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1 R18.1

A type parameter is a parameter That gives the type of a generic class is using in some way. An example of an type parameter is the underlined section of `ArrayList<String>example=new ArrayList<>()`; The second block of `String` is implicitly assigned to `String` as well so a type parameter is not needed

2 R18.2

The difference between a generic class and a regular class is that a generic class takes a type parameter and a regular class does not. Generic class are useful when dealing with data structure's so you don't have to write a regular class for each possible object that needs to be stored.

3 R18.6

1. HashMap
2. TreeMap
3. Hashtable
4. LinkedHashMap

4 E18.21

```
public static <E> boolean isPalindrome(ArrayList<E> x) {  
    for(int i =0;i<x.size()-1;i++){  
        if(!(x.get(i).equals(x.get(x.size()-1-i)))){  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```