



Java™ Arrays and Lists

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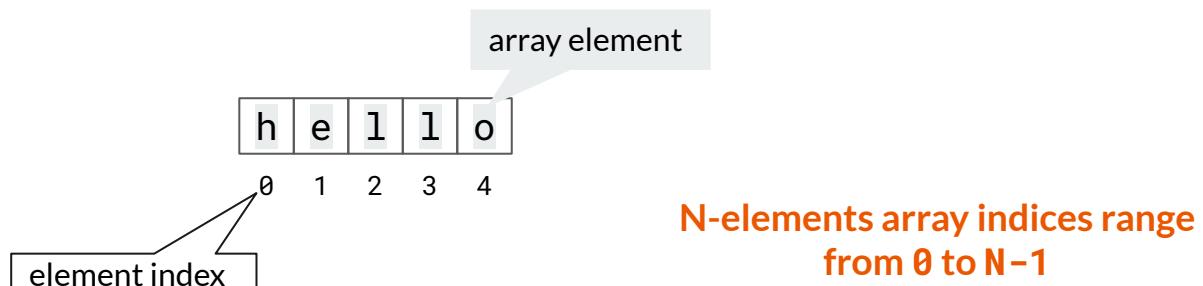
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Java Arrays

Array data structure

- a data structure to store a fixed number of elements of the same type
- elements are accessed by their relative position (*random access*) - each element is independent of others



Java arrays

```
array name  
array size  
elements type  
MyType myArray[] = new MyType[size];  
  
MyType myArray[];  
myArray = new MyType[size];
```

On creation arrays of *primitive* types are filled with **default values**:

```
boolean status[];  
status = new boolean[2];
```

false	false
0	1

```
status[0] = true;
```

true	false
0	1

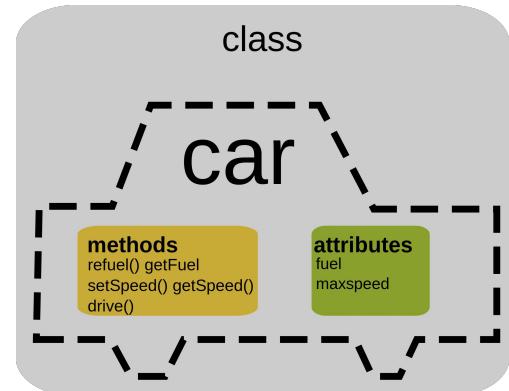
Creating Java arrays

Arrays of primitive types

```
int nums[] = new int[2];  
  
nums[0] = 23;  
nums[1] = 9;  
  
int nums[] = {23, 9};
```

Arrays of objects

```
Car parking[] = new Car[20];  
  
parking[0] = new Car();  
parking[0].setSpeed(0);  
  
Car truck = new Car();  
truck.fuel = 20;  
parking[1] = truck;
```



Multi-dimensional arrays

Multidimensional arrays are **arrays of arrays** with each element of the array holding the reference of other array

```
MyType matrix[][] = new MyType[s1]..[sN];
```

number of dimensions

each dimension sizes

Examples: spreadsheets, games (like sudoku), timetables, images

```
int matrix[][] = new int[2][3];
```

	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0

```
matrix[0][0] = 4;  
matrix[1][2] = 3;
```

	0	1	2
0	4	0	0
1	0	0	3



java.util.Arrays (Java SE 9)

Reference Javadoc: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/9/docs/api/java/util/Arrays.html>

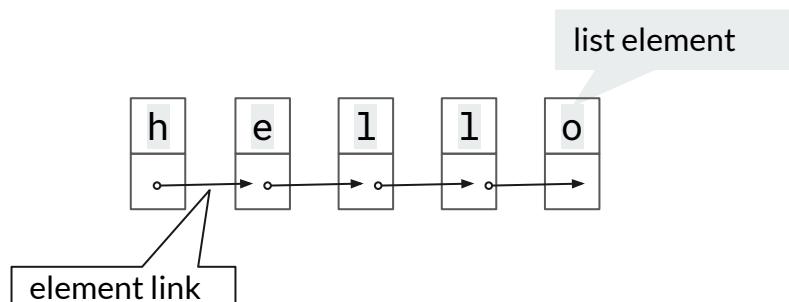
A library class that provides various useful operations on arrays:

- `fill()`
- `sort()`
- `binarySearch()`
- `copyOf()`
- `equals()`

Java Lists

Linked list data structure

- a data structure to store a *non-fixed* number of elements of the same type
- elements are accessed in their order (*sequential access*) - each element needs to be connected to the previous



Creating Java lists

```
List<MyType> myList = new ListKind<MyType>();
```

list name

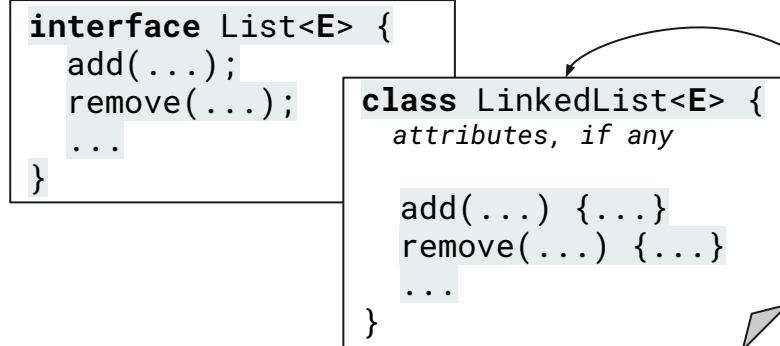
list class

elements type

```
List<MyType> myList;
myList = new ListKind<MyType>();
```

- `List<...>` is an **Interface** - a blueprint of a class, that does not hold any implementation details
- `ListKind<...>` is a **Class** - a blueprint of an object, has attributes and methods, does not hold any values
- `myList` is an **Object** - an instance of the `ListKind<...>` class, holds concrete values in its attributes

Java lists: Classes VS Interfaces



- `List<E>` is an **Interface** - a blueprint of a class, that does not hold any implementation details
- `LinkedList<E>` is a **Class** - a blueprint of an object, has attributes and methods, does not hold any values
- `myList` is an **Object** - an instance of the `LinkedList<E>` class, holds concrete values in its attributes

```
List<String> myList = new LinkedList<String>();  
myList.add("Potatoes");
```



java.util.List

Reference Javadoc: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/9/docs/api/java/util/List.html>

A library interface that provides various useful operations on lists:

- `get()`
- `add()`, `addAll()`
- `remove()`
- `contains()`, `containsAll()`
- `clone()`
- `equals()`



Accessing list elements

```
List<String> groceries = Arrays.asList("Potatoes", "Ketchup", "Eggs");
```

Loops

```
for (int i = 0; i < groceries.size(); i++) {  
    System.out.println(groceries.get(i));  
}
```

```
for (String product : groceries) {  
    System.out.println(product);  
}
```

Iterators

An interface to go through elements in a collection data structure:

- `hasNext()` method checks if there are any elements remaining in the list
- `next()` method returns the next element in the iteration

```
Iterator<String> groceriesIterator = groceries.iterator();  
  
while(groceriesIterator.hasNext()) {  
    System.out.println(groceriesIterator.next());  
}
```

Summary and practice



What you should remember

Use arrays when:

- you know the number of elements...
- ... or the number of elements will increase rarely
- you need fast access to individual elements

Use lists when:

- you do not know the number of elements
- you do not need fast access to individual elements

Exercise 1: Arrays

Matrix multiplication

- write a class representing a 2D matrix
- attributes:
 - `int matrix[][]`
- methods:
 - `Matrix(int rows, int cols)` - constructor
 - `Matrix add(Matrix other)` - addition
 - `Matrix product(Matrix other)` - multiplication

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_\(mathematics\)#Basic_operations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_(mathematics)#Basic_operations)

I/O

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Tests (JUnit, class MatrixTest)

- dimensions mismatch
- 3 correct cases: 1-column matrix, 1-row matrix, a 2x3 matrix

NEW static keyword: helper methods (and no objects!)

```
Double arMean = Averages.arithMean(ArrayList<E> nums)
```

NEW boxed types: Integer, Float, Double....

Exercise 2: Lists

Computing various average values

- write a class `Averages` to compute various means:
arithmetic, geometric, and harmonic
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Average>
- methods:
 - `static Double arithMean(ArrayList<E> nums)`
 - `static Double geomMean(ArrayList<E> nums)`
 - `static Double harmMean(ArrayList<E> nums)`

I/O

- Read a sequence of numbers from `System.in`
- Print average values to `System.out`

Tests

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