

String, Array and Sort

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String

- Examples of **declaring** Strings:
 - `String s1 = "This is a String";`
 - `String s2 = new String("This is also a String");`
- Strings may be **appended** using the `+` operator:
 - `String s1 = "This is part1 ";`
 - `String s2 = "and part2";`
 - `String s3 = s1 + s2; // s3 equals "This is part1 and part2"`

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- Strings are **immutable** objects, which means that they cannot be changed.
- On the second line of the following example, the old String "old" is discarded and a new String "new" is actually recreated.
 - `String s = "old";`
 - `s = "new";` `// s is now equal to "new"`

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- One must be careful when **comparing** Strings. Strings, like all classes, are descendants of the Object class.
- Using the equality operator (`==`) compares the references (pointers) of the two objects, not their contents.
- It is advisable to use the *equals* method to compare two Strings.
 - `String s1 = new String("TestString");`
 - `String s2 = new String("TestString");`

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- if (s1 == s2)
- System.out.println("s1 == s2");
- // This will NOT print because s1 and s2
- // reference two different objects.
- if (s2.equals(s1))
- System.out.println("s2.equals(s1)");
- // This will print because s1 and s2
- // contain identical string values.
- String objects cannot be directly accessed as character arrays. If you need more control over your string, use the *StringBuffer* class.

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- To obtain a **substring** of a string, use the *substring* method of the String object.
- The first parameter of the *substring* method is the 0-based position of the first character of the desired substring.
- The second parameter of the *substring* method is 1 greater than the 0-based position of the last character of the desired substring:
 - `String s1 = "abcdefg";`
 - `String s2 = s1.substring(3,5); // s2 is equal to "de"`

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- To search for a substring within a given string, use the **indexOf** method of the String object.
- The *indexOf* method returns the 0-based position within this string of the first occurrence of the specified substring. If the specified substring is not found in the string, -1 is returned.
 - String s = "abcdefg";
 - int x = s.indexOf("de"); // x is equal to 3

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- The **length** of a String may be obtained by using the *length* method.
 - String s = "abcdefg";
 - int x = s.length(); // x is equal to 7

Array - Declaring and Defining

- The following two statements are equivalent for declaring integer array variables:
 - `int[] myIntArray1; // Declare an integer array variable`
 - `int myIntArray2[]; // Declare another integer array variable`
- Defining an array will allocate memory to store the specified number of elements of the array type as shown below:
 - `myIntArray = new int[10]; // Define an array of 10 integers`
- Arrays can be declared and defined in one statement:
 - `int myIntArray[] = new int[10]; // Declare and define an array of 10 integers`
- Arrays can be initialized when they are declared:
 - `int myIntArray[] = { 150, 350, 700, 120 } // An array of 4 integers`
 - `char myCharArray[] = { 'd', 'u', 'd', 'e' } // An array of 4 characters`
 - `double myDbIArray[] = { 1.0, 2.5, 4.3, 2.8 } // An array of 4 doubles`

Array - Using Arrays

- Arrays in Java are indexed beginning at 0.
- The following example shows how to store and access values in an array:
 - `static final int MY_ARRAY_LEN = 10; // Declare a constant of 10`
 - `int myIntArray[] = new int[MY_ARRAY_LEN]; // Declare and define an array`
 - `for (int i = 0; i < MY_ARRAY_LEN; i++)`
 - `myIntArray[i] = i * i; // Populate the array`
 - `int sum;`
 - `for (int j = 0; j < MY_ARRAY_LEN; j++)`
 - `sum += myIntArray[j]; // Sum the elements of the array`
- To get the size of the array, use the length method of the array:
 - `int average = sum / myIntArray.length;`

Array - Multidimensional Arrays

- Arrays of arrays can be declared in Java
 - `int [][] my2DimArray = [100][5]; // 2-D array`
 - `int [][][] my3DimArray = [100][5][3]; // 3-D array`
- The following example populates a 2 dimensional array:
 - `for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++)`
 - `for (int j = 0; j < 5; j++)`
 - `my2DimArray[i][j] = i * j`

Conversions

- To convert from an **int** to a **String** you may simply append the int value to the String as shown below:
 - `String s = "" + 3; // s is now equal to "3"`
- A **double** can be converted to a **String** the same way:
 - `String s = "" + 64.321; // s is now equal to "64.321"`
- To convert from a **String** to a **double** it is necessary to use the *Double* object:
 - `String s = "64.321";`
 - `Double D1 = new Double (s);`
 - `double d1 = D1.doubleValue(); // d1 is now equal to 64.321`
- To convert from a **String** to an **int** you may use the *parseInt* method of the Integer object:
 - `String s = "23";`
 - `int x = Integer.parseInt(s); // x is now equal to 23`

Bubble Sort

- Algorithm to sort a list of items $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ into ascending order
 - For $i = 0$ to n
 - For $j = n$ down to $i+1$
 -
 - If $X_{j-1} > X_j$ Then
 - Exchange X_{j-1} and X_j
 - Next
 - Next

Bubble Sort - Implementation 1

```
• int nums[] = { 99, -10, 1000123, 18, -987, 5623, 463, -9, 287, 49 };
• int i, j;
• int n = nums.length;
• for ( i = 0; i < n; i++ )
• {
•     for (int j = n - 1; j > i; j - -)
•     {
•         if ( nums[j - 1] > nums[j] )
•         {
•             temp = nums[j - 1];
•             nums[j - 1] = nums[j];
•             nums[j] = temp;
•         }
•     }
• }
• }
```

Bubble Sort - Implementation 2

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```
• int nums[] = { 99, -10, 1000123, 18, -987, 5623, 463, -9, 287, 49 };
• int a,b,t;
• int size;
• size = 10; // number of elements to sort
• // This is the Bubble sort
• for ( a=1; a < size; a++ )
• {
•     for ( b = size - 1; b >= a; b - - )
•     {
•         if ( nums[b-1] > nums[b] ) // if out of order
•         {
•             // exchange elements
•             t = nums[b-1];
•             nums[b-1] = nums[b];
•             nums[b] = t;
•         }
•     }
• }
• }
```