**Java 8 Stream Filter with examples**

The filter() is an intermediate operation that reads the data from a stream and returns a new stream after transforming the data based on the given condition. Lets take a simple example first and then we will see the examples of stream filter with other methods of the stream.

## A Simple Example of Java Stream Filter()

## Java Stream Example

To understand how stream works, lets take an example without using stream and then we will see the same example with streams.

**Finding certain strings without using Stream**

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.List;

public class Example{

public static void main(String[] args) {

List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();

names.add("Ajeet");

names.add("Negan");

names.add("Aditya");

names.add("Steve");

int count = 0;

for (String str : names) {

if (str.length() < 6)

count++;

}

System.out.println("There are "+count+" strings with length less than 6");

}

}

Output:

There are 3 strings with length less than 6

**Same example using Stream**

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.List;

public class Example{

public static void main(String[] args) {

List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();

names.add("Ajeet");

names.add("Negan");

names.add("Aditya");

names.add("Steve");

//Using Stream and Lambda expression

long count = names.stream().filter(str->str.length()<6).count();

System.out.println("There are "+count+" strings with length less than 6");

}

}

Output:

There are 3 strings with length less than 6

In this example we are creating a stream from the list of names using stream() method and then we are creating another stream of long names using stream filter(). As I mentioned above, the stream filter transforms the data of one stream into another stream.

import java.util.Arrays;

import java.util.List;

import java.util.stream.Stream;

public class Example {

public static void main(String[] args) {

List<String> names = Arrays.asList("Melisandre","Sansa","Jon","Daenerys","Joffery");

//Creating the stream of all names

Stream<String> allNames = names.stream();

//Creating another stream by filtering long names using filter()

Stream<String> longNames = allNames.filter(str -> str.length() > 6);

//displaying the long names

longNames.forEach(str->System.out.print(str+" "));

}

}

The **terminal operations** return a result of a certain type and **intermediate operations** return the stream itself so we can chain multiple methods in a row to perform the operation in multiple steps.

Streams are created on a source, e.g. a java.util.Collection like List or Set. The Map is not supported directly, we can create stream of map keys, values or entries.

Stream operations can either be executed sequentially or parallel. when performed parallelly, it is called a parallel stream

