

# Terminal Operations collect() – using API-defined Collectors

• Now we will look at the other version *collect()* – the one that accepts pre-defined collectors from the API.

• We access these collectors via static methods on the *Collectors* interface.

• It is important to pass the *Collector* to the *collect()* method

➤ a *Collector* does not do anything on it's own. It exists to help collect elements.



#### Terminal Operations collect(Collector)

### Terminal Operations Collectors.toMap()

#### Collecting into Maps:

two Functions required: the first function tells the collector how to create the **key**; the second function tells the collector how to create the **value**.



# Terminal Operations Collectors.toMap() – opposite of previous example

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// We want a map: number of characters in dessert name -> dessert name
// However, 2 of the desserts have the same length (cake and tart) and as
// length is our key and we can't have duplicate keys, this leads to an
// exception as Java does not know what to do...
    IllegalStateException: Duplicate key 4 (attempted merging values cake and tart)
// To get around this, we can supply a merge function, whereby we append the
// colliding keys values together.
Map<Integer, String> map =
        Stream.of("cake", "biscuits", "tart")
        .collect(
            Collectors.toMap(s -> s.length(), // key is the length
                             s -> s, // value is the String
                             (s1, s2) \rightarrow s1 + "," + s2)// Merge function - what to
                                                       // do if we have duplicate keys
                                                            - append the values
System.out.println(map);// {4=cake,tart, 8=biscuits}
```



### Terminal Operations Collectors.toMap()

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// The maps returned are HashMaps but this is not guaranteed. What if we wanted
// a TreeMap implementation so our keys would be sorted. The last argument
// caters for this.
TreeMap<String, Integer> map =
       Stream.of("cake", "biscuits", "apple tart", "cake")
        .collect(
           Collectors. toMap(s -> s, // key is the String
                            s -> s.length(), // value is the length of the String
                            (len1, len2) -> len1 +len2, // what to do if we have
                                                       // duplicate keys
                                                          - add the *values*
                           () -> new TreeMap<>() ));// TreeMap::new works
System.out.println(map); // {apple tart=10, biscuits=8, cake=8} Note: cake maps to 8
System.out.println(map.getClass());// class java.util.TreeMap
```

• *groupingBy()* tells *collect()* to group all of the elements into a *Map*.

• *groupingBy()* takes a *Function* which determines the keys in the *Map*.

• Each value is a *List* of all entries that match that key. The *List* is a default, which can be changed.

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• What if we wanted a *Set* instead of a *List* as the value in the map (to remove the duplication of "Tom")?

• *groupingBy()* is overloaded to allow us to pass down a "downstream collector". This is a collector that does something special with the <u>values</u>.



- There are no guarantees on the type of Map returned.
- What if we wanted to ensure we got back a *TreeMap* but leave the values as a *List*? We can achieve this by using the (optional) map type *Supplier* while passing down the *toList()* collector.



# Terminal Operations Collectors.partitioningBy()

- Partitioning is a special case of grouping where there are only two possible groups true and false.
- The keys will be the booleans *true* and *false*.

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• As with *groupingBy()*, we can change the values type from *List* to *Set*.