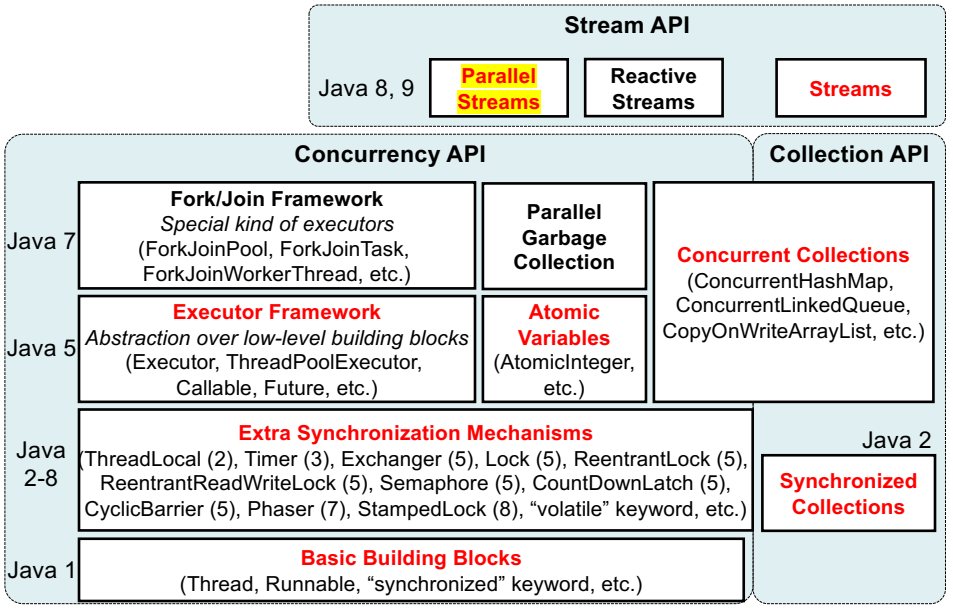
Parallel Streams

Concurrency API in Java



Streams and Collections

- Interface `Collection<T>`
  - `default Stream<T> stream()`
    - Returns a stream with this collection as its source.

- `java.util.stream.Stream<T>`
  - `Stream<T> filter(Predicate<T> predicate)`
    - Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream that match a given predicate (i.e. filtering criterion).
  - `long count()`
    - Returns the count of elements in this stream.

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long count = carList.stream()
                    .filter( (Car car)-> car.getPrice()<5000 )
                    .count();
```

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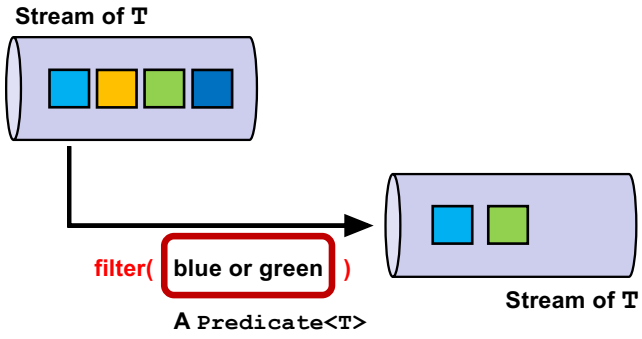
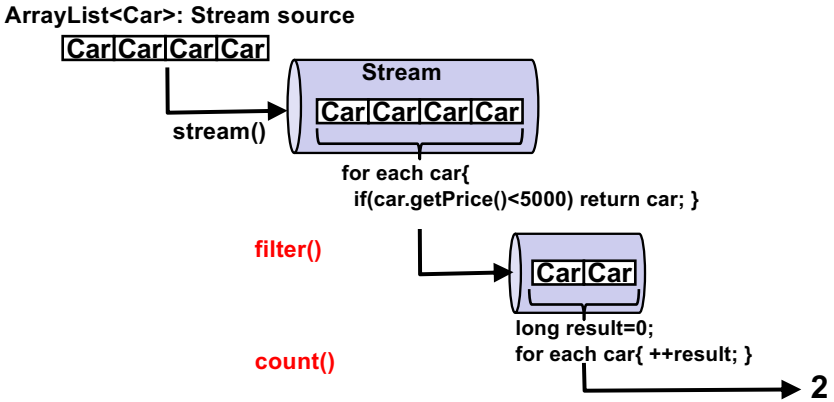


Stream Pipeline

- Multiple streams can be pipelined.
  - `long count = carList.stream()`
    `.filter( (Car car)-> car.getPrice()<5000 )`
    `.count();`
- Streams do NOT modify their source collection.



- Common structure of stream pipelines
  - Build a stream on a collection source
  - Perform zero or more *intermediate* operations
    - An intermediate operation returns a Stream.
    - e.g. `filter()`
  - Perform a *terminal* operation
    - A terminal operation returns non-Stream value or void.
    - e.g., `count()`

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Concurrent/Parallel Stream Processing

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                    .count();
```

-
```
long count = carList.stream()
                    .parallel()
                    .filter( (Car car)-> car.getPrice()<5000 )
                    .count();
```

- `stream()` creates a *sequential* stream by default.
  - Executes all operations sequentially (with a single thread)
- `parallel()` turns a sequential stream to a *parallel* stream.
  - Executes all operations concurrently (with extra, multiple threads)

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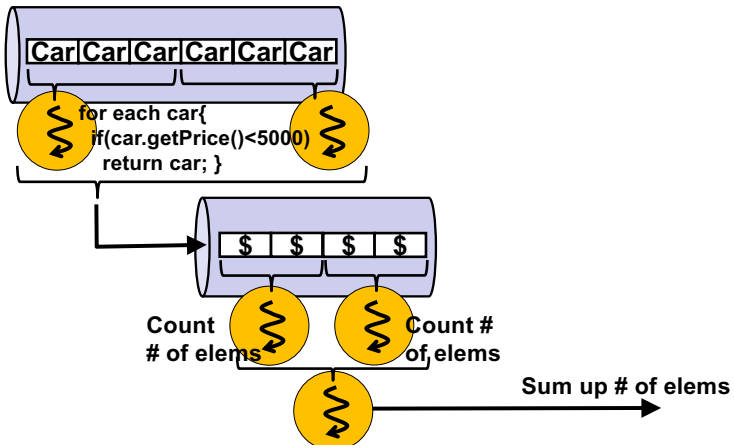
Parallel stream



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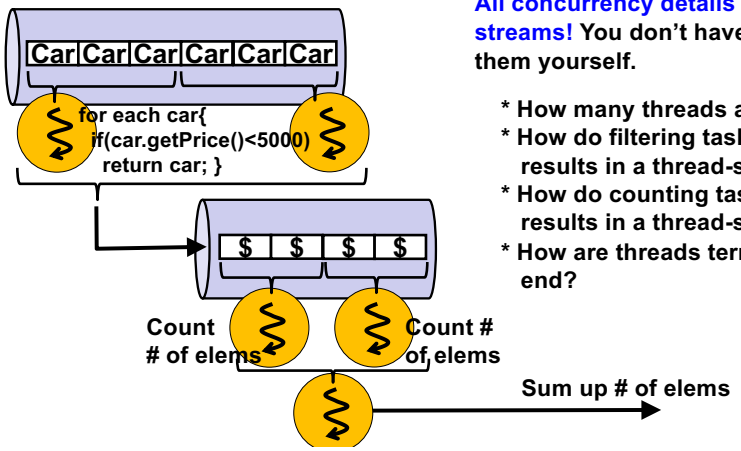


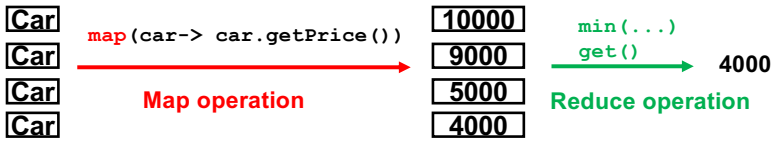
All concurrency details are hidden in streams! You don't have to deal with them yourself.

*** How many threads are used?**
*** How do filtering tasks combine results in a thread-safe way?**
*** How do counting tasks combine results in a thread-safe way?**
*** How are threads terminated in the end?**

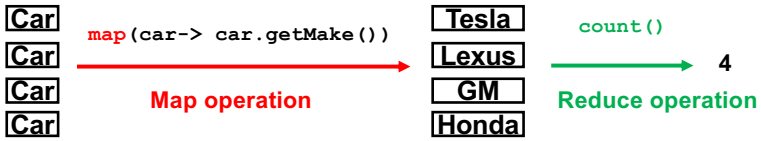
Map-Reduce Data Processing Pattern

- Intent
  - Generate a single value from a dataset through the *map* and *reduce* operations.
  - *Map* operation
    - Transforms an input dataset to another dataset (intermediate operation)
    - e.g., `map()`, `flatMap()`
  - *Reduce* operation
    - Processes the transformed dataset to generate a *single* value (terminal operation)
    - e.g. `count()`, `max()`, `min()`, `reduce()`


```
Integer price = cars.stream()
                    .map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                    .min( Comparator.comparing((Integer price)-> price ) )
                    .get();
```




```
long carMakerNum = cars.stream()
                       .map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )
                       .count();
```



reduce()

- Steam API provides reduce operations for common data processing logic.
  - e.g. `count()`, `max()`, `min()`
- Use `reduce()` when you would like to implement your own reduce operation

```
- Optional<T>   reduce(BinaryOperator<T> accumulator)

- T             reduce(T initVal,
                       BinaryOperator<T> accumulator)

- U             reduce(U initVal,
                       BiFunction<U,T> accumulator,
                       BinaryOperator<U> combiner)
```

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BiFunction<U,T>	U, T	R	Return TRUE (R) if two params (U and T) match.

2nd Version of reduce()

- `T reduce(T initVal, BinaryOperator<T> accumulator)`
  - Takes the initial value (`T`) for the reduced value (i.e. reduction result) as the first parameter.
  - Takes a reduction function (as a LE) as the second parameter.
    - Applies the function on each stream element (`T`) one by one.
  - Returns the reduced value (`T`).

```
T result = aStream.reduce(initValue, (T result, T elem)-> {...} );
```

```
T result = initValue;
for(T element: collection){
    result = accumulate(result, element);
}
```

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BinaryOperator<T>	T, T	T	Multiplying two numbers (*)

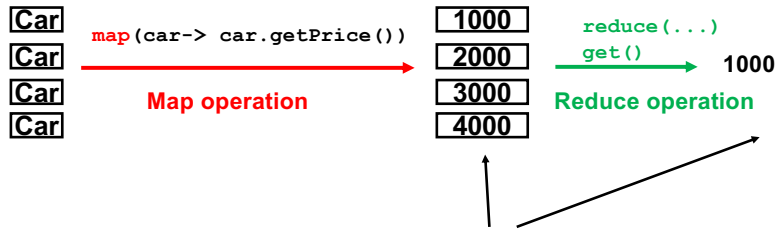
- `T result = aStream.reduce(initValue, (T result, T elem)-> {...} );`

- ```
  T result = initValue;
  for(T element: collection){
      result = accumulate(result, element);
  }
  ```

- **`result`**
  - is *initialized* with `initValue`.
  - is *updated* in each iteration of the loop by
    - Getting accumulated with each element through accumulate()

- Reduce operations can be implemented in this form by varying initValue and accumulate().


```
Integer lowestPrice
    = cars.stream().map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                   . reduce(0, (result, carPrice)->{
                           if(result==0) return carPrice;
                           else if(carPrice < result) return carPrice;
                           else return result;} );
```


```

- With `min()` in the Stream API

```
Integer price = cars.stream()
                    .map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                    .min( Comparator.comparing(price-> price) )
                    .get();
```

- With `reduce()` in the Stream API

```
Integer price = cars.stream()
                    .map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                    .reduce(0, (result, carPrice)->{
                          if(result==0) return carPrice;
                          else if(carPrice < result) return carPrice;
                          else return result;} );
```

- In a traditional style

```
List<Integer> carPrices = ...
int result = 0;
for(Integer carPrice: carPrices){
         if(result==0) result = carPrice;
         else if(carPrice < result) result = carPrice;
         else result = result;
}
```

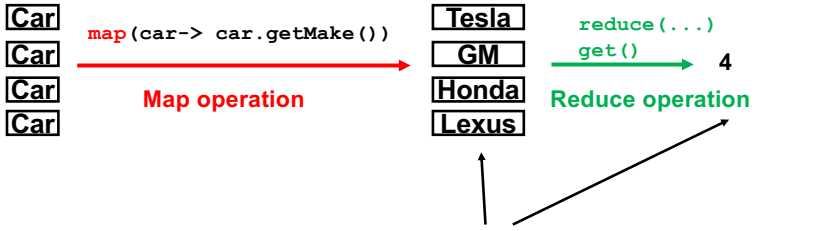

3rd Version of reduce()

- `U reduce(U initVal,`
  `BiFunction<U,T> accumulator,`
  `BinaryOperator<U> combiner)`
  - Takes the initial value (`U`) for the reduced value (i.e. reduction result) as the first parameter.
  - Takes a reduction function (as a LE) as the second parameter.
    - Performs the function on each stream element (`T`) one by one.
  - Takes a combination function (as a LE) as the third parameter.
    - Performs the function on each intermediate reduction result (`U`).
  - Returns the final (combined) result (`U`).
  - Useful when stream elements (`T`) and a reduced value (`U`) use different types.

	Params	Returns	Example use case
BinaryOperator<T>	T, T	T	Multiplying two numbers (*)
BiFunction<U,T>	U, T	R	Return TRUE (R) if two params (U and T) match.

- Suppose you are implementing `count()` yourself with `reduce()`.

```
» long carMakerNum = cars.stream()
                         .map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )
                         .count();
```



The input and output of this reduction op use different types.
Input: A stream of auto makers (String)
Output: # of auto makers (long)

- `U finalResult = aStream.reduce(initValue,`
  `(U result, T element)-> {...} );`
  `(U finalResult, U intermediateResult)->...);`
-
```
U result = initValue;
for(T element: collection){
    result = accumulate(result,element);
}
```

- `result`
  - is *initialized* with `initValue`.
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    - Getting accumulated with each element through accumulate()

- Reduce operations can be implemented in this form by varying initValue and accumulate().

- If you use a sequential stream, just return **`finalResult`** in the second lambda expression (combination function).

```
U finalResult
    = aStream.reduce(
                initValue,
                (U result, T element)-> {...} );
                (U finalResult, U intermediateResult)-> finalResult);
```

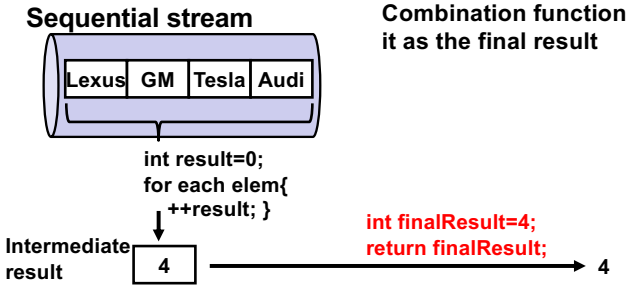
```
U result = initValue;
for(T element: collection){
    result = accumulate(result,element);
}
U finalResult = result;
```

- Reduce operations can be implemented in this form by varying initValue and accumulate().


```
U finalResult
    = aStream.reduce(
                initValue,
                (U result, T element)-> {...} );
                (U finalResult, U intermediateResult)-> finalResult);
```

```
U result = initValue;
for(T element: collection){
    result = accumulate(result,element);
}
U finalResult = result;
```

With a sequential stream, there is only one intermediate result.
Combination function should return it as the final result

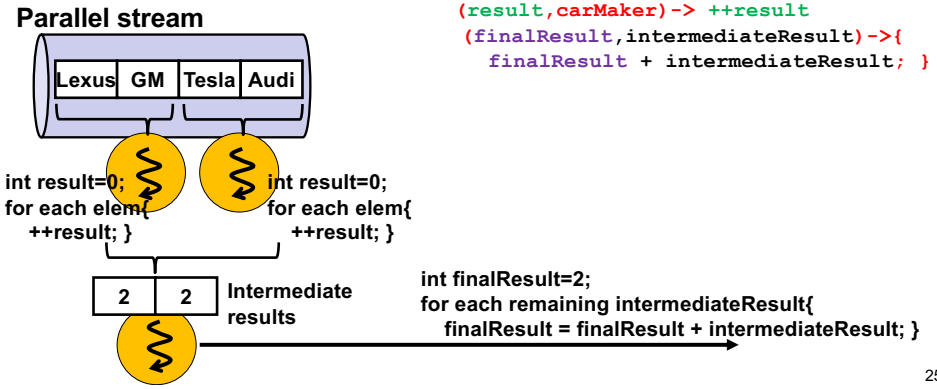


- With **`count()`** in the Streams API
  - `long carMakerNum = cars.stream()`
    `.map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )`
    `.count();`
- With **`reduce()`** in the Streams API
  - `long carMakerNum`
    `= cars.stream()`
    `.map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )`
    `.reduce(0,`
    `(result,carMaker)-> ++result`
    `(finalResult,intermediateResult)->finalResult);`
- In traditional style
  - `List<String> carMakers = ...`
    `long result = 0;`
    `for(String carMaker: carMakers){`
    `if(carMaker != null){`
    `result++;`
    `}`
    `}`
    `long carMakerNum = result;`

- With **`reduce()`** in the Stream API
  - `int carMakerNum =cars.stream()`
    `.map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )`
    `.reduce(0,`
    `(result,carMaker)-> ++result`
    `(finalResult,intResult)->finalResult);`
- **`reduce()`** executes **`result = ++result;`**
- Just in case, note that:
  - `int i = 0;`
    `i++;` `// i==1`
    `int x = i++;` `// i==1, x==0`
    `int y = ++i;` `// i==1, y==1`

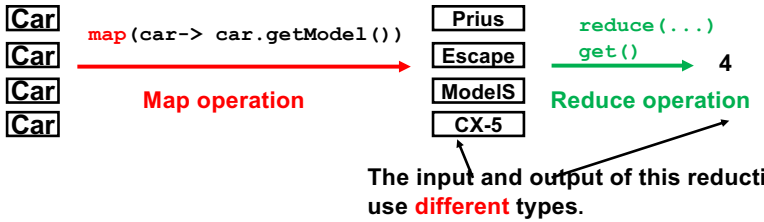
`reduce()` on a Parallel Stream

- A parallel stream uses the second LE (combination function) to combine all intermediate results.
  - ```
    int carMakerNum = cars.stream()
                           .parallel()
                           .map( (Car car)-> car.getMake() )
                           .reduce(0,
                                   (result,carMaker)-> ++result
                                   (finalResult,intermediateResult)->{
                                     finalResult + intermediateResult; }
    ```



HW 19

- Implement a new data field and getter method in the class `Car`
  - ```
    class Car{
      private String model;
      public String getModel();
      ... }
    ```
- Implement this map-reduce operation with
  - 3rd version of `reduce()`.
  - Parallel streams



`Arrays.parallelSort()`

- **`Arrays`**
  - Utility class to process arrays of primitive type values and arrays of objects.
  - **`sort()`**
    - c.f. CS680
  - **`parallelSort()`**
    - Parallel (multi-threaded) version of `sort()`
  - ```
    String fileContent = new String(
                            Files.readAllBytes(Paths.get("test.txt")));
    String[] words = fileContent.split("\\s+"); // White space as a
    Arrays.parallelSort(words);                 // delimiter
    ```
  - ```
    Car[] cars = ...;
    Arrays.parallelSort( cars, (Car c1, Car c2)->{
                                  (int)c1.getPrice()-c2.getPrice()));
    ```


Collections

- Utility class to process collections
  - **`sort()`**
    - c.f. CS680
  - **`parallelSort()`** is NOT available.
- To sort a collection in parallel (i.e., with multiple threads), create a **`stream`** of it, and then call **`parallel()`** and **`sorted()`**.
  - ```
    List<Float> prices =
        cars.stream()
            .parallel()
            .sorted( (Car c1, Car c2)->{...} )
            .collect( Collectors.toList() );
    ```
    ```

HW 20

- Revise your HW 3 solution by using parallel streams
  - HW 3: Sort `Car` instances with sequential streams
    - Use 4 different ordering policies
    - c.f. `Stream.sorted()` and `Stream.collect()`
- Sort `Car` instances with parallel streams
  - Use 4 different ordering policies
  - c.f. `Stream.parallel()`

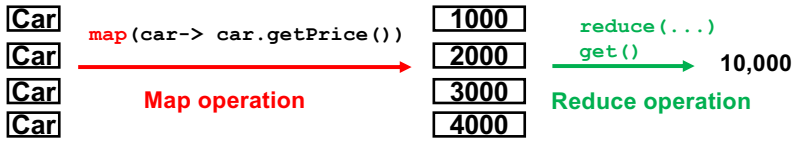
Thread Safety Issues in Parallel Streams

- Each lambda expression to be executed on a stream has to be associative and stateless.
  - If it's not associative, the end result may be wrong.
  - If it's not stateless (i.e. if it's stateful), it may cause race conditions.

Associative Property of LEs

- The order of stream elements is **NOT** guaranteed.
  - Even if a stream's source collection is ordered (`List`).
- A reduction function must be **associative**.

```
Integer totalValue
    = cars.stream().map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                   .reduce( (result, price)->{result+price})
                   .get();
```



result = 1000
result = result + 2000 // 3,000
result = result + 3000 // 6,000
result = result + 4000 // 10,000

((1000 + 2000) + 3000) + 4000) = 10000

result = 3000
result = result + 4000 // 7000
result = result + 1000 // 8000
result = result + 2000 // 10000

((3000 + 4000) + 1000) + 2000) = 10000

- Associative operator
  - (x **op** y) **op** z = x **op** (y **op** z)
  - ((a **op** b) **op** c) **op** d = (a **op** b) **op** (c **op** d)
  - e.g., Numerical sum, numerical product, string concatenation, max, min, union, product set, etc.
- Non-associative operators
  - e.g., Numerical subtraction, numerical division, etc.
    - (10 - 5) - 2 = 3 V.S. 10 - (5 - 2) = 7
    - 10/5/2 = 1 V.S. 10/(5/2) = 4

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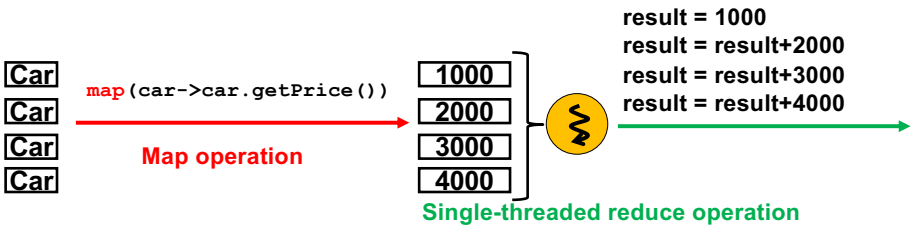

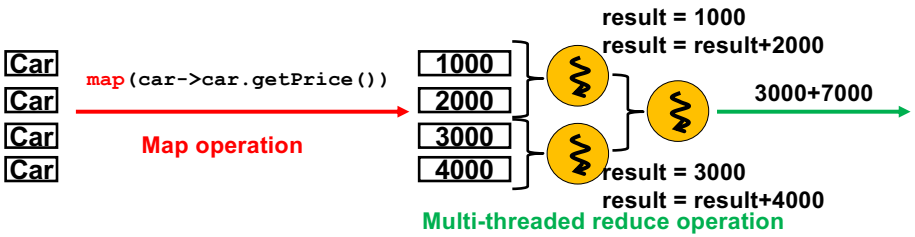

Stateless Property of LEs

- A reduction function must be **stateless**.
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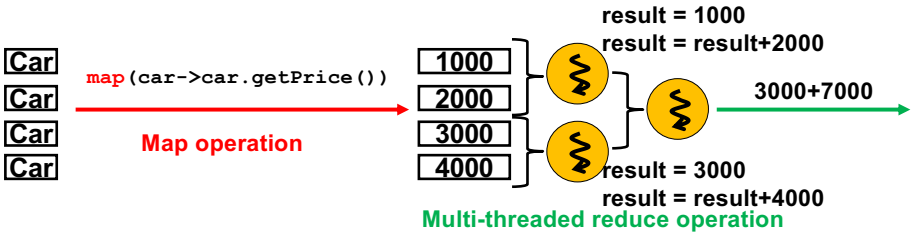

- A LE should not use a shared variable (state).
  - Multiple threads should not access a shared variable.
- `result`: local variable → No worries about race conditions
- Access to stream elements: thread safe → No worries about race conditions

- This LE is NOT **stateless**. (It is stateful.)
  - ```
    Integer totalValue;
    cars.stream().map( (Car car)-> car.getPrice() )
                 .forEach( (Integer value)->{totalValue+value});
    ```
  - Uses a shared variable (state): `totalValue`.
    - Multiple threads share it; Race conditions occurs.
- This LE is **stateless**.
  - ```
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    ```