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Generics in Java

=> Generics :-

- → Generics means parametrized types which means that we can provide any type of parameter to the classes, interfaces or methods
- → Generics were introduced in JDK 1.5 version
- → Generics are represented by angular braces <</p>
- → The main objective of Generics are :-
- 1. To provide type safety
- 2. To resolve type casting problem

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- → By default "arrays are type safe"
- → Now for collections, till JDK 1.4 version, collections were not generic types
- → In JDK 1.5 version, Generic Collections were introduced
- → NOTE: We can only provide non-primitive values in generics

=> Generic Classes :-

- → If any class is declared with type parameters then it is known as Generic Class
- → Generic classes can be user-defined classes or predefined classes (collections classes)
- → Generic type can be any valid identifier name
- → We can provide any number of parameters in generics

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=> Generic Bounded Types :-

→ We can bound the type parameter for a particular range by using extends keyword. And

- this concept is known as Generic Bounded Type Concept
- → Syntax : class A<T extends X> (X can be any class or interface)
- → Cases :-
- 1. We can only use extends keyword, not implements keyword
- 2. We can only use Non-Primitive data types
- 3. class A<T extends X & Y>

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