





Variables:

- 1. Primitives (value types)
- 2. References

Primitives:

8 of them, all of them are created using keywords.

- 1. integer (whole numbers) types byte (1), short (2), int (4), long (8)
- 2. real numbers float (4), double (8)
- 3. character type char (2)
- 4. logical type boolean (1 bit) true/false

All primitives also have corresponding wrapper classes: Byte, Short, Integer, Long Float, Double Character Boolean

References:

Variables created using any of the following: (anything other than primitives)

- 1. class
- 2. interface
- 3. enum
- 4. annotation
- 5. arrays of any type (including primitives)

A reference variable itself occupies 8 bytes (in a 64 bit OS/Java)