

FUNCTIONAL AND CONCURRENT PROGRAMMING

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OPTIONAL

OPTION CONCEPT

- How to represent the absence of result?
 - Nothing matches? (e.g. an even prime greater than 2)
 - Result not ready?
 - Object not present in database?
 - ...
- null?
 - NullPointerException risk!!!
 - *“I call it my billion-dollar mistake. It was the invention of the null reference in 1965”* (T. Hoare, 2009) – ALGOL W

NULLPOINTEREXCEPTION

- Example
 - `String version = computer.getSoundcard().getUSB().getVersion();`
 - What if computer has no sound card? no usb? no version?

```
String version = "UNKNOWN";
if(computer != null){
    Soundcard soundcard = computer.getSoundcard();
    if(soundcard != null){
        USB usb = soundcard.getUSB();
        if(usb != null){
            version = usb.getVersion();
        }
    }
}
```



ALTERNATIVES

- Groovy, C#: operator ?.
 - `String version = computer?.getSoundcard()?.getUSB()?.getVersion();`
- Haskell, Scala, Python, Rust, ...: a new type (called Maybe, Option, ...)
 - Encapsulate an optional value
- In Java (Since 8)
 - `java.util.Optional<T>`
 - And `OptionalInt`, `OptionalDouble`, `OptionalLong`

OPTIONAL : (VERY) BASIC EXAMPLE

- ```
Optional<String> optional = ...
if (optional.isPresent()) {
 System.out.println(optional.get());
} else {
 System.out.println("The Optional is empty");
}
```
- What is the interest?
  - Still quite verbose
  - Absence check at compilation (Warning 'Optional.get()' without 'isPresent()' check)

## OPTIONAL : MAIN METHODS

| Method                                                                              | Effect                             | if empty                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| static <T> Optional<T> empty()                                                      | returns an empty Optional instance |                           |
| static <T> Optional<T> of(T value)                                                  | encapsulate a non-null value       |                           |
| static <T> Optional<T> ofNullable(T value)                                          | encapsulate a value                | empty if value is null    |
| T orElse(T other)                                                                   | returns the value                  | return other              |
| void ifPresent(Consumer<? super T> action)                                          | performs the action on the value   | does nothing.             |
| <U> Optional<U> map(Function<? super T,? extends U> mapper)                         | apply the mapper                   | returns an empty Optional |
| <U> Optional<U> flatMap(Function<? super T,? extends Optional<? extends U>> mapper) |                                    |                           |
| ... SEE API                                                                         |                                    |                           |
| • <b>To avoid : get(), isPresent(), isEmpty()</b>                                   |                                    |                           |

## OPTIONAL : BETTER EXAMPLES

- `Optional<String> optional = ...`  
`System.out.println(optional.orElse("The Optional is empty"));`
- `String name = computer.getSoundcard()`  
    `.flatMap(Soundcard::getUSB)`  
    `.flatMap(USB::getVersion)`  
    `.orElse("UNKNOWN");`

with:

- `static class Computer {`  
    `public Optional<Soundcard> getSoundcard()`



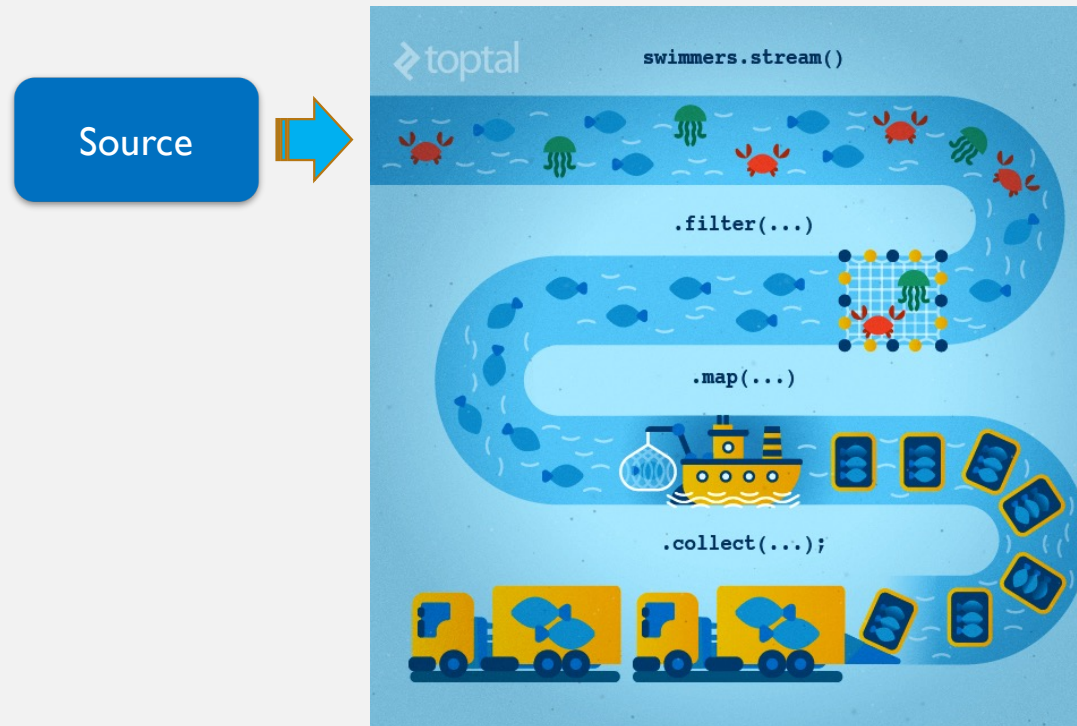


## OPTIONAL USAGE EXAMPLES

- **Configuration**
  - `HttpClient::proxy` -> Optional
  - `Runtime.Version::build` -> Optional
- **JEE (Distributed System) requests**
  - JAX-RS (Java API for RESTful Web Services): `Response::get` -> Optional
  - CDI (Contexts and Dependency Injection): `Instance::get` -> Optional
  - EJB (Enterprise JavaBeans): `EntityManager::find` -> Optional
  - JPA (Java Persistence API): `Query::getSingleResult` -> Optional
- **Computation**
  - `java.util.stream`

**STREAMS**

# STREAMS!



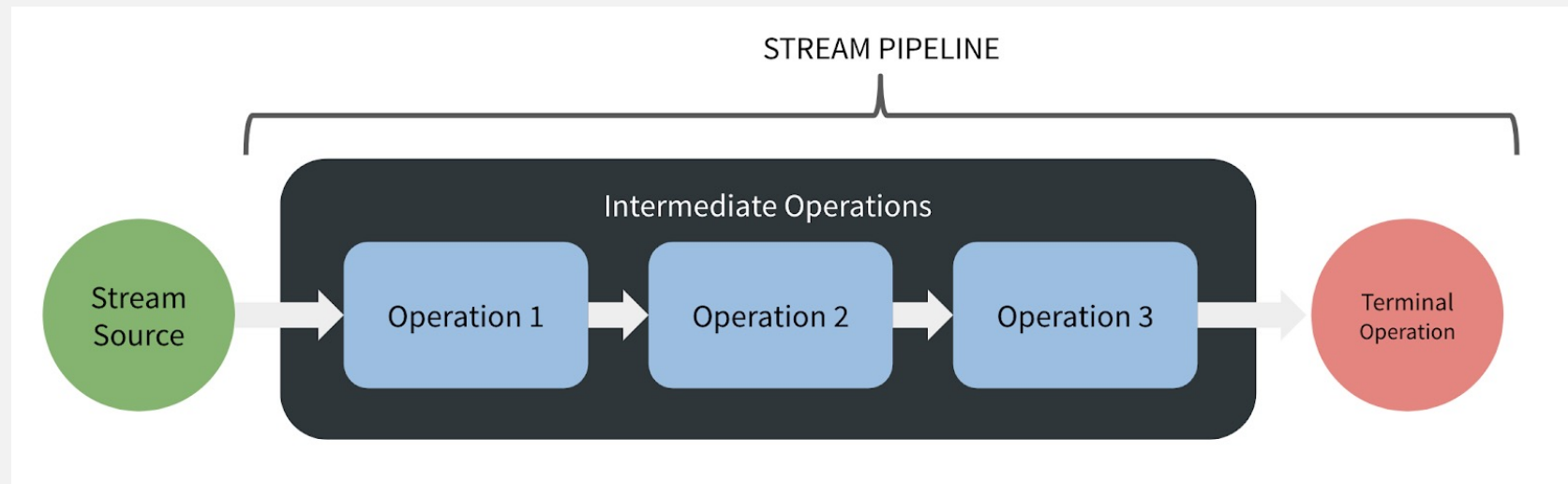
# STREAM PROPERTIES

- **Process** a sequence of elements
  - Closer to an iterator than a collection
- **Lazy** evaluation
  - Elements are processed on demand
  - And can even be produced on demand
- **Adapted to distributed programming**
  - Immutable
  - Sequential or parallel
  - Ordered or non ordered

# STREAM SOURCES

- Collections (java.util) / Arrays
  - Methods `stream()`, `parallelStream()`
  - E.g. `Stream<Integer> stream = List.of(1,2,3,5,7).stream();`
- I/O channels: Files, `BufferedReader`, `Scanner`, ...
  - E.g. `Stream<String> stream = Files.lines(Paths.get("file.txt"));`
- Generated values (methods of `Stream<T>`): **infinite streams!**
  - `static <T> Stream<T> generate(Supplier<? extends T> s)` (unordered)
  - `static <T> Stream<T> iterate(T seed, UnaryOperator<T> f)` (ordered)
- ...

# STREAM OPERATIONS: PIPELINE



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## INTERMEDIATE OPERATIONS

- Stateless method
  - map, filter, peek, flatMap, unordered, ...
- Statefull method
  - sorted, limit, skip, distinct, ...
- Applied to the stream
  - Modify its “internal state” but not its “source” (lazy)
  - `IntStream.iterate(0, x -> x + 1).filter(x -> x % 2 == 0); // OK`
- Final result may depend on stream (un)ordering (**see API**)

## INTERMEDIATE OPERATIONS: BUILDER PATTERN

- Intermediates methods return a stream (a new modified version)

- ```
DoubleStream s = DoubleStream.iterate(0, x -> x + Math.PI/2)
    .map(Math::cos)           // [1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 1...]
    .limit(6)                 // [1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0]
    .filter(x -> x > 0);      // [1, 1]
```

- But the original stream is closed, e.g.

- ```
IntStream s = IntStream.of(1, 2, 3, 5, 7);
IntStream s1 = s.filter(x -> x > 4); // s1 != s nor equals
IntStream s2 = s.filter(x -> x < 6); // s1.filter(x -> x < 6); is OK
```

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.IllegalStateException: stream has already been operated upon or closed  
at java.base/java.util.stream.AbstractPipeline.<init>(AbstractPipeline.java:203)  
at java.base/java.util.stream.IntPipeline.<init>(IntPipeline.java:91)



# TERMINAL OPERATIONS

- Non-mutable operations
  - **reduce(f)**, reduce(id, f), reduce(id, f, c)
  - **findFirst()**, **findAny()**, **anyMatch(predicate)**, allMatch(predicate), noneMatch(predicate)
  - forEach(consumer)
  - **max(comp)**, **min(comp)** / max(), min(), average() for IntStream, DoubleStream
  - count() / sum() for IntStream, DoubleStream
- Close the stream
- Optional result if needed

short-circuit

reductions

# COLLECT

- Mutable reduction

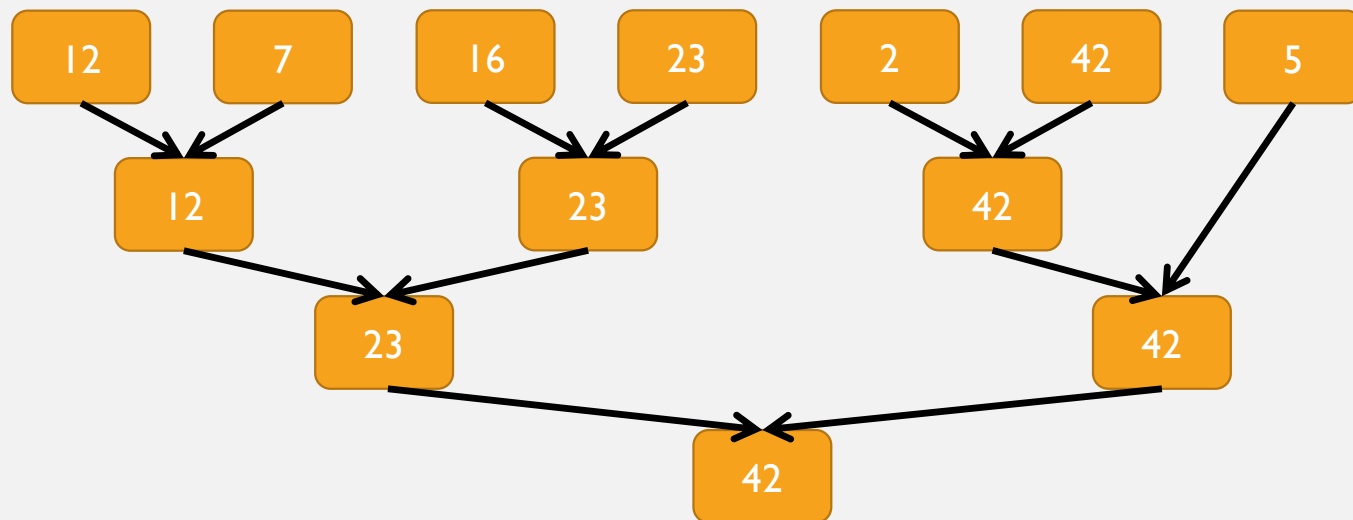
- `<R> R collect(Supplier<R> supplier, BiConsumer<R, ? super T> accumulator, BiConsumer<R, R> combiner)` *// Identity*  
*// Adds an element*  
*// Combine collections*
- `List<T> l = stream.collect(ArrayList::new, ArrayList::add, ArrayList::addAll);`

- Using collectors

- `<R,A> R collect(Collector<? super T,A,R> collector)`
- `List<T> l = stream.collect(Collectors.toList());`

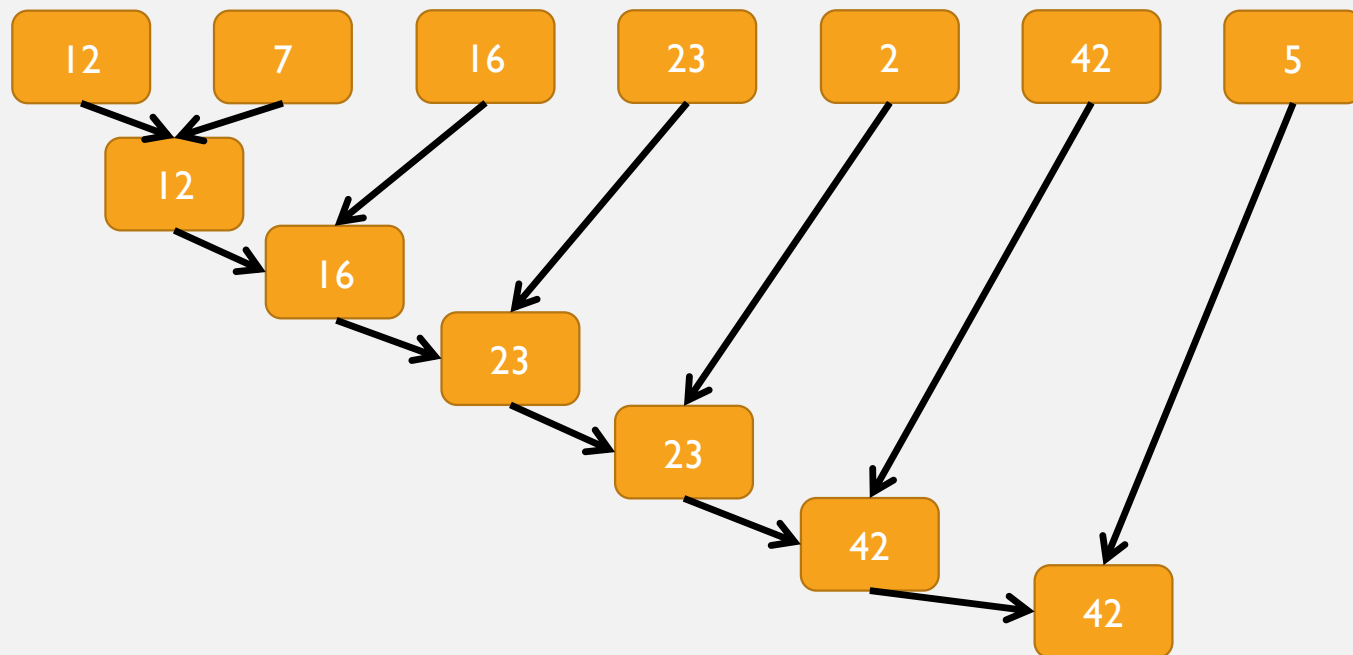
## REDUCTION AND PARALLELISM

max  
parallel  
unordered  
stream



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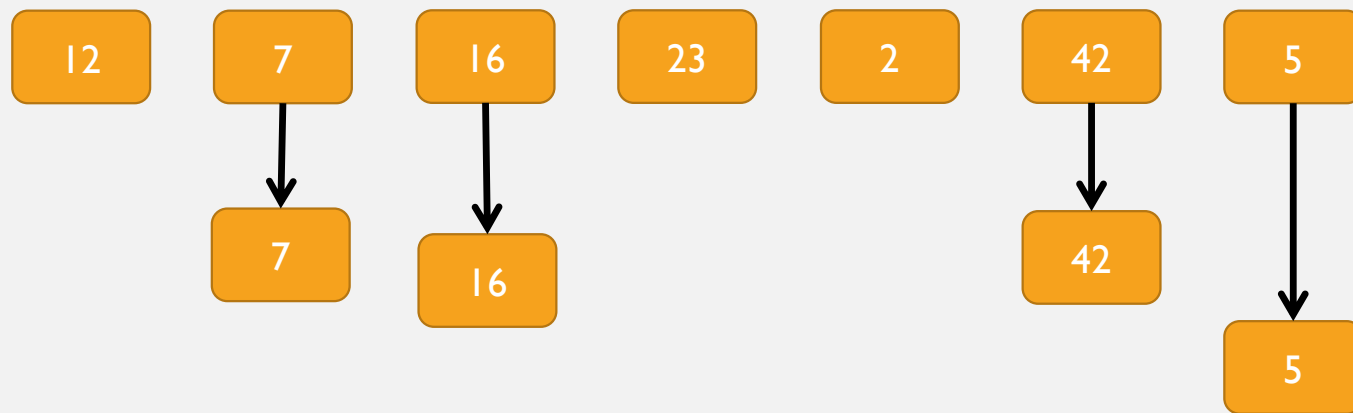
max  
sequential  
or ordered  
stream



## REDUCTION AND PARALLELISM

limit(4)

parallel  
unordered  
stream

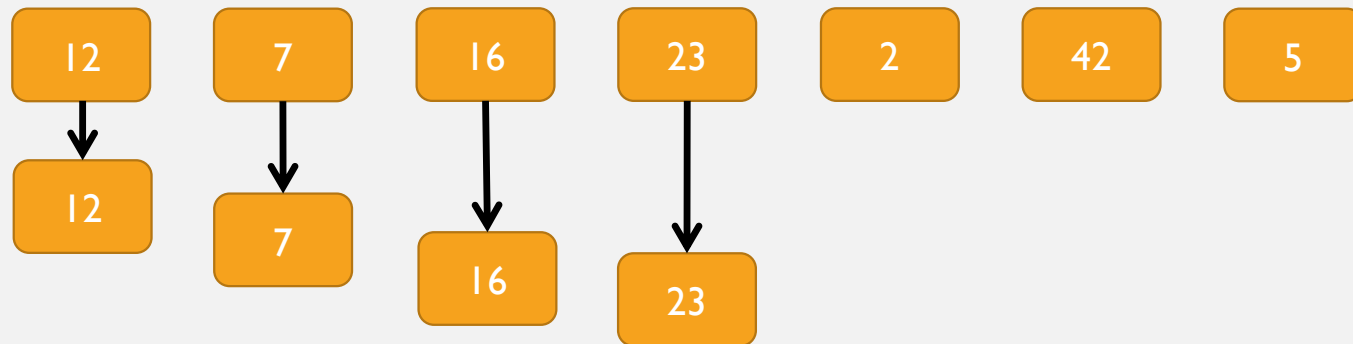


possible result [16, 5, 42, 7]

## REDUCTION AND PARALLELISM

limit(4)

sequential  
or ordered  
stream



result [12, 7, 16, 23]