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6. Generics with Classes and Interfaces.

Aim/Objective: To analyse the implementation of the concept of Generics with Interfaces for the real time scenario.

Description: The student will understand the concept of Generics with Interfaces.

Pre-Requisites: Classes and Objects in JAVA

Tools: Eclipse IDE for Enterprise Java and Web Developers

Pre-Lab:

1) Discuss the necessity of Generics Interfaces.

- **Type Safety** – Prevents runtime type errors.
- **Code Reusability** – Works with multiple data types.
- **Consistency** – Reduces redundant code.
- **Scalability** – Useful for dynamic designs.

Example:

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```
interface Data<T> {
    void setData(T data);
    T getData();
}
```

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In-Lab:

- 1) Write a Java Program to identify the Maximum Value and Minimum Value in the arrays of different datatypes like Integer, String, Character & float by incorporating the concept of Generics with interfaces.

Procedure/Program:

```
import java.util.Arrays;

interface MinMax<T> {
    T min(T[] array);
    T max(T[] array);
}

class MinMaxImpl<T extends Comparable<T>> implements MinMax<T> {
    public T min(T[] array) { return
Arrays.stream(array).min(T::compareTo).orElse(null); }
    public T max(T[] array) { return
Arrays.stream(array).max(T::compareTo).orElse(null); }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MinMax<Integer> intMinMax = new MinMaxImpl<>();
        System.out.println("Integer Min: " + intMinMax.min(new Integer[]{3, 5, 1,
4, 2}));
        System.out.println("Integer Max: " + intMinMax.max(new Integer[]{3, 5, 1,
4, 2}));

        MinMax<String> stringMinMax = new MinMaxImpl<>();
        System.out.println("String Min: " + stringMinMax.min(new
String[]{"apple", "orange", "banana", "grape"}));
        System.out.println("String Max: " + stringMinMax.max(new
String[]{"apple", "orange", "banana", "grape"}));

        MinMax<Character> charMinMax = new MinMaxImpl<>();
        System.out.println("Character Min: " + charMinMax.min(new
Character[]{'d', 'a', 'c', 'b'}));
        System.out.println("Character Max: " + charMinMax.max(new
Character[]{'d', 'a', 'c', 'b'}));
    }
}
```

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```

MinMax<Float> floatMinMax = new MinMaxImpl<>();
    System.out.println("Float Min: " + floatMinMax.min(new Float[]{3.5f, 2.1f,
4.8f, 1.2f}));
    System.out.println("Float Max: " + floatMinMax.max(new Float[]{3.5f, 2.1f,
4.8f, 1.2f}));
    }
}

```

OUTPUT

Integer Min: 1
 Integer Max: 5
 String Min: apple
 String Max: orange
 Character Min: a
 Character Max: d
 Float Min: 1.2
 Float Max: 4.8

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✓ **Dataand Results:**

Data

The program finds the minimum and maximum values from arrays.

Result

It correctly identifies the smallest and largest elements in arrays.

✓ **Analysisand Inferences:**

Analysis

Generic methods ensure flexibility, working with different data types.

Inferences

Using generics enhances reusability and simplifies comparison operations efficiently.

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VIVA-VOCE Questions(In-Lab):

1) List the benefits of Generics.

- **Type Safety:** Prevents runtime errors by enforcing type restrictions.
- **Code Reusability:** Allows generic classes/methods.
- **No Type Casting:** Eliminates explicit casting.
- **Compile-Time Checking:** Catches errors at compile time.
- **Improved Performance:** Reduces unnecessary casting.

2) Discuss about the various types of Generics implementation in Java.

- **Generic Classes:** Classes with type parameters (e.g., `class Box<T>`).
- **Generic Methods:** Methods that use type parameters (e.g., `<T> void print(T value)`).
- **Bounded Types:** Restricts types (e.g., `T extends Number`).
- **Wildcards:** Flexible type (e.g., `List<? extends Number>`).

3) Illustrate about “Type Parameter Naming Conventions” in Generics

- **T:** Type
- **E:** Element (collections)
- **K, V:** Key, Value (maps)
- **N:** Number

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4) State the significance of diamond (<>) operator in generics.

Simplifies instantiation by inferring types:

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```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>(); // Type inferred
```

5) List the limitations of generics.

- Cannot use **primitive types** (e.g., `int`).
- **Type erasure** removes type information at runtime.
- Cannot create **generic arrays**.
- No `instanceof` with generics.
- **Static members** cannot be generic.

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Post-Lab:

- 1) Create a generic method that sorts an array of objects using a bubble sort algorithm.

Test the method with different types of objects such as integers, doubles, and strings.

Procedure/Program:

```
import java.util.Arrays;

public class GenericBubbleSort {

    public static <T extends Comparable<T>> void bubbleSort(T[] array) {
        int n = array.length;
        for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {
                if (array[j].compareTo(array[j + 1]) > 0) {
                    T temp = array[j];
                    array[j] = array[j + 1];
                    array[j + 1] = temp;
                }
            }
        }
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Integer[] intArray = {5, 3, 8, 1, 2};
        Double[] doubleArray = {5.5, 3.3, 8.8, 1.1, 2.2};
        String[] stringArray = {"Banana", "Apple", "Cherry", "Date"};
```

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```
bubbleSort(intArray);
```

```
bubbleSort(doubleArray);
```

```
bubbleSort(stringArray);
```

```
System.out.println("Sorted Integer Array: " + Arrays.toString(intArray));
```

```
System.out.println("Sorted Double Array: " +
```

```
Arrays.toString(doubleArray));
```

```
System.out.println("Sorted String Array: " + Arrays.toString(stringArray));
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

OUTPUT

Sorted Integer Array: [1, 2, 3, 5, 8]

Sorted Double Array: [1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 5.5, 8.8]

Sorted String Array: [Apple, Banana, Cherry, Date]

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✓ **Dataand Results:**

Data

The program sorts arrays of different data types using generics.

Result

It successfully sorts integer, double, and string arrays correctly.

✓ **Analysisand Inferences:**

Analysis

Bubble sort repeatedly swaps adjacent elements until fully sorted.

Inferences

Using generics enables sorting flexibility across multiple data types.

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