# 2. Primitive Types

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# **Learning Objectives**

- Become familiar with the primitive types of Java (numbers, characters, etc.)
- Learn how to assign values to variables

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# Data Types in Java

#### Primitive types

- Atomic (non-decomposable) values
- Examples: different kinds of numbers, characters

#### Class types

- Composed of primitive types (and other class types)
- Can have instance variables and methods
- Examples: strings, students, bank-accounts, application windows, files, etc.

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Type Name	Kind of Value	Memory Used	Size Range
byte	integer	1 byte	-128 to 127
short	integer	2 bytes	-32768 to 32767
int	integer	4 bytes	-2147483648 to 2147483647
long	integer	8 bytes	-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807
float	floating-point number	4 bytes	$\pm 3.40282347 \times 10^{+38} to$ $\pm 1.40239846 \times 10^{-45}$
double	floating-point number	8 bytes	$\pm 1.76769313486231570 \times I0^{+308}$ $\pm 4.94065645841246544 \times 10^{-324}$
char	single character (Unicode)	2 bytes	all Unicode characters
boolean	true <i>or</i> false	1 bit	not applicable

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# Assignments Syntax: <var name> = <value>; Example: int a, b; a = 10; b = 15; int c\_squared = a\*a + b\*b; double d = 0.00483; char firstInitial = 'M';

# **Shorthand Assignment Operators**

Assignment operators can be combined with arithmetic operators (including –, \*, /, and \$ ).

```
amount = amount + 5;
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can be written as

amount += 5;

yielding the same results.



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# Increment and Decrement Operators

A common situation is that of incrementing or decrementing an integer variable by one.

Shorthand operators:

i++; i--;

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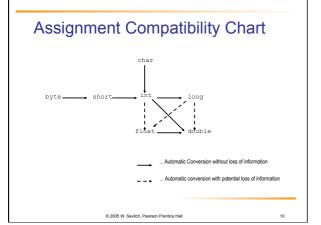
## **Assignment Compatibility**

Since Java is strongly typed, assignments are only possible if no loss of information occurs.

```
double d = 100.5;
int i = d; // error

int i2 = 10;
double d2 = i2; // ok
```

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# Forced Conversion: Type Casting

A type cast temporarily changes the value of a variable from the declared type to some other type.

Warning: Any non-zero value to the right of the decimal point is truncated rather than rounded!

#### Example:

double distance = 9.5;
int points = (int) distance;

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# Automatic Conversions in Expressions

Arithmetic expressions can be formed using the +, -, \*, and / operators together with variables or numbers referred to as *operands* 

- When both operands are of the same type, the result is of that type.
- When one of the operands is a floating-point type and the other is an integer, the result is a floating point type.
- if at least one of the operands is a floating-point type and the rest are integers, the result will be a floating point type.

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### The Division Operator

- The division operator (/) behaves as expected if one of the operands is a floating-point type.
- When both operands are integer types, the result is truncated, not rounded.
  - Hence, 99/100 has a value of 0.



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# The mod Operator

- The mod (%) operator is used with operators of integer type to obtain the remainder after integer division
- 14 divided by 4 is 3 with a remainder of 2
  - Hence, 14 % 4 is equal to 2
- The mod operator has many uses, including
  - determining if an integer is odd or even
  - determining if one integer is evenly divisible by another integer



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#### Parentheses and Precedence

- Parentheses can communicate the order in which arithmetic operations are performed
- examples:

(cost + tax) \* discount
(cost + (tax \* discount)

 Without parentheses, an expressions is evaluated according to the rules of precedence.



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#### **Precedence Rules**

Highest Precedence

First: the unary operators: +, -, ++, --, and! Second: the binary arithmetic operators: \*, /, and % Third: the binary arithmetic operators: + and -

Lowest Precedence

Display 2.4 Precedence Rules

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#### Precedence Rules, cont.

- The *binary* arithmetic operators \*, /, and %, have *lower* precedence than the *unary* operators +, -, ++, --, and !, but have *higher precedence* than the binary arithmetic operators + and -.
- When binary operators have equal precedence, the operator on the left acts before the operator(s) on the right.

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#### Precedence Rules, cont.

- When unary operators have equal precedence, the operator on the right acts before the operation(s) on the left.
- Even when parentheses are not needed, they can be used to make the code clearer.

balance + (interestRate \* balance)

Spaces also make code clearer
 balance + interestRate\*balance

but spaces do not dictate precedence.

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Sample	Expressions		
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Ordinary Mathematical Expression	Java Expression (Preferred Form)	Equivalent Fully Parenthesized Java Expression	
rate <sup>2</sup> + delta	rate*rate + delta	(rate*rate) + delta	
2(salary + bonus)	2*(salary + bonus)	2*(salary + bonus)	
$\frac{1}{time + 3 mass}$	1/(time + 3*mass)	1/(time + (3*mass))	
$\frac{a-7}{t+9v}$	(a - 7)/(t + 9*v)	(a - 7)/(t + (9*v))	
	Display 2.5 Arithmetic Expressions in J	ava	
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