INFO1113 Object-Oriented Programming

Week 10B: Lambdas, Method References and Streams

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Callbacks

What is a callback?

A callback is where a method is parameterised and invoked from a context which holds the object or method.

Simply: We are able to pass a method or a method wrapped in an object to another method and it can invoke it. This property allows us to provide dynamic method invocation support without knowing the explicit method.

```
interface MyCallback {
   public void callingYou();
public class CallbackExample {
   public static void a() {
       MyCallback m1 = new MyCallback() {
            public void callingYou() { System.out.println("Ring ring!"); }
       };
       b(m1);
    public static void b(MyCallback callback) {
       System.out.println("Start of callback");
       callback.callingYou();
       System.out.println("End of callback");
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       a();
```

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                                                           This is represented through the
                                                          variable callback and since it is a
                                                          MyCallback object, we can
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                                                          therefore call it.
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Callbacks

What we are doing here is nothing different from what we have done before.

We have been passing objects between methods since the beginning of the course. However we are generalising what kind of objects we can pass and we get the guarantee that a method of a certain signature will exist.

Where are callbacks used?

Callbacks

Callbacks can be utilised within a synchronous and asynchronous context.

In the previous example we saw a synchronous usage of a callback that passed an object and allow us to utilise it in a method without that method directly calling a method by its identifier.

Here's a real world example

```
class Person {
    private String name;
   private int age;
    public Person(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
       this.age = age;
    public String getName() { return name; }
    public int getAge() {return age; }
    public String toString() { return "[Name: " + name + " Age:" + age + "]"; }
public class MyComparatorProgram {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Person> people = new ArrayList<Person>();
        people.add(new Person("Jim", 28));
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        people.add(new Person("Lisa", 35));
        people.add(new Person("Alice", 21));
       Collections.sort(people, new Comparator<Person>() {
            public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {
                return p1.getAge() - p2.getAge();
        });
        System.out.println((people));
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We may encounter a case where we have a collection of objects that we want to sort. In the case of Person, we may have different ways of sorting a list of Person objects.

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Our class definition for Person.

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class Person {
    private String name;
                                                                                         Create a list with Person objects in
   private int age;
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Collections.sort expects a Comparator object to be passed to it and expects to utilise the compare method.

Java 8 introduced references alongside lambdas. For very simple lambdas which are in essence just invoking another method (such as println).

Since developers are lazy and writing a few more characters of code is a chore, we instead build a system which allows us to utilise a reference to a method.

Method references allow us to assign and pass methods to other methods. They adhere to the same rules as lambdas in that they require a **functional interface** to be assigned to.

We are able to get a reference to a method by using ::
This pair of symbols is used in conjunction with a method identifier.
When assigning a method reference to a variable, the variable must be a functional interface type and contain the same method signature.

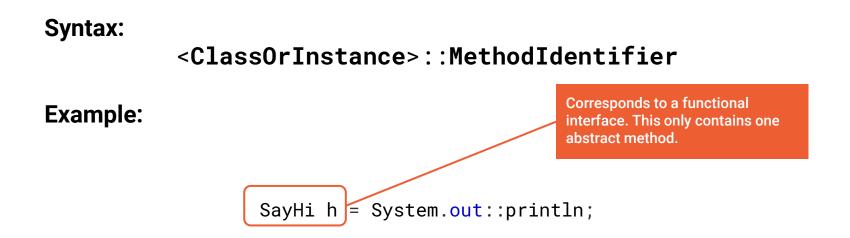
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Instead of writing a lambda that is just using another
method ie
SayHi h = (arg) -> System.out.println(arg)
We would utilise a method reference instead.

Let's consider the following:

```
interface MyReference {
    public int apply(int x, int y);
public class MethodReferences {
    public static int add(int a, int b) {
        return a + b;
    }
    public static int sub(int a, int b) {
        return a - b;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MyReference m1 = MethodReferences::add;
        MyReference m2 = MethodReferences::sub;
        System.out.println(m1.apply(1, 1)); //2
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For each MyReference type we have given them a method reference.

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We can see from the interface type, it determines what methods can be placed here. We must choose only methods that adhere to this signature.



Functional Interfaces

Java provides general use functional interface library. This is used in conjunction with the **stream api** that collection classes utilise.

The function package within java provides a few common interfaces that we can attach lambdas and method references to.

Functional Interfaces

Common classes that are utilised by the stream object:

Predicate

A predicate function is where given an argument, the function will return either true or false based on predicate definition.

Consumer

A consumer function is where given an argument, the function will perform an operation onto it. This has no return value

Supplier

A supplier function produces values without any arguments.

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Function<T, R>

The function interface is where given an argument, the definition will provide an output.

```
import java.util.function.Predicate;
import java.util.function.Function;
import java.util.function.Consumer;
import java.util.function.Supplier;
import java.util.Random;
public class FunctionInterfaces {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Random random = new Random();
        Predicate<String> p = (String s) -> s.length() > 5;
        Function<String, Integer> f = (String s) -> Integer.valueOf(s.length());
        Consumer<String> i = (String s) -> System.out.println(s);
        Supplier<Integer> s = () -> Integer.valueOf(random.nextInt() % 10);
        System.out.println(p.test("This is a string longer than 5"));
        System.out.println(f.apply("Give me the length"));
        i.accept("I'm printing this!");
        System.out.println("This is a randomly outputted integer: " + s.get());
```

```
import java.util.function.Predicate;
                                                                 We expose the function interface
import java.util.function.Function;
                                                                 classes.
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import java.util.function.Function;
import java.util.function.Consumer;
                                                                  With a Predicate we specify the
                                                                  input type with String and define
import java.util.function.Supplier;
                                                                  the lambda expression
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import java.util.function.Function;
import java.util.function.Consumer;
import java.util.function.Supplier;
                                                                  Function requires two type
                                                                  arguments, In this case we are
import java.util.Random;
                                                                  using String as input and Integer as
                                                                  the return type
public class FunctionInterfaces {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Random random = new Random();
        Predicate<String> p = (String s) -> s_length() > 5;
        Function<String, Integer> f = (String s) -> Integer.valueOf(s.length());
        Consumer<String> i = (String s) -> System.out.println(s);
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import java.util.function.Function;
import java.util.function.Consumer;
import java.util.function.Supplier;
                                                                   Consumer only requires an input
import java.util.Random;
                                                                   type and does not return any value.
                                                                   In this case we are inputting a
                                                                   string and using it with println
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So we'll go through each functional interface

```
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import java.util.function.Consumer;
import java.util.function.Supplier;
import java.util.Random;
                                                                 Supplier function generates/supplies
                                                                 values of type T.
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Stream API

Each collection within java 8 implements a stream interface where we are able to employ functional interfaces in some of the following methods.

- map(Function<T, R>)
 Will return a Stream<R> object where it will map elements to the same or different type.
- filter(Predicate<T>)
 Will remove elements based on the predicate that is given.
- forEach(Consumer<T>)
 Allows you to utilise a Consumer method to apply an operations on the stream of items.

Once we have some collection created, we are able to utilise the stream() method call and get ahold of a **Stream** object.

Syntax:

```
<Collection Instance>.stream()
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Example:

Instantiate some collection type and add some elements.

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Example:

Invoke the stream() method to return a Stream object which we can build a query.

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Since stream(), map(), and filter() return the Stream object back and therefore able to chain methods

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Example:

We finalise the stream by using an aggregate method count() which will return an integer.

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Syntax:

<Collection Instance>.stream()

Example:

Without chaining the methods, we are able to grab the Stream object assign it to a variable.

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;
class Person {
    private String name;
   private int age;
    public Person(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    public String getName() { return name; }
    public int getAge() {return age; }
   public String toString() { return "[Name: " + name + " Age:" + age + "]"; }
public class MyStreamProgram {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Person> people = new ArrayList<Person>();
        people.add(new Person("Jim", 28));
        people.add(new Person("Fred", 18));
        people.add(new Person("Veronica", 23));
        people.add(new Person("Lisa", 35));
        people.add(new Person("Alice", 21));
        List<Person> over25 = people.stream().filter((Person p) -> p.getAge() > 25)
            .collect(Collectors.toList());
        System.out.println((over25));
}
```

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We can extract out all the Person objects which are over the age of 25.

```
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import java.util.stream.Collectors;
class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
                                                                                    We use a Predicate function with a
    public Person(String name, int age) {
                                                                                    Person object that allows us to
        this.name = name;
                                                                                    accept only Person objects that
        this.age = age;
                                                                                    adhere to the criteria.
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        <u>List<Person> over25 = people.stream()</u>.filter((Person p) -> p.getAge() > 25)
            .collect(Collectors.toList());
        System.out.println((over25));
```

We are able to simply collect all the objects within this list into a separate list using collect.

But what if I just want to iterate through them?

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import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;
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        people.stream().filter((Person p) -> p.getAge() > 25)
            .forEach(System.out::println);
```

We can provide the **println** method reference to the **forEach** method. This achieve the same idea to writing a for each loop and checking.

See you next time!