# Streams & Collectors

New APIs for map / filter / reduce

José Paumard blog.paumard.org @JosePaumard







- Introduction: map / filter / reduce
- What is a « Stream »?
- ✓ Patterns to build a Stream
- Operations on a Stream

- Example:
- Let's take a list a Person

```
List<Person> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

Suppose we want to compute the

« average of the age of the people older than 20 »

- 1. Convert Object :: Person --> Age
  - 2. Select People older than 20 Years
  - 3. Compute average age.

- 1<sup>st</sup> step: mapping
- The mapping step takes a List<Person> and returns a List<Integer>
- The size of both lists is the same

- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: filtering
- The filtering step takes a List<Integer> and returns a List<Integer>
- But there some elements have been filtered out in the process

- 3<sup>rd</sup> step: average
- This is the reduction step, equivalent to the SQL aggregation



Technical answer: a typed interface

And a new concept!

#### What Is a Stream?

What does it do?

■ It gives ways to efficiently process large amounts of data... and also smaller ones

Using Java Stream, we can process large and small amounts of data.

#### What Is a Stream?

What does efficiently mean?

Parallel + Pipeline

- Two things:
- Vin parallel, to leverage the computing power of multicore CPUs
- Pipelined, to avoid unnecessary intermediary computations

#### What Is a Stream?

- So what is a Stream?
- An object on which one can define *operations*
- An object that does not hold any data
- An object that should not change the data it processes
- An object able to process data in « one pass »
- An object optimized from the algorithm point of view, and able to process data in parallel

Why Stream does not hold any data?

Beacause an operation on a stream that returns another stream is called an intermediary operation which is a simple declaration.

Whote: any Terminal operation like for Each() / reduction operation actually process data.

#### **How Can We Build a Stream?**

Many patterns!

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

Stream<Person> stream = persons.stream();
```

ForEach() that takes a Consumer <T>

First operation: forEach()

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

Stream<Person> stream = persons.stream();
stream.forEach(p -> System.out.println(p));
```

```
Prints all the elements of the list
```

It takes an instance of Consumer as an argument

```
void accept ( T t) = ( p -> System.out.println(p));
```

```
Consumer c = new Consumer(){
void accept(Person p){System.out.println(p.name())}
}
    p -> System.out.println(p.getName());
```

Interface Consumer<T>

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Consumer<T> {
    void accept(T t);
}
```

- Consumer<T> is a functional interface
- Can be implemented by a lambda expression

```
Consumer<T> c = p -> System.out.println(p);
```

```
Consumer<T> c = System.out::println; // Method reference
```

In fact Consumer<T> is a bit more complex

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Consumer<T> {

    void accept(T t);

    default Consumer<T> andThen(Consumer<? super T> after) {
        Objects.requireNonNull(after);
        return (T t) -> { accept(t); after.accept(t); };
    }
}
```

One can chain consumers!

Let's chain consumers

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
Consumer<String> c1 = s -> list.add(s);
Consumer<String> c2 = s -> System.out.println(s);
```

Let's chain consumers

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
Consumer<String> c1 = list::add;
Consumer<String> c2 = System.out::println;
Consumer<String> c3 = c1.andThen(c2); Consumer Chaining
```

Only way to have several consumers on a single stream

Because forEach() does not return anything

Filter that takes a Predicate

#### **Example:**

```
List<Person> list = ...;
Stream<Person> stream = list.stream();
Stream<Person> filtered =
    stream.filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20);
```

Takes a predicate as a parameter:

```
Predicate<Person> p = person -> person.getAge() > 20;
```

Predicate interface:

```
@FunctionalInterface
      public interface Predicate<T> {
          boolean test(T t);
Predicate p = new Predicate <Person>() {
                                                 person -> person.getAge() > 30;
   boolean test (Person person) {
      return person.getAge() > 30;
        stream.filter( p)
```

Predicate interface, with default methods:



**Predicates combinations examples:** 

```
Predicate<Integer> p1 = i -> i > 20;
Predicate<Integer> p2 = i -> i < 30;
Predicate<Integer> p3 = i -> i == 0;

Predicate<Integer> p = p1.and(p2).or(p3); // (p1 AND p2) OR p3
Predicate<Integer> p = p3.or(p1).and(p2); // (p3 OR p1) AND p2
```

Warning: method calls do not handle priorities

Predicate interface, with static method:

Predicate interface, with static method:

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Predicate<T> {
   boolean test(T t);
   // default methods
   static <T> Predicate<T> isEqual(Object o) { ... }
}
```

Example:

```
Predicate<String> p = Predicate.isEqual("two");
```

Use case:

```
Predicate<String> p = Predicate.isEqual("two") ;
Stream<String> stream1 = Stream.of("one", "two", "three") ;
Stream<String> stream2 = stream1.filter(p) ;
```

The filter method returns a Stream

Use case:

```
Predicate<String> p = Predicate.isEqual("two") ;
Stream<String> stream1 = Stream.of("one", "two", "three") ;
Stream<String> stream2 = stream1.filter(p) ;
```

- The filter method returns a Stream --> stream2
- This Stream is a new instance stream1 =/ stream2

both are different instances

- Question: what do I have in this new Stream?
- Simple answer: the filtered data

- Really?
- We just said: « a stream does not hold any data »

- Question: what do I have in this new Stream?
- Simple answer: the filtered data WRONG!
- The right answer is: nothing, since a Stream does not hold any data
- So, what does this code do?

```
List<Person> list = ...;
Stream<Person> stream = list.stream();
Stream<Person> filtered =
        stream.filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20);
```

Answer is: nothing

This call is only a declaration, no data is processed

- The call to the filter method is lazy
- And all the methods of Stream that return another Stream are lazy
- Another way of saying it:

**an** operation on a Stream that returns a Stream is called an intermediary operation

#### **Back to the Consumer**

What does this code do?

```
List<String> result = new ArrayList<>();
List<Person> persons = ...;

persons.stream()
    .peek(System.out::println)
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .peek(result::add);
```

#### **Back to the Consumer**

What does this code do?

```
List<String> result = new ArrayList<>();
List<Person> persons = ...;

persons.stream()
    .peek(System.out::println)
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .peek(result::add);
```

Hint: the peek() method returns a Stream

#### **Back to the Consumer**

What does this code do?

```
List<String> result = new ArrayList<>();
List<Person> persons = ...;

persons.stream()
    .peek(System.out::println)
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .peek(result::add);
```

- Answer: nothing!
- This code does not print anything
- The list « result » is empty

#### **Summary**

- The Stream API defines intermediary operations
- We saw 3 operations:
- forEach(Consumer) (not lazy)
- peek(Consumer) (lazy)
- filter(Predicate) (lazy)

forEach() is not a lazy operation

#### Example:

Example:

map() returns a Stream, so it is an intermediary operation

map() basically alters the type of data that a stream contains.

A mapper is modeled by the Function interface

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Function<T, R> {
   R apply(T t);
     T=PRISON
R=String
```

... with default methods to chain and compose mappings

#### **Mapping Operation**

... with default methods to chain and compose mappings

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Function<T, R> {
    R apply(T t);
    default <V> Function<V, R> compose(Function<V, T> before);
    default <V> Function<T, V> andThen(Function<R, V> after);
}
```

In fact this is the simplified version, beware the generics!

We can chain map operations.

#### **Mapping Operation**

compose() and andThen() methods with their exact signatures

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Function<T, R> {

   R apply(T t);

   default <V> Function<V, R> compose(
        Function<? super V, ? extends T> before);

   default <V> Function<T, V> andThen(
        Function<? super R, ? extends V> after);
}
```

#### **Mapping Operation**

One static method: identity

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Function<T, R> {

   R apply(T t);

   // default methods

   Static <T> Function<T, T> identity() {
      return t -> t;
   }
}
```

```
Method flatMap()
```

Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

- Method flatMap()
- Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

The flatMapper takes an element of type T, and returns an element of type Stream<R>

- Method flatMap()
- Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

If the flatMap was a regular map, it would return a Stream<Stream<R>>

- Method flatMap()
- Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

- If the flatMap was a regular map, it would return a Stream<Stream<R>>
- Thus a « stream of streams »

- Method flatMap()
- Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

- If the flatMap was a regular map, it would return a Stream<Stream<R>>
- But it is a flatMap!

- Method flatMap()
- Signature:

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T, Stream<R>> flatMapper);
```

```
<R> Stream<R> map(Function<T, R> mapper);
```

- If the flatMap was a regular map, it would return a Stream<Stream<R>>
- But it is a flatMap!
- Thus the « stream of streams » is flattened, and becomes a stream

#### **Summary**

3 categories of operations:

```
forEach() and peek()

filter()

map() and flatMap() } Map
```

#### Reduction

- And what about the reduction step?
- Two kinds of reduction in the Stream API

1st: aggregation = min, max, sum, etc...

#### Reduction

How does it work?

```
List<Integer> ages = ...;
Stream<Integer> stream = ages.stream();
Integer sum =
    stream.reduce(0, (age1, age2) -> age1 + age2);
```

- 1st argument: identity element of the reduction operation = Initial Value
- 2<sup>nd</sup> argument: reduction operation, of type BinaryOperator<T>

For any reduction, you need to pass the identity along with a biFunction

## **BinaryOperator**

A BinaryOperator is a special case of BiFunction

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface BinaryOperator<T>
extends BiFunction<T, T, T> {

    // T apply(T t1, T t2);

    // plus static methods
}
```

## **Identity Element**

- The bifunction takes two arguments, so...
- What happens if the Stream is empty?
- What happens if the Stream has only one element?

- The reduction of an empty Stream is the identity element = Initial Value
- If the Stream has only one element, then the reduction is that element

Initial Value + First Element in case of addition

#### **Aggregations**

#### Examples:

```
Stream<Integer> stream = ...;
BinaryOperation<Integer> sum = (i1, i2) -> i1 + i2;
Integer id = 0; // identity element for the sum

int red = stream.reduce(id, sum); identity + biFunction
```

```
Stream<Integer> stream = Stream.empty();
int red = stream.reduce(id, sum);
System.out.println(red);
Since the stream is empty, the value of i1 + i2 = 0
```

#### Will print:

> 0

Stream empty() creates an empty sequential Stream.

## **Aggregations**

#### Examples:

```
Stream<Integer> stream = ...;
BinaryOperation<Integer> sum = (i1, i2) -> i1 + i2;
Integer id = 0; // identity element for the sum
int red = stream.reduce(id, sum);
```

```
Stream<Integer> stream = Stream.of(1);
int red = stream.reduce(id, sum);
System.out.println(red);
```

Returns a sequential ordered stream whose elements are the

• Will print: specified values

```
> 1
```

```
Stream <Integer> intStream = Stream.of(2);
Stream <Integer> intStream1 = Stream.of(2,4,6);
```

## **Aggregations**

#### Examples:

```
Stream<Integer> stream = ...;
BinaryOperation<Integer> sum = (i1, i2) -> i1 + i2;
Integer id = 0; // identity element for the sum
int red = stream.reduce(id, sum);
```

```
Stream<Integer> stream = Stream.of(1, 2, 3, 4);
int red = stream.reduce(id, sum);
System.out.println(red);
```

#### Will print:

```
> 10
```

# amp

## **Aggregations: Corner Case**

Suppose the reduction is the max

```
BinaryOperation<Integer> max =
   (i1, i2) ->
   i1 > i2 ? i1 : i2;
```

- The problem is, there is no identity element for the max reduction
- So the max of an empty Stream is undefined...

#### **Aggregations: Corner Case**

Then what is the return type of this call?

```
List<Integer> ages = ...;
Stream<Integer> stream = ages.stream();
... max =
stream.max(Comparator.naturalOrder());
```

## **Aggregations: Corner Case**

Then what is the return type of the this call?

If it is an int, then the default value is 0...

## **Aggregations: Corner Case**

Then what is the return type of the this call?

If it is an Integer, then the default value is null...

Then what is the return type of the this call?

Optional means « there might be no result »

```
Another Example: Optional <Integer> maxNumber= intStream1.max((i1, i2) -> i1 > i2 ? i1 :i2);
```

How to use an Optional?

```
Optional<String> opt = ...;

If (opt.isPresent()) {
        String s = opt.get();
    } else {
        ...
}
```

The method isPresent() returns true if there is something in the optional

How to use an Optional?

```
Optional<String> opt = ...;
if (opt.isPresent()) {
        String s = opt.get();
} else {
        ...
}
```

The method is Present() returns true if there is something in the optional

The method get() returns the value held by this optional

How to use an Optional?

```
Optional<String> opt = ...;
if (opt.isPresent()) {
        String s = opt.get();
} else {
        ...
}
```

The method or Else() encapsulates both calls

```
String s = opt.orElse(""); // defines a default value

Optional <Integer> maxNumber= intStream1.max((i1, i2) -> i1 > i2 ? i1 :i2);
```

maxNumber.orElse(maxNumber.get());

How to use an Optional?

```
Optional<String> opt = ...;
if (opt.isPresent()) {
        String s = opt.get();
} else {
        ...
}
```

The method or Else Throw () defines a thrown exception

```
String s = opt.orElseThrow(MyException::new); // lazy construct.
```

#### **Reductions**

- **Available reductions:** 
  - max(), min()
  - □ count()
- **Boolean reductions** 
  - allMatch(), noneMatch(), anyMatch()
- Reductions that return an optional
  - findFirst(), findAny()

#### **Reductions**

- Reductions are terminal operations
- They trigger the processing of the data

#### **Terminal Operation**

#### Example:

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

Optional<Integer> minAge =
persons.map(person -> person.getAge())  // Stream<Integer>
    .filter(age -> age > 20)  // Stream<Integer>
    .min(Comparator.naturalOrder());  // terminal operation
```

#### **Terminal Operation**

**Example, optimization:** 

#### **Terminal Operation**

Example, optimization:

 The map / filter / reduce operations are evaluated in one pass over the data

#### **Summary**

Reduction seen as an aggregation

Intermediary / terminal operation

Optional: needed because default values cant be always defined

#### **Collectors**

- There is another type of reduction
- Called « mutable » reduction

Instead of aggregating elements, this reduction put them in a « container »

## **Collecting in a String**

Example:

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

String result =
  persons.stream()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .map(Person::getLastName)
    .collect(
         Collectors.joining(", ")
        );
```

Result is a String with all the names of the people in persons, older than 20, separated by a comma

## **Collecting in a List**

Example:

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

List<String> result =
  persons.stream()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .map(Person::getLastName)
    .collect(
        Collectors.toList()
    );
```

 Result is a List of String with all the names of the people in persons, older than 20

## **Collecting in a Map**

#### Example:

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

Map<Integer, List<Person>> result =
persons.stream()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .collect(
        Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getAge)
    );
```

- Result is a Map containing the people of persons, older than 20
  - The keys are the ages of the people
  - The values are the lists of the people of that age

## **Collecting in a Map**

Example:

```
List<Person> persons = ...;

Map<Integer, List<Person>> result =
persons.stream()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 20)
    .collect(
        Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getAge)
    );
```

It is possible to « post-process » the values,
 with a downstream collector

## **Collecting in a Map**

Example:

Collectors.counting() just counts the number of people of each age

#### So What Is a Stream?

- An object that allows one to define processings on data
  - There is no limit on the amount of data that can be processed
- Those processings are typically map / filter / reduce operations

- Those processings are optimized:
- First, we define all the operations
- Then, the operations are triggered

#### So What Is a Stream?

Last remark:

A Stream cannot be « reused »

Once it has been used ot process a set of data, it cannot be used again to process another set

In Java 8, Stream cannot be reused, once it is consumed or used by a terminal operation, the stream will be closed.

the following example, it will throw an IllegalStateException, saying "stream is closed".

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   String[] array = {"a", "b", "c", "d", "e"};
   Stream<String> stream = Arrays.stream(array);

   // loop a stream
   stream.forEach(x -> System.out.println(x));

   // reuse it to filter again! throws IllegalStateException
   long count = stream.filter(x -> "b".equals(x)).count();
   System.out.println(count);
}
```

Note: For whatever reason, if you really want to reuse a Stream, try the following Supplier solution:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {

String[] array = {"a", "b", "c", "d", "e"};

Supplier<Stream<String>> streamSupplier = () -> Stream.of(array);
```

```
//get new stream
streamSupplier.get().forEach(x -> System.out.println(x));

//get another new stream
long count = streamSupplier.get().filter(x -> "b".equals(x)).count();

System.out.println(count);
}
```

Note: Each get() will return a new stream.

## **Summary**

- Quick explanation of the map / filter / reduce
- What is a Stream
- The difference between intermediary and final operations
- The « consuming » operations: forEach() and peek()
- The « mapping » operations: map() and flatMap()
- The « filter » operation: filter()
- The « reduction » operations:
  - Aggregations: reduce(), max(), min(), ...
  - Mutable reductions: collect, Collectors