

# CS0411 INTRODUCTION TO CS PROGRAMMING

## Promotion, Demotion and Casting

Primitive	Valid promotion
double	None
float	double
long	float, double
int	long, float, double
short	int, long, float, double
byte	short, int, long, float, double
char	int, long, float, double
boolean	none

Promotion may be **implicit**, for example `double d = i;`  
or **explicit** by using a casting operator, for example `double d = (double)i1/i2;`

Java will implicitly promote when there is a mixture of types in a calculation, for example `double d2 = d1/i1;` will do regular division (`i1` is implicitly promoted to a `double`).

Demotion can never be **implicit**, `int i = 3.7;` is a compile error  
You must explicitly use the casting operator for demotion. When demoting there may be a loss of accuracy. The value of `(int)3.7` is 3. The value of `(int)3.0` is 3.

The casting operator has a higher precedence than mathematical operators (+, -, \*, /, %)  
Casting does not change the actual variable value that the cast is done to.

**EXAMPLE:** Given the starting code:

```
double d1, d2, d3;  
int i1, i2, i3;  
i1 = 2;  
i2 = 5;  
d1 = 5.6;  
d2 = 4.0;
```

decide whether each of the following would compile. **For those that do, write down the result of the line.**  
**For those that do not, explain why not.** Treat each line separately as following on from the 6 lines above:

#1	<code>i3 = 2;</code>	
#2	<code>i3 = i2;</code>	
#3	<code>i3 = d1;</code>	
#4	<code>i3 = d2;</code>	

#5	i3 = (int)d1;	
#6	i3 = (int)d2;	
#7	i3 = d1/i1;	
#8	i3 = (int)d1/i1;	
#9	d3 = (int)d1/i1;	
#10	i3 = d2/i1;	
#11	i3 = (int)d2/i1;	
#12	d3 = i1;	
#13	d3 = i1*d1;	
#14	d3 = i1*d2;	
#15	d3 = i2/i1;	
#16	d3 = (double) i2/i1;	
#17	d3 = (double) (i2/i1);	