

# Generic classes can be bounded, limiting the types that can use it.

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On this slide, I'm showing the code from my class.

This extends keyword doesn't have the same meaning as extends, when it's used in a class declaration.

This isn't saying our type T extends Player, although it could.

This is saying the parameterized type T, has to be a Player, or a **subtype** of Player.

Now Player in this case could have been either a class or an interface, the syntax would be the same.

This declaration establishes what is called an **upper bound**, on the types that are allowed to be used with this class

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public class Team<T extends Player> {
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# Why specify an upper bound?

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An upper bound permits access to the bounded type's functionality.

An upper bound limits the kind of type parameters you can use when using a generic class. The type used must be equal to, or a subtype of the bounded type.