

\* Java cares about type.

→ It won't let you do to put Giraffe reference into a Rabbit variable

Rabbit hopper = new Giraffe();

→ It won't let you put floating point number into an integer variable unless you acknowledge to the compiler

\* Variables come in two flavours  
primitive & object reference.

\* Declaring a Variable

• Variables must have a type

→ Variables must have a name

int count;

↑  
type

↑  
name

## Primitive Types

Type

Bit Depth

Value Range

boolean

true or false

char

16 bits

0 to 65535

numeric (all are signed)

REMEMBER TO: integer

byte

8 bits

-128 to 127

short

16 bits

-32768 to 32767

int

32 bits

-2147483648 to 2147483647

long

64 bits

• huge to huge

float

32 bits

Varies

double

64 bits

Varies

floating point

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## Primitive declarations with assignments

```
int x;
```

```
x = 234;
```

```
byte b = 89;
```

```
boolean isFun = true;
```

```
double d = 3456.98;
```

```
char c = 'f';
```

```
int z = x;
```

```
boolean isPunkRock;
```

```
isPunkRock = false;
```

```
boolean powerOn;
```

```
powerOn = isFun;
```

```
long big = 3456789;
```

```
float f = 32.5f;
```

You can assign a value to a variable in one of several ways including

- \* type a literal value after the equals sign  
(`x = 12`, `isGood = true` etc.)

- \* assign the value of one variable to another (`x = y`)

- \* use an expression combining the two  
(`x = y + 43`)

don't put big thing into a small thing

```
int x = 24;
```

```
byte b = x; // won't work!
```

## Variable names

- It must start with a letter, underscore(-), or dollar sign (\$). You can't start a name with a number.
- After the first character, you can use numbers as well. Just don't start it with a number.
- It can be anything you like, subject to those two rules, just so long as it isn't one of Java's reserved words.



public static boolean double int void etc.