Streams in Java 8: Part 1

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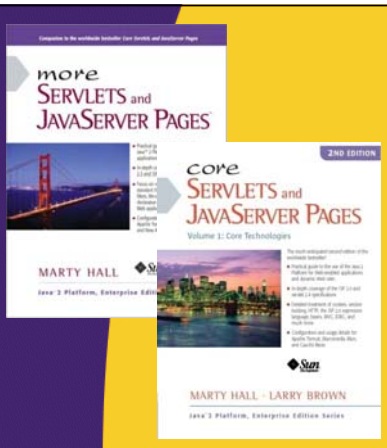

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  - forEach
  - map
  - filter
  - findFirst
- **Lazy evaluation and short-circuit operations**

Overview of Streams

Streams in a Nutshell – Comparison to Lists

- **Streams have more convenient methods than Lists**
  - forEach, filter, map, reduce, min, sorted, distinct, limit, etc.
- **Streams have cool properties that Lists lack**
  - Making streams more powerful, faster, and more memory efficient
  - The three coolest properties
    - Lazy evaluation
    - Automatic parallelization
    - Infinite (unbounded) streams
- **Streams do not store data**
  - They are just programmatic wrappers around existing data sources
- **Name is confusing for newbies**
  - Little relationship to IO streams
    - PrintStream, *Blah*InputStream (BufferedInputStream, ByteArrayInputStream, FileInputStream, ImageInputStream, JarInputStream, etc.), *Blah*OutputStream (BufferedOutputStream, ByteArrayOutputStream, FileOutputStream, etc.), etc.

Streams

- **Big idea**
  - Wrappers around data sources such as arrays or lists. Support many convenient and high-performance operations expressed succinctly with lambdas, executed sequentially or in parallel.
- **Examples**

```
shapeList.stream().filter(s -> s.getColor() == Color.BLUE)
                  .forEach(s -> s.setColor(Color.RED));
Stream.of(idArray).map(EmployeeUtils::findById)
                  .filter(e -> e != null)
                  .filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
                  .findFirst()
                  .orElse(null));
```

  - This appears to say “take the *n* ids, produce a Stream of *n* corresponding Employee objects, remove null entries (unknown ids), throw out all except those whose salary is above $500K, find first entry, return it if it exists, otherwise return null”. But, if third id corresponds to someone with salary above $500K, it only calls findById three times, even if the id array has 100 entries. Lazy!

Characteristics of Streams

- **Not data structures**
  - Streams have *no* storage. They carry values from a source through a pipeline of operations.
    - They also never modify the underlying data structure (e.g., the List or array that the Stream wraps)
- **Designed for lambdas**
  - All Stream operations take lambdas as arguments
- **Do not support indexed access**
  - You can ask for the first element, but not the second or third or last element. But, see next bullet.
- **Can easily be output as arrays or Lists**
  - Simple syntax to build an array or List from a Stream

Characteristics of Streams (Continued)

- **Lazy**
  - Many Stream operations are postponed until it is known how much data is eventually needed
    - E.g., if you do a 10-second-per-item operation on a 100 element list, then select the first entry, it takes 10 seconds, not 1000 seconds.
- **Parallelizable**
  - If you designate a Stream as parallel, then operations on it will automatically be done concurrently, without having to write explicit multi-threading code
- **Can be unbounded**
  - Unlike with collections, you can designate a generator function, and clients can consume entries as long as they want, with values being generated on the fly

Getting Standard Data Structures Into and Out of Streams

Making Streams: Overview

- **Big idea**
  - Streams are not collections: they do not manage their own data. Instead, they are wrappers around existing data structures.
    - When you make or transform a Stream, it does not copy the underlying data. Instead, it just builds a pipeline of operations. How many times that pipeline will be invoked depends on what you later do with the stream (find the first element, skip some elements, see if all elements match a Predicate, etc.)
- **Three most common ways to make Stream**
  - someList.stream()
  - Stream.of(arrayOfObjects)
  - Stream.of(val1, val2, …)

Making Streams: Examples

- **From Lists**
  - List<String> words = …;
  - words.stream().filter(…).map(…).somethingElse(…);
  - List<Employee> workers = …;
  - workers.stream().map(…).filter(…).other(…);
- **From arrays**
  - Employee[] workers = …;
  - Stream.of(workers).map(…).filter(…).other(…);
- **From individual elements**
  - Employee e1 = …;
  - Employee e2 = …;
  - Stream.of(e1,e2).map(…).filter(…).other(…);

Making Streams: Details

- **From individual values**
  - Stream.of(val1, val2, …)
- **From array**
  - Stream.of(someArray), Arrays.stream(someArray)
- **From List (and other collections)**
  - someList.stream(), someOtherCollection.stream()
- **From a "function"**
  - Stream.generate, Stream.iterate
- **From a StreamBuilder**
  - someBuilder.build()
- **From String**
  - String.chars, Stream.of(someString.split(...))
- **From another Stream**
  - distinct, filter, limit, map, sorted, skip

Caution: Making Streams from Primitives

- **Producing IntStream by accident**
  - Alternatives
    - int[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
    - Arrays.stream(nums)… // IntStream
    - Integer[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
    - Arrays.stream(nums)… or Stream.of(nums)… // Stream<Integer>
  - Differences
    - The map method of IntStream must produce Integer. Limiting.
    - But, IntStream has a useful "sum" method.
- **Making 1-item stream by accident**
  - Mistake
    - int[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
    - Stream.of(nums)… // 1-item Stream containing array
  - Correct
    - Integer[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
    - Stream.of(nums)… // 4-item Stream containing Integers

Turning Streams into Pre-Java-8 Data Structures

- **Array**
  - strm.toArray(EntryType[]::new)
    - E.g., employeeStream.toArray(Employee[]::new)
      - The argument to toArray is normally EntryType[]::new, but in general is a Supplier that takes an int (size) as an argument and returns an empty array that can be filled in. There is also a zero-argument toArray() method, but this returns Object[], not Blah[], and it is illegal to cast Object[] to Blah[], even when all entries in the array are Blahs.
- **List**
  - strm.collect(Collectors.toList())
    - Common to do "import static java.util.stream.Collectors.*;" then to do strm.collect(toList())
- **Other collections**
  - strm.collect(Collectors.toSet())
  - strm.collect(Collectors.groupingBy(…)), etc.
- **String**
  - strm.collect(Collectors.toStringJoiner(delim)).toString()

Outputting Streams: Examples

- **Example data (used below)**
  - Stream<String> wordStream = …;
  - Stream<Employee> workerStream = …;
- **Outputting as Lists**
  - List<String> wordList = wordStream.collect(Collectors.toList());
  - List<Employee> workerList = workerStream.collect(Collectors.toList());
- **Outputting as arrays**
  - String[] wordArray = wordStream.toArray(String[]::new);
  - Employee[] workerList = workerStream.toArray(Employee[]::new);

Core Stream Methods: Overview

Stream Methods

- **Big idea**
  - You wrap a Stream around an array or List. Then, you can do operations on each element (forEach), make a new Stream by transforming each element (map), remove elements that don't match some criterion (filter), etc.
- **Core methods (covered here)**
  - forEach, map, filter, findFirst, findAny
- **Methods covered in later section**
  - reduce, collect, min, max, sum, sorted, distinct, limit, skip, noneMatch, allMatch, anyMatch, count

Core Stream Methods

- **forEach(Consumer)**
  - employees.forEach(e -> e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10))
- **map(Function)**
  - ids.map(EmployeeUtils::findEmployeeById)
- **filter(Predicate)**
  - employees.filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
- **findFirst()**
  - employees.filter(…).findFirst().get()
- **toArray(ResultType[]::new)**
  - Employee[] empArray = employees.toArray(Employee[]::new);
- **collect(Collectors.toList())**
  - List<Employee> empList = employees.collect(Collectors.toList());

Stream Examples: Setup Code

```
private static Employee[] googlers = {
  new Employee("Larry", "Page", 1, 9999999),
  new Employee("Sergey", "Brin", 2, 8888888),
  new Employee("Eric", "Schmidt", 3, 7777777),
  new Employee("Nikesh", "Arora", 4, 6666666),
  new Employee("David", "Drummond", 5, 5555555),
  new Employee("Patrick", "Pichette", 6, 4444444),
  new Employee("Susan", "Wojcicki", 7, 3333333),
  new Employee("Peter", "Norvig", 8, 900000),
  new Employee("Jeffrey", "Dean", 9, 800000),
  new Employee("Sanjay", "Ghemawat", 10, 700000),
  new Employee("Gilad", "Bracha", 11, 600000)
};

public static List<Employee> getGooglers() {
  return(Arrays.asList(googlers));
}

// sampleEmployees array shown in tutorial sections on lambdas
public static List<Employee> getSampleEmployees() {
  return(Arrays.asList(sampleEmployees));
}
```


Stream Examples: Setup Code (Continued)

```
private static Stream<Employee> googlers() {
  return(EmployeeSamples.getGooglers().stream());
}

private static Stream<Employee> sampleEmployees() {
  return(EmployeeSamples.getSampleEmployees().stream());
}
```

You must call googlers() or sampleEmployees() each time.
It is illegal to assign EmployeeSamples.getGooglers().stream() to a Stream<Employee>, then to reuse that Stream. You can only operate once on each Stream.

forEach –
Calling a Lambda on Each Element of a Stream

forEach

- **Big idea**
  - Easy way to loop over Stream elements
    - There are also forEach methods in Iterable, ArrayList, Map, etc.
  - You supply a lambda to forEach, and that lambda is called on each element of the Stream
    - More precisely, you supply a Consumer to forEach, and each element of the Stream is passed to that Consumer's accept method. But, few people think of it in these low-level terms.
  - There is also "peek" method, which is almost exactly the same as forEach, except it returns the original Stream at the end
- **Quick examples**
  - Print each element

```
Stream.of(someArray).forEach(System.out::println);
```

  - Clear all JTextFields

```
fieldList.stream().forEach(field -> field.setText(""));
```

forEach vs. for Loops

- **for**

```
List<Employee> employees = getEmployees();
for(Employee e: employees) {
  e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10);
}
```

- **forEach**

```
Stream<Employee> employees = getEmployees().stream();
employees.forEach(e -> e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10));
```

- **Advantages of forEach**
  - Minor: designed for lambdas
    - Marginally more succinct
  - Minor: reusable
    - You can save the lambda and use it again (see example)
  - Major: can be made parallel with minimal effort
    - someStream.parallel().forEach(someLambda);

What You Cannot do with forEach

- **Loop twice**
  - forEach is a "terminal operation", which means that it consumes the elements of the Stream. So, this is illegal:

```
someStream.forEach(element -> doOneThing(element));
someStream.forEach(element -> doAnotherThing(element));
```

    - But, of course, you can combine both operations into a single lambda
    - Also, you can use "peek" instead of forEach, and then loop twice
- **Change values of surrounding local variables**
  - Illegal attempt to calculate total yearly payroll:

```
double total = 0;
employeeList.stream().forEach(e -> total += e.getSalary());
```

    - But, we will see good way of doing this with "map" and "reduce". In fact, this is so common that DoubleStream has builtin "sum" method
- **Break out of the loop early**
  - You cannot use "break" or "return" to terminate looping

forEach Example: Separate Lambdas

- **Code**

```
googlers().forEach(System.out::println);
googlers().forEach(e -> e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10));
googlers().forEach(System.out::println);
```

- **Results**

```
Larry Page [Employee#1 $9,999,999]
Sergey Brin [Employee#2 $8,888,888]
Eric Schmidt [Employee#3 $7,777,777]
…
Larry Page [Employee#1 $10,999,998]
Sergey Brin [Employee#2 $9,777,776]
Eric Schmidt [Employee#3 $8,555,554]
…
```


forEach Example: Reusing a Lambda

- **Code**

```
Consumer<Employee> giveRaise = e -> {
    System.out.printf("%s earned $%,d before raise.%n",
                      e.getFullName(), e.getSalary());
    e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10);
    System.out.printf("%s will earn $%,d after raise.%n",
                      e.getFullName(), e.getSalary());
};
googlers().forEach(giveRaise);
sampleEmployees().forEach(giveRaise);
```

- **Results**

```
Larry Page earned $10,999,998 before raise.
Larry Page will earn $12,099,997 after raise.
Sergey Brin earned $9,777,776 before raise.
Sergey Brin will earn $10,755,553 after raise.
…
```

map –
Transforming a Stream by Passing Each Element through a Function

map

- **Big idea**
  - Produces a new Stream that is the result of applying a Function to each element of original Stream
- **Quick examples**
  - Array of squares

```
Double[] nums = { 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 };
Double[] squares =
    Stream.of(nums).map(n -> n * n).toArray(Double[]::new);
```

  - List of Employees with given IDs

```
Integer[] ids = { 1, 2, 4, 8 };
List<Employee> matchingEmployees =
    Stream.of(ids).map(EmployeeUtils::findById)
                  .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

map Examples: Helper Methods

- **For printing a Stream**

```
private static void printStreamAsList(Stream s,
                                      String message) {
    System.out.printf("%s: %s.%n",
                      message, s.collect(Collectors.toList()));
}
```

It is also common to first do "import static java.util.stream.Collectors.*;" and then to use toList() instead of Collectors.toList()

- **For finding an employee by ID**

```
public static Employee findGoogler(Integer employeeId) {
   return(googleMap.get(employeeId));
}
```


map Example: Numbers

- **Code**

```
List<Double> nums = Arrays.asList(1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0);
printStreamAsList(nums.stream(), "Original nums");
printStreamAsList(nums.stream().map(n -> n * n),
                  "Squares");
printStreamAsList(nums.stream().map(n -> n * n)
                               .map(Math::sqrt),
                  "Square roots of the squares");
```

- **Results**

```
Original nums: [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0].
Squares: [1.0, 4.0, 9.0, 16.0, 25.0].
Square roots of the squares: [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0].
```

map Example: Employees

- **Code**

```
Integer[] ids = { 1, 2, 4, 8 };
printStreamAsList(Stream.of(ids), "IDs");
printStreamAsList
    (Stream.of(ids).map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)
                   .map(Person::getFullName),
     "Names of Googlers with given IDs");
```

- **Results**

```
IDs: [1, 2, 4, 8].
Names of Googlers with given IDs:
   [Larry Page, Sergey Brin, Nikesh Arora, Peter Norvig].
```


filter –
Keeping Only the Elements that Pass a Predicate

filter

- **Big idea**
  - Produces a new Stream that contain only the elements of the original Stream that pass a given test
- **Quick examples**
  - Even numbers

```
Integer[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 };
Integer[] evens =
    Stream.of(nums).filter(n -> n%2 == 0).toArray(Integer[]::new);
```

  - Even numbers greater than 3

```
Integer[] evens =
    Stream.of(nums).filter(n -> n%2 == 0)
                   .filter(n -> n>3)
                   .toArray(Integer[]::new);
```

This has same efficiency and memory usage as a single filter that does both tests. We will see why in section on lazy evaluation.

filter Example: Numbers

- **Code**

```
Integer[] nums = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 };
printStreamAsList(Stream.of(nums), "Original nums");
printStreamAsList(Stream.of(nums).filter(n -> n%2 == 0),
                  "Even nums");
printStreamAsList(Stream.of(nums).filter(n -> n>3),
                  "Nums > 3");
printStreamAsList(Stream.of(nums).filter(n -> n%2 == 0)
                                 .filter(n -> n>3),
                  "Even nums > 3");
```

- **Results**

```
Original nums: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].
Even nums: [2, 4, 6].
Nums > 3: [4, 5, 6].
Even nums > 3: [4, 6].
```

filter Example: Employees

- **Code**

```
Integer[] ids = { 16, 8, 4, 2, 1 };
printStreamAsList
        (Stream.of(ids).map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)
                       .filter(e -> e != null)
                       .filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000),
         "Googlers with salaries over $500K");
```

- **Results**

```
Googlers with salaries over $500K:
   [Peter Norvig [Employee#8 $900,000],
    Nikesh Arora [Employee#4 $6,666,666],
    Sergey Brin [Employee#2 $8,888,888],
    Larry Page [Employee#1 $9,999,999]].
```


findFirst –
Returning the First Element of a Stream while Short-Circuiting Earlier Operations

findFirst

- **Big idea**
  - Returns an Optional for the first entry in the Stream. Since Streams are often results of filtering, there might not be a first entry, so the Optional could be empty.
    - There is also a similar findAny method, which might be faster for parallel Streams (which are in later tutorial).
  - findFirst is faster than it looks when paired with map or filter. More details in section on lazy evaluation, but idea is that map or filter know to only find a single match and then stop.
- **Quick examples**
  - When you know there is at least one entry
    - someStream.map(…).findFirst().get()
  - When unsure if there are entries or not
    - someStream.filter(…).findFirst().orElse(otherValue)

Aside: the Optional Class

- **Big idea**
  - Optional either stores a T or stores nothing. Useful for methods that may or may not find a value. New in Java 8.
    - The value of findFirst of Stream is an Optional
- **Syntax**
  - Making an Optional
    - Optional<Blah> value = Optional.of(someBlah);
    - Optional<Blah> value = Optional.empty(); // Missing val
  - Most common operations on an Optional
    - value.get() – returns value if present or throws exception
    - value.orElse(other) – returns val if present or other
    - value.ifPresent(Consumer) – runs lambda if val is present
    - value.isPresent() – returns true if val is present

Quick Preview of Lazy Evaluation

- **Code** (Employee with ID 8 is first match)

```
Integer[] ids = { 16, 8, 4, ...}; // 10,000 entries
System.out.printf("First Googler with salary over $500K: %s%n",
                  Stream.of(ids).map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)
                                .filter(e -> e != null)
                                .filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
                                .findFirst()
                                .orElse(null));
```

- **Questions**
  - How many times is:
    - findGoogler called?
    - The null check performed?
    - getSalary called?
  - What if there were 10,000,000 ids instead of 10,000 ids?

Quick Preview of Lazy Evaluation

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                                .filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
                                .findFirst()
                                .orElse(null));
```

- **Answers**
  - findGoogler: 2
  - Check for null: 2
  - getSalary: 1

Lazy Evaluation

Overview

- **Big idea**
  - Streams defer doing most operations until you actually need the results
- **Result**
  - Operations that appear to traverse Stream multiple times actually traverse it only once
  - Due to "short-circuit" methods, operations that appear to traverse entire stream can stop much earlier.
    - stream.map(someOp).filter(someTest).findFirst().get()
      - Does the map and filter operations *one element at a time*. Continues only until first match on the filter test.
    - stream.map(…).filter(…).filter(…).allMatch(someTest)
      - Does the one map, two filter, and one allMatch test *one element at a time*. The first time it gets false for the allMatch test, it stops.

Method Types: Overview

- **Intermediate methods**
  - These are methods that produce other Streams. These methods don't get processed until there is some terminal method called.
- **Terminal methods**
  - After one of these methods is invoked, the Stream is considered consumed and no more operations can be performed on it.
    - These methods can do a side-effect (forEach) or produce a value (findFirst)
- **Short-circuit methods**
  - These methods cause the earlier intermediate methods to be processed only until the short-circuit method can be evaluated.
    - Short-circuit methods can be intermediate (limit, skip) or terminal (findFirst, allMatch)
  - E.g., this example only filters until it finds a *single* match:

```
Stream.of(someArray).filter(e -> someTest(e)).findFirst().get()
```


Method Types: Listing by Categories

- **Intermediate methods**
  - map (and related mapToInt, flatMap, etc.), filter, distinct, sorted, peek, limit, skip, parallel, sequential, unordered
- **Terminal methods**
  - forEach, forEachOrdered, toArray, reduce, collect, min, max, count, anyMatch, allMatch, noneMatch, findFirst, findAny, iterator
- **Short-circuit methods**
  - anyMatch, allMatch, noneMatch, findFirst, findAny, limit, skip

Example of Lazy Evaluation and Terminal Methods

- **Code**

```
Stream.of(idArray).map(EmployeeUtils::findById)
                  .filter(e -> e != null)
                  .filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
                  .findFirst()
                  .orElse(null));
```

- **Apparent behavior**
  - findById on all, check all for null, call getSalary on all non-null (& compare to $50K), find first, return it or null
- **Actual behavior**
  - findById on first, check it for null, if pass, call getSalary, if salary > $500K, return and done. Repeat for second, etc. Return null if you get to the end and never got match.

Lazy Evaluation: Showing Order of Operations

```
Function<Integer,Employee> findGoogler =
  n -> { System.out.println("Finding Googler with ID " + n);
         return(EmployeeSamples.findGoogler(n));
       };
Predicate<Employee> checkForNull =
  e -> { System.out.println("Checking for null");
         return(e != null);
       };
Predicate<Employee> checkSalary =
  e -> { System.out.println("Checking if salary > $500K");
         return(e.getSalary() > 500000);
       };
```

Same functionality as lambdas on previous slide, except with print statements added.

Lazy Evaluation: Order of Operations and Short-Circuiting

- **Code**

```
Integer[] ids = { 16, 8, 4, 2, 1 };
System.out.printf("First Googler with salary over $500K: %s%n",
                  Stream.of(ids).map(findGoogler)
                                .filter(checkForNull)
                                .filter(checkSalary)
                                .findFirst()
                                .orElse(null));
```

- **Results**

```
Finding Googler with ID 16
Checking for null
Finding Googler with ID 8
Checking for null
Checking if salary > $500K
First Googler with salary over $500K: Peter Norvig [Employee#8 $900,000]
```

If you thought of Streams as collections, you would think:

- It would first call findGoogler on all 5 ids, resulting in 5 Employees
- It would then call checkForNull on all 5 Employees
- It would then call checkSalary on all remaining Employees
- It would then get the first one (or null, if no Employees)

Instead, it builds a pipeline that, for each element in turn, calls findGoogler, then checks that same element for null, then if non-null, checks the salary of that same element, and if it exists, returns it.

Wrap-Up

Summary

- **Make a Stream**
  - Stream.of(e1, e2…), Stream.of(array), someList.stream()
- **Output from a Stream**
  - stream.collect(Collectors.toList())
  - stream.toArray(Blah[]::new)
- **forEach** [void output]
  - employeeStream.forEach(e -> e.setPay(e.getPay() * 1.1))
- **map** [outputs a Stream]
  - numStream.map(Math::sqrt)
- **filter** [outputs a Stream]
  - employeeStream.filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
- **findFirst** [outputs an Optional]
  - stream.findFirst().get(), stream.findFirst().orElse(other)

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