# JAVA FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPSL1alFIjI>

**Declarative programming** focuses on specifying the desired outcome or result of a program without explicitly detailing the steps or instructions required to achieve that outcome.

**Imperative programming**, on the other hand, focuses on explicitly describing the steps or instructions that a program should follow to achieve a desired outcome.

## Streams

**In Java, a stream is a sequence of objects that supports various methods which can be pipelined to produce the desired result.** It is not a data structure, but rather a way to express and process collections of objects. Streams are used to perform operations like filtering, mapping, reducing, and sorting on collections without altering the original data structure. They are created from collections, arrays, or I/O channels and support functional-style operations on elements. Streams are widely used in Java for processing and manipulating data efficiently.

## [Method reference (::) A computer screen shot of a program Description automatically generated](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/stream-in-java/" \t "_blank)

## Package java.util.function

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/function/package-summary.html>

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This package contains functonal interfaces.

**A functional interface has a single abstract method.**

It can have multiple default method.

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