

# Conversion of Numeric Types

Many conversions happen automatically (called implicit type casts)

Given `int i = 5, j = 4; double x = 1.5, y = 2.1;`

Example	Explanation
<code>double z = 7;</code>	conversion from int to double (7.0)
<code>int n = 6.7;</code>	6.7 is truncated to <b>int</b> , setting n to 6
<code>double z = 1/3;</code>	<b>Gotcha!</b> 1/3 done as (compile time) integer division, giving zero, converted to double (0.0)
<code>double z = 1.0/3.0;</code>	Correct way, or 1/3.0 or 1.0/3; result is 0.3333..
<code>double z = i/j;</code>	<b>Gotcha!</b> i and j are ints, so <i>i/j</i> is done as integer division. Result (1) converted to <b>double</b> (1.0)
<code>int n = i+x;</code>	i is converted to <b>double</b> , <i>i + x</i> done as double giving 6.5, which is truncated to <b>int</b> , result: 6
<code>int n = x+y;</code>	<i>x + y</i> is evaluated as double, giving 3.6. Result then truncated to <b>int</b> , result: 3

To override implicit casting, C allows you to write an **explicit typecast**: place the destination type in brackets before the expression to be converted, bracketing that expression where necessary

Example	Explanation
<code>double z = (double) i/j;</code>	<b>Gotcha!</b> Placing the (double) cast here does nothing, as before the result is 1.0
<code>double z = ((double)i)/j;</code>	Ok, this converts <i>i</i> to double first, forcing <i>j</i> to be converted to double too, so that the division can happen in double. The result is now 1.25 as we expected.
<code>double z = i/((double)j);</code>	This does the right thing too.
<code>z = ((double)i)/((double)j);</code>	This does the right thing too.