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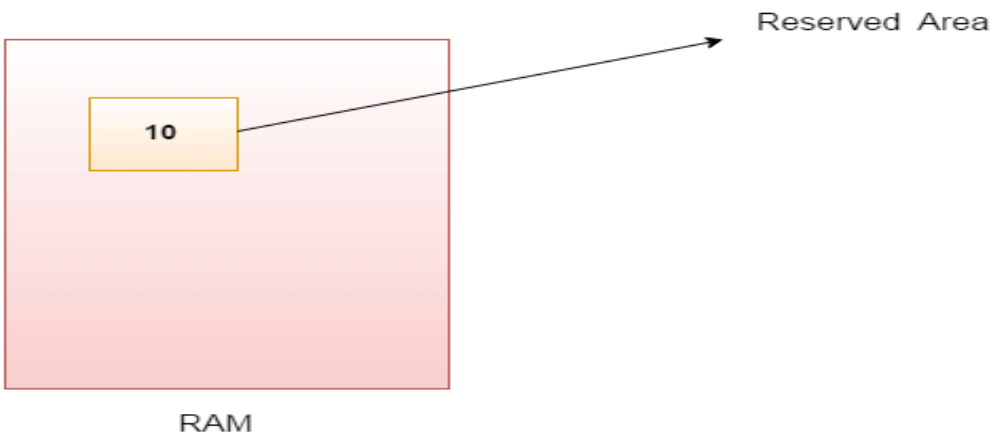
Object-oriented programming

CSE 1203

Lecture -7

1. What is Variable?

A variable is a container which holds the value while the Java program is executed. A variable is the name of a reserved area allocated in memory. In other words, it is a name of the memory location. It is a combination of "vary + able" which means its value can be changed.



int data=50;//Here data is variable

2. Types of Variables

There are three types of variables in Java:

a. local variable

b. instance variable

c. static variable

a) **Local Variable**

A variable declared inside the body of the method is called local variable. You can use this variable only within that method and the other methods in the class aren't even aware that the variable exists.

A local variable cannot be defined with "static" keyword.

b) **Instance Variable**

A variable declared inside the class but outside the body of the method, is called an instance variable. It is not declared as static.

It is called an instance variable because its value is instance-specific and is not shared among instances.

c) **Static variable**

A variable that is declared as static is called a static variable. It cannot be local. You can create a single copy of the static variable and share it among all the instances of the class. Memory allocation for static variables happens only once when the class is loaded in the memory.

Example to understand the types of variables in java

```
public class A
{
   static int m=100;//static variable
   void method()
   {
      int n=90;//local variable
   }
   public static void main(String args[])
   {
      int data=50;//instance variable
   }
}//end of class
```

Java Variable Example: Add Two Numbers

```
public class Simple{
public static void main(String[] args){
int a=10;
int b=10;
int c=a+b;
System.out.println(c);
    }
}
```

Output:

```
20
```

3. **Data Types**

Data types specify the different sizes and values that can be stored in the variable. There are two types of data types in Java:

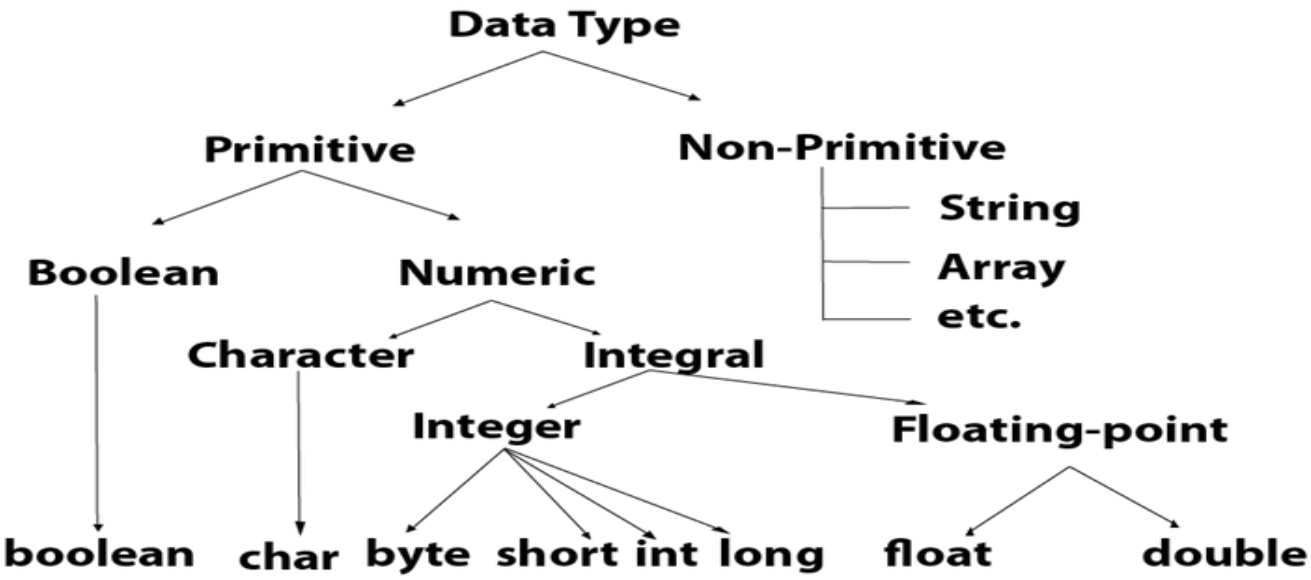
i. **Primitive data types:** The primitive data types include boolean, char, byte, short, int, long, float and double.
ii. **Non-primitive data types:** The non-primitive data types include Classes, Interfaces, and Arrays.

Java Primitive Data Types

In Java language, primitive data types are the building blocks of data manipulation. These are the most basic data types available in Java language.

There are 8 types of primitive data types:

i. boolean data type
ii. byte data type
iii. char data type
iv. short data type
v. int data type
vi. long data type
vii. float data type
viii. double data type



Data Type	Default Value	Default size
boolean	false	1 bit
char	'\u0000'	2 byte
byte	0	1 byte
short	0	2 byte
int	0	4 byte
float	0.0f	4 byte
double	0.0d	8 byte
long	0L	8 byte

i) Boolean Data Type

The Boolean data type is used to store only two possible values: true and false. This data type is used for simple flags that track true/false conditions. The Boolean data type specifies one bit of information, but its "size" can't be defined precisely.

Example:

Boolean one = **false**

ii) Byte Data Type

The byte data type is an example of primitive data type. It is an 8-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between -128 to 127 (inclusive). Its minimum value is -128 and maximum value is 127. Its default value is 0.The byte data type is used to save memory in large arrays where the memory savings is most required. It saves space because a byte is 4 times smaller than an integer. It can also be used in place of "int" data type.

Example:

byte a = 10, **byte** b = -20

iii) Short Data Type

The short data type is a 16-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between -32,768 to 32,767 (inclusive). Its minimum value is -32,768 and maximum value is 32,767. Its default value is 0.The short data type can also be used to save memory just like byte data type. A short data type is 2 times smaller than an integer.

Example:

short s = 10000, **short** r = -5000

iv) Int Data Type

The int data type is a 32-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between - 2,147,483,648 (-2^31) to 2,147,483,647 (2^31 -1) (inclusive). Its minimum value is - 2,147,483,648and maximum value is 2,147,483,647. Its default value is 0.The int data type is generally used as a default data type for integral values unless if there is no problem about memory.

Example:

int a = 100000, **int** b = -200000

v) **Long Data Type**

The long data type is a 64-bit two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between -9,223,372,036,854,775,808(-2^63) to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807(2^63 -1)(inclusive). Its minimum value is - 9,223,372,036,854,775,808and maximum value is 9,223,372,036,854,775,807. Its default value is 0. The long data type is used when you need a range of values more than those provided by int.

Example:

long a = 100000L, **long** b = -200000L

vi) **Float Data Type**

The float data type is a single-precision 32-bit IEEE 754 floating point. Its value range is unlimited. It is recommended to use a float (instead of double) if you need to save memory in large arrays of floating point numbers. The float data type should never be used for precise values, such as currency. Its default value is 0.0F.

Example:

float f1 = 234.5f

vii) **Double Data Type**

The double data type is a double-precision 64-bit IEEE 754 floating point. Its value range is unlimited. The double data type is generally used for decimal values just like float. The double data type also should never be used for precise values, such as currency. Its default value is 0.0d.

Example:

double d1 = 12.3

viii) **Char Data Type**

The char data type is a single 16-bit Unicode character. Its value-range lies between '\u0000' (or 0) to '\uffff' (or 65,535 inclusive).The char data type is used to store characters.

Example:

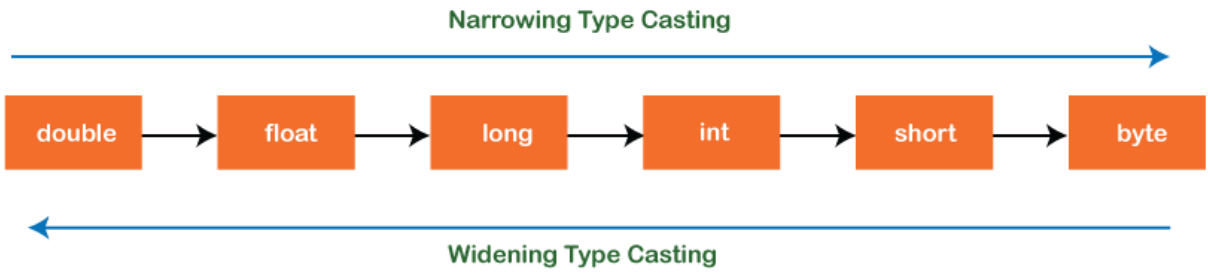
char letterA = 'A'

Why char uses 2 byte in java and what is \u0000 ?

It is because java uses Unicode system not ASCII code system. The \u0000 is the lowest range of Unicode system.

4. What is Typecasting?

In Java, **type casting** is a method or process that converts a data type into another data type in both ways manually and automatically. The automatic conversion is done by the compiler and manual conversion performed by the programmer. In this section, we will discuss **type casting** and **its types** with proper examples.



Type Casting in Java

Types of Type Casting

There are two types of type casting:

i. Widening Type Casting

ii. Narrowing Type Casting

Widening Type Casting

Converting a lower data type into a higher one is called **widening** type casting. It is also known as **implicit conversion** or **casting down**. It is done automatically. It is safe because there is no chance to lose data. It takes place when:

- Both data types must be compatible with each other.
- The target type must be larger than the source type.

byte -> short -> char -> int -> long -> float -> double

For example, the conversion between numeric data type to char or Boolean is not done automatically. Also, the char and Boolean data types are not compatible with each other. Let's see an example.

WideningTypeCastingExample.java

```
public class WideningTypeCastingExample
{
public static void main(String[] args)
{
int x = 7;
//automatically converts the integer type into long type
long y = x;
//automatically converts the long type into float type
float z = y;
System.out.println("Before conversion, int value "+x);
System.out.println("After conversion, long value "+y);
System.out.println("After conversion, float value "+z);
}
}
```

Output

```
Before conversion, the value is: 7
After conversion, the long value is: 7
After conversion, the float value is: 7.0
```

In the above example, we have taken a variable x and converted it into a long type. After that, the long type is converted into the float type.

Narrowing Type Casting

Converting a higher data type into a lower one is called **narrowing** type casting. It is also known as **explicit conversion** or **casting up**. It is done manually by the programmer. If we do not perform casting then the compiler reports a compile-time error.

double -> **float** -> **long** -> **int** -> **char** -> **short** -> **byte**

In the following example, we have performed the narrowing type casting two times. First, we have converted the double type into long data type after that long data type is converted into int type.

NarrowingTypeCastingExample.java

```
public class NarrowingTypeCastingExample  {
public static void main(String args[])
 {
double d = 166.66;
//converting double data type into long data type
long l = (long)d;
//converting long data type into int data type
int i = (int)l;
System.out.println("Before conversion: "+d);
//fractional part lost
System.out.println("After conversion into long type: "+l);
//fractional part lost
System.out.println("After conversion into int type: "+i);  }
}
```

Output

```
Before conversion: 166.66
After conversion into long type: 166
After conversion into int type: 166
```

Java Variable Example: Overflow

```
class Simple{
public static void main(String[] args){
//Overflow
int a=130;
byte b=(byte)a;
System.out.println(a);
System.out.println(b);
}}
```

Output:

```
130
-126
```

Java Variable Example: Adding Lower Type

```
class Simple{
public static void main(String[] args){
byte a=10;
byte b=10;
//byte c=a+b;//Compile Time Error: because a+b=20 will be int
byte c=(byte)(a+b);
System.out.println(c);
}}
```

Output:

```
20
```