Inheritance, Comparators, Generic Functions Discussion 03: February 10, 2025

1 It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's a CatBus!

(a) On a research expedition studying air traffic, we discovered a new species: the Flying Interfacing CatBus, which acts like a vehicle and has the ability to make noise (safety is important!).

Given the **Vehicle** and **Noisemaker** interfaces, fill out the **CatBus** class so that **CatBus**es can rev their engines and make noise at other **CatBus**es with a **CatBus**-specific sound.

```
interface Vehicle {
  public void revEngine();
}
interface Noisemaker {
  public void makeNoise();
}
@Override
  _____ { /* CatBus revs engine, code not shown */ }
  @Override
   _____ { /* CatBus makes noise, code not shown */ }
  /** Allows CatBus to make noise at other CatBuses. */
  public void conversation(CatBus target) {
     makeNoise();
     target.makeNoise();
  }
}
```

(b) It's a lovely morning in the skies and we've encountered a horrible Goose, which also implements Noisemaker (it has a knife in its beak!). Modify the conversation method signature so that CatBuses can makeNoise at both CatBus and Goose objects while only having one argument, target.

2 Default

(a) Suppose we have a MyQueue interface that we want to implement. We want to add two default methods to the interface: clear, remove and max. Fill in these methods in the code below.

```
public interface MyQueue<E> {
    void enqueue (E element); // adds an element to the end of the queue
    E dequeue();
                           // removes and returns the front element of the queue
    boolean isEmpty();
                            // returns true if the queue is empty
                            // returns the number of elements in the queue
    int size();
   // removes all items from the queue
    default void clear() {
   }
    // removes all items equal to item from the queue
    // the remaining items should be in the same order as they were before
    default void remove(E item) {
   }
   // returns the maximum element in the queue according to the comparator
    // the items in the queue should be in the same order as they were before
    // assume the queue is not empty
   default E max(Comparator<E> c) {
```

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}
```

3 Inheritance Syntax

Suppose we have the classes below:

```
public class ComparatorTester {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[] strings = new String[] {"horse", "cat", "dogs"};
        System.out.println(Maximizer.max(strings, new LengthComparator()));
   }
}
public class LengthComparator implements Comparator<String> {
   @Override
   public int compare(String a, String b) {
        return a.length() - b.length();
   }
}
public class Maximizer {
   /**
     * Returns the maximum element in items, according to the given Comparator.
   public static <T> T max(T[] items, Comparator<T> c) {
        int cmp = c.compare(items[i], items[maxDex]);
   }
}
(a) Suppose we omit the compare method from LengthComparator. Which of the following will fail to
    compile?
      O ComparatorTester.java
      O LengthComparator.java
      O Maximizer.java
      O Comparator.java
(b) Suppose we omit implements Comparator<String> in LengthComparator. Which file will fail to
    compile?
      O ComparatorTester.java
      O LengthComparator.java
      O Maximizer.java
      O Comparator.java
```

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- (c) Suppose we removed **@Override**. What are the implications?
- (d) Suppose we changed where the type parameter appears so that the code in Maximizer looks like:

```
public class Maximizer<T> {
    public T max(T[] items, Comparator<T> c) {
```

What would change about the way we use Maximizer?

(e) Suppose we changed the method signature for max to read public static String max(String[] items, Comparator<String> c). Would the code shown still work?