

## typescript generics

TypeScript Generics is a tool that provides a way to create **reusable** components. It creates a component that can work with a **variety of data types** rather than a single data type. It allows users to consume these components and use their own types. Generics ensures that the program is flexible as well as scalable in the long term.

### Advantage of Generics

1. **Type-safety:** We can hold only a single type of object in generics. It doesn't allow to store of other objects.
2. **Typecasting is not required:** There is no need to typecast the object.
3. **Compile-Time Checking:** It is checked at compile time so the problem will not occur at runtime.

### Possible Generics:

- Functions
- Classes
- Methods
- Variables

### Example

The below example helps us to understand the generics clearly.

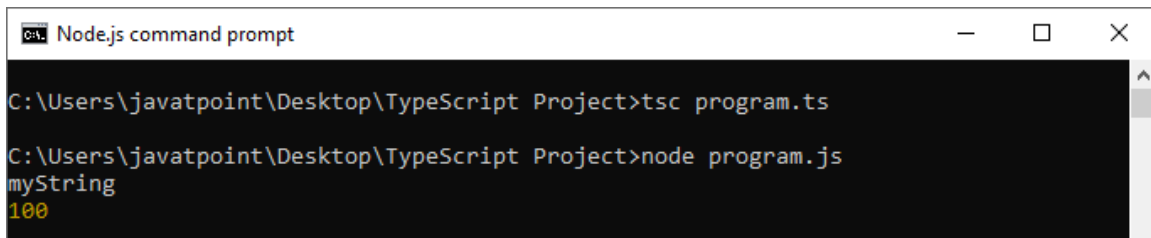
1. `function identity<T>(arg: T): T {`
2.  `return arg;`
3. `}`
4. `let output1 = identity<string>("myString");`
5. `let output2 = identity<number>( 100 );`
6. `console.log(output1);`

7. console.log(output2);

When we compile the above file, it returns the corresponding JavaScript file as below.

```
1. function identity(arg) {  
2.     return arg;  
3. }  
4. var output1 = identity("myString");  
5. var output2 = identity(100);  
6. console.log(output1);  
7. console.log(output2);
```

### Output:



```
Node.js command prompt  
C:\Users\javatpoint\Desktop\TypeScript Project>tsc program.ts  
C:\Users\javatpoint\Desktop\TypeScript Project>node program.js  
myString  
100
```

### References:

<https://www.javatpoint.com/typescript-generics>