

Java Programming AP Edition

U3C8 N-D Arrays and ArrayLists

2-D ARRAY BASICS

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Multidimensional Array

Thus far, you have used one-dimensional arrays to model linear collections of elements. You can use a two-dimensional array to represent a matrix or a table. For example, the following table that describes the distances between the cities can be represented using a two-dimensional array.

Distance Table (in miles)

	Chicago	Boston	New York	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas	Houston
Chicago	0	983	787	714	1375	967	1087
Boston	983	0	214	1102	1763	1723	1842
New York	787	214	0	888	1549	1548	1627
Atlanta	714	1102	888	0	661	781	810
Miami	1375	1763	1549	661	0	1426	1187
Dallas	967	1723	1548	781	1426	0	239
Houston	1087	1842	1627	810	1187	239	0



Declare/Create Two-dimensional Arrays

```
// Declare array ref var
ElementType[][] refVar; /*or*/ ElementType refVar[][]; /*not preferred */

// Create array and assign its reference to variable
refVar = new ElementType[10][10];

// Combine declaration and creation in one statement
ElementType[][] refVar = new ElementType[10][10];

// Alternative syntax
ElementType refVar[][] = new ElementType[10][10]; /*not preferred */
```



Declaring Variables of Two-dimensional Arrays and Creating Two-dimensional Arrays

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

or

```
int matrix[][] = new int[10][10];  
matrix[0][0] = 3;
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < matrix.length; i++)  
    for (int j = 0; j < matrix[i].length; j++)  
        matrix[i][j] = (int) (Math.random() * 1000);
```

```
double[][] x;
```



Two-dimensional Array Illustration

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]	0	0	0	0	0
[1]	0	0	0	0	0
[2]	0	0	0	0	0
[3]	0	0	0	0	0
[4]	0	0	0	0	0

```
matrix = new int[5][5];
```

matrix.length? 5

matrix[0].length? 5

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]	0	0	0	0	0
[1]	0	0	0	0	0
[2]	0	7	0	0	0
[3]	0	0	0	0	0
[4]	0	0	0	0	0

```
matrix[2][1] = 7;
```

	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	1	2	3
[1]	4	5	6
[2]	7	8	9
[3]	10	11	12

```
int[][] array = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9},  
    {10, 11, 12}  
};
```

array.length? 4

array[0].length? 3



Declaring, Creating, and Initializing Using Shorthand Notations

You can also use an array initializer to declare, create and initialize a two-dimensional array. For example,

```
int[][] array = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9},  
    {10, 11, 12}  
};
```

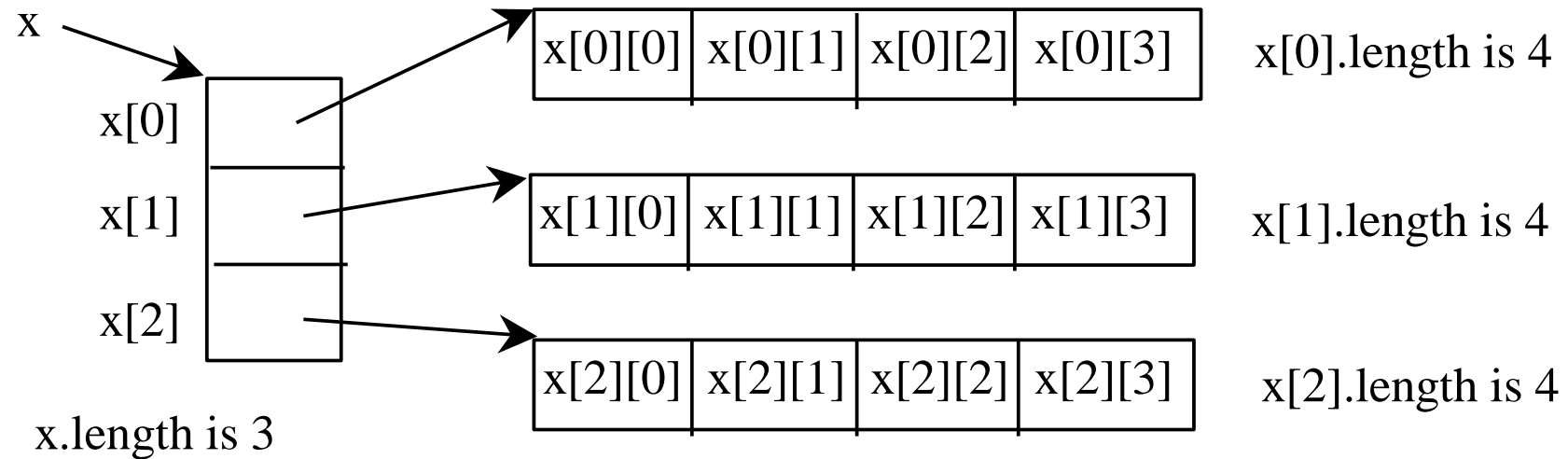
Same as

```
int[][] array = new int[4][3];  
array[0][0] = 1; array[0][1] = 2; array[0][2] = 3;  
array[1][0] = 4; array[1][1] = 5; array[1][2] = 6;  
array[2][0] = 7; array[2][1] = 8; array[2][2] = 9;  
array[3][0] = 10; array[3][1] = 11; array[3][2] = 12;
```



Lengths of Two-dimensional Arrays

```
int[][] x = new int[3][4];
```





Lengths of Two-dimensional Arrays, cont.

```
int[][] array = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9},  
    {10, 11, 12}  
};
```

`array.length`

`array[0].length`

`array[1].length`

`array[2].length`

`array[3].length`

`array[4].length`

`ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`



Ragged Arrays

Each row in a two-dimensional array is itself an array. So, the rows can have different lengths. Such an array is known as *a ragged array*. For example,

```
int[][] matrix = {  
    {1, 2, 3, 4, 5},  
    {2, 3, 4, 5},  
    {3, 4, 5},  
    {4, 5},  
    {5}  
};
```

```
matrix.length is 5  
matrix[0].length is 5  
matrix[1].length is 4  
matrix[2].length is 3  
matrix[3].length is 2  
matrix[4].length is 1
```



Ragged Arrays, cont.

```
int[][] triangleArray = {  
    {1, 2, 3, 4, 5},  
    {2, 3, 4, 5},  
    {3, 4, 5},  
    {4, 5},  
    {5}  
};
```

