

Here are detailed notes based on the document "Wrapper Classes in Java":

Definition

- A **wrapper class** in Java wraps a **primitive data type** into an object.
 - It provides a mechanism to convert:
 - Primitive values → Objects.
 - Objects → Primitive values.
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Purpose

- Wrapper classes allow storage of primitive data as objects.
 - They bridge the gap between primitive types and the **object-oriented** features of Java.
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Examples

1. Wrapping:

```
int x = 25;  
Integer iWrap = new Integer(x); // Wrapping primitive int into Integer object.
```

2. Unwrapping:

```
int unwrapped = iWrap.intValue(); // Converting Integer object back to int.
```

Why Use Wrapper Classes?

- Many applications (e.g., business or web applications) require data sent to servers in object form.
 - Primitive data types (e.g., `int`, `double`) cannot be sent directly as objects.
 - Example: In e-commerce platforms, details like:
 - `name` → Object (`String`).
 - `credit card number` → Initially `int`, needs to be wrapped into an object (`Integer`).
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Autoboxing and Unboxing

Introduced in Java 5.0:

1. Autoboxing:

- Automatic conversion of primitive types to their wrapper class objects.
- Example:

```
Integer obj = 100; // Primitive int is automatically wrapped.
```

2. Unboxing:

- Automatic conversion of wrapper objects back to primitive types.
- Example:

```
int a = obj; // Wrapper object is converted back to primitive int.
```

List of Wrapper Classes

Java provides eight wrapper classes for the eight primitive data types:

Primitive Type	Wrapper Class
char	Character
byte	Byte
short	Short
int	Integer
long	Long
float	Float
double	Double
boolean	Boolean

Key Characteristics

1. **Defined in** `java.lang` package.
2. **Immutable and final:**
 - Objects cannot be modified after creation.
3. **No-arg constructors:**
 - Wrapper classes do not have constructors without arguments.
4. **Character restrictions:**
 - `Character` class does not support a constructor with a `String` parameter.

Points to Remember

- Wrapper classes provide:
 - **Constructors**, **constants**, and **methods** for manipulating primitive data types.
- All wrapper classes are immutable and final.
- Useful for type conversions:
 - Example: `Integer.parseInt()` to convert `String` to `int`.

If you need these notes structured further or tailored to specific needs, let me know!