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MODERN JAVA: LAMBDAS AND STREAMS

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Lambdas - Use functions as values

Streams - Declarative and functional data processing

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Programming languages can go a long way to help deal with software changes

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What if you need to filter red apples or filter apples by weight or some other criteria?

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public interface ApplePredicate{
    boolean test (Apple apple);
public static List<Apple> filterApples
        (List<Apple> inventory, ApplePredicate p) {
    List<Apple> result = new ArrayList<>();
    for(Apple apple: inventory) {
        if(p.test(apple)) {
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```
public class AppleHeavyWeightPredicate implements
                                    ApplePredicate {
    public boolean test(Apple apple) {
        return apple.getWeight() > 150;
public class AppleGreenColorPredicate implements
                                    ApplePredicate {
    public boolean test(Apple apple) {
        return GREEN.equals(apple.getColor());
public class AppleRedAndHeavvPredicate implements
                                    ApplePredicate {
    public boolean test(Apple apple){
        return RED.equals(apple.getColor())
        && apple.getWeight() > 150;
List<Apple> redAndHeavyApples = filterApples(inventory,
                  new AppleRedAndHeavvPredicate()):
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    List<T> result = new ArrayList<>();
    for(T e: list) {
        if(p.test(e)) {
            result.add(e);
    return result;
List<Apple> redApples =
  filter(inventory, (Apple apple) -> RED.equals(apple.getColor()));
List<Integer> evenNumbers =
  filter(numbers, (Integer i) -> i % 2 == 0);
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Properties of lambda expressions:

- Anonymous Does not have an explicit name
- Function Is not associated with a particular class but similar to methods in classes
- Passed As Values Can be passed as argument to method or stored in a variable
- · Concise Minimal boilerplate code is required

ANATOMY OF A LAMBDA

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A lambda expression consists of:

- · A list of parameters
- The body of the lambda consisting of either an expression (considered the return value) or a set of statements
- An arrow separating the list of parameters and the body

Syntax chosen based on popularity of the concept in C# and Scala

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Compare two objects	<pre>(Apple a1, Apple a2) -> a1.getWeight().compareTo(a2.getWeight())</pre>

Where and how can we use a lambda

Where and how can we use a lambda (what is its type)?

You can use a lambda in the context of any *functional interface*

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public interface Comparator<T> {
    int compare(T o1, T o2);
public interface Runnable {
    void run();
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {
    void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);
public interface Callable<V> {
    V call() throws Exception;
public interface PrivilegedAction<T> {
   T run();
```

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```
public void process(Runnable r) {
   r.run();
}
process(() -> System.out.println("This is awesome!!"));
Runnable r = () -> System.out.println("Is this awesome?");
process(r);
```

The Java library provides quite a few functional interfaces to help out

FUNCTIONAL INTERFACES (PREDICATES)

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Predicate<T> {
  boolean test(T t);
public <T> List<T> filter(List<T> list, Predicate<T> p) {
  List<T> results = new ArrayList<>();
  for(T t: list) {
    if(p.test(t)) {
      results.add(t);
  return results:
Predicate<String> nonEmptyStringPredicate =
                              (String s) -> !s.isEmpty();
List<String> nonEmpty =
              filter(listOfStrings, nonEmptyStringPredicate);
```

FUNCTIONAL INTERFACES (FUNCTIONS)

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface Function<T, R> {
  R apply(T t);
public <T, R> List<R> map(List<T> list, Function<T, R> f) {
  List<R> result = new ArrayList<>();
  for(T t: list) {
    result.add(f.apply(t));
  return result;
List<Integer> l = map(
                   Arrays.asList("lambdas", "in", "action"),
                   (String s) -> s.length());
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 - · Add your own based on your needs.
 - Good practice to annotate the interface with OFUNCTIONALINTERFACE

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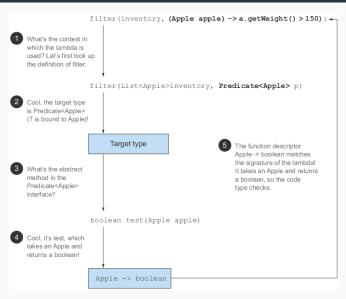
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- Type inference of lambda expressions in a nutshell
 - Deduce the functional interface based on the usage, bind the generic type parameters
 - Find the abstract method in the interface and bind the generic type parameters
 - Match the parameter and return types of the lambda expression with the abstract method

TYPE INFERENCE OF LAMBDAS (CONTD.)



Example of Type Checking in Lambda (Modern Java in Action)

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Because of type inference of lambda expressions you can assign the same lambda expression to different functional interfaces

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- · Are not closures

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Several of the functional interfaces in Java contain convenience methods to allow composition and combination of lambda expressions

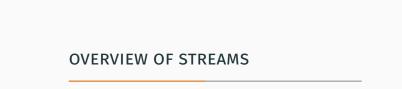
Composing Predicates

Composing and chaining comparators

COMPOSING AND COMBINING LAMBDA EXPRESSIONS (CONTD.)

Composing Functions

```
Function<Integer, Integer> f = x -> x + 1;
Function<Integer, Integer> g = x -> x * 2;
Function<Integer, Integer> h = f.compose(g);
Function<Integer, Integer> k = f.andThen(g);
int fofgofx = h.apply(1)
int goffofx = k.apply(1)
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- Parallelizable without any need to write multi-threaded code

The following class will be used extensively in the code snippets

```
public class Dish {
    private final String name;
    private final boolean vegetarian;
    private final int calories;
    private final Type type;
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    public boolean isVegetarian() {
        return vegetarian;
    public int getCalories() {
        return calories:
    public Type getType() {
        return type;
    public enum Type { MEAT, FISH, OTHER }
```

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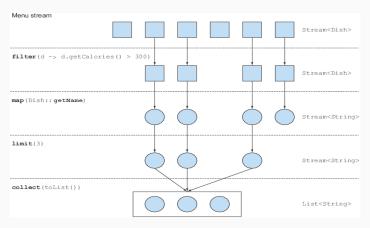
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Streams in a nutshell (Modern Java in Action)

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WORKING WITH STREAMS

In order to work with streams the following three things are needed

- Stream creation operation (e.g., .stream(), .generate(), etc.)
- Terminal stream consumption operation (e.g., .reduce(), .forEach(), .collect(), etc.)



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From values using Stream.of

```
Stream.of(<mark>"Is", "Java", "cool", "enough"</mark>, <mark>"?"</mark>)
.forEach(System.out::println);
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Stream.iterate is sequential by definition while Stream.generate is not



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Skipping elements in a stream using skip(n)

SORTING A STREAM

The Stream interface supports the method sorted, which takes a Functional Interface Comparator<T> (function to compare two values) as argument and produces a sorted stream using it

Sorting a stream using sorted

The Stream interface supports the method map, which takes a Functional Interface Function<T,R>(function) as argument and applies it to each element, thus mapping it into a new element

· Mapping a function using map

```
List<Integer> dishNameLengths =
    menu.stream()
    .map(Dish::getName)
    .map(String::length)
    .collect(toList());
```

MAPPING IN A STREAM (CONTD.)

Use flatMap when you need to flatten a stream

```
List<String> uniqueCharacters =
    words.stream()
    .map(word -> word.split(""))
    .flatMap(Arrays::stream)
    .distinct()
    .collect(toList());
```

Stream operations may need to maintain some history (state) for their internal iterations

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STREAM TERMINATION

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Categories of termination operations:

- · Finding and Matching
- Reducing
- Iterating
- Collecting

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```
if(menu.stream().anyMatch(Dish::isVegetarian)) {
   System.out.println("The menu is vegetarian friendly!!");
}
```

MATCHING ELEMENTS IN STREAMS (CONTD.)

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boolean isHealthy =
    menu.stream()
        .allMatch(dish -> dish.getCalories() < 1000);</pre>
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 Finding the first element matching the predicate using findFirst

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Arrays.asList(9,10,11,12,67,91,52).
    .stream()
    .map(n -> n * n)
    .filter(n -> n % 2 == 0)
    .findFirst();
```

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 Optional<T> is a container class to represent whether a value exists or not. It has methods isPresent, ifPresent, get, orElse which can be used appropriately

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Using an overloaded reduce that does not take an initial value

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Computing maximum and minimum in a stream using reduce

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   numbers.stream().reduce(Integer::min);
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 reduce is a stateful bounded operation while the other terminal operations we saw so far are stateless

QUESTION ON REDUCTION

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· Counting a stream using count

```
long count = menu.stream().count();
```

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 Grouping is a very versatile operation and the groups can be manipulated by passing other collectors to the overloaded groupingBy operation

PARALLELIZING STREAMS

The Stream interface supports parallel, sequential operations to convert sequential streams to parallel and vice-versa

 Creating a parallel stream from Collection using parallelStream

PARALLELIZING STREAMS (CONTD.)

Making a stream parallel using parallel

Making a stream sequential using sequential

```
aStream.parallel()
    .filter(...)
    .sequential()
    .map(...)
    .parallel()
    .reduce();
```

PARALLELIZING STREAMS (CONTD.)

- Last usage of sequential/parallel in the pipeline is applied to all operations.
- In practice hard to get predictable performance, has its trade-offs