

i219 Software Design Methodology  
6. Object-oriented  
programming language 3

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## Outline of lecture

- Primitive wrapper class
- Generics

## Primitive wrapper class

- For each primitive type, such as `int` and `double`, a wrapper class, such as `Integer` and `Double`, is prepared.
- An object, such as `new Integer("4")` of such a wrapper class represents a value, such as 4 of a primitive type, and the object & value are interchangeable.

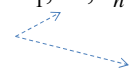
```
int four = new Integer("4");
Integer five = 5;
```

- But, `five` can be set to `null`, while `four` cannot.
- There are some cases such that a wrapper class should be used instead of a primitive type (explained later).

## Generics (1)

- Classes & interfaces can have type parameters.

```
cModifiers class ClassName< $T_1, \dots, T_n$ > { ... }
           type parameters (type variables)
iModifiers interface InterfaceName< $U_1, \dots, U_m$ > { ... }
```



allowing us to design generic data structures, such as generic lists.

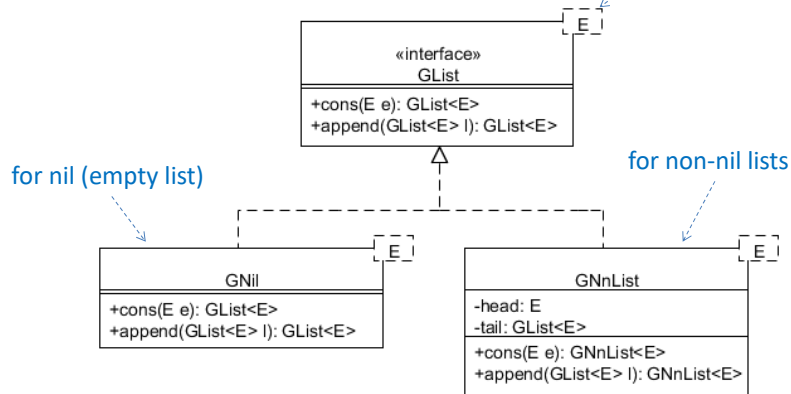
*ClassName*< $T_1, \dots, T_n$ > & *InterfaceName*< $U_1, \dots, U_m$ > are called generic types; a type variable can be any non-primitive type.

Any name can be used for a type parameter but conventionally one capital letter is used such as `E` for elements, `K` for keys, `V` for values, `N` for numbers, `T` for types, ...

## Generics (2)

- Let us design generic lists.

type parameter for list elements



for nil (empty list)

for non-nil lists

## Generics (3)

```

public interface GList<E> {
    GList<E> cons(E e);
    GList<E> append(GList<E> l);
}
  
```

putting e into the receiver (list) at top

concatenating the receiver (list) and l

<> can also be used instead of <E>, provided that the compiler can infer the type correctly

```

public class GNil<E> implements GList<E> {
    public GList<E> cons(E e) { return new GNnList<E>(e,this); }
    public GList<E> append(GList<E> l) { return l; }
}
  
```

this refers to the object executing the method, representing nil; making an object representing a singleton list that consists of e.

## Generics (4)

```

public class GNnList<E> implements GList<E> {
    private E head; <----- the 1st element of the list
    private GList<E> tail; <----- the remainder list

    public GNnList(E e, GList<E> l) { head = e; tail = l; }

    public GNnList<E> cons(E e) {
        return new GNnList<E>(e, this); } } making a list whose head is e
                                                and whose tail is this (the object
                                                that is executing this method)

    public GNnList<E> append(GList<E> l) {
        return (GNnList<E>) tail.append(l).cons(head);
    } } need the type cast because of the
        type of the return type of cons concatenating tail and l, and putting
        head into the concatenation
}

```

## Generics (5)

```

GList<String> l1 = new GNnList<String>("C++", new GNil<String>());
GList<Double> l4 = new GNnList<Double>(1.41, new GNil<Double>());
l4.cons(1.73).cons(2.43);
GList<Double> l5 = l4.append(l4);

```

Invocation (such as `GList<String>` & `GList<Double>`) of generic types with type arguments (such as `String` & `Double`) are called parameterized types.

For each parameterized type, a new class is not made, but there exists only one class for each generic type (class).

```

boolean b = (l1.getClass() == l4.getClass());

```

becomes true  
(the object representing ) the class of an object is returned

## Generics (6)

*ClassName* & *interfaceName* of *ClassName*< $T_1, \dots, T_n$ > & *InterfaceName*< $U_1, \dots, U_m$ > are called raw types of the generic types.

Assigning a parameterized type to its raw type is permitted.

`GList l6 = l4;` ← no warning is generated (the type of l4 is `GList<Double>`)

But, javac generates warning for the reverse direction.

`GList<Double> l7 = l6;`  
`l4 = l6;` } ← warning is generated, although compilation is done

`GNil l8 = new GNil<Double>();`  
`GNil l9 = new GNil<Double>();`  
`l4 = l8;`

the assignment is allowed b/c `GNil<Double>` is a subtype of `GList<Double>`

## Generics (7)

`GList<Double> l10 = l9;` ← compilation error

the assignment is not allowed b/c a supertype `GList<Double>` is assigned to a subtype `GList<Double>`

`GList<double> l11;` ← compilation error b/c a primitive type such as `double` cannot be used as a type argument

## Generics (8)

- Let us design generic binary search trees. Keys should be comparable, however, although there are some classes (such as System) whose objects are not comparable.
- A type parameter can be constrained such that any non-primitive type that extends/implements a class/interface should be used as a type argument of the parameter. *V can be any non-primitive type, but K should be any non-primitive type that extends/implements Comparable<K>*

```
public interface TBSTree<K extends Comparable<K>,V> {
    TBSTree<K,V> put(K k,V v);
    V get(K k);
}
```

*Comparable<K> is a generic interface in which method int compareTo(K k) is declared*

## Generics (9)

*V can be any non-primitive type, but K should be any non-primitive type that extends/implements Comparable<K>*

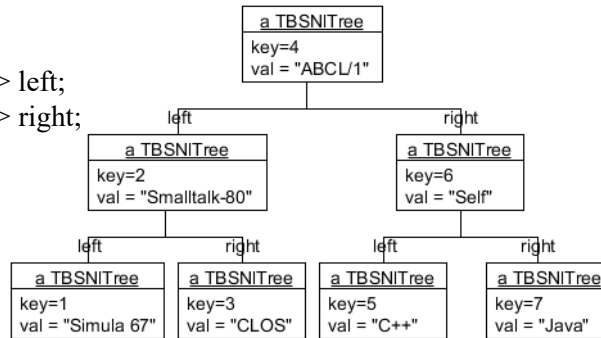
```
public class TBSLeaf<K extends Comparable<K>,V>
    implements TBSTree<K,V> {
    public TBSNITree<K,V> put(K k,V v) {
        return new TBSNITree<K,V>(k,v,this,this);
    }
    public V get(K k) { return null; }
}
```

*since any keys are not registered in a leaf, null is returned*

*this refers to the object executing the method, representing a leaf; making a singleton binary search tree that consists of k and v*

## Generics (10)

```
public class TBSNITree<K extends Comparable<K>,V>
    implements TBSTree<K,V> {
    private K key;
    private V val;
    private TBSTree<K,V> left;
    private TBSTree<K,V> right;
```



```
public TBSNITree(K k,V v,TBSTree<K,V> l,TBSTree<K,V> r) {
    key = k; val = v; left = l; right = r; }
```

## Generics (11)

```
public TBSNITree<K,V> put(K k,V v) {
    int cmp = k.compareTo(key);
    if (cmp == 0) { val = v;
    } else if (cmp < 0) { left = left.put(k,v);
    } else { right = right.put(k,v); }
    return this; }
```

```
public V get(K k) {
    int cmp = k.compareTo(key);
    if (cmp == 0) { return val;
    } else if (cmp < 0) { return left.get(k);
    } else { return right.get(k); } }
}
```

$o_1.compareTo(o_2) =$

- a negative integer such as -1 if  $o_1$  is less than  $o_2$
- 0 if  $o_1$  equals than  $o_2$
- a positive integer such as 1 if  $o_1$  is greater than  $o_2$

## Generics (12)

a utility class for use of TBSTree, TBSLeaf & TBSNITree

```
public class TentativeBinarySearchTree<K extends Comparable<K>,V> {
    private TBSTree<K,V> bst;

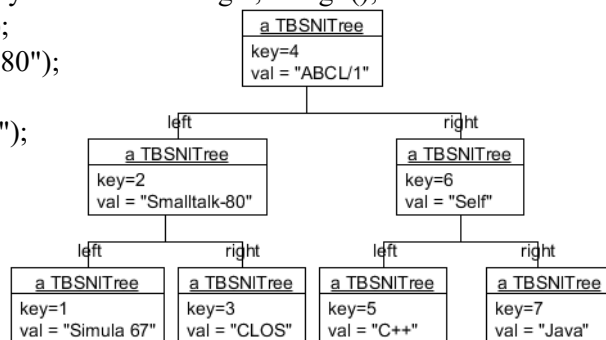
    public TentativeBinarySearchTree() { bst = new TBSLeaf<K,V>(); }

    public void put(K k,V v) {
        bst = bst.put(k,v); }
    }

    public V get(K k) {
        return bst.get(k);
    }
}
```

## Generics (13)

```
TentativeBinarySearchTree<Integer,String> opls
    = new TentativeBinarySearchTree<Integer,String>();
opls.put(4,"ABCL/1");
opls.put(2,"Smalltalk-80");
opls.put(6,"Self");
opls.put(1,"Simula 67");
opls.put(3,"CLOS");
opls.put(5,"C++");
opls.put(7,"Java");
```



```
TentativeBinarySearchTree<System,String> tbst;
```

compilation error b/c System does not implement Comparable<System>



## Generics (14)

an implementation of natural numbers a la Peano

```
public interface Nat extends Comparable<Nat> { Nat plus(Nat y); }
    an object of Zero represents zero
public class Zero implements Nat { public Nat plus(Nat y) { return y; }
    public int compareTo(Nat y) { if (y instanceof Zero) { return 0;}
        else { return -1; } } }
    an object of NzNat represents n+1
public class NzNat implements Nat { private Nat n;
    public NzNat(Nat y) { this.n = y; }
    public Nat pred() { return n; }
    public NzNat plus(Nat y) { return new NzNat(n.plus(y)); }
    public int compareTo(Nat y) { if (y instanceof Zero) { return 1; }
        else { return n.compareTo(((NzNat) y).pred()); } } }
```

TentativeBinarySearchTree<NzNat,String> oopls2;

compilation error b/c NzNat does not implement Comparable<NzNat> but Comparable<Nat>, although objects of NzNat are comparable

## Generics (15)

lower bounded wildcard representing an arbitrary type that is the same as K or a supertype of K

K extends Comparable<K> ➡ K extends Comparable<? super K>

✓ ? extends K: upper bound wildcard representing an arbitrary type that is the same as K or a subtype of K

as follows ✓ ?: unbounded wildcard, the same as ? extends Object

```
public interface BSTree<K extends Comparable<? super K>,V> { ... }
public class BSLeaf<K extends Comparable<? super K>,V>
    implements BSTree<K,V> { ... }
public class BSNTree<K extends Comparable<? super K>,V>
    implements BSTree<K,V> { ... }
public class BinarySearchTree<K extends Comparable<? super K>,V> { ... }
```

then it is possible to use NzNat as the 1<sup>st</sup> argument

```
BinarySearchTree<NzNat,String> oopls
= new BinarySearchTree<NzNat,String>();
```

## Summary

- Primitive wrapper class
- Generics