

Re: Reflecting generics

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On Fri, 31 Mar 2006 06:10:17 -0800, "Adam Maass"
<adam.nospam.maass@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I'm wondering if this is possible – and after much digging, it seems that it isn't. I have the following piece of code:

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ArrayList<String> stringArray = new ArrayList<String>();  
Class c = stringArray.getClass();
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Is it possible to, somehow, get "java.lang.String" from c?
Or is that information lost after compiling?

Generics are implemented by "type erasure." At runtime, any reference to "java.lang.String" is long-gone, so it can't be returned by any reflective method.

Thought so. Adam, thanks for clarification.

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