

# Variables - 2

## Non-Primitive / Reference data types

### 1. Class

- Whenever we use 'new' keyword, we are creating new object in Heap
- object created from Class is reference to the actual Heap memory

### 2. String

- Inside Heap memory we have 'string constant pool'.
- Whenever new string is created, it first checks 'string constant pool' for same literal, if present newly created string object will point to same literal.
- When we use 'new' keyword, it is not considered string literal, it created another String object inside Heap and referenced to this object and not to string constant pool.
- == , checks whether variables refer to same memory in Heap
- .equals() - checks value inside that memory
- Strings are immutable - once created they cannot be changed, if literal not present in 'string constant pool', new string literal will be created.
  - old string literal will still be there, just reference is changed

### 3. Interface

- 'interface' keyword
- when some class implements 'interface' it has to override that interface methods
- An class which implements an interface, can store objects references of its own name or its parent implements interface
- An object of an interface cannot be created - interface only defines blueprint not implementation
- default value = 0

### 4. Array

- new int [6] | {0,9,0} - in Heap

- In java there is no concept of pointers
- In java everything is pass by value not pass by reference
- everything achieved in C with pointers, can be achieved with reference in Java

### 1. Wrapper Class

- AutoBoxing
  - int a = 10;
  - Integer n = a; (primitive to wrapper class)
- Unboxing
  - Integer x = 20;
  - int n = x; (wrapper class to primitive)
- For each primitive type, we have their respective Reference type in Java (wrapper class)
- if we want to pass primitive data type as Reference data type - we can wrap them inside wrapper classes.
- Collections work on only reference data type
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## 2. Constant Variable - read only

- 'static final' keyword - cannot be changed afterwards
- name must be Capital