

# OPTIONAL IN JAVA

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## WHAT IS OPTIONAL ?

**Java 8** has introduced a new class **Optional** in **java.util** package.

It can help in writing a neat code without using too many **null checks**.

It is a **public final class** and used to deal with **NullPointerException** in Java application.

By using **Optional**, we can specify alternate values to return or alternate code to run.

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