

Java 8 New Features

A few of the more significant changes and additions.

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Interfaces

Default methods

- instance methods can have method code!
- use the qualifier default
- class "inherits" the default implementation

Static methods with code

Interfaces can have static methods, which must have code.

Default Method in Interfaces

Add a getCurrency method to Valuable with default implementation.

```
public interface Valuable {
    /** value of this item. This is abstract. */
    public double getValue();
    /** Get the currency. Default is "Baht". */
    default public String getCurrency() {
        return "Baht";
    // ILLEGAL: Cannot override existing method
   default String toString() { return "error!": }
```

Static Method in Interface

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Iterable has a forEach() method

The Iterable interface has a default forEach() method that invokes a Consumer object with each element of the Iterable.

<<interface>> Iterable<T>

iterator(): Iterator<T>
forEach(c: Consumer<T>)

<<interface>> Consumer<T>

accept(arg: T): void

A default method

Print a List of Students using loop

The old way of processing a list...

Using forEach with a List

forEach is provided by every Collection.

Example: print the students in a List

Let's make the code shorter using a Lambda expression...

Using forEach with Lambda

Lambdas (anonymous functions) are another new Java 8 feature

Let's make the code even shorter using a Method Reference.

Method Reference for Lambda

The Lambda just calls System.out.println(s) with the same parameter (s), so we can refer to "println" directly.

Lambda Expressions

Lambdas are "anonymous functions".

In Java, a Lambda implements an interface with one abstract method.

```
// Runnable as anonymous class
Runnable mytask = new Runnable() {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("I'm running");
    }
};
```

Lambda Shortcuts

If the method has only one statement, omit { }.

```
// Lambda shortcut notation
Runnable mytask = () ->
    System.out.println("I'm running");
```

ActionListener

An ActionListener that reads a text field.

```
private JTextField inputField;
ActionListener inputListener =
   new ActionListener() {
       public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
           String input = inputField.getText();
           inputField.setText("");
           processInput( input );
inputField.addActionListener(inputListener);
```

ActionListener using Lambda

Java can infer the parameter type (ActionEvent)

```
private JTextField inputField;
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   (e) -> {
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Lambda that returns a value

Compare strings by length

Integer.compare(int a, int b) is like: Integer.valueOf(a).compareTo(Integer.valueOf(b));

Lambda that returns a value

Compare strings by length

```
Comparator<String> comp =
   // Lambda express returning a value
   (a,b) -> Integer.compare(a.length(), b.length());
```

In a Lambda expression you can write the type of parameters, but it is not required:

(String a, String b) -> Integer.compare(a.length(),b.length())

but Java can infer types from the interface (Comparator):

(a, b) -> Integer.compare(a.length(),b.length())

Streams

All collections now support use of *streams*. New classes and interfaces in:

java.util.stream

And several new "functional interfaces" that are needed for using streams:

java.util.function

Simple Stream Examples

Create a stream from a list:

A stream is like a pipeline.

Each element of the stream is passed from one stream processor to the next.

Stream methods

void forEach(Consumer)	Consumes each element of the stream.
Stream filter(Predicate)	filter elements in the stream using a boolean test, called a <i>Predicate</i>
Stream sorted() Stream sorted(Comparator)	sort elements in the Stream. This requires significant memory.
Stream <r> map(Function<t,r> mapper)</t,r></r>	Apply a function to map elements from one type (T) to another (R).
T[] toArray()	return elements as an array

Filter the fruit

Write a Predicate that returns true if string contains "a".

```
Predicate<String> hasLetterA =
  new Predicate<String>() {
      public boolean test(String s) {
          return s.contains("a");
      }
  };
```

```
<<interface>>
Predicate<T>
```

test(arg: T): boolean

Filter the fruit

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```
Predicate<String> hasLetterA = (s) -> s.contains("a");
List<String> fruit = . . .;
fruit.stream().filter(hasLetterA).forEach( print );
```

```
<interface>>
    Predicate<T>

test(arg: T): boolean
```

References

The Java Tutorial:

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial

Java 8 Features with Examples

http://www.journaldev.com/2389/java-8-features-with-examples

Has short examples of several features