



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][j]; 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];

	a[1][2]		
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	94	32	11	
	99	34	22	
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	92	66	89	
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// 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.length; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < a[i].length; j++) {
 a[i][j] = (i+j) * 10;
 System.out.println("Current value " + a[i][j]);
 }
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Example

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package cards;
import 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:
  private String[] deck;
  private String[] PLAYERS;
  // constructor
  public Cards(String[] players) {
    PLAYERS = players;
    if (CARDS PER PLAYER * PLAYERS.length > CARDS) {
       throw new RuntimeException("Too many players");
    // 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. Welcome to the SchoolNova poker club! Please enter the names of players: Isai Alex Marina

Isai

Jack of Spades Queen of Diamonds 10 of Clubs King of Diamonds Queen of Hearts

Alex

6 of Spades 6 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