



Java 21

add sparkle to your life

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Don't believe what I'm saying !

Plan

Language Changes

- Unnamed class (preview)
- Instanceof + switch + record pattern
- Template Processor (preview)

API Changes

- Sequenced Collection
- Virtual Threads
- Structured Concurrency (preview)

Platform integrity

Java enboarding

What if ?

Before

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Java is cool !");  
    }  
}
```

After

```
void main() {  
    System.out.println("Java is cooler !");  
}
```

JEP 445: ... instance main methods (preview)

Change the launcher protocol

- Look for
 - `static void main(String[])` or `static void main()`
 - `void main(String[])` or `void main()`
- If `main()` is an instance method, the constructor with no parameter is called first

JEP 445: unnamed classes ... (preview)

Methods without an enclosing class are encapsulated into a top-level class with a name derived from the filename (minus .java)

```
record Message(String name) {}
```

```
void main() {  
    System.out.println(new Message("hello"));  
    System.out.println(getClass().getName()); // hello  
}
```

DEMO !

Pattern Matching

Open Types vs Closed Types

In libraries, we want the types to be **open** so users can implement them

In applications, we want types to be **closed** so developers knows all possible subtypes

This is almost always true

Open aka non-sealed Type

MilitaryUnit = Soldier | Carrier | ...

```
/*non-sealed*/ interface MilitaryUnit {  
    int firepower();  
}
```

```
record Soldier(String name, int firepower) implements MilitaryUnit {}
```

```
record Carrier(List<MilitaryUnit> units) implements MilitaryUnit {  
    public int firepower() {  
        return units.stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> u.firepower())  
            .sum();  
    }  
}
```

Sealed Type

MilitaryUnit = Soldier | Carrier

```
sealed interface MilitaryUnit { }
```

```
record Soldier(String name, int firepower) implements MilitaryUnit { }
```

```
record Carrier(List<MilitaryUnit> units) implements MilitaryUnit { }
```



A good interface is an empty interface

Sealed Type operation

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
    if (unit instanceof Soldier soldier) {  
        return soldier.firepower();  
    }  
    if (unit instanceof Carrier carrier) {  
        return carrier.units().stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
            .sum();  
    }  
    throw new MatchException("oops", null);  
}
```

instanceof in Java 17

not typesafe !

new in Java 21 !

Pattern Matching / switch on type

Switch on type – new in Java 21

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
    return switch(unit) {  
        case Soldier soldier -> soldier.firepower();  
        case Carrier carrier -> carrier.units().stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
            .sum();  
    };  
}
```

Will not compile if new subtype !

No default !

Record Patterns

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
    return switch(unit) {  
        case Soldier(String name, int firepower) -> firepower;  
        case Carrier(List<MilitaryUnit> units) -> units.stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
            .sum();  
    };  
}
```

Will not compile if the data definition change !

Var Pattern

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
    return switch(unit) {  
        case Soldier(var name, var firepower) -> firepower;  
        case Carrier(var units) -> units.stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
            .sum();  
    };  
}
```

Let the compiler infer the types

Unnamed Variable (preview)

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
  return switch(unit) {  
    case Soldier(var   , var firepower) -> firepower;  
    case Carrier(var units) -> units.stream()  
      .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
      .sum();  
  };  
}
```

Use ' ' as a variable name (everywhere but in API)

Unnamed Pattern (preview)

```
int firepower(MilitaryUnit unit) {  
    return switch(unit) {  
        case Soldier(  , var firepower) -> firepower;  
        case Carrier(var units) -> units.stream()  
            .mapToInt(u -> firepower(u))  
            .sum();  
    };  
}
```

Using ' ' as pattern

Data Oriented Programming

Sealed Types + Pattern matching enables DOP

Switch on types / instance of

- Type pattern
- Record pattern
- Var pattern
- Unnamed pattern

Data definition is more
important than code



String Template Processor

STR (preview)

```
var joe = new Soldier("Joe", 200);  
var jane = new Soldier("Jane", 200);  
var carrier = new Carrier(List.of(joe, jane));  
System.out.println(STR.``  
    Jane firepower:  \{ firepower(jane) \}  
    carrier firepower: \{ firepower(carrier) \}  
    ``");
```

STR is auto-imported

String interpolation !



FMT (preview)

C-like formatting



```
var joe = new Soldier("Joe", 200);  
var jane = new Soldier("Jane", 200);  
var carrier = new Carrier(List.of(joe, jane));  
System.out.println(FMT."  
    Jane firepower:    %04d\{ firepower(jane) }  
    carrier firepower: %04d\{ firepower(carrier) }  
    """);
```

FMT requires an import static java.util.Formatter.FMT

My own TemplateProcessor (preview)

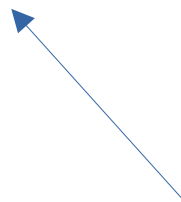
```
StringTemplate.Processor<String, RuntimeException> fireProcessor =  
    (StringTemplate templatedString) -> {  
        List<String> fragments = templatedString.fragments();  
        List<Object> values = templatedString.values();  
        System.out.println(STR."fragments:\{ fragments } values:\{ values }");  
        ...  
    };  
System.out.println(fireProcessor.""  
    Jane firepower:  \{ jane }  
    carrier firepower: \{ carrier }  
    """);
```



A StringTemplate is a text
separated by values

My own TemplateProcessor (2/2)

```
StringTemplate.Processor<String, RuntimeException> fireProcessor =  
    (StringTemplate t) -> {  
        return StringTemplate.interpolate(t.fragments(), t.values().stream()  
            .map(value -> firepower((MilitaryUnit) value))  
            .toList());  
    };  
System.out.println(fireProcessor.````  
    Jane firepower:  \{ jane }  
    carrier firepower: \{ carrier }  
    ````);
```



No way to type the values :(



# Performance :(

```
public String concat() {
 var message = "string template";
 return "hello " + message + " !";
}
```

```
public String with_STR() {
 var message = "string template";
 return STR."hello \{message} !";
}
```

```
static final StringTemplate.Processor<String, RuntimeException> STR_INTERPOLATE =
 StringTemplate::interpolate;
public String with_interpolate() {
 var message = "string template";
 return STR_INTERPOLATE."hello \{message} !";
}
```

	score $\pm$ error
concat	5.042 $\pm$ 0.137 ns/op
with_STR	5.037 $\pm$ 0.111 ns/op
with_interpolate	12.509 $\pm$ 0.049 ns/op

# Sequenced Collections

# Goals

## Add useful methods

`java.util.List`

- `list.getFirst() / getLast()`
- `for(var item : list.reversed()) { ... }`

`java.util.LinkedHashSet`

- `linkedHashSet.getFirst() / getLast()`
- `for(var item : linkedHashSet.reversed()) { ... }`

# SequencedCollection

Collection with an order (insertion, sorted, access?)

Added methods :

- `getFirst()/getLast()`
- `addFirst/addLast/removeFirst()/removeLast()`
- `SequencedCollection reversed()`



This is a view !

# Example

```
var joe = new Soldier("Joe", 200);
var jane = new Soldier("Jane", 200);
var carrier = new Carrier(List.of(joe, jane));

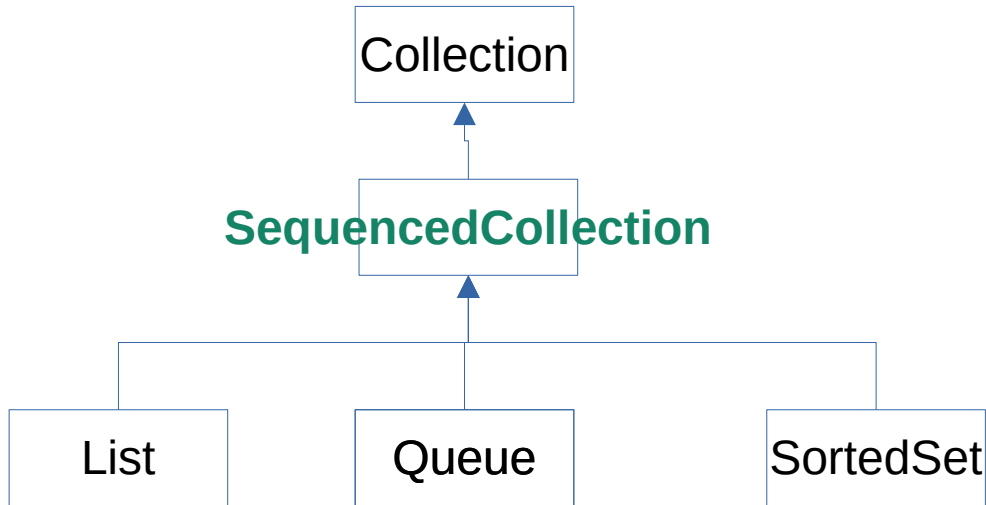
System.out.println("first " + carrier.units().getFirst());
System.out.println("last " + carrier.units().getLast());
for (var unit: carrier.units().reversed()) {
 System.out.println("unit " + unit);
}
```



for loop in reverse order

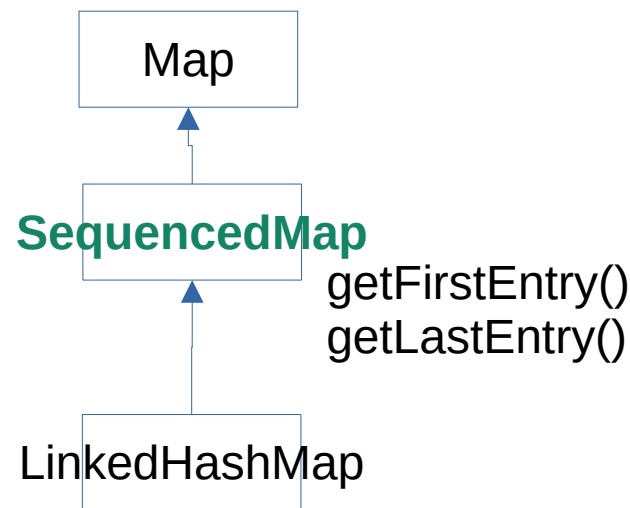
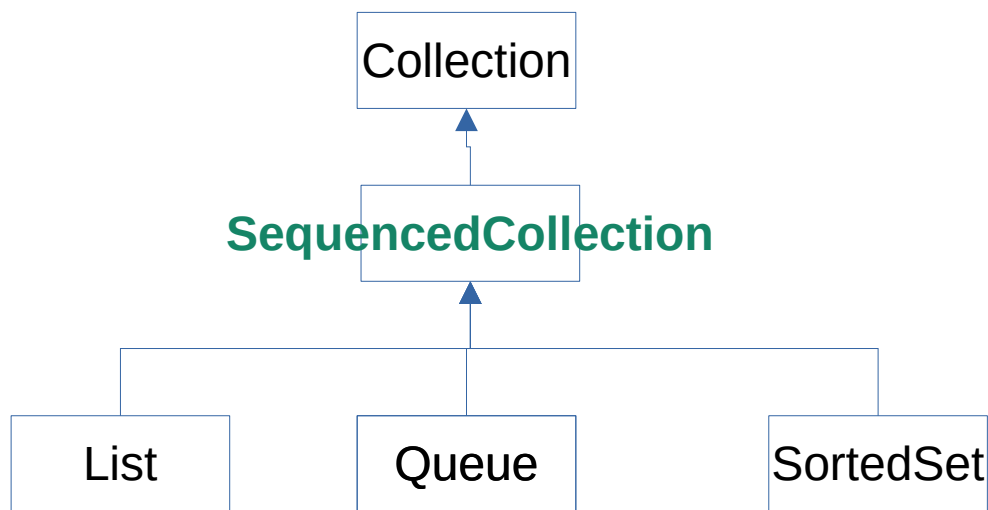
# Hierarchy (v1)

SequencedCollection is a supertype of List, Queue and SortedSet



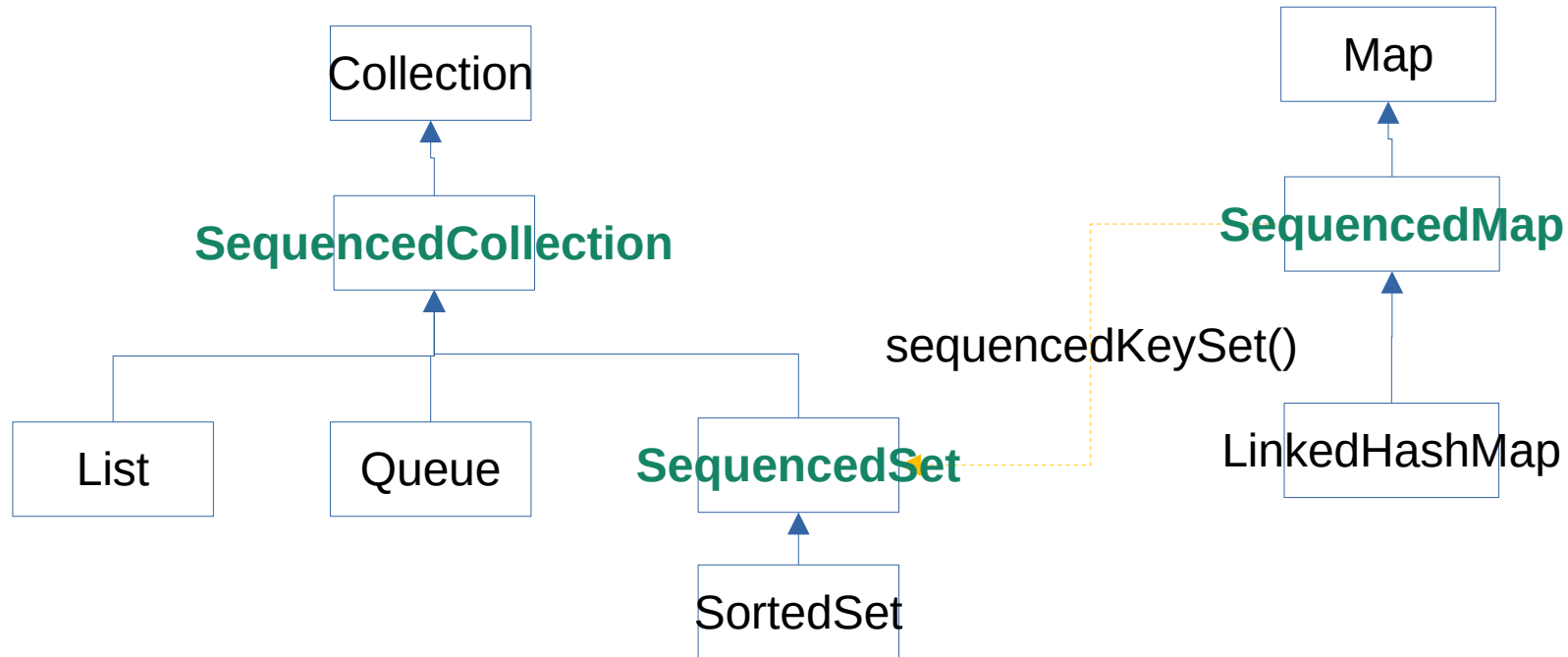
# Hierarchy (v1) + Map

We want LinkedHashMap to be SequencedMap ?



# Hierarchy (v2)

We need a SequencedSet to type SequencedMap.keySet()





# Beware ! Here lies a dragon

Worst case complexity

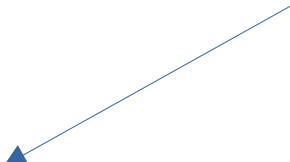
List.addFirst()/removeFirst() are in  $O(n)$

Ordered by access

LinkedHashMap is weird

```
var map = new LinkedHashMap<>(0, 0.75f, true);
map.put("foo", 3);
map.put("bar", 42);

System.out.println(map.get("bar")); // 42
System.out.println(map.getFirstEntry()); // bar = 42
```



# Virtual Threads

# History

In C during the 80s

- OS processus + OS lock

In C during the 90s

- OS thread + mutex (application lock)

In Java (1995-2023)

- OS thread + synchronized (application lock)

# Project Loom

Write synchronous code, execute asynchronously

Java 21: Application thread + application lock

Java can schedule millions of application threads (virtual threads) on top of few OS threads (# of cores)

# How it works ?

When a method that should block is called

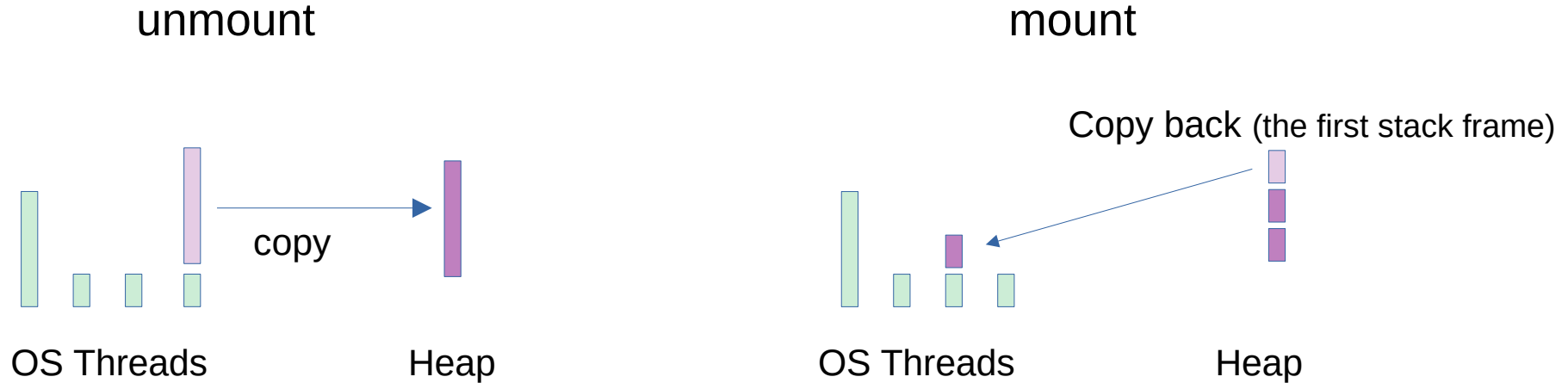
- The virtual thread is unmounted
  - The stack is copied to the heap
- A handler is registered on the blocking event

When the event handler is called

- The virtual thread can be scheduled (a fork/join pool in FIFO mode)
  - When scheduled, the virtual thread is mounted
    - The stack is copied back (incrementally)

# Mount and unmount

The VM copies parts of the stack back and forth



# jwebserver example

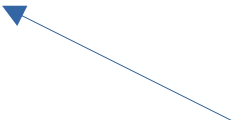
```
var path = Path.of("src/main/java").toAbsolutePath();
var handler = SimpleFileServer.createFileHandler(path);
var logger = SimpleFileServer.createOutputFilter(System.out, OutputLevel.INFO);
var server = HttpServer.create(new InetSocketAddress(8080), 10, "/", handler,
logger);

//var executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(5);
var executor = Executors.newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor();
server.setExecutor(executor);
server.start();
```



Command line

jwebserver [-b bind address] [-p port] [-d directory]



This executor does not pool the virtual threads

# Can I use it now ?

Already supported by

- Spring 6 (20 September 2023)
  - Spring Boot 3.2 preview (9 november 2023) : `spring.threads.virtual.enabled=true`
- Helidon 4.0.0 Mina (21 october 2023)
- Quarkus 3.5.0 (25 october 2023) `@RunOnVirtualThread`
- Micronaut 4 (no official support yet) `@Executes(BLOCKING)`

Web Servers

- Tomcat 10.1.x, Jetty 12+
- Netty has NO SUPPORT ! 🤖

DB Drivers

- Postgres, H2, Oracle 21c



# Structured Concurrency

# Structured Concurrency (preview)

A better API than Executor / Future

```
try (var sts = new StructuredTaskScope<Integer>()) {
 var task1 = sts.fork(() -> ...);
 var task2 = sts.fork(() -> ...);
 sts.join();
 var result1 = task1.get();
 var result2 = task2.get();
}
```

▲ No runaway threads anymore ?

# Shutdown On Failure

Model serial groups of concurrent tasks

```
try (var sof = new StructuredTaskScope.ShutdownOnFailure<Integer>()) {
 var task1 = sof.fork(() -> ...);
 var task2 = sof.fork(() -> ...);
 sts.join();
 group 1

 var task3 = sof.fork(() -> ...);
 sof.join();
 group 2

 sof.throwIfFailed();
 .. task1.get() .. task2.get() .. task3.get()
}
```

# Streamable (Java 23 ?)

Specify the business code on a stream of tasks

```
try (var sts = new StructuredTaskScope.Streamable<Integer>()) {
 sts.fork(() -> ...);
 sts.fork(() -> ...);
 List<Task<Integer>> list = sts.joinWhile(Stream::toList);
 System.out.println(list)
}
```

# Streamable + limit + groupBy

If the stream is short-circuited, the remaining tasks are cancelled

```
try (var sts = new StructuredTaskScope.Streamable<Integer>()) {
 sts.fork(() -> ...);
 ...
 Map<State, Task<Integer>> map =
 sts.joinWhile(s -> s.limit(3).collect(groupingBy(Subtask::getState)));
 System.out.println(map.get(State.SUCCESS));
}
```

# Platform Integrity

# OpenJDK Integrity

Java 9 : Module enforces integrity

- No access to OpenJDK internals  
and `setAccessible(true)` is disabled on OpenJDK code

Make Loom development faster

- reflection implementation changed
- Socket and Channel implementations changed
- etc ...

# Integrity by default (1/2)

Extends the notion of integrity

<https://openjdk.org/jeps/8305968>

Dynamic agents, JNI and Foreign Function & Memory

Prepare to Disallow dynamic Loading of Agents (JEP 451)

- No problem if -javaagent or Launcher-Agent-Class
- Warning in Java 21
  - Error in the future, use -XX:+EnableDynamicAgentLoading



# Integrity by default (2/2)

## Foreign Function & Memory API (JEP 454)

- When calling a C function or allow unbounded access to native memory

`--enable-native-access=module` or `Enable-Native-Access`

## Prepare to restrict use of JNI

<https://openjdk.org/jeps/8307341>

also use `--enable-native-access`

I would like to hear your opinion ?

# Executive Summary

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