

Dasar-Dasar Pemrograman 2: Generics

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Why?

Try this one:

Create a method to print each element of `ArrayList` of `Integers` vertically.

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Try this one:

Create a method to print each element of `ArrayList` of `Strings` vertically.

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Try this one:

Create a method to print each element of `ArrayList of Doubles` vertically.

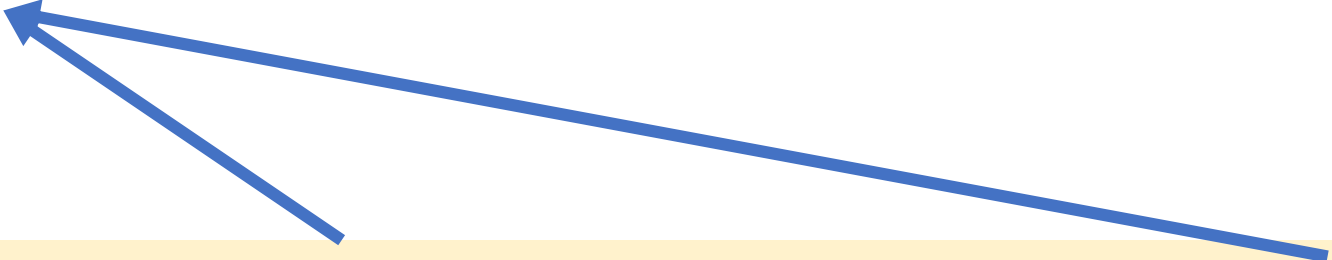
All the methods are similar,
the only difference is the element type!

```
public static void printInt(ArrayList<Integer> lst) {  
    for(int i = 0; i < lst.size(); i++) {  
        System.out.println(lst.get(i));  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void printStr(ArrayList<String> lst) {  
    for(int i = 0; i < lst.size(); i++) {  
        System.out.println(lst.get(i));  
    }  
}
```

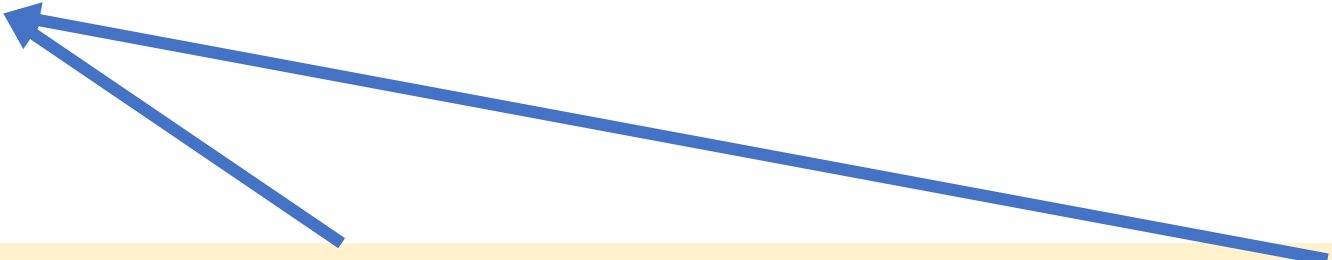
```
public static void printDouble(ArrayList<Double> lst) {  
    for(int i = 0; i < lst.size(); i++) {  
        System.out.println(lst.get(i));  
    }  
}
```

Generics parameterize types!



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Generics are variables, but for types.
They can be used for methods and classes!

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```
hello("Hello");  
hello(new Integer(5));  
String[] strArr = {"1", "2", "3"};  
hello(new ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList(strArr)));
```

Output:

Hello, Hello

Hello, 5

Hello, [1, 2, 3]

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The naming of the generics does not have to be T.

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```
public static <Bla> void hello(Bla obj) {  
    System.out.println("Hello, " + obj + " of type "  
+ obj.getClass().getName());  
}
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Print the object's type

Generics for classes

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We know what is the type, so we can directly state it here!

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Fixed, looks better now.



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