# ANONYMOUS CLASSES, LAMBDAS, COLLECTIONS

# **INNER CLASSES**

- Sometimes, we just need a class for one small purpose
- Standard option: private inner class
  ButtonListener
  - Quite a bit of code
  - Potentially hard to read

# **ANONYMOUS CLASSES**

- A class without a name
- define class directly where it's needed and instantiated
- better, but still quite a bit of code

# LAMBDA EXPRESSIONS

- A lot of times, the purpose of class is to implement simple interface with one method
- Example Comparable, ActionListener, etc.
- Because interface has only one function
  - No need to explicitly specify
  - It can infer

# LAMBDA EXPRESSIONS

- Compact way of passing around behavior
- Lambda functions allow for brief, clean implementation of interface with one function
- Make code easier to read

#### **LAMBDAS - FORMAT**

• Single expression, one argument:

ActionListener oneArgHello = event -> System.out.println("hello")

- Multiple expressions, enclose expressions in bracket
- No arguments, use empty () for arg (aka in place of event)
- Multiple arguments, use (x, y) for arg

# **COLLECTIONS**

- Group of objects (elements)
- Gathers/organizes elements
- Interface in Java specifies how to interact with (access/manage) group of objects
- An abstraction details of implementation hidden

# **COLLECTIONS**

- Some are ordered, others unordered
- Some allow duplicates, others don't
- Example: ArrayList implements Collection
  - Implementation differs from other implementers of Collection
  - Stil interact in the same way