

Announcements and Stuff:

- Java Crash Course
- Gradescope CS61BL and CS61BL Quizzes
- Presemester Survey due tomorrow
- Coming soon: Survey from me

Today:

- Find a partner, preferably someone new
- Java as a statically typed language
- Primitives vs Reference Types
- Box and pointer: Code → Pictures

Declaring Variables:

Python

```
x = 5  
s = "apple"  
x = "banana"
```

- No need to specify type of each variable
- No problem w/ this assignment

Java

```
int x = 5;  
String s = "apple";  
x = "banana"
```

- Need to specify the type of each variable
- This assignment does not work, x is an int

Statically Typed Languages

- At declaration a variable's type must be specified
- Once a variable's type has been specified it cannot be changed
- Why do this?
 - compiler can catch errors
 - perhaps readability

Primitives

The ones we will use {
boolean
int
long
double
char

the value of a primitive is the value itself

The other three {
float
byte
short

Objects/Reference Types

- Any variable that is not a primitive will be a reference type

Ex: `Dog fido = new Dog();`

the value of a reference type is not the value of the object, it is a reference or address in memory of where the object's data is stored

```
int a = 3;  
Dog fido = new Dog();  
boolean var = true;  
a = 5;
```

