

1. Wrapper Class

- Java is **object-oriented**, but primitive data types (int, char, boolean, etc.) are **not objects**.
- Wrapper classes **wrap primitive values into objects**, allowing them to be used in collections (like ArrayList) and APIs that require objects.

Example of Wrapper Classes:

- int → Integer
- char → Character
- boolean → Boolean
- double → Double
- float → Float

2. Autoboxing

Definition: Automatic conversion of **primitive → Wrapper class**.

- Done by Java compiler.
- Useful in Collections (ArrayList, HashMap) because they only work with objects, not primitives.

Example:

```
import java.util.*;  
  
public class AutoBoxingExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int a = 10;  
        Integer obj = a; // Autoboxing: int → Integer  
  
        ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();  
        list.add(5); // Autoboxing: int → Integer  
  
        System.out.println("Integer object: " + obj);
```

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        System.out.println("ArrayList: " + list);
    }
}
```

3. Unboxing

Definition: Automatic conversion of **Wrapper class → primitive**.

- Also handled by the compiler.

Example:

```
public class UnboxingExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Integer obj = 20;      // Autoboxing
        int b = obj;           // Unboxing: Integer → int

        System.out.println("Wrapper object: " + obj);
        System.out.println("Primitive value: " + b);
    }
}
```

4. Mixed Example

```
public class BoxingUnboxing {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Autoboxing
        int x = 100;
        Integer i = x;

        // Unboxing
        Integer y = 200;
        int j = y;

        System.out.println("Autoboxed: " + i);
```

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        System.out.println("Unboxed: " + j);  
    }  
}
```

Summary

- **Wrapper class** → Converts primitive to object.
- **Autoboxing** → primitive → Wrapper (automatic).
- **Unboxing** → Wrapper → primitive (automatic).