

Purpose	Practice using type parameters and Streams
What to Submit	Commit a revised <code>coinpurse.CoinUtil</code> with test code to your Purse project .

Generics

1. In the Purse `coinpurse.CoinUtil` class write a `max` method using a type parameter like this::

```
/**
 * Return the larger of a and b, according to the natural
 * ordering (defined by compareTo).
 */
public static <E extends Comparable<E>> E max(E a, E b) {
    //TODO write code to return the "larger" of a and b
}
```

Verify that this method works by using it on at least **2 different classes of objects**. For example:

```
String m = CoinUtil.max( "canary", "dog" );
System.out.println("Max of canary and dog is "+m);
//TODO compute max using some other kind of object
```

2.1 The method only works for types `E` that implement `Comparable<E>`. It should not work for `Coin`. Verify for yourself that this code does not compile:

```
Coin max = CoinUtil.max( new Coin(5), new Coin(10) );
```

2.2 Modify the type bounds for `<E>` so that it accepts any type `E` that implements `Comparable<E>` or `Comparable<Some_Super_Class_Of_E>`, like this:

```
<E extends Comparable<? super E>>
```

Verify that now you can call "max" with `Coin`, `String`, or other types.

3. In `CoinUtil` there is a `sortByCurrency` method like this:

```
public static void sortByCurrency(List<Valuable> money)
```

It cannot be called using a parameter like this:

```
List<Coin> coins =
    Arrays.asList( new Coin(5,"Baht"), new Coin(100,"Kip"), . . . );
CoinUtil.sortByCurrency( coins );
```

Add a wildcard (?) to the `sortByCurrency` method signature so it accepts `List<Coin>`, and the method still works correctly.

4.1 (This is more challenging) Add a type parameter to `filterByCurrency` so that it accepts a List of anything that implements *Valuable*, and returns a List of the same type.

This means if you invoke it with parameter `List<Banknote>` then it should return `List<Banknote>`. If `Coupon` implements `Valuable` and you call it with `List<Coupon>` then it should return `List<Coupon>`.

4.2 Write example code to prove that `filterByCurrency` works as specified.

5. Variable Length Parameters: Java allows a method to have a variable number of parameters. The parameters are automatically put into an array using the name of the parameter. Here is an example:

```
// This method accepts any number of String parameters
public void printAll(String ... word) {
    // parameters are word[0], word[1], ...
    // Careful: the length of array may be zero!
    for(int k=0; k < word.length; k++)
        System.out.printf("param %d is %s\n", k, word[k]);
}
```

5.1 Modify the `CoinUtil.max()` method it computes the "max" of any number of items.

```
Coin c1 = new Coin(5);
Coin c2 = new Coin(10);
Coin c3 = new Coin(0.5);
Coin cmax = max( c1, c2, c3 );
```

5.2 Does variable parameters allow us to mix objects of different subclasses of some superclass? In this case, what is the return type?

```
Coin c1 = new Coin(5);
Coin c2 = new Coin(10);
Banknote banknote = new Banknote(100, "Baht");
_____? _____ cmax = max( c1, c2, banknote );
```

Streams

We can create a Stream from any collection by calling `stream()`. The main Stream methods are described in the PDF in the week14 folder. Here is an example that filters Strings have length less than or equal to 4.

```
List<String> words =
    Arrays.asList("Dog", "elephant", "Bird", "Zebra", "snake");
// Define a Predicate that is true for the objects we want:
Predicate<String> shortWords = (s) -> (s.length() <= 4);
// Print the whole list
words.stream().forEach( System.out::println );
// Filter and print sublist
words.stream().filter( shortWords ).forEach(System.out::println);
```

In the above example we *consume* the stream using `forEach`. You can also *collect* the stream into an object using a Collector. The Java Collectors class provides many useful predefined collectors, such as `Collectors.asList()`. `Collectors.asList()` puts the stream into a List and returns it.

```
// Create a list of words with length <= 4
List<String> result =
words.stream().filter( shortWords ).collect( Collectors.asList() );
```

6. Modify the `CoinUtil.filterByCurrency` method to use a stream and a `Predicate` as filter. You can write `Predicate` as a lambda or anonymous class. When you finish, the method should not have any loops. It should have 3 statements: 1) check that currency param is not null, 2) define a `Predicate` as filter, 3) use a Stream to filter the list and return the result.