Higher-Order Functional Programming with Java 8 Streams

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Compare to Typed Racket, also no return statement:

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.collect(Collectors
.averagingInt((Student s) -> s.grade));
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There are many different collectors already pre-defined!

What is Laziness?

Deferring computation until value is requested.

```
public class Lazy<T> implements Supplier<T> {
  private final Supplier <T> f;
  private volatile T t;
  public Lazy(Supplier < T > f) {
    this.f = f;
  public T get() {
    if (t == null)
      t = f.get();
    return t;
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OBS: If we use side-effects, this implementation is **not** thread-safe because Lazy: get might be called twice.

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You can do it manually – we call it *function composition*:

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 - Maybe implement a compiler?

Project Descriptions

The project descriptions are available on

github.com/fbie/parallel-functional-lectures

Hand-in deadline is

$$2016 - 07 - 13$$

Please write some text (2 pages in English) to explain your implementation and hand-in your code and explanation by e-mail to fbie@itu.dk.

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