



# CS2030

## Lab 5

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# Project

There is no need for a queue data structure in Server

- If a customer arrives first, he will be earlier in the queue
- Events belonging to customers with the earliest arrival time occurs first, if the events happen at the same time
- This means the events will always occur in the order of customers in the queue
- When a server is available, the first customer in the queue will be served, and the rest will continue to wait since the server is now serving the customer that was in front





# Project

The deadline has been extended till **Sunday 26 Oct 2359**

Everyone can resubmit, including those who got A but want to improve their design

If there are unused methods leftover from previous labs, delete them to make grading easier. Also delete **commented blocks of code**





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# Recap



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# Bounded Wildcards

```
public record Box<T>(T t);
```

## What can Box store?

```
Box<? extends T>
```

Upper bounded wildcard

```
Box<? super T>
```

Lower bounded wildcard

```
Box<?>
```

Unbounded wildcard





# Bounded Wildcards

Imagine you have two different kind of lists:

Both `Cat` and `Dog` extend `Animal`.

```
List<Cat> catList = List.of(new Cat("Black Cat"),  
                             new Cat("Orange Cat"), new Cat("White Cat"));  
List<Dog> dogList = List.of(new Dog("Chihuahua"),  
                             new Dog("Dachshund"), new Dog("Bulldog"));
```



# Bounded Wildcards

Will the following method accept the prior lists as input?

```
void print(List<Animal> animalList)
```



No, because generics are invariant, i.e. even if `Cat` is a subtype of `Animal`, `List<Cat>` is not a subtype of `List<Animal>`. To create a method that accepts different kind of Lists of animals, we will need wildcard:

```
void print(List<? extends Animal> animalList)
```

Bonus Question: Why extends instead of super?





# PECS

PECS: Producer **extends**, Consumer **super**

Underlying principle on which to use:

<? **extends** T> if you want to read from a collection (producer)

<? **super** T> if you want to add to a collection <? **super** T>







# PECS

PECS: Producer **extends**, Consumer **super**

Think of “data flowing out” for Producers (Producer *produces*, so data flowing out)

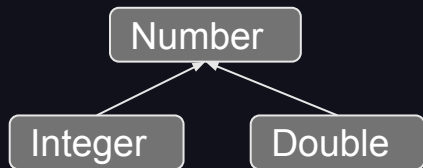
And “data flowing in” for Consumers (Consumer *consumes*, so data flowing in)





# Producer Extends

Given this inheritance diagram, consider this List of Numbers:



List<? **extends** Number> numList;

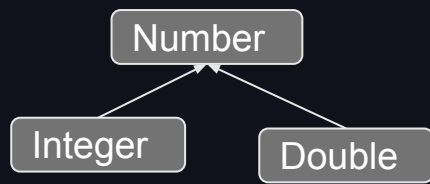
What are the possible types that the numList contains?



# Producer Extends

```
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Double>();
```

These assignments are all valid, since `Integer` and `Double` extend `Number`





# Producer Extends

Now, assume we want to read from the numList. Data is flowing out of numList, hence the data is of type - <? **extends** T>

Let's look at our options for variable assignment:

```
Integer i = numList.get(x);
```

```
Double d = numList.get(x);
```

```
Number n = numList.get(x);
```

Which one of these is a valid assignment?



# Producer Extends

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Integer i = numList.get(x);
```

You cannot read an `Integer` because `numList` could be pointing to a `List<Double>`

```
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Double>();
```





# Producer Extends

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Double d = numList.get(x);
```

You cannot read a `Double` because numList could be pointing to a `List<Integer>`

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





# Producer Extends

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Number n = numList.get(x);
```


This is the only “safe” assignment, since regardless of what the numList contains, it will be a subclass of **Number**



# Producer Extends

When writing to numList:

- You **cannot** add an `Integer` because numList could be pointing to a `List<Double>`
- You **cannot** add a `Double` because numList could be pointing to a `List<Integer>`
- You **cannot** add a `Number` because numList could be pointing to a `List<Integer>`

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```
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Double>();
```





# Producer Extends

You can't add any object to `List<? extends T>` because you can't guarantee what objects List really holds.

The only "guarantee" is that you can only read from it and you'll get a T or subclass of T.

Conclusion: By using **extends**, only Numbers (or subclasses of Number) can be read from numList (therefore numList is a producer of Numbers)



```
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? extends Number> numList = new ArrayList<Double>();
```

# Consumer Super

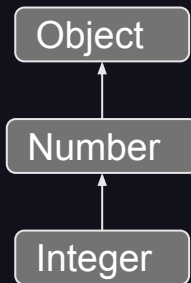
We reconstruct the numList with the following possibilities:

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
```

These assignments are all valid, since **Number** and **Object** are superclasses of **Integer**





# Consumer Super

Now, what happens when we try to read out of numList?

Let's look at our options for variable assignment:

```
Integer i = numList.get(x);
```

```
Number n = numList.get(x);
```

```
Object o = numList.get(x);
```

Which one of these is a valid assignment?

# Consumer Super

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Integer i = numList.get(x);
```

You cannot read an Integer because numList could be pointing to a List<Number> or List<Object>

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
```





# Consumer Super

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Number n = numList.get(x);
```

You cannot read a `Number` because numList could be pointing to a `List<Object>`

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();
```

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
```



# Consumer Super

Without knowledge of what exactly numList holds:

```
Object o = numList.get(x);
```

You can only read an `Object` but the subclass (if any) is unknown (redundant to read an `Object`; every class is a subclass of `Object`)

```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
```



# Consumer Super

When writing to numList, data is flowing into numList, hence we use a Consumer - <? **super** T>:

- You can add an **Integer** (allowed by all 3 lists)
- You can add an instance of a subclass of **Integer** (allowed by all 3 lists)
- You cannot add a **Double**, **Number** or **Object** because numList might point to a List<Integer>



```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
```



# Consumer Super

You can't read from a `List<? super T>` because you do not know what kind of `List` it points to (unless you assign the item to an `Object` instance; redundant as mentioned before). You can only add items of type `T` or a subclass of `T` to the list.

Conclusion: By using **super**, only `Integers` (or subclasses of `Integer`) can be added to `numList` (therefore `numList` is a consumer of `Integers`)



```
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Number>();  
List<? super Integer> numList = new ArrayList<Object>();
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# PECS: Function<T,R>

What does T and R correspond to? What do they mean?

Method Summary

| All Methods       | Static Methods | Instance Methods                             | Abstract Methods | Default Methods |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Modifier and Type | Method         | Description                                  |                  |                 |
| R                 | apply(T t)     | Applies this function to the given argument. |                  |                 |

If I were to create a method that takes in a **Function**, which bounded wildcard should I use?

1. **Function**<? extends T, ? extends R>
2. **Function**<? super T, ? extends R>
3. **Function**<? extends T, ? super R>



# When to use

Adding wildcards only limits what you can do with your lists

- List<? **super** T>: can add subclasses of T, cannot read
- List<? **extends** T>: can only read T, cannot add
- List<T>: can add subclasses of T, can read superclasses of T

No point restricting the operations that you can perform by adding wildcards if you do not need the wildcards





# When to use

As a guideline, the only place you will usually use it is when declaring function signatures

Consider a `Maybe<Integer>`. We can map it using a few different functions

- `Function<Integer, Integer> f1 = x -> x + 1`
- `Function<Number, Integer> f2 = x -> x.hashCode()`
- `Function<Object, String> f3 = x -> x.toString()`

Are all these valid functions to pass to map?





# When to use

- `Function<Integer, Integer> f1 = x -> x + 1`
- `Function<Number, Integer> f2 = x -> x.hashCode()`
- `Function<Object, String> f3 = x -> x.toString()`

If `map` takes in a `Function<T, R>`, and `T` is `Integer`, then only `f1` works, although all should work. Therefore we need the signature `Function<? super T, R>`



```
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```

```
1 : class Maybe<T> {  
    T val;  
  
    Maybe(T val) {  
        this.val = val;  
    }  
  
    <R> Maybe<R> map(Function<T,R> mapper) {  
        return new Maybe<R>(mapper.apply(val));  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return String.format("Maybe[%s]", val);  
    }  
}  
2 : Function<Integer, Integer> f1 = x -> x + 1;  
3 : Function<Number, Integer> f2 = x -> x.hashCode();  
4 : Function<Object, String> f3 = x -> x.toString();  
5 : Maybe<Integer> maybe = new Maybe<>(1);
```


```
jshell> maybe.map(f1)  
$6 ==> Maybe[2]
```

```
jshell> maybe.map(f2)  
Error:  
method map in class Maybe<T> cannot be applied to given types;  
  required: java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Integer,R>  
  found:    java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Number,java.lang.Integer>  
  reason: cannot infer type-variable(s) R  
         (argument mismatch; java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Number,java.lang.Integer> cannot be converted to java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Integer,R>)  
maybe.map(f2)  
^_____^
```

```
jshell> maybe.map(f3)  
Error:  
method map in class Maybe<T> cannot be applied to given types;  
  required: java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Integer,R>  
  found:    java.util.function.Function<java.lang.Object,java.lang.String>  
  reason: cannot infer type-variable(s) R  
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maybe.map(f3)  
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jshell> maybe.map(f1)  
\$6 ==> Maybe[2]

jshell> maybe.map(f2)  
\$7 ==> Maybe[1]

jshell> maybe.map(f3)  
\$8 ==> Maybe[1]



# When to use

```
Function<Integer, Integer> f1 = x -> x + 1
```

```
Maybe<Integer> maybe = Maybe.of(1)
```

- Maybe<Integer> m1 = maybe.map(f1)
- Maybe<Object> m2 = maybe.map(f1)

If map's signature is `Function<T, R>`, m1 will work but m2 will not. In the case of m2, R is `Object` because map returns a `Maybe<R>`, but there is an issue because f1 is `Function<Integer, Integer>` and `Integer != Object`



# When to use

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```
Maybe<Integer> maybe = Maybe.of(1)
```

- Maybe<Integer> m1 = maybe.map(f1)
- Maybe<Object> m2 = maybe.map(f1)

If it is Function<T, ? **extends** R>, then R can be Object, and passing in f1 will work because Integer extends Object.

Therefore the use of wildcards is to allow methods like map to accept a variety of inputs



# When to use



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```

```
jshell> Maybe<Integer> m1 = maybe.map(f1)  
m1 ==> Maybe[2]
```

```
jshell> Maybe<Object> m2 = maybe.map(f1)  
| Error:  
| incompatible types: inference variable R has incompatible equality constraints java.lang.Object,java.lang.Integer  
| Maybe<Object> m2 = maybe.map(f1);  
|      ^_____^
```



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m1 ==> Maybe[2]

jshell> Maybe<Object> m2 = maybe.map(f1)
m2 ==> Maybe[2]
```



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# Lab 5



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# Optional – orElseThrow

We will be looking at the `orElseThrow` method for today's lab

<X extends **Throwable**>

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**orElseThrow**(**Supplier**<? extends X> exceptionSupplier)

Return the contained value, if present, otherwise throw an exception to be created by the provided supplier.

Throws an **Exception** to be generated by the **Supplier** if the **Optional** is empty





# Optional – orElseThrow

Using your project as an example...

```
shop.findServer(cust)
    .orElseThrow(() -> new Exception("No Server found!"))
```





# Task Overview

We want to log the changes that happen to values while they are operated upon, as a way to emulate debugging statements

To do this, we are to define a generic `Log<T>` class





# Hints

Make use of the `orElseThrow` and `filter` methods to get your desired behaviour!

Deadline: **30 Oct (Thurs) 2359**

