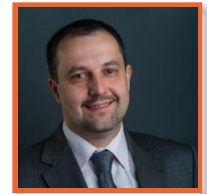


Working with Variables and Constants

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Old-style Coding



Importance of Readability



Business Problems

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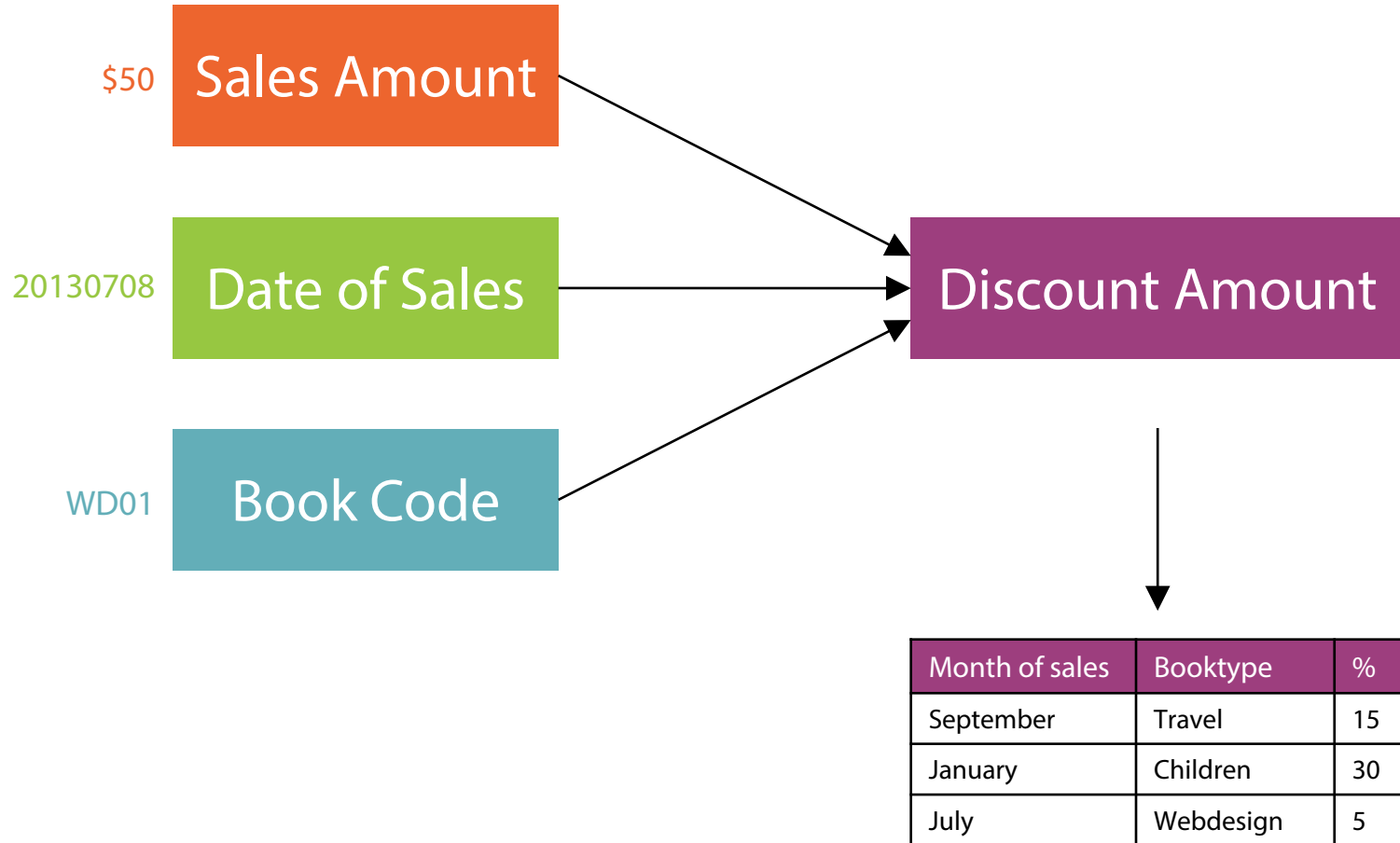
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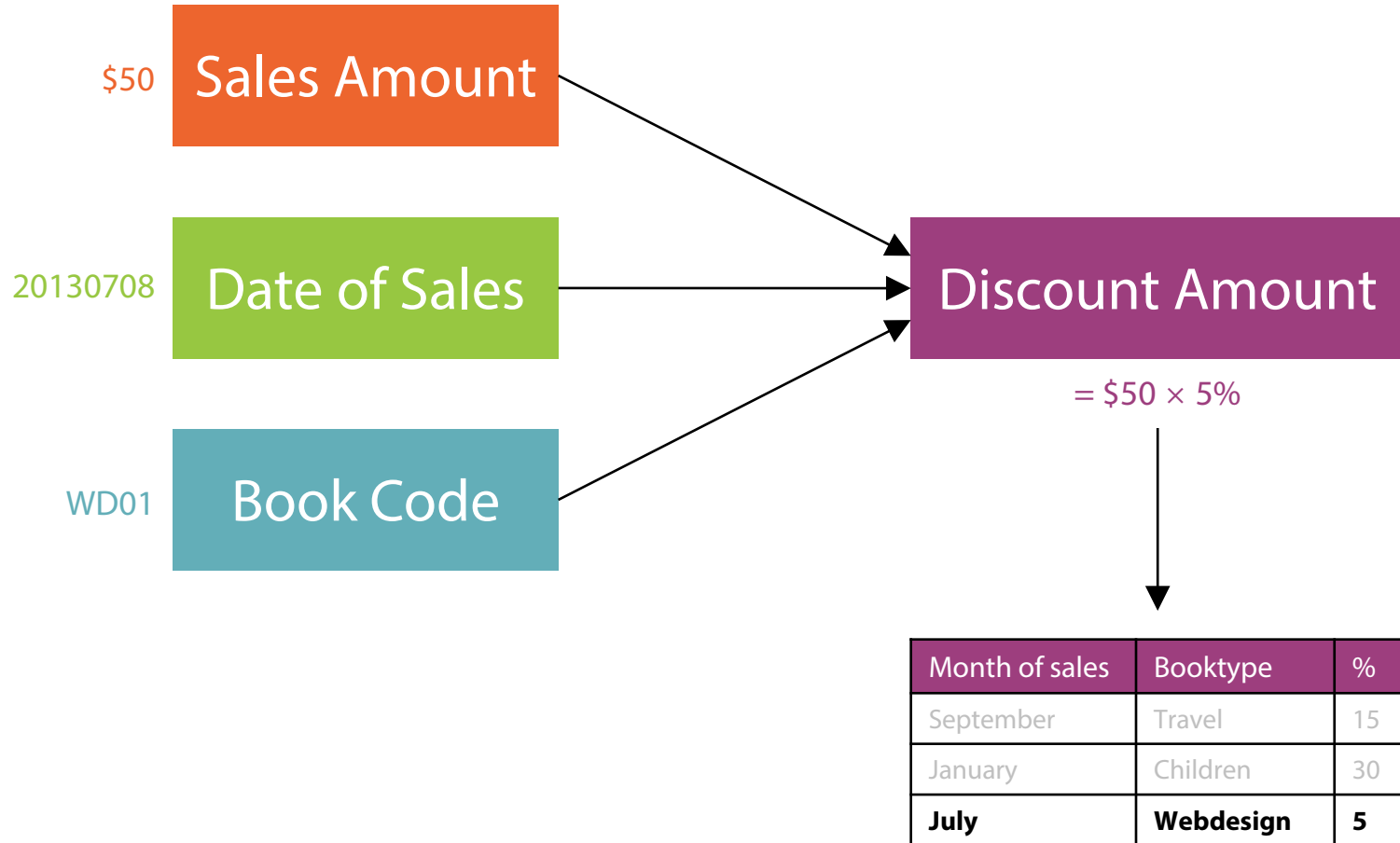
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VIDEO!

Business Example



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Easiest Solution = Best Practices

Easiest Solution \neq Best Practices

~~Easiest~~ Solution **Refactoring** || Best Practices

Booktype

Month of Sale

Discount %



ABAP Variables

Declaration Methods

Predefined Types

Custom Types

Infoobjects

Predefined Types

Predefined Numeric Types

Data Type	Description	Example
I	Integer	5
F	Floating Point Number	$0,54 \times 10^5$
P	Packed Number	12,54

Predefined Character Types

Data Type	Description	Example
C	Text Field	'webdesign'
D	Date Field	'20130721' YYYYMMDD
T	Time field	'154223' HHMMSS

Custom Types

Infoobject Type

Standard

/BI0/OICALMONTH

Custom

/BIC/OIZBOOKTYPE

DATA booktype TYPE /BIC/OIZBOOKTYPE.

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Benefits

Naming Concept

Meaningful Variable Names



Higher Readability

Declaration Method

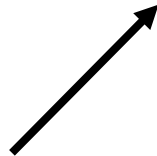
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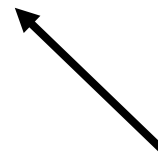
Centralization

Benefits

Lower Maintenance Costs



Higher Readability



Centralization

Book types

WD → Webdesign

CH → Children

TR → Travel



ABAP Constants

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Webdesign = 'WD'

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CONSTANTS Webdesign TYPE c LENGTH 2 VALUE 'WD'

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CONSTANTS Webdesign TYPE c LENGTH 2 **VALUE** 'WD'

Benefits

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Calculation

$$\text{Discount} = \text{Sales Amount} \times \text{Discount \%}$$

Initial Value of Variables

Numeric

I **→** **0**

F **→** **0**

P **→** **0**

Character

C **→** **"**

D **→** **'00000000'**

T **→** **'000000'**

Assigning Values to Variables

MOVE

=

SELECT

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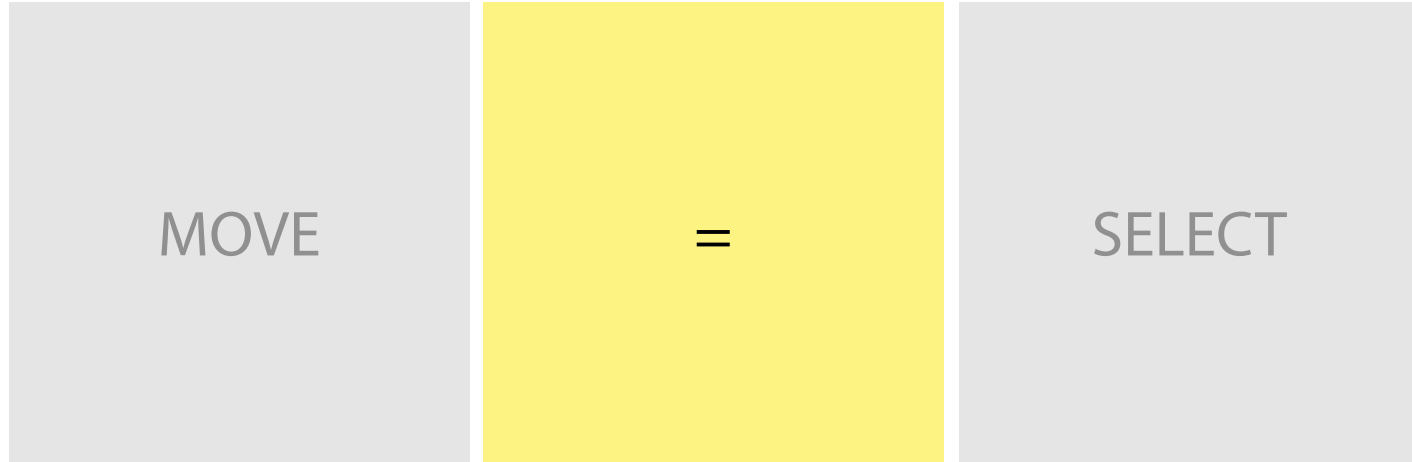
MOVE

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SELECT

MOVE source_fields-amount **TO** sales_amount.

Assigning Values to Variables



result = sales_amount x discount_percentage.

Assigning Values to Variables

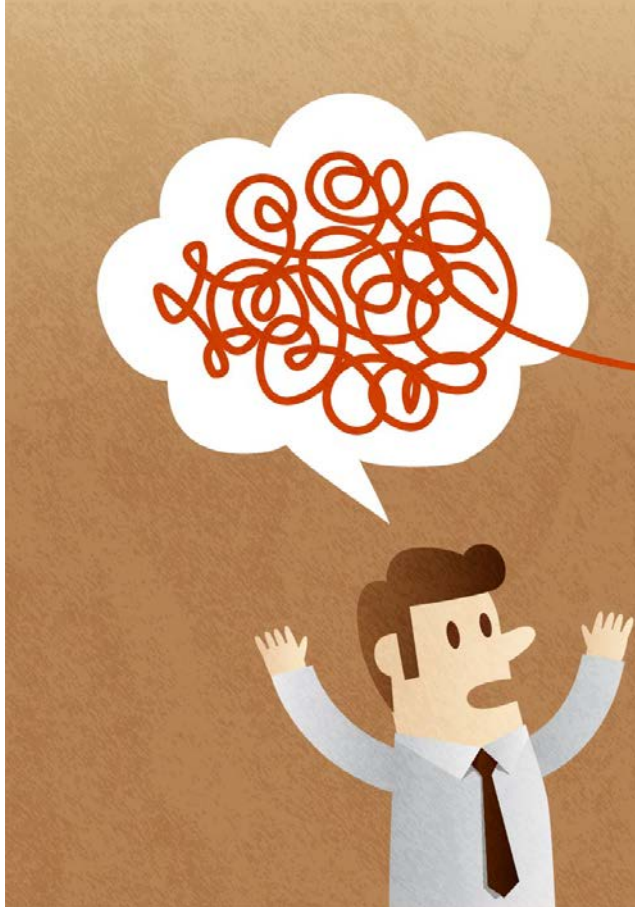
MOVE

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SELECT

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SELECT /bic/zbooktype  
  INTO booktype  
  FROM /bic/mbook  
WHERE /bic/zbook = book_code  
      AND objvers   = active.
```


Summary



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