

CSSE 220 Day 8

Arrays, ArrayLists,
Wrapper Classes, Auto-boxing,
Enhanced *for* loop

Check out *ArraysAndLists* from SVN

Questions?

Array Types

- ▶ Group a collection of objects under a single name
- ▶ Elements are referred to by their **position**, or *index*, in the collection (0, 1, 2, ...)
- ▶ Syntax for declaring: *ElementType[] name*
- ▶ Declaration examples:
 - A local variable: `double[] averages;`
 - Parameters: `public int max(int[] values) {...}`
 - A field: `private Investment[] mutualFunds;`

Allocating Arrays

- ▶ Syntax for allocating:

`new ElementType[Length]`

- ▶ Creates space to hold values

- ▶ Sets values to defaults

- `0` for number types
- `false` for boolean type
- `null` for object types

- ▶ Examples:

- `double[] polls = new double[50];`
- `int[] elecVotes = new int[50];`
- `Dog[] dogs = new Dog[50];`

Don't forget
this step!

This does NOT
construct any
Dogs. It just
allocates space for
referring to Dogs
(all the Dogs start
out as *null*)

Reading and Writing Array Elements

- ▶ Reading:

- `double exp = polls[42] * elecVotes[42];`

Sets the value in slot 37.

Reads the element with index 42.

- ▶ Writing:

- `elecVotes[37] = 11;`

- ▶ Index numbers run from 0 to array length - 1

- ▶ Getting array length: `elecVotes.length`

No parentheses, array length is (like) a field

Arrays: Comparison Shopping

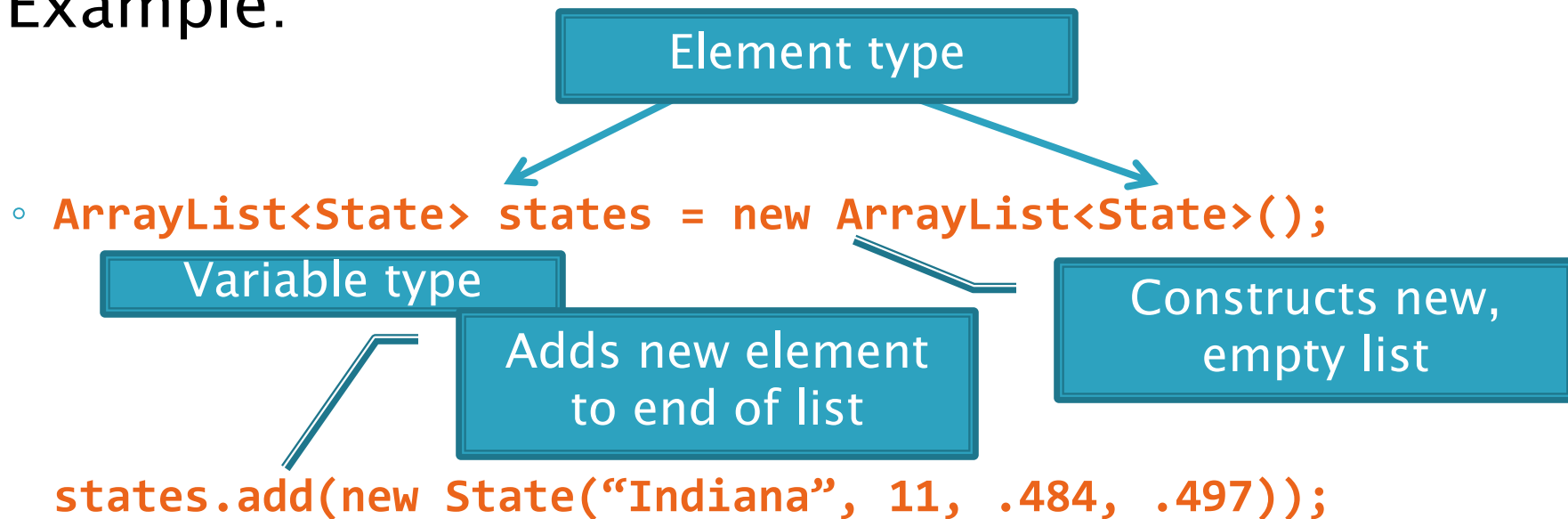
Arrays...	Java	C	Python lists
have fixed length	yes	yes	no
are initialized to default values	yes	no	n/a
track their own length	yes	no	yes
trying to access “out of bounds” stops program before worse things happen	yes	no	yes

Live Coding

- ▶ Investigating the Law of Large Numbers
 - ▶ A simulation using dice
- ▶ Design
- ▶ Implementation (together)
- ▶ Begin the **RollingDice** program for HW8
(in **ArraysAndLists** project)

What if we don't know how many elements there will be?

- ▶ **ArrayLists** to the rescue
- ▶ Example:



- ▶ **ArrayList** is a *generic class*
 - Type in `<brackets>` is called a *type parameter*

ArrayList Gotchas

- ▶ Type parameter can't be a primitive type
 - Not: `ArrayList<int> runs;`
 - But: `ArrayList<Integer> runs;`
- ▶ Use *get* method to read elements
 - Not: `runs[12]`
 - But: `runs.get(12)`
- ▶ Use `size()` not `length`
 - Not: `runs.length`
 - But: `runs.size()`

Lots of Ways to Add to List

- ▶ Add to end:
 - `victories.add(new WorldSeries(2011));`
- ▶ Overwrite existing element:
 - `victories.set(0, new WorldSeries(1907));`
- ▶ Insert in the middle:
 - `victories.add(1, new WorldSeries(1908));`
 - Pushes elements at indexes 1 and higher up one
- ▶ Can also remove:
 - `victories.remove(victories.size() - 1)`

Live Coding

»» Continue RollingDice

So, what's the deal with primitive types?

▶ Problem:

- ArrayList's only hold objects
- Primitive types aren't objects

▶ Solution:

- *Wrapper classes*—instances are used to “turn” primitive types into objects
- Primitive value is stored in a field inside the object

Primitive	Wrapper
byte	Byte
boolean	Boolean
char	Character
double	Double
float	Float
int	Integer
long	Long
short	Short

Auto-boxing Makes Wrappers Easy

- ▶ Auto-boxing: automatically enclosing a primitive type in a wrapper object when needed
- ▶ Example:
 - You write: `Integer m = 6;`
 - Java does: `Integer m = new Integer(6);`

 - You write: `Integer answer = m * 7;`
 - Java does: `int temp = m.intValue() * 7;`
`Integer answer = new Integer(temp);`

Auto-boxing Lets Us Use ArrayLists with Primitive Types

- ▶ Just have to remember to use wrapper class for list element type
- ▶ Example:
 - `ArrayList<Integer> runs =`
 `new ArrayList<Integer>();`
 `runs.add(9); // 9 is auto-boxed`
 - `int r = runs.get(0); // result is unboxed`

Enhanced For Loop and Arrays

- ▶ Old school

```
double scores[] = ...
double sum = 0.0;
for (int i=0; i < scores.length; i++) {
    sum += scores[i];
}
```

- ▶ New, whiz-bang, enhanced for loop

```
double scores[] = ...
double sum = 0.0;
for (double score : scores) {
    sum += score;
}
```

Say "in"

- No index variable (easy, but limited in 2 respects)
- Gives a name (score here) to each element

Enhanced For and ArrayList's

```
▶ ArrayList<State> states = ...  
  int total = 0;  
  for (State state : states) {  
      total += state.getElectoralVotes();  
  }
```


Live Coding

- »» Finish `RollingDice`, then continue on HW 8.