

# ESC101N

## Fundamentals of Computing

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- Certain keywords are special
- They are reserved and cannot be used
- Example: `main`, `if`

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- Types are *not* mathematically equivalent to domain
- They capture only a subset
- Real numbers of arbitrary precision cannot be represented
  - `double` is more accurate than `float`
  - $1/3$  is printed as `0.33333334326..` as a `float`, but `0.333333333333..` as a `double`

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- Characters are special integers of much shorter size
- 8 bits are used
- *Only* 256 characters can be represented
- **Unicode** includes characters from all languages of the world
- ASCII specifies a standard that maps characters to integers (between 0 and 255)
- Examples:
  - 'a' is equivalent to 97, 'A' to 65, '0' to 48, '.' to 46
  - Look up ASCII chart for complete list

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&&		left-to-right	
		left-to-right	
=		Lowest	right-to-left