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UNIT – II INTRODUCTION TO JAVA

Topic: BASICS OF JAVA PROGRAMMING-ARRAYS IN JAVA





Java Arrays

- Arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable, instead of declaring separate variables for each value.
- To declare an array, define the variable type with square brackets:

String[] cars;

• We have now declared a variable that holds an array of strings. To insert values to it, you can place the values in a commaseparated list, inside curly braces:

• To create an array of integers, you could write:





Access the Elements of an Array

- You can access an array element by referring to the index number.
- This statement accesses the value of the first element in cars:
- Example:

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
    System.out.println(cars[0]);
  }
}
```

- Output: Volvo
- Note: Array indexes start with 0: [0] is the first element. [1] is the second element, etc.





Change an Array Element

- To change the value of a specific element, refer to the index number:
- Example:

```
cars[0] = "Opel";

public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
    cars[0] = "Opel";
    System.out.println(cars[0]);
  }
}
```

Output: Opel





Array Length

- To find out how many elements an array has, use the length property:
- Example

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
    System.out.println(cars.length);
  }
}
```



Java Arrays Loop



Loop Through an Array

- You can loop through the array elements with the for loop, and use the length property to specify how many times the loop should run.
- The following example outputs all elements in the cars array:
- Example

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
  for (int i = 0; i < cars.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(cars[i]);
    }
  }
}</pre>
```

Output:

Volvo BMW Ford Mazda



Java Arrays Loop



Loop Through an Array with For-Each

- There is also a "for-each" loop, which is used exclusively to loop through elements in arrays:
- Syntax

```
for (type variable : arrayname)
{
   ...
}
```



Java Arrays Loop



Loop Through an Array with For-Each

- The following example outputs all elements in the cars array, using a "for-each" loop:
- Example

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
  for (String i : cars) {
    System.out.println(i);
  }
}
```

Output:

Volvo BMW Ford

Mazda

- The example above can be read like this: for each String element (called i as in index) in cars, print out the value of i.
- If you compare the for loop and for-each loop, you will see that the for-each method is easier to write, it does not require a counter (using the length property), and it is more readable.





Multidimensional Arrays

- A multidimensional array is an array of arrays.
- Multidimensional arrays are useful when you want to store data as a tabular form, like a table with rows and columns.
- To create a two-dimensional array, add each array within its own set of curly braces:
- Example:

myNumbers is now an array with two arrays as its elements.





Access Elements

- To access the elements of the myNumbers array, specify two indexes: one for the array, and one for the element inside that array.
- This example accesses the third element (2) in the second array (1) of myNumbers:

Example:

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[][] myNumbers = { {1, 2, 3, 4}, {5, 6, 7} };
    System.out.println(myNumbers[1][2]);
  }
}
```

• Remember that: Array indexes start with 0: [0] is the first element. [1] is the second element, etc.





Change Element Values

- You can also change the value of an element:
- Example:

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[][] myNumbers = { {1, 2, 3, 4}, {5, 6, 7} };
    myNumbers[1][2] = 9;
    System.out.println(myNumbers[1][2]); // Outputs 9 instead of 7
  }
}
```





Loop Through a Multi-Dimensional Array

- You can also use a for loop inside another for loop to get the elements of a two-dimensional array (we still have to point to the two indexes):
- Example:

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[][] myNumbers = { {1, 2, 3, 4}, {5, 6, 7} };
    for (int i = 0; i < myNumbers.length; ++i) {
       for(int j = 0; j < myNumbers[i].length; ++j) {
            System.out.println(myNumbers[i][j]);
            }
        }
    }
}</pre>
```





Loop Through a Multi-Dimensional Array

- You could just use a for-each loop, which is considered easier to read and write:
- Example:

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[][] myNumbers = { {1, 2, 3, 4}, {5, 6, 7} };
  for (int[] row : myNumbers) {
    for (int i : row) {
       System.out.println(i);
     }
    }
}
```





