



Kotlin

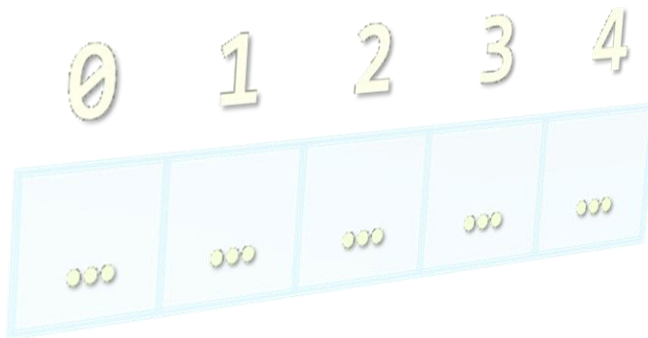
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Arrays & Lists

Processing Sequence of Elements



Arrays

- Kotlin has a special class called **Array<T>** to declare arrays

```
val names: Array<String> = emptyArray()  
val colors: Array<String> = arrayOf("Red", "Green", "Blue")  
val nulls: Array<String?> = arrayOfNulls(10)
```

```
val numbers: Array<Int> = emptyArray()  
val nums: Array<Int> = arrayOf(2, 3, 4)  
val nullNums: Array<Int?> = arrayOfNulls(10)
```

```
colors.forEach { println(it) }
```

- Better to use **List, Set, Map**

List

// immutable list and mutable list

```
val numsList = listOf(1, 2, 3)
```

```
val mutableNumsList = mutableListof(1, 2, 3)
```

```
mutableNumsList.add(4)
```

```
val sum = numsList.sum() // => 6
```

```
listOf("a", "b", "cc").sumBy { it.length } // => 4
```

List of Objects Example

```
class Car(val brand: String, val age: Int, val horsepower: Int)
```

```
val fleet = listOf(  
    Car(brand: "Ford", age: 1, horsepower: 100),  
    Car(brand: "Mazda", age: 2, horsepower: 120),  
    Car(brand: "Opel", age: 2, horsepower: 95))
```

```
fleet.maxBy { it.horsepower }
```

```
fleet.filter { it.age == 2 }
```

```
fleet.filter { it.age == 2 }.maxBy { it.horsepower }
```

```
fleet.forEach { print("brand: $it.brand") }
```



Chained
Calls

Set

```
// immutable set and mutable set  
  
val colors = setOf("red", "blue", "yellow")  
val mutableColors = mutableSetOf("red", "blue", "yellow")  
mutableColors.add("pink")  
  
val longerThan3 = colors.filter { it.length > 3 }  
  
// => [blue, yellow]
```

Map

```
val languages = mapOf(1 to "Python",  
                      2 to "Kotlin",  
                      3 to "Java")  
  
for ((key, value) in languages) {  
    println("$key => $value")  
}
```


Sequence

// Sequences represent lazily-evaluated collections

```
val numSequence = generateSequence(1, { it + 1 })
```

```
val nums = numSequence.take(10).toList()
```

```
println(nums) // => [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

// Convert List to a sequence to enable lazy evaluation

```
val numbers = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
val sum = numbers.asSequence()
```

```
    .map { it * 2 } // Lazy
```

```
    .filter { it % 2 == 0 } // Lazy
```

```
    .reduce(Int::plus) // Terminal (eager)
```

```
println(sum) // 30
```

Example of Lazy Evaluation

```
employees.asSequence()  
  .filter( it != null)  
  .filter( it.salary > 500000)  
  .map( it * 1.1)  
  .take(1)
```

- **Apparent behavior**

- Check all elements for null, get salary of all non-null (& compare to 500K) on all remaining, increase salary of employees with salary > 500K, return the first one

- **Actual behavior (lazy evaluation)**

- Check first element, if not null get salary, if salary > \$500K, increase salary, return employee and exit. Otherwise repeat...

Lambda

A large, stylized black lambda symbol (λ) is centered on the page. The symbol is a cursive-style character with a thick stroke, featuring a small hook at the top and a curved tail at the bottom.

Imperative vs. Declarative

Imperative Programming

- You tell the computer **how** to perform a task.

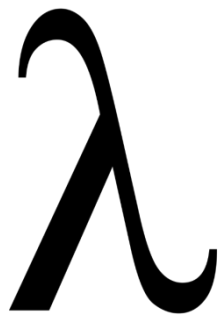
Declarative Programming

- You tell the computer **what you want**, and you let the compiler (or runtime) figure out the best way to do it. This makes the code simpler and more concise
- Also known as **Functional Programming**
- **Declarative programming using Lambdas helps us to achieve KISS**

KEEP **I**T **S**HORT & **S**IMPLE



What is a Lambda?



- Lambda is very similar to *a function*. It has:
 - Parameters
 - A body
 - A return type
- It **don't have a name** (anonymous method)
- It can be assigned to a variable
- It **can be passed as a parameter** to other function:
 - As *code* to be executed by the receiving function
- Concise syntax:

{ Parameters -> Body }

Passing Lambda as a Parameter

- Lambda expression can be passed as a parameter to methods such as *forEach*, *filter* and *map* methods :

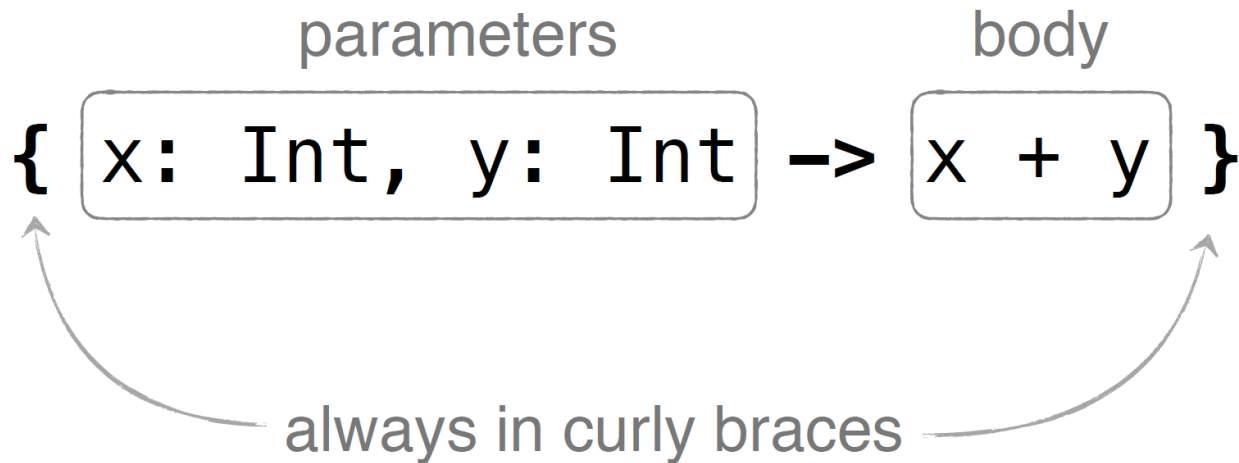
```
val numbers = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
numbers.forEach { e -> println(e) }
```

forEach - Calls a Lambda on Each Element of the list

- Left side of **->** operator is a parameter variable
- Right side is the code to operate on the parameter and compute a result
- When using a lambda with a List the compiler can determine the parameter type

Lambda

- **Lambda** is an anonymous function that you can store in a variable, pass them as parameter, or return from other function



`list.any({ i: Int -> i > 0 })`

↑
full syntax

```
list.any() { i: Int -> i > 0 }
```

when lambda is the last argument,
it can be moved out of parentheses

```
list.any { i: Int -> i > 0 }
```

empty parentheses can be omitted

```
list.any { i -> i > 0 }
```

type can be omitted if it's clear from the context

```
list.any { it > 0 }
```

it denotes an argument (if it's only one)

Lambda Short Form

Lambda usage

```
val isEven: (Int) -> Boolean = { i -> i % 2 == 0 }  
val list = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4)  
val evenNumberInList = list.any(isEven)  
val evens = list.filter(isEven)  
  
println("Is there any even number: $evenNumberInList")  
println("Even numbers: $evens")
```

Multi-line lambda

```
list.any {  
    println("processing $it")  
    it > 0  
}
```

Last expression is the result



Lambda usage

- Allows working with collections in a functional style

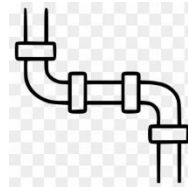
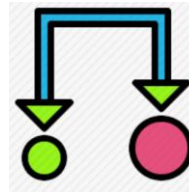
e.g. What's the average age of employees working in Doha?

```
val employees = listOf<Employee>(
    Employee("Sara Faleh", "Doha", 30),
    Employee("Mariam Saleh", "Istanbul", 22),
    Employee("Ali Maleh", "Doha", 24)
)

val avgAge = employees.filter { it.city == "Doha" }
                        .map { it.age }
                        .average()
```

Common operations on collections

Filter, Map, Reduce, and others





Common operations on collections

.map 

- Applies a function to each list element

.filter(condition) 

- Returns a new list with the elements that satisfy the condition

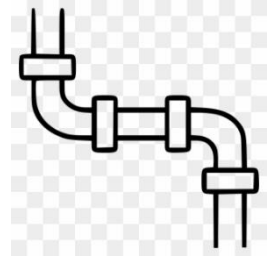
.find(condition) 

- Returns the first list element that satisfy the condition

.reduce 

- Applies an accumulator function to each element of the list to reduce them to a single value

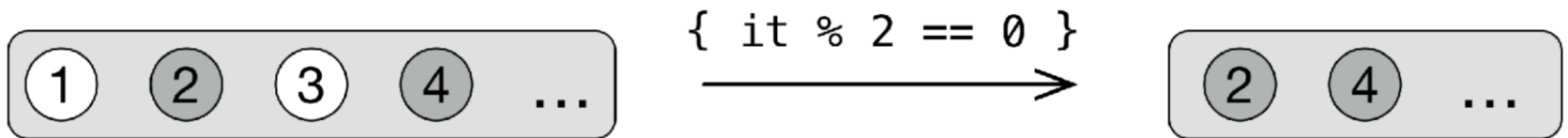
Operations Pipeline



- **A pipeline of operations:** a sequence of operations where the output of each operation becomes the input into the next
 - e.g., `.filter -> .map -> .sum`
- Operations are either **Intermediate** or **Terminal**
- **Intermediate operations** produce a new list as output (e.g., `map`, `filter`, ...)
- **Terminal operations** are the final operation in the pipeline (e.g., `find`, `reduce`, `sum` ...)
 - Once a terminal operation is invoked then no further operations can be performed

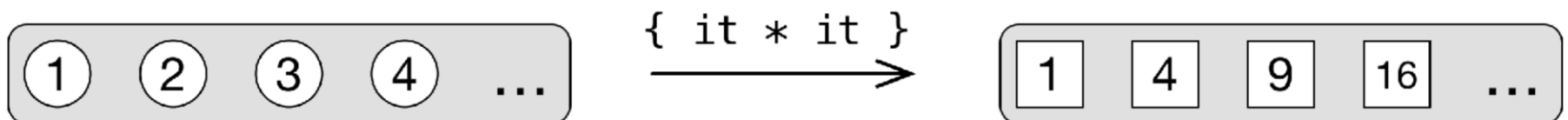
Filter

Keep elements that satisfy a condition



Map

Transform elements by applying a Lambda to each element



Reduce



Apply an accumulator function to each element of the list to reduce them to a single value

```
// Imperative
var sum = 0
for(n in numbers)
    sum += n
```

```
//Declarative
var total = numbers.reduce { sum, n -> sum + n }
//Another way with the ability to set the initial
value of sum
total = numbers.fold(0) { sum, n -> sum + n }
//Short form
total = numbers.sum()
```

Collapse the multiple elements of a list into a single element

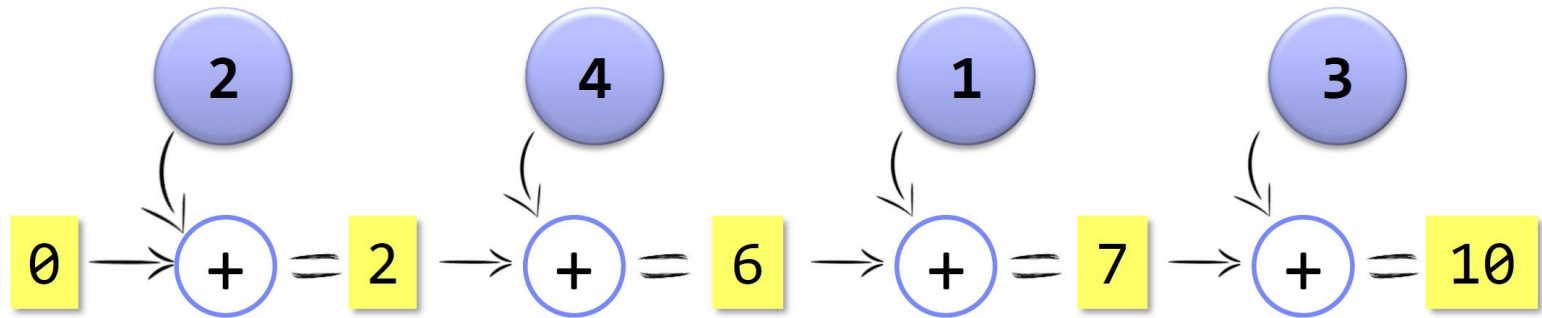


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Accumulation
Variable

Accumulation
Lambda

Reduce



.reduce { sum, n -> sum + n }

Reduce is **terminal** operation that yields a single value

Convenience Reducers

sum, average, count, min, max

- They are **terminal** operations that yield a single value

```
val nums = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
```

```
val sum = nums.sum()
```

```
val count = nums.count()
```

```
val average = nums.average()
```

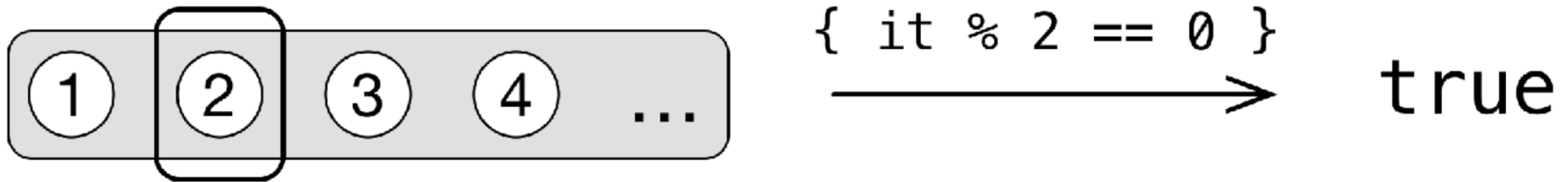
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val max = nums.maxOrNull()
```

```
val min = nums.minOrNull()
```

any (all, none)

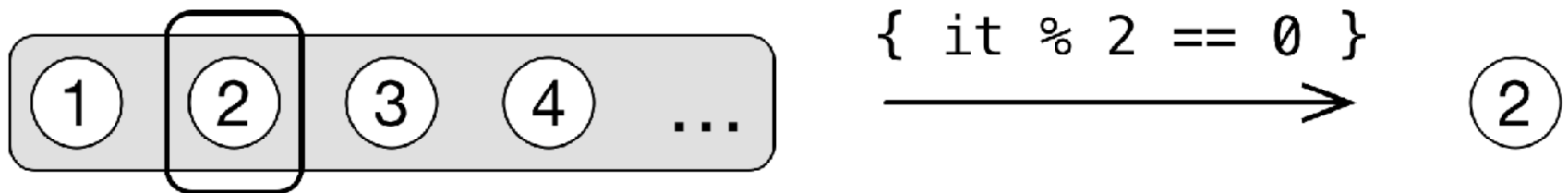


- **any** returns true if it finds an element that satisfies the lambda condition
- **all** returns false if it finds an element that fails the lambda condition
- **none** returns false if it finds an element that satisfies the lambda condition

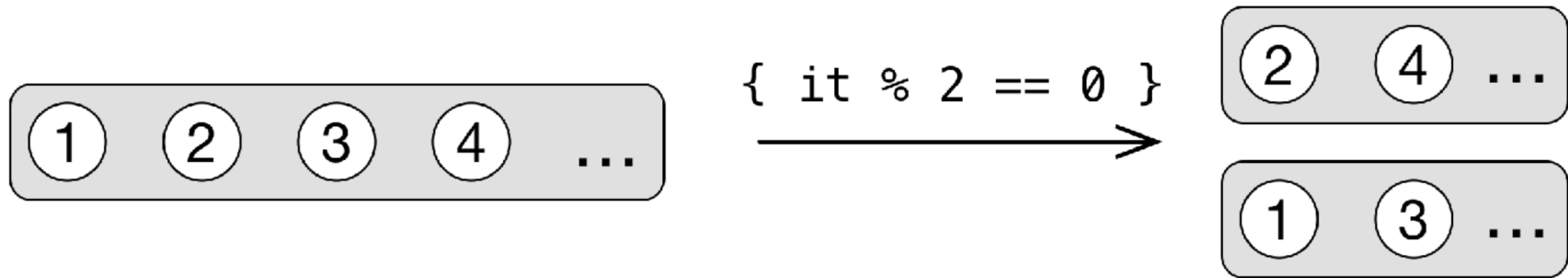


find / firstOrNull

Return first element satisfying a condition



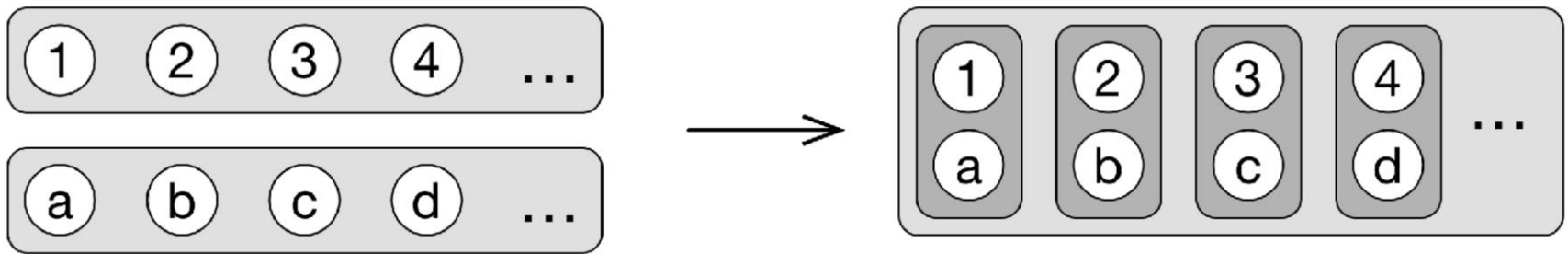
partition



```
val (even, odd) = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4).partition { it % 2 == 0 }
```

zip

Returns a list from the elements from 2 lists having the same index.
The resulting list ends as soon as the shortest input list ends



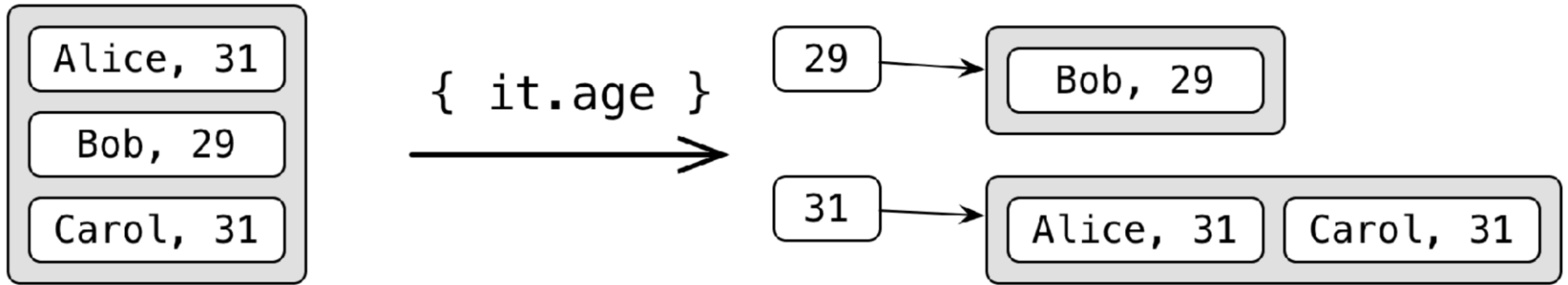
```
val nums = listOf(1, 2, 3, 4)
```

```
val letters = listOf("a", "b", "c", "d")
```

```
val result = nums.zip(letters)
```

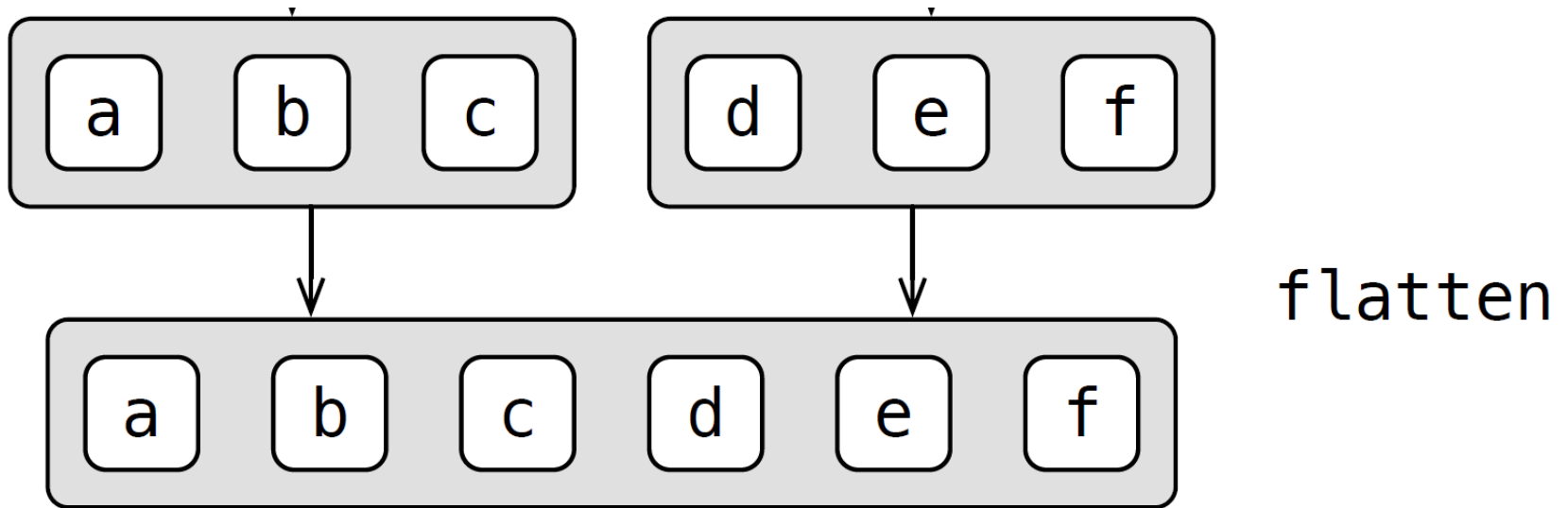
groupBy

- groupBy is used to split a list into groups



```
people.groupBy { it.age }
```

flatMap



```
val listOfList = listOf(  
    listOf("a", "b", "c"),  
    listOf("d", "e", "f")  
)  
val singleList = listOfList.flatMap { it }
```

Flat Map

Do a map and flatten the results into 1 list

```
books = students.flatMap { it.getBooks() }
```

Each student has a list of books. **flatMap** combines them to produce a single list of **all** books

Sort a List using Lambda

Sort strings by length (shortest to longest)

```
val names = listOf("Abderahame", "Abdelkarim", "Ali", "Sarah", "Samira", "Farida")
println(">Sorted by length:")

var sorted = names.sortedBy { it.length }
println(sorted)

println("\n>Sorted by length and then alphabetically:")
//Sort strings by length (shortest, longest) and then alphabetically
sorted = names.sortedWith( compareBy( { it.length }, { it }) )
println(sorted)
```

Use **compareBy** for multi-step comparisons

```
class Person(val name: String,  
             val age: Int)
```

```
fun sortPersons(persons: List<Person>) =  
    persons.sortedWith(  
        compareBy(Person::name,  
                   Person::age))
```



JSON Data Format

- **JSON** (JavaScript Object Notation) is a very popular **lightweight data format** to transform an object to a **text** form to ease storing and transporting data
- **Json** class could be used to transform an object to json or transform a json string to an object

Transform an instance of Surah class to a JSON string:

```
val fatiha = Surah(1, "الفاتحة", "Al-Fatiha", 7, "Meccan")  
val surahJson = Json.encodeToString(fatiha)
```

// Converting a json string to an object

```
val surah = Json.decodeFromString<Surah>(surahJson)
```



```
{  
  "id": 1,  
  "name": "الفاتحة",  
  "englishName": "Al-Fatiha",  
  "ayaCount": 7,  
  "type": "Meccan"  
}
```

Surah
<ul style="list-style-type: none">id: intname: StringenglishName: StringayaCount: inttype: String

@Serializable

- To use Json sterilization the class must be annotated with **@Serializable**

```
@Serializable
data class Surah (
    val id : Int,
    val name: String,
    val englishName : String,
    val ayaCount : Int,
    val type: String
)
```

Read JSON file

- Read a JSON file and convert its content to objects

```
val filePath = "data/surahs.json"  
// Read file content  
val bufferedReader = File(filePath).bufferedReader()  
val fileContent = bufferedReader.readText()  
  
val surahs = Json.decodeFromString<List<Surah>>(fileContent)
```



You may use <https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/10054-generate-kotlin-data-classes-from-json> Android Studio plugin to generate a Kotlin class from a json string!

Dependencies to use Kotlin Serialization

- To be able use **@Serializable** and **Json** class you need to add these dependencies then sync:

1) Add to dependencies of the 1st (Project) build.gradle:

```
classpath "org.jetbrains.kotlin:kotlin-serialization:$kotlin_version"
```

2) Add to dependencies of the 2nd (Module) build.gradle

```
implementation "org.jetbrains.kotlinx:kotlinx-serialization-core:1.0.0-RC"
```

3) Add this apply plugin to the 2nd build.gradle before line "android {"

```
apply plugin: 'kotlinx-serialization'
```

Summary

- To start thinking in the functional style ***avoid loops*** and instead use Lambdas
 - Widely used for list processing and GUI building to handle events
- A list can be processed in a pipeline
 - Typical pipeline operations are filter, map and reduce
- JSON is a very popular lightweight data format to **transform an object to a text form** to ease storing and transporting data