

JAVA 8

Why do we use
`@FunctionalInterface`?



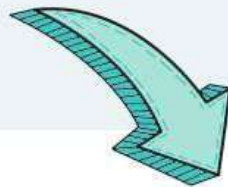
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This annotation is used to indicate that the interface is intended to be a functional interface. The compiler will return a meaningful error if you define an interface using the `@FunctionalInterface` annotation and it isn't a functional interface. It is completely optional and there is no strict rule to annotate a functional interface with this annotation but consider it as a good practice.

Examples :

- If we are trying to declare more than 1 abstract method using `@FunctionalInterface` then straightforward we get the compile time error .



```
@FunctionalInterface
interface iDemo{
    1 implementation
    void print(S
    void print1(
}

public class Dem

    @Override
    public void

}
```

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```
@Documented
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Target({ElementType.TYPE})
public @interface FunctionalInterface
extends annotation.Annotation
```

An informative annotation type used to indicate that an interface type declaration is intended to be a *functional interface* as defined by the Java Language Specification. Conceptually, a functional interface has exactly one abstract method. Since *default methods* have an implementation, they are not abstract. If an interface declares an abstract method overriding one of the public methods of `java.lang.Object`, that also does *not* count toward the interface's abstract method count since any implementation of the interface will have an implementation from `java.lang.Object` or elsewhere.

Note that instances of functional interfaces can be created with lambda expressions, method references, or constructor references.