

Strings, I/O and Other Bits & Pieces

Many Useful Little Things

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Strings in Java 8

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stream.mapToObj(letter -> (char)letter)  
      .map(Character::toUpperCase)  
      .forEach(System.out::print);
```

- Will print:

```
> HELLO WORLD!
```

The StringJoiner

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- Some people will tell you:
- « it's not efficient, and should not be used! »
- « because of the multiple creations / deletions of intermediary strings »

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- Better but StringBuffer is synchronized

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- In fact, this is the way the JDK7 compiles String concatenations

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String s = sj.toString();
System.out.println(s);
```

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> {one}
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```
// From the String class, with a vararg  
String s = String.join(", ", "one", "two", "three");  
System.out.println(s);
```

- Will print:

```
> one, two, three
```

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```
// From the String class, with an Iterable  
String [] tab = {"one", "two", "three"};  
String s = String.join(", ", tab);  
System.out.println(s);
```

- Will print:

```
> one, two, three
```



Java I/O enhancements

Reading Text Files

- A lines() method has been added on the BufferedReader class

```
// Java 7 : try with resources
try (BufferedReader reader =
    new BufferedReader(
        new FileReader(
            new File("d:/tmp/debug.log"))));) {

    Stream<String> stream = reader.lines();
    stream.filter(line -> line.contains("ERROR"))
        .findFirst()
        .ifPresent(System.out::println);

} catch (IOException ioe) {
    // handle the exception
}
```

Reading Text Files

- Method `File.lines(path)`

```
// Java 7 : try with resources and use of Paths
Path path = Paths.get("d:", "tmp", "debug.log");
try (Stream<String> stream = Files.lines(path)) {

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- Stream implements `AutoCloseable`, and will close the underlying file

Reading Directory Entries

- Method `File.list(path)`

```
// Java 7 : try with resources and use of Paths
Path path = Paths.get("c:", "windows");
try (Stream<Path> stream = Files.list(path)) {

    stream.filter(path -> path.toFile().isDirectory())
           .forEach(System.out::println);

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- Visits the first level entries

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Path path = Paths.get("c:", "windows");
try (Stream<Path> stream = Files.walk(path, 2)) {

    stream.filter(path -> path.toFile().isDirectory())
           .forEach(System.out::println);

} catch (IOException ioe) {
    // handle the exception
}
```

- One can limit the depth of the exploration



Collection API

New Methods on the Collection API

- Of course, the most important : `stream()` and `parallelStream()`
- Also : `splitterator()`

New Method on Iterable

- Method `forEach()`

```
// Unfortunately not for arrays  
List<String> strings =  
    Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three");  
  
strings.forEach(System.out::println);
```


New Methods on Collection

- Method `removeIf()`, returns a boolean

```
// removes an element on a predicate
Collection<String> strings =
    Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three", "four");

// will not work if list is unmodifiable
Collection<String> list = new ArrayList<>(strings);

// returns true if the list has been modified
boolean b = list.removeIf(s -> s.length() > 4);

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```
> one, two, four
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New Methods on List

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- Will print

```
> four, one, three, two
```



Comparators

New Way to Write a Comparator

- The JDK 7 way:

```
// comparison using the last name
Comparator<Person> compareLastName =
    new Comparator<Person>() {

        @Override
        public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {
            return p1.getLastName().compareTo(p2.getLastName());
        }
    };
};
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- It would also need to check if p1 or p2 is null

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```
// comparison using the last name then the first name
Comparator<Person> compareLastNameThenFirstName =
    new Comparator<Person>() {

        @Override
        public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {
            int lastNameComparison =
                p1.getLastName().compareTo(p2.getLastName());
            return lastNameComparison == 0 ?
                p2.getFirstName().compareTo(p2.getFirstName());
                lastNameComparison;
        }
    };
```

- Same remark!

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```
// comparison using the last name and then the first name
Comparator<Person> compareLastNameThenFirstName =
    Comparator.comparing(Person::getLastName)
               .thenComparing(Person::getFirstName);
```

- `thenComparing()` is a default method of the interface `Comparator`

Other Useful Utilities

- How to reverse a given comparator?

```
// reverses a comparator
```

```
Comparator<Person> comp = ...;
```

```
Comparator<Person> reversedComp = comp.reversed();
```

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- And of course...

```
// considers null values greater than non-null values  
Comparator<String> c =  
    Comparator.nullsLast(Comparator.naturalOrder());
```



Numbers

A Few Points on Numbers

- **Primitive types: byte, short, char, int, long, double, float and boolean**
- **They all got a wrapper type**

New Methods on the Number Types

- New useful methods: sum, max, min

```
long max = Long.max(1L, 2L);
```

- Useful to create reduction operations

```
BinaryOperator<Long> sum = (l1, l2) -> l1 + l2;  
                        = (l1, l2) -> Long.sum(l1, l2);  
                        = Long::sum;
```

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```
// JDK 8  
long l = 3141592653589793238L;  
int hash = Long.hashCode(l); // - 1985256439
```

- This method is available on the 8 wrapper types

Maps



New Methods on Map

- Method `forEach()`

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
map.forEach((key, person) ->  
    System.out.println(key + " " + person);
```

- Takes a `BiConsumer` as a parameter

New Methods on Map

- Method `get()`

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;
```

```
Person p = map.get(key); // p can be null!
```

New Methods on Map

- Method `get()`

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
Person defaultPerson = Person.DEFAULT_PERSON;  
Person p = map.getOrDefault(key, defaultPerson); // JDK 8
```

- Returns the default value passed as a parameter if there is no value in the map

New Methods on Map

- Method put()

```
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New Methods on Map

- **Method put()**

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.put(key, person);  
map.putIfAbsent(key, person); // JDK8
```

- **Will not erase an existing person**

New Methods on Map

- Method `replace()`

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.replace(key, person);
```

- Replaces an existing person

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```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.replace(key, person);  
map.replace(key, oldPerson, newPerson);
```

- Replaces `oldPerson` by `newPerson`

New Methods on Map

- **Method replace()**

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.replace(key, person);  
map.replace(key, oldPerson, newPerson);  
  
map.replaceAll((key, oldPerson) -> newPerson);
```

- **Applies the remapping function to all the existing key / person pairs**

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- Method `remove()`

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map.remove(key, person);   // JDK 8
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- Removes a key / person value

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```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.compute(key, person, (key, oldPerson) -> newPerson);
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- Useful to create bimap

```
Map<String, Map<Integer, Person>> bimap = ...;  
Person p = ...;  
  
bimap.computeIfAbsent(key1, key -> new HashMap<>()).put(key2, p);
```

New Methods on Map

- **Method merge()**

```
Map<String, Person> map = ...;  
  
map.merge(key, person, (key, person) -> newPerson);
```

- **Associates a key not present in the map, or associated to a null value, to a new value**



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})  
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    return param % 2 == 0;  
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- Annotations become « repeatable »

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- Then add the `@Repeatable` annotation on the wrapped annotation

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@Repeatable(TestCases.class)
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    int param();
    boolean expected();
}
```

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- Example 2: to declare that a list should not be null, and should not contain null values

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```

Summary

- The String class, StringJoiner
- Easy ways to create streams on text files
- Simple ways to visit directories
- New methods on Iterable, Collection and List
- New patterns to create Comparator
- Useful methods on the number wrapper classes
- New methods on Map
- How to use and create repeatable annotations