What is `Writable`?

- **The `Writable` interface makes serialization quick and easy for Hadoop**

- **Any value's type must implement the `Writable` interface**

- **Hadoop defines its own 'box classes' for strings, integers, and so on**
  - `IntWritable` for ints
  - `LongWritable` for longs
  - `FloatWritable` for floats
  - `DoubleWritable` for doubles
  - `Text` for strings
  - Etc.

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