

Homework Assignment #9 due Tuesday April 17, 2018

Java Generics

Problem 1:

Modify the class `Pair<T, S>` below so that it implements `Comparable<Pair<T, S>>`.

To compare a pair with another, you compare the first element (using `compareTo`). If they are equal, you should compare the second elements and return the result of their comparison. If the first elements are not equal, the `compareTo` method returns the result of `first.compareTo(other.getFirst())`.

```
public class Pair<T, S>
{
    private T first;
    private S second;

    public Pair(T firstElement, S secondElement)
    {
        first = firstElement;
        second = secondElement;
    }

    public T getFirst() { return first; }
    public S getSecond() { return second; }
}
```

Problem 1.1:

Create a `PairDemo` class that demonstrates the class you just created. Create a new `TreeSet` and add pairs to it. The pairs should consist of people names (last name, first name). At the end, iterate through the set and print its contents.

If your `Pair` class was correctly implemented, the output should be displayed in alphabetic order (because a `TreeSet` implements a set using a binary search tree). Be sure to try a few pairs with the same last name.

Problem 1.2:

What happens if you try to add a `Pair<String, Integer>` to the set? What happens if you try to create a `Pair<String, Rectangle>`? Try it out and explain.

Problem 2:

Convert the simple Stack class below to a generic class that can work with any class. Currently the code only works with class Integer.

```
import java.util.*;

public class Stack
{
    private ArrayList<Integer> myList;

    public Stack()
    {
        myList = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    }

    public void push(Integer item)
    {
        myList.add(item);
    }

    public Integer pop()
    {
        Integer retItem = null;
        if (!myList.isEmpty())
        {
            retItem = myList.remove(myList.size() - 1);
        }
        return retItem;
    }

    public boolean empty()
    {
        return myList.isEmpty();
    }
}
```

Here is a driver program that exercises the Stack class:

```
public class StackRunner
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Stack<Integer> stk1 = new Stack<Integer>();
        stk1.push(1);
        stk1.push(2);
        stk1.push(3);
        stk1.push(4);
        while (!stk1.empty())
        {
            System.out.println(stk1.pop());
        }
    }
}
```

Modify the Stack and StackRunner classes so they can also create and exercise a stack of type Character