

#### CHAPTER 7

# Arrays and the ArrayList Class



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#### **Topics**

- Introduction to Arrays
- Processing Array Contents
- Passing Arrays as Arguments to Methods
- Some Useful Array Algorithms and Operations
- Returning Arrays from Methods
- String Arrays
- Arrays of Objects



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- The Sequential Search Algorithm
- The Selection Sort and the Binary Search
- Two-Dimensional Arrays
- Arrays with Three or More Dimensions
- Command-Line Arguments
- The ArrayList Class



#### Introduction to Arrays

- Primitive variables are designed to hold only one value at a time.
- Arrays allow us to create a collection of like values that are indexed.
- An array can store any type of data but only one type of data at a time.
- An array is a list of data elements.



### **Creating Arrays**

An array is an object so it needs an object reference.

```
// Declare a reference to an array that will hold integers.
int[] numbers;
```

The next step creates the array and assigns its address to the numbers variable

```
// Create a new array that will hold 6 integers.
numbers = new int[6];
```



Array element values are initialized to 0. Array indexes always start at 0.



### **Creating Arrays**

It is possible to declare an array reference and create it in the same statement.

```
int[] numbers = new int[6];
```

Arrays may be of any type.

```
float[] temperatures = new float[100];
char[] letters = new char[41];
long[] units = new long[50];
double[] sizes = new double[1200];
```



#### **Creating Arrays**

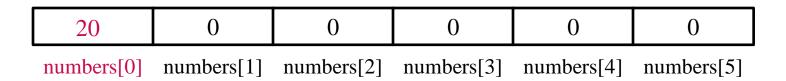
- The array size must be a non-negative number.
- It may be a literal value, a constant, or variable.

```
final int ARRAY_SIZE = 6;
int[] numbers = new int[ARRAY_SIZE];
```

Once created, an array size is fixed and cannot be changed.



## Accessing the Elements of an Array



#### An array is accessed by:

- the reference name
- a subscript that identifies which element in the array to access.

```
numbers[0] = 20; // pronounced "numbers sub zero"
```



### Inputting and Outputting Array Elements

- Array elements can be treated as any other variable.
- They are simply accessed by the same name and a subscript.
  - See example: <u>ArrayDemo1.java</u>
- Array subscripts can be accessed using variables (such as for loop counters).
  - See example: <u>ArrayDemo2.java</u>



#### **Bounds Checking**

Array indexes always start at zero and continue to (array length - 1).

```
int values = new int[10];
```

- This array would have indexes 0 through 9.
- See example: <u>InvalidSubscript.java</u>
- In for loops, it is typical to use i, j, and k as counting variables.
- It might help to think of i as representing the word index.



#### Off-by-One Errors

It is very easy to be off-by-one when accessing arrays.

```
// This code has an off-by-one error.
int[] numbers = new int[100];
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
    numbers[i] = 99;</pre>
```

- Here, the equal sign allows the loop to continue on to index 100, where 99 is the last index in the array.
- This code would throw an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.



#### **Array Initialization**

When relatively few items need to be initialized, an initialization list can be used to initialize the array.

```
int[]days = {31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31};
```

- The numbers in the list are stored in the array in order:
  - days[0] is assigned 31
  - days[1] is assigned 28
  - days [2] is assigned 31
  - days[3] is assigned 30
  - And so forth...





#### **Alternate Array Declaration**

Previously we showed arrays being declared:

```
int[] numbers;
```

- However, the brackets can also go here:
  - int numbers[];
- These are equivalent but the first style is typical.
- Multiple arrays can be declared on the same line.

```
int[] numbers, codes, scores;
```

With the alternate notation each variable must have brackets.

```
int numbers[], codes[], scores;
```

The scores variable in this instance is simply an int variable.



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#### **Processing Array Contents**

Processing data in an array is the same as any other variable.

```
grossPay = hours[3] * payRate;
```

Pre and post increment works the same:

```
int[] score = {7, 8, 9, 10, 11};
++score[2]; // Pre-increment operation
score[4]++; // Post-increment operation
```

See example: PayArray.java



#### **Processing Array Contents**

Array elements can be used in relational operations:

```
if(cost[20] < cost[0])
{
    // statements
}</pre>
```

They can be used as loop conditions:

```
while(value[count] != 0)
{
    // statements
}
```



#### **Array Length**

Arrays are objects and provide a public field named length that is a constant that can be tested.

```
double[] temperatures = new double[25];
```

- The length of this array is 25.
- The length of an array can be obtained via its length constant.

```
int size = temperatures.length;
```

The variable size will contain 25.



#### The Enhanced for Loop

- Simplified array processing (read only)
- Always goes through all elements
- General:

```
for(datatype elementVariable : array)
  statement;
```

Example:

```
int[] numbers = {3, 6, 9};
for(int val : numbers)
{
   System.out.println("The next value is " + val);
}
```



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#### **Array Size**

The length constant can be used in a loop to provide automatic bounding.

```
Index subscripts start at 0 and end at one less than the array length.
```



#### **Array Size**

You can let the user specify the size of an array:

See example: <u>DisplayTestScores.java</u>



#### Reassigning Array References

An array reference can be assigned to another array of the same type.

```
// Create an array referenced by the numbers variable.
int[] numbers = new int[10];

// Reassign numbers to a new array.
numbers = new int[5];
```

If the first (10 element) array no longer has a reference to it, it will be garbage collected.



#### Reassigning Array References

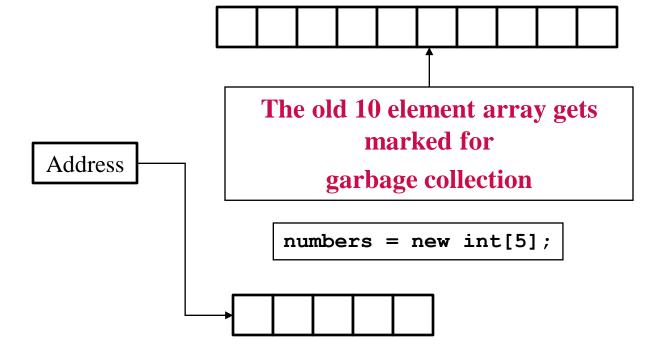
int[] numbers = new int[10];

The numbers variable holds the address of an int array.



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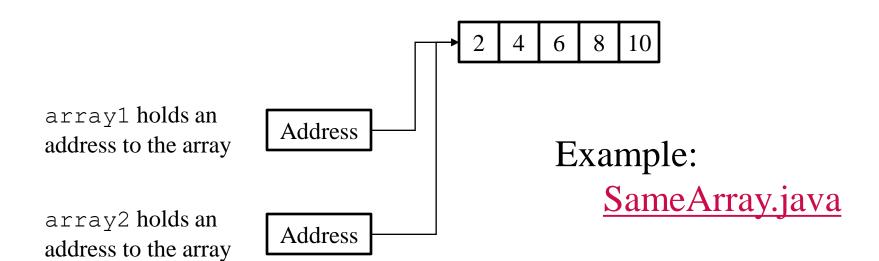


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#### **Copying Arrays**

This is not the way to copy an array.

```
int[] array1 = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
int[] array2 = array1; // This does not copy array1.
```





### **Copying Arrays**

- You cannot copy an array by merely assigning one reference variable to another.
- You need to copy the individual elements of one array to another.

```
int[] firstArray = {5, 10, 15, 20, 25 };
int[] secondArray = new int[5];
for (int i = 0; i < firstArray.length; i++)
    secondArray[i] = firstArray[i];</pre>
```

This code copies each element of firstArray to each corresponding element of secondArray.



## Passing Array Elements to a Method

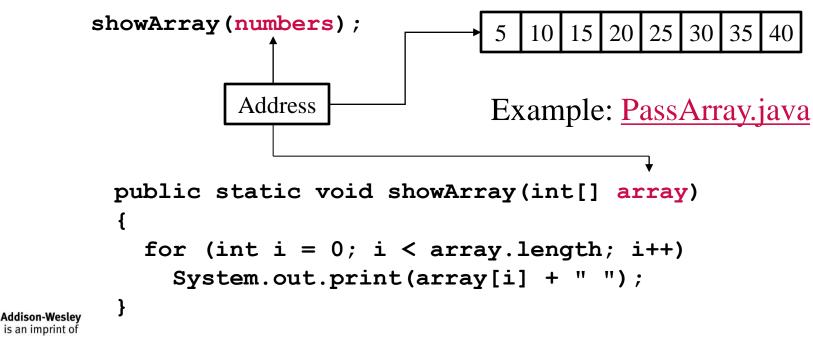
- When a single element of an array is passed to a method it is handled like any other variable.
- See example: PassElements.java

More often you will want to write methods to process array data by passing the entire array, not just one element at a time.



#### Passing Arrays as Arguments

- Arrays are objects.
- Their references can be passed to methods like any other object reference variable.





#### **Comparing Arrays**

- The == operator determines only whether array references point to the same array object.
- To compare the contents of an array:

```
int[] firstArray = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
int[] secondArray = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
boolean arraysEqual = true;
int i = 0;
if (firstArray.length != secondArray.length)
    arraysEqual = false;
while (arraysEqual && i < firstArray.length)</pre>
  if (firstArray[i] != secondArray[i])
      arraysEqual = false;
  i++;
if (arraysEqual)
    System.out.println("The arrays are equal.");
else
    System.out.println("The arrays are not equal.");
```



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#### **Useful Array Operations**

Finding the Highest Value:

```
int [] numbers = new int[50];
int highest = numbers[0];
for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
{
    if (numbers[i] > highest)
        highest = numbers[i];
}
```

Finding the Lowest Value:

```
int lowest = numbers[0];
for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
{
    if (numbers[i] < lowest)
        lowest = numbers[i];
}
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```



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#### **Useful Array Operations**

Summing Array Elements:

```
int total = 0; // Initialize accumulator
for (int i = 0; i < units.length; i++)
    total += units[i];</pre>
```

Averaging Array Elements:

```
double total = 0; // Initialize accumulator
double average; // Will hold the average
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++)
     total += scores[i];
average = total / scores.length;</pre>
```

Example: <u>SalesData.java</u>, <u>Sales.java</u>



#### **Partially Filled Arrays**

- Typically, if the amount of data that an array must hold is unknown:
  - Size the array to the largest expected number of elements.
  - Use a counting variable to keep track of how much valid data is in the array.

```
int[] array = new int[100];
int count = 0;
...

System.out.print("Enter a number or -1 to quit: ");
number = keyboard.nextInt();
while (number != -1 && count <= 99)
{
    array[count] = number;
    count++;
    System.out.print("Enter a number or -1 to quit: ");
    number = keyboard.nextInt();
}</pre>
```



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input, number and keyboard were previously declared and keyboard references a Scanner object.

#### **Arrays and Files**

Saving the contents of an array to a file:



#### **Arrays and Files**

Reading the contents of a file into an array:

```
final int SIZE = 5; // Assuming we know the size.
int[] numbers = new int[SIZE];
int i = 0:
File file = new File ("Values.txt");
Scanner inputFile = new Scanner(file);
while (inputFile.hasNext() && i < numbers.length)</pre>
  numbers[i] = inputFile.nextInt();
  i++;
inputFile.close();
```



#### Returning an Array Reference

- A method can return a reference to an array.
- The return type of the method must be declared as an array of the right type.

```
public static double[] getArray()
{
  double[] array = { 1.2, 2.3, 4.5, 6.7, 8.9 };
  return array;
}
```

- The getArray method is a public static method that returns an array of doubles.
- See example: ReturnArray.java



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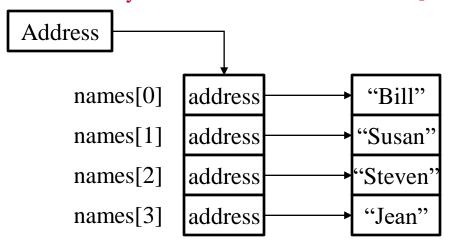
#### String Arrays

- Arrays are not limited to primitive data.
- An array of String objects can be created:

```
String[] names = { "Bill", "Susan", "Steven", "Jean" };
```

The names variable holds the address to the array.

A String array is an array of references to String objects.



Example:

MonthDays.java



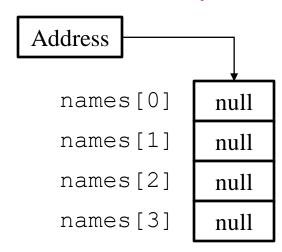
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#### String Arrays

If an initialization list is not provided, the new keyword must be used to create the array:

```
String[] names = new String[4];
```

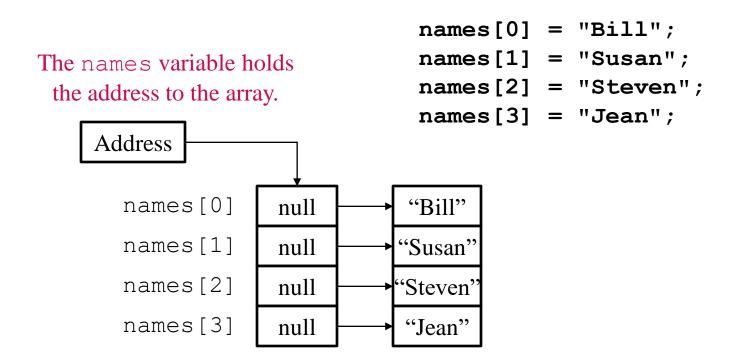
The names variable holds the address to the array.





#### String Arrays

When an array is created in this manner, each element of the array must be initialized.





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### Calling String Methods On Array Elements

- String objects have several methods, including:
  - toUpperCase
  - compareTo
  - equals
  - charAt
- Each element of a String array is a String object.
- Methods can be used by using the array name and index as before.

```
System.out.println(names[0].toUpperCase());
char letter = names[3].charAt(0);
```



### The length Field & The length Method

- Arrays have a final field named length.
- String objects have a method named length.
- To display the length of each string held in a String array:

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++)
System.out.println(names[i].length());</pre>
```

- An array's length is a field
  - You do not write a set of parentheses after its name.
- A String's length is a method
  - You write the parentheses after the name of the String class's length method.

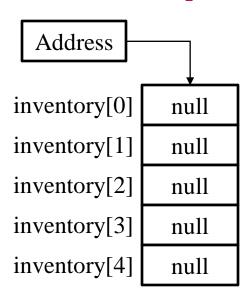


#### **Arrays of Objects**

Since strings are objects, we know that arrays can contain objects.

```
InventoryItem[] inventory = new InventoryItem[5];
```

The inventory variable holds the address of an InventoryItem array.





#### **Arrays of Objects**

Each element needs to be initialized.

```
for (int i = 0; i < inventory.length; i++)
inventory[i] = new InventoryItem();</pre>
```

**Example: ObjectArray.java** description: The *inventory* variable holds the address units: | 0 of an InventoryItem array. description: units: | 0 Address description: inventory[0] Address units: | 0 inventory[1] Address description: units: | () inventory[2] Address description: inventory[3] Address units: 0 inventory[4] Address Addison-Wesley



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# The Sequential Search Algorithm

- A search algorithm is a method of locating a specific item in a larger collection of data.
- The sequential search algorithm uses a loop to:
  - sequentially step through an array,
  - compare each element with the search value, and
  - stop when
    - the value is found or
    - the end of the array is encountered.
- See example: SearchArray.java



#### **Selection Sort**

#### In a selection sort:

- The smallest value in the array is located and moved to element 0.
- Then the next smallest value is located and moved to element 1.
- This process continues until all of the elements have been placed in their proper order.
- See example: <u>SelectionSortDemo.java</u>



#### **Binary Search**

#### A binary search:

- requires an array sorted in ascending order.
- starts with the element in the middle of the array.
- If that element is the desired value, the search is over.
- Otherwise, the value in the middle element is either greater or less than the desired value
- If it is greater than the desired value, search in the first half of the array.
- Otherwise, search the last half of the array.
- Repeat as needed while adjusting start and end points of the search.
- See example: <u>BinarySearchDemo.java</u>



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#### **Two-Dimensional Arrays**

- A two-dimensional array is an array of arrays.
- It can be thought of as having rows and columns.

	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
row 0				
row 1				
row 2				
row 3				



#### **Two-Dimensional Arrays**

- Declaring a two-dimensional array requires two sets of brackets and two size declarators
  - The first one is for the number of rows
  - The second one is for the number of columns.

- The two sets of brackets in the data type indicate that the scores variable will reference a two-dimensional array.
- Notice that each size declarator is enclosed in its own set of brackets.



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- When processing the data in a twodimensional array, each element has two subscripts:
  - one for its row
  - one for its column



The scores variable holds the address of a 2D array of doubles.

Address	,	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
Address	row 0	scores[0][0]	scores[0][1]	scores[0][2]	scores[0][3]
	row 1	scores[1][0]	scores[1][1]	scores[1][2]	scores[1][3]
	row 2	scores[2][0]	scores[2][1]	scores[2][2]	scores[2][3]



Accessing one of the elements in a two-dimensional array requires the use of both subscripts.

The scores variable holds the address of a 2D array of doubles.

$$scores[2][1] = 95;$$

Address	_	column 0	column 1	column 2	column 3
Address	row 0	0	0	0	0
	row 1	0	0	0	0
	row 2	0	95	0	0



Programs that process two-dimensional arrays can do so with nested loops.

```
To fill the scores array:

Number of rows, not the
                                   largest subscript
   for (int row = 0; row < 3; row++)
                                            Number of
                                            columns, not the
                                            largest subscript
     for (int col = 0; col < 4; col++)
        System.out.print("Enter a score: ");
        scores[row][col] = keyboard.nextDouble();
                                            Scanner object
```



To print out the scores array:

```
for (int row = 0; row < 3; row++)
{
   for (int col = 0; col < 4; col++)
   {
      System.out.println(scores[row][col]);
   }
}</pre>
```

See example: CorpSales.java



## Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array

Initializing a two-dimensional array requires enclosing each row's initialization list in its own set of braces.

```
int[][] numbers = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9} };
```

- Java automatically creates the array and fills its elements with the initialization values.
  - row 0 {1, 2, 3}
  - row 1 {4, 5, 6}
  - row 2 {7, 8, 9}
- Declares an array with three rows and three columns.



## Initializing a Two-Dimensional Array

The numbers variable holds the address of a 2D array of int values.

Address		column 0	column 1	column 2
Address	row 0	1	2	3
	row 1	4	5	6
	row 2	7	8	9



#### The length Field

- Two-dimensional arrays are arrays of one-dimensional arrays.
- The length field of the array gives the number of rows in the array.
- Each row has a length constant tells how many columns is in that row.
- Each row can have a different number of columns.



#### The length Field

To access the length fields of the array:

Number of rows

Number of columns in this row.

See example: <u>Lengths.java</u>

The array can have variable length rows. -



### Summing The Elements of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = { { 1, 2, 3, 4 },
                     {5, 6, 7, 8},
                     {9, 10, 11, 12} };
int total;
total = 0;
for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)</pre>
  for (int col = 0; col < numbers[row].length; col++)</pre>
    total += numbers[row][col];
}
System.out.println("The total is " + total);
```



### Summing The Rows of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = {{ 1, 2, 3, 4},
                   {5, 6, 7, 8},
                   {9, 10, 11, 12}};
int total;
for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)
{
    total = 0;
    for (int col = 0; col < numbers[row].length; col++)
         total += numbers[row][col];
    System.out.println("Total of row "
                       + row + " is " + total);
```



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## Summing The Columns of a Two-Dimensional Array

```
int[][] numbers = {{1, 2, 3, 4},
                      {5, 6, 7, 8},
                      {9, 10, 11, 12}};
int total;
for (int col = 0; col < numbers[0].length;col++)
    total = 0;
    for (int row = 0; row < numbers.length; row++)</pre>
      total += numbers[row][col];
    System.out.println("Total of column "
                       + col + " is " + total);
```



#### Passing and Returning Two-Dimensional Array References

- There is no difference between passing a single or two-dimensional array as an argument to a method.
- The method must accept a twodimensional array as a parameter.
- See example: Pass2Darray.java



### Ragged Arrays

- When the rows of a two-dimensional array are of different lengths, the array is known as a ragged array.
- You can create a ragged array by creating a two-dimensional array with a specific number of rows, but no columns.

```
int [][] ragged = new int [4][];
```

Then create the individual rows.

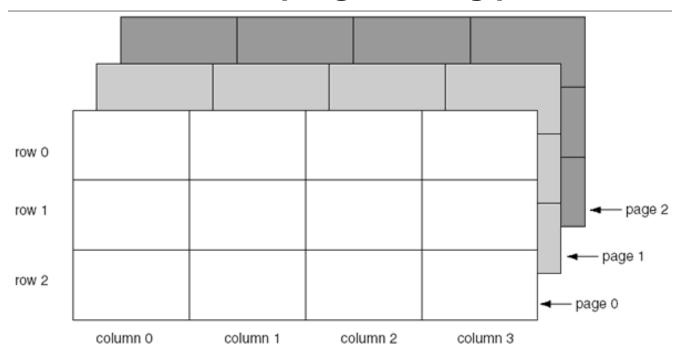
```
ragged[0] = new int [3];
ragged[1] = new int [4];
ragged[2] = new int [5];
ragged[3] = new int [6];
```





#### **More Than Two Dimensions**

- Java does not limit the number of dimensions that an array may be.
- More than three dimensions is hard to visualize, but can be useful in some programming problems.





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### **Command-Line Arguments**

- A Java program can receive arguments from the operating system command-line.
- The main method has a header that looks like this:

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

- The main method receives a String array as a parameter.
- The array that is passed into the args parameter comes from the operating system command-line.



### **Command-Line Arguments**

To run the example:

```
java CommandLine How does this work?
  args[0] is assigned "How"
  args[1] is assigned "does"
  args[2] is assigned "this"
  args[3] is assigned "work?"
```

- Example: <u>CommandLine.java</u>
- It is not required that the name of main's parameter array be args.



### Variable-Length Argument Lists

- Special type parameter vararg...
  - vararg parameters are actually arrays
  - Examples: <u>VarArgsDemo1.java</u>, <u>VarargsDemo2.java</u>

```
public static int sum(int... numbers)
{
  int total = 0; // Accumulator
  // Add all the values in the numbers array.
  for (int val : numbers)
    total += val;
  // Return the total.
  return total;
}
```



#### The ArrayList Class

- Similar to an array, an ArrayList allows object storage
- Unlike an array, an ArrayList object:
  - Automatically expands when a new item is added
  - Automatically shrinks when items are removed
- Requires:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
```



### Creating an ArrayList

```
ArrayList<String> nameList = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- Notice the word String written inside angled brackets <>
- This specifies that the ArrayList can hold String objects.
- If we try to store any other type of object in this ArrayList, an error will occur.



- To populate the ArrayList, use the add method:
  - nameList.add("James");
  - nameList.add("Catherine");
- To get the current size, call the size method
  - mameList.size(); // returns 2



#### Creating and Using an ArrayList

To access items in an ArrayList, use the get method

```
nameList.get(1);
```

In this statement 1 is the index of the item to get.

Example: <u>ArrayListDemo1.java</u>



## Creating and Using an ArrayList

You can use the enhanced for loop to iterate over each item in an ArrayList.



The ArrayList class's toString method returns a string representing all items in the ArrayList

```
System.out.println(nameList);
This statement yields:
[ James, Catherine ]
```

The ArrayList class's remove method removes designated item from the ArrayList

```
nameList.remove(1);
```

This statement removes the second item.

See example: <u>ArrayListDemo3.java</u>



- The ArrayList class's add method with one argument adds new items to the end of the ArrayList
- To insert items at a location of choice, use the add method with two arguments:

```
nameList.add(1, "Mary");
```

This statement inserts the String "Mary" at index 1

To replace an existing item, use the set method:

```
nameList.set(1, "Becky");
```

This statement replaces "Mary" with "Becky"

See example: <u>ArrayListDemo4.java</u>



- An ArrayList has a capacity, which is the number of items it can hold without increasing its size.
- The default capacity of an ArrayList is 10 items.
- To designate a different capacity, use a parameterized constructor:

```
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>(100);
```



You can store any type of object in an ArrayList

```
ArrayList<InventoryItem> accountList =
    new ArrayList<InventoryItem>();
```

This creates an ArrayList that can hold InventoryItem objects.



```
// Create a listor to hold InventoryItem objects.
ArrayList list = new ArrayList();
// Add three InventoryItem objects to the ArrayList.
list.add(new InventoryItem("Nuts", 100));
list.add(new InventoryItem("Bolts", 150));
list.add(new InventoryItem("Washers", 75));
// Display each item.
for (int index = 0; index < list.size(); index++)
{
   InventoryItem item = (InventoryItem) list.get(index);
   System.out.println("Item at index " + index +
                      "\nDescription: " + item.getDescription() +
                      "\nUnits: " + item.getUnits());
```

See: <u>ArrayListDemo6.java</u>

