

Java Foundations



Data Types and Variables, Boolean, Integer, Char, String, Type Conversion





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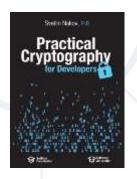


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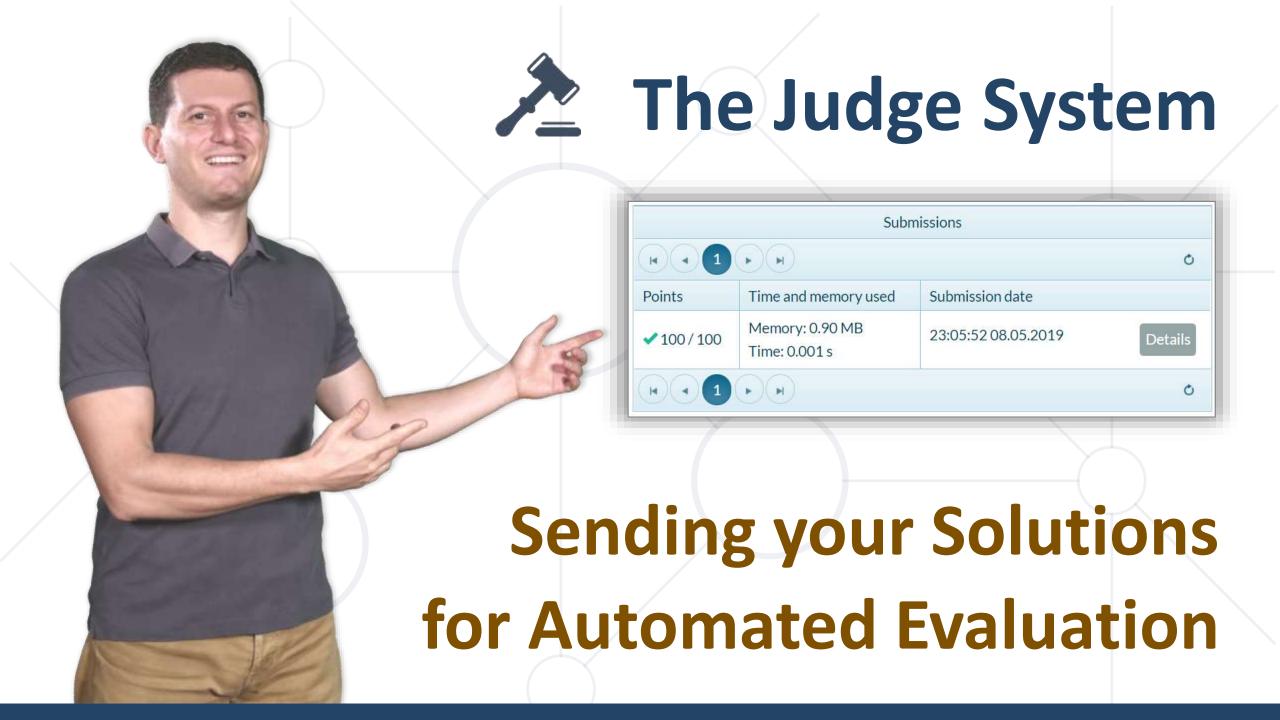


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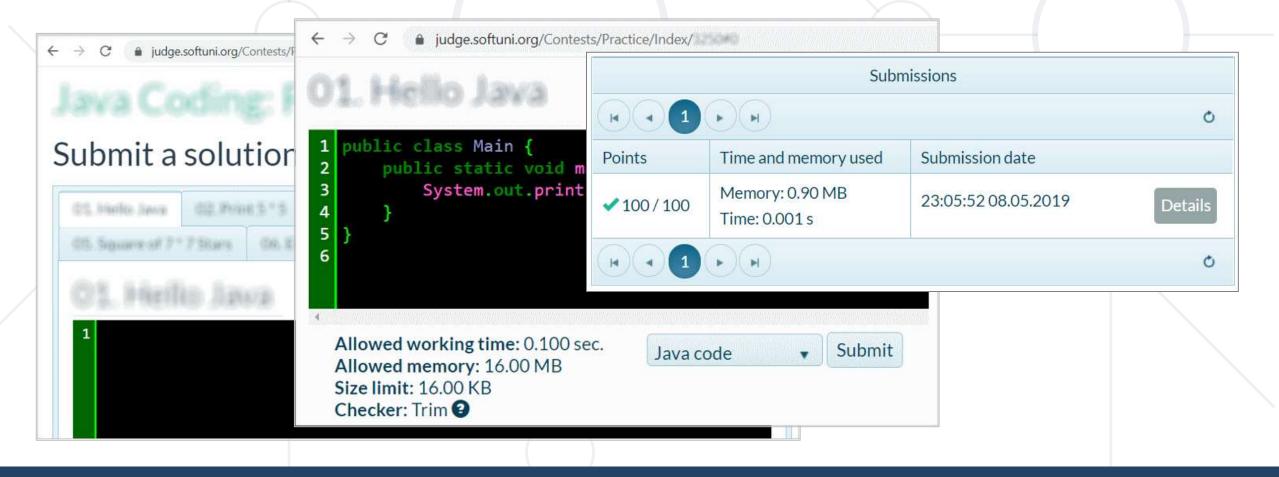


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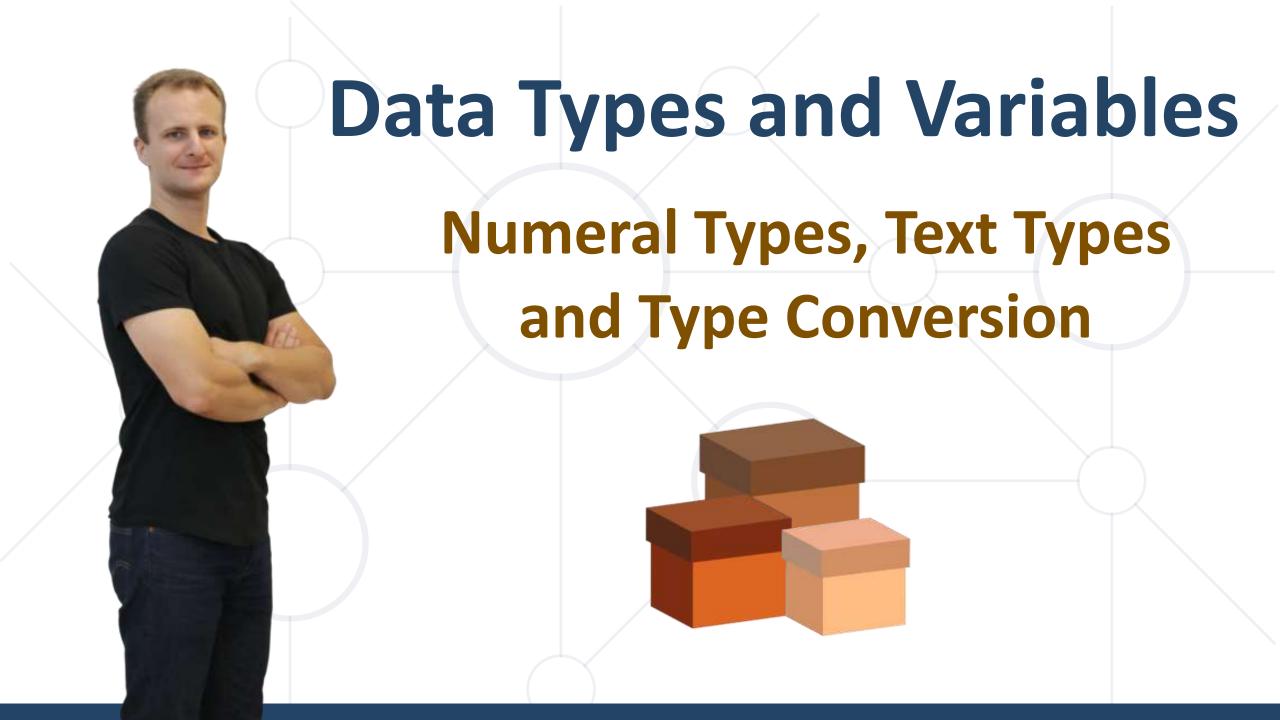
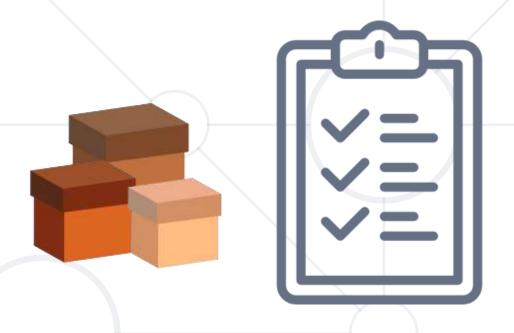
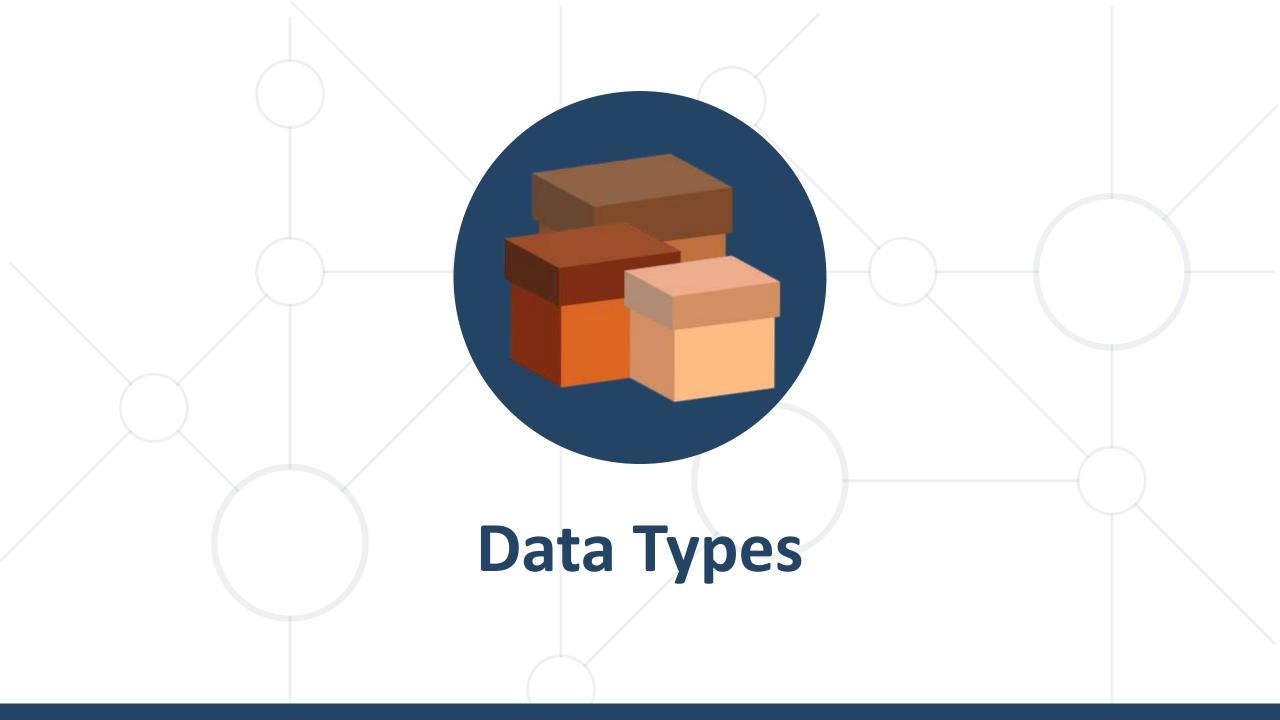


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How Does Computing Work?



Computers are machines that process data



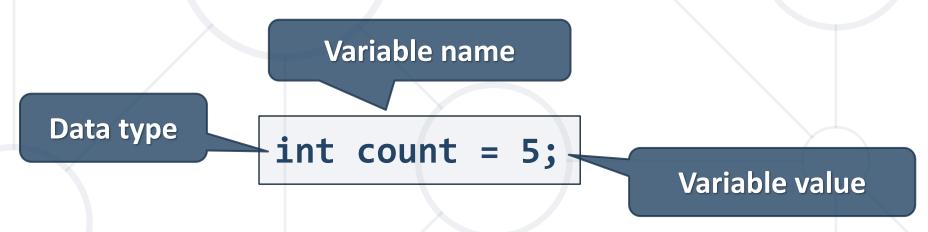
Data is stored by using variables



Variables



- Variables have name, data type and value
 - Assignment is done by the operator "="
 - Example of variable definition and assignment



When processed, data is stored back into variables

What Is a Data Type?



A data type

- Is a domain of values of similar characteristics
- Defines the type of information stored in the computer memory (in a variable)

Examples:

- Positive integers: 1, 2, 3, ...
- Alphabetical characters: a, b, c, ...
- Days of week: Monday, Tuesday, ...

Computer memory

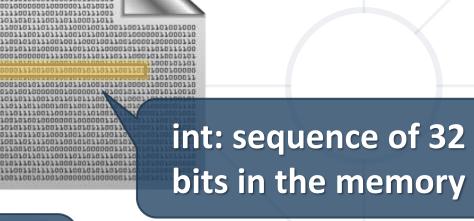
Name	Type	Value
age	int	25
name	String	"Peter"
size	double	3.50

Data Type Characteristics



- A data type has:
 - Name (Java keyword)
 - Size (how much memory is used)
 - Default value
- Example:
 - Name: int
 - Size: 32 bits (4 bytes)
 - Default value: 0





11000110110010101110111011101

02020017071700070000000770

Naming Variables





- Always refer to the naming conventions of a programming language
 - camelCase is used in Java
- Preferred form: [Noun] or [Adjective] + [Noun]
- Should explain the purpose of the variable (Always ask "What does this variable contain?")



firstName, report, config, usersList, fontSize



foo, bar, p, p1, populate, LastName, last_name

Variable Scope and Lifetime



- Scope where you can access a variable (global, local)
- Lifetime how long a variable stays in memory

Accessible in the main()

```
String outer = "I'm inside the Main()";
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   String inner = "I'm inside the loop";
}
System.out.println(outer);
// System.out.println(inner); Error</pre>
```

Variable Span



- Variable span is how long before a variable is called
- Always declare a variable as late as possible (e.g. shorter span)

```
static void main(String[] args) {
 String outer = "I'm inside the main()";
 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    String inner = "I'm inside the loop";
 System.out.println(outer);
 // System.out.println(inner); Error
```

"outer" variable span

Keep Variable Span Short



- Shorter span simplifies the code
 - Improves its readability and maintainability

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   String inner = "I'm inside the loop";
}
String outer = "I'm inside the main()";
System.out.println(outer);
// System.out.println(inner); Error</pre>
```

"outer" variable span – reduced

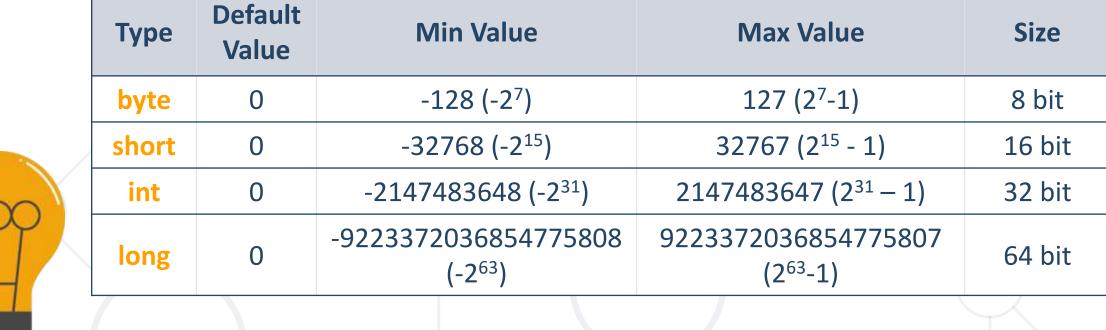


Integer Types in Java

int, long, short, byte

Integer Types in Java







Centuries – Example



Depending on the unit of measure we can use different data types

```
byte centuries = 20;
short years = 2000;
int days = 730484;
long hours = 17531616;
System.out.printf("%d centuries = %d years = %d days = %d hours.",
    centuries, years, days, hours)
// 20 centuries = 2000 years = 730484 days = 17531616 hours.
```

Beware of Integer Overflow!



- Integers have range (minimal and maximal value)
- Integers could overflow → this leads to incorrect values

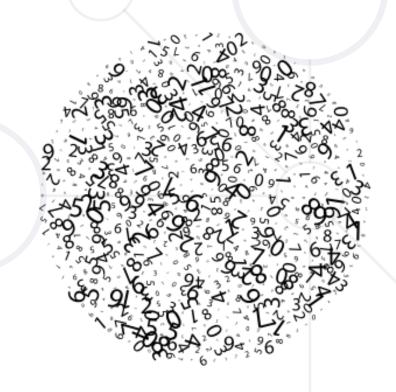
```
byte counter = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 130; i++) {
   counter++;
   System.out.println(counter);
}</pre>
```

Integer Literals



- Examples of integer literals:
 - The 'ox' and 'ox' prefixes mean a hexadecimal value
 - E.g. OxFE, OxA8F1, OxFFFFFFF
 - The 'l' and 'L' suffixes mean a long
 - E.g. 9876543L, 0L

```
int hexa = 0xFFFFFFFF; //-1
long number = 1L; //1
```



Problem: Convert Meters to Kilometres



- Write a program that converts meters to kilometers formatted to the second decimal point
- Examples: 1852 1.85 798 0.86

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
int meters = Integer.parseInt(scanner.nextLine());
double kilometers = meters / 1000.0;
System.out.printf("%.2f", kilometers);
```



Real Number Types in Java

float and double

What are Floating-Point Types?







- Have range and precision depending on the memory used
- Sometimes behave abnormally in the calculations



Floating-Point Numbers







32-bits, precision of 7 digits

• double $(\pm 5.0 \times 10^{-324} \text{ to } \pm 1.7 \times 10^{308})$

64-bits, precision of 15-16 digits

The default value of floating-point types:

Is 0.0F for the float type

Is 0.0D for the double type



PI Precision – Example



3. 141592653589793

Difference in precision when using float and double:

```
float floatPI = 3.141592653589793238f;
double doublePI = 3.141592653589793238;

System.out.println("Float PI is: " + floatPI);
System.out.println("Double PI is: " + doublePI);
```

- NOTE: The "f" suffix in the first statement!
 - Real numbers are by default interpreted as double
 - One should explicitly convert them to float

Problem: Pound to Dollars



- Write a program that converts British pounds to US dollars formatted to 3rd decimal point
- 1 British Pound = 1.31 Dollars



```
double num = Double.parseDouble(scanner.nextLine());
double result = num * 1.31;
System.out.printf("%.3f", result);
```

Scientific Notation



- Floating-point numbers can use the **scientific notation**, e.g.
 - 1e+34, 1E34, 20e-3, 1e-12, -6.02e28

Floating-Point Division



• Integral division and floating-point division are different:

```
System.out.println(10 / 4); // 2 (integral division)
System.out.println(10 / 4.0); // 2.5 (real division)
System.out.println(10 / 0.0);
                             // Infinity
System.out.println(-10 / 0.0); // -Infinity
System.out.println(0 / 0.0);
                              // NaN (not a number)
System.out.println(8 % 2.5); // 0.5 (3 * 2.5 + 0.5 = 8)
System.out.println(10 / 0); // ArithmeticException
```

Floating-Point Calculations – Abnormalities SoftUni



- Sometimes floating-point numbers work incorrectly!
- Read more about IEEE 754

```
double a = 1.0f;
double b = 0.33f;
double sum = 1.33d;
System.out.printf("a+b=%f sum=%f equal=%b",
                         a+b, sum, (a + b == sum));
// a+b=1.33000001311302 sum=1.33 equal = false
double num = \Theta;
for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) num += 0.0001;
  System.out.println(num); // 0.999999999999962
```

BigDecimal



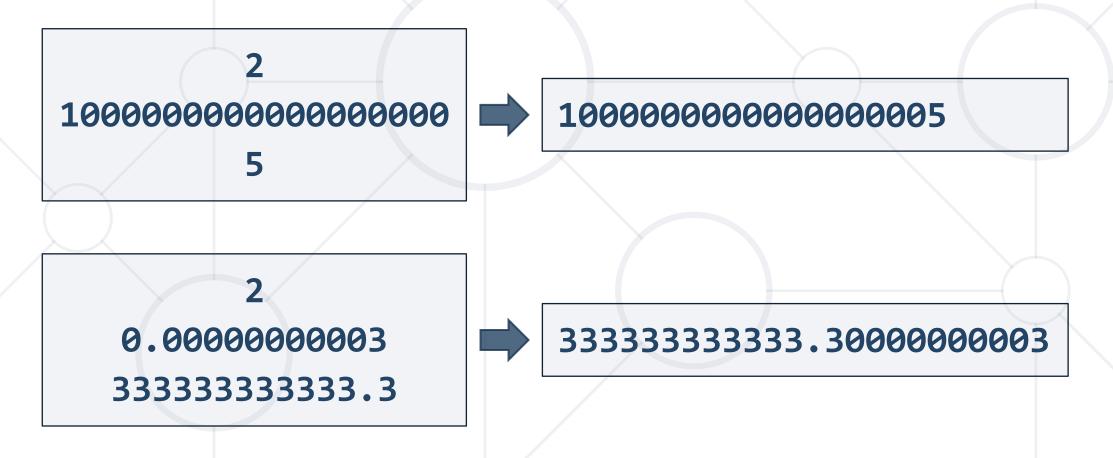
- Built-in Java Class
- Provides arithmetic operations
- Allows calculations with very high precision
- Used for financial calculations

```
BigDecimal number = new BigDecimal(0);
number = number.add(BigDecimal.valueOf(2.5));
number = number.subtract(BigDecimal.valueOf(1.5));
number = number.multiply(BigDecimal.valueOf(2));
number = number.divide(BigDecimal.valueOf(2));
```

Problem: Exact Sum of Real Numbers



Write a program to enter n numbers and print their exact sum:



Solution: Exact Sum of Real Numbers



```
int n = Integer.parseInt(sc.nextLine());
BigDecimal sum = new BigDecimal(0);
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   BigDecimal number = new BigDecimal(sc.nextLine());
  sum = sum.add(number);
System.out.println(sum);
```



Live Exercises

Integer and Real Numbers



Type Conversion

Implicit and Explicit Type Conversion

Type Conversion



- Variables hold values of certain type
- Type can be changed (converted) to another type
 - Implicit type conversion (lossless): variable of bigger type (e.g. double) takes smaller value (e.g. float)

```
float heightInMeters = 1.74f;
double maxHeight = heightInMeters;
Implicit conversion
```

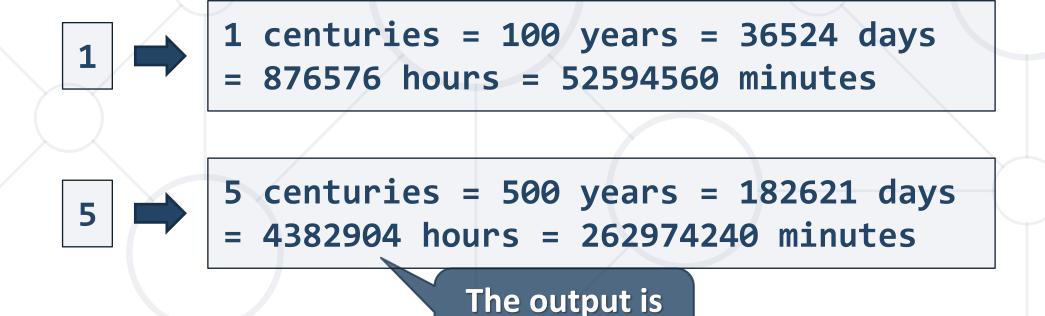
Explicit type conversion (lossy) – when precision can be lost:

```
double size = 3.14;
int intSize = (int) size;
Explicit conversion
```

Problem: Centuries to Minutes



 Write program to enter an integer number of centuries and convert it to years, days, hours and minutes

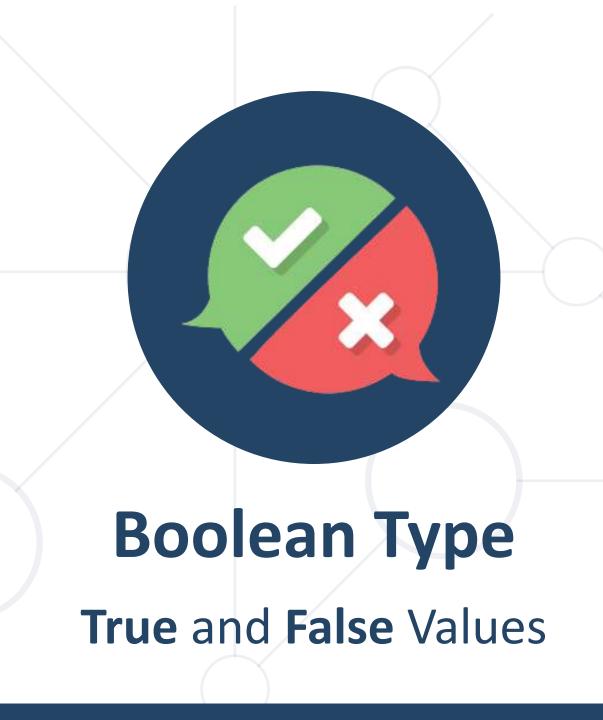


on one row

Solution: Centuries to Minutes



```
int centuries = Integer.parseInt(sc.nextLine());
int years = centuries * 100;
                                           The tropical year
                                          has 365.2422 days
int days = (int) (years * 365.2422);
int hours = 24 * days,
                             (int) converts
int minutes = 60 * hours;
                              double to int
System.out.printf(
  "%d centuries = %d years = %d days = %d hours = %d minutes",
  centuries, years, days, hours, minutes);
```



Boolean Type



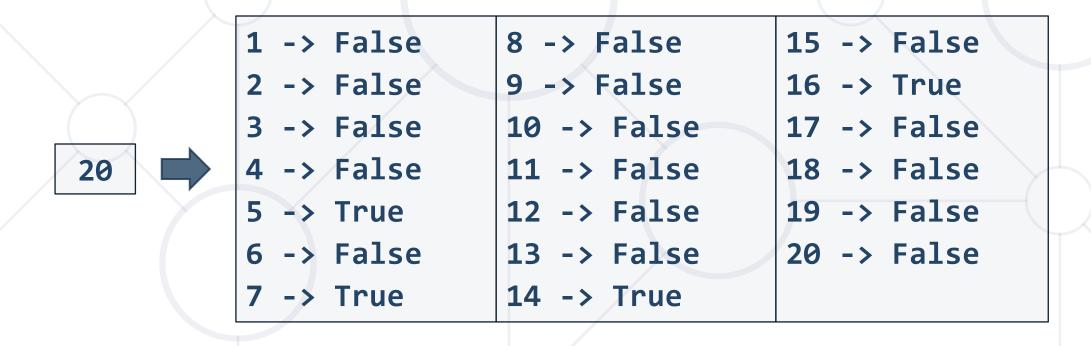
Boolean variables (boolean) hold true or false:

```
int a = 1;
int b = 2;
boolean greaterAB = (a > b);
System.out.println(greaterAB); // False
boolean equalA1 = (a == 1);
System.out.println(equalA1); // True
```

Problem: Special Numbers



- A number is special when its sum of digits is 5, 7 or 11
 - For all numbers 1...n print the number and if it is special



Solution: Special Numbers



```
int n = Integer.parseInt(sc.nextLine());
for (int num = 1; num <= n; num++) {
 int sumOfDigits = 0;
 int digits = num;
 while (digits > 0) {
    sumOfDigits += digits % 10;
    digits = digits / 10;
  // TODO: check whether the sum is special
```



Character Type

Variables Holding a Letter or Special Char

The Character Data Type



- The character data type
 - Represents symbolic information
 - Is declared by the char keyword
 - Gives each symbol a corresponding integer code
 - Has a '\0' default value
 - Takes 16 bits of memory (from U+0000 to U+FFFF)
 - Holds a single Unicode character (or part of character)

Characters and Codes



Each character has an unique Unicode value (int):

```
char ch = 'a';

System.out.printf("The code of '%c' is: %d%n", ch, (int) ch);

ch = 'b';

System.out.printf("The code of '%c' is: %d%n", ch, (int) ch);

ch = 'A';

System.out.printf("The code of '%c' is: %d%n", ch, (int) ch);

ch = 'щ'; // Cyrillic letter 'sht'

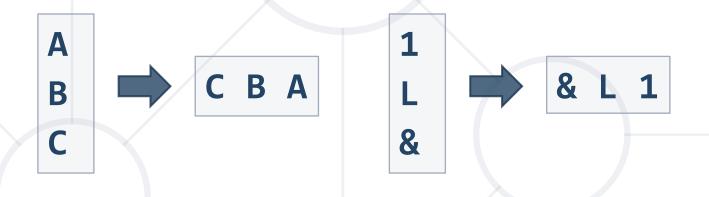
System.out.printf("The code of '%c' is: %d%n", ch, (int) ch);
```

Problem: Reversed Chars



 Write a program that takes 3 lines of characters and prints them in reversed order with a space between them

• Examples:



Solution: Reversed Chars



```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
char firstChar = scanner.nextLine().charAt(0);
char secondChar = scanner.nextLine().charAt(0);
char thirdChar = scanner.nextLine().charAt(0);
System.out.printf("%c %c %c",
 thirdChar, secondChar, firstChar);
```

Escaping Characters

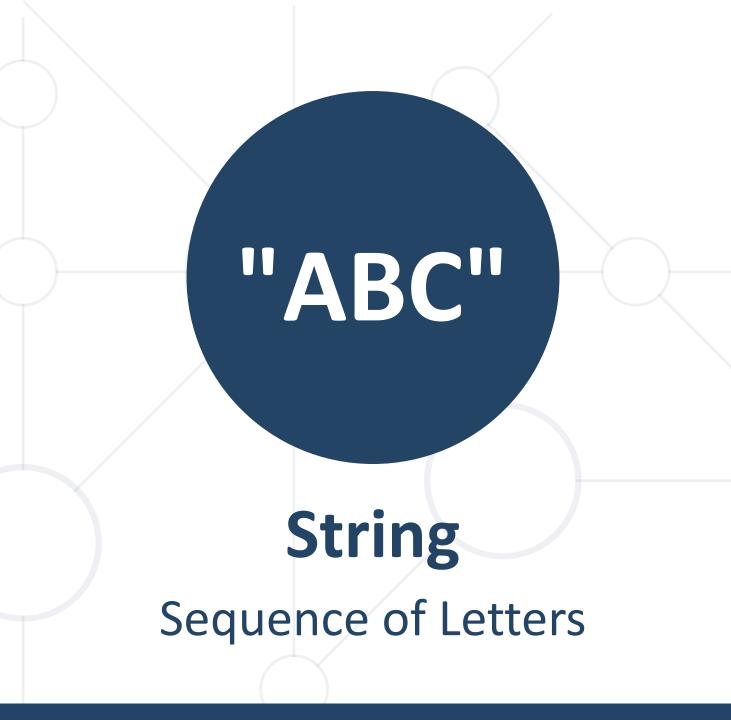


- Escaping sequences are:
 - Represent a special character like ', " or \n (new line)
 - Represent system characters (like the [TAB] character \t)
- Commonly used escaping sequences are:
 - \backslash \rightarrow for single quote \backslash \rightarrow for double quote
 - $\backslash \backslash \rightarrow$ for backslash $\backslash n \rightarrow$ for new line
 - \uXXXX → for denoting any other Unicode symbol

Character Literals – Example



```
char symbol = 'a'; // An ordinary character
symbol = '\u006F'; // Unicode character code in a
                  // hexadecimal format (letter 'o')
symbol = '\u8449'; // 葉 (Leaf in Traditional Chinese)
symbol = '\,'; // Assigning the single quote character
symbol = '\\'; // Assigning the backslash character
symbol = '\n'; // Assigning new Line character
symbol = '\t'; // Assigning TAB character
symbol = "a"; // Incorrect: use single quotes!
```



The String Data Type



- The string data type
 - Represents a sequence of characters
 - Is declared by the String keyword
 - Has a default value null (no value)
- Strings are enclosed in quotes:

```
String s = "Hello, Java";
```

- Strings can be concatenated
 - Using the + operator



Formatting Strings



Strings are enclosed in quotes "":

The backslash \ is escaped by \\

```
String file = "C:\\Windows\\win.ini";
```

Format strings insert variable values by pattern:

```
String firstName = "Svetlin";
String lastName = "Nakov";
String fullName = String.format(
    "%s %s", firstName, lastName);
```

Saying Hello – Examples



Combining the names of a person to obtain the full name:

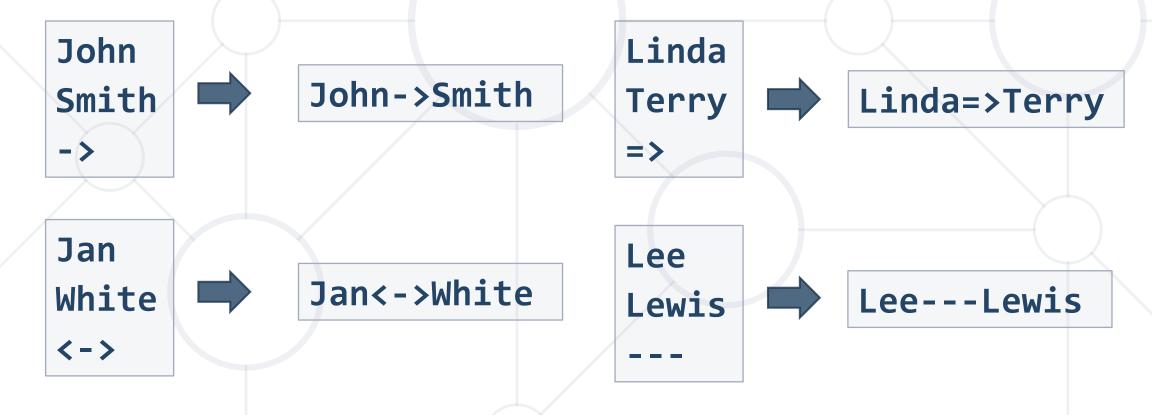
We can concatenate strings and numbers by the + operator:

```
int age = 21;
System.out.println("Hello, I am " + age + " years old");
```

Problem: Concat Names



- Read first and last name and delimiter
- Print the first and last name joined by the delimiter



Solution: Concat Names



```
String firstName = sc.nextLine();
String lastName = sc.nextLine();
String delimiter = sc.nextLine();
String result = firstName + delimiter + lastName;
System.out.println(result);
```





Live Exercises

Data Types

Summary



- Variables store data
- Numeral types:
 - Represent numbers
 - Have specific ranges for every type
- String and text types:
 - Represent text
 - Sequences of Unicode characters
- Type conversion: implicit and explicit

