## **Creating Variables with Types**

When we use data in our programs, it's good practice to save them in a *variable*. A variable is basically like a box in our computer memory where we can store values used in our code.

In C#, data types and variables are closely intertwined. Remember how C# is strongly-typed? Every time we declare a variable, we have to specify what kind of data type that variable is going to hold.

There are two ways we can assign variables. We can do it on two lines:

```
// Declare an integer
int myAge;
myAge = 32;
```

Or, we can be more concise and just do it on one:

```
// Declare a string
string countryName = "Netherlands";
```

In each case, we first write the data type, then the variable name, then use the equals sign = to assign the variable a value.

Once we've defined a variable, we can use them throughout our program. For example, here's a short program that prints a few math equations to the console:

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int evenNumber = 22;
int oddNumber = 45;
Console WriteLine(evenNumber + oddNumber); // Prints 67
Console WriteLine(oddNumber - evenNumber); // Prints 23
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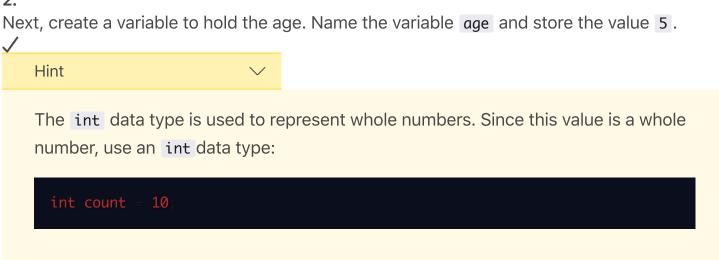
If we want to change the values, it's only necessary to change it in one place instead of everywhere it is used.

To practice creating variables, we're going to write a program that prints information about a dog to the console. We'll be working wth the types string, int, double, and bool.

First, create two string variables. The first one is called name and has the value "Shadow". The second one is called breed and has the value "Golden Retriever".

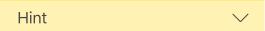


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3. Next, create a variable to hold the weight. Name the variable weight and store the value 65.22.





The double data type is used to represent decimal values. Since the value of this variable is not a whole number, use a double data type:

double distance = 26.2



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The bool data type represents the concept of true or false. Use a bool data type for this variable:

bool isItOn = false

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Use Console.WriteLine() to print each variable to the console.

Hint

To print a value to the console:

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