

### Exercise - Generic Programming (write a generic class and a generic method)

1. Write a generic class named `Maximizer` that can be used to calculate the maximum of a set of values. As shown in the code below, you should be able to:
  - a. Instantiate a `Maximizer` for any data type that implements the `Comparable` interface (`String`, `Integer`, etc.)
    - i. `Comparable` is an interface built into Java that a class can implement to make its objects “sortable” (see the Java documentation for details)
    - ii. Many built-in Java classes such as `String` and `Integer` implement the `Comparable` interface
  - b. Pass the `Maximizer` a set of values one-by-one by calling its `updateValue` method
  - c. Call the `Maximizer`’s `getValue` method to retrieve the maximum value that was passed to its `updateValue` method
  - d. Here’s some sample code that shows how the `Maximizer` class is used:

```
Maximizer<String> strMaximizer = new Maximizer<>();
strMaximizer.updateValue("a");
strMaximizer.updateValue("z");
strMaximizer.updateValue("m");
String maxStr = strMaximizer.getValue();
System.out.println(maxStr);
```

```
Maximizer<Integer> intMaximizer = new Maximizer<>();
intMaximizer.updateValue(-22);
intMaximizer.updateValue(10000);
intMaximizer.updateValue(33);
Integer maxInt = intMaximizer.getValue();
System.out.println(maxInt);
```

- e. Using the code above, write a short program that demonstrates that your `Maximizer` class works
2. Write a class named `Algorithms` that has one static, generic method named “`calcStats`” that can calculate the minimum and maximum values in an array of any data type that implements the `Comparable` interface. “`calcStats`” should return a “`Stats`” object containing the min and max values.
  - a. Here’s some sample code that shows how to call “`calcStats`”:

```
String[] strArr = new String[] { "z", "a", "m" };
Stats<String> strStats = Algorithms.calcStats(strArr);
```

```
System.out.println(String.format("min: %s, max: %s",
    strStats.min, strStats.max));

Integer[] intArr = new Integer[] { 10000, 33, -22 };
Stats<Integer> intStats = Algorithms.calcStats(intArr);
System.out.println(String.format("min: %d, max: %d",
    intStats.min, intStats.max));
```

- b. Using the code above, write a short program that demonstrates that your "calcStats" method works
3. Zip up your code and submit it on Canvas