a Particular Element

• One common array operation is searching an array to see if it contains a particular value:

```
int i;
for (i = 0; i < scores.length; i++)
  if (scores[i] == 100)
     break;
```

• An if statement can be used to determine whether or not the desired value was found:

```
if (i < scores.length)
   System.out.println("Found 100 at position " + i);
else</pre>
```

System.out.println("Did not find 100");

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Processing Array Counting Occurrences

• Counting number occurrences

```
int count = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++)
if (scores[i] == 100)
count++;
```

• Finding the largest (or smallest element)

```
int smallest = scores[0];
for (int i = 1; i < scores.length; i++)
  if (scores[i] < smallest)
    smallest = scores[i];</pre>
```



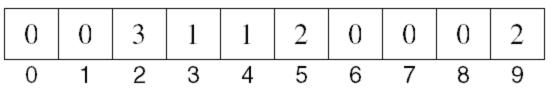
Exercise: Write a Program

- The RepeatedDigits program will determine which digits in a number appear more than once
- The program will examine number's digits one at a time, incrementing one of the elements of digitCounts each time, using the statement

digitCounts[number%10]++;

• If number is originally 392522459, the digitCounts array will have the following appearance:

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• Try 1: use Scanner

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• Try2: how to count repeated number in a string

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RepeatedDigits.java

```
// Checks a number for repeated digits
import jpb.*;
public class RepeatedDigits {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Prompt user to enter a number and convert to int
  form
    SimpleIO.prompt("Enter a number: ");
    String userInput = SimpleIO.readLine().trim();
    int number = Integer.parseInt(userInput);
    // Create an array to store digit counts
    int[] digitCounts = new int[10];
    // Remove digits from the number, one by one, and
    // increment the corresponding array element
    while (number > 0) {
      digitCounts[number%10]++;
      number /= 10;
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```

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```
// Create a string containing all repeated digits
String repeatedDigits = "";
for (int i = 0; i < digitCounts.length; i++)
    if (digitCounts[i] > 1)
        repeatedDigits += i + " ";
```

```
System.out.println("No repeated digits");
```



}

Using Arrays as Vectors

- A for statement scaling: αA = [αa₁ αa₂ ... αa_n] double[] a = new double[n]; for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) a[i] *= alpha;
- The *inner product*, or *dot product*, of **A** and **B** is defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \ldots + a_n b_n$$

 A loop that calculates the inner product double innerProduct = 0.0; for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) innerProduct += a[i] * b[i];
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 A loop that calculates the inner product a loop; from the beginning

Parallel Arrays

- The first technique for storing a database is to use *parallel* arrays, one for each field.
- For example, the records in a phone directory would be stored in three arrays:

0	AARON Robin B	0	4011 Stone Mountain St	0	384-7110
1	ABBOTT C Michael	1	981 Glen Arden Way	1	776-5188
2	ABEL A B	2	343 Lakeshore Ct	2	871-7406
3	ABERCROMBIE Bill	3	5810 Lismoor Tr	3	844-9400
4	ABERNATHY C	4	2120 Martin Rd	4	779-7559
5	ABRAHAM Gary	5	585 Chandler Pond Dr	5	582-6630
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Parallel Arrays

int[] xCoordinates = new int[100]; int[] yCoordinates = new int[100];

- The values of xCoordinates [i] and yCoordinates [i] represent a single point.
- Parallel arrays can be useful. However, they suffer from two problems:
 - It's better to deal with one data structure rather than several.
 - Maintenance is more difficult. Changing the length of one parallel array requires changing the lengths of the others as well.



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Arrays of Objects

- The alternative to parallel arrays is to treat each record as an object, then store those objects in an array.
- A PhoneRecord object could store a name, address, and phone number.
- A Point object could contain instance variables named x and y. (The Java API has such a class.)
- An array of Point objects:
 Point[] points = new Point[100];



- Consider the problem of keeping track of the accounts in a bank, where each account has an account number (a String object) and a balance (a double value).
- One way to store the database would be to use two parallel arrays:

String[] accountNumbers = new String[100]; double[] accountBalances = new double[100];

• A third variable would keep track of how many accounts are currently stored in the database:

int numAccounts = 0;

• Statements that add a new account to the database:

accountNumbers[numAccounts] = newAccountNumber; accountBalances[numAccounts] = newBalance; numAccounts++;

• numAccounts serves two roles. It keeps track of the number of accounts, but it also indicates the next available "empty" position in the two arrays.



- Another way to store the bank database would be to use a single array whose elements are BankAccount objects.
- The BankAccount class will have two instance variables (the account number and the balance).
- BankAccount constructors and methods: public BankAccount(String accountNumber, double initialBalance) public void deposit(double amount)

```
public void withdraw (double amount)
```

```
public String getNumber()
```

```
public double getBalance()
```

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• BankAccount objects will be stored in the accounts array:

BankAccount[] accounts = new BankAccount[100];

- numAccounts will track the number of accounts currently stored in the array.
- Fundamental operations on a database:
 - Adding a new record
 - Deleting a record
 - Locating a record
 - Modifying a record



Adding a Record to a Database

• Adding a record to a database is done by creating a new object and storing it in the array at the next available position:

accounts[numAccounts] =
 new BankAccount(number, balance);
numAccounts++;

• The two statements can be combined:

accounts[numAccounts++] =
 new BankAccount(number, balance);

• In some cases, the records in a database will need to be stored in a particular order.

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Removing a Record from a Database

- When a record is removed from a database, it leaves a "hole"—an element that doesn't contain a record.
- The hole can be filled by moving the last record there and decrementing numAccounts:
 accounts[i] = accounts[numAccounts-1]; numAccounts--;
- These statements can be combined:
 accounts[i] = accounts[--numAccounts];
- This technique works even when the database contains only one record.



Searching a Database

- Searching a database usually involves looking for a record that matches a certain "key" value.
- Statements that search the accounts array for a record containing a particular account number:

```
int i;
for (i = 0; i < numAccounts; i++)
  if (accounts[i].getNumber().equals(number))
     break;
```

• Once the loop has terminated, the next step is to test whether i is less than numAccounts. If so, the value of i indicates the position of the record.



Modifying a Record in a Database

- A record can be updated by calling a method that changes the object's state.
- A statement that deposits money into the account located at position i in the accounts array: accounts[i].deposit(amount);
- It's sometimes more convenient to assign an array element to a variable, and then use the variable when performing the update:

BankAccount currentAccount = accounts[i]; currentAccount.deposit(amount);



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Arrays as Objects

- Like objects, arrays are created using the new keyword.
- Arrays really *are* objects, and array variables have the same properties as object variables.
- An object variable doesn't actually store an object. Instead, it stores a *reference* to an object. Array variables work the same way.



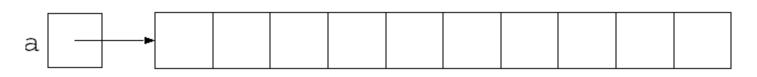
Properties of Object Variables

- Object variables have the following properties:
 - When an object variable is declared, it's not necessary for the variable to refer to an object immediately.
 - The value of an object variable can be changed as often as desired.
 - Several object variables can refer to the same object.
 - When no variable refers to an object, it becomes eligible for garbage collection.
 - Assigning one object variable to another causes only a reference to be copied; no new object is created.
 - Testing whether two object variables are equal or not equal compares the references stored in the variables.



How Arrays are Stored

- An array variable contains a reference to where the array's elements are stored.
- Storage for an array named a containing 10 integers:



• Arrays are "garbage collected" in the same way as other objects. When there are no more references to an array, the space occupied by the array can be reclaimed automatically.



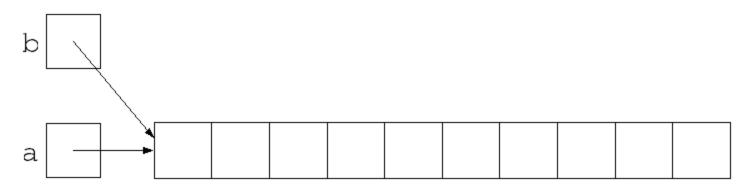
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Copying Arrays

• If a and b are array variables of the same type, it's legal to write

b = a;

• The effect is that b now contains a reference to the same array as a:





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Copying Arrays

- The assignment operator doesn't make a true copy of an array. To make a genuine copy, there are two strategies:
 - Create a new array of the same length as the old one and copy the elements from the old array to the new one.
 - Use the clone method.
- Testing whether two array variables are equal (or not equal) is legal. However, this only checks whether the two variables refer to the same array.
- Checking whether two arrays contain identical elements requires writing a loop.



- Although arrays have fixed sizes, it's possible to resize an array if it becomes full. The trick is to create an entirely new array to replace the old one.
- Resizing an array takes three steps:
 - 1. Create a new array that's larger than the old one.
 - 2. Copy the elements of the old array into the new array.
 - 3. Assign the new array to the old array variable.



• Code that doubles the size of the accounts array:

```
BankAccount[] tempArray =
   new BankAccount[accounts.length*2];
for (int i = 0; i < accounts.length; i++)
   tempArray[i] = accounts[i];
accounts = tempArray;</pre>
```

• Doubling the size of an array provides plenty of space for new elements, yet guarantees that there won't be too much unused space.



- When an array is resized, the old array can be reclaimed by the garbage collector.
- Copying elements from the old array to the new usually doesn't take that long. If the elements are objects, only references to the objects are copied, not the objects themselves.
- For additional speed, Java provides a method named System.arraycopy that can be used to copy elements from one array to another.



• A call of System.arraycopy that copies the elements of accounts into tempArray, starting from position 0 in both arrays:

```
System.arraycopy(accounts, 0, tempArray,
```

0, accounts.length);

The last argument is the number of elements to be copied.

• Instances of Java's Vector class behave like arrays that automatically grow when they become full.



Exercise: Write a Program

- In Test2-Studyguide, finish the NFLTeam3 and NFLGameDay3 programs
- Add an array to hold player names into class NFLTeam3
- Add a method addAplayer(String name) into class NFLTeam3
- Add at least 2 players to each team in NFLGameDay3

• Try 1: add a method deleteAplayer (String name) into class NFLTeam3 and test it.



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