

i> `"IITK".charAt(0)`

This is a perfectly legitimate expression. Here "IITK" is a string constant.

ii> `String S= new String("IITK");`

`If(S=="IITK")` ← Here this expression evaluated to false because what is being compared here are the references of the 2 objects and not their actual values.

Instead, the correct way to compare 2 strings is:

`"IITK".compareTo(S);` OR

`S.compareTo("IITK");`

Arrays

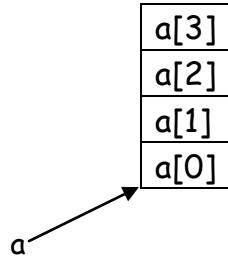
-Arrays are objects in Java.

-An integer array can be defined as `int[] a` OR `int a[]`

- 'int[] a' defines a reference to an integer type array. This reference is initialized to null implicitly.

- To define an integer array:

`int[] a = new int[4];` ← This defines an integer array of size 4.



- Index operator '['] - Index operator is used to access an element of an array. For eg. `a[0]` will access the first element of the array 'a'.

So here 'a' is a reference to an array and there can be any expression inside '['] which evaluates to an integer.

- Lets see an example with arrays-

Problem: Read integers from standard input, store them in an integer array and then find the maximum number from the integer array.

```

import java.util.Scanner;
public class myclass
{
    final int MAX=20;
    public static void main(String a[])
    {
        int i=0;
        int items[] = new int[MAX];
        Scanner s = new Scanner(System.in);
        while((i<MAX) && (s.hasNextInt()))
        {
            items[i] = s.nextInt();
            i++;
        }
        if(i==0)
            System.out.println("No Numbers");
        else
        {
            int maxVal=items[0];
            for(int j=1; j<i; j++)
            {
                if(items[j]>maxVal)
                    maxVal = items[j];
            }
            System.out.println("The maximum value is:"+maxVal);
        }
    }
}

```

In this program, we initialize the variable 'maxVal' with items[0]. The next 'for' loop starts with index 1 and goes upto i-1. In the 'for' loop if we get an items[j] which is greater than the current 'maxVal' then we assign maxVal with the corresponding items[j]. Finally after exiting the 'for' loop we print the 'maxVal'.

Alternate Logic: we can assign the maximal possible negative int to maxVal and then run the next 'for' loop from index 0 to i-1.