

Recap: Arrays

- ▶ Data structure to store multiple values
- ▶ Syntax

```
1 // create a new array with 4 components
2 int[] arr = new int[4]; ← arr[3]
3
4 // access 2nd component
5 System.out.println(arr[1]);
6 arr[1] = 7;
```

- ▶ Properties
 - ▶ Length is fixed
 - ▶ All components are of the same type (e.g., `int`)
 - ▶ A reference type

Section 1

Exercise 6

– Audiotestpause –



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Section 2

Comments and Javadoc

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Two and a Half Types

```
1 // This comment ends when the line ends |
2
3 /* This comments ends with */
4
5 /*
6 We can include text that spans
7 multiple lines
8
9 + a variant of this (see below)
10 */
```

Comments

Example

```
1 public class Example {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4         // stores how much users want to withdraw
5         int amount = 1500;
6
7         /* the next lines are supposed to calculate
8            the third root of amount, I took the idea from
9            http://www...
10        */
11        int temp = 3;
12        amount = amount / temp;
13        // TODO: Implement me!
14    }
15 }
```


Commenting

- ▶ No fixed rules what to comment
- ▶ Helpful: Your intentions, complex expressions, non-trivial functions
- ▶ Avoid commenting trivial things
- ▶ Keep comments up to date

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- ▶ API comments can be extracted to an HTML page
 - ▶ All Java classes/functions/methods have such a documentation
 - ▶ `Javadoc: Math.random()`
 - ▶ Reading documentation is an integral part of programming – get used to it

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The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE with the following components:

- Editor:** Displays code from `WhileDemo.java`. The code includes a loop that updates `currentNumberOfPeople` based on random events. A handwritten red circle around `Math.random()` is annotated with `@return` and a dashed line pointing to the Javadoc below.
- Problems View:** Shows a warning for `double java.lang.Math.random()`.
- Javadoc View:** Displays the official Javadoc for `Math.random()`. The **Returns:** section is circled in red. The text describes the method's behavior, including its synchronization and distribution.

```

27     currentNumberOfPeople = currentNumberOfPeople + 2;
28 }
29 d = Math.random();
30 if (d < 0.3) {
31     System.out.println("Eine Person geht heim.");
32     currentNumberOfPeople = currentNumberOfPeople - 1;
33 }
34 d = Math.random();
35 if (d < 0.2) {
36     maximalNumberOfPeople = 20;
37 }
38 System.out.println("=====");
39 System.out.println(currentNumberOfPeople + " sitzen an der Bar.");
40 }
  
```

double java.lang.Math.random()

Returns a double value with a positive sign, greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0. Returned values are chosen pseudorandomly with (approximately) uniform distribution from that range.

When this method is first called, it creates a single new pseudorandom-number generator, exactly as if by the expression

```
new java.util.Random()
```

This new pseudorandom-number generator is used thereafter for all calls to this method and is used nowhere else.

This method is properly synchronized to allow correct use by more than one thread. However, if many threads need to generate pseudorandom numbers at a great rate, it may reduce contention for each thread to have its own pseudorandom-number generator.

Returns:
a pseudorandom double greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0.

See Also:
[nextDown\(double\)](#)
[Random.nextDouble\(\)](#)

API Note:
As the largest double value less than 1.0 is `Math.nextDown(1.0)`, a value `x` in the closed range `[x1,x2]` where `x1<=x2` may be defined by the statements

```
double f = Math.random()/Math.nextDown(1.0);
double x = x1*(1.0 - f) + x2*f;
```

Javadoc

Eclipse

- ▶ Javadoc comments directly displayed by Eclipse
- ▶ Eclipse can generate Javadoc HTML files
 - ▶ Menu > Project > Generate Javadoc ...

Section 3

Strings/Zeichenketten

Introduction

String = char[]

- ▶ Represents character sequences
- ▶ A reference type
- ▶ Internally: An array of `char`-values (mostly)

```
1 String s = "Hi there!"; // String literal with double quotes
```

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▶ `s2.toLowerCase(); //returns "hi"`

▶ `s2.toUpperCase(); //returns "HI"`

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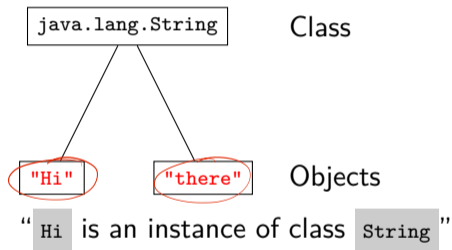
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- ▶ Explicit conversion
 - ▶ Many functions `String.valueOf(ARG)`
 - ▶ Take all primitive types as arguments

The class String

- ▶ `java.lang.String`: Our first class
- ▶ Classes and Objects:
Object-oriented programming



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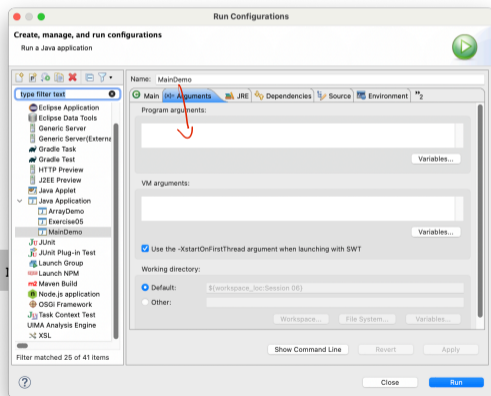
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- ▶ Eclipse: Run → Run Configurations → 



demo

MainDemo

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▶ How to use them? `INSTANCE.METHOD(ARGUMENTS)`

- ▶ Eclipse suggests possible methods/fields in a small window
- ▶ Methods are associated with the specific instance before the `.`

Section 4

ASCII Art 2.0

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- ▶ So far: All functions print out lines of the image directly
- ▶ Next version: Should be possible to manipulate the image as a whole (e.g., invert it)
- ▶ To do
 - ▶ Change all functions such that they return a string instead of printing one
 - ▶ Invert the image

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AsciiArt

Section 5

Exercise