

Java Programming AP Edition

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BOOLEAN DATA TYPE

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Java boolean values boolean constants

Only two boolean value: **true**, **false**.

boolean constants:

Very useful for use in program conditional code or compilation configurations.

- private static final boolean YES = **true**;
- private static final boolean NO = **false**;
- private static final boolean DEBUG = **true**;



boolean function (methods)

```
public class Test {  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        System.out.println(Character.isLetter('c'));  
        System.out.println(Character.isLetter('5'));  
    }  
}
```



Java boolean Expressions

A basic Boolean expression has this form:

expression relational-operator expression

Java evaluates a Boolean expression by first evaluating the expression on the left, then evaluating the expression on the right, and finally applying the relational operator to determine whether the entire expression evaluates to true or false.



The `boolean` Type and Operators

Often in a program you need to compare two values, such as whether `i` is greater than `j`. Java provides six comparison operators (also known as relational operators) that can be used to compare two values. The result of the comparison is a Boolean value: `true` or `false`.

```
boolean b = (1 > 2);
```



Boolean Data Type

The Boolean data type declares a variable with the value either true or false.

Relational Operators				
Java Operator	Math Symbol	Name	Example	Result
<	<	Less than	radius < 0	false
<=	≤	Less than or Equal to	radius <= 0	false
>	>	Greater than	radius > 0	true
>=	≥	Greater than or equal to	radius >= 0	true
==	=	Equal to	radius == 0	false
!=	≠	Not Equal to	radius != 0	true

Boolean literals: **true** and **false**. These are the only values that will be returned by the Boolean expressions.



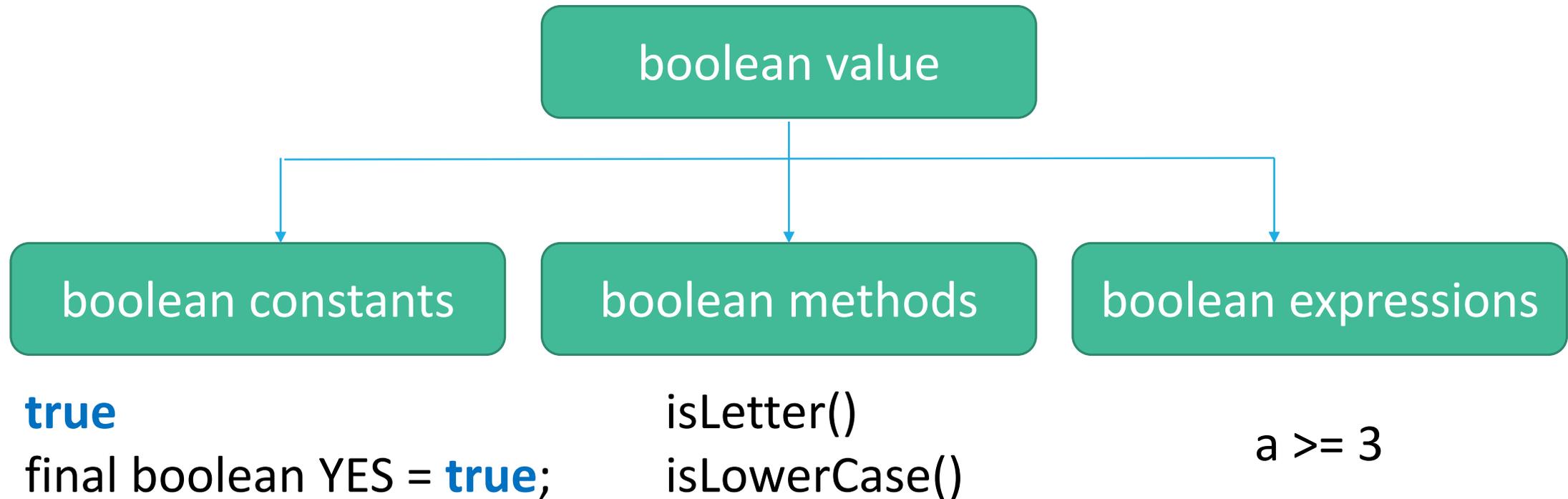
Java boolean Expressions

For example, suppose you have declared two variables: `int i = 5;` `int j = 10;`

Expression	Value	Explanation
<code>i == 5</code>	true	The value of <code>i</code> is 5.
<code>i == 10</code>	false	The value of <code>i</code> is not 10.
<code>i == j</code>	false	<code>i</code> is 5, and <code>j</code> is 10, so they are not equal.
<code>i == j - 5</code>	true	<code>i</code> is 5, and <code>j - 5</code> is 5.
<code>i > 1</code>	true	<code>i</code> is 5, which is greater than 1.
<code>j == i * 2</code>	true	<code>j</code> is 10, and <code>i</code> is 5, so <code>i * 2</code> is also 10.



boolean values



Logical Operators for Implementation of Boolean Logic



Boolean Operators		
Operator	Name	Description
!	not	Logical negation
&&	and	Logical conjunction
	or	Logical disjunction
^	exclusive or	Logical exclusion (non-AP)

```
D:\Java_Dev\WEB\java2s>LogicalOpTable
P      Q      AND      OR      XOR      NOT
True   True   True    True    False   False
True   False  False   True    True    False
False  True   False   True    True    True
False  False  False   False   False   True
```



Truth Table for Operator !

p	!p	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'M')
true	false	!(age > 18) is false, because (age > 18) is true.
false	true	!(gender != 'M') is true, because (gender != 'M') is false.

Truth Table for Operator &&

p1	p2	p1 && p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age > 18) && (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(age > 18)</u> and <u>(gender == 'F')</u> are both true.
false	true	false	
true	false	false	<u>(age > 18) && (gender != 'F')</u> is false, because <u>(gender != 'F')</u> is false.
true	true	true	



Truth Table for Operator `||`

p1	p2	p1 p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age > 34) (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(gender == 'F')</u> is true.
false	true	true	
true	false	true	<u>(age > 34) (gender == 'M')</u> is false, because <u>(age > 34)</u> and <u>(gender == 'M')</u> are both false.
true	true	true	

Truth Table for Operator `^`

p1	p2	p1 ^ p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age > 34) ^ (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(age > 34)</u> is false but <u>(gender == 'F')</u> is true.
false	true	true	
true	false	true	<u>(age > 34) (gender == 'M')</u> is false, because <u>(age > 34)</u> and <u>(gender == 'M')</u> are both false.
true	true	false	



boolean data application

<condition> if a decision box

```
boolean wartime = true;
if (a.gender.isMale() && (a.age <=25 && a.age >= 18) &&
    wartime){
    armyDraft(a);
}
```

Look at part3: AP Exam Taking Skills (Boolean Logic)

For extra info: Boolean Wrapper Class.



Boolean class (non-AP)

(Wrapper Class for boolean)

The **Boolean** class wraps a value of the primitive type `boolean` in an object. An object of type `Boolean` contains a single field whose type is **`boolean`**.

In addition, this class provides many methods for converting a `boolean` to a `String` and a `String` to a `boolean`, as well as other constants and methods useful when dealing with a `boolean`.

Attributes and Methods in Boolean

Constants:

`Boolean.TRUE`

`Boolean.FALSE`



Modifier and Type	Method and Description
boolean	<code>booleanValue()</code> Returns the value of this Boolean object as a boolean primitive.
static int	<code>compare(boolean x, boolean y)</code> Compares two boolean values.
int	<code>compareTo(Boolean b)</code> Compares this Boolean instance with another.
boolean	<code>equals(Object obj)</code> Returns true if and only if the argument is not null and is a Boolean object that represents the same boolean value as this object.
static boolean	<code>getBoolean(String name)</code> Returns true if and only if the system property named by the argument exists and is equal to the string "true".
int	<code>hashCode()</code> Returns a hash code for this Boolean object.
static int	<code>hashCode(boolean value)</code> Returns a hash code for a boolean value; compatible with <code>Boolean.hashCode()</code> .
static boolean	<code>logicalAnd(boolean a, boolean b)</code> Returns the result of applying the logical AND operator to the specified boolean operands.
static boolean	<code>logicalOr(boolean a, boolean b)</code> Returns the result of applying the logical OR operator to the specified boolean operands.
static boolean	<code>logicalXor(boolean a, boolean b)</code> Returns the result of applying the logical XOR operator to the specified boolean operands.
static boolean	<code>parseBoolean(String s)</code> Parses the string argument as a boolean.
<code>String</code>	<code>toString()</code> Returns a String object representing this Boolean's value.
static <code>String</code>	<code>toString(boolean b)</code> Returns a String object representing the specified boolean.
static <code>Boolean</code>	<code>valueOf(boolean b)</code> Returns a Boolean instance representing the specified boolean value.
static <code>Boolean</code>	<code>valueOf(String s)</code> Returns a Boolean with a value represented by the specified string.