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# Streams and Lambdas in Java 8

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# Working Environment

- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- JDK 8



# Integrated Development Environments

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## NetBeans

NetBeans by Oracle

<https://netbeans.org/downloads/>

Any bundle will do  
current version: 8.1

## Eclipse

by Eclipse Foundation (formerly by IBM)

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>

current version: Eclipse Mars (4.5); with Neon available  
Choose bundle „...Java EE Developers“  
or „...Java Developers“

## IDEA

IntelliJ IDEA by JetBrains (commercial)

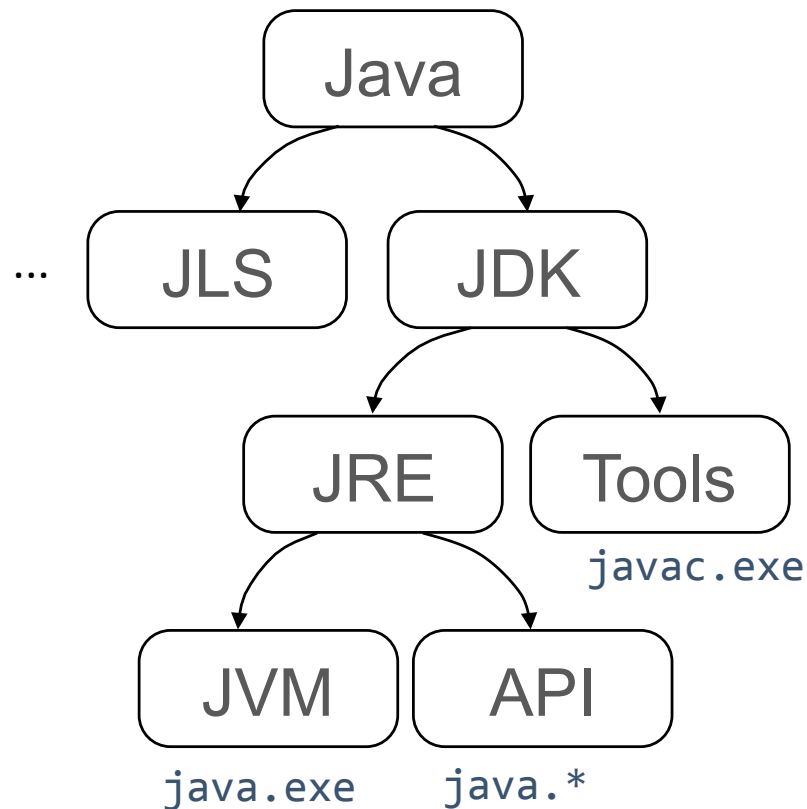
<https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>

current version: 15

Students can get „Ultimate Edition“ for free

See <https://www.jetbrains.com/student/>

# JDK 1.8 (JDK 8)



```
$ java -version
```

```
java version "1.8.0_65"
```

```
Java(TM) SE Runtime  
Environment (build 1.8.0_65-  
b17)
```

```
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit  
Server VM (build 25.65-b01,  
mixed mode)
```



# Dependency Management with Maven

Manage dependencies to 3<sup>rd</sup> party recursively and have your project build automatically

e.g. use Google Guava Libraries by simply adding one dependency.

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# Basics Revisited

- Interfaces
- Collections Framework
- Anonymous Inner Classes



# Interfaces

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“Ordinary” interfaces

Marker interfaces (e.g. `Serializable` or `Runnable`)

Functional interfaces (annotated with `@FunctionalInterface`)

`@interface` classes (Annotations)

**New in Java 8:**

static methods

default methods

## Default methods<sup>1</sup>

“A default method is a method that is declared in an interface with the `default` modifier; its body is always represented by a block. It provides a default implementation for any class that implements the interface without overriding the method. Default methods are distinct from concrete methods (§8.4.3.1), which are declared in classes.”

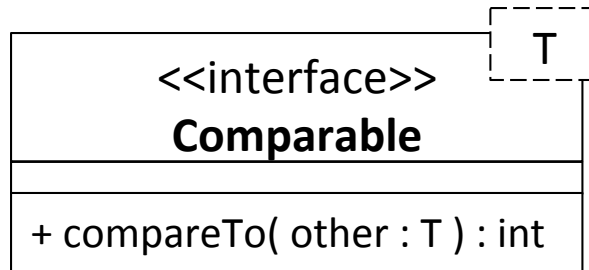
<sup>1</sup>[Gosling 2015, p. 288]



# Generics with <>

## Generic class:

Definition

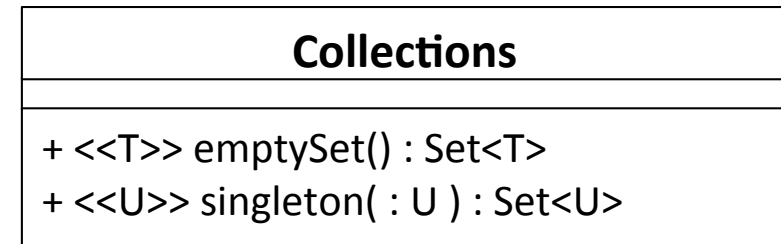


```
public interface Comparable<T> {
    public int compareTo(T other);
}
```

Usage

```
class Student
implements Comparable<Person>
{
    public int compareTo(Person other)
    {
        // ...
    }
}
```

## Generic method:



```
public class Collections {
    public <T> Set<T> singleton(T obj)
    { ... }
}
```

```
Set<String> name =
    Collections.singleton("Max");

Set<Person> persons =
    Collections.<Person>emptySet();
```





# Collections Framework

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Two things to remember:

1. There are Lists, Sets, and Maps:

List<T>:	ArrayList<T> or LinkedList<T>
Set<T>:	TreeSet<T> or HashSet<T>
Map<K, V>:	TreeMap<K, V> or HashMap<K, V>

2. Use “loosly coupled” references:

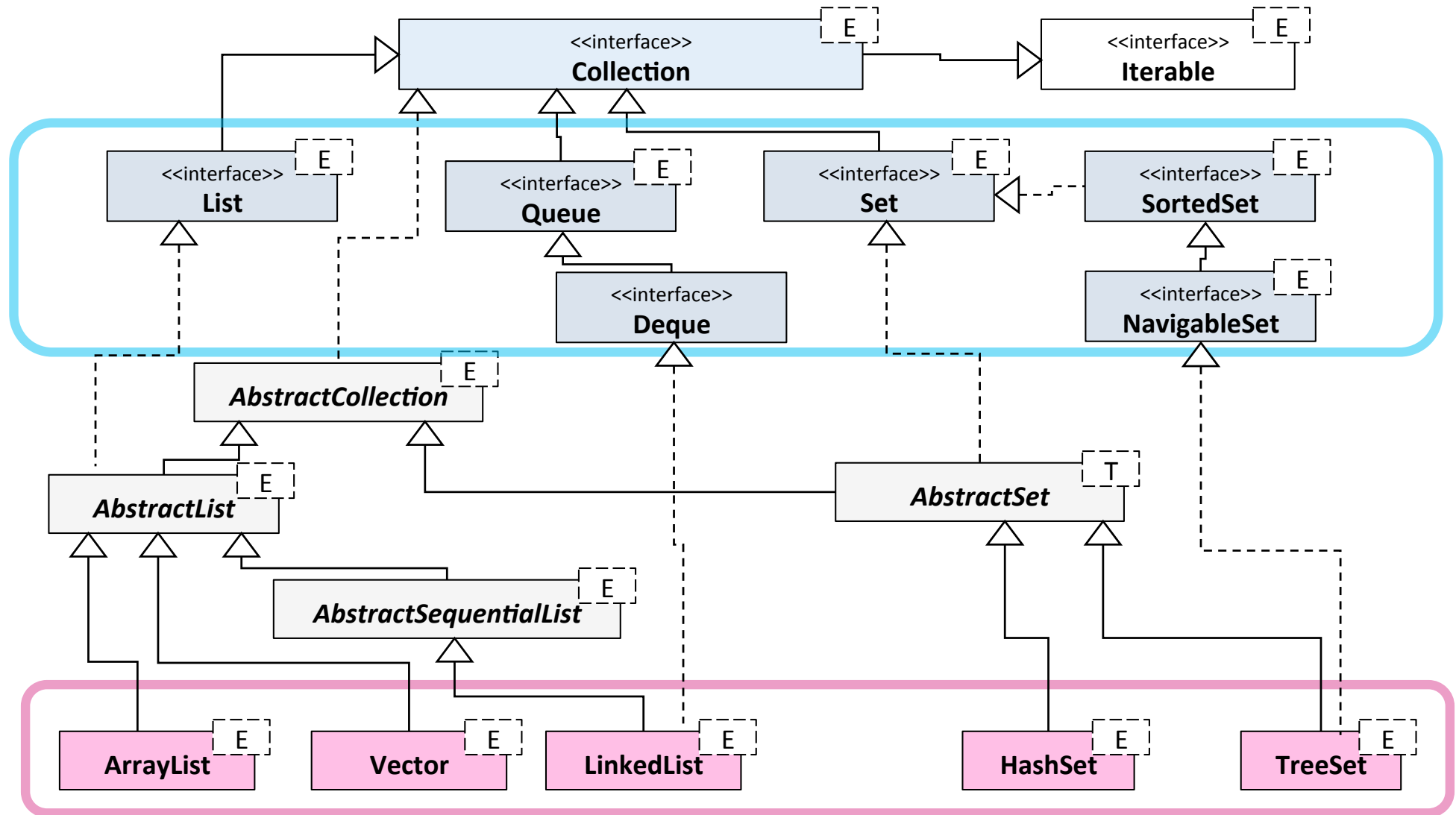
```
List<String> = new ArrayList<>();
```

## Collections Framework<sup>1</sup>

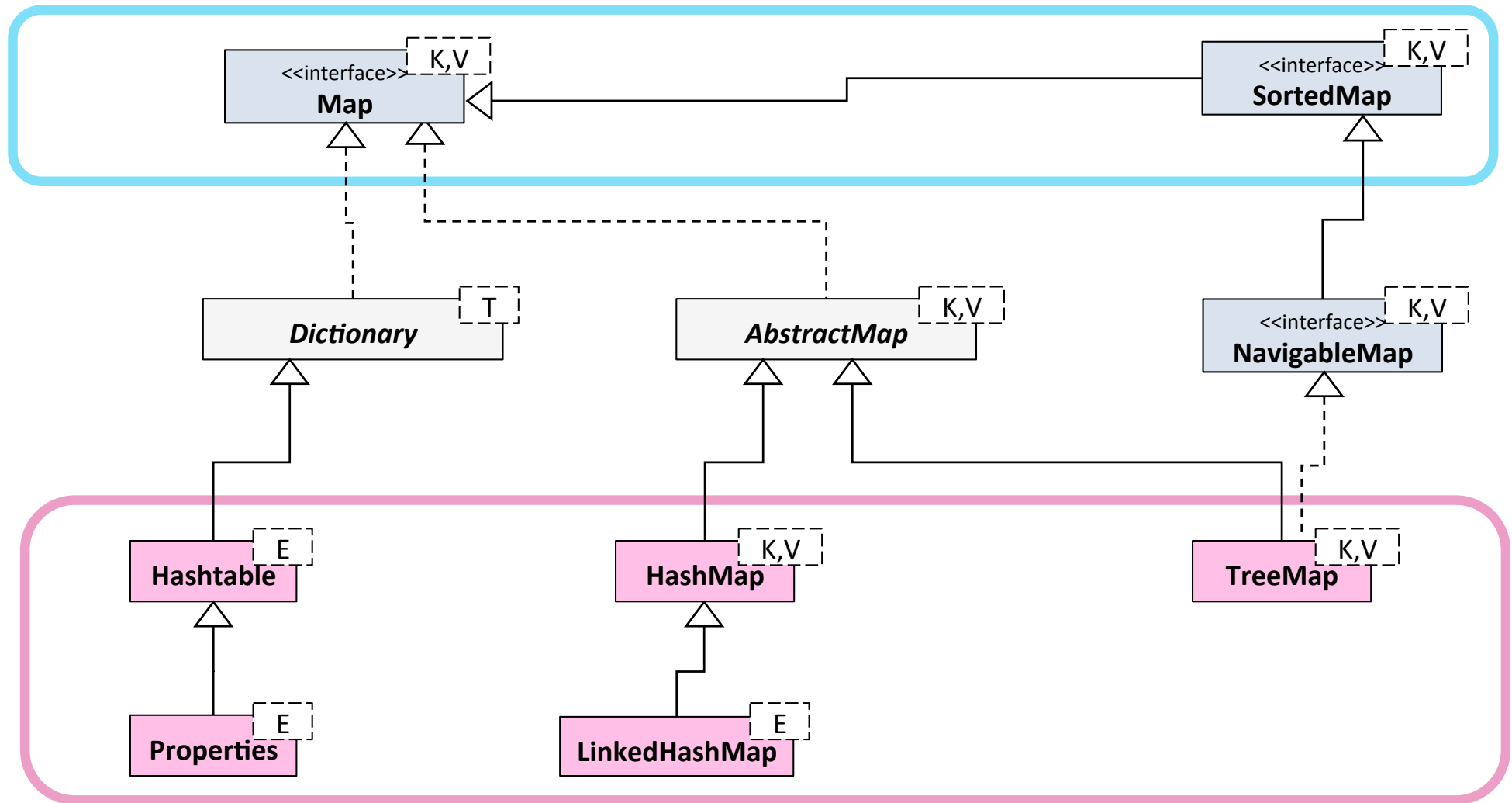
“The collections framework is a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections, enabling them to be manipulated independently of the details of their representation. It reduces programming effort while increasing performance. [...]”

<sup>1</sup>[Oracle Corp. 2016]

# Collection interfaces (abridged)



# Map interfaces (abridged)





# Utilities in class Collections

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```
public static void reverse(List<?> list)
public static <E> Collection<E> checkedCollection(Collection<E> c,
                                                    Class<E> type)

public static <T> List<T> nCopies(int n, T o)
public static int frequency(Collection<?> c, Object o)
public static void shuffle(List<?> list)
public static void rotate(List<?> list, int distance)
public static void reverse(List<?> list)
public static <T> boolean replaceAll(List<T> list, T oldVal, T newVal)
public static <T> T min(Collection<? extends T> coll,
                       Comparator<? super T> comp)

// others:
Arrays.asList(Object... o)
Arrays.stream(T[] array)
Stream.of(T[] array)
```



# Anonymous Inner Classes

```
public interface Comparator<T> { int compare (T obj1, T obj2); }
```

```
public class Collections {  
    public static <T> void sort(List<T> l, Comparator<? super T> c)  
    {...}  
}
```

```
List<String> names = Arrays.asList("John", "Andrew", "Eve");
```

```
Collections.sort(names, new Comparator<String>() {  
    @Override public int compare(String s1, String s2) {  
        return Integer.compare(s1.length(), s2.length());  
    }  
});
```

```
for(String name : names) System.out.print(name + " ");  
// Eve John Andrew
```

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# Streams



# Streams

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A stream is “[...] a **sequence of elements** from a **source** that supports **aggregate operations**”:<sup>1</sup>

- **“Sequence of elements:** A stream provides an interface to a sequenced set of values of a specific element type. However, streams don’t actually store elements; they are computed on demand.
- **Source:** Streams conamounte from a data-providing source such as collections, arrays, or I/O resources.
- **Aggregate operations:** Streams support SQL-like operations and common operations from functional programing languages, such as filter, map, reduce, find, match, sorted, and so on.”

<sup>1</sup>[Urma (2014a), section “Getting Started With Streams”]



# Streams

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- are not data structure
- do not contain storage for data
- are “pipelines” for streams of data (i.e. of objects)
- while in the pipeline data undergo transformation (without changing the data structure holding it)
- wrap collections (lists, set, maps)
- read data from it
- work on copies





# How do data get into streams?

Streams are mainly generated based on collections:

```
List<String> names = Arrays.asList("John", "George", "Sue");  
  
Stream<String> stream1 = names.stream();  
  
Stream<String> stream2 = Stream.of("Tom", "Rita", "Mae");  
  
Stream<String> stream3;  
stream2 = Arrays.stream( new String[]{"Lisa", "Max", "Anna"} );
```

Or with builder pattern:

```
Stream<String> stream4 = Stream.<String>builder()  
    .add("Mike")  
    .add("Sandra").build();
```



# How do data get out of streams?

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- The Streaming API provides so called “finalizing” methods (i.e. methods that do not return stream objects)

forEach  
toArray  
collect  
reduce  
min  
max  
count  
anyMatch  
noneMatch  
findFirst  
findAny



# Streaming example

“Take all names from the stream that start with the letter “J”, map the names into capital letters, skip one, and collect them into a new set”

```
List<String> names = Stream.of("John", "George", "Joe", "Sue", "James");
```

```
Stream<String> stream1 = names.stream();
```

```
_____ = stream1.filter( _____ )  
                    .map( _____ )  
                    .skip( _____ )  
                    .collect( _____ );
```

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# Lambda Expressions and Functional Interfaces

- Lambdas
- Functional Interfaces



# Lambdas or Closures

“Lambda” = “closure” = record storing a function (functionality, method) and its environment (but without a class or method name)

**Roughly:** anonymous method

Lambdas represent source code – not data and not object state!

## Syntax:

```
( parameter list ) -> { expression(s) }
```

## Examples:

```
(int x, int y) -> { return x + y; }
```

```
(long x) -> { return x * 2; }
```

```
() -> { String msg = "Lambda"; System.out.println(msg); }
```

For details on “functional programming” cf. [Huges 1984] or [Turner 2013]



# Lambdas and functional interfaces

Functional interfaces are so called *SAM* types (single abstract method)

A functional interface has exactly one abstract method, e.g. `Runnable`, `Comparator<T>`, or `Comparable<T>`

Functional interfaces can define 0..\* default methods and 0..\* static methods

Using the `@FunctionalInterface` annotation on classes the compiler is required to generate an error message if it is no interface and it doesn't define exactly one SAM.

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Counter<T> {
    int count(T obj);
}
```

```
Counter<String> strCount = (String s) -> { return s.length(); };
```

[<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/FunctionalInterface.html>]



# Your first lambda with Comparator<T>

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Comparator<T> { int compare(T obj1, T obj2); }
```

```
public class Collections {
    public static <T> void sort(List<T> l, Comparator<? super T> c)
    {...}
}
```

## Your task:

Prepare your first lambda expression to compare two String objects by length

```
List<String> names = Arrays.asList("John", "Andrew", "Eve");
Collections.sort(names,      ???? );
for(String name : names) System.out.print(name + " ");
// Eve John Andrew
```



# Functional interfaces in JDK

Selection of most used interfaces from package `java.util.function`:

```
// Computes a single input with no result
public interface Consumer<T> {
    void accept(T t);
    default Consumer<T> andThen(Consumer<? super T> after) {...}
}

// Represents a supplier of results.
interface Supplier<T> {
    T get();
}

// Computes a single output, produces output of different type
interface Function<T,R> {
    R apply(T t);
    default <V> Function<T,V> andThen(Function<? super R,? extends V> after) {...}
    default <V> Function<V,R> compose(Function<? super V,? extends T> before) {...}
}

// Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of one argument
interface Predicate<T> {
    boolean test(T t);
    default Predicate<T> and(Predicate<? super T> other) {...}
    default Predicate<T> negate() {...}
    // ...
}
```

BIConsumer<T,U>  
 BIFunction<T,U,R>  
 BinaryOperator<T>  
 BIPredicate<T,U>  
 BooleanSupplier  
 Consumer<T>  
 DoubleBinaryOperator  
 DoubleConsumer  
 DoubleFunction<R>  
 DoublePredicate  
 DoubleSupplier  
 DoubleToIntFunction  
 DoubleToLongFunction  
 DoubleUnaryOperator  
 Function<T,R>  
 IntBinaryOperator  
 IntConsumer  
 IntFunction<R>  
 IntPredicate  
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 ToDoubleFunction<T>  
 ToIntBIFunction<T,U>  
 ToIntFunction<T>  
 ToLongBIFunction<T,U>  
 ToLongFunction<T>  
 UnaryOperator<T>

[<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/function/package-summary.html>]





# Type inference

Lambda expressions allow for minimal syntax if compiler can deduct type information (so called *type inference*), e.g.:

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface BiFunction<T, U, R> {
    R apply(T t, U u);
}
```

*R = Integer could be inferred from return type of expression `t.length() + u.length()` → Integer (e.g. when used directly in typed method call)*

```
BiFunction<String, Object, Integer> bf;
bf = (String txt, Object obj) -> { return t.length() + u.hashCode(); }
// can be even shorter:
bf = (txt, obj) -> t.length() + u.hashCode(); // se below
```

*compiler can infer types from declaration of f*

Further syntax shortening examples:

*for single return statements keyword return together with {}-pair can be dropped*

```
(int x, int y) -> { return x * y; } // shorter: (x, y) -> x * y
(long x) -> { return x * 2; } // shortest: x -> x * 2
```

*()-pair can be dropped with only one parameter*



# Lambda as parameters and return types

Further examples for type inference using `Comparator<T>` as functional interface:

```
List<String> names = Arrays.asList("Ahab", "George", "Sue");  
Collections.sort(names, (s1, s2) -> s1.length() - s2.length());
```

*$T :: \text{String}$  can be deducted from names being a `List<String>`*

*Signature of `Collections::sort` method is:*

*`public static <T> void sort(List<T> list, Comparator<? super T> c)`*

```
Collections.sort(names, createComparator());
```

```
public Comparator<String> createComparator() {  
    return (s1, s2) -> s1.length() - s2.length();  
}
```

*Statement returned here is of functional interface type `Comparator<String>`*



# Method references (“function pointers”)

**Syntax:** `Classname::methodName`      `objectReferenceName::methodName`

Lambdas can be replaced by method references whenever there would not further actions within the the lambda

## Examples:

Reference	Method reference...	...replacing Lambda
static method	<code>String::valueOf</code>	<code>obj -&gt; String.valueOf(obj)</code>
instance method (via class)	<code>String::compareTo</code>	<code>(s1, s2) -&gt; s1.comapreTo(s2)</code>
instance method (via object ref)	<code>person::getName</code>	<code>() -&gt; person.getName()</code>
Constructor	<code>ArrayList::new</code>	<code>() -&gt; new ArrayList&lt;&gt;()</code>

[Table taken from Inden 2015, p. 812]

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# Streaming API

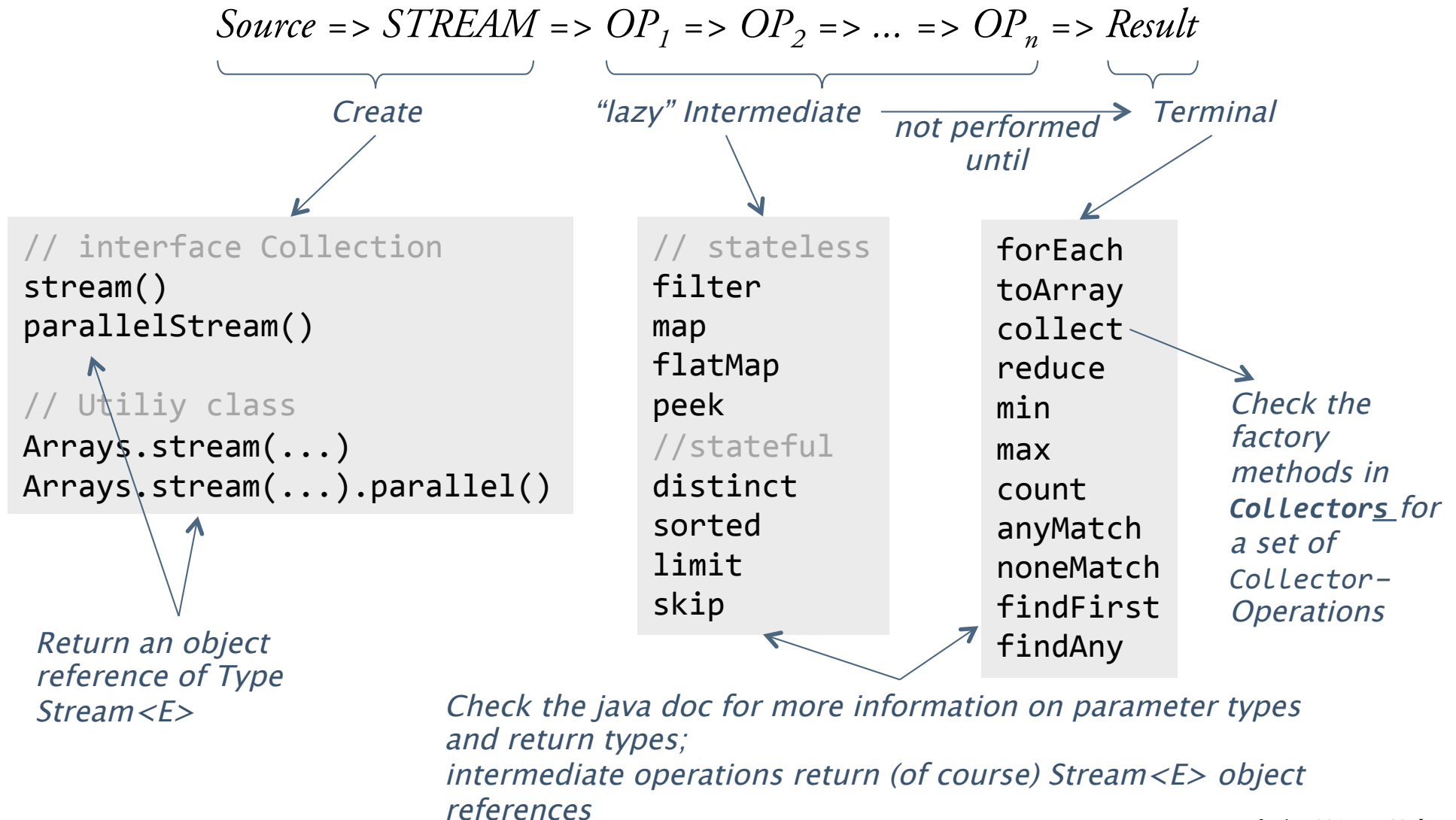
- Creating Streams
- Fluently working with streams
- Finalize Streams



# Stream ops I use most

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# Stream operations

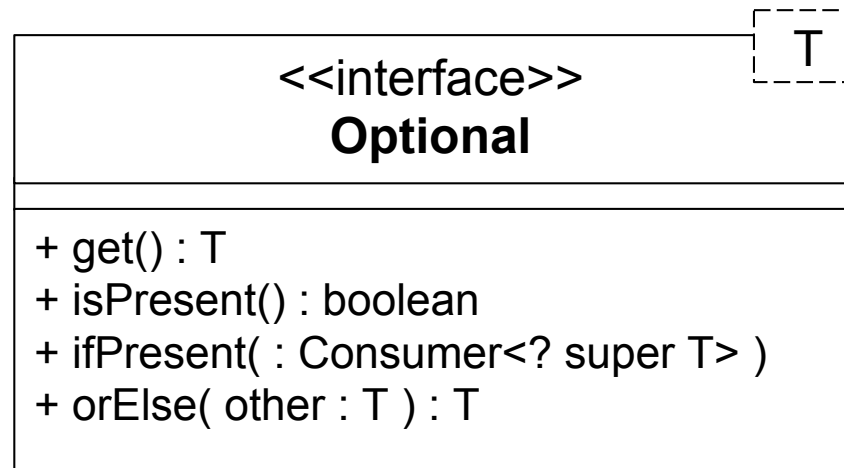


[Inden 2015, p. 825]



# Class Optional<T>

The class Optional<T> is a container wrapped around an object and is useful if you do not know whether its content is null or not (e.g. when using in fluent programming style).





# Example

“old fashioned”

```
List<Transaction> groceryTransactions = new ArrayList<>();
for(Transaction t : transactions){
    if(t.getType() == Transaction.GROCERY) {
        groceryTransactions.add(t);
    }
}
Collections.sort(groceryTransactions, new Comparator(){
    @Override
    public int compare(Transaction t1, Transaction t2){
        return t2.getValue().compareTo(t1.getValue());
    }
});
List<Integer> transactionIds = new ArrayList<>();
for(Transaction t : groceryTransactions) {
    transactionIds.add(t.getId());
}
```

Stream like

```
List<Integer> transactionIds =
    transactions.stream()
        .filter(t -> t.getType() == Transaction.GROCERY)
        .sorted(comparing(Transaction::getValue).reversed())
        .map(Transaction::getId)
        .collect(toList());
```

[taken from Urma (2014a)]



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