

Overview of Java 8 Functional Interfaces

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These features are the foundation for Java 8's concurrency/parallelism frameworks

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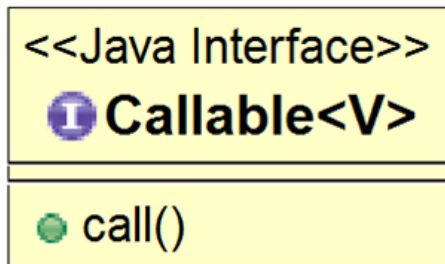
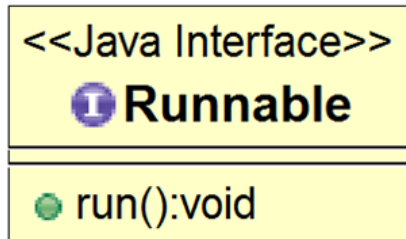


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- A *functional interface* contains only one abstract method



See www.oreilly.com/learning/java-8-functional-interfaces

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static BigInteger factorial(BigInteger n) { return LongStream  
    .rangeClosed(1, n)  
    .parallel()  
    .mapToObj(BigInteger::valueOf)  
    .reduce(BigInteger.ONE, BigInteger::multiply);  
}
```


Overview of Common Functional Interfaces

- Java 8 defines many types of functional interfaces

Package `java.util.function`

Functional interfaces provide target types for lambda expressions and method references.

See: [Description](#)

Interface Summary

| Interface | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <code>BiConsumer<T,U></code> | Represents an operation that accepts two input arguments and returns no result. |
| <code>BiFunction<T,U,R></code> | Represents a function that accepts two arguments and produces a result. |
| <code>BinaryOperator<T></code> | Represents an operation upon two operands of the same type, producing a result of the same type as the operands. |
| <code>BiPredicate<T,U></code> | Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of two arguments. |
| <code>BooleanSupplier</code> | Represents a supplier of boolean-valued results. |
| <code>Consumer<T></code> | Represents an operation that accepts a single input argument and returns no result. |
| <code>DoubleBinaryOperator</code> | Represents an operation upon two double-valued operands and producing a double-valued result. |
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| <code>DoubleFunction<R></code> | Represents a function that accepts a double-valued argument and produces a result. |
| <code>DoublePredicate</code> | Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of one double-valued argument. |
| <code>DoubleSupplier</code> | Represents a supplier of double-valued results. |
| <code>DoubleToIntFunction</code> | Represents a function that accepts a double-valued argument and produces an int-valued result. |
| <code>DoubleToLongFunction</code> | Represents a function that accepts a double-valued argument and produces a long-valued result. |
| <code>DoubleUnaryOperator</code> | Represents an operation on a single double-valued operand that produces a double-valued result. |
| <code>Function<T,R></code> | Represents a function that accepts one argument and produces a result. |

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/function/package-summary.html

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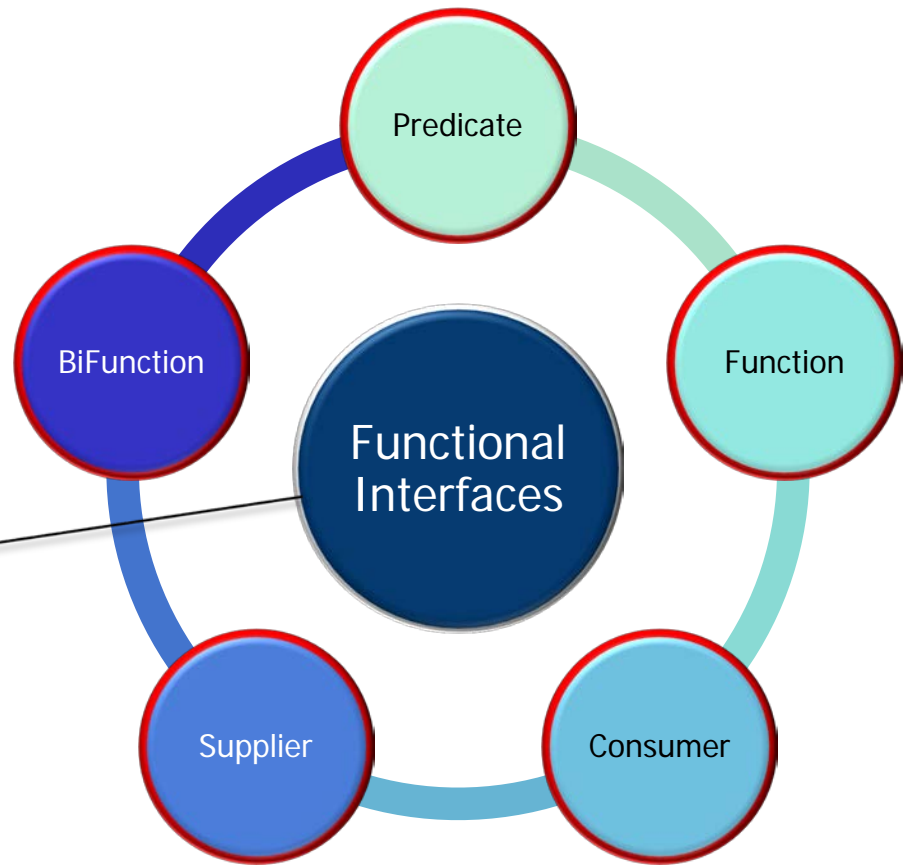
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| <code>IntPredicate</code> | Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of one <code>int</code> -valued argument. |
| <code>IntSupplier</code> | Represents a supplier of <code>int</code> -valued results. |
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| <code>LongBinaryOperator</code> | Represents an operation upon two long-valued operands and producing a long-valued result. |
| <code>LongConsumer</code> | Represents an operation that accepts a single long-valued argument and returns no result. |
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| <code>ObjDoubleConsumer<T></code> | Represents an operation that accepts an object-valued and a double-valued argument, and returns no result. |
| <code>ObjIntConsumer<T></code> | Represents an operation that accepts an object-valued and a <code>int</code> -valued argument, and returns no result. |

See dzone.com/articles/whats-wrong-java-8-part-ii

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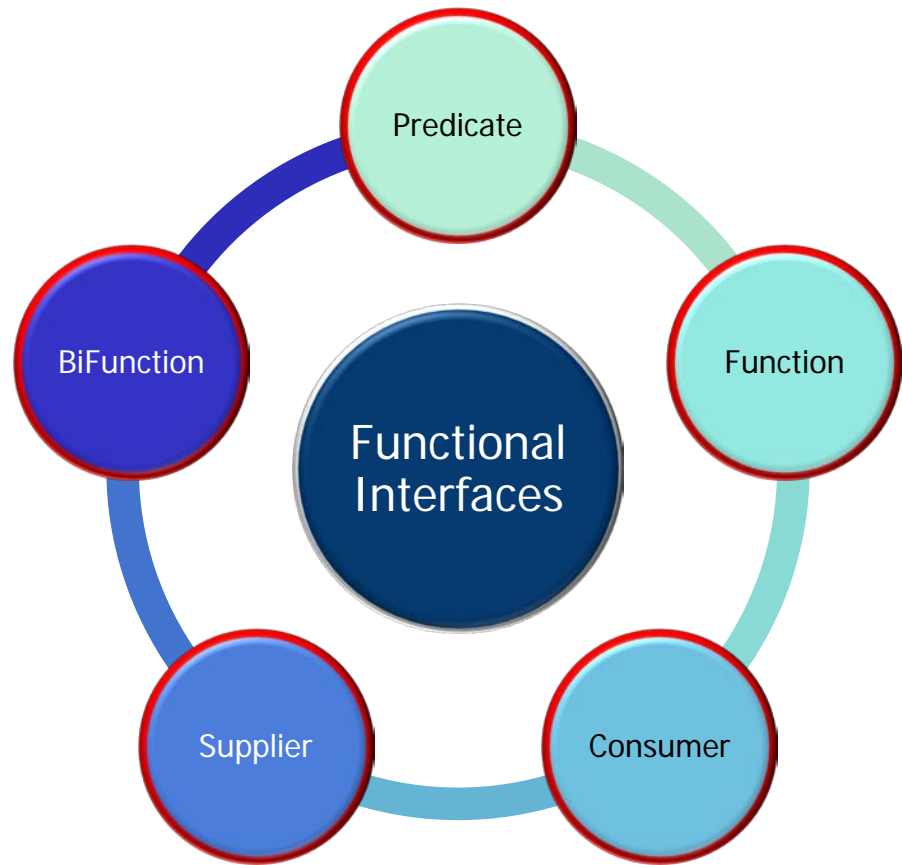
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We focus on the most common types of functional interfaces



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Note how all the functional interfaces in the upcoming examples "stateless"!

Overview of Functional Interfaces: Predicate, Function, & BiFunction

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*This predicate lambda deletes  
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entry is short for (EntrySet entry), which leverages the type inference capabilities of Java 8's compiler

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*This method provides atomic
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*A lambda expression
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*Could also be passed
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Unlike the Entry operations, `replaceAll()` operates in a thread-safe manner!

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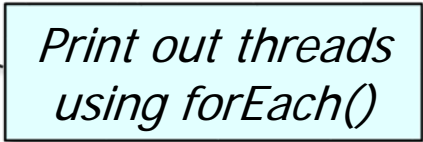
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*Print out threads  
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String being = ...;
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Optional<String> disposition =  
    Optional.ofNullable(beingMap.get(being));
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                    + being + " = "  
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*Create a supplier object that's initialized with a constructor reference for class CrDemo*



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*Calls a method in CrDemo*

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