## IT101

Java Arrays (refresher)

## Arrays

- Java array is a container object that holds a fixed number of values of a single type. The length of an array is established when the array is created. After creation, its length is fixed.
- You have learned about arrays already in the first semester (remember JavaScript?). This class discusses Java arrays in greater detail.
- When you use "new" to create an array, Java reserves space in memory for it (and initializes the values). This process is called memory allocation.

// Array initialization
String[] suit = \{ "Clubs", "Diamonds", "Hearts", "Spades" \};
String[] rank = \{ "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10",
"Jack", "Queen", "King", "Ace"
\}
// Array initialization
String suit [] = new String [4]; String rank [] = new String [13]; suit[0] = "Clubs"; suit[1] = "Diamonds"; // etc.
- What differences do you see between Java and JavaScript arrays?


## Two-Dimensional Arrays

- In many applications, a natural way to organize information is to use a table of numbers organized in a rectangle and to refer to rows and columns in the table. The mathematical abstraction corresponding to such tables is a matrix; the corresponding Java construct is a two-dimensional array.
- To refer to the element in row $i$ and column $j$ of a twodimensional array a[[][, we use the notation a[i][]]; to declare a two-dimensional array, we add another pair of brackets; to create the array, we specify the number of rows followed by the number of columns after the type name (both within brackets), as follows:
double[][] a = new double[10][3];
- We refer to such an array as an M-by-N array. By convention, the first dimension is the number of rows and the second dimension is the number of columns. As with one-dimensional arrays, Java initializes all entries in arrays of numbers to 0 and in arrays of booleans to false.
- Multidimensional arrays: The same notation extends to arrays that have any number of dimensions. For instance, we can declare and initialize a three-dimensional array with the code
- double[][][] a = new double[M][N][N];


Anatomy of a two-dimensional array
// To access each of the elements in a two-dimensional array
// we need nested loops.
int[][] a = new int[10][3];
for (int $i=0 ; i<a . l e n g t h ; ~ i++)\{$
for (int $\mathrm{j}=0 ; \mathrm{j}<\mathrm{a}[\mathrm{i}]$.length; $\mathrm{j}++$ ) $\{$
$a[i][j]=(i+j) * 10 ;$
System.out.println("Current value " $+a[i][j]$ );
\}
\}

## Example

```
package cards;
mport java.util.Scanner;
public class Cards {
    public final int CARDS_PER_PLAYER = 5;
    public final String[] SUIT = { "Clubs", "Diamonds", "Hearts", "Spades" };
    public final String[] RANK = { "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", "Jack", "Queen", "King", "Ace" };
    public final int SUITS = SUIT.length;
    public final int RANKS = RANK.length
    public final int CARDS = SUITS * RANKS
    public final int CARD
    private String[] deck;
    // constructor
    public Cards(String[] players) {
    PLAYERS = players
    if (CARDS_PER_PLAYER * PLAYERS.length > CARDS) {
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    }
    // initialize the deck
    deck = new String[CARDS]
    for (int i = 0; i < RANKS; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < SUITS; j++) {
            deck[SUITS*i + j] = RANK[i] + " of " + SUIT[j]
        }
    }
public void shuffle () {
    for (int i = 0; i < CARDS; i++) {
        int r = i + (int) (Math.random() * (CARDS-i));
        String t = deck[r];
        deck[r] = deck[i];
        deck[i] = t;
    }
}
public void hand() {
    for (int i = 0, n = 0; i < PLAYERS.length * CARDS_PER_PLAYER; i++) {
        if (i % CARDS_PER_PLAYER == 0) {
            System.out.println(PLAYERS[n]);
            n++;
        }
        System.out.println(deck[i])
    }
}
// main method
public static void main(String[] args) {
    String [] p = {"John", "Tom", "Jerry"};
    Cards c = new Cards(p)
    c.shuffle();
    c.hand();
}
```


## Lab / Homework

- Read the code of the Card game and explain what it does.
- Implement and run the game as shown in the code.
- Modify the game such that instead of the number of players it asks for their names, and then prints out the cards for each player. Hints (not instructions):
- The PLAYERS variable should become a String array, not int
- Use the String.split method to convert Scanner input into a String array

Cards c = new Cards(input.nextLine().split(" "));

- Make the necessary changes in the hand() method.

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Welcome to the SchoolNova poker club!
Please enter the names of players: Isai Alex Marina
Isai
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Jack of Spades
Queen of Diamonds
10 of Clubs
King of Diamonds
Queen of Hearts
Alex
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6 \text { of Hearts}
5 of Spades
4 of Clubs
4 of Diamonds
Marina
7 of Hearts
Queen of Clubs
10 of Spades
4 of Spades
2 of Diamonds
```

