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Lecture 10



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Topics

- Anonymous Classes
- Java Lambdas
- Difference between these two

We are used to writing classes for reusability and type inheritance. However we will visit anonymous classes so we have an understanding of the process behind an assembly of a class and how lambda methods are created.

Refer to Java Language Specification, 15.9.5. Anonymous Class Declarations, (https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se8/html/jls-15.html#jls-15.9.5)

An anonymous class is <u>immediately</u> constructed and an instance is returned to the caller.

```
Syntax:
      new Type() {
           [fields]
           [methods]
                                                                          There is a SayHello type within our code that we are able
                                                                          to utilise. An anonymous type would implicitly inherit
                                                                           from SayHello.
       interface SayHello{
               public void hello();
                                                                                          Within the braces, we are defining the
       SayHello hi = new SayHello() {
                                                                                          anonymous type. Simply just
                                                                                          overriding the method that is required
               public void hello() {
                                                                                          by SayHello.
                      System.out.println("Hello!");
       };
```

The idea can be considered contrary to the idea of classes and reusability of code.

An anonymous class has the following properties:

- Only one instance of an anonymous class exists
- It is typically declared within a method

Let's consider the following:

```
interface IntegerBinaryOperation {
  int apply(int x, int y);
public class Calculator {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    IntegerBinaryOperation add = new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
        return x + y;
    IntegerBinaryOperation subtract = new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
        return x - y;
    IntegerBinaryOperation multiply = new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
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Define our interface. We want to define some binary integer operation objects. This will allow a simple method (apply) to be implemented.

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Instantiate and we will be creating a new object from an implementation.

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Define the method within the type.

At this point we are writing an anonymous class and instantiating it.

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  int apply(int x, int y);
public class Calculator {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    IntegerBinaryOperation add = new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
                                                                                                                 We have multiple anonymous classes that
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
                                                                                                                 have a differing implementation for the
        return x + y;
                                                                                                                 apply method.
    IntegerBinaryOperation subtract = new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
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Since each type **implements** the methods within the interface, we are able to treat it as the interface type and therefore utilise the **apply** method with each.

Why would we use anonymous classes?

This seems like a long and convoluted way to do something very simple!

Yes! But there is an advantage to anonymous classes.

For example, within a GUI, a button's event may never be used by any other button.

We may want to hold a collection of commands and each command contains a unique implementation of a method.

We are identifying a pattern with a method and its usage.

Let's have a look at the following modifications:

```
import java.util.HashMap;
interface IntegerBinaryOperation {
  int apply(int x, int y);
public class Calculator {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    HashMap<String, IntegerBinaryOperation> operations = new HashMap<>();
    operations.put("ADD", new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
         return x + y;
    });
    operations.put("SUB", new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
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We are able to specify a type that the anonymous class will implement.

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We are able to store the operations within a collection and refer to them from a string.

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    });
    operations.put("SUB", new IntegerBinaryOperation() {
                                                                                                                   Using the key for the element, we are
      public int apply(int x, int y) {
                                                                                                                   able to extract the method and
                                                                                                                    execute it.
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So let's extend our program to support this

Lambda methods require an interface that declares **only one abstract method**. After an interface has been defined and only contains one **abstract** method, it can adhere allow the usage of lambda methods.

Syntax:

(arg1[, arg2...]) -> methodBody

Prior to Java 8, lambdas does not exist.

Refer to Java Language Specification, 15.13. Lambda Expressions, (https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se8/html/jls-15.html#jls-15.13)

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SayHello hi = () -> System.out.println("Hello!");

IntegerBinaryOperation add = $(x, y) \rightarrow x + y$;

IntegerBinaryOperation add = (int x, int y) \rightarrow x + y;

We define the expression using the parenethesis and -> arrow.

This looks similar to our previous but with lambdas!

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import java.util.HashMap;
interface IntegerBinaryOperation {
  int apply(int x, int y);
public class CalculatorLambdas {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    HashMap<String, IntegerBinaryOperation> operations = new HashMap<>();
    operations.put("ADD", (x, y) \rightarrow x + y);
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We still have the hashmap storing the operations, however we are using lambda expressions instead

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```

Since the interface adheres to a functional interface, we are able to write a method that resembles the only abstract method signature.

Can lambdas have multiple lines?

YES!

Syntax:

(arg1[, arg2...]) -> { functionBody }

Example:

We are able to specify multiple lines in a lambda method by utilising the curly brace.

What about default methods?

Excellent question!

Referring to the java language specification of what is considered a **Functional Interface**:

"A functional interface is an interface that has just one **abstract** method (aside from the methods of Object), and thus represents a single function contract."

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se8/html/jls-9.html#jls-9.8

So we can use default methods in lambda expressions?

Default Methods

Yes! We can have default methods within an interface and also allow that interface to be a **functional interface** but we cannot use them within lambda expressions.

However! We can use the lambda expression within our default methods!

Let's consider the following example:

```
interface SayHello {
    public default void howAreYou() { hello(); System.out.println("How are you today?"); }
    public void hello();
}

public class Hello {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SayHello hi = () -> {
            System.out.println("Hello!");
        };
        hi.howAreYou();
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}
We specify a default method that utilises the eventually defined abstract method.
```

Demo

Difference between Anonymous class and Lambda Expression

Difference

Anonymous Class

Lambda Expression

It is a class without name.

It is a method without name. (anonymous function)

It is the best choice if we want to handle interface with multiple methods.

It is the best choice if we want to handle functional interface.

At the time of compilation, a separate .class file will be generated.

At the time of compilation, no separate .class file will be generated. It simply convert it into private method of the outer class.

Memory allocation is on demand, whenever we are creating an object.

It resides in a permanent memory of JVM.

See you next time!

