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\* Background information - Casting

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\* Casting: Programmer controlled data conversion

\* for the duration of an expression

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\* A Programmer may initiate the temporary conversion of a value to a data type

\* using a programming technique called casting.

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\* Casting will cause the conversion of a value to a specified type

\* for the duration of an expression

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\* Syntax for casting: (datatype) variable-or-value

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\* Casting is used when you have a variable defined as a type and you need to have

\* it be treated a different type for the purposes of an operation or process

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