## **Variables**

Variables enable the storage and later retrieval of data within rule sets. They are intended to simplify the implementation and support of complex rule sets. The following topics explain the possible uses of variables and the available types, and prescribe the appropriate type for each use.

- Uses of variables
- Types of variables
- Type and concurrency
- Variable data types
- Creating variables
- Assigning a value to a variable
- Deleting variables
- Retrieving a variable value
- Debugging rules that use variables
- Identifying where global variables are used
- Monitoring changes to global and rule set variable values