

“Modern” Java

“Modern” Java versions

- Selection of “modern” additions between Java 8 – Java 17
- Optionally: preview of Java 21 (LTS)

Java 8
Java 10
Java 14
Java 16
Java 17
Java 21

- Functional interface; Lambdas
- Streams
- Optional
- var
- Switch expressions
- Pattern matching for instanceof
- Records
- Sealed classes
- Sneak peek



8:30 – 12:00ish



13:00ish – 15:00ish



15:00ish – 16:30ish

Java 8 - Lambdas

- concise way to represent an anonymous function
- ->
- E.g. $a \rightarrow foo(a)$
- Often used to inline implement a *functional interface*

Java 8 – Functional interface

- Interface with exactly one abstract method
- Optionally annotated with *@FunctionalInterface*

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface MathOperation {
    int operate(int a, int b); // Abstract method
}
```

Java 8 – Lambda expression to implement functional interface

```
interface MathOperation {  
    1 usage    new *  
    int operate(int a, int b);  
}  
  
new *  
public class Main {  
    new *  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Using a lambda expression to implement the MathOperation interface  
        MathOperation add = (a, b) -> a + b;  
  
        int result = add.operate(a: 5, b: 3); // result will be 8  
        System.out.println("Result: " + result);  
    }  
}
```

Java 8 – Method reference to implement functional interface

```
interface MathOperation {  
    1 usage new *  
    int operate(int a, int b);  
}  
  
new *  
public class Main {  
    new *  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Using a method reference to implement the MathOperation interface  
        MathOperation add = Main::add;  
  
        int result = add.operate(a: 5, b: 3); // result will be 8  
        System.out.println("Result: " + result);  
    }  
  
    1 usage new *  
    private static int add(int a, int b) {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
}
```

Java 8 – Stream API

- Process collections of data in a functional manner
- Concise and expressive code
 - avoiding explicit iteration when dealing with sequences of elements
- Not a datastructure in and of itself
- Streams support various operations that can be performed on the elements, such as **filtering, mapping, sorting, reducing and collecting.**

Java 8 – Creating streams

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // stream a collection  
    Collection<Integer> integers = getIntegers();  
    Stream<Integer> integerStream = integers.stream();  
  
    // static factory function  
    Stream<String> stringStream = Stream.of("Apple", "Blueberry", "Pear");  
  
    // create stream from primitive array  
    int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
    IntStream numbersStream = Arrays.stream(numbers);  
  
    // generate an infinite stream  
    Stream<Double> randomStream = Stream.generate(Math::random);  
}
```

Java 8 – Primitive streams

- Streams work primarily on objects
- I want to create a stream of primitive type? 2 options:
 - Use boxed types
 - Use primitive streams

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // IntStream  
    IntStream oneToHundred = IntStream.rangeClosed(1, 100);  
  
    // DoubleStream  
    DoubleStream s = DoubleStream.generate(Math::random);  
  
    // LongStream  
    LongStream longStream = LongStream.range(Long.MIN_VALUE, Long.MAX_VALUE);  
  
    // CharStream??  
    // ByteStream??  
    // Not implemented as to not pollute Stream API  
    IntStream charStream = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz".chars();  
}
```

Java 8 – Converting primitive to boxed Stream

- `.boxed()`

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // IntStream  
    IntStream oneToHundred = IntStream.rangeClosed(1, 100);  
  
    Stream<Integer> oneToHundredBoxed = oneToHundred.boxed();  
}
```

Java 8 – Stream operations

- `.filter`
- `.map`
- `.forEach`
- `.reduce`
- `.collect`
- `.findAny` / `.findFirst`
- ...

Java 8 – Stream operations

- .filter
- .map/.flatMap
- .forEach
- .reduce
- .collect
- .findAny / .findFirst
- ...

accepts



- Predicate
- Function
- Consumer
- BinaryOperator
- Collector
- No args
- ...

Functional interfaces

Java 8 – filtering

Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of one argument.

This is a functional interface whose functional method is `test(Object)`.

Since: 1.8

Type parameters: `<T>` – the type of the input to the predicate

`@FunctionalInterface`

```
public interface Predicate<T> {
```

Evaluates this predicate on the given argument.

Params: `t` – the input argument

Returns: true if the input argument matches the predicate, otherwise false

```
boolean test(T t);
```

Java 8 – mapping

```
@FunctionalInterface
```

```
public interface Function<T, R> {
```



Applies this function to the given argument.

Params: `t` – the function argument

Returns: the function result

```
R apply(T t);
```

Java 8 – flatMap

- Two step operation:
 1. Transform element into stream
 2. Flatten resulting streams

```
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;
import java.util.stream.Stream;

public class FlatMapExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<List<Integer>> listOfLists = Arrays.asList(
            Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3),
            Arrays.asList(4, 5),
            Arrays.asList(6, 7, 8)
        );

        // Use flatMap to flatten the list of lists into a single stream
        List<Integer> flattenedList = listOfLists.stream()
            .flatMap(list -> list.stream())
            .collect(Collectors.toList());

        // Print the flattened list
        System.out.println("Flattened List: " + flattenedList);
    }
}
```


Java 8 – forEach

- Process elements

```
new *
public class ForEachExample {
    new *
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> fruits = Arrays.asList("Apple", "Banana", "Cherry", "Date", "Fig");

        // Use .forEach to print each fruit name
        fruits.forEach(System.out::println);
    }
}
```

Java 8 – Optional<T>

- May or may not contain a non-null value of type T
- Useful in situations where a “solution” might not be possible
- Avoid NPE
- .isPresent, .ifPresent, .orElse, .orElseThrow...

```
public class OptionalExample {  
    new *  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Create an Optional with a non-null value  
        Optional<String> optionalValue = Optional.of("Hello, World!");  
  
        // Check if a value is present  
        if (optionalValue.isPresent()) {  
            System.out.println("Value is present: " + optionalValue.get());  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Value is absent");  
        }  
  
        // Create an Optional with a potentially null value  
        String nullableValue = null;  
        Optional<String> optionalNullableValue = Optional.ofNullable(nullableValue);  
  
        // Use orElse to provide a default value if the value is absent  
        String result = optionalNullableValue.orElse("Default Value");  
        System.out.println("Result: " + result);  
    }  
}
```

Java 8 – reduce

- Reduce elements of a stream into a single element using an implementation of the BinaryOperator functional interface
- Returns an Optional → why?

```
public class ReduceExample {  
    new *  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);  
  
        // Calculate the sum of all numbers using reduce  
        Optional<Integer> sum = numbers.stream()  
            .reduce(Integer::sum);  
  
        // Print the result  
        sum.ifPresent(System.out::println);  
    }  
}
```

Java 8 – sorted

- Sort elements based on comparator logic represented by implementation of functional Comparator interface

```
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;

public class StreamSortedExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(5, 2, 8, 1, 6, 3);

        // Sort the numbers in ascending order
        List<Integer> sortedNumbers = numbers.stream()
            .sorted()
            .collect(Collectors.toList());

        // Print the sorted numbers
        System.out.println("Sorted Numbers: " + sortedNumbers);
    }
}
```

Java 10 – var

- Local variable type inference
- Project Amber: improve code readability and boilerplate code
- Use with caution!!
 - Okay e.g. when looping over the entry set of a map where the key and value types are clear
 - Okay when prototyping something like a stream
 - Not okay to use when lazy

Java 14 – switch expression

- Concise way to handle branching logic in a single expression
- The result of the matched case is returned as the result of the expression
- -> and -> {yield}

```
public class SwitchExpressionExample {  
    new *  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String dayOfWeek = "Monday";  
  
        boolean isWeekend = switch (dayOfWeek) {  
            case "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday" -> false;  
            case "Saturday", "Sunday" -> true;  
            default -> throw new IllegalStateException("Invalid day of week!");  
        };  
  
        System.out.println("Is it the weekend: " + isWeekend);  
    }  
}
```

Java 16 – Pattern matching for instanceof

- Simplifies pattern of checking type with instanceof and thereafter casting it

```
public class OldWayExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Object obj = "Hello, Java 16!";  
  
        // Using the old way with separate instanceof check and casting  
        if (obj instanceof String) {  
            String str = (String) obj;  
            System.out.println("Length of the string: " + str.length());  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Not a string");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
public class PatternMatchingExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Object obj = "Hello, Java 16!";  
  
        // Using pattern matching for instanceof  
        if (obj instanceof String str) {  
            System.out.println("Length of the string: " + str.length());  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Not a string");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Java 16 – Records

- Reduce boilerplate
 - ~~Getters/Setters~~
 - ~~.equals~~
 - ~~.hashCode~~
 - ~~.toString~~
- Automatic getters
- Can have member methods just like a class
- Useful for DTOs and data-centric programming

```
// Defining a Point record  
record Point(int x, int y) {}
```

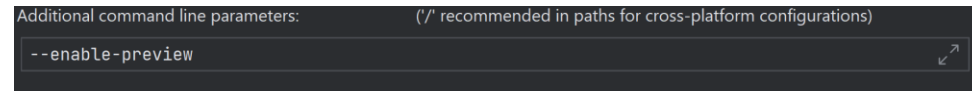

Java 17 – Sealed classes

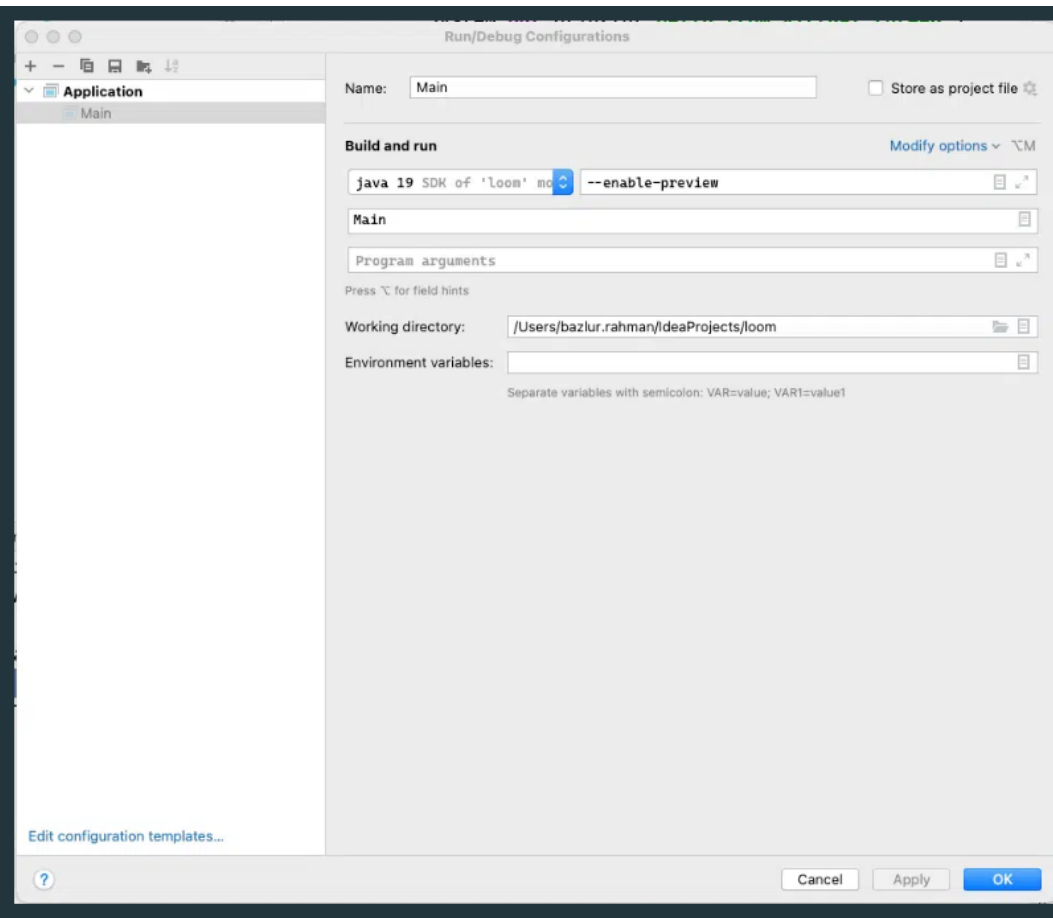
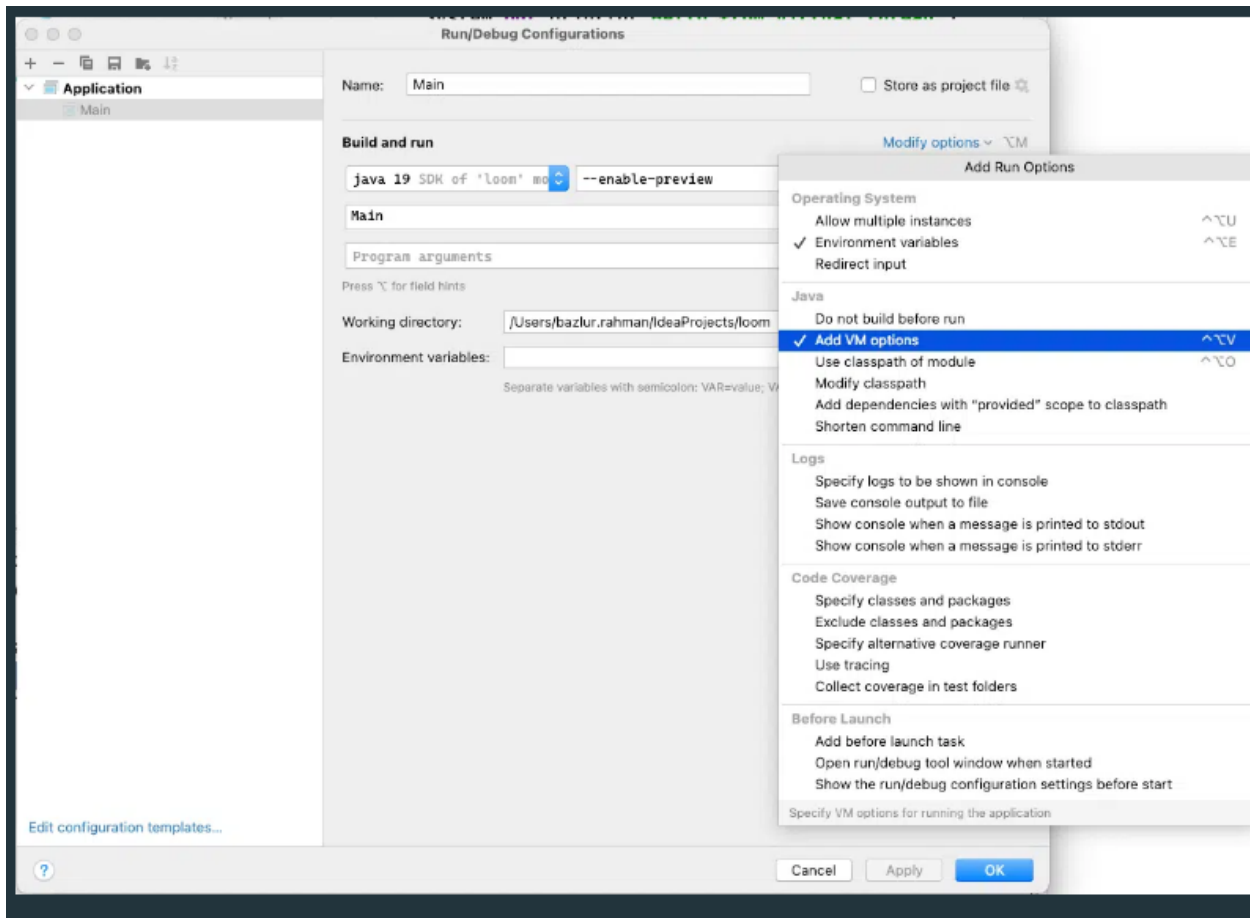
- Specify a limited set of allowed subclasses → ‘permits’ modifier
- Disallow any other inheritance → ‘sealed’ modifier
- Make inheritance hierarchy more predictable and maintainable
- **Solves instanceof checking smells**
- Very useful for large frameworks/libraries to constrain inheritance in large class hierarchies

```
// Defining a Point record  
record Point(int x, int y) {}
```

Java 21

- Release: tomorrow 19/09
- We will be using latest preview build: <https://jdk.java.net/21/>
- Some set-up in IntelliJ:
 - Project Structure > language level – X
 - Project Settings > Java Compiler >
 - Run configuration > (see next slide)





Java 21 – Pattern Matching for Switch

- Avoid huge if – else if – else statements when type checking
 - Switch statements!
 - Before 21: only Strings, enum's and (boxed) integer primitives
 - Now every type
 - Auto exhaustiveness checks for pattern-matched switch statements! (not for normal switch statements to keep backwards compatibility)

```
public static int test(Object obj) {  
    return switch (obj) {  
        case String s -> 1;  
        case Integer x -> x + 3;  
        default -> 2; // Does not compile without this default, as Object could be much more than String or Integer!  
    };  
}
```

Java 21 – Pattern Matching for Switch

```
sealed interface Subject permits Economics, Maths {}  
non-sealed class Economics implements Subject {}  
record Maths(String teacher) implements Subject {}
```

```
public static int test2 (Subject s) {  
    return switch (s) {  
        case Economics e -> 1;  
        case Maths m -> 2;  
    };  
}
```

Sealed classes => This switch is exhaustive

Java 21 – Pattern Matching for Switch

- Guards verminderen de hoeveelheid conditional code binnen een case: keyword *when* gevolgd door booleaanse expressive
- The first case match is followed

```
public static int when(Object o) {  
    return switch (o){  
        case String s when s.length() > 4 -> 4;  
        case String s -> s.length();  
        case Integer x -> x+3;  
        default -> 2;  
    };  
}
```

Java 21 – Pattern Matching for Switch

Some *minor* changes

- Null checks can be inside the switch (NPE before J21)
- Pattern matching cases do not allow fall-through!

Java 21 – Record patterns

- A new *construct* is now allowed when doing instanceof on a record or in a switch case
- RecordPattern = *RecordType* (...fields of record)
- Most value when having nested records

```
enum Language { JAVA, DOTNET}
interface AxxesEmployee {}
record Admin (String name) implements AxxesEmployee {}
record Consultant (String name, Language lang) implements AxxesEmployee {}
```

```
private static String recordMatch (AxxesEmployee employee) {

    return switch (employee) {
        case Admin(var name) -> "%s is probably smart".formatted(name);
        case Consultant(var name, var l) when l == Language.JAVA -> "%s must be a genius".formatted(name)
        case Consultant(var s, var l) -> "Hmm...";
        default-> "Don't know";
    };
}
```


Java 21 – Record patterns

```
record Point(int x, int y) {}  
enum Color { RED, GREEN, BLUE }  
record ColoredPoint(Point p, Color c) {}  
record Rectangle(ColoredPoint upperLeft, ColoredPoint lowerRight) {}
```

```
private void nesting(Rectangle r) {  
    if (r instanceof Rectangle(ColoredPoint(Point p, Color c),  
                                ColoredPoint lr)) {  
        System.out.println(c);  
    }  
}
```

Java 21 – Virtual Threads

Pre Java 21: Every Java thread wraps a OS level thread

Thread-per-request applications: every request runs on its own thread

=> very limited throughput!

Virtual Threads

- Decoupling of Java (virtual) Thread & OS threads
- Unlock underlying OS thread (« give it back to the pool ») when operation blocks (i.e. networking)
- « Using virtual threads does not require learning new concepts, it may require *unlearning* habits.»

Java 21 – Virtual Threads

Virtual threads creation:

- `Executors.newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()`
- `Thread.Builder` API
- Structured concurrency (Next topic)

Terminology:

- Carrier: Platform thread that (instigated by virtual) runs on OS thread
- (un)mounting: (de)coupling Virtual thread from/to *carrier*.
- Pinned: Virtual Thread that cannot unmount from carrier because
 - It's in a synchronized block
 - Executing native methods/foreign functions

Java 21 – Virtual Threads

```
public static long virtual() {
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();

    try (var executor = Executors.newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()) {
        IntStream.range(0, 10_000).forEach(i -> {
            executor.submit(() -> {
                Thread.sleep(Duration.ofSeconds(1));
                return i;
            });
        });
    }
    return System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime;
}

public static long platform(){
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    try (var executor = Executors.newCachedThreadPool()) {
        IntStream.range(0, 10_000).forEach(i -> {
            executor.submit(() -> {
                Thread.sleep(Duration.ofSeconds(1));
                return i;
            });
        });
    }
    return System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime;
}
```

Java 21 – Virtual Threads

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kirhhcFAGB4>

Java 21 – Structured Concurrency (Preview)

- Helps in dealing with multiple concurrent tasks
- Make the logical relationship between subtasks explicit
- « ShutdownOnFailure »: cancel all when one fails
- « ShutdownOnSuccess » cancel all when first succeeds

```
static Response handle() throws ExecutionException, InterruptedException {  
    try (var scope = new StructuredTaskScope.ShutdownOnFailure()) {  
        Future<String> user = scope.fork(() -> findUser());  
        Future<Integer> order = scope.fork(() -> fetchOrder());  
  
        scope.join()           // Join both subtasks  
            .throwIfFailed(); // ... and propagate errors  
  
        return new Response(user.get(), order.get());  
    }  
}
```

Java 21 – Structured Concurrency (Preview)

- Both subtasks share one returning point in the parent thread
- The policy (=implementation of StructuredTaskScope) dictates the behaviour;
- Try-with-resources -> cleanup of children when parent interrupts

```
static void handleOnSuccess() throws ExecutionException, InterruptedException {
    try (var scope = new StructuredTaskScope.ShutdownOnSuccess<>()) {
        scope.fork(() -> findUser());
        scope.fork(() -> fetchOrder());

        Object result = scope.join().result();

        if (result instanceof String s) {
            System.out.printf("Fetching user(%s) was a success!\n", s);
        } else if (result instanceof Integer i) {
            System.out.printf("Fetching order(%s) was a success!\n", i);
        }
    }
}
```

Java 21 – Sequenced Collections

- New interface for all Collection classes that have a notion of ‘order’
- Methods for **inserting, deleting and querying** at the head and tail of a collections

```
public interface SequencedCollection<E> extends Collection<E> {  
    // new method  
    SequencedCollection<E> reversed();  
    // methods promoted from Deque  
    void addFirst(E elem);  
    void addLast(E elem);  
    E getFirst();  
    E getLast();  
    E removeFirst();  
    E removeLast();  
}
```


Java 21 – Sequenced Collections

