

Arrays

- Arrays allow data and objects to be grouped together in fixed size collections
 - Multiple elements of data of the same type
 - Index individual elements by their position
 - Perform same operation(s) on each of the elements of the collection



Arrays ...

- Arrays of primitives vs. arrays of objects
 - Array elements of primitives are values
 - initial value is "zero"
 - Array elements of objects are references
 - initial reference is `null`



Arrays ...

- Declaring Arrays:
 - `int[] intArray;`
 - `int intArray[];`
 - `String[] stringArray;`
 - `String stringArray[];`



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- Creating Arrays:
 - `intArray = new int[10];`
 - `stringArray = new String[10];`



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- Initializing Arrays:
 - `intArray[0] = 3;`
 - `intArray[1] = 7;`
 - `intArray[2] = 1;`
 - `intArray[3] = 9;`
 - `...`
 - `intArray[8] = 2;`
 - `intArray[9] = 7;`



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- The number of elements in an array:

```
- public int length;
```

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- Indexing/initializing array elements:

```
int[] a = new int[10];
for (int i = 0; i < a.length; ++i) {
    a[i] = i;
}
int[] b = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};

StringBuffer[] c = new StringBuffer[4];
for (int i = 0; i < c.length; ++i) {
    c[i] = new StringBuffer(String.valueOf(i));
}
StringBuffer[] d = {new StringBuffer("0"),
    new StringBuffer("1"),
    new StringBuffer("2"),
    new StringBuffer("3")};
```



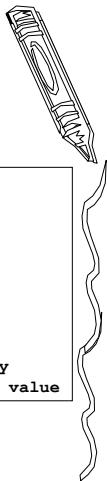
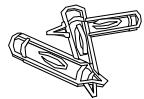
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- Finding the maximum value in an array:

```
int[] numbers = new int[SIZE];
int max = numbers[0];
int maxIndex = 0;
for(int i = 1; i < numbers.length; ++i) {
    if(numbers[i] > max) {
        max = numbers[i];
        maxIndex = i;
    }
}
// max contains the maximum value in the array
// maxIndex contains the index of the maximum value
```

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- Let's look at arrays in DrJava



Arrays as parameters

- Passing an array as an argument to a method:

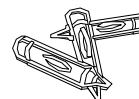
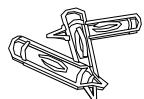
```
public void setAllAmounts(int[] amount) {
    for(int i = 0; i < rainfall.length; ++i)
        rainfall[i] = amount[i];
}

public void otherCode() {
    int[] myArray;
    myArray = {2, 5, 3, 0};
    setAllAmounts(myArray);
}
```

Arrays as parameters ...

- Returning an array as the result from a method:

```
public int[] compareToAverage() {
    int[] result = new int[rainfall.length];
    double average = getAverage();
    for (int i = 0; i < rainfall.length; ++i) {
        result[i] = (rainfall[i] == average) ? 0 :
            (rainfall[i] < average) ? -1 : 1;
    }
    return result;
}
```



Array indices

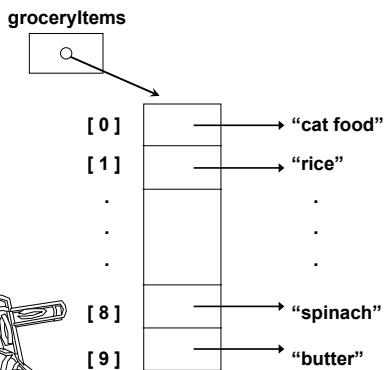
- Array index can be an integral expression of type **char**, **short**, **byte**, or **int**.
- It is programmer's responsibility to make sure that an array index does not go out of bounds. The index must be within the range 0 through the array's length minus 1.
- Using an index value outside this range throws an **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException**. Prevent this error by using the public instance method **length**.

Arrays of objects

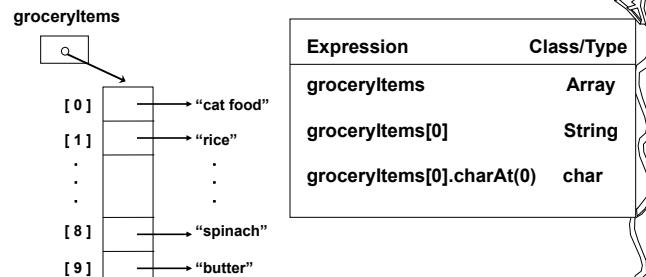
- The elements of an array can be object references.
- The following declaration and initialization:
`Integer[] items = new Integer[10];`
 does not create the **Integer** objects
 • it merely creates the reference
- Each object in the referenced array must be instantiated separately:

```
for(int i = 0; i < items.length; ++i) {
    items[i] = new Integer(i);
}
```

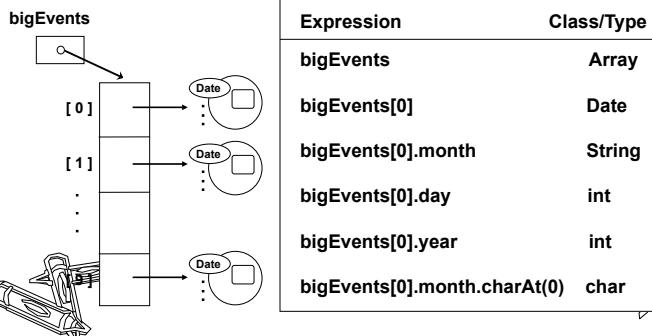
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String[] groceryItems = new String[10];
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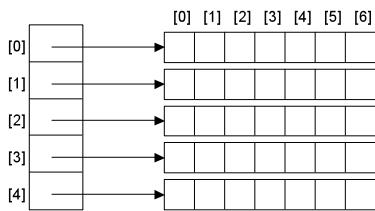
```
Date[] bigEvents = new Date[10];
```



Multi-Dimensional Arrays

- Java does not support multi-dimensional arrays, but rather supports arrays of objects and since an array is an object it supports arrays of arrays

Multi-Dimensional Arrays ...



Multi-Dimensional Arrays ...

- Declaring and initializing a two-dimensional array (method #1):

```
final int numRows = 5, numCols = 7;
int[][] matrix = new int[numRows][numCols];
for (int i = 0; i < numRows; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < numCols; ++j) {
        matrix[i][j] = i*numCols + j;
    }
}
```

Multi-Dimensional Arrays ...

- Declaring and initializing a two-dimensional array (method #2):

```
final int numRows = 5, numCols = 7;
int[][] matrix = new int[numRows][];
for (int i = 0; i < numRows; ++i) {
    matrix[i] = new int[numCols];
    for (int j = 0; j < numCols; ++j) {
        matrix[i][j] = i*numCols + j;
    }
}
```

