

## Objectives of wrapper classes:

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- To wrap primitive in object form so that we can handle *primitives* as well just like objects.
- To define several utility methods which are required for *primitives*.

## Constructors:

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- Almost all wrapper classes contain two constructors, one can take corresponding *primitive* as argument and the other can take *String* as argument.

### Example:

```
Integer I = new Integer(10);  
Integer I = new Integer("10");  
  
Double D = new Double(10.5);  
Double D = new Double("10.5");
```

- If *String* argument doesn't represent a number then we will get *runtime exception* saying *NumberFormatException*.

### Example:

```
Integer I = new Integer("ten"); => runtime exception:  
NumberFormatException
```

- *Float* class contains three constructors with *float*, *double* and *String* arguments.

### Example:

```
Float D = new Float(10.5f);  
Float D = new Float("10.5f");  
Float D = new Float(10.5);  
Float D = new Float("10.5");
```

- *Character* class contains only one constructor which can take a *char* argument.

### Example:

```
Character ch = new Character('a'); => invalid
Character ch = new Character("a"); => invalid
```

- `Boolean` class contains two constructors, one can take `primitive` as argument and the other can take `String` argument. If we pass boolean primitive as argument, the only allowed values are: `true` or `false` where case and content are important.
- If we are passing `String` type as argument then case and content both are not important.
- If content is case insensitive `true` then it is treated as `true` otherwise it's treated as `false`.

**Note:**

- These constructors are **deprecated**.

**Example:**

```
Boolean B = new Boolean(true);      => valid
Boolean B = new Boolean(false);     => valid
Boolean B = new Boolean(True);      => invalid
Boolean B = new Boolean(Ahmed);     => invalid
Boolean B = new Boolean("true");    => true
Boolean B = new Boolean("True");    => true
Boolean B = new Boolean("TRUE");    => true
Boolean B = new Boolean("Ahmed");   => false
Boolean B = new Boolean("AHMED");   => false
```

Wrapper classs	Corresponding constructor arguments
Byte	byte or String
Short	short or String
Integer	int or String
Long	long or String
Float	Float or String or double
Double	double or String
Character	char or <del>String</del>
Boolean	boolean or String <b>[deprecated]</b>

**Note:** - In all wrapper classes `toString()` method is *overridden* to return content directly. - In all wrapper classes `equals()` method is *overridden* for content comparison.

## Utility methods:

- `valueOf()`
- `xxxValue()`

- `parseXxx()`
- `toString()`

### `valueOf()`:

- We can use `valueOf()` method to create wrapper object for the given `primitive` or `String`.

#### **Form 1:**

- Every wrapper class except `Character` class contains `static valueOf()` method to create wrapper object for the given `String`.

```
public static wrapper valueOf(String s);
```

#### **Example:**

```
Integer I = new Integer.valueOf("10");
Double D = new Double.valueOf("10.5");
Boolean B = new Boolean.valueOf("Ahmed");
```

#### **Form 2:**

- Every integral type wrapper class [`Byte`, `Short`, `Integer`, `Long`] contains the following `valueOf()` method to create wrapper object for the given specified radix string.

```
public static wrapper valueOf(String s, int radix);
```

- The allowed range of radix is 2 to 36

#### **Example:**

```
Integer I = new Integer.valueOf("100", 2);
System.out.println(I);           => 4

Integer I = new Integer.valueOf("100", 4);
System.out.println(I);           => 17

Integer I = new Integer.valueOf("100", 37); => runtime exception:
NumberFormatException: radix 37 greater than
Character.MAX_RADIX
```

#### **Form 3:**

- Every wrapper class including `Character` class contains a `static valueOf()` method to create wrapper object for the given `primitive`.

```
public static wrapper valueOf(primitive p);
```

#### **Example:**

```
Integer I = new Integer.valueOf(10);
Character ch = new Character.valueOf('a');
Boolean B = new Boolean.valueOf(true);
```

```
graph LR
    A[primitive/String] -- valueOf --> B[wrapper object]
```

### xxxValue():

- We can use `xxxValue()` methods to get primitive for the given wrapper object.
- Every `Number` type wrapper class [`Byte`, `Short`, `Integer`, `Long`, `Float`, `Double`] contains the following six methods to get primitives for the given wrapper object.

```
public byte byteValue();
public short shortValue();
public int intValue();
public long longValue();
public float floatValue();
public double doubleValue();
```

#### Example:

```
Integer I = new Integer.valueOf(130);
System.out.println(I.byteValue());    =>  -126
System.out.println(I.shortValue());   =>   130
System.out.println(I.intValue());     =>   130
System.out.println(I.longValue());    =>   130
System.out.println(I.floatValue());   =>  130.0
System.out.println(I.doubleValue());  =>  130.0
```

- `Character` class contains `charValue()` method to get `char` primitive for the given `Character` object.

```
public char charValue();
```

#### Example:

```
Character ch = new Character.charValue('a');
char c = ch.charValue();
System.out.println(c);    => 'a'
```

- `Boolean` class contains `booleanValue()` method to get `boolean` primitive for the given `Boolean` object.

```
public boolean booleanValue();
```

**Example:**

```
Boolean B = new Boolean.charValue("Ahmed");  
char b = B.booleanValue();  
System.out.println(b);    => false
```

**Note:**

- In total  $38 = (6 * 6 + 1 + 1)$  `xxxValue()` are possible. 6 for the number one, 1 for character and one 1 for boolean.

```
graph LR; A[wrapper object] -- xxxValue --> B[primitive]
```

A diagram illustrating the conversion of a wrapper object to a primitive value. It consists of two light blue rectangular boxes with purple borders. The left box contains the text "wrapper object" and the right box contains the text "primitive". A black arrow points from the right side of the "wrapper object" box to the left side of the "primitive" box. The text "xxxValue" is written in black above the arrow, indicating the method used for the conversion.