

CSE 142

2-D Arrays

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Review – One-Dimensional Arrays

- Simple, ordered collections.



- Elements of a particular array all have the same type.

- Size fixed when array created.

```
Person[] people = new Person[4];
```

- Indexed access to elements.

```
people[3] = new Person();
```

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

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1-D vs. 2-D Arrays

- One-dimensional arrays are very common in programming
 - That's all we used at first
- In everyday life, an array is a regular arrangement, usually rectangular
 - In programming terms, these are two-dimensional arrays



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The Game of Life

- Originated by John Conway
- Many interesting variations
- Played on a 2-D board
- Each cell is "alive" or "dead"
- At each time step, a cell looks at its neighbors and may change its own state as a result

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Game of Life: Rules

- You can make up your own rules!
- Typical rules:
 - 1. If a cell is surrounded by too many live cells, it dies
 - 2. If a dead cell is surrounded by enough dead cells, it comes to life
- I.e., given a particular cell,
 - let `liveNeighborCount` = number of adjacent cells which are alive
 - If `liveNeighborCount > 7`, it dies
 - If `liveNeighborCount < 4`, it comes to life
 - Otherwise, it doesn't change

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Implementing The Game of Life

- 2-D arrays are a natural data structure for the game "board"
- `int[][] board`;
 - Each array element represents a cell on the board
 - Could use `boolean[][]` instead as long as there are only two cell states

```
/** Construct a board with all cells "dead".*/
public GameOfLife() {
    board = new int[ROWS][COLS];
    for (int r = 0; r < ROWS; r++) {
        for (int c = 0; c < COLS; c++) {
            board[r][c] = DEAD;
        }
    }
}
```

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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 expr pattern: `new <elem type>[<dim 1 size>][<dim 2 size>]`
 - Access expr/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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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]
```



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