
CSE 142

2-D Arrays

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Review – Arrays

- Simple, ordered collections.
- Elements of a particular array all have the same type.
- Size fixed when array created.

```
Rectangle[] rects = new Rectangle[42+17*x];
```

- Indexed access to elements.

```
rects[3] = new Rectangle();
```

```
rects[3].moveBy(10, 20);
```

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2-D Arrays

- Suppose we want to represent a picture
- Want a rectangular, *2-dimensional* matrix of Pixel objects
 - Each Pixel contains a red, green, and blue color component
- We can create an array with 2 dimensions to hold the picture
 - Type pattern: `<elem type>[][]`
 - New expression pattern: `new <elem type>[<dim 1 size>][<dim 2 size>]`
 - Access expression/assignment pattern: `<array>[<dim 1 index>][<dim 2 index>]`

```
Pixel[ ][ ] picture = new Pixel [40] [60];
```

```
picture[0][0] = new Pixel(128, 0, 255); // parameters are red, green, blue intensities
```

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Picture

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2-D Array = Array of Arrays

- A 2-D array is really just an array of arrays
(In languages like FORTRAN and C/C++, this isn't true)
- It's possible to manipulate each row array separately

```
Pixel[ ][ ] picture = new Pixel[40][60];
picture[0][0] = new Pixel(0, 0, 255);
...
Pixel[ ] firstRow = picture[0];
firstRow[0] = new Pixel(255, 0, 0);
```

- What do the following evaluate to?

```
picture.length
firstRow.length
picture[0][0].length
```

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2-D Array Traversal

- Typical traversal is to go through the rows and, for each row, go through the columns. Called "row-major order"

```
/** Create new picture pixels with given rgb color */
public void initialize(Pixel[ ][ ] picture, int r, int g, int b) {
    for (int row = 0; row < picture.length; row++) {
        for (int col = 0; col < picture[row].length; col++) {
            picture[row][col] = new Pixel(r, g, b);
        }
    }
}
```

- Notice how the upper bounds of the two loops are computed
- "Column-major" order is also possible – go through the columns and, for each column, go through the rows

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Exercise: Shift Picture to Left

```
// Copy colors one cell to the left, setting last column to white
public void shiftLeft(Pixel[ ][ ] picture) {
```

```
    for (int row = 0; row < _____; row++) {
        for (int col = 0; col < _____; col++) {
            picture[row][col] = _____;
        }
    }
}
```

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Exercise: Shift Picture Down

```
// Copy colors one cell downwards, setting first row to white
public void shiftDown(Pixel[ ][ ] picture) {
```

```
}
```

- Hint: row-major order might not be the right approach.

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Summary

- **2-D arrays**

- **In Java, just an array of arrays**

(Similar concepts in other languages)

- **Syntax is extension of 1-D array case**

type[] [] *name* = new *type*[*nRows*][*nCols*]

name[*r*][*c*]