



Effective programming with lambda

SESSION 15

Objectives



- ◆ Explain lambdas
- ◆ Identify the built-in functional interfaces
- ◆ Explain code refactoring for readability using lambdas
- ◆ Describe debugging of lambda



Lambda usage



- Lambda expression:
 - Introduced in Java 8
 - Unnamed blocks of code
 - Facilitate functional programming
- Types of lambda expressions are:
 - Object lambda
 - Inline lambda
- Inferred type lambdas
 - Allow passing parameters to the expression body

Lambda types [1/2]



- Code for creating different types of lambdas and using them:

```
12  import java.util.*;
13
14  @FunctionalInterface
15  interface FunctionalA {
16      int doWork(int a, int b);
17  }
18  public class LambdaExpressionDemo {
19      public static void main(String[] args) {
20          /*1: Using basic lambda */
21          FunctionalA a1 = (int n1, int n2) -> n1 + n2;
22          System.out.println("5+5= " + a1.doWork(5, 5));
23
24          /*2: Using lambda with inferred types */
25          FunctionalA a2 = (n1, n2) -> n1 + n2;
26          System.out.println("5+10= " + a2.doWork(5, 10));
27
28          /*3: Using lambda with expression body containing return statement */
29          FunctionalA a3 = (n1, n2) -> {
30              return n1 + n2;
31          };
32          System.out.println("5+15= " + a3.doWork(5, 15));
```

Lambda types [2/2]



```
33
34      /*4: Using lambda with expression body containing multiple statements */
35      FunctionalA a4 = (n1, n2) -> {
36          int sum = n1 + n2;
37          int result = sum * 10;
38          return result;
39      };
40      System.out.println("(5+10)*10= " + a4.doWork(5,10));
41
42      /*Lambda 5: Passing lambda as method parameter to Arrays.sort() method*/
43      String[] w = new String[]{"Hi", "Hello", "HelloWorld", "H"};
44      System.out.println("Original array= " + Arrays.toString(w));
45      Arrays.sort(w, (first, second) -> Integer.compare(first.length(), ←
second.length()));
46      System.out.println("Sorted array by length using lambda= " +
Arrays.toString(w));
47  }
48 }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
5+5= 10
5+10= 15
5+15= 20
(5+10)*10= 150
Original array= [Hi, Hello, HelloWorld, H]
Sorted array by length using lambda= [H, Hi, Hello, HelloWorld]
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 1 second)
```



Built-in functional interface [1/2]

- Following table lists functional interfaces

Interface	Abstract Method	Description
Predicate<T>	boolean test (T t)	Represents an operation that checks a condition and returns a boolean value as result
Consumer<T>	void accept (T t)	Represents an operation that takes an argument but returns nothing
Function<T, R>	R apply (T t)	Represents an operation that takes an argument and returns some result to the caller
Supplier<T>	T get ()	Represents an operation that does not take any argument but returns a value to the caller

Built-in functional interface [2/2]



```
12 import java.util.function.*;
13
14 public class FunctionalInterfacesDemo {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         //test Predicate
17         Predicate<String> r1 = arg -> (arg.equals("Hello Lambda"));
18         String testStr = "Hello Lambda";
19         System.out.println(r1.test(testStr));
20
21         //test Consumer
22         Consumer<String> r2 = str -> System.out.println(str.toUpperCase());
23         r2.accept("hello lambda");
24
25         //test Function
26         Function<String, Integer> r3 = str -> str.length();
27         System.out.println(r3.apply("Hello Lambda"));
28
29         //test Supplier
30         Supplier r4 = () -> { return "Hello lambda from supplier"; }
31         System.out.println(r4.get());
32     }
33 }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
true
HELLO LAMBDA
12
Hello lambda from supplier
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)
```

Primitive Versions of Functional Interfaces [1/2]



Predicate<T>, Consumer<T>, Function<T, R>, and Supplier<T> operate on reference type objects.

Primitive values, such as int, long, float, or double cannot be used with them.

Java 8 provides primitive versions for functional interfaces.

Primitive Versions of Functional Interfaces [2/2]



- Code for use of the primitive versions of the Predicate and Consumer functional interfaces.

```
12 import java.util.function.*;
13
14 public class PrimitiveFunctionalInterfacesDemo {
15
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         //test IntPredicate
18         IntPredicate r1 = arg -> (arg == 10);
19         System.out.println("IntPredicate.test() result: " + r1.test(11));
20
21         //test LongConsumer
22         LongConsumer r2 = val -> System.out.println("LongConsumer.accept() ←
result: " + val * val);
23         r2.accept(1000000);
24     }
25 }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
IntPredicate.test() result: false
LongConsumer.accept() result: 1000000000000
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 4 seconds)
```

Binary Versions of Functional Interfaces



- Abstract methods of the Predicate, Consumer, and Function functional interfaces accept one argument.
- Java 8 provides equivalent binary versions of such functional interfaces that can accept two parameters.
- Binary functional version interfaces are prefixed with Bi.

```
12 import java.util.function.*;
13
14 public class BinaryFunctionalInterfacesDemo {
15
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         // test BiPredicate
18         BiPredicate<Integer, Integer> r1 = (arg1, arg2) -> arg1 < arg2;
19         System.out.println("BiPredicate.test() result: " + r1.test(5, 10));
20
21         //test BiConsumer
22         BiConsumer<String, String> r2 = (arg1, arg2) -> System.out.println("←
BiConsumer.accept() result: " + arg1 + arg2);
23         r2.accept("Hello ", "Lambda");
24     }
25 }
```

```
Output - demo_lambda (run)
run:
BiPredicate.test() result: true
BiConsumer.accept() result: Hello Lambda
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 2 seconds)
```

UnaryOperator Interface



- Present in the java.util.function package
- Is a specialized version of the Function interface.
- Can be used on a single operand when the types of the operand and result are the same.

```
12  import java.util.function.*;
13
14  public class UnaryOperatorDemo {
15
16      public static void main(String[] args) {
17          UnaryOperator<String> result = (x) -> x.toUpperCase();
18          System.out.println("Output converted into uppercase:");
19          System.out.println(result.apply("Hello Lambda"));
20      }
21  }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
Output converted into uppercase:
HELLO LAMBDA
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)
```

Refactoring for Improved Readability [1/3]



- ◆ Lambda
 - Is useful for Java programmers for expressing problems in many situations.
 - Its introduction does not break code.
- ◆ Existing code can run as it is with new code containing lambdas running along side.
- ◆ Refactoring will be done to remove existing boilerplate code and make the existing code more concise.



Refactoring for Improved Readability [2/3]



- The code demonstrates how to create the different types of lambdas and use them:

```
12 public class MultiThreadedAnonymousDemo {
13     public static void main(String[] args) {
14
15         Runnable r1 = new Runnable() {
16             @Override
17             public void run() {
18                 for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
19                     System.out.println("Hello from anonymous");
20                     try {
21                         Thread.sleep(200);
22                     } catch (InterruptedException ex) {
23                         ex.printStackTrace();
24                     }
25                 }
26             }
27         };
28     }
29 }
```

Refactoring for Improved Readability [3/3]



```
28
29     Runnable r2 = () -> {
30         for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
31             System.out.println("\tHello from lambda");
32             try {
33                 Thread.sleep(120);
34             } catch (Exception e) {
35             }
36         }
37     };
38
39     Thread t1 = new Thread(r1);
40     Thread t2 = new Thread(r2);
41     t1.start();
42     t2.start();
43 }
44 }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
Hello from anonymous
    Hello from lambda
    Hello from lambda
Hello from anonymous
    Hello from lambda
    Hello from lambda
Hello from anonymous
    Hello from lambda
Hello from anonymous
Hello from anonymous
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 2 seconds)
```

Refactoring Comparison Code [1/2]



- **Comparator** Interface:
 - Enables comparing the elements of a collection that need to be sorted
 - Is a functional interface that contains the single `int compare(T o1, T o2)` method.
- When a collection or array needs to be sorted, a **Comparator** object is passed to the `Collections.sort()` or `Arrays.sort()` method.
- The code applies a **Comparator** using an anonymous inner class

```
38 class Employee {
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;

    public Employee(String firstName, String lastName) {
        this.firstName = firstName;
        this.lastName = lastName;
    }

    public String getFirstName() {
        return firstName;
    }

    public String getLastName() {
        return lastName;
    }
}

17 List<Employee> employeeList = new ArrayList<>();
18 employeeList.add(new Employee("Patrick", "Samuel"));
19 employeeList.add(new Employee("John", "Doe"));
20 employeeList.add(new Employee("Andy", "Davidson"));
21
22 Collections.sort(employeeList, new Comparator<Employee>() {
23     @Override
24     public int compare(Employee emp1, Employee emp2) {
25         return emp1.getLastName().compareTo(emp2.getLastName());
26     }
27 });
```

Refactoring Comparison Code [2/2]



- The code snippet applies a **Comparator** by using a lambda

```
14 public class ComparatorLambdaDemo {
15
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         List<Employee> employeeList = new ArrayList<>();
18         employeeList.add(new Employee("Patrick", "Samuel"));
19         employeeList.add(new Employee("John", "Doe"));
20         employeeList.add(new Employee("Andy", "Davidson"));
21
22         Comparator<Employee> sorted = (Employee e1, Employee e2) -> e1.
getLastName().compareTo(e2.getLastName());
23
24         System.out.println("Sorted Employee by last name in ascending order");
25         Collections.sort(employeeList, sorted);
26         for (Employee emp : employeeList) {
27             System.out.println(emp.getFirstName() + " " + emp.getLastName());
28         }
29     }
30 }
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
Sorted Employee by last name in ascending order
Andy Davidson
John Doe
Patrick Samuel
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 2 seconds)
```


Refactoring Concurrency Code [1/3]



- ◆ **Callable** and **Future** are extensively used in multithread Java applications to implement asynchronous processing.
- ◆ **Callable**
 - can return a value.
 - is a functional interface in the **java.util.concurrent** package.
- ◆ The **Callable** has a single abstract method, **V call()**.
- ◆ When a **Callable** is passed to a thread pool maintained by **ExecutorService**, the pool selects a thread and execute the Callable.
- ◆ The **get()** method of **Future** returns the computation result or block if the computation is not complete.

Refactoring Concurrency Code [2/3]



- The code snippet demonstrates use of an anonymous class to run a piece of code in a different thread with **Callable** and **Future**.

```
22      ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(5);
23      List<Future<String>> list = new ArrayList<>();
24      Callable callable = new Callable() {
25          @Override
26          public String call() throws Exception {
27              try {
28                  Thread.sleep(10);
29                  System.out.println("aaa");
30                  return Thread.currentThread().getName();
31              } catch (InterruptedException ie) {
32                  ie.printStackTrace();
33              }
34              return Thread.currentThread().getName();
35          }
36      };
37
38      for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
39          Future<String> future = executor.submit(callable);
40          list.add(future);
41      }
```

Refactoring Concurrency Code [3/3]



- The code snippet demonstrates using lambda to construct a **Callable**

```
22 ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(5);
23 List<Future<String>> list = new ArrayList<>();
24 Callable callable = () -> {
25     try {
26         Thread.sleep(10);
27         return Thread.currentThread().getName();
28     } catch (InterruptedException ie) {
29         ie.printStackTrace();
30     }
31     return Thread.currentThread().getName();
32 };
33 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
34     Future<String> future = executor.submit(callable);
35     list.add(future);
36 }
37 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
38     try {
39         System.out.println(i + ": " + list.get(i).get());
40     } catch (InterruptedException | ExecutionException e) {
41         e.printStackTrace();
42     }
43 }
44 executor.shutdown();
```

Output - demo_lambda (run)

```
run:
0: pool-1-thread-1
1: pool-1-thread-2
2: pool-1-thread-3
3: pool-1-thread-4
4: pool-1-thread-5
5: pool-1-thread-1
6: pool-1-thread-4
7: pool-1-thread-5
8: pool-1-thread-3
9: pool-1-thread-2
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (to
```

Debugging Lambdas [1/2]



- ◆ To test the lambda used in **ComparatorLambdaDemo** class :
 - Open the ComparatorLambdaDemo class in NetBeans.
 - In the code editor, double-click the line number of the statement that uses lambda to set a breakpoint.
 - In the code editor, double-click the line number of the statement containing the for loop to set a breakpoint.

```
31 employeeList.add(new Employee("Andy", "Davidson"));
32 Comparator<Employee> sortedEmployee = (Employee emp1, Employee emp2) -> emp1.getLastName().compareTo(emp2.getLastName());
34 System.out.println("Sorted Employee by last name in ascending order");
35 Collections.sort(employeeList, sortedEmployee);
36 for (Employee emp : employeeList) {
37     System.out.println(emp.getFirstName() + " " + emp.getLastName());
}
```

- Select Debug ? Debug Project from the main menu of NetBeans. The program execution stops in the first breakpoint.
- Observe the first name and last name values in the Variables window displayed. At this point, the lambda is yet to perform the sorting.

Debugging Lambdas [2/2]



The screenshot shows the 'Variables' window in an IDE. The 'employeeList' variable is expanded, showing three employee objects. Each object has 'firstName' and 'lastName' attributes. The values are: Employee 0 (Patrick, Samuel), Employee 1 (John, Doe), and Employee 2 (Andy, Davidson). The status bar at the bottom indicates 'ComparatorAnonymousDemo (debug)' and 'running...'.

Name	Type	Value
args	String[]	#77[length=0]
employeeList	List<Employee>	size = 3
[0]	Employee	#104
firstName	String	"Patrick"
lastName	String	"Samuel"
[1]	Employee	#105
firstName	String	"John"
lastName	String	"Doe"
[2]	Employee	#106
firstName	String	"Andy"
lastName	String	"Davidson"

- Employee Values before Sorting

- Select Debug → Continue from main menu to continue debugging until the debugging thread hits the second breakpoint.
- Check the Variables window to ensure that the lambda has correctly performed the sorting based on the last name.

The screenshot shows the 'Variables' window in an IDE. The 'employeeList' variable is expanded, showing three employee objects. The values are now sorted by last name: Employee 0 (John, Doe), Employee 1 (Patrick, Samuel), and Employee 2 (Andy, Davidson). The status bar at the bottom indicates 'ComparatorAnonymousDemo (debug)' and 'running...'.

Name	Type	Value
firstName	String	"Andy"
lastName	String	"Davidson"
[1]	Employee	#105
firstName	String	"John"
lastName	String	"Doe"
[2]	Employee	#104
firstName	String	"Patrick"
lastName	String	"Samuel"

- Employee Values after Sorting

- Select Debug → Finish Debugger Session to stop debugging.

Summary



- ◆ A lambda expression is an unnamed block of code that facilitates functional programming.
- ◆ `java.util.function` package introduced in Java 8 contains a large number of functional interfaces.
- ◆ Java 8 provides primitive versions for functional interfaces to operate on primitive values.
- ◆ Java 8 also provides equivalent binary versions of some functional interfaces that can accept two parameters.
- ◆ `UnaryOperator` interface is used on a single operand when the types of the operand and result are the same.
- ◆ Java programmers can use lambdas to express problems in a shorter and more readable way.
- ◆ Lambda expressions can be debugged in NetBeans like any piece of Java code by setting breakpoints.