**Question:** *Alternatively, to compare items in the cart, instead of using Comparator, we can use the Comparable interface and override the compareTo()method. You can refer to the Java docs to see the information of this interface.*

Suppose we are taking this Comparable interface approach.

**- What class should implement the Comparable interface?**

The class that represents the object we want to compare should implement the Comparable interface. In this case:

* **The Media class** should implement Comparable<Media> because all media items (e.g., Book, CompactDisc, DigitalVideoDisc) inherit from Media, and we want to compare objects of these subclasses.

**- In those classes, how should you implement the compareTo()method be to reflect the ordering that we want?**

The compareTo() method should reflect the primary and secondary ordering criteria. For example, to compare items **by title first, then by cost**, the implementation could look like this:

@Override

public int compareTo(Media other) {

// Compare by title alphabetically (ignoring case)

int titleComparison = this.title.compareToIgnoreCase(other.title);

if (titleComparison != 0) {

return titleComparison;

}

// If titles are equal, compare by cost (ascending)

return Float.compare(this.cost, other.cost);

}

This ensures:

1. **Primary ordering**: Title (case-insensitive, ascending).
2. **Secondary ordering**: Cost (ascending).

**- Can we have two ordering rules of the item (by title then cost and by cost then title) if we use this Comparable interface approach?**

No, the Comparable interface only allows **one natural ordering** to be defined through the compareTo() method.

To have multiple ordering rules (e.g., "by title then cost" and "by cost then title"):

* Use the Comparator interface instead.
* Create separate Comparator implementations for each ordering rule.

For example:

Comparator<Media> byTitleThenCost = Comparator.comparing(Media::getTitle)

.thenComparing(Media::getCost);

Comparator<Media> byCostThenTitle = Comparator.comparing(Media::getCost)

.thenComparing(Media::getTitle);

**- Suppose the DVDs has a different ordering rule from the other media types, that is by title, then decreasing length, then cost. How would you modify your code to allow this?**

To allow DVDs to have a different ordering rule, override the compareTo() method in the **DigitalVideoDisc** class (a subclass of Media). The compareTo() implementation in DigitalVideoDisc would reflect the specific ordering rule for DVDs:

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