

Arrays ::TypeSafety

String[] names = new String[500];
names[0] = "sachin";
names[1] = "dhoni";
names[2] = new Integer(10);

Incompatible types
CE

STL -> Standard Template Library (C++)

Collections :No TypeSafety

ArrayList al = new ArrayList();
al.add("sachin");
al.add("dhoni");
al.add(new Integer(10));
;;;;;
String name1 =(String) al.get(0);
String name2 =(String) al.get(1);
String name3 =(String) al.get(2);

ClassCastException
Runtime

Generics

Collection
|-> Provide Type-Safety
|-> Resolve problem of typecasting

ArrayList<String> al = new ArrayList<String>();
al.add("sachin");
al.add("dhoni");
al.add(new Integer(10));

CE: incompatible types

Arrays : Homogenous,no problem while retrieving

String[] names = new String[500];
names[0] = "sachin";
names[1] = "dhoni";

String data = names[0];

Typecasting not required

Collection :Typecasting is required

ArrayList al = new ArrayList();
al.add("sachin");
al.add("dhoni");

String name = al.get(0);

CE: incompatible types

Typecasting is required

ArrayList<String> al = new ArrayList<String>();
al.add("sachin");
al.add("dhoni");
al.add("kohli");

String name = al.get(0);

"Homogenous"

"Typecasting is not required"

ParameterType

ArrayList <String> al = new ArrayList<String>();

BaseType

Polymorphism

List<String> al = new ArrayList<String>();
Collection<String> c = new ArrayList<String>();

ArrayList<Object> al1 = new ArrayList<String>();

Polymorphism not applicable at parametertype

List<Integer> al = new ArrayList<Integer>();
List<int> al = new ArrayList<int>();

CE: unexpected type

Collection before jdk1.4v

class ArrayList
{
add(Object o);
Object get(int index);
}

al.add("sachin");
String name = (String) al.get(0);

Generics(1.5V)

TypeParameter
class ArrayList<T>
{
add(T t);
T get(int index);
}
add(String data)
String get(int index)

ArrayList<String> al =new ArrayList<String>();
al.add("sachin");
al.add(new Integer(10));

CE:suitable method not found

ArrayList<String> al =new ArrayList<String>();
al.add("sachin");
al.add("kohli");
al.add("dhoni");

String name = al.get(0);

Typecasting is not required

class Test<T>
{
}
Test<Integer> t1 = new Test<Integer>();
Test<String> t2 = new Test<String>();

Unbounded Types"

BoundedTypes

class Test<T extends X >
{
}

class Test<T implements X >
{
}

class Test<T super X >
{
}

1. if X is a class type, then type parameter can be of 'X' type or its 'child class'.
2. if X is a interface type, then type parameter can be of 'X' type or its 'implementation class'.

we can't defined bounded types using implements and super keyword.

Bounded types with combination

class Test< T extends Number & Runnable>
{
}
T can be any type which extends Number class and implements Runnable interface

class Test< T extends Number & Runnable & Comparable>
{
}
T can be any type which extends Number class and implements Runnable and Comparable inter-face

class Test< T extends Number & String> //Invalid(Multiple inheritance through classes is not supported in java)
{
}

class Test< T extends Runnable & Comparable >
{
}
T can be any type which implements Runnable & Comparable interface

class Test< T extends Runnable & Number > //Invalid
{
}
rule in java : first extends then implements

TypeParameter

class Test<T>
{
}

TypeParameter
(valid identifier)
class Test<Nitin>
{
}
"convention to name Type-Parameter is :: T"

Type-Parameter
(Multiple Type parameter)
class HashMap<K,V>
{
}
Type-Parameter
(Multiple Type parameter)
class Test<T,U>
{
}

ArrayList<String> l=new ArrayList<String>();
m1(l);
;;;;
;;;;

ArrayList<Integer> l1=new ArrayList<Integer>();
m1(l1);
;;;;
;;;;

ArrayList<Double> l2=new ArrayList<Double>();
m1(l2);
;;;;
;;;;

ArrayList<Student> l3=new ArrayList<Student>();
m1(l3);

public static void m1(ArrayList<String> al){
};
public static void m1(ArrayList<Integer> al){
};
public static void m1(ArrayList<Double> al){
};
public static void m1(ArrayList<Student> al){
};

Solution ::Generic method and Wild-Card character(?)

Runtime objects

ArrayList<?> al =
new ArrayList<String>
new ArrayList<Integer>
new ArrayList<Double>
new ArrayList<Student>

Into this ArrayList, what type of data can we add?
al.add(null);

Runtime object

ArrayList<String> al = new ArrayList<String>();

Into this ArrayList, what type of data can we add?
al.add("sachin");
al.add(null);

ArrayList<? extends X> al
al.add(null)

1. X is class, then X type or its child class
2. X is interface, then X type or its implementation class

Runtime object
= new ArrayList<Integer>();
= new ArrayList<Number>();
= new ArrayList<String>();