

Advance Java Programming

Topic	Why ?
Generics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detecting the bugs at compile-time rather than at run-time Make the code generic that supports any data type
Lambda Expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Alternate to anonymous classes Treat functionality as method argument or code as data
Collections framework (Utility Classes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a Unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections, enabling collections to be manipulated independently of implementation details. Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces programming effort Increases performance Provide interoperability between unrelated APIs Reduces the effort required to learn APIs Reduces the effort required to design and implement APIs Foster software reuse <p>Interfaces :</p> <p>List, Set, SortedSet, NavigableSet, Queue, Deque</p> <p>Classes:</p> <p>ArrayList, LinkedList, HashSet, LinkedHashSet, TreeSet, PriorityQueue, ArrayDeque, EnumSet</p>

Utility Classes	<p><u>Date</u> :</p> <p>The class Date represents a specific instant in time, with millisecond precision.</p> <p><u>Calendar</u>:</p> <p>The Calendar class is an abstract class that provides methods for converting between a specific instant in time and a set of calendar fields.</p> <p><u>Gregorian Calendar</u> :</p> <p>GregorianCalendar is a concrete subclass of Calendar and provides the standard calendar system used by most of the world.</p> <p><u>TimeZone</u> :</p> <p>TimeZone represents a time zone offset, and also figures out daylight savings.</p> <p><u>SimpleTimeZone</u> :</p> <p>SimpleTimeZone is a concrete subclass of TimeZone that represents a time zone for use with a Gregorian calendar.</p> <p><u>Locale</u> :</p> <p>A Locale object represents a specific geographical, political, or cultural region., For example, displaying a number is a locale-sensitive operation— the number should be formatted according to the customs and conventions of the user's native country, region, or culture.</p> <p><u>Random</u> :</p> <p>An instance of this class is used to generate a stream of pseudorandom numbers.</p>
Regular Expression	<p><i>Regular expressions</i> are a way to describe a set of strings based on common characteristics shared by each string in the set</p>

Unit - 1: Generics

- Why Generics?
- What are generics?
- A simple Generic Example
- The general form of a generic class
- A generic class with two type parameters.
- Bounded Types, Using wild card arguments,
- Creating generic method, Generic Interfaces,
- Some Generic Restrictions

Why Generics?

Non-generic code
for creating an
Dynamic sized array

```
public class MyArrayList {  
    private int size;  
    private Object[] elements;  
    public MyArrayList() {  
        elements = new Object[10];  
        size = 0;  
    }  
    public void add(Object o) {  
        if (size >= elements.length) {  
            Object[] newElements = new Object[size + 10];  
            for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)  
                newElements[i] = elements[i];  
            elements = newElements;  
        }  
        elements[size] = o;  
        ++size;  
    }  
    public Object get(int index) {  
        if (index >= size)  
            throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException("Index: " + index +  
                ", Size: " + size);  
        return elements[index];  
    }  
    public int size() { return size; }  
}
```

```

public class MyArrayListDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MyArrayList strLst = new MyArrayList();
        strLst.add("alpha");
        strLst.add("beta");
    }
}

for (int i=0; i< strLst.size(); ++i) {
    String str = (String)strLst.get(i);
    System.out.println(str);
}
strLst.add(1234);
String str = (String)strLst.get(2);
System.out.println(str);
}

```

upcast from String to Object by compiler.

Need to downcast from Object to String explicitly.

Accidentally added the Integer, results no compile-time error but, run-time error is generated

This MyArrayList is not *type-safe*. It suffers from the following drawbacks:

1. The upcasting to `java.lang.Object` is done implicitly by the compiler. But, the programmer has to explicitly downcast the Object retrieved back to their original class (e.g., `String`).
2. The compiler is not able to check whether the downcasting is valid at *compile-time*. Incorrect downcasting will show up only at *runtime*, as a `ClassCastException`.

Generics will resolve the above problems

Generic code for
creating an Dynamic
sized array

```
public class MyArrayList<T> {
    private int size;
    private T[] elements;
    public MyArrayList() {
        elements = (T[]) new Object[10];
        size = 0;
    }
    public void add(T o) {
        if (size >= elements.length) {
            T[] newElements = (T[]) new Object[size + 10];
            for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
                newElements[i] = elements[i];
            elements = newElements;
        }
        elements[size] = o;
        ++size;
    }
    public T get(int index) {
        if (index >= size)
            throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException("Index: " + index +
                                                ", Size: " + size);
        return elements[index];
    }
    public int size() { return size; }
}
```

Need to create Object array and cast it explicitly to T because, Generics does not create generic arrays.

```
public class MyArrayListDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        MyArrayList<String> strLst = new MyArrayList<String>();  
        strLst.add("alpha"); } }  
        strLst.add("beta"); } }  
  
for (int i=0;i< strLst.size();++i) {  
    String str = strLst.get(i);  
    System.out.println(str);  
}  
strLst.add(1234);  
String str = (String) strLst.get(2);  
System.out.println(str);  
}  
}
```

upcast from String to Object by compiler .

Explicit downcast is not required.

Error will be caught at compile-time rather than at run-time.

JDK 5 introduces the so-called *generics* to resolve this problem. *Generics* allow us to *abstract over types*. The class designer can design a class with a *generic type*. The users can create specialized instance of the class by providing the *specific type* during instantiation. Generics allow us to *pass type information*, in the form of <type>, to the compiler, so that the compiler can perform all the necessary type-check during compilation to ensure type-safety at runtime.

Generics

- Generics (known as parameterized types) enable *types* (classes and interfaces) to be parameters when defining classes, interfaces and methods which are similar to formal parameters in method declarations.
- The ***type parameters*** provide a way for you to re-use the same code with different inputs.
- The difference between ***formal parameters*** and ***type parameters*** is that the inputs to *formal parameters* are *values*, while the *inputs to type parameters* are *types*.

Code that uses generics has many benefits over non-generic code:

- **Stronger type checking at compile time**
 - A Java Compiler applies Strong type checking to generic code and issues errors if the code violates type safety. Fixing compile-time errors is easier than fixing run-time errors
- **Elimination of casts(type casting)**

Without generics	With generics
List list=new ArrayList(); list.add("hello"); String s=(String)list.get(0);	List<String>= new ArrayList<String>(); List.add("hello"); String s=list.get(0);

- **Enabling programmers to implement generic algorithms.**
 - Algorithms that work on collections of different types, can be customized and are type safe and easier to read

Generics (contd...)

- A *generic class* is defined with the following format:
`class name<T1, T2, ..., Tn> { /* ... */ }`
- The type parameter section, delimited by angle brackets (<>), follows the class name. It specifies the *type parameters* (also called *type variables*) T₁, T₂, ..., and T_n.
- A type variable can be any **non-primitive** type you specify: any class type, any interface type, any array type, or even another type variable.

Formal Type Parameter Naming Convention

Use an uppercase single-character for formal type parameter. For example,

- <E> for an element of a collection;
- <T> for type;
- <K, V> for key and value.
- <N> for number
- S,U,V, etc. for 2nd, 3rd, 4th type parameters

Non-Generic Code(without generics)	Generic Code (with Generics)
<pre data-bbox="104 123 1282 836">public class GenericBox { private Object content; public GenericBox(Object content) { // constructor this.content = content; } public Object getContent() { // getter return content; } public void setContent(Object content) { // setter this.content = content; } }</pre>	<pre data-bbox="1282 123 2485 836">public class GenericBox<T> { private T content; public GenericBox(T content) { // constructor this.content = content; } public T getContent() { // getter return content; } public void setContent(T content) { // setter this.content = content; } }</pre>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to downcast explicitly by the programmer <pre data-bbox="104 836 1282 1146">Box b1=new Box("non-generic"); String s=(String)b1.getContent(); Box b2= new Box(101); Integer i=(Integer)b2.getContent();</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No explicit downcast is required <pre data-bbox="1282 836 2485 1146">Box<String> b1=new Box<String>("generic"); String s= b1.getContent(); Box<Integer> b2=new Box<Integer>(101); String s= b2.getContent();</pre>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b1.setContent(101) // Accidentally set Integer // retrieving and storing in String Object <pre data-bbox="104 1146 1282 1383">String s=(String)b1.getContent() No compile-time error, but run-time error is occurred.</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b1.setContent(101) // Accidentally set Integer // retrieving and storing in String Object <pre data-bbox="1282 1146 2485 1383">String s=(String)b1.getContent() compiler catches the error at compile-time.</pre>

```
// A Generic Box with a content
public class GenericBox<E> {
    private E content; // private variable of generic type E
    public GenericBox(E content) { // constructor
        this.content = content;
    }
    public E getContent() { // getter
        return content;
    }
    public void setContent(E content) { // setter
        this.content = content;
    }
    public String toString() { // describe itself
        return "GenericBox[content=" + content + "(" + content.getClass() + ")]";
    }
}
```

```
// A Generic Box with a content
public class GenericBox<T> {
    private T content; // private variable of generic type T
    public GenericBox(T content) { // constructor
        this.content = content;
    }
    public T getContent() { // getter
        return content;
    }
    public void setContent(T content) { // setter
        this.content = content;
    }
    public String toString() { // describe itself
        return "GenericBox[content=" + content + "(" + content.getClass() + ")]";
    }
}

public class GenericBoxTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        GenericBox<String> box1 = new GenericBox<String>("hello");
        String str = box1.getContent(); // no explicit downcasting needed
        System.out.println(box1);
        //GenericBox[content=hello(class java.lang.String)]
        GenericBox<Integer> box2 = new GenericBox<Integer>(123); // int auto-box to Integer
        int i = box2.getContent(); // Integer auto-unbox to int
        System.out.println(box2);
        //GenericBox[content=123(class java.lang.Integer)]
        GenericBox<Double> box3 = new GenericBox<>(55.66); // double auto-box to Double
        double d = box3.getContent(); // Double auto-unbox to double
        System.out.println(box3);
        //GenericBox[content=55.66(class java.lang.Double)]
    }
}
```

Type Parameter

Type Argument

It supports from JDK7 onwards

Generics

Generics, which supports *abstraction over types* (or *parameterized types*) on classes and methods.

The class or method designers can be *generic about types in the definition*, while the users are to provide the *specific types (actual type) during the object instantiation or method invocation*.

The primary usage of generics is to *abstract over types* for the Collection Framework.

Generic class – two type parameters

```
public class OrderedPair<K,V> {  
    private K key;  
    private V value;  
    public OrderedPair(K key,V value) {  
        this.key=key;  
        this.value=value;  
    }  
    public K getKey() {  
        return key;  
    }  
    public V getValue() {  
        return value;  
    }  
}  
public class OrderedPairDemo {  
    public static void main(String... args) {  
        OrderedPair<String, Integer> p1=new OrderedPair<String, Integer>("Even", 8);  
        OrderedPair<String, String> p2=new OrderedPair<String, String>("Hello", "world");  
        OrderedPair<String, Box<Integer>> p3=new OrderedPair<>("primes", new Box<Integer>(10));  
        System.out.println("key="+p1.getKey() +  
                           " type="+p1.getKey().getClass().getName());  
        System.out.println("value="+p1.getValue() +  
                           " type="+p1.getValue().getClass().getName());  
    }  
}
```

Output

key=Even type=java.lang.String
Value=8 type=java.lang.Integer

```
public class OrderedPairDemo {  
    public static void main(String... args) {  
        Pair<String, Integer> p1 = new OrderedPair<String, Integer>("Even", 8);  
        Pair<String, String> p2 = new OrderedPair<String, String>("Hello", "world");  
        Pair<String, String> p3 = new OrderedPair<String, String>("java", "program");  
        Pair<String, Box<Integer>> p4 = new OrderedPair<>("primes", new Box<Integer>(10));  
        System.out.println("pair p1 key:" + p1.getKey() + "values =" + p1.getValue());  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Stats<T> {
    T[] nums;
    Stats(T[] o) {
        nums=o;
    }
    double average() {
        double sum=0.0;
        for(int i=0;i<nums.length;i++)
            sum+=nums[i].doubleValue();
        return sum/nums.length;
    }
}

public class BoundsDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Integer inums[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
        Stats<Integer> iob=new Stats<Integer>(inums);
        double v=iob.average();
        System.out.println("iob average is"+ v);
        Double dnums[] = {1.1,2.2,3.3,4.4,5.5};
        Stats<Double> dob=new Stats<Double>(dnums);
        double w=dob.average();
        System.out.println("double average is"+w);
    }
}
```

An array of type T

Constructor to initialize an array

To calculate average of elements in an array

Compiler reports an error `doubleValue()` undefined for T

Bounded Types

It is used to limit the types that can be passed to a type parameter.

```
public class Stats<T> {  
    T[] nums;  
    Stats(T[] o) {  
        nums=o;  
    }  
    double average() {  
        double sum=0.0;  
        for(int i=0;i<nums.length;i++)  
            sum+=nums[i].doubleValue();  
        return sum/nums.length;  
    }  
}
```

- The `doubleValue()` method is available in `Number` class so , it is available to all the subclasses of it.
- There is no way the compiler knows `Stats` Objects are used for numeric types only. So, the compiler report an error it is undefined to `T`

So, to overcome the above problem java provides bounded types.

Upperbound : to accept superclass and its subclasses

<T **extends** superclass>

T can be superclass or subclasses of the superclass.

Example : <T extends Number>

T can `Number, Integer, Float, Double` etc.,

T cannot be `String`, because `String` is not a subclass of `Number`

Lowerbound : to accept superclass and its subclasses

<T **super** subclass>

T can be subclass or super classes of the subclass

Example : <T super Integer>

T can `Integer, Number` etc.,

```
public class Stats<T extends Number> {
    T[] nums;
    Stats(T[] o) {
        nums=o;
    }
    double average() {
        double sum=0.0;
        for(int i=0;i<nums.length;i++)
            sum+=nums[i].doubleValue();
        return sum/nums.length;
    }
}

public class BoundsDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Integer inums[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
        Stats<Integer> iob=new Stats<Integer>(inums);
        double v=iob.average();
        System.out.println("iob average is"+ v);
        Double dnums[] = {1.1,2.2,3.3,4.4,5.5};
        Stats<Double> dob=new Stats<Double>(dnums);
        double w=dob.average();
        System.out.println("double average is"+w);
    }
}
```

Because T is bounded by Number, the java compiler knows that all objects of Type T can call **doubleValue()** method, which is available in Number class

Wildcard Arguments

- For suppose to check whether the average of two arrays (irrespective of data type) is same or not.

Arrays

```
Integer inums[ ]= {1,2,3,4,5};  
Double dnums[ ] ={1.1,2.2,3.3,4.4,5.5};
```

Stats Object creation

```
Stats<Integer> iob=new Stats<Integer>(inums);  
Stats<Double> dob=new Stats<Double>(dnums);
```

checking whether averages are same

```
If(iob.sameAvg(dob))  
    System.out.println("averages are same");  
else  
    System.out.println("avarages differ.");
```

Definition of sameAvg() method in Stats<T> class

```
boolean sameAvg(Stats<T> ob) {  
    if( average( )== ob.average( ))  
        return true;  
    return false;  
}
```



```
boolean sameAvg(Stats<?> ob) {  
    if( average( ) == ob.average( ))  
        return true;  
    return false;  
}
```

The above method is applicable for same types i.e., **invoking object** and **ob** must be of same type.

i.e., In statement **io.b.sameAvg(dob)** ,the iob(of integer type) and dob(of double type) are different

So, to resolve the above problem use wildcard argument '**?**' (represents an unknown type)

```
public class Stats<T extends Number> {  
    T[] nums;  
    Stats(T[] o) {  
        nums=o;  
    }  
    double average() {  
        double sum=0.0;  
        for(int i=0;i<nums.length;i++)  
            sum+=nums[i].doubleValue();  
        return sum/nums.length;  
    }  
    boolean sameAvg(Stats<?> ob) {  
        if(average()==ob.average())  
            return true;  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

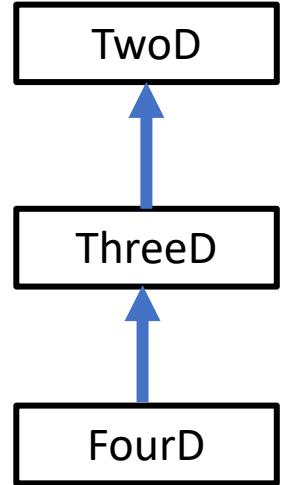
```
public class BoundsDemo {  
    public static void main(String... args) {  
        Integer inums[] = {1,2,3,4,5};  
        Stats<Integer> iob=new Stats<Integer>(inums);  
        double v=iob.average();  
        System.out.println("iob average is"+ v);  
        Double dnums[] = {1.1,2.2,3.3,4.4,5.5};  
        Stats<Double> dob=new Stats<Double>(dnums);  
        double w=dob.average();  
        System.out.println("double average is"+w);  
        Float fnums[] = {1.0F,2.0F,3.0F,4.0F,5.0F};  
        Stats<Float> fob=new Stats<Float>(fnums);  
        double f=fob.average();  
        System.out.println("float average is"+f);  
        if(iob.sameAvg(fob))  
            System.out.println("are the same..");  
        else  
            System.out.println("differ");  
    }  
}
```

Wildcard Arguments (contd..)

A Wildcard describes a family of types

- <?> – the unknown(unbounded) type which represents family of all types
- <? extends **Type**> – a wild card with an upper bound . It supports a family of subtypes of **Type**
- <? super **Type**> – a wild card with an lower bound . It supports a family of supertypes of **Type**
- Wild cards are useful in situations where ***no or only partial knowledge about the types arguments*** of a parameterized type is required.
- Wild cards are also used to create the ***relationship between generic classes and interfaces***.

Example



```
Class Coords<T extends TwoD>{ T[] coords;
    Coords(T[] o){ coords = o; }
}

public class BoundedWildcard {
    static void showXY(Coords<?> c) {
        System.out.println("X Y Coordinates:");
        for(int i=0;i<c.coords.length;i++)
            System.out.println(c.coords[i].x+" "+c.coords[i].y);
    }

    static void showXYZ(Coords<? extends ThreeD> c) { /*...*/ }

    static void showAll(Coords<? extends FourD> c) { /*...*/ }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TwoD td[] = { new TwoD(0,0),new TwoD(2,3),new TwoD(3,4) };
        Coord<TwoD> tdlocs= new Coord<>(td);
        showXY(tdlocs);

        showXYZ(tdlocs); //error
        showAll(tdlocs); //error
    }

    FourD fd[]={ new FourD(1,2,-3,4),new FourD(-3,4,22,10) };
    Coord<FourD> fdlocs= new Coord<>(fd);
    showXY(fdlocs);
    showXYZ(fdlocs);
    showAll(fdlocs);
}
```

it's upper bound is ThreeD, so it won't allow

it's upper bound is FourD, so it won't allow

It accepts all types

It accepts ThreeD & FourD

It accepts FourD

Bounded types example

Example	Valid/Invalid
Class X0 <T extends int> {....}	Not accepted. Because, primitive types are not allowed
Class X1 <T extends Object[]> {....}	Not accepted. Because, Array types are not permitted
Class X2 <T extends Number> { ...}	Classes
Class X3 <T extends String> {....}	
Class X4 <T extends Runnable> {....}	Interfaces
Class X5 <T extends Thread.State> {....}	Enum
Class X6 <T extends List>{ ...}	Raw type
Class X7 <T extends List<String> {....}	Generic type
Class X8 <T extends <? extends Number>> {....}	
Class X9 <T extends<? super Number>> {....}	Generic wildcard bounded type

Given the following two regular (non-generic) classes:

```
class A { /* ... */ }
```

```
class B extends A { /* ... */ }
```

```
List<B> lb = new ArrayList<>();
```

```
List<A> la = lb; // compile-time error
```

It would be reasonable to write the following code:

```
B b = new B();
```

```
A a = b;
```

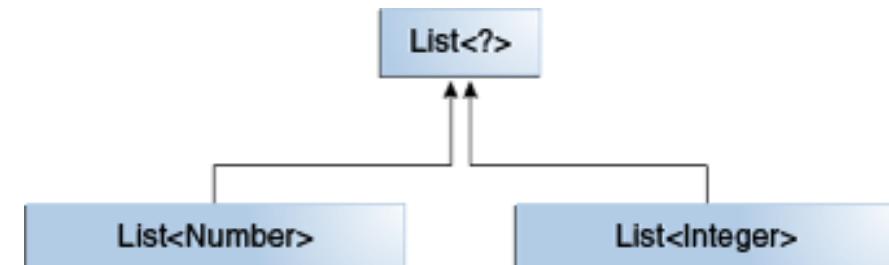
Integer is a subtype of Number , but List<Integer> is not a subclass List<Number>

To create relationship among these classes we can use Wildcard argument

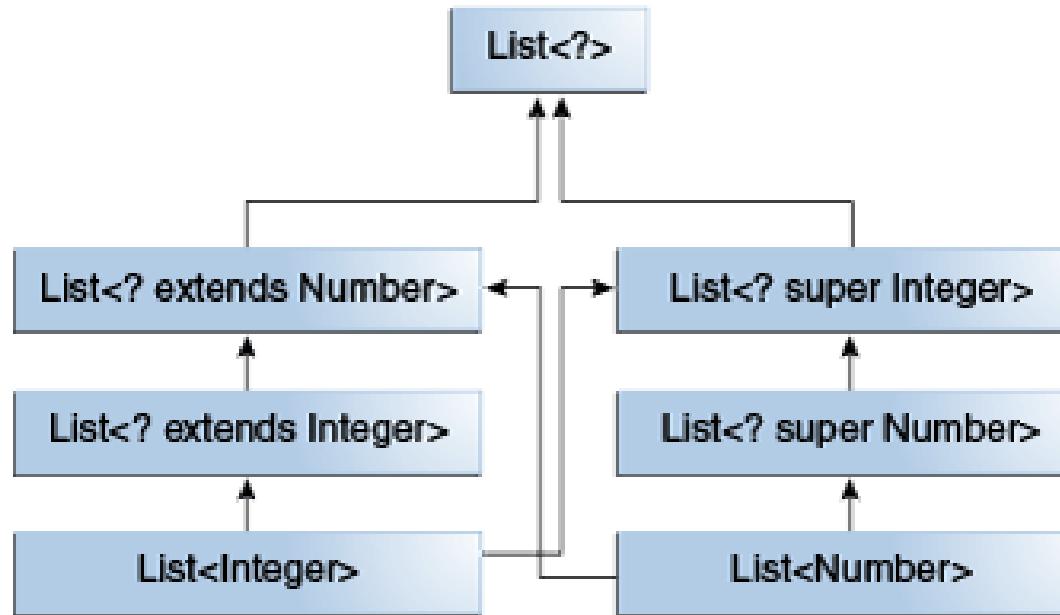
```
List<? extends Integer> intList = new ArrayList<>();
```

```
List<? extends Number> numList = intList; // OK.
```

Because List<? extends Integer> is a subtype of List<? extends Number>



Relationships between several List classes declared with both upper and lower bounded wildcards.



Generic Methods

- Similar to generic types(classes), we can define generic methods and generic interfaces.
- The type parameter section is specified in **angular brackets** and appears before the **method's return type**.
- Syntax

access-modifiers **<type parameter>** return-type method-name**<formal-argument-list>**

Example

printList(T[] elements) is a generic method which prints any type of array

```
class Util{  
    public static <T> void printList(T[] elements)  
    {  
        for(T element:elements)  
            System.out.print(element+" ");  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
}
```

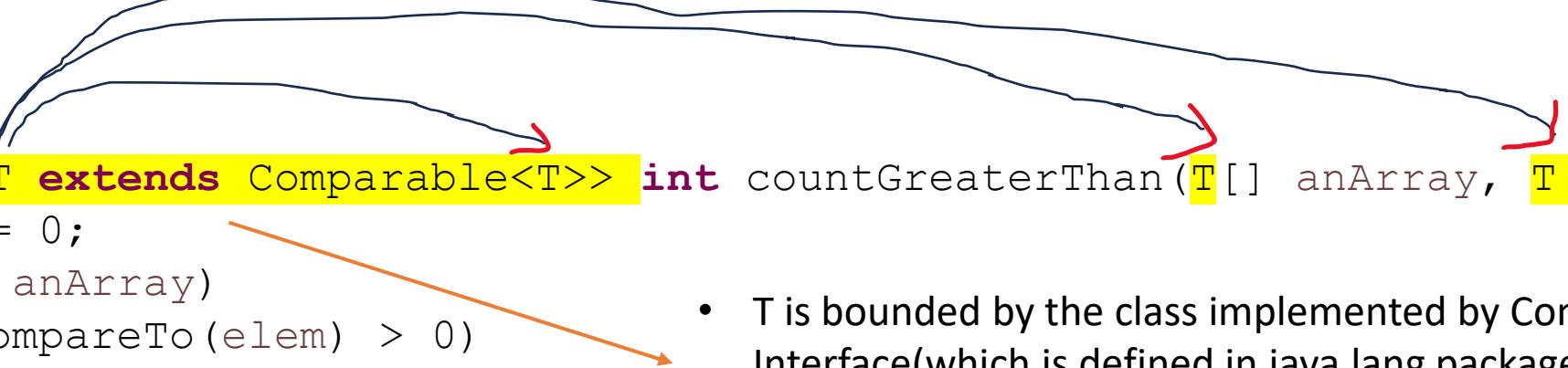
```
class Util{
    public static <T> void printList(T[] elements)
    {
        for(T element:elements)
            System.out.print(element+" ");
        System.out.println();
    }
}

public class GenericMethod {
    public static void main(String... args) {
        Integer[] inums= {1,2,3,4,5};
        Float[] fnums= {1.1f,2.2f,3.3f,4.4f,5.5f};
        Double[] dnums= {1.5,2.5,3.5,4.5,5.5};
        System.out.println("Integer list");
        Util.<Integer>printList(inums);
        System.out.println("Float list");
        Util.printList(fnums);
        System.out.println("Double list");
        Util.printList(dnums);
    }
}
```

The type parameter is passed from type section to formal parameter

printList() is a generic method which prints any type of array

```
class Util1{  
    public static <T extends Comparable<T>> int countGreaterThan(T[] anArray, T elem) {  
        int count = 0;  
        for (T e : anArray)  
            if (e.compareTo(elem) > 0)  
                ++count;  
        return count;  
    }  
}  
  
public class GreaterThanDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Integer inum[] = {15, 2, 10, 14, 32, 7, 3, 21};  
        Float fnum[] = {2.1f, 4.3f, 5.2f, 5.7f, 4.2f, 6.7f};  
        Double dnum[] = {2.3, 4.5, 6.1, 4.2, 5.7, 8.9, 9.0};  
        System.out.println("count > 10 in "+Arrays.toString(inum)+" is "+  
                           Util1.countGreaterThan(inum, 10));  
        System.out.println("count > 5.1f in "+Arrays.toString(fnum)+" is "+  
                           Util1.countGreaterThan(fnum, 5.1f));  
        System.out.println("count > 4.2 in "+Arrays.toString(dnum)+" is "+  
                           Util1.countGreaterThan(dnum, 4.2));  
    }  
}
```



- T is bounded by the class implemented by Comparable Interface(which is defined in java.lang package).
- T can be any class that implements comparable interface like Integer, Float , String, etc.

Generic Interfaces

```
interface MinMax<T extends Comparable<T>> {
    T min();
    T max();
}

public class MyClass<T extends Comparable<T>> implements MinMax<T>{
    T[] vals;
    MyClass(T[] o) {
        vals=o;
    }
    @Override
    public T min() {
        T v=vals[0];
        for(int i=1;i<vals.length;i++)
            if(vals[i].compareTo(v)<0) v=vals[i];
        return v;
    }
    @Override
    public T max() {
        T v=vals[0];
        for(int i=1;i<vals.length;i++)
            if(vals[i].compareTo(v)>0) v=vals[i];
        return v;
    }
}
```

```
public class GenIfDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Integer inums[] = {2, 6, 3, 8, 1};  
        Character chs[] = {'b', 'x', 'p', 'w'};  
        MyClass<Integer> iob=new MyClass<Integer>(inums);  
        MyClass<Character> cob=new MyClass<>(chs);  
        System.out.println("Max value in inums: "+iob.max());  
        System.out.println("Min value in inums: "+iob.min());  
        System.out.println("Max value in chs :" +cob.max());  
        System.out.println("Min value in chs: " +cob.min());  
    }  
}
```

Restrictions on Generics

- **Cannot Instantiate Generic Types with Primitive Types**

creating a Pair object, you cannot substitute a primitive type for the type parameter K or V:

```
Pair<int, char> p = new Pair<>(8, 'a'); // compile-time error
```

You can substitute only non-primitive types for the type parameters K and V:

```
Pair<Integer, Character> p = new Pair<>(8, 'a');
```

- **Cannot Create Instances of Type Parameters**

An instance of a type parameter cannot be created. For example, the following code causes a compile-time error:

```
public static <E> void append(List<E> list) {  
    E elem = new E(); // compile-time error  
    list.add(elem);  
}
```

- **Cannot Declare Static Fields Whose Types are Type Parameters**

A class's static field is a class-level variable shared by all non-static objects of the class. Hence, static fields of type parameters are not allowed. Consider the following class:

```
public class MobileDevice<T> {  
    private static T os;  
    // ...  
}
```

- **Cannot Use Casts or instanceof with Parameterized Types**

The Java compiler erases all type parameters in generic code, So the verification of parameterized type for a generic type at runtime is not possible:

```
public static <E> void rti(List<E> list) {  
  
    if (list instanceof ArrayList<Integer>) {  
        // compile-time error  
        // ...  
    }  
}  
  
if (list instanceof ArrayList<?>) // it is ok
```



- **Cannot Create Arrays of Parameterized Types**

An arrays of parameterized types cannot be created. For example, the following code does not compile:

```
List<Integer>[] arrayOfLists = new List<Integer>[2]; // compile-time error
```

- **Cannot Create, Catch, or Throw Objects of Parameterized Types**

A generic class cannot extend the Throwable class directly or indirectly. For example, the following classes will not compile:

```
// Extends Throwable indirectly
```

```
class MathException<T> extends Exception { /* ... */ } // compile-time error
```

```
// Extends Throwable directly
```

```
class QueueFullException<T> extends Throwable { /* ... */ } // compile-time error
```

A method cannot catch an instance of a type parameter:

```
public static <T extends Exception, J> void execute(List<J> jobs) {
    try {
        for (J job : jobs)
            // ...
    } catch (T e) { // compile-time error
        // ...
    }
}
```

Cannot Overload a Method Where the Formal Parameter Types of Each Overload Erase to the Same Raw Type

A class cannot have two overloaded methods that will have the same signature after type erasure.

```
public class Example {  
    public void print(Set<String> strSet) {}  
    public void print(Set<Integer> intSet) {}  
}
```

Questions

1. Will the following class compile? If not, why?

```
public final class Algorithm {  
    public static <T> T max(T x, T y) {  
        return x > y ? x : y;  
    }  
}
```

2. Consider this class:

```
class Node<T> implements Comparable<T> {  
  
    public int compareTo(T obj) { /* ... */ }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

Will the following code compile? If not, why?

```
Node<String> node = new Node<>();  
Comparable<String> comp = node;
```

3.What is the following class converted to after type erasure?

```
public class Pair<K, V> {  
    public Pair(K key, V value) {  
        this.key = key;  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    public K getKey() {  
        return key;  
    }  
    public V getValue() {  
        return value;  
    }  
    public void setKey(K key) {  
        this.key = key;  
    }  
    public void setValue(V value) {  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    private K key;  
    private V value;  
}
```

```
public class Pair {  
    public Pair(Object key, Object value) {  
        this.key = key;  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    public Object getKey() {  
        return key;  
    }  
    public Object getValue() {  
        return value;  
    }  
    public void setKey(Object key) {  
        this.key = key;  
    }  
    public void setValue(Object value) {  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
    private Object key;  
    private Object value;  
}
```

4. What is the following method converted to after type erasure?

```
public static <T extends Comparable<T>> int findFirstGreaterThanOr(T[] at, T elem) {  
    // ...  
}
```

```
public static int findFirstGreaterThanOr(Comparable[] at, Comparable elem) {  
    // ...  
}
```

5. Will the following class compile? If not, why?

```
public class Singleton<T> {  
    public static T getInstance()  
    {  
        if (instance == null)  
            instance = new Singleton<T>();  
        return instance;  
    }  
    private static T instance = null;  
}
```