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# Big Data System Engineering with Scala

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### Assignment No. 2

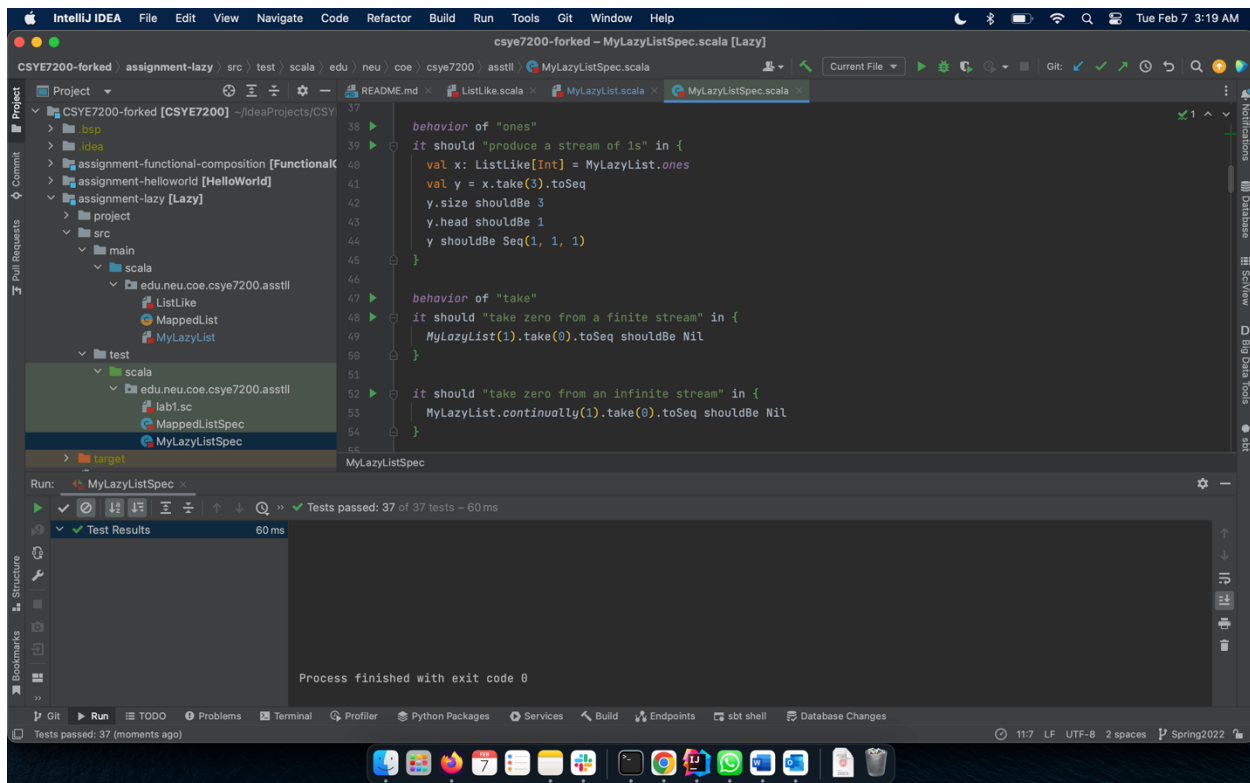


Implementation of from method:

github link: <https://github.com/sayeedahmed01/CSYE7200/tree/Spring2022/assignment-lazy/src/main/scala/edu/neu/coe/csye7200/asstll>

```
new *  
def from(start: Int, step: Int): ListLike[Int] = new MyLazyList[Int](start, () => from(start + step, step))
```

Tests:



- (a) what is the chief way by which *MyLazyList* differs from *LazyList* (the built-in Scala class that does the same thing). Don't mention the methods that *MyLazyList* does or doesn't implement--I want to know what is the *structural* difference.
  - The structural difference in the code is the way we have a abstract class that extends a trait to define a list structure and a couple of classes that are implemented for empty and non-empty lists(b) Why do you think there is this difference?
- Explain what the following code actually does and why is it needed?  

```
def tail = lazyTail()
```

  - The code is used to get evaluate the tail of a List lazily i.e only when it is needed, this helps to optimize it for long lists where we evaluate the tail only when needed.
- List all of the recursive calls that you can find in *MyLazyList* (give line numbers).
  - There are 7 recursive calls in *MyLazyList* :

1. Line 43: `MyLazyList(y.head, () => y.tail ++ lazyTail().flatMap(f))`
  2. Line 82: `case MyLazyList(y, g) => MyLazyList((x, y), () => lazyTail() zip g())`
  3. Line 361: `case h :: t => MyLazyList(h, () => apply(t))`
  4. Line 372: `def apply[X](x: X, xs: Seq[X]): ListLike[X] = MyLazyList(x, () => apply(xs))`
  5. Line 383: `def continually[X](x: => X): ListLike[X] = MyLazyList(x, () => continually(x))`
  6. Line 408: `def from(start: Int, step: Int): ListLike[Int] = new MyLazyList[Int](start, () => from(start + step, step))`
  7. Line 417: `def`
  - 8.
4. List all of the mutable variables and mutable collections that you can find in *MyLazyList* (give line numbers).
    - There are no mutable variables or mutable collections
  5. What is the purpose of the *zip* method?
    - The *zip* method is used to take two ListLike instances element by element and create a new instance of ListLike with the corresponding elements in a tuple.
  6. Why is there no *length* (or *size*) method for *MyLazyList*?
    - There is no length method as the LazyList is supposed to be an infinite linked list, which would make the length method useless