

Making Decision

Pattern Matching

```
void compare(Number number) {
    if(number instanceof Integer data) {
        System.out.print(data.compareTo(5));
    }
}

void firstIfFalse(Object object) {
    if(!(object instanceof String s)){
        //here then s is NOT a String
        return;
    }
    //then here it is!. Mind the return first if
    System.out.println("length of string: "+s.length());
}
```

Pattern Matching - interface

The compiler can't definitively state that t is not a List. Some future program could create a subclass of Throwable that does implement List.

```
void notCompatible(Throwable t) {
    //type not compatible - t cannot be a string
    /*
    if(t instanceof String s) {}
    */
    //strange behaviour for interface!
    if(t instanceof List list) {
        System.out.println("that's weird");
    }
}
```

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Pattern Matching - subtype

Pattern variable type must be a **strict subtype** of the Type under test.

```

Number number = 5;
//this is a simple instanceof, not pattern matching
if(number instanceof Number){} //this is OK

//Pattern type 'Number' is the same as expression type
//pattern variable type must be a strict subtype of Number
//if(number instanceof Number n2){} //DOES NOT COMPILE!
//this is ok as Long is a strict subtype Of Number
if(number instanceof Long nL) {} //OK

```

Switch

Switch Statement

The value of a case statement must be one of these:

- a constant;
- a literal value;
- a final variable (not just effectively final)

```

int aValue = 5;
final int aConstant = 6;
switch (x){
    case 2: //ok - literal
    case aConstant: //ok - constant
    case aValue: //does not compile, not final
}

```

WARNING: You always need the case, a part in the default case.

Multi cases

I use comma (,) to separate values.

```

void workOrChillOut(DayOfWeek day) {
    //with the new switch, I can have multiple cases in the same line
    switch (day) {
        case MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY:
            System.out.println("You have to work!");
            break;
        default:
            System.out.println("Enjoy your weekend!");
    }
}

```

Multi cases - default

case and default are separated by colon.

```
int x = 7;
switch (x){
    case 2, 3:
        System.out.println("2,3");
    case 7: default: case 8, 9:
        System.out.println("default");
}
```

strange switch

Switch supported types

- int, byte, short, char
- Integer, Byte, Short, Character
- enum
- String
- var (if type was previously resolved)

Switch expression

```
void printItalianDayWithDefault(DayOfWeek day) {
    var result = switch (day) {
        case MONDAY -> "lunedì";
        case TUESDAY -> "martedì";
        case WEDNESDAY -> "mercoledì";
        case THURSDAY -> "giovedì";
        case FRIDAY -> "venerdì";
        default -> "weekend";
    };
}
```

We can have a switch expression even without return value assigned.

```
int cnt = 0;
char c = 'a';
//there is no return value assigned so the default is not needed
switch (c) {
    case 'a' -> cnt++;
    case 'b' -> cnt++;
}
System.out.println(cnt); //1
```

yield

If the switch expression returns a value, then every branch that isn't an expression must yield a value.

```
final int score1 = 8, score2 = 3;
char myScore = 7;
var goal = switch (myScore) {
  default -> {
    if (10 > score1) {
      yield "unknown";
    } else {
      {yield "ciao";} //brackets not needed
    }
  }
}
```

Switch expression with yield