

Problem using dynamic variable as HashMap key

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I have created a HashMap called instantHashMap and loaded it with data from a query .

I can load a variable with an explicit value for the HashMap key and successfully output the HashMap value:

```
<c:set var = "gameno" value="2" />
<c:out value = "${instantHashMap[gameno]}" />
```

But when I load my variable value from my data like this...

```
<c:set var = "gameno" value="${rvo.gameNo}" />
<c:out value = "${instantHashMap[gameno]}" />
```

....it doesn't work.

My loaded variable value is correct because this statement does work and reflects the data obtained from my query:

```
<c:out value = "${gameno}" />
```

I have determined that the hashmap key must be a string because if I change the original statement

```
<c:set var = "gameno" value="2" />
```

to

```
<c:set var = "gameno" value="${ 1 + 1 }" />
```

this statement

```
<c:out value = "${gameno}" />
```

prints a 2, but the statement

```
<c:out value = "${instantHashMap[gameno]}" />
```

now fails.

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The database data type of my gameno field is varchar, so Java should see it as a string.

What am I doing wrong?

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