Learning to Love the Lambda in the Stream

Introduction to Java 8 Lambdas, Functional Interfaces, and Streams

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What is a Lambda Expression?

- In Java, it is an unnamed function that is bound to a functional interface as an object.
- Similar to a closure: class members, *effectively final* arguments and local variables are available to it.
- Lambdas may only exist when assigned to a functional interface, including being passed in as a parameter or returned as a result.
- An *effectively final* local variable or argument is either declared final, or is not changed such that if the final declaration were added, the code remains valid.
- A functional interface is an interface with exactly one abstract method.

Lambda Examples

Example 1a

```
Predicate<Integer> isFive = n -> n == 5;
System.out.println(isFive.test(4)); // false
Example 1b
// Higher order function that creates predicates.
Predicate<Integer> mkTestFunc(int value)
   { return n -> n == value; }
Predicate<Integer> isFour = mkTestFunc(4);
System.out.println(isFour.test(4)); // true
Lamdba expressions must be assigned to a functional interface
\triangleright (n -> n == 5).test(4); // Does not compile
var unknownType = n -> n == 5; // Does not compile
var predicateType = mkTestFunc(4);// Compiles
```

Lambda Syntax

- [Argument List] -> [Statements]
- Argument List may take one of the following forms:

```
() ->
i ->
(i) -> or Java 11+: (@Annotations var i) ->
(@Annotations Integer i) ->
(i,j...) -> or Java 11+: (@Annotations var i, @Annotations var j, ...) ->
(@Annotations Integer i, @Annotations String j...) ->
```

- Statements may take one of the following forms:
 - -> statement
 - > -> { statement ... statement; return result; }
- @Annotations are zero or more parameter annotations.

Functional Interface (FI) in Java 8

- "A functional interface is any interface that contains only one abstract method." — Oracle Java Tutorial
- ▶ The sole abstract method is referred to as the *functional method*
- Example 2- Valid Functional Interface

```
@FunctionalInterface // Optional
public interface Example2 {
    int myMethod(); // Functional Method
    boolean equals(Object other); // Not abstract -- in Object
    int hashCode(); // Not abstract -- in Object
    default int myMethod2() {return myMethod();} // Has
implementation
    static int myMethod3() {return 0;} // Static and has
implementation
}
```

Key Functional Interfaces

Used by Streams

Functional Interface Conventions

- ▶ The abstract method is called the *functional method*
- ► The term "Functional Interface" may be abbreviated as "FI"
- ► The following conventions apply for type variables used by Java 8 FIs:
 - ► T First argument, U Second argument, R Return Value
 - ▶ Any of the above are omitted if not used.
 - If an FI lacks an argument or the return value matches the argument(s), T is used for the return value instead of R.
- Many FIs that take one argument have a corresponding two argument version prefixed with "Bi"
- Many generic FIs have related primitive FIs prefixed with Double, Int, and Long for the respective data types.

Predicate<T>

- ► Accepts an argument, returns a boolean.
- Commonly used to find a matching element, or filter for matching elements.
- ▶ Functional method: boolean test(T t)
- ▶ 2 argument FI: BiPredicate<T,U>
- ► Related Primitive Fls: DoublePredicate, IntPredicate, LongPredicate
- Collections have a removelf method to remove all matching elements.

```
boolean removeIf(Predicate<? super E> filter)
```

Consumer<T>

- ► Accepts an argument. Returns no value (void).
- Commonly used to perform an operation, such as printing.
- ► Functional Method: void accept (T t)
- ▶ 2 Argument FI: BiConsumer<T,U>
- Related Primitive Fls: DoubleConsumer, IntConsumer, and LongConsumer
- Collections and Streams have a forEach method to apply an action to each of their elements:

```
void forEach (Consumer<? super T> action)
```

Supplier<T>

- ► Accepts no arguments, returns a result
- Commonly used to provide an initial value to an algorithm, and as a source for multiple values.
- ► Functional Method: T get()
- ► Related Primitive Fls: DoubleSupplier, IntSupplier, LongSupplier
- Does not require that a new object be created.
- Useful for implementing the Abstract Factory design pattern.

Function<T,R>

- ► Accepts an argument, returns a result.
- Commonly used to map one value to another value, or compute a result.
- ► Functional Method: R apply (T t)
- ▶ 2 Argument FI: BiFunction<T,U,R>
- Related Primitive Fls: [Double,Int,Long]Function,
 [Double,Int,Long]To[Double,Int,Long]Function, To
 [Double,Int,Long]Function,
 To[Double,Int,Long]BiFunction

UnaryOperator<T> & BinaryOperator<T>

- ► A specialization of function: Accepts an argument, returns the same type of result as its argument.
- Used to compute a result or map a value to the same type as the input.
- ► Functional Method: T apply (T t)
- ▶ 2 Argument FI: BinaryOperator<T>
- Primitive Fls:
 [Double,Int,Long]UnaryOperator,
 [Double,Int,Long]BinaryOperator
- UnaryOperator<T> extends Function<T, T>
- BinaryOperator<T> extends BiFunction<T,T,T>

Comparator<T>

- ► Accepts two arguments, and returns an integer.
- Used to compare objects, and to impose a total ordering on a collection of objects.
- ▶ Functional Method: int compare (T lhs, T rhs)
 - ▶ When lhs < rhs, returns < 0
 - ▶ When lhs = rhs, returns 0
 - ► When lhs > rhs, returns > 0
- ► Even though Comparator has been around since the early days, it is a functional interface that is used by the stream framework for sorting data.

Optional<T> Class

- Represents a value that may or may not exist.
 - of Create an optional from a non-null value.
 - ofNullable -Create an optional from a possible null value. An empty optional is created from a null value.
 - isPresent Returns true when a value is present.
 - ifPresent -Accepts a Consumer on a present value.
 - get Return present value or throw NoSuchElementException
 - orElse Return present value or a provided value.
 - orElseGet Return present value or get a value from Supplier.
 - orElseThrow Return present value or get an Exception from Supplier.
 - map Apply a Function mapping on a present value, returning the result of the mapping or empty when empty.
 - filter Tests a Predicate on a present value, returning an empty Optional when the test result is false.

Pure Commutative Functions

- ▶ Do not use any information outside of their argument(s).
- ▶ No side effects: nothing outside of the return value changes.
- For any given arguments X an equivalent value Y is always returned regardless of the argument ordering.
- For Functions: fn.apply(X).equals(fn.apply(X)) is always true.
- For Suppliers: s.get().equals(s.get()) is always true.
- For BiFunctions fn.apply(X, X1).equals(fn.apply(X, X1)) and fn.apply(X, X1).equals(fn.apply(X1, X)) are always true.
- "Pure Functions" usually means Pure Commutative Functions.
- Such functions are inherently safe.

Is It Pure Commutative?

- ▶ IntUnaryOperator f = x -> x + 1;
 - ▶ Yes. A pure single argument Function is always commutative.
- Supplier<Set<Integer>> s = () -> new
 HashSet<>();
 - ► Yes. A pure function Supplier is always commutative.
- ▶ IntBinaryOperator $f = (x, y) \rightarrow x + y;$
 - \triangleright Yes. It is pure and commutative: 3 + 4 = 7 = 4 + 3.
- IntBinaryOperator $f = (x, y) \rightarrow x y;$
 - No. It is pure but not commutative: $3 4 = -1 \neq 1 = 4 3$
- ▶ IntPredicate f = x -> mySet.add(x);
 - ▶ No. It has side effects and uses information outside of arguments.
- ▶ IntConsumer $c = x \rightarrow System.out.println(x);$
 - ▶ No. Consumers have side effects and are not pure functions.

Method Reference

Shorthand for lambdas that invoke a single method

Method Reference

- Shorthand for a Lambda that only calls a method
- Types of References
 - ▶ Static method, such as String::valueOf
 - ► Constructor reference, such as StringBuilder::new
 - ▶ Method on an instance, such as System.out::println
 - ▶ Instance method, such as String::toUpperCase
- Once familiar with syntax, these can often be read and understood faster.
- ► A method reference may always be transformed into a lambda, but a lambda may not always be transformed into a method reference.

Static Method Reference

Example:

```
// public static valueOf(char[] data)
Function<char[],String> valueOf = String::valueOf;
// valueOf = s -> String.valueOf(s);
String value = valueOf.apply(new char[]
{'H','e','l','l','o'});
System.out.println(value); // Hello
```

Arguments are bound in declaration order.

Constructor Method Reference

Example:

```
// public StringBuilder()
Supplier<StringBuilder> supplier = StringBuilder::new;
// supplier = () -> new StringBuilder();
StringBuilder sb = supplier.get().append("Hi!");
System.out.println(sb); // Hi!
```

- Syntax similar to static method reference that creates a new object.
- Creates a new instance of the class, and returns it as the result.
- Must be bound to a functional interface with a non-void return type.
- Supplier FI is canonically used for a constructor method reference.

Method Reference on an Instance

Example:

```
// public void print(Object x)
Consumer<Object> printer = System.out::print;
// printer = i -> System.out.print(i);
Arrays.asList(1,2,3,4).forEach(printer); // 1234
```

- ► The same rules that apply for binding lambda variables to a static method also apply when binding to a method on an instance:
- lass members, effectively final arguments and local variables may be used as a method reference on an instance.
- Arguments are bound in declaration order.

Instance Method Reference

Example:

```
// public String toUpperCase()
UnaryOperator<String> toUpper = String::toUpperCase;
// toUpper = s -> s.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(toUpper.apply("abc")); // ABC
```

- ► The first argument of the lambda becomes the instance the method reference operates on.
- ▶ The remaining arguments are bound in the order they occur.
- ► The first argument rule has significance when choosing the order of arguments for the "Bi" family of Functional Interfaces.

Streams

Not to be confused with IO Streams

What is a Java Stream?

- Abstraction for computation of elements.
- ▶ A computation structure, not a data structure.
- A stream consists of
 - 1. A data source
 - 2. Zero or more intermediate operations.
 - 3. A terminal operation, which starts the processing.
 - 4. (Optional) A close operation, to release any resources such a files.

A Data Source

- Can be anything that supplies data
 - A Collection
 - A file
 - An iterated function
 - Can be infinite.
- Is Lazy
 - ▶ Only used when a *terminal operation* is applied to the stream.
- Streams created from resources such as files should be closed

```
int processFileStream() {
   try (IntStream fileStream = getStreamFromFile("foo.txt")) {
     return fileStream.limit(100000).sum();
}
```

Intermediate Operations

- Accepts a stream, and returns a stream with the operation appended.
- Are Lazy
 - ▶ Only used when a *terminal operation* is applied to the stream.
- ► Typical Intermediate operations
 - ▶ Filtering items to those that match a predicate
 - Mapping items using a function
 - Skipping and limiting items processed. Can turn an infinite stream into a finite stream.

A Terminal Operation

- Often returns a result such as a value or collection
- Is Eager
 - Starts the processing of elements from the data source through any Intermediate operations
 - ▶ A stream is a passive description of a data source and intermediate operations until a terminal operation is applied.
- Executes the stream
 - ► Any further operations except close() result in an IllegalStateException
 - ▶ Does not close the stream. Streams that should be closed should be used in a try-with-resources block.

Streams are Like Factory Conveyor Belts

- ▶ The data source is the raw material to be processed.
- Adding the intermediate operations is like getting the workers into place. The terminal operation is like the worker who packages the finished product.
- Like a conveyor belt takes the result of the previous worker's changes to the next worker, a Stream takes the data source output or previous intermediate operation result as the input to the next intermediate operation or terminal operation.
- A conveyor belt doesn't start until all the workers are in place and ready. Likewise a stream doesn't start until all the intermediate operations and the terminal operation have been defined.
- ▶ Defining the terminal operation starts the processing. Once it is running, it can't be changed.

Breaking Down the Stream

- All streams have a data source, zero or more intermediate operations, and a terminal operation.
- numbers collection is the data source.
- reduce is a terminal reduction on the stream.
- A reduction processes all of the values in a given stream to a single value.
- ▶ Integer reduction examples: sum, average, median, min, and max.
- ► The first argument to reduce is the identity property. For addition and counting, it is 0. For a multiplication it is 1, for strings it is "" (empty string).
- ► The lambda is a BinaryOperator<Integer> that is given a running total and the current element. They are processed by adding them together.

Primitive Streams

- IntStream, LongStream, and DoubleStream
- ► They offer a performance benefit over the generic stream by avoiding boxing of primitive computations.
- ► They offer additional terminal operations, such as sum(), min(), max(), average(), and summaryStatistics().
- ► Can replace a traditional for loop with range and forEach.

```
IntStream.range(0, 10).forEach(System.out::println); // Print 0-9
```

- ▶ Use mapToInt, mapToLong, mapToDouble, and mapToObj to convert an existing stream to an IntStream, LongStream, DoubleStream, and Stream<T> respectively.
- Use the boxed () method to convert a primitive stream to its equivalent object stream by boxing the primitive values as follows:
 - ▶ IntStream to Stream<Integer>
 - LongStream to Stream<Long>
 - DoubleStream to Stream<Double>

Intermediate Operations

These Create a New Stream with the Operation Appended to It

Map

- Not to be confused with java.util.Map.
- Uses a Function<T,R> or related Primitive FIs to apply a computation or mapping on stream elements.
- A pure function should be used if possible.
- May change the element type of a stream by returning values of a different type.

Limit and Skip - Infinite Streams

- Limit intermediate operation limits the values produced by a stream. An infinite stream becomes a finite stream.
- Skip intermediate operation skips the specified elements
- Order of these operations matters
 - ► Skip before limit Skipped items not counted against limit
 - ► Skip after limit Skipped items counted against limit
- IntStream.iterate(0, i -> i+1).skip(4).limit(6)
 .forEach(System.out::print); // 456789
- IntStream.iterate(0, i -> i+1).limit(6).skip(4)
 .forEach(System.out::print); // 45
- IntStream.iterate uses an initial value with an IntUnaryOperator to create an infinite stream.

Limit Unbounded Streams

- An unbounded stream is a stream that has no known upper limit on its elements. An infinite stream is a kind of unbounded stream.
- Unless an unbounded stream is intentionally infinite, it should always be limited to prevent hanging.
- ► Even if the stream "should" terminate it is still a good defensive programming practice to include a limit.
- A limit larger than the upper bound of what will be processed but small enough to stop processing in a reasonable amount of time should be used.
- A good starting point for a limit value is an order or two of magnitude (ten to a hundred times) more than the longest observed (or known possible) size.

Dangerous Unbounded Processing

Dangerous

- ▶ The stream has no upper limit on what is will process.
- ► The stream does not close any resources such as files
 - ▶ Note: terminal operations do *not* close a stream.

Safe Unbounded Processing

Safe

- ▶ The limit intermediate operation ensures a quick exit from the stream.
- ► The try-with-resources ensures that any underlying resources are closed.
- When building a stream from a closable resource, use the .onClose() intermediate operation to register a handler that is called when the stream is closed to close any underlying resources.

Filter

► The filter intermediate operation creates a new stream with the contents of the previous stream where the Predicate is true.

```
double totalCommissionPayable(Collection<Associate> associates) {
    return associates.stream()
        .filter(Associate::commissionQualified)
        .mapToDouble(Associate::commissionEarned).sum();
}
```

In this example, the total commission payable is computed by filtering for records that are qualified for commission payment and then summing the commission earned.

takeWhile (Java 9+)

Creates a new stream that includes the elements that match the predicate until an element that does not match is found.

```
IntStream.range(0, 1000) // Data Source
   .takeWhile(i->i/8 == 0) // Intermediate
   .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i)); // Terminal
/* 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 */
```

- Unlike filter, processing stops at number 7.
- Stream is empty if first element does not match.
- ▶ Result is nondeterministic on parallel and unordered streams.
 - ▶ Do not use this on a HashSet. A LinkedHashSet is OK.

dropWhile (Java 9+)

Creates a new stream that skips the elements that match the predicate until an element is found that matches it.

```
IntStream.range(0, 16) // Data Source
   .dropWhile(i->i/8 == 0) // Intermediate Operation
   .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i)); // Terminal Operation
/* 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 */
```

- ▶ Unlike filter, matching and skipping stops at number 7.
- Stream has all elements if first element does not match.
- Result is nondeterministic on parallel and unordered streams.
 - ▶ Do not use this on a HashSet. A LinkedHashSet is OK.

Intermediate Operations May Be Added Conditionally

- Consider this code:
- public int addModulo(int[] data, Integer modulo) {
 return IntStream.of(data)
 .filter(datum->modulo == null || (datum % modulo) == 0)
 .sum();
 }
- ▶ When a null modulo is passed in, all elements will be processed
- Is there a way we can take advantage of the fact that all are processed when modulo is null?

Optimize By Filtering Conditionally

The example on the previous slide may be optimized by conditionally adding the filter and unboxing modulo.

```
public int addModulo(int[] data, Integer modulo) {
   IntStream sumStream = IntStream.of(data);
   if (modulo != null) {
      final int mod = modulo; // Factor out unboxing of int.
      // Must re-assign because .filter creates a new stream.
      sumStream = sumStream.filter(datum->(datum % mod) == 0);
   }
   return sumStream.sum();
}
```

► The check for null and unboxing of modulo is done only once. The resulting stream operation will be more performant.

Terminal Operations

Let's Get This Party Started. Let's Get This Stream Processing

Terminal Operations

- count A reduction that returns the number of elements in the stream.
 Never use on an infinite stream.
- ► reduce Perform a reduction of the stream using a BinaryOperator to accumulate the elements. Never use on an infinite stream.
- anyMatch Returns true and stops processing if any element matches the supplied Predicate, false otherwise. Empty Stream is false.
- allMatch Returns false and stops processing if any element does not match the supplied Predicate, true otherwise. Empty Stream is true
- noneMatch Returns false and stops processing if any element matches the supplied Predicate, true otherwise. Empty Stream is true.
- ► forEach A void operation that presents each element to a Consumer for processing. Avoid use on an infinite stream.
- A reduction is an operation that computes a single value by processing all the values on the stream. Never reduce an infinite stream.

Reduction - Add a Collection of Numbers

- A reduction is a terminal operation that computes a value by processing all the values in the stream.
- ► Given Collection<Integer> numbers that has integers from 1 to 1000, add the collection.
- For Loop

```
int total = 0;
for(Integer number : numbers) {total += number;}
return total; // 500500
```

Stream reduction (using a BinaryOperator<Integer>)

```
return numbers.stream().reduce(0, (i,sum) -> i+sum); // 500500
```

- ► The lambda (i,sum) -> i+sum is a pure bi-function because it only reads its arguments, does not change any external state (no side-effects), and always returns the same value for the same arguments. For example: apply(3,4) and apply(4,3) always return 7.
- Pure functions are inherently safe and should be used with streams whenever possible.

Terminal Operations that return Optional<T>

- ► These terminal operations return an Optional<T> because the value does not exist in an empty stream.
- findFirst produces the first element in a stream. Because this implies ordering of the elements, any parallel stream is transformed into a sequential stream to guarantee element encounter order
- findAny produces any element on the stream. It does not impose any overhead on parallel stream, but may produce differing values on invocation of the same stream.
- min produces the minimum element.
- max produces the maximum element.

Terminal Operations May Be Invoked Conditionally

Consider the add modulo example from earlier.

```
public int addModulo(int[] data, Integer modulo) {
   IntStream sumStream = IntStream.of(data);
   if (modulo != null) {
      final int mod = modulo;
      sumStream = sumStream.filter(datum->(datum % mod) == 0);
   }
   return sumStream.sum();
}
```

How can this function be changed to support an operation argument that can be "count" if the numbers should be counted, or "sum" if the numbers should be summed?

Terminal Operations May Be Invoked Conditionally

► The terminal operation may called conditionally after the stream has been built with its intermediate conditions.

```
public int addOrCountModulo(int[] data, Integer modulo,
   String operation) {
IntStream sumStream = IntStream.of(data);
if (modulo != null) {
    final int mod = modulo;
    sumStream = sumStream.filter(datum->(datum % mod) == 0);
// Use count or sum depending on the requested operation.
return "count".equals(operation) ?
(int) sumStream.count() : sumStream.sum();
```

These techniques provide a more elegant solution for providing multi-purpose processing than an "if-else" statement chain or "case" statements as each step can be bound independently to produce the required processing pipeline.

Collector (Terminal Operation)

A Mutable Reduction That Creates an Object to Process All Stream Elements

Never Use on an Infinite Stream

Collections Collectors

- ▶ These collectors take the elements and add them to a collection.
- ► There are toList(), toSet(), and toCollection() collectors.
- ▶ In Java 16+ toList() is also a terminal operation for convenience.

```
\blacktriangleright List<Integer> ints = IntStream.of(1,2,2,3,4,5).boxed()
.collect(Collectors.toList()); System.out.println(ints);
/* [1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5] */
▶ Set<Integer> intSet = IntStream.of (1,2,2,3,4,5).boxed()
.collect(Collectors.toSet()); System.out.println(intSet);
/* [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] */
▶ // Custom collection type with a sort applied to it.
LinkedHashSet<Integer> sortedSet = IntStream.of(1,2,2,3,4,5)
.boxed().sorted(Comparator.reverseOrder())
.collect(Collectors.toCollection(LinkedHashSet::new));
System.out.println(sortedSet);
/* [5, 4, 3, 2, 1] */
```

Partition Collector

- ► The Partition collector uses a Predicate<T> to create a map with the keys false and true.
- ▶ Both the **false** and **true** key and value always exist in the map even if the corresponding value is not present. In such a case, the value is typically an empty collection, an empty optional, or a sum or count of 0.
- ▶ Use the predicate in the previous example to create a map with elements divisible by 4 and not divisible by 4.

```
Map<Boolean,Integer> summap = IntStream.range(0,1000).boxed()
.collect(Collectors.partitioningBy(i -> i%4==0,
Collectors.summingInt(i -> i)));
System.out.println(summap); // {false=375000, true=124500}
```

The summingInt collector is a downstream collector. It processes each classification (key) for the map In this case, it accepts the values of the partitioning by collector and produces a sum reduction of the values.

Grouping By Collector

For the next example, consider the following stream producing function

```
static Stream<String> aboutJack() {
return Stream.of("All","work","and","no","play","makes",
"jack", "a", "dull", "boy", "but", "all", "play", "and", "no",
"work", "makes", "jack", "a", "fool"); }
 Group each word by starting letter, in alphabetical order
aboutJack().sorted().collect(
   Collectors.groupingBy(s -> s.charAt(0),
   TreeMap::new, Collectors.toCollection(TreeSet::new)));
/* A=[All], a=[a, all, and], b=[boy, but], d=[dull],
f=[fool], j=[jack], m=[makes], n=[no], p=[play], w=[work] */
```

► The Collectors.toCollection is a downstream collector. It processes the elements for each classification (key) in the map.

Grouping By Concurrent

Streams may be processed in parallel by using the parallel method using concurrent collectors and data structures.

Joining Collector

A process where a stream of CharSequence is concatenated together to form a string.

```
static Stream<String> aboutJack() { return Stream.of(
"All","work","and","no","play","makes","jack","a","dull",
"boy","but","all","play","and","no","work","makes",
"jack","a","fool"); }

> Join this into words separated with a space:
aboutJack().collect(Collectors.joining(" "));
/* All work and no play makes jack a dull boy but all play and no work makes jack a fool */
```

Teeing Collector (Java 12+)

► A downstream collector that processes every element through two collectors and then uses a merge BiFunction to produce a result.

```
Double[] salaries = {95_000d, 125_000d, 35_000d, 40_000d};

Range salaryRange =
    Stream.of(salaries).collect(Collectors.teeing(
        Collectors.minBy(Double::compare),
        Collectors.maxBy(Double::compare),
        (min, max)-> new Range(min.orElse(Od), max.orElse(Od))));

System.out.println("Salary range is " + salaryRange.getMin() + " - " + salaryRange.getMax());

/* Salary range is 35000.0 - 125000.0 */
```

Execute Around and Loan Patterns

Separate the concerns of manipulating resources from program logic

The Execute Around Pattern

- ▶ Pattern to eliminate boilerplate code by performing operations before and after an operation.
- Consider this code for using a lock:

```
Lock lock = getLock();

try {
    return doSomething();
} finally {
    lock.unlock();
}
```

► We would have better separation of concerns if we could separate the lock manipulation from the operation.

Apply the Execute Around Pattern

The boilerplate lock and unlock code may be refactored like this:

```
T useLock(Supplier<T> operation) {
    Lock lock = getLock();
    lock.lock();
    try {
        return operation.get();
    } finally {
        lock.unlock();
    }
}
```

▶ Then using the lock can be accomplished in a single line of code:

```
useLock(()-> doSomething());
```

Loan Pattern

- Specialized version of the execute around pattern that
 - 1. Obtains or allocates a resource
 - 2. Initializes it
 - 3. Invokes a user specified operation with the resource
 - 4. Cleans it up
 - 5. Returns or deallocates a resource

Apply the Loan Pattern

► This example applies the loan pattern for JDBC connections

```
@FunctionalInterface interface SqlFunction<T,R> {
       R apply (T t) throws SQLException;
<T> T useDb(SqlFunction<? super Connection, ? extends T>
operation) throws SQLException {
        try (Connection conn = getJdbcConnection()) {
            return operation.apply(conn);
  The JDBC connection can be used with a single line of code:
useDb(conn -> doDbOperation(conn));
```

AutoClosable Lambdas

Use try-with-resources with any class, and catch the close exception

AutoClosable is a Functional Interface

```
public interface AutoCloseable {
   void close() throws Exception;
}
```

- ► This interface is a functional interface (FI) because it has exactly one abstract method.
- ► The Functional Method is: void close().
- ► The missing @FunctionalInterface annotation is unnecessary.

Use try-with-resources with any class Example: Close a Context

- ▶ In Java 7, try-with-resources was added to the language.
- Unfortunately, not every class that could benefit from it implemented it.
- Using Lambdas, anything can leverage try-with-resources.

```
public void useContext(Context ctx) throws Exception {
   try(AutoCloseable it = ctx::close) {
      doSomethingWithContext(ctx);
   }
}
```

Issues with the AutoClosable Functional Interface (FI)

- ► The close method throws Exception.
- ► The declared Exception will either need to be caught or processed.
- ► This may result in the code being littered with unnecessary catch statements.

Fixing the AutoClosable FI

▶ If we wrote our own Closable interface:

```
public interface NamingClosable extends AutoCloseable {
   @Override public void close() throws NamingException;
  Then we can write
  public void useContext (Context ctx) throws NamingException
   try(NamingClosable it = ctx::close) {
        doSomethingWithContext(ctx);
```

Parameterizing AutoClosable Exceptions

- ▶ Using generics, it is possible to parameterize the checked exceptions that a sub-interface of AutoClosable may throw.
- ► This example demonstrates how to parameterize a single checked exception.

```
public interface CloseIt1<E extends Exception>
extends AutoCloseable {
   default void close() throws E { closeIt(); }
   void closeIt() throws E;
```

► The default close () method is necessary because applying the generic to an abstract close () method results in a compiler error when used in a try-with-resources statement.

Using the Parameterized FI

Using CloseIt1 from the previous slide:

```
public void useContext(Context ctx) throws NamingException
{
    try(CloseIt1<NamingException> it = ctx::close) {
        doSomethingWithContext(ctx);
    }
}
```

► The close method of the Context is bound to the CloseIt1 resource. The try-with-resources feature of Java does the heavy lifting of the resource exception processing.

Decorator Pattern

- ▶ One of the core patterns introduced in the Design Patterns, Elements of Reusable Object Oriented Software by Gamma, Helm, Johnson, and Vlissides.
- Pattern allows behavior to be added to an object dynamically, by decorating it, or wrapping it with another object of the same abstract type (such as an interface).
- ► This pattern may be leveraged to add capabilities to AutoClosables, such as exception handling.
- ► Since AutoClosable is a Functional Interface, the decorator may be expressed as a lambda.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decorator_pattern

Decorating the Close Lambda

- Consider the following code
 - ► Assume NotClosedException is an unchecked exception with an accessible constructor that takes a Throwable.

```
public interface CloseIt0 extends AutoCloseable {
   public void close() throws NotClosedException;
   public static CloseItO wrapAllException (AutoCloseable
   autoCloseable) {
      // Decorating with a lambda that wraps all Exceptions
      return () -> { try { autoCloseable.close(); }
      catch (Exception ex) { throw new NotClosedException(ex);}
      };
```

Catching the Decorated Close Exception

This close lambda is decorated to wrap any exceptions that occur within a NotClosedException. If no exception occurs within the body, this wrapped exception will be caught and processed by the catch clause. Otherwise, it will be a suppressed exception.

```
public void useContext(Context ctx) throws NamingException {
    try(CloseIt0 it = CloseIt0.wrapAllException(ctx::close)) {
        doSomethingWithContext(ctx);
    } catch (NotClosedException ex) {
        logger.log(Level.WARNING, ex.getCause().getMessage()
        , ex.getCause());
    }
}
```

The CloseIt Project

- Provides generic functional interfaces extending
 AutoCloseable to use as the target of try-withresources lambdas. Supports 0-5 checked exceptions.
- Makes it easy to use try-with-resources for anything that needs cleanup. May replace the try-finally construct.
- Provides these decorators for handling close exceptions
 - ▶ Ignore Pretend the exception never happened. Discard it.
 - ► Consume Do something, such as log the exception, then discard.
 - ▶ Rethrow Do something, such a log the exception, then throw it.
 - ▶ Rethrow When Do something, then conditionally throw it.
 - ▶ Hide Hide a checked exception from the compiler and throw it.
 - ► Wrap Wrap the exception within another exception of a different type. This is also a form of the Adapter design pattern. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adapter_pattern.

Questions

- Oracle's Lambda Quick Start Tutorial:
 http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/technetwork/tutorials/
 /obe/java/Lambda-QuickStart/index.html
- ► These slides (pdf): https://tinyurl.com/love-lambda
- CloseIt: https://github.com/RichardRoda/closeit com.github.richardroda.util:closeit:1.7
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