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Sometimes it is useful to parameterize a class with a type,  $T$ .  
Java generics allow us to do this.

Rather than `IntContainer`, `LongContainer`, etc, we can just write `Container<T>`, and then create instances such as `Container<Integer>`, etc.

Prior to the introduction of Java generics, programmers often used `Object` as a work-around because it can refer to any non-primitive type.