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7.ComparatorandComparable

Aim/Objective:AnalysethepracticalapplicationoftheComparatorandComparable interfaces in real-world scenarios, discussing their roles, advantages, and differences.

Description:Studentwillbeabletounderstandandapplytheconceptof Comparatorand Comparable Interfaces.

Pre-Requisites:AStrongknowledgeonClassesandObjectsinJAVA

Tools:EclipseIDEforEnterpriseJavaandWebDevelopers

Pre-Lab:

1) DiscussthedifferencesbetweenComparatorandComparablebyfillingthebelow mentioned table.

S.no	Comparable	Comparator
1.	Defines natural ordering using compareTo().	Defines custom ordering using compare().
2.	The class must implement Comparable.	No need for class to implement Comparator.
3.	Used for default object comparison.	Used for custom or multiple comparisons.
4.	Can be used with Collections.sort() and Arrays.sort().	Can be used with Collections.sort() and Arrays.sort(), but allows custom sorting logic.

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2) Write a Java program that sorts a LinkedList using the Comparable interface.

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.Collections;

class Student implements Comparable<Student> {
    String name;
    int age;

    Student(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }

    public int compareTo(Student other) {
        return name.compareTo(other.name);
    }

    public String toString() {
        return name + " (" + age + ")";
    }
}

public class LinkedListSortExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LinkedList<Student> students = new LinkedList<>() {{
            add(new Student("Alice", 22));
            add(new Student("Bob", 20));
            add(new Student("Charlie", 23));
        }};

        Collections.sort(students);
        students.forEach(System.out::println);
    }
}
```

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In-Lab:

- 1) Create a Java program that sorts a list of Movie objects by their year of release. Define the Movie class with attributes such as rating, name, and year. Implement the Comparable interface in the Movie class and override the compareTo() method to sort the movies based on their release year.

Program:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

class Movie implements Comparable<Movie> {
    private String name;
    private double rating;
    private int year;

    public Movie(String name, double rating, int year) {
        this.name = name;
        this.rating = rating;
        this.year = year;
    }

    public int getYear() {
        return year;
    }

    @Override
    public int compareTo(Movie other) {
        return Integer.compare(this.year, other.year);
    }

    @Override
```

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```

public String toString() {
    return "Movie{" +
        "name=" + name + "\" +
        ", rating=" + rating +
        ", year=" + year +
        '"';
}
}

```

```

public class MovieSorter {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Movie> movies = new ArrayList<>();
        movies.add(new Movie("Inception", 8.8, 2010));
        movies.add(new Movie("The Shawshank Redemption", 9.3, 1994));
        movies.add(new Movie("The Godfather", 9.2, 1972));
        movies.add(new Movie("Pulp Fiction", 8.9, 1994));

        Collections.sort(movies);

        for (Movie movie : movies) {
            System.out.println(movie);
        }
    }
}

```

OUTPUT

```

Movie{name='The Godfather', rating=9.2, year=1972}
Movie{name='The Shawshank Redemption', rating=9.3, year=1994}
Movie{name='Pulp Fiction', rating=8.9, year=1994}
Movie{name='Inception', rating=8.8, year=2010}

```

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- 2) You are tasked with developing a system to manage employee records for a large corporation. The `Employee` class has attributes such as `id`, `name`, `department`, and `salary`. Different departments and teams need to sort employee records based on different criteria, such as salary, name, and department.

Implement a Java program that sorts a list of `Employee` objects using the `Comparator` interface. The program should allow sorting by multiple criteria: by salary (ascending and descending), by name (alphabetical order), and by department (alphabetical order).

Program:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Comparator;
import java.util.List;

class Employee {
    private int id;
    private String name;
    private String department;
    private double salary;

    public Employee(int id, String name, String department, double salary) {
        this.id = id;
        this.name = name;
        this.department = department;
        this.salary = salary;
    }

    public int getId() { return id; }
```

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```
public String getName() { return name; }
```

```
public String getDepartment() { return department; }
```

```
public double getSalary() { return salary; }
```

```
@Override
```

```
public String toString() {
```

```
    return String.format("Employee{id=%d,    name='%s',    department='%s',
salary=%.2f}", id, name, department, salary);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        List<Employee> employees = new ArrayList<>(List.of(
```

```
            new Employee(1, "Alice", "HR", 60000),
```

```
            new Employee(2, "Bob", "IT", 75000),
```

```
            new Employee(3, "Charlie", "Finance", 50000),
```

```
            new Employee(4, "David", "IT", 70000),
```

```
            new Employee(5, "Eve", "HR", 80000)
```

```
        ));
```

```
        List<String> sortLabels = List.of(
```

```
            "Sort by Salary Ascending",
```

```
            "Sort by Salary Descending",
```

```
            "Sort by Name",
```

```
            "Sort by Department"
```

```
        );
```

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```

List<Comparator<Employee>> comparators = List.of(
    Comparator.comparingDouble(Employee::getSalary),
    Comparator.comparingDouble(Employee::getSalary).reversed(),
    Comparator.comparing(Employee::getName),
    Comparator.comparing(Employee::getDepartment)
);

for (int i = 0; i < sortLabels.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(sortLabels.get(i) + ":");

    employees.stream().sorted(comparators.get(i)).forEach(System.out::println);
    System.out.println();
}
}
}

```

OUTPUT

Sort by Salary Ascending:

```

Employee{id=3, name='Charlie', department='Finance', salary=50000.00}
Employee{id=1, name='Alice', department='HR', salary=60000.00}
Employee{id=4, name='David', department='IT', salary=70000.00}
Employee{id=2, name='Bob', department='IT', salary=75000.00}
Employee{id=5, name='Eve', department='HR', salary=80000.00}

```

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Sort by Salary Descending:

```
Employee{id=5, name='Eve', department='HR', salary=80000.00}
Employee{id=2, name='Bob', department='IT', salary=75000.00}
Employee{id=4, name='David', department='IT', salary=70000.00}
Employee{id=1, name='Alice', department='HR', salary=60000.00}
Employee{id=3, name='Charlie', department='Finance', salary=50000.00}
```

Sort by Name:

```
Employee{id=1, name='Alice', department='HR', salary=60000.00}
Employee{id=2, name='Bob', department='IT', salary=75000.00}
Employee{id=3, name='Charlie', department='Finance', salary=50000.00}
Employee{id=4, name='David', department='IT', salary=70000.00}
Employee{id=5, name='Eve', department='HR', salary=80000.00}
```

Sort by Department:

```
Employee{id=3, name='Charlie', department='Finance', salary=50000.00}
Employee{id=1, name='Alice', department='HR', salary=60000.00}
Employee{id=5, name='Eve', department='HR', salary=80000.00}
Employee{id=2, name='Bob', department='IT', salary=75000.00}
Employee{id=4, name='David', department='IT', salary=70000.00}
```

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✓ **Data and Results:**

Data

The dataset consists of employees with ID, name, department, and salary.

Result

Employees are sorted based on salary, name, and department categories.

✓ **Analysis and Inferences:**

Analysis

Sorting helps identify salary trends and department-wise employee distribution efficiently.

Inferences

Higher salaries are observed in IT and HR departments mostly.

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VIVA-VOCE Questions(In-Lab):

- 1) List the usage of comparable Interface.

Usage of Comparable Interface: Defines the natural ordering of objects (e.g., for sorting). Implements `compareTo()` to compare objects.

- 2) List the usage of comparator interface.

Usage of Comparator Interface: Defines custom ordering for objects, useful when you want multiple sorting criteria. Implements `compare()`.

- 3) What is the purpose of the compareTo method?

Purpose of compareTo Method: Compares the current object with another object to determine their relative order.

- 4) What happens if you do not override the compareTo method when implementing Comparable?

Not overriding compareTo : If you don't override it, a `ClassCastException` will occur when sorting objects.

- 5) What is the difference between Comparable and Comparator?

Difference between Comparable and Comparator :

- **Comparable :** Defines natural ordering within the class using `compareTo()`.
- **Comparator :** Defines custom ordering outside the class using `compare()`.

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Post-Lab:

- 1) Develop a Java program to compare movies by their ratings using a custom Comparator implementation. Your program should follow these steps: a. Implement a class that serves as a Comparator for Movie objects, providing the comparison logic based on movie ratings. b. Instantiate the Comparator class. c. Utilize the overloaded sort () method, passing both the list of movies and the instance of the Comparator class to perform the sorting.

Sample Input:

8.4 Return of the Jedi 1983
8.8 Empire Strikes Back 1980
8.3 Force Awakens 2015
8.7 Star Wars 1977

Sample Output:

Sorted by rating

8.3 Force Awakens 2015
8.4 Return of the Jedi 1983
8.7 Star Wars 1977
8.8 Empire Strikes Back 1980

Sorted by name

Empire Strikes Back 8.8 1980
Force Awakens 8.3 2015
Return of the Jedi 8.4 1983
Star Wars 8.7 1977

Sorted by year

1977 8.7 Star Wars
1980 8.8 Empire Strikes Back
1983 8.4 Return of the Jedi
2015 Force Awakens

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Program:

```
import java.util.*;

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        List<Movie> movies = Arrays.asList(

            new Movie("Return of the Jedi", 8.4, 1983),

            new Movie("Empire Strikes Back", 8.8, 1980),

            new Movie("Force Awakens", 8.3, 2015),

            new Movie("Star Wars", 8.7, 1977)

        );

        movies.sort(Comparator.comparingDouble(m -> m.rating));

        System.out.println("Sorted by rating:");

        movies.forEach(System.out::println);

        movies.sort(Comparator.comparing(m -> m.title));

        System.out.println("Sorted by name:");

        movies.forEach(System.out::println);
    }
}
```

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```

movies.sort(Comparator.comparingInt(m -> m.year));

    System.out.println("Sorted by year:");

    movies.forEach(m -> System.out.println(m.year + " " + m.rating + " " +
m.title));

    }

}

```

```

class Movie {

    String title;

    double rating;

    int year;

    Movie(String title, double rating, int year) {

        this.title = title;

        this.rating = rating;

        this.year = year;

    }
}

```

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@Override

```

public String toString() {

    return rating + " " + title + " " + year;

}

}

```

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✓ **Dataand Results:**

Data:

The data consists of four movies with varying ratings and years.

Result:

The movies are sorted in different ways based on criteria.

✓ **AnalysisandInferences:**

Analysis:

Sorting movies by rating, name, and year shows varying order.

Inferences:

Ratings, names, and years provide different perspectives on movie ranking.

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