# Learning to Love the Lambda in the Stream

Introduction to Java Lambdas, Functional Interfaces, and Streams

## Speaker Introduction

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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.
- A functional interface is an interface with exactly one abstract method.
- Similar to an inner class: class members, *effectively final* arguments and local variables are available to it.
- 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.
- Lambdas may only exist when assigned to a functional interface, including being passed in as a parameter or returned as a result.

## Lambda Examples

Example 1a

```
Predicate < Integer > is Five = n -> n == 5;
System.out.println(isFive.test(4)); // false
Example 1b
// Higher order function that creates predicates.
Predicate<Integer> makeTestFunction(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

- "A functional interface is any interface that contains only one abstract method." — <u>Oracle Java Tutorial</u>
- ▶ 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
}
```

#### Inner Classes vs Lambda

```
Example2 innerClass = new Example2() {
         @Override
         public int myMethod() {
              return 2;
         }
    };
Example2 lambda = ()-> 2;
```

- Equivalent implementations of the Example2 interface.
- The lambda declaration has two key advantages:
  - ▶ It is a single, concise line of code.
  - ▶ Because it is self-contained, the compiler will automatically fold it into a single (static) 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 FIs:
  - ► T First argument, R Return Value, U Second argument
  - ▶ Any of the above are omitted if not used or the same as T.
- Many Fls 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 FIs: 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)
- ▶ Has side effects and never a pure function.

## 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.
- Associated with object creation and constructors.
- 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.
- ▶ Represents a mapping from its input to its output.
- ► 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> - Alternative to Null

- 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 throw Exception from Supplier.
  - map Apply a Function mapping on a present value.
  - 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, Y).equals(fn.apply(X, Y)) and fn.apply(Y, X).equals(fn.apply(X, Y)) are always true.
- Such functions are inherently safe.
- "Pure Function" usually means Pure Commutative Function.

### Is It Pure Commutative? (Yes)

- IntUnaryOperator addOne = x -> x + 1;
  - ▶ A function with one or zero arguments is commutative.
- ToDoubleFunction<Employee> getSalary =
   employee -> employee.getSalary();
  - Property getters without side-effects are pure.
- Supplier<Set<Integer>> getSet = () -> new
  HashSet<>();
  - ► This Supplier is pure: it always creates an empty hash set.
- IntBinaryOperator  $plus = (x, y) \rightarrow x + y;$ 
  - ▶ It is pure and commutative: 3 + 4 = 7 = 4 + 3.

## Is it Pure Commutative? (No)

- ▶ IntBinaryOperator minus =  $(x, y) \rightarrow x \rightarrow y$ ;
  - ▶ It is pure but not commutative:  $3 4 = -1 \neq 1 = 4 3$
- IntPredicate testSet = x -> mySet.add(x);
  - ▶ It has side effects and uses information outside of its arguments.
- IntConsumer printConsumer = x ->
  System.out.println(x);
  - Consumers are not pure functions because they have side effects.

## 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) method on String
Function<char[],String> valueOf = String::valueOf;
// Equivalent lambda expression
// valueOf = s -> String.valueOf(s);
String value = valueOf.apply(new char[] {'H','i'});
System.out.println(value); // Hi
```

Arguments are bound in declaration order.

#### Constructor Reference

#### **Example:**

```
// public StringBuilder() constructor on StringBuilder
Supplier<StringBuilder> supplier = StringBuilder::new;
// Equivalent lambda expression
// 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 compatible return type.
- Arguments are bound in declaration order.
- Supplier FI is canonically used for a constructor method reference.

#### Method Reference on an Instance

#### Example:

```
// public void print(Object x) method on out's
PrintStream

Consumer<Object> printer = System.out::print;

// Equivalent lambda expression

// printer = i -> System.out.print(i);

printer.accept("We come in peace.");// We come in peace.
```

- class 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() method on String
UnaryOperator<String> toUpper = String::toUpperCase;
// Equivalent lambda expression
// 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.

## Intermediate Operations

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

## A Terminal Operation

- Often returns a result such as a value or collection
  - ▶ A reduction produces a result from every stream element
- 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.
  - ▶ Use a try-with-resources block with Closable data source streams.

## 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 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

```
int addPositive(Collection<Integer> numbers) {
   return numbers.stream() // Data Source
    .filter(i->i > 0) // Intermediate Operation
    .reduce(0, (i,sum) -> i+sum); // Terminal Operation
}
```

- All streams have a data source, zero or more intermediate operations, and a terminal operation.
- numbers collection is the data source.
- filter is an intermediate operation.
- reduce is the reduction terminal operation 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.

#### **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 for Each.

```
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>

## Parallelism and Ordering

- ▶ Parallel streams may process multiple elements at a time.
- Sequential streams process a single element at a time.
- Ordered streams have a defined order.
- Unordered streams lack a defined order.
- Both sequential and parallel streams may be ordered, but only an ordered sequential stream guarantees actual encounter order.
  - ► Certain operations are only well defined for ordered streams, and impose additional overhead on ordered parallel streams.
- ► Pure commutative functions and operations work correctly with any parallelism and ordering.

## Data Source Examples

- Collection
  - Collection.stream() creates a sequential stream
  - ► Collection.parallelStream() creates a parallel stream
  - Stream ordering determined by underlying collection ordering
    - ▶ List, Queue, SortedSet, and LinkedHashSet are ordered
    - ▶ HashSet is unordered
- Stream.of() Array
  - Stream.of(T... values) creates a sequential ordered stream.
- File
  - ► Files.lines(Path path) creates a stream of Strings from a file.
  - File streams should be closed and used with try-with-resources.
- ▶ Iterated Function
  - ► Stream.iterate(T seed, UnaryOperator<T> function) creates a sequential ordered infinite stream starting with the provided seed and repeatedly applying the provided function to it.

# 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> to apply a computation or mapping on stream elements.
- ▶ A pure function should be used if possible.
- May change the type of a stream by returning values of a different type.

```
public double totalSalary(Collection<Employee> employees) {
   return employees.stream()
       .map(Employee::getSalary).reduce(0.0, (i,sum) -> i+sum);
  Use flatMap to process functions that return Streams.
int sumListOfLists(List<List<Integer>> listOfLists) {
   // flatMap replaces an element with the contents of a stream.
   // mapToInt creates an IntStream from a Stream.
   return listOfLists.stream()
       .flatMap(List::stream).mapToInt(i->i).sum();
```

#### Filter

► The filter intermediate operation retains the contents of the stream where the Predicate is true.

```
double totalCommissionPayable(Collection<Associate> associates) {
    return associates.stream()
        .filter(Associate::isCommissionQualified)
        .mapToDouble(Associate::getCommissionEarned).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.

# Limit and Skip - Infinite to Finite Stream

- Limit intermediate operation limits the values produced by a stream. An infinite stream becomes a finite stream.
- ► Skip intermediate operation skips the specified elements
- ▶ Not pure commutative. Undefined on unordered stream.
- Introduces overhead on a parallel stream.
- 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

#### 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 should 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 an 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.

#### **Distinct**

- ► Filters out any duplicate items according to the Object.equals method.
- ▶ Distinct objects should have a hashCode method that is consistent with equals. When a.equals(b) then a.hashCode() == b.hashCode().
- For ordered streams, the first of a given value is preserved.
- Avoid use with parallel streams.

```
IntStream.of(1,4,2,1,2,5,4,3).distinct()
    .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i));
/* 1 4 2 5 3 */
```

#### Sorted

- Sorts stream items. Resulting stream is an ordered stream.
- Supports parallel streams. Stable for sequential ordered streams.
  - ► Stable sort means ties (compare = 0) retain underlying stream ordering.
- Sorts using the natural order only when elements are Comparable

```
Stream.of(8,4,6,3,7,8,2,3,4).sorted()
    .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i));
/* 2 3 3 4 4 6 7 8 8 */
```

Sorts using a comparator

```
Stream.of(8,4,6,3,7,8,2,3,4)
   .sorted((lhs,rhs)->rhs-lhs)
   .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i));
/* 8 8 7 6 4 4 3 3 2 */
```

#### Unordered

- ▶ Removes the ordered constraint from an ordered stream.
- ▶ Improves the performance of a parallel ordered stream.
- Use on a parallel stream that does not rely on ordering.
- ▶ Pure commutative functions and operations always work.

▶ No benefit to using unordered with a sequential stream.

### Sequential and Parallel

- ► The sequential() intermediate operation makes a stream sequential.
- ► The parallel() intermediate operation makes a stream parallel.
- May be used to maximize performance by parallelizing a stream when it is most beneficial to do so.

Making the stream parallel after the limit operation avoids the additional overhead of the parallel ordered limit operation.

#### takeWhile (Java 9+)

► Transforms the stream to include the elements that match the predicate stopping when an element does not match.

```
IntStream.of(0,1,2,3,4,2,1).takeWhile(i->i/4 == 0)
    .forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i));
/* 0 1 2 3 */
```

- Unlike filter, processing stops at number 4.
- > Stream is empty if first element does not match.
- ▶ Not pure commutative. Undefined on unordered stream.
- ▶ Introduces overhead on a parallel stream.

# dropWhile (Java 9+)

► Transforms the stream to skip the elements that match the predicate stopping when an element matches.

```
IntStream.of(0,1,2,3,4,2,1).dropWhile(i->i/4 == 0)
.forEach(i->System.out.print(" " + i));
/* 4 2 1 */
```

- Unlike filter, matching and skipping stops at number 4.
- Stream has all elements if first element does not match.
- ▶ Not pure commutative. Undefined on unordered stream.
- Introduces overhead on a parallel stream.

# 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 returns a 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

- ► Given Collection<Integer> numbers that has integers from 1 to 1000, add the collection.
- Stream reduction (using a BinaryOperator<Integer>)

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

- ► The first argument to reduce is the identity value. For addition and counting, it is 0. For a multiplication it is 1, for strings it is "" (empty string). In this case X + 0 = X.
- ► The second argument to reduce is the reduction function. In this case the reduction adds the numbers together.
- The identity value is returned for empty streams or used as the second argument when the first stream value is processed.
- ▶ This reduction function is both pure and commutative.

#### Terminal Operations that return Optional<T>

- ► These terminal operations return an Optional<T> because no value exists in an empty stream.
- ► findFirst produces the first element in a stream. Imposes additional overhead on an ordered parallel stream. Equivalent to findAny when used on an unordered stream.
- ► findAny produces any element on the stream. It does not impose any overhead on parallel stream, but may produce differing values from the same stream.
- ▶ Min produces the minimum element.
- Max produces the maximum element.
- Operations findFirst and findAny are not pure commutative.

#### 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 opStream = IntStream.of(data);
if (modulo != null) {
   final int mod = modulo;
   opStream = opStream.filter(datum->(datum % mod) == 0);
// Use count or sum depending on the requested operation.
return "count".equals(operation) ?
(int) opStream.count() : opStream.sum();
```

- ► These techniques provide a more elegant solution for providing multi-purpose processing than an "if-else" statement chain or "case" statements.
- ▶ The Strategy pattern can also be used to build and configure a stream.

# 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.
- List<Integer> ints = IntStream.of(5,4,3,3,2,1,1).boxed() .collect(Collectors.toList()); System.out.println(ints); /\* [5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1] \*/ Set < Integer > int Set = Int Stream. of (5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1) . 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 (5,4,3,3,2,1,1) .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.

```
aboutJack().parallel().collect( Collectors.groupingByConcurrent(
s -> s.charAt(0), ConcurrentSkipListMap::new,
Collectors.toCollection(ConcurrentSkipListSet::new)));
/* A=[All], a=[a, all, and], b=[boy, but], d=[dull], f=[fool],
j=[jack], m=[makes], n=[no], p=[play], w=[work] */
Count the words
aboutJack().parallel().collect(Collectors.groupingByConcurrent(
s -> s, ConcurrentSkipListMap::new, Collectors.counting()));
/* All=1, a=2, all=1, and=2, boy=1, but=1, dull=1, fool=1, jack=2,
makes=2, no=2, play=2, work=2 */
```

# 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(0d), max.orElse(0d))));

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

Source: Functional Programming in Java book by Venkat Subramaniam

#### 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
  - 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 CloseIt0 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)) {
        readSomethingFromContext(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: <a href="http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/technetwork/tutorials/">http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/technetwork/tutorials/</a> <a href="http://obe/java/Lambda-QuickStart/index.html">/obe/java/Lambda-QuickStart/index.html</a>
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