

Assignment 7
(Full Score: 80 points)

(Due by 3/4/Friday-Midnight at Moodle)

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Java Generics and *javadoc*

Create and test Java code that implements standard Java `java.lang.Comparable<T>` and `java.util.Comparator<T>` interfaces using Java generics.

Requirements:

1. Create a class `Student` that has the following 3 fields: `name`, `age`, `studentId`. The `Student` class must implement the `java.lang.Comparable<Student>` interface based on the `studentId` field and follow the standard OOP design rules:
 - a. All data fields are *private*.
 - b. The class has two constructors - a default one and a 3-argument one.
 - c. All data fields have associated *public* accessor and mutator methods.
 - d. The class has a `toString()` method that returns a human readable presentation of the class attributes (data fields).
 - e. The `compareTo(Student o)` method of the `Student` class should delegate the comparison processing to the standard `String` class `compareTo(String o)` method based on the `studentId` field.
2. Code a separate class `StudentCompare` that implements the `java.util.Comparator<Student>` interface for the objects of type `Student` using the `age` field as the comparison criterion. The `compare(Student o1, Student o2)` method of the `StudentCompare` class performs comparisons using the `age` fields of the `o1` and `o2` instances of the `Student` class.
3. Provide a separate test class that:
 - a. Creates and populates an **array** of type `Comparable<Student>` with **at least 5 different** `Student` instances.
 - b. Performs sorting of this array using **both** of the comparison techniques implemented according to the items 1 and 2 above.
 - c. Displays both sorted arrays using the `toString()` method of the `Student` class.
4. Use the test results from the item 3 above, to formulate in the assignment report your conclusions regarding the two comparison approaches described.

5. Your code should include *javadoc* comments for all classes, methods, and data fields.
6. The project submission should include the HTML documentation for your code generated by the *javadoc* utility.

Hints:

1. Use Java 6 API specification <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/> for the information on Java 6.
2. The *javadoc* utility may be invoked from the command-line or inside NetBeans.
3. Use the appropriate sorting methods from the Java *java.util.Arrays* class to sort your array.
4. Use Java coding guidelines when naming your identifiers and creating class fields. The fields should be *private* or *protected* and appropriate accessor and mutator methods should be provided.
5. Save your work regularly, especially at the end of each class. Keep a detailed record of all steps performed.

Submission:

Submit your project *including the HTML documents produced through javadoc* in a compressed file to **Moodle by 3/4/Friday-Midnight!**

*******Important*******

Your code must follow Java Coding Convention; otherwise, **20 points** will be deducted from your total scores.
