# **Data Types and Variables Numeral Types, Text Types and Type Conversion**

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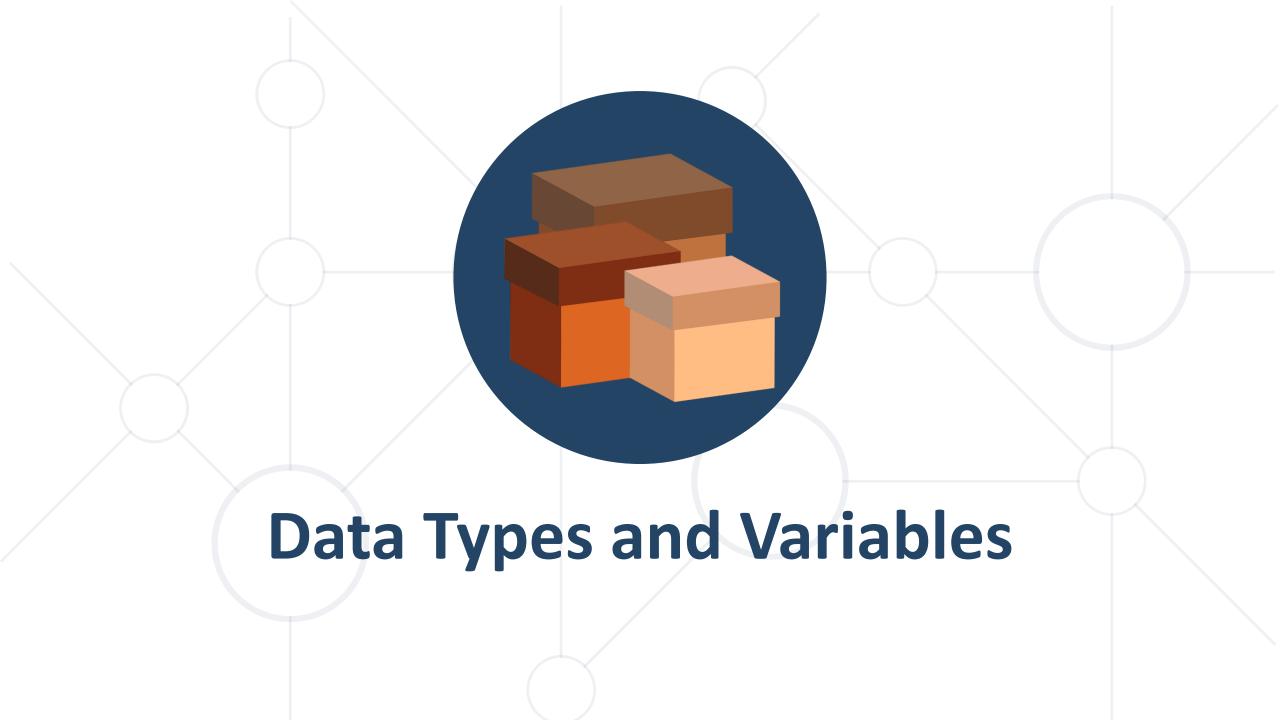


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#### **How Computing Works?**



Computers are machines that process data

 Instructions and data are stored in the computer memory



#### **Variables**



- Variables have name, data type and value
  - Assignment is done by the operator "="
  - Example of variable definition and assignment in C#

Data type

int count = 5;

Variable value

When processed, data is stored back into variables



## What is a Data Type?

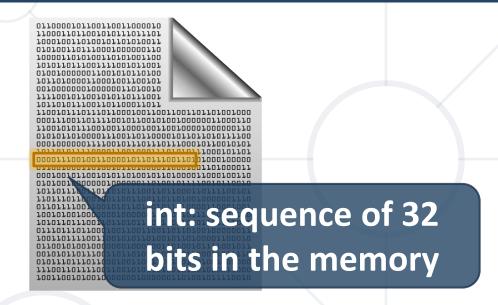


- A data type
  - Is a domain of values of similar characteristics
  - Defines the type of information stored in the computer memory (in a variable)
- Examples
  - Positive integers: 1, 2, 3, ...
  - Alphabetical characters: a, b, c, ...
  - Days of week: Monday, Tuesday, ...

## **Data Type Characteristics**



- A data type has
  - Name (C# keyword or .NET type)
  - Size (how much memory is used)
  - Default value
- Example
  - Integer numbers in C#
  - Name: int
  - Size: 32 bits (4 bytes)
  - Default value: 0



int: 4 sequential bytes in the memory

#### Naming Variables



- Always refer to the naming conventions
   of a programming language for C# use camelCase
- Preferred form: [Noun] or [Adjective] + [Noun]
- Should explain the purpose of the variable (Always ask yourself "What does this variable contain?")



firstName, report, config, fontSize, maxSpeed



foo, bar, p, p1, LastName, last\_name, LAST\_NAME

#### Variable Scope and Lifetime



- Scope == where you can access a variable (global, local)
- Lifetime == for how long a variable stays in memory

```
Accessible in the Main()
```

```
string outer = "I'm inside the Main()";
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    string inner = "I'm inside the loop";
}
Console.WriteLine(outer);
// Console.WriteLine(inner); Error</pre>
```

### Variable Span



- Variable span is how long before a variable is called
- Always declare a variable as late as possible (e.g., shorter span)

```
static void Main()
                                                    "outer"
  string outer = "I'm inside the Main()";
                                                  variable span
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    string inner = "I'm inside the loop";
 Console.WriteLine(outer);
 // Console.WriteLine(inner); Error
```

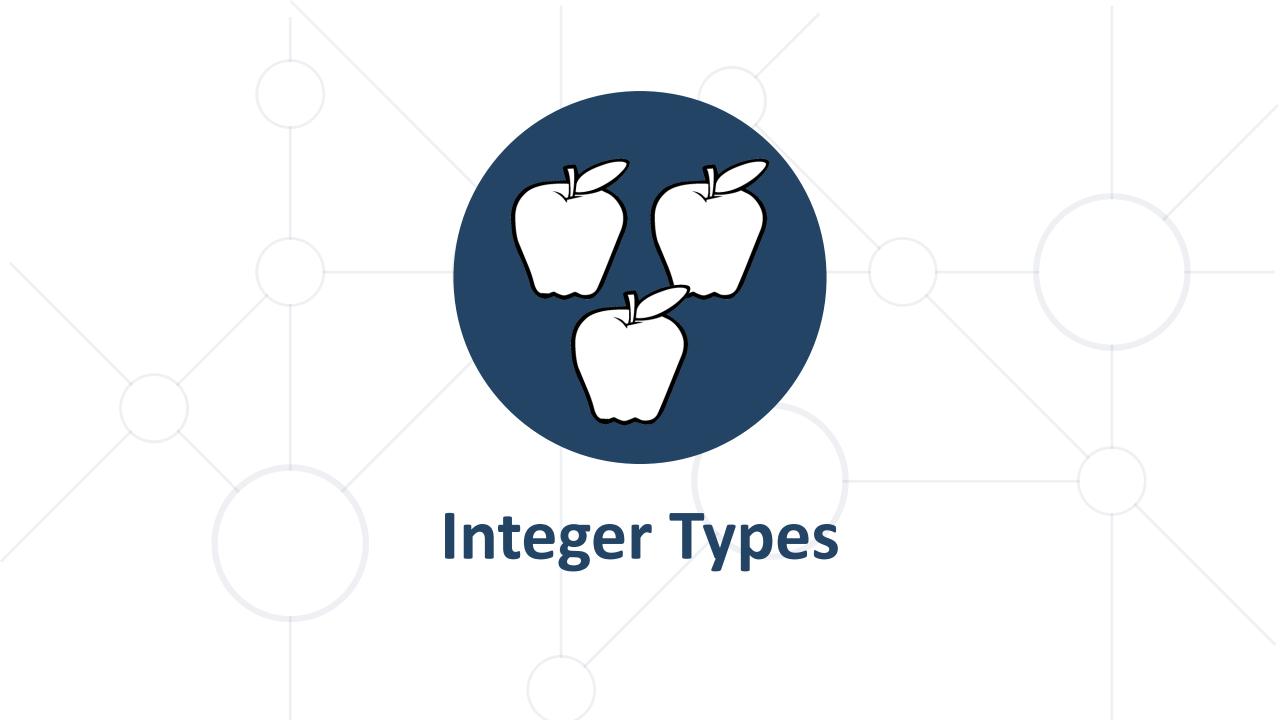
## **Keep Variable Span Short**



- Shorter span simplifies the code
  - Improves its readability and maintainability

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
   string inner = "I'm inside the loop";
string outer = "I'm inside the Main()";
Console.WriteLine(outer);
// Console.WriteLine(inner); Error
```

"outer" variable span – reduced







Туре	Default Value	Min Value	Max Value	Size
sbyte	0	-128 (-2 <sup>7</sup> )	127 (2 <sup>7</sup> -1)	8 bit
byte	0	0	255 (2 <sup>8</sup> -1)	8 bit
short	0	-32768 (-2 <sup>15</sup> )	32767 (2 <sup>15</sup> - 1)	16 bit
ushort	0	0	65535 (2 <sup>16</sup> -1)	16 bit
int	0	-2147483648 (-2 <sup>31</sup> )	2147483647 (2 <sup>31</sup> – 1)	32 bit
uint	0	0	4294967295 (2 <sup>32</sup> -1)	32 bit
long	0	-9223372036854775808 (-2 <sup>63</sup> )	9223372036854775807 (2 <sup>63</sup> -1)	64 bit
ulong	0	0	18446744073709551615 (2 <sup>64</sup> -1)	64 bit



#### **Centuries – Example**



 Depending on the unit of measure we can use different data types

```
byte centuries = 20;
ushort years = 2000;
uint days = 730484;
ulong hours = 17531616;
Console.WriteLine(
  "\{0\} centuries = \{1\} years = \{2\} days = \{3\} hours.",
  centuries, years, days, hours);
     // 20 centuries = 2000 years = 730484 days =
17531616 hours.
```

## **Beware of Integer Overflow!**



- Integers have range (minimal and maximal value)
- Integers could overflow this leads to incorrect values

```
byte counter = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 260; i++)
{
   counter++;
   Console.WriteLine(counter);
}</pre>
```

## **Integer Literals**



- Examples of integer literals
  - The '0x' and '0X' prefixes indicate a hexadecimal value
    - e.g., OxFE, OxA8F1, OxFFFFFFF
  - The 'u' and 'U' suffixes indicate a ulong or uint type
    - e.g., **12345678U**, **0U**
  - The 'l' and 'L' suffixes indicate long type
    - e.g., 9876543L, 0L



## What Are Floating-Point Types?



Floating-point types



- Represent real numbers, e.g., 1.25, -0.38
- Have range and precision depending on the memory used
- Sometimes behave abnormally in the calculations

#### **Floating-Point Numbers**



Floating-point types are



32-bits, precision of 7 digits

• double  $(\pm 5.0 \times 10^{-324} \text{ to } \pm 1.7 \times 10^{308})$ 

64-bits, precision of 15-16 digits

The default value for floating-point types

• 0.0F for the float type

• 0.0D for the double type



#### PI Precision – Example



Difference in precision when using float and double:

```
float floatPI = 3.141592653589793238f;
double doublePI = 3.141592653589793238;
Console.WriteLine("Float PI is: {0}", floatPI);
Console.WriteLine("Double PI is: {0}", doublePI);
```

■ NOTE: The "f" suffix in the first statement

3.14159265358979

- Real numbers are by default interpreted as double
- One should explicitly convert them to float

#### **Problem: Convert Meters to Kilometres**



- Write a program that converts meters to kilometers formatted to the second decimal point
- Examples:

```
1852 1.85 798 0.80
```

```
int meters = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
float kilometers = meters / 1000.0f;
Console.WriteLine($"{kilometers:f2}");
```

#### **Problem: Pounds to Dollars**



- Write a program that converts British pounds to US dollars formatted to 3th decimal point
  - 1 British Pound = 1.31 Dollars

```
80 104.800 39 51.090
```

```
double num = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
double result = num * 1.31;
Console.WriteLine($"{result:f3}");
```

#### **Scientific Notation**



- Floating-point numbers can use scientific notation
  - 1e+34, 1E34, 20e-3, 1e-12, -6.02e28

```
Console.WriteLine(d); // 1E+34
double d2 = 20e-3;
Console.WriteLine(d2); // 0.02
double d3 = double.MaxValue;
Console.WriteLine(d3); // 1.79769313486232E+308
```

#### **Floating-Point Division**



• Integral division and floating-point division are different

```
Console.WriteLine(10 / 4); // 2 (integral division)
Console.WriteLine(10 / 4.0); // 2.5 (real division)
Console.WriteLine(10 / 0.0); // Infinity
Console.WriteLine(-10 / 0.0); // -Infinity
Console.WriteLine(0 / 0.0); // NaN (not a number)
Console.WriteLine(8 % 2.5); // 0.5 (3 * 2.5 + 0.5 = 8)
```

#### Floating-Point Calculations – Abnormalities



Sometimes floating-point numbers work incorrectly!

```
// 1000000000000000 (Loss of precision)
double a = 1.0f, b = 0.33f, sum = 1.33;
Console.WriteLine("a+b={∅} sum={1} equal={2}",
 a+b, sum, (a+b == sum));
// a+b = 1.33000001311302 sum=1.33 equal = False
double one = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) one += 0.0001;
 Console.WriteLine(one); // 0.999999999999996
```

## **Decimal Floating-Point Type**

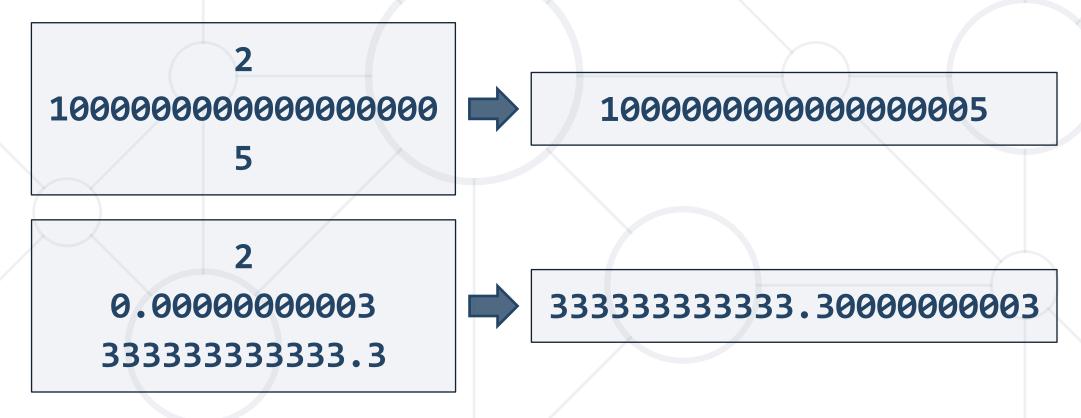


- There is a special decimal floating-point real number type in C#
  - decimal  $(\pm 1.0 \times 10^{-28} \text{ to } \pm 7.9 \times 10^{28})$ 
    - 128-bits, precision of 28-29 digits
  - Used for financial calculations
  - Almost no round-off errors
  - Almost no loss of precision
  - The default value of decimal type is
  - 0.0M (M is the suffix for decimal numbers)

#### **Problem: Exact Sum of Real Numbers**



Write program to enter n numbers and print their exact sum:



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#### **Solution: Exact Sum of Real Numbers**



This code works, but makes rounding mistakes sometimes:

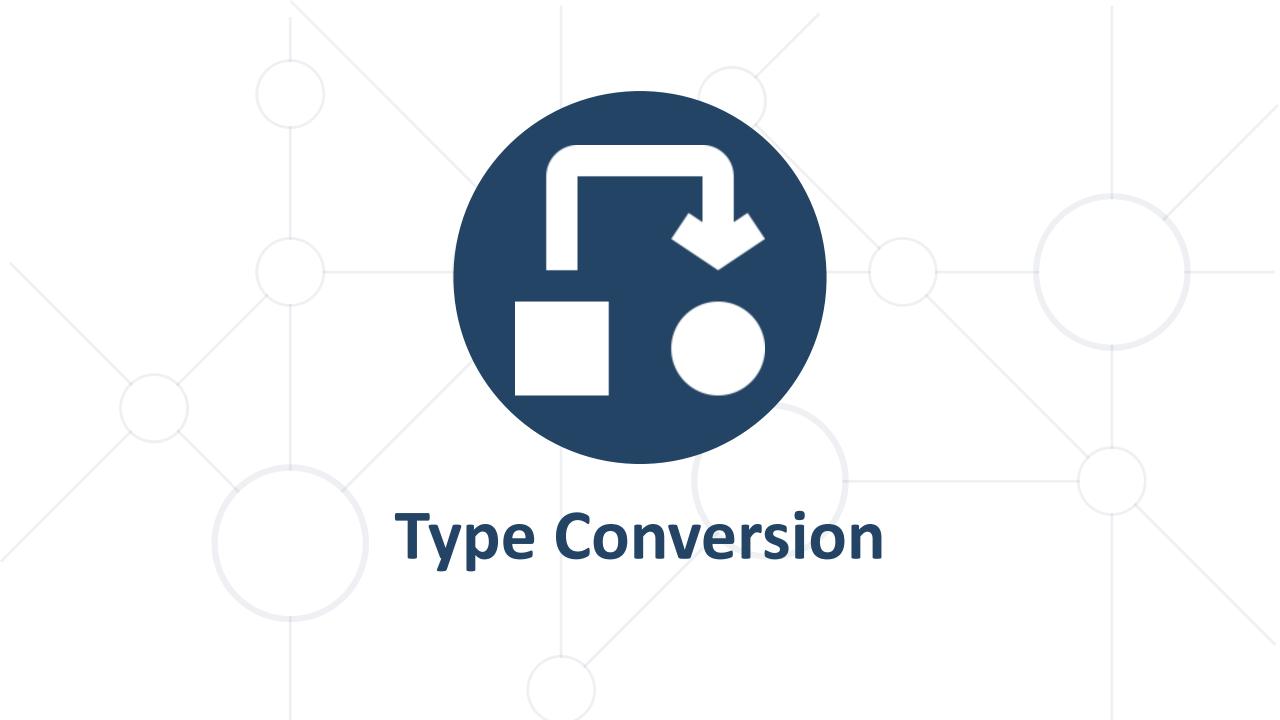
```
int n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
double sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
   sum += double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
Console.WriteLine(sum);</pre>
```

Change double with decimal and check the differences



## **Integer and Real Numbers**

Live Exercises



### **Type Conversion**



- Variables hold values of certain type
- Type can be changed (converted) to another type
  - Implicit type conversion (lossless): variable of bigger type (e.g., double) takes smaller value (e.g., float)

```
float heightInMeters = 1.74f;
double maxHeight = heightInMeters;
Implicit
conversion
```

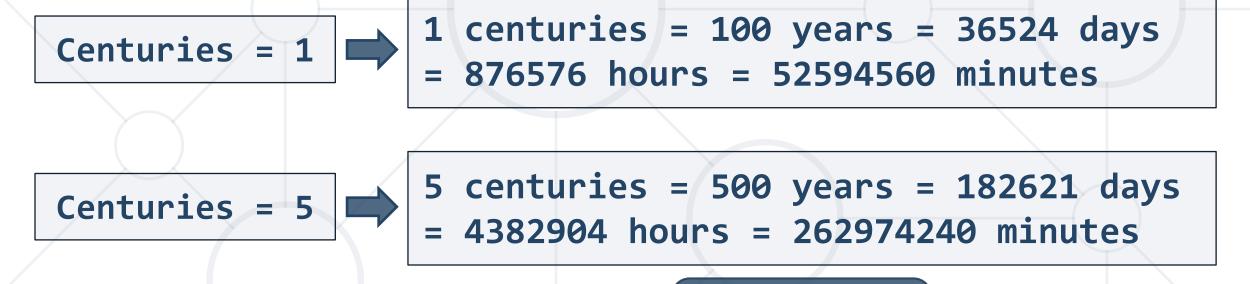
Explicit type conversion (lossy) – when precision can be lost

```
double size = 3.14;
int intSize = (int) size;
Explicit
conversion
```

#### **Problem: Centuries to Minutes**



 Write program to enter an integer number of centuries and convert it to years, days, hours and minutes



The output is on one row

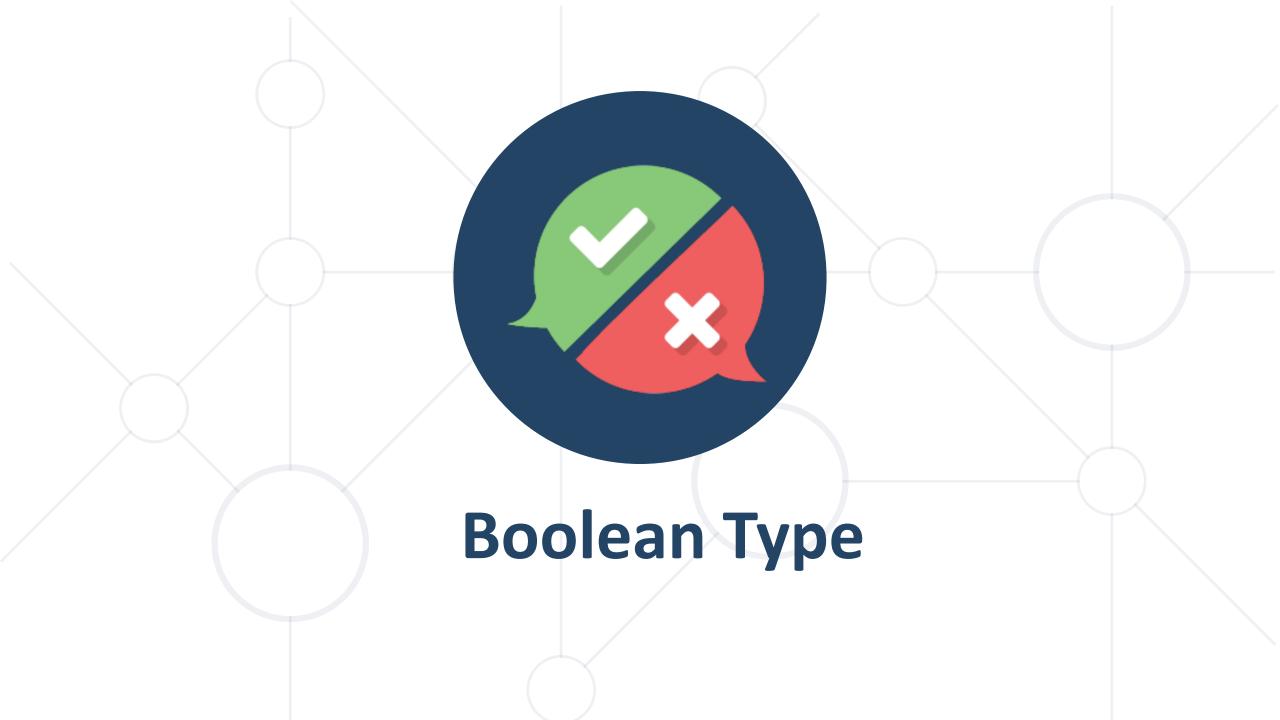
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#### **Solution: Centuries to Minutes**



```
int centuries = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
int years = centuries * 100;
                                              Tropical year has
                                               365.2422 days
int days = (int) (years * 365.2422);
int hours = 24 * days;
                                              (int) converts
int minutes = 60 * hours;
                                               double to int
Console.WriteLine(
  "\{0\} centuries = \{1\} years = \{2\} days = \{3\} hours = \{4\}
minutes",
  centuries, years, days, hours, minutes);
```

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#### **Boolean Type**



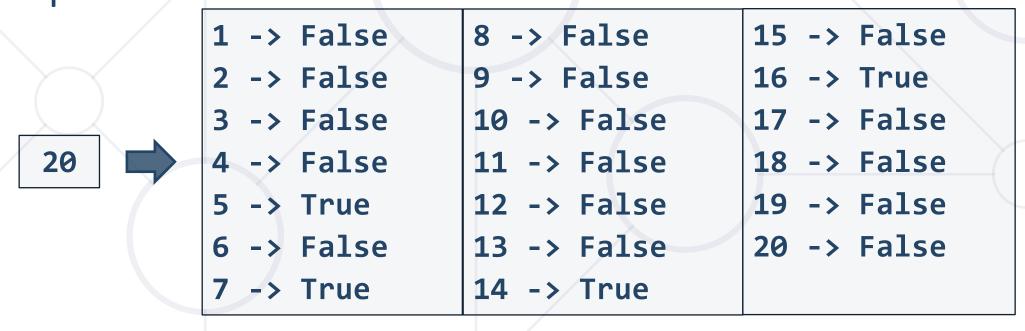
Boolean variables (bool) hold true or false

```
int a = 1;
int b = 2;
bool greaterAB = (a > b);
Console.WriteLine(greaterAB); // False
bool equalA1 = (a == 1);
Console.WriteLine(equalA1); // True
```

# **Problem: Special Numbers**



- A number is special when its sum of digits is 5, 7 or 11
  - For all numbers 1...n print the number and whether it is special or not



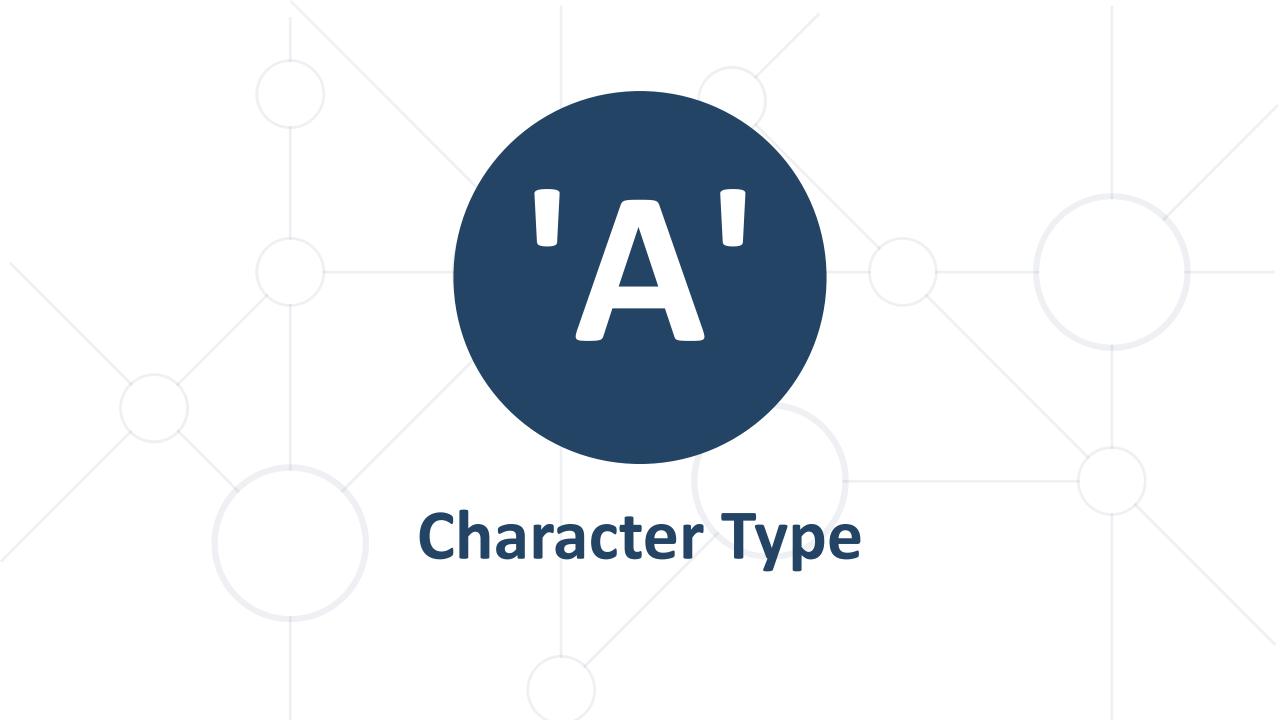
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# **Solution: Special Numbers**



```
int n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
for (int num = 1; num <= n; num++)</pre>
  int sumOfDigits = 0;
  int digits = num;
  while (digits > 0)
    sumOfDigits += digits % 10;
    digits = digits / 10;
  // TODO: check whether the sum is special
```

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# The Character Data Type



- The character data type in C#
  - Represents symbolic information
  - Is declared by the char keyword
  - Gives each symbol a corresponding integer code
  - Has a '\0' default value
  - Takes 16 bits of memory (from U+0000 to U+FFFF)
  - Holds a single Unicode character (or part of character)

#### **Characters and Codes**



Each character has a unique Unicode value (int):

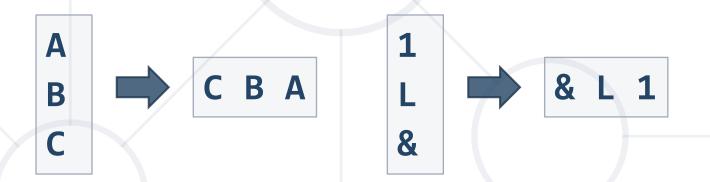
```
char ch = 'a';
Console.WriteLine("The code of '{0}' is: {1}", ch, (int) ch);
ch = 'b';
Console.WriteLine("The code of '{0}' is: {1}", ch, (int) ch);
ch = 'A';
Console.WriteLine("The code of '{0}' is: {1}", ch, (int) ch);
ch = 'щ'; // Cyrillic letter 'sht'
Console.WriteLine("The code of '{0}' is: {1}", ch, (int) ch);
```

#### **Problem: Reversed Chars**



 Write a program that takes 3 lines of characters and prints them in reversed order with a space between them

Examples



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#### **Solution: Reversed Chars**



```
char firstChar = char.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
char secondChar = char.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
char thirdChar = char.Parse(Console.ReadLine());

Console.WriteLine($"{thirdChar} {secondChar} {firstChar}");
```

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#### **Escaping Characters**

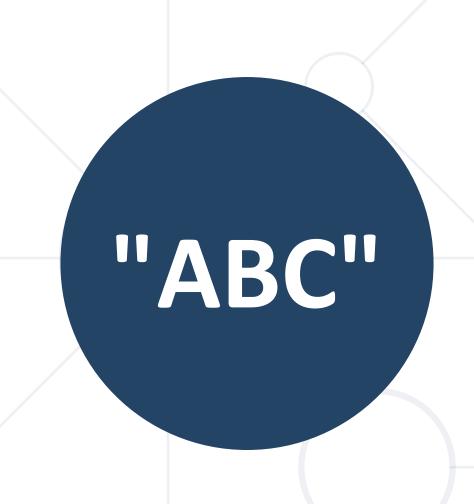


- Escaping sequences
  - Represent a special character like ', " or \n (new line)
  - Represent system characters (like the [TAB] character \t)
- Commonly used escaping sequences are
  - $\backslash$   $\rightarrow$  for single quote  $\backslash$   $\rightarrow$  for double quote
  - $\backslash \backslash \rightarrow$  for backslash  $\backslash n \rightarrow$  for new line
  - \uXXXX → for denoting any other Unicode symbol

#### **Character Literals – Example**



```
char symbol = 'a'; // An ordinary character
symbol = '\u006F'; // Unicode character code in a
                  // hexadecimal format (letter 'o')
symbol = '\u8449'; // 葉 (Leaf in Traditional Chinese)
symbol = '\''; // Assigning the single quote character
symbol = '\\'; // Assigning the backslash character
symbol = '\n'; // Assigning new line character
symbol = '\t'; // Assigning TAB character
symbol = "a"; // Incorrect: use single quotes!
```



# Sequence of Characters

String

# The String Data Type



- The string data type in C#
  - Represents a sequence of characters
  - Is declared by the string keyword
  - Has a default value null (no value)
- Strings are enclosed in quotes

```
string text = "Hello, C#";
```

- Strings can be concatenated
  - Using the + operator



# **Verbatim and Interpolated Strings**



Strings are enclosed in quotes ""

```
string file = "C:\\Windows\\win.ini";
```

Strings can be verbatim (no escaping)

```
string file = @"C:\Windows\win.ini";
```

The backslash \ is escaped by \\

The backslash \ is not escaped

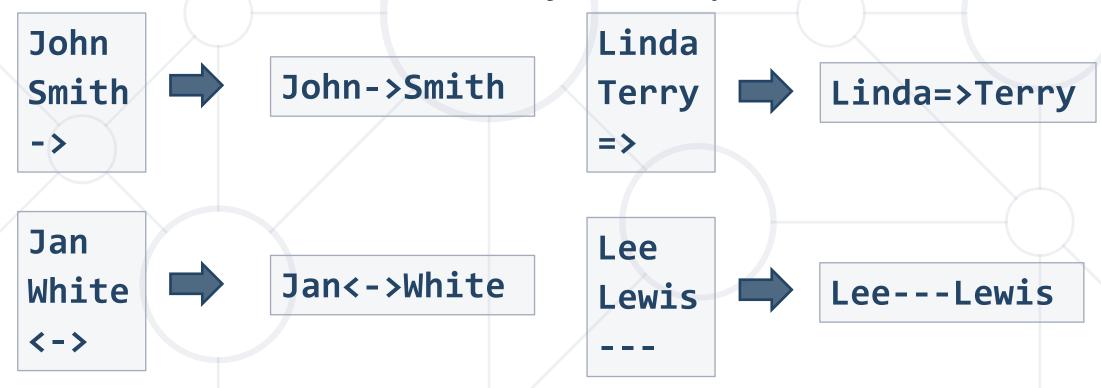
You can use verbatim strings with interpolation

```
string os = "Windows";
string file = "win.ini";
string path = $@"C:\{os}\{file}";
```

#### **Problem: Concat Names**



- Read first and last name and delimiter
- Print the first and last name joined by the delimiter



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#### **Solution: Concat Names**



```
string firstName = Console.ReadLine();
string lastName = Console.ReadLine();
string delimiter = Console.ReadLine();
string result = firstName + delimiter + lastName;
Console.WriteLine(result);
```





# **Live Exercises**

Data Types

# Summary



- Variables store data
- Numeral types
  - Represent numbers
  - Have specific ranges for every type
- String and text types
  - Represent text
  - Sequences of Unicode characters
- Type conversion: implicit and explicit





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