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In Java, data types specify the type of data that a variable can hold. Java has two categories of data types: primitive data types and reference data types.

## Primitive Data Types:

### 1. Integral Types:

- **byte:** 8-bit signed integer. Range: -128 to 127.
- **short:** 16-bit signed integer. Range: -32,768 to 32,767.
- **int:** 32-bit signed integer. Range:  $-2^{31}$  to  $2^{31} - 1$ .
- **long:** 64-bit signed integer. Range:  $-2^{63}$  to  $2^{63} - 1$ .

```
byte myByte = 10;  
short myShort = 300;  
int myInt = 2000;  
long myLong = 123456789L; // Note: Use 'L' for long literals
```

### 2. Floating-Point Types:

- **float:** 32-bit floating-point. Example: 3.14f.
- **double:** 64-bit floating-point. Example: 3.14.

```
float myFloat = 3.14f;  
double myDouble = 3.14;
```

### 3.Character Type:

**char:** 16-bit Unicode character.

```
char myChar = 'A';
```

**Boolean Type: boolean:** Represents true or false.

```
boolean myBoolean = true;
```



## Reference Data Types:

### Object Types:

- Reference data types include objects created from classes. These can be instances of built-in classes or custom user-defined classes.

```
String myString = "Hello, Java!";
```

### Arrays:

Arrays are a collection of elements of the same type.

```
int[] myArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

## Default Values:

Java assigns default values to variables if no explicit value is provided:

- Numeric types (byte, short, int, long, float, double): 0
- char: '\u0000' (null character)
- boolean: false
- Reference types (objects and arrays): null

## Type Casting:

Java supports two types of casting:

### Widening (Implicit) Casting:

- Automatically done by the compiler.
- No data loss.

```
int myInt = 100;  
long myLong = myInt; // Widening casting
```

### Narrowing (Explicit) Casting:

- Manually performed by the programmer.
- May result in data loss

```
long myLong = 100;  
int myInt = (int) myLong; // Narrowing casting
```



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```
int myNum = 5;           // Integer (whole number)
float myFloatNum = 5.99f; // Floating point number
char myLetter = 'D';     // Character
boolean myBool = true;   // Boolean
String myText = "Hello"; // String
```

Data Type	Size	Description
byte	1 byte	Stores whole numbers from -128 to 127
short	2 bytes	Stores whole numbers from -32,768 to 32,767
int	4 bytes	Stores whole numbers from -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
long	8 bytes	Stores whole numbers from -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
float	4 bytes	Stores fractional numbers. Sufficient for storing 6 to 7 decimal digits
double	8 bytes	Stores fractional numbers. Sufficient for storing 15 decimal digits
boolean	1 bit	Stores true or false values
char	2 bytes	Stores a single character/letter or ASCII values

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## Characters

The `char` data type is used to store a **single** character. The character must be surrounded by single quotes, like 'A' or 'c':

```
char myGrade = 'B';
System.out.println(myGrade);
```

Alternatively, if you are familiar with ASCII values, you can use those to display certain characters:



```
char myVar1 = 65, myVar2 = 66, myVar3 = 67;  
System.out.println(myVar1);  
System.out.println(myVar2);  
System.out.println(myVar3);
```

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## Strings

The `String` data type is used to store a sequence of characters (text). String values must be surrounded by double quotes:

```
String greeting = "Hello World";  
System.out.println(greeting);
```

The `String` type is so much used and integrated in Java, that some call it "the special **ninth** type".

A `String` in Java is actually a **non-primitive** data type, because it refers to an object. The `String` object has methods that are used to perform certain operations on strings. **Don't worry if you don't understand the term "object" just yet.** We will learn more about strings and objects in a later chapter.

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## Java Reserved Keywords

Java has a set of keywords that are reserved words that cannot be used as variables, methods, classes, or any other identifiers:

Keyword	Description
<a href="#">abstract</a>	A non-access modifier. Used for classes and methods: An abstract class cannot be used to create objects (to access it, it must be inherited from another class). An abstract method can only be used in an abstract class, and it does not have a body. The body is provided by the subclass (inherited from)
<code>assert</code>	For debugging
<a href="#">boolean</a>	A data type that can only store true and false values
<a href="#">break</a>	Breaks out of a loop or a switch block
<a href="#">byte</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from -128 and 127



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<a href="#">case</a>	Marks a block of code in switch statements
<a href="#">catch</a>	Catches exceptions generated by try statements
<a href="#">char</a>	A data type that is used to store a single character
<a href="#">class</a>	Defines a class
<a href="#">continue</a>	Continues to the next iteration of a loop
const	Defines a constant. Not in use - use <a href="#">final</a> instead
<a href="#">default</a>	Specifies the default block of code in a switch statement
<a href="#">do</a>	Used together with while to create a do-while loop
<a href="#">double</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from $1.7e-308$ to $1.7e+308$
<a href="#">else</a>	Used in conditional statements
<a href="#">enum</a>	Declares an enumerated (unchangeable) type
exports	Exports a package with a module. New in Java 9
<a href="#">extends</a>	Extends a class (indicates that a class is inherited from another class)
<a href="#">final</a>	A non-access modifier used for classes, attributes and methods, which makes them non-changeable (impossible to inherit or override)
<a href="#">finally</a>	Used with exceptions, a block of code that will be executed no matter if there is an exception or not
<a href="#">float</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from $3.4e-038$ to $3.4e+038$
<a href="#">for</a>	Create a for loop
goto	Not in use, and has no function
<a href="#">if</a>	Makes a conditional statement
<a href="#">implements</a>	Implements an interface
<a href="#">import</a>	Used to import a package, class or interface
<a href="#">instanceof</a>	Checks whether an object is an instance of a specific class or an interface
<a href="#">int</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from -2147483648 to 2147483647
<a href="#">interface</a>	Used to declare a special type of class that only contains abstract methods
<a href="#">long</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775808
module	Declares a module. New in Java 9
native	Specifies that a method is not implemented in the same Java source file (but in another language)
<a href="#">new</a>	Creates new objects
<a href="#">package</a>	Declares a package
<a href="#">private</a>	An access modifier used for attributes, methods and constructors, making them only accessible within the declared class



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<a href="#">protected</a>	An access modifier used for attributes, methods and constructors, making them accessible in the same package and subclasses
<a href="#">public</a>	An access modifier used for classes, attributes, methods and constructors, making them accessible by any other class
requires	Specifies required libraries inside a module. New in Java 9
<a href="#">return</a>	Finished the execution of a method, and can be used to return a value from a method
<a href="#">short</a>	A data type that can store whole numbers from -32768 to 32767
<a href="#">static</a>	A non-access modifier used for methods and attributes. Static methods/attributes can be accessed without creating an object of a class
strictfp	Restrict the precision and rounding of floating point calculations
<a href="#">super</a>	Refers to superclass (parent) objects
<a href="#">switch</a>	Selects one of many code blocks to be executed
synchronized	A non-access modifier, which specifies that methods can only be accessed by one thread at a time
<a href="#">this</a>	Refers to the current object in a method or constructor
<a href="#">throw</a>	Creates a custom error
<a href="#">throws</a>	Indicates what exceptions may be thrown by a method
transient	A non-access modifier, which specifies that an attribute is not part of an object's persistent state
<a href="#">try</a>	Creates a try...catch statement
var	Declares a variable. New in Java 10
<a href="#">void</a>	Specifies that a method should not have a return value
volatile	Indicates that an attribute is not cached thread-locally, and is always read from the "main memory"
<a href="#">while</a>	Creates a while loop



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