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2D Arrays (Multidimensional Arrays)

Let's write a program to print the 12 by 12 multiplication tables using two 'for' loops.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 12; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 12; j++)  
        System.out.printf("%3d ", i*j);  
    System.out.println("");  
}
```

Let's write the numbers from 0 to 143 using two 'for' loops.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 12; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < 12; j++)  
        System.out.printf("%3d ", i*12+j);  
    System.out.println("");  
}
```

Let us look at the declaration of an array of values:

```
datatype[] name = new datatype[size];
```

- datatype → Actual data type of the array
- name → Name of the variable used to identify the array
- new → Java keyword to declare a new block of memory
- size → A positive integer which represent length of the array

Let us look at the declaration of a 2D array of values:

```
datatype[][] name = new datatype[first_size][second_size];
```

- first_size → Length of first array dimension (Think of this as "height.")
- second_size → Length of the second array dimension (Think of this as "width.")

Let's look at the declaration for an N-D array of values:

```
datatype[][]...[] name = new datatype[first_size][second_size]....[N_size];
```

In the N-D array, you need 1 blank "[]" for each dimension on the left side of the equals. On the right side of the equals, you need the same number of "[]". At least one of these "[]" blocks must be defined with a size.

```
int height = 2;  
int width = 3;  
int[][] array = new int[height][width];  
  
int[0][0] = 1;  
int[0][1] = 2;  
int[0][2] = 3;  
int[1][0] = 4;  
int[1][1] = 5;  
int[1][2] = 6;
```

This will result in an array looks like this:

1 2 3

4 5 6

We can also declare a 2D array by directly assigning data to the array when you declare the array:

```
int[][] baseBallScores = {{0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,3,1,0},{0,0,0,3,0,0,0,1,0,4,4,1}};
```

This results in this array:

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 0

0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 4 4 1

To index through a 2D array and print the values in an array named "array":

```
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) { // Index though each row
    for (int j = 0; j < array[i].length; j++) { // Index though each column
        // Do something with value at array[i][j]
    }
}
```

2D Matrix as an Object

```
class Matrix<T> {
    public T[][] a;
    protected int height;
    protected int width;

    MatrixE(int height, int width) {
        this.height = height;
        this.width = width;
        a = (T[][]) new Object[height][width];
    }

    public String toString() {
        String s = "";
        for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < a[i].length; j++) {
                s += a[i][j] + " ";
            }
            s += "\n";
        }
        return s;
    }

    void swapRow(int p, int q) {
        if (p < 0 || p >= height || q < 0 || q >= height) {
```

```

        System.out.println("Error: Out of bounds on attempt to swap rows.");
        System.exit(1);
    }

    T temp;
    for (int i = 0; i < width; i++) {
        temp = a[p][i];
        a[p][i] = a[q][i];
        a[q][i] = temp;
    }
}

void swapCol(int p, int q) {
    if (p < 0 || p >= width || q < 0 || q >= width) {
        System.out.println("Error: Out of bounds on attempt to swap columns.");
        System.exit(1);
    }

    T temp;
    for (int i = 0; i < height; i++) {
        temp = a[i][p];
        a[i][p] = a[i][q];
        a[i][q] = temp;
    }
}
}

```