

Autoboxing and Unboxing

Autoboxing

Java has a technique through which we can convert our PRIMITIVE DATA TYPE INTO WRAPPER OBJECT.

In every Java Field, wrapper object is created by default.

```

    wrapper Object
    +-- Integer
    |   +-- Integer
    |   +-- Long
    |   +-- Double
    |   +-- Float
    |   +-- Boolean
    |   +-- Byte
    +-- Character
    +-- Boolean
  
```

* Autoboxing is available from Java 1.5 when compiler has the facility to convert the primitive into wrapper object as shown in the above code (Line 14) when compiler converts the primitive into wrapper object.

Code:

```

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Integer a = 10;
        System.out.println("Value of a is " + a);
        System.out.println("Type of a is " + a.getClass());
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}
  
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Unboxing

It is a technique through which we can convert wrapper object back to primitive type.

It is available from Java 1.5.

```

Wrapper Object ---> Type
  +-- Integer
  |   +-- int
  |   +-- long
  |   +-- double
  |   +-- float
  |   +-- boolean
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  +-- Character
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Note: While working with primitive type, we can convert one type to another type but the same is not possible with wrapper objects.

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Section 29.6 Is there or not working

Autoboxing Rule

Java has a rule for autoboxing. When we have 2 methods, We have to decide which one to execute.

Or we can say that compiler can select more than one method then compiler will priority the one which is more specific.

1) Exact Match Rule

First of all compiler will always search for exact match.

Autoboxing rule is to choose and search the method which accepts character as a parameter.

2) Most Specific Type

Compiler will give preference to more generic to more specific data type.

Rule 1: If there is an Ambiguity, \rightarrow the Ambiguous method will be chosen.

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Example:

```

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