



Lesson 3-4: Using Collectors

Collector Basics

- A Collector performs a mutable reduction on a stream
 - Accumulates input elements into a mutable result container
 - Results container can be a List, Map, String, etc
- Use the `collect()` method to terminate the stream
- Collectors utility class has many methods that can create a Collector

Composing Collectors

- Several Collectors methods have versions with a downstream collector
- Allows a second collector to be used
 - `collectingAndThen()`
 - `groupingBy()/groupingByConcurrent()`
 - `mapping()`
 - `partitioningBy()`

Collecting Into A Collection

- `toCollection(Supplier factory)`
 - Adds the elements of the stream to a `Collection` (created using factory)
 - Uses encounter order
- `toList()`
 - Adds the elements of the stream to a `List`
- `toSet()`
 - Adds the elements of the stream to a `Set`
 - Eliminates duplicates

Collecting To A Map

- `toMap(Function keyMapper, Function valueMapper)`
 - Creates a Map from the elements of the stream
 - key and value produced using provided functions
 - Use `Function.identity()` to get the stream element

```
Map<Student, Double> studentToScore = students.stream()  
    .collect(toMap(Functions.identity(),  
                    student -> getScore(student)));
```

Collecting To Map

Handling Duplicate Keys

```
toMap(Function keyMapper, Function valueMapper,  
      BinaryOperator merge)
```

- The same process as first toMap() method
 - But uses the BinaryOperator to merge values for duplicate keys

```
Map<String, String> occupants = people.stream()  
    .collect(toMap(Person::getAddress,  
                   Person::getName,  
                   (x, y) -> x + "," + y));
```

People at the same
address are merged into a
CSV string



Grouping Results

- `groupingBy(Function)`
 - Groups stream elements using the Function into a Map
 - Result is `Map<K, List<V>>`

```
Map m = words.stream().groupingBy(String::length)
```

- `groupingBy(Function, Collector)`
 - Groups stream elements using the Function
 - A reduction is performed on each group using the downstream Collector

```
Map m = words.stream().groupingBy(String::length, counting())
```

Joining String Results

- `joining()`
 - Collector concatenates input strings
- `joining(delimiter)`
 - Collector concatenates stream strings using `CharSequence` delimiter

```
collect(Collectors.joining(", ")); // Create CSV
```

- `joining(delimiter, prefix, suffix)`
 - Collector concatenates the prefix, stream strings separated by delimiter and suffix

Numeric Collectors

Also Available In Double And Long Forms

- `averagingInt(ToIntFunction)`
 - Averages the results generated by the supplied function
- `summarizingInt(ToIntFunction)`
 - Summarises (count, sum, min, max, average) results generated by supplied function
- `summingInt(ToIntFunction)`
 - equivalent to a `map()` then `sum()`
- `maxBy(Comparator), minBy(Comparator)`
 - Maximum or minimum value based on Comparator

Other Collectors

- `reducing(BinaryOperator)`
 - Equivalent Collector to `reduce()` terminal operation
 - Only use for multi-level reductions, or downstream collectors
- `partitioningBy(Predicate)`
 - Creates a `Map<Boolean, List>` containing two groups based on Predicate
- `mapping(Function, Collector)`
 - Adapts a Collector to accept different type elements mapped by the Function

```
Map<City, Set<String>> lastNamesByCity = people.stream()  
    .collect(groupingBy(Person::getCity,  
        mapping(Person::getLastName, toSet())));
```

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Summary

- Collectors provide powerful ways to gather elements of an input stream
 - Into collections
 - In numerical ways like totals and averages
- Collectors can be composed to build more complex ones
- You can also create your own Collector

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