

LAMBDA EXPRESSIONS

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Task 1

Write the following anonymous class as a lambda expression:

```
Runnable runnable = new Runnable() {
    @Override
    public void run() {
        String myString = "Let's split this up into an array";
        String[] parts = myString.split(" ");
        for (String part : parts) {
            System.out.println(part);
        }
    }
};
```

Task 2

Write the following method as a lambda expression and store it in a variable Function<String, String> lambdaFunction.

This method prints **every second character** in the string.

For example: "1234567890" -> "24680"

```
public static String everySecondChar(String source) {
   StringBuilder returnVal = new StringBuilder();
   for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
      if (i % 2 == 1) {
        returnVal.append(s.charAt(i));
      }
   }
  return returnVal.toString();
}</pre>
```

Task 3

The lambda expression you wrote on **Task 2** doesn't do anything. Write a single line of code that will execute it with an argument "1234567890" and print it out to the console.

Task 4

Instead of executing the function of **Task 3** directly, suppose we want to pass it to a method.

Write a method called everySecondCharacter that accepts the function as a parameter and executes it with the argument "1234567890".

Below is how everySecondCharacter method will be used:

```
String result = everySecondCharacter(lambdaFunction);
System.out.println(result);
```

Task 5

Write a lambda expression that can be stored as java.util.Supplier interface.

This lambda should return the string "I love Java!"

Assign it to a variable called iLoveJava

Task 6

As with the Function you wrote for **Task 3**, the Supplier for **Task 5** won't do anything until we use it. Use this supplier to assign the string "I love Java!" to a variable called supplierResult.

Then print the variable to the console.

Task 7

There are many interfaces in Java SDK, and sometimes we can use a lambda expression instead of creating an instance that implements the interface we want to use.

QUESTION 1:

Given a specific interface, how can we tell whether we can map a lambda expression to it or not?

What's the criteria that has to be met?

QUESTION 2:

With that in mind, can we use a lambda expression to represent an instance of java.util.concurrent.Callable¹ interface?

¹ The callable documentation can be found here: https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/docs/api/java.base/java/util/concurrent/Callable.html

QUESTION 3:

Is java.util.Comparator² interface a functional interface?

Task 8

Suppose we have the following list of the top 5 male and female names:

Write a code to print the items in the list in sorted order, and with the first letter in each name upper-cased.

The name 'harry' should be printed as 'Harry' and should be printed after 'Emily' and before 'Isla'.

Use Lambda expressions wherever possible.

Task 9

Change the code you have written for **Task 8** such that it uses method references.

Remember that a method reference looks like Class:: methodName

² The Companator documentation can be found here: https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/docs/api/java.base/java/util/Comparator.html