

# Conversions

A **type assertion** doesn't really convert an interface to another data type, but it provides access to an interface's concrete value, which is typically what you want.

The type assertion `x.(T)` asserts that the concrete value stored in `x` is of type `T`, and that `x` is not `nil`.

- If `T` is not an interface, it asserts that the dynamic type of `x` is identical to `T`.
- If `T` is an interface, it asserts that the dynamic type of `x` implements `T`.

```
var x interface{} = "foo"

var s string = x.(string)
fmt.Println(s) // "foo"

s, ok := x.(string)
fmt.Println(s, ok) // "foo true"

n, ok := x.(int)
fmt.Println(n, ok) // "0 false"

n = x.(int) // ILLEGAL
```

Links:

<https://yourbasic.org/golang/type-assertion-switch/>