

JAVA 8 - a revolutionary release of the development platform which brings some major tweaks and upgrades to the Java programming language -including enhanced JavaScript engine, new APIs for date and time manipulation, improved and faster JVM, and the lambda expressions, stream API, etc.



Many of you may be aware of these upgrades, but few who are wondering, what is it and how it works, we have a brief explanation with a simple example 😊 follows.

1. Lambda expressions – The tech giant’s most anticipated upgrade for programming language.

What is lambda expression?

- To put in simple words, *expresses instances of functional interfaces, lambda expressions implement the only abstract function and therefore implement functional interfaces*

Syntax:

```
Lambda operator -> body
```

Now, we have another question, what is functional interface?

- *an interface that contains only one abstract method, they can have only one functionality to exhibit and it can have any number of default methods*

First we will see how to create functional interface.

Ex: *creating function interface*

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface MyFuntionalInterface {

    void arithmeticOp(int operand);

    /**
     * Some default methods
     */
}
```

@FunctionalInterface annotation is used to ensure that the functional interface can't have more than one abstract method. In case more than one abstract methods are present, the compiler flags an 'Unexpected @FunctionalInterface annotation' message. However, it is not mandatory to use this annotation.

Now, will see how we can use this functional interface in our program.

```
.....
FunctionalInterface mFI_ADD_Func = (a) -> a + a;

System.out.println("Add the value : " + mFI_ADD_Func.arithmeticOp(4));

FunctionalInterface mFI_MUL_Func = (a) -> a * a;

System.out.println("Multiply the value : " + mFI_MUL_Func.arithmeticOp(4));

FunctionalInterface divideWithPrint_Func = (a) -> {
    System.out.println("Divide the value From lambda :");
    return a / a;
};
System.out.println(" --> " + divideWithPrint_Func.arithmeticOp(4));
.....
```

Ref : [GIT - lambda with on demand functions in java 8](#)

So, Lambda is nothing but function on demand which is not belongs to any class and can access variables declared outside its scope (not advisable).

Functionalities of Lambda

Exs : [GIT - lambda examples](#)

- ✚ Enable to treat functionality as a method argument, or code as data.
- ✚ A function that can be created without belonging to any class.
- ✚ A lambda expression can be passed around as if it was an object and executed on demand
- ✚ A lambda operator can have “**O**” - zero parameters, “**(a)**” - one parameter, “**(a, b, c)**” multiple parameters, Lambda expressions are just like functions and they accept parameters just like functions (parameters depends on abstract method in the functional interface designed)

Now, will see how the same interface in Java 7 works

```
.....
MyFunctionalInterface mFI_ADD_Func = new MyFunctionalInterface() {
    @Override
    public int arithmeticOp(int a) {
        return a + a;
    }
};

System.out.println("Java7 impl - Add the value : " + mFI_ADD_Func.arithmeticOp(4));

MyFunctionalInterface mFI_MUL_Func = new MyFunctionalInterface() {
    @Override
    public int arithmeticOp(int a) {
        return a * a;
    }
};

System.out.println("Java7 impl - Mul the value : " + mFI_MUL_Func.arithmeticOp(4));
.....
```

Ref : [GIT - On demand functions in java 7](#)

Yes, in Java7 too, we can have an on-demand functionality, but it cost us to create an Anonymous **InnerClass/ or new classes to implements**



interface on function, Java7, but stills does the works but on cost of bit ugly code design and it will compile with three more class files.

So, the Magic, **lambda expression**



Java8's cool Dude...! Allow us to write on demand functions with, beautiful code design.

Some of functional interfaces in Java - *Runnable, ActionListener, Comparable* and some java8 util.function package has *Predicate, BinaryOperator, and Function, etc.*

We can make functional interface as a generic type (above all the java's functional interface are generic type) and write our code with desired data types and various functions. (Ex: Function as name tells we can apply any functionality to it.)

Cool right?

Here it is, can we have hands on to implement lambda, which will be the best practice and will also have experience on functionality?



We can skip if you guys want to move on to next topic and can do the hands on later. But



Skip, skip, skip

Use case – have an Employee class with firstName, lastName, age and salary.

Conditions:

- ✚ *Sort by first name*
- ✚ *Sort by last name first letter*
- ✚ *Sort by last name last letter*
- ✚ *Sort by age and,*
- ✚ *Sort by salary*

It is easy with lambda,

Hints - use `Collections.sort()` for sorting with `Comparable/ comparator` user interface.

Ref : [Git - lambda exercise](#)

Java7

vs

Java8 (With lambda & other upgrades)



That's how the transformation design happened from java7 -> java8, still we have more API's & upgrade to know about.

2. The New Date/ Time API - *is introduced to cover the drawbacks of old date-time API.*

- ✚ **Not Thread safe** – Developer must deal with concurrency (In Java8 it is immutable).
- ✚ **Poor design** - Default Date starts from 1900.
- ✚ **Difficult in time zone handling** – new API has domain-specific design in mind.

Java 8 introduces a new date-time API under the package `java.time`. Following are some of the important classes introduced in `java.time` package

- ✚ **Local** – Simplified date-time API with no complexity of timezone handling.
- ✚ **Zoned** – Specialized date-time API to deal with various timezones.



Simple example to get local time and date, UTC.

LocalDate/LocalTime and LocalDateTime classes simplify the development where timezones are not required

```
LocalDateTime currentTime = LocalDateTime.now();
System.out.println("Current DateTime: " + currentTime);
System.out.println("Current Date: " + currentTime.toLocalDate());
System.out.println("Current Time: " + currentTime.toLocalTime());

Instant dateTime = Instant.now();
System.out.println("UTC DateTime: " + dateTime);
```

Ref : [Git - Local Date Time](#)

Java8, have more fine-grained control over our date and time representation

Simple example to handle zoned time.

Ref: [Zone List](#) Java

```
Instant dateTime = Instant.now();

System.out.println("Current Europe/London time: "
    +dateTime.atZone(ZoneId.of("Europe/London")));

System.out.println("Current Atlantic/Azores time: "
    +dateTime.atZone(ZoneId.of("Atlantic/Azores")));

System.out.println("Current Africa/Lagos time: " +dateTime.atZone(ZoneId.of("Africa/Lagos")));

ZonedDateTime zonedDateTime = ZonedDateTime.parse("2007-12-03T10:15:30+05:30[Asia/Karachi]");

System.out.println("Zoned Date : " + zonedDateTime);
```

Ref: [Git - Zoned Date Time](#)

Using java8 handling time zone becomes easy.

Some Special Mentions (Date and Time API features)

Ref: [Git - Date Time Exercise](#)

✚ *Formatting - Using the DateTimeFormat*

✚ *Difference in Time: Duration() and Period*

🕒 *Period – It deals with date based amount of time. (Zoom In)*

🕒 *Duration – It deals with time based amount of time.*

✚ *Chrono Units Enum - enum is added in Java 8 to replace the integer values used in old API*

✚ *Temporal Adjusters - used to perform the date mathematics*

✚ *Backward Compatibility - A toInstant() method is added to the original Date and Calendar objects, which can be used to convert them to the new Date-Time API. Use an ofInstant(Instant,ZoneId) method to get a LocalDateTime or ZonedDateTime object*

No hands On - 😞

// but no stopping 😊



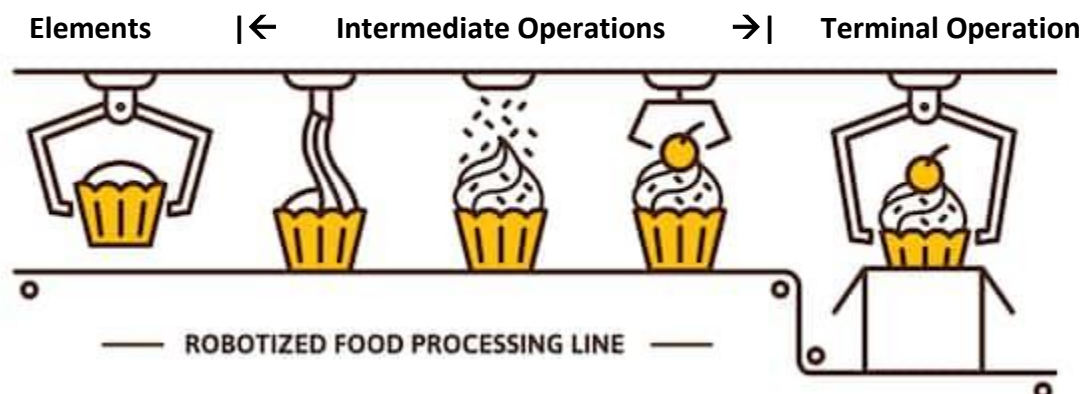
3. The Stream API –



- ✚ supports functional-style operations on streams of elements, such as map-reduce transformations on collections.
- ✚ stream operations are divided into intermediate and terminal operations.
- ✚ stream pipeline consists of a stream source, followed by zero or more intermediate operations, and a terminal operation

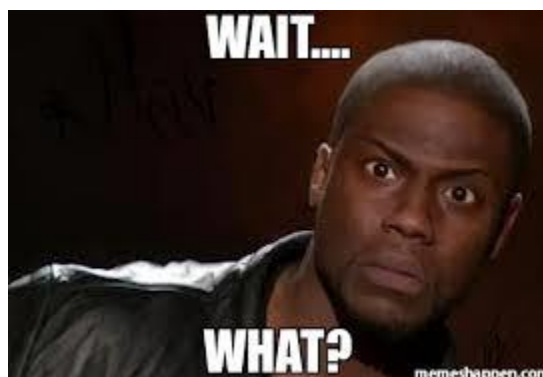
How stream works?

Take below example



As above image represents, we are going to do the similar kind of process in our stream, the data flow depends on the operations we choose. (stream the list of elements -> apply the operations on the elements -> pack it).

Yes, it is that simple, if we understood, what Operations (ingredients/ design) we must apply and how we expected it (End product).



How to create stream?

There are many ways to create stream on object, array or list, we see few in following example

```
Space[] arrayOfSpaceObject = { new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in degree
                                new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4) };

// Streaming on Arrays using Stream of
List<Space> sorted = Stream.of(arrayOfSpaceObject)
    .sorted((obj1, obj2) -> (int) (obj1.getTemperature() -obj2.getTemperature()))
    .collect(Collectors.toList());

System.out.println("Sorted List :" + sorted);

// Streaming on List
List<Space> sortedOnId = sorted.stream().sorted(Comparator.comparing(Space::getId))
    .collect(Collectors.toList());

System.out.println("Sorted List by Id :" + sortedOnId);

// Streaming on single object using stream of
Space ob = arrayOfSpaceObject[0];
System.out.println("Object modified :" + ob);

ob = Stream.of(ob).peek((object) -> object.setTemperature(object.getTemperature() * 10)
    .findFirst().orElse(null);

System.out.println("Object modified :" + ob);
```

Ref : [Git - few ways to create stream](#)

We can also use Stream builder to create stream.

We should do hands on for each functions/ topic, as stream is vast, we may want to experience hands on to understand clearly.



Stream Operations –

-> *forEach* *

✚ *forEach* - is simplest and most common operation; it loops over the stream elements, calling the supplied function on each element.

✚ The method is so common that it has been introduced directly in *Iterable*, *Map* etc:

Simple example for *forEach* on stream and collection.

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
degree
                                     new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                     new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                     new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                     new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

elementList.stream().forEach((element) -> element.setId(element.getId() * 2));

elementList.forEach((element) -> element.setId(element.getId() * 2));
```

Ref: [Git - forEach](#)

forEach() is a **terminal operation**, which means that, after the operation is performed, the stream pipeline is considered consumed, and can no longer be used.

-> *map* *

produces a new stream after applying a function to each element of the original stream. The new stream could be of different type

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
degree
                                     new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                     new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                     new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                     new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

List<String> nameList =
elementList.stream().map(Space::getName).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Ref: [Git - map](#)

As we can see in the above example, the **stream of Space** has been converted to **stream of String** after the *map* operation.

-> flatMap *

A stream can hold complex data structures like `Stream<List<String>>`. In cases like this, `flatMap()` helps us to flatten the data structure to simplify further operations:

```
List<List<Space>> listOfList = Arrays.asList(elementList, errorListTemp,
errorListName);

List<Space> flattenedList =
listOfList.stream().flatMap(Collection::stream).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Ref: [Git - flatMap](#)

Notice how we were able to convert the `Stream<List<String>>` to a simpler `Stream<String>` – using the `flatMap()` API.



-> filter *

this produces a new stream that contains elements of the original stream that pass a given condition (specified by a Predicate – Functional interface).

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
degree
                                     new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                     new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                     new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                     new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

List<Space> filteredElementList = elementList.stream().filter((space) ->
space.getTemperature() > 1).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Ref: [Git - filter](#)

Example shows that the list has been filtered by the space object, on condition which has greater than temperature one, and returns the new stream of list.

-> peek *

it performs the specified operation on each element of the stream and returns a new stream which can be used further. `peek()` is an intermediate operation:

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
                                         degree
                                         new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                         new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                         new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                         new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

List<Space> newList =
    elementList.stream().peek((space) -> space.setTemperature(space.getTemperature()
    * 21)).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Ref: [Git - peek](#)

Here `peek` is used to increase the object temperature by double. Finally, `collect()` is used as the terminal operation.

-> collect *

We saw how `collect()` works in the previous example; its one of the common ways to get stuff out of the stream once we are done with all the processing

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
                                         degree
                                         new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
                                         new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
                                         new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
                                         new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

List<Space> filteredElementList = elementList.stream().filter((space) ->
    space.getTemperature() > 1).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

`collect()` performs mutable fold operations (repackaging elements to some data structures and applying some additional logic, concatenating them, etc.) on data elements held in the Stream instance.

The strategy for this operation is provided via the Collector interface implementation. In the example above, we used the `toList` collector to collect all Stream elements into a List instance.

-> **findFirst** *

findFirst() returns an *Optional* for the first entry in the stream; the *Optional* can, of course, be empty:

```
List<Space> elementList = Arrays.asList(new Space(1, "comet", 170), // temp in
degree
    new Space(2, "Meteorite", 3000),
    new Space(3, "dwarf planet", -223),
    new Space(4, "kuiper belt", -223),
    new Space(5, "oort cloud", 4));

Optional<Space> optionalSpace = elementList.stream().filter((space) ->
space.getTemperature() > 1000).peek((name) -> System.out.println("name : " +
name)).findFirst();

Space spaceObj = elementList.stream().filter((space) -> space.getTemperature() <
50).peek((name) -> System.out.println("name : " +
name)).findFirst().orElse(null);
```

Ref : [Git - findFirst](#)

We have two way to use findFirst(), i.e., we can get it as Optional<> object or just an object by orElse() in findFirst, it will not stream every object on the list, it will stop the stream once it finds the first element, which pass through the filter.



I think we can wind up on stream as we have seen important operations on stream, we have more in stream like,

- ✚ toArray
- ✚ iterate, skip, limit, generate
- ✚ count, sorted
- ✚ min, max, distinct
- ✚ allMatch, anyMatch, noneMatch
- ✚ reduce
- ✚ Advanced collect
 - ☞ Joining
 - ☞ toList
 - ☞ toSet
 - ☞ toCollection
 - ☞ partitioningBy
 - ☞ groupingBy
 - ☞ mapping
 - ☞ reducing,



Yeah...!!!

-> parallel stream *

we can perform stream operations in parallel without having to write any boilerplate code, would get executed in parallel on multiple elements of the stream, by simply adding the parallel() syntax

This functionality can, of course, be tuned and configured further, if you need more control over the performance characteristics of the operation

As is the case with writing multi-threaded code, we need to be aware of few things while using parallel streams:

- ✚ We need to ensure that the code is thread-safe. Special care needs to be taken if the operations performed in parallel modifies shared data.
- ✚ We should not use parallel streams if the order in which operations are performed or the order returned in the output stream matters. For example operations like `findFirst()` may generate the different result in case of parallel streams.
- ✚ Also, we should ensure that it is worth making the code execute in parallel. Understanding the performance characteristics of the operation in particular

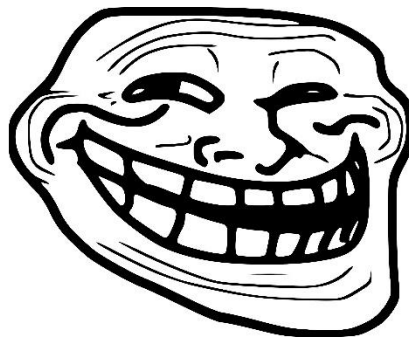
Ref : [Git -parallel stream](#)



Anything else?

NOPE

That's it from me on Stream API



Stream Operations –