

Lab 9 - PART I

3. In the lecture demo `lesson9.lecture.comparators2.EmployeeInfoBetter`, we showed how to use `Comparator.comparing` and `Comparator.thenComparing` to create better, more readable, and more functional-style `Comparators`. In the demo code, however, there is branching logic that could be replaced by a cleaner design:

```
public void sort(List<Employee> emps, final SortMethod method) {
    if(method == SortMethod.BYNAME) {
        Collections.sort(emps,
            Comparator.comparing(byName)
                .thenComparing(bySalary));
    } else {
        Collections.sort(emps,
            Comparator.comparing(bySalary)
                .thenComparing(byName));
    }
}
```

Eliminate the branching logic by defining a `HashMap`, together with a `Pair` class, in a clever way. Start with the `EmployeeInfoBetter` and `Employee` classes from `lesson9.lecture.comparators2`, and then modify `EmployeeInfo` in a clever way that eliminates branching logic.

NOTE from Tina:

Try to do it by yourself, if you couldn't do this one, it's fine. I won't count this in the homework points. If you do it, there's no extra points for this one. So it's your choice.

For this homework, you need to create another class `Pair` which can make name, salary method to be two different pairs.

Then in the `HashMap`, you can store method with the pair, which means: if sorting method is `SortMethod.BYNAME`, then use name first, salary second `Pair`. If sorting method is `SortMethod.BYSALARY`, then use salary first, name second `Pair`.

The sort method will look like this:

```
@SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
public void sort(List<Employee> emps, final SortMethod method) {
    Collections.sort(emps,
        Comparator.comparing(sortDiscriminator.get(method).first)
            .thenComparing(sortDiscriminator.get(method).second));
}
```

5. Create a method

`Stream<String> streamSection(Stream<String> stream, int m, int n)` which extracts a substream from the input stream `stream` consisting of all elements from position `m` to position `n`, inclusive; you must use only `Stream` operations to do this. You can

assume $0 \leq m \leq n$. A Java class has been provided for you in the lab folder for this lesson; implement the method `streamSection` given in that class, and test using the `main` method provided.

NOTE from Tina:

Find correct method to do this from slides.