BOOLEAN DATA TYPE

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BOOLEAN

- A logical type whose values are true and false .

- A logical test is actually a boolean expression.

- It is legal to
  - create a boolean variable
  - pass a boolean value as a parameter
  - return a boolean value from methods
  - call a method that returns a boolean and use it as a test

WHY BOOLEAN?

- Can capture a complex logical test result and use it later

- Makes code more readable

- Can write a method that does a complex test and returns it

- Can pass around the result of a logical test (as parameter/return)

SHORT CIRCUIT EVALUATION

Java stops evaluating a test if it knows the answer.

- **&& stops** early if any part of the test is **false**

- **|| stops** early if any part of the test is **true**

2>3 && 4<5

false && ?

false

2<3 || 4>5

true || ?

true