

Lambda Expression

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1) What is lambda expression?

Ans) It is an expression which allows you to write more succinct code in Java 8.
For Eg $(a, b) \rightarrow a + b$ is a lambda expression

which means is equal to the follow code

```
public int value (int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

It is also called an anonymous function because you are writing the code you write in function but without name.

2) Can you pass lambda expression into a to a method? when?

Ans) Yes, you can pass a lambda expression to a method provided it is expecting a functional interface. For example, if a method is accepting a Runnable, Comparable or Comparator then you can pass a lambda expression to it because all these function interface are

3) What is functional interface in java 8?

Ans) A functional interface in java 8 is an interface with a single abstract method. For example, Comparator

which have just one abstract method called `compare()` or `Runnable` which has just one abstract method called `run()`. These are many more general purpose functional interfaces introduced in JDK on `java.util.function` package. They are also annotated with `@FunctionalInterface` but that's optional.

4) What is the benefit of Lambda expression?

Ans) That now it's easier to pass a code block to a method. Earlier, the only way to do this was wrapping the code inside an Anonymous class, which requires a lot of boilerplate code.

5) Is it mandatory for a lambda expression to have parameters?

Ans) No, it is not mandatory to have parameters. You can define a lambda expression without parameters as shown below.

```
() -> System.out.println("Hi");
```

You can pass this code to any method which accepts a functional interface.