Chapter 7

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Objectives

- To describe why arrays are necessary in programming (§7.1).
- To declare array reference variables and create arrays (§§7.2.1–7.2.2).
- To obtain array size using `arrayRefVar.length` and know default values in an array (§7.2.3).
- To access array elements using indexes (§7.2.4).
- To declare, create, and initialize an array using an array initializer (§7.2.5).
- To program common array operations (displaying arrays, summing all elements, finding the minimum and maximum elements, random shuffling, and shifting elements) (§7.2.6).
- To simplify programming using the foreach loops (§7.2.7).
- To apply arrays in application development (AnalyzeNumbers, DeckOfCards) (§§7.3–7.4).
- To copy contents from one array to another (§7.5).
- To develop and invoke methods with array arguments and return values (§§7.6–7.8).
- To define a method with a variable-length argument list (§7.9).
- To search elements using the linear (§7.10.1) or binary (§7.10.2) search algorithm.
- To sort an array using the selection sort approach (§7.11).
- To use the methods in the java.util.Arrays class (§7.12).
- To pass arguments to the main method from the command line (§7.13).
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7.1 Introduction 250

- Array is a data structure that stores a fixed-size sequential collection of elements of the same types.

7.2 Array Basics 250

- An array is used to store a collection of data, but it is often more useful to think of an array as a collection of variables of the same type.
- This section introduces how to declare array variables, create arrays, and process arrays.

7.2.1 Declaring Array Variables

- Here is the syntax for declaring an array variable:

  ```
  dataType[ ] arrayRefVar;
  ```

- The following code snippets are examples of this syntax:

  ```
  double [ ] myList;
  ```

7.2.2 Creating Arrays

- Declaration of an array variable doesn’t allocate any space in memory for the array.
- Only a storage location for the reference to an array is created.
- If a variable doesn’t reference to an array, the value of the variable is null.
- You can create an array by using the new operator with the following syntax:

  ```
  arrayRefVar = new dataType[arraySize];
  ```

- This element does two things:
  1) It creates an array using new dataType[arraySize];
  2) It assigns the reference of the newly created array to the variable arrayRefVar.
- Declaring an array variable, creating an array, and assigning the reference of the array to the variable can be combined in one statement, as follows:

  ```
  dataType[]arrayRefVar = new dataType[arraySize];
  ```
• Here is an example of such a statement

```java
double[] myList = new double[10];
```

![Figure 7.1: The array `myList` has 10 elements of `double` type and `int` indices from 0 to 9.](image)

• This statement declares an array variable, `myList`, creates an array of ten elements of double type, and assigns its reference to `myList`.

**NOTE**

• An array variable that appears to hold an array actually contains a reference to that array. Strictly speaking, an array variable and an array are **different**.

### 7.2.3 Array Size and Default values

• When space for an array is allocated, the array size must be given, to specify the number of elements that can be stored in it.
• The size of an array cannot be changed after the array is created.
• Size can be obtained using `arrayVar.length`. For example, `myList.length` is 10.
• When an array is created, its elements are assigned the default value of 0 for the numeric primitive data types, ‘\u0000’ for char types, and `false` for Boolean types.
7.2.4 Accessing Array Elements

- The array elements are accessed through an index.
- The array indices are 0-based, they start from 0 to $arrayRefVar.length-1$.
- In the example, myList holds ten double values and the indices from 0 to 9. The element $myList[9]$ represents the last element in the array.
- After an array is created, an indexed variable can be used in the same way as a regular variable. For example:

  ```java
  myList[2] = myList[0] + myList[1];  // adds the values of the 1st and 2nd elements into the 3rd one
  
  for (int i = 0; i < myList.length; i++)  // the loop assigns 0 to myList[0] .. and 9 to myList[9]
      myList[i] = i;  // 1 to myList[1] ..
  ```

7.2.5 Array Initializers

- Java has a shorthand notation, known as the array initializer that combines declaring an array, creating an array and initializing it at the same time.

  ```java
  double[] myList = {1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
  ```

- This shorthand notation is equivalent to the following statements:

  ```java
  double[] myList = new double[4];
  myList[0] = 1.9;
  myList[1] = 2.9;
  myList[2] = 3.4;
  myList[3] = 3.5;
  ```

Caution

- Using the shorthand notation, you have to declare, create, and initialize the array all in one statement. Splitting it would cause a syntax error. For example, the following is wrong:

  ```java
  double[] myList;
  myList = {1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
  ```
### 7.2.6 Processing Arrays

- When processing array elements, you will often use a `for` loop. Here are the reasons why:
  1. All of the elements in an array are of the same type. They are evenly processed in the same fashion by repeatedly using a loop.
  2. Since the size of the array is known, it is natural to use a `for` loop.

- Here are some examples of processing arrays:
  1. Initializing arrays with input values
  2. Initializing arrays with random values
  3. Printing arrays
  4. Summing all elements
  5. Finding the largest element
  6. Finding the smallest index of the largest element
  7. Random shuffling
  8. Shifting elements

### 7.2.7 Foreach Loops

- JDK 1.5 introduced a new for loop that enables you to traverse the complete array sequentially without using an index variable. For example, the following code displays all elements in the array `myList`:

  ```java
  for (double u : myList)
    System.out.println(u);
  ```

- In general, the syntax is

  ```java
  for (elementType element: arrayRefVar) {
    // Process the value
  }
  ```

- You still have to use an index variable if you wish to traverse the array in a different order or change the elements in the array.
7.3 Case Study: Analyzing Numbers

- Read the numbers of user inputs, compute their average, and find out how many numbers are above the average.

LISTING 7.1 AnalyzeNumbers.java

```java
public class AnalyzeNumbers {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        java.util.Scanner input = new java.util.Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter the numbers of items: ");
        int n = input.nextInt();
        double[] numbers = new double[n];
        double sum = 0;
        System.out.print("Enter the numbers: ");
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            numbers[i] = input.nextDouble();
            sum += numbers[i];
        }
        double average = sum / n;
        int count = 0; // The numbers of elements above average
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            if (numbers[i] > average)
                count++;
        System.out.println("Average is " + average);
        System.out.println("Number of elements above the average is " + count);
    }
}
```

Enter the numbers of items: 10
Enter the numbers: 3.4 5 6 1 6.5 7.8 3.5 8.5 6.3 9.5
Average is 5.75
Number of elements above the average is 6
7.4 Case Study: Deck of Cards 258

- The problem is to write a program that picks four cards randomly from a deck of 52 cards. All the cards can be represented using an array named deck, filled with initial values 0 to 52, as follows:

```java
int[] deck = new int[52];

// Initialize cards
for (int i = 0; i < deck.length; i++)
    deck[i] = i;
```

![Array Representation of Cards](image)

Figure 7.2 52 cards are stored in an array named deck.

```
cardNumber / 13 =
    0  Spades
    1  Hearts
    2  Diamonds
    3  Clubs

        0  1  2
```

```
cardNumber % 13 =
    0  Ace
    1  2
    .
    10  Jack
    11  Queen
    12  King
```

Figure 7.3 cardNumber identifies a card’s suit and rank number.
LISTING 7.2 DeckOfCards.java

```java
public class DeckOfCards {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] deck = new int[52];
        String[] suits = {"Spades", "Hearts", "Diamonds", "Clubs"};
        String[] ranks = {"Ace", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", "Jack", "Queen", "King"};

        // Initialize cards
        for (int i = 0; i < deck.length; i++)
            deck[i] = i;

        // Shuffle the cards
        for (int i = 0; i < deck.length; i++) {
            // Generate an index randomly
            int index = (int)(Math.random() * deck.length);
            int temp = deck[i];
            deck[i] = deck[index];
            deck[index] = temp;
        }

        // Display the first four cards
        for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
            String suit = suits[deck[i] / 13];
            String rank = ranks[deck[i] % 13];
            System.out.println("Card number " + deck[i] + ": "+rank + " of " + suit);
        }
    }
}
```

Card number 6: 7 of Spades
Card number 48: 10 of Clubs
Card number 11: Queen of Spades
Card number 24: Queen of Hearts
7.5 Copying Arrays 260

- Often, in a program, you need to duplicate an array or a part of an array. In such cases you could attempt to use the assignment statement (=), as follows:

```
list2 = list1;
```

- This statement does **not** copy the contents of the array referenced by `list1` to `list2`, but merely copies the reference value from `list1` to `list2`. After this statement, `list1` and `list2` reference to the same array, as shown below.

![Diagram](image)

**FIGURE 7.4** Before the assignment, `list1` and `list2` point to separate memory locations. After the assignments the reference of the `list1` array is passed to `list2`.

- The array previously referenced by `list2` is no longer referenced; it becomes garbage, which will be automatically collected by the **Java Virtual Machine**. This process is called **garbage collection**.
- You can use assignment statements to copy primitive data type variables, but not arrays.
- Assigning one array variable to another variable actually copies one reference to another and makes both variables point to the **same memory location**.
There are three ways to copy arrays:
  o Use a **loop** to copy individual elements one by one.
  o Use the static **arraycopy** method in the `System` class.
  o Use the **clone** method to copy arrays; this will be introduced in Chapter 13, Abstract Classes and Interfaces.

Using a **loop**:

```java
int[] sourceArray = {2, 3, 1, 5, 10};
int[] targetArray = new int[sourceArray.length];

for (int i = 0; i < sourceArray.length; i++)
    targetArray[i] = sourceArray[i];
```

**The arraycopy method:**

```java
arraycopy(sourceArray, src_pos, targetArray, tar_pos, length);
```

Example:

```java
System.arraycopy(sourceArray, 0, targetArray, 0, sourceArray.length);
```

- The number of elements copied from `sourceArray` to `targetArray` is indicated by `length`.
- The `arraycopy` does not allocate memory space for the target array. The target array must have already been created with its memory space allocated.
- After the copying take place, `targetArray` and `sourceArray` have the same content but **independent** memory locations.
7.6 Passing Arrays to Methods 261

- The following method displays the elements of an int array:

  ```java
  public static void printArray(int[] array) {
    for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
      System.out.print(array[i] + " ");
    }
  }
  ```

  The following invokes the method to display 3, 1, 2, 6, 4, and 2.

  ```java
  int[] list = {3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 2};
  printArray(list);
  ```

  ```java
  printArray(new int[]{3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 2});
  // anonymous array; no explicit reference variable for the array
  ```

- Java uses pass by value to pass arguments to a method. There are important differences between passing the values of variables of primitive data types and passing arrays.
- For an argument of a primitive type, the argument’s value is passed.
- For an argument of an array type, the value of an argument contains a reference to an array; this reference is passed to the method.

  ```java
  public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
      int x = 1; // x represents an int value
      int[] y = new int[10]; // y represents an array of int values
      m(x, y); // Invoke m with arguments x and y
      System.out.println("x is " + x);
      System.out.println("y[0] is " + y[0]);
    }
    public static void m(int number, int[] numbers) {
      number = 1001; // Assign a new value to number
      numbers[0] = 5555; // Assign a new value to numbers[0]
    }
  }
  ```

  x is 1
  y[0] is 5555

- y and numbers reference to the same array, although y and numbers are independent variables.
- When invoking m(x, y), the values of x and y are passed to number and numbers.
- Since y contains the reference value to the array, numbers now contains the same reference value to the same array.
• The JVM stores the array in an area of memory called **heap**, which is used by dynamic memory allocation where blocks of memory are allocated and freed in an arbitrary order.

FIGURE 7.5 The primitive type value in x is passed to number, and the reference value in y is passed to numbers
LISTING 7.3 TestPassArray.java: Passing Arrays as Arguments

- For a parameter of an array type, the value of the parameter contains a reference to an array; this reference is passed to the method. Any changes to the array that occur inside the method body will affect the original array that was passed as the argument.
- Example: write two methods for swapping elements in an array. The first method, named `swap`, fails to swap two int arguments. The second method, named `swapFirstTwoInArray`, successfully swaps the first two elements in the array argument.

```java
public class TestPassArray {
    /** Main method */
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] a = {1, 2};

        // Swap elements using the swap method
        System.out.println("Before invoking swap");
        System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");
        swap(a[0], a[1]);
        System.out.println("After invoking swap");
        System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");

        // Swap elements using the swapFirstTwoInArray method
        System.out.println("Before invoking swapFirstTwoInArray");
        System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");
        swapFirstTwoInArray(a);
        System.out.println("After invoking swapFirstTwoInArray");
        System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");
    }

    /** Swap two variables */
    public static void swap(int n1, int n2) {
        int temp = n1;
        n1 = n2;
        n2 = temp;
    }

    /** Swap the first two elements in the array */
    public static void swapFirstTwoInArray(int[] array) {
        int temp = array[0];
        array[0] = array[1];
        array[1] = temp;
    }
}
```

Before invoking `swap`
array is {1, 2}
After invoking `swap`
array is {1, 2}
Before invoking `swapFirstTwoInArray`
array is {1, 2}
After invoking `swapFirstTwoInArray`
array is {2, 1}
• The first method doesn’t work. The two elements are not swapped using the \textit{swap} method.
• The second method works. The two elements are actually swapped using the \textit{swapFirstTwoInArray} method.
• Since the arguments in the first method are primitive type, the values of \texttt{a[0]} and \texttt{a[1]} are passed to \texttt{n1} and \texttt{n2} inside the method when invoking \textit{swap(a[0], a[1])}.
• The memory locations for \texttt{n1} and \texttt{n2} are independent of the ones for \texttt{a[0]} and \texttt{a[1]}.
• The contents of the array are not affected by this call.

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure7.6.png}
\caption{When passing an array to a method, the reference of the array is passed to the method.}
\end{figure}

• The parameter in the \textit{swapFirstTwoInArray} method is an array.
• As shown above, the reference of the array is passed to the method.
• Thus, the variables \texttt{a} (outside the method) and \texttt{array} (inside the method) both refer to the same array in the same memory location.
• Therefore, swapping \texttt{array[0]} with \texttt{array[1]} inside the method \textit{swapFirstTwoInArray} is the same as swapping \texttt{a[0]} with \texttt{a[1]} outside of the method.
7.7 Returning an Array from a Method 264

- You can pass arrays to invoke a method. A method may also return an array.
- For example, the method below returns an array that is the reversal of another array:

```java
public static int[] reverse(int[] list) {
    int[] result = new int[list.length]; // creates new array result
    for (int i = 0, j = result.length - 1; // copies elements from array
        i < list.length; i++, j--) { // list to array result
        result[j] = list[i];
    }
    return result;
}
```

- The following statement returns a new array list2 with elements 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1:

```java
int[] list1 = new int[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
int[] list2 = reverse(list1);
```
7.8 Case Study: Counting the Occurrences of Each Letter 265

- Generate 100 lowercase letters randomly and assign to an array of characters.
- Count the occurrence of each letter in the array.

LISTING 7.4 CountLettersInArray.java

```java
/* Output
The lowercase letters are:
en n e v n s f w x i u b x w w m y v
h o c j d y t b e c p w q h e w d u
v t q p c d k q m v j o k n u x w f c b
p p n z t x f e m o g n o y y l b s b
h f a h t e i f a h f x 1 e y u i w v g

The occurrences of each letter are:
2 a 5 b 4 c 4 d 7 e 6 f 3 g 5 h 3 i 2 j
2 k 2 1 3 m 5 n 4 o 4 p 3 q 0 r 2 s 4 t
4 u 7 v 8 w 5 x 5 y 1 z
*/

public class CountLettersInArray {
    /** Main method */
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        // Declare and create an array
        char[] chars = createArray();

        // Display the array
        System.out.println("The lowercase letters are:");
        displayArray(chars);

        // Count the occurrences of each letter
        int[] counts = countLetters(chars);

        // Display counts
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("The occurrences of each letter are:");
        displayCounts(counts);
    }

    /** Create an array of characters */
    public static char[] createArray() {
        // Declare an array of characters and create it
        char[] chars = new char[100];

        // Create lowercase letters randomly and assign
        // them to the array
        for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++)
            chars[i] = RandomCharacter.getRandomLowerCaseLetter();

        // Return the array
        return chars;
    }

    /** Display the array of characters */
```

```java
```
public static void displayArray(char[] chars) {
    // Display the characters in the array 20 on each line
    for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++) {
        if ((i + 1) % 20 == 0)
            System.out.println(chars[i] + " ");
        else
            System.out.print(chars[i] + " ");
    }
}

/** Count the occurrences of each letter */
public static int[] countLetters(char[] chars) {
    // Declare and create an array of 26 int
    int[] counts = new int[26];
    // For each lowercase letter in the array, count it
    for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++)
        counts[chars[i] - 'a']++;
    return counts;
}

/** Display counts */
public static void displayCounts(int[] counts) {
    for (int i = 0; i < counts.length; i++) {
        if ((i + 1) % 10 == 0)
            System.out.println(counts[i] + " " + (char)(i + 'a'));
        else
            System.out.print(counts[i] + " " + (char)(i + 'a') + " ");
    }
}

(a) Executing createArray in Line 5
(b) After exiting createArray in Line 5

Space required for the createArray method char[] chars: ref

Array of 100 characters

Space required for the main method char[] chars: ref

Space required for the main method char[] chars: ref

Array of 100 characters

FIGURE 7.8 (a) An array of 100 characters is created when executing createArray. (b) This array is returned and assigned to the variable chars in the main method
7.9 Variable-Length Argument Lists 268

- A variable number of arguments of the same type can be passed to a method and treated as an array.

LISTING 7.5 VarArgsDemo.java

```java
public class VarArgsDemo {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        printMax(34, 3, 3, 2, 56.5);
        printMax(new double[]{1, 2, 3});
    }

    public static void printMax(double... numbers) {
        if (numbers.length == 0) {
            System.out.println("No argument passed");
            return;
        }

        double result = numbers[0];
        for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
            if (numbers[i] > result)
                result = numbers[i];

        System.out.println("The max value is " + result);
    }
}
```

The max value is 56.5
The max value is 3.0
7.10 Searching Arrays 269

- Searching is the process of looking for a specific element in an array; for example, discovering whether a certain score is included in a list of scores. Searching is a common task in computer programming.
- There are many algorithms and data structures devoted to searching. In this section, two commonly used approaches are discussed, linear search and binary search.

7.10.1 The Linear Search Approach

- The linear search approach compares the key element, key, sequentially with each element in the array list. The method continues to do so until the key matches an element in the list or the list is exhausted without a match being found.
- If a match is made, the linear search returns the index of the element in the array that matches the key. If no match is found, the search returns -1.

| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...
|---|---|---|---
| list |

key  Compare key with list[i] for i = 0, 1, ...

```java
public class LinearSearch {
    /** The method for finding a key in the list */
    public static int linearSearch(int[] list, int key) {
        for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++)
            if (key == list[i])
                return i;
        return -1;
    }
}
```

- The linear search method compares the key with each element in the array.
  ```java
  int[] list = {1, 4, 4, 2, 5, -3, 6, 2};
  int i = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, 4); // Returns 1
  int j = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, -4); // Returns -1
  int k = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, -3); // Returns 5
  ```
7.10.2 The Binary Search Approach

- For binary search to work, the elements in the array must already be ordered. Without loss of
generality, assume that the array is in ascending order.

\[2 4 7 10 11 45 50 59 60 66 69 70 79\]

- The binary search first compares the key with the element in the middle of the array.
  - If the key is less than the middle element, you only need to search the key in the first half
    of the array.
  - If the key is equal to the middle element, the search ends with a match.
  - If the key is greater than the middle element, you only need to search the key in the
    second half of the array.

- The binarySearch method returns the index of the element in the list that matches the search key if it is contained in the list. Otherwise, it returns

  - insertion point - 1.

- The insertion point is the point at which the key would be inserted into the list.

![Binary Search Diagram]

FIGURE 7.9 Binary search eliminates half of the list from further consideration after each
comparison.
LISTING 7.7 BinarySearch.java

```java
public class BinarySearch {
    /** Use binary search to find the key in the list */
    public static int binarySearch(int[] list, int key) {
        int low = 0;
        int high = list.length - 1;

        while (high >= low) {
            int mid = (low + high) / 2;
            if (key < list[mid])
                high = mid - 1;
            else if (key == list[mid])
                return mid;
            else
                low = mid + 1;
        }
        return -(low + 1); // Now high < low
    }
}
```

- To better understand this method, trace it with the following statements and identify low and high when the method returns.

```java
int[] list = {2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 45, 50, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 79};
int i = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 2); // Returns 0
int j = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 11); // Returns 4
int k = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 12); // Returns -6
int l = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 1); // Returns -1
int m = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 3); // Returns -2
```

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<th>High</th>
<th>Value Returned</th>
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### 7.11 Sorting Arrays 273

- Sorting, like searching, is also a common task in computer programming. Many different algorithms have been developed for sorting. This section introduces a simple, intuitive sorting algorithm: selection sort.
- **Selection sort** finds the smallest number in the list and places it first. It then finds the smallest number remaining and places it second, and so on until the list contains only a single number.

![Selection Sort Diagram](image)

**FIGURE 7.11** Selection sort repeatedly selects the smallest number and swaps it with the first number in the list.
LISTING 7.8 SelectionSort.java

```java
public class SelectionSort {
    /** The method for sorting the numbers */
    public static void selectionSort(double[] list) {
        for (int i = 0; i < list.length - 1; i++) {
            // Find the minimum in the list[i..list.length-1]
            double currentMin = list[i];
            int currentMinIndex = i;

            for (int j = i + 1; j < list.length; j++) {
                if (currentMin > list[j]) {
                    currentMin = list[j];
                    currentMinIndex = j;
                }
            }

            // Swap list[i] with list[currentMinIndex] if necessary;
            if (currentMinIndex != i) {
                list[currentMinIndex] = list[i];
                list[i] = currentMin;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

- To understand this method better, trace it with the following statements:

```java
double[] list = {1, 9, 4.5, 6.6, 5.7, -4.5};
SelectionSort.selectionSort(list);
```

```
-4.5 1.0 4.5 5.7 6.6 9.0
```
7.12 The Arrays Class 274

- The `Arrays.binarySearch` Method: Since binary search is frequently used in programming, Java provides several overloaded binarySearch methods for searching a key in an array of int, double, char, short, long, and float in the `java.util.Arrays` class. For example, the following code searches the keys in an array of numbers and an array of characters.

```java
int[] list = {2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 45, 50, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 79};
System.out.println("Index is " +
    java.util.Arrays.binarySearch(list, 11));  // Return is 4

Index is 4

char[] chars = {'a', 'c', 'g', 'x', 'y', 'z'};
System.out.println("Index is " +
    java.util.Arrays.binarySearch(chars, 't'));  // Return is -4 insertion point is 3, so return is -3-1

Index is -4
```

- For the binarySearch method to work, the array must be pre-sorted in increasing order.

- The `Arrays.sort` Method: Since sorting is frequently used in programming, Java provides several overloaded sort methods for sorting an array of int, double, char, short, long, and float in the `java.util.Arrays` class. For example, the following code sorts an array of numbers and an array of characters.

```java
double[] numbers = {6.0, 4.4, 1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
java.util.Arrays.sort(numbers);

1.9 2.9 3.4 3.5 4.4 6.0

double[] chars = {'a', 'A', '4', 'F', 'D', 'P'};
java.util.Arrays.sort(chars);

4 A D F P a
```
7.13 Command-Line Arguments 276

- The main method can receive string arguments from the command line.
- In the main method, get the arguments from args[0], args[1], ..., args[n], which corresponds to arg0, arg1, ..., argn in the command line.

```java
java Calculator 2 + 3
```

**LISTING 7.9 Calculator.java**

- Problem: Write a program that will perform binary operations on integers. The program receives three parameters: an operator and two integers.

```java
public class Calculator {
    /** Main method */
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Check number of strings passed
        if (args.length != 3) {
            System.out.println(  
                "Usage: java Calculator operand1 operator operand2";
            System.exit(0);
        }
        // The result of the operation
        int result = 0;

        // Determine the operator
        switch (args[1].charAt(0)) {
            case '+': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) + Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
                break;
            case '-': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) - Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
                break;
            case '.': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) * Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
                break;
            case '/': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) / Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
        }
        // Display result
        System.out.println(args[0] + ' ' + args[1] + ' ' + args[2] + " = " + result);
    }
}
```