04 Generics

Test your Knowledge

1. Describe the problem generics address.
2. How would you create a list of strings, using the generic List class?
3. How many generic type parameters does the Dictionary class have?
4. True/False. When a generic class has multiple type parameters, they must all match.
5. What method is used to add items to a List object?
6. Name two methods that cause items to be removed from a List.
7. How do you indicate that a class has a generic type parameter?
8. True/False. Generic classes can only have one generic type parameter.
9. True/False. Generic type constraints limit what can be used for the generic type.
10. True/False. Constraints let you use the methods of the thing you are constraining to.

Practice working with Generics

1. Create a custom Stack class MyStack<T> that can be used with any data type which has following methods
    1. int Count()
    2. T Pop()
    3. Void Push()

2. Create a Generic List data structure MyList<T> that can store any data type. Implement the following methods.
    1. void Add (T element)
    2. T Remove (int index)
    3. bool Contains (T element)
    4. void Clear ()
    5. void InsertAt (T element, int index)
    6. void DeleteAt (int index)
    7. T Find (int index)

3. Implement a GenericRepository<T> class that implements IRepository<T> interface that will have common /CRUD/ operations so that it can work with any data source such as SQL Server, Oracle, In-Memory Data etc. Make sure you have a type constraint on T were it should be of reference type and can be of type Entity which has one property called Id. IRepository<T> should have following methods
    1. void Add(T item)
    2. void Remove(T item)

3. Void Save()
4. IEnumerable<T> GetAll()
5. T GetById(int id)

Explore following topics

- Generics in .NET
- Generic classes and methods
- Collections and Data Structures
- Commonly Used Collection Types
- When to Use Generic Collections