

Lesson 34: String Conversions (W10D3)

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Students will learn how to convert numerical values into `String` objects and start the *Solving Quadratic Equations* problem set exercise.

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Turning ints into Strings

- Create a new project in workspace1 called Lesson34
- Enter this code for the IntToString class:

```
public class IntToString {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int a = 5;  
        String str = a;  
        System.out.println("str = " + str);  
    }  
  
}
```

- When you try to compile and run IntToString, you'll notice a problem. How might you fix it?

Turning ints into Strings

One approach: Create an Integer object

```
public class IntToString {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int a = 5;  
  
        Integer myInt = new Integer(a);  
        String str = myInt.toString();  
  
        System.out.println("str = " + str);  
    }  
}
```

This is too much work!

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Better approach:

Concatenate the int with the empty string, ""

```
public class IntToString {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int a = 5;  
  
        String str = "" + a;  
  
        System.out.println("str = " + str);  
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This works for floats and doubles, too!

Turning ints into Strings

It turns out that `System.out.println()` does this for you; we've been sending it ints as its parameter for a long time now.

```
System.out.println("" + a);
```

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```
System.out.println(a);
```

Evaluation Meets String Conversion

- Predict the value of `strOne` in each case:
 - ① `String strOne = "" + 5 + 3;`
 - ② `String strOne = 5 + "" + 3;`
 - ③ `String strOne = 5 + 3 + "";`
- Show your predictions to a neighbor.
- Alter your current class' `main()` to test your predictions!

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- You will read more about this in Litvin §5.10.

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- Begin working §5.1 of PS #5, *Solving Quadratic Equations*.
 - Follow all instructions carefully! You'll do an initial push to GitHub today and update your GitHub repository as you make progress.
 - You may have some class time over the coming lessons to continue working on this program.
- Move on to HW slide...

- Finish §4 of PS #5.
- Continue working on the programming exercises in §5 of PS #5. These could be time-consuming if you don't read everything carefully — and ask questions when you're stuck!