

If `person.name` is not a string, then Python will complain of a type error when it tries to concatenate it with other strings. This is one difference between Python and Java -- Python insists that you use a conversion operation like `str()`, whereas Java will automatically convert any type into a `String` when you try to concatenate it with another `String`.

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documenting assumptions, part 2

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If you were writing Java instead of Python, and your Java code needed to make *all* the assumptions below, then which of them could be documented by type declarations and statically checked by the Java compiler?

☒ `person` must be an object with `age` and `name` instance variables

☐ `person` is not `null`

☐ `person.age` must be a nonnegative number

☒ `person.age` must be an integer

☒ `person.name` must be a string



Explanation

The `person` variable would be declared with some class type, perhaps called `Person`, and the definition of that class would have instance variables `name` and `age` declared with types `String` and `int` respectively.

But we can't use a type declaration to forbid `person` from being `null`. Any object reference might be `null` in Java, just like any variable might be `None` in Python. Similarly, we can't forbid `age` from being negative using a type declaration. These assumptions would have to be documented in comments instead.

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