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Java 8 Streams Cheat Sheet

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Definitions

- ✓ A stream **is** a pipeline of functions that can be evaluated.
- ✓ Streams **can** transform data.
- ✗ A stream **is not** a data structure.
- ✗ Streams **cannot** mutate data.

Intermediate operations

- Always return streams.
- Lazily executed.

Common examples include:

Function	Preserves count	Preserves type	Preserves order
<i>map</i>	✓	✗	✓
<i>filter</i>	✗	✓	✓
<i>distinct</i>	✗	✓	✓
<i>sorted</i>	✓	✓	✗
<i>peek</i>	✓	✓	✓

Stream examples

Get the unique surnames in uppercase of the first 15 book authors that are 50 years old or over.

```
library.stream()
    .map(book -> book.getAuthor())
    .filter(author -> author.getAge() >= 50)
    .distinct()
    .limit(15)
    .map(Author::getSurname)
    .map(String::toUpperCase)
    .collect(toList());
```

Compute the sum of ages of all female authors younger than 25.

```
library.stream()
    .map(Book::getAuthor)
    .filter(a -> a.getGender() == Gender.FEMALE)
    .map(Author::getAge)
    .filter(age -> age < 25)
    .reduce(0, Integer::sum);
```

Terminal operations

- Return concrete types or produce a side effect.
- Eagerly executed.

Common examples include:

Function	Output	When to use
reduce	concrete type	to cumulate elements
collect	list, map or set	to group elements
forEach	side effect	to perform a side effect on elements

Parallel streams

Parallel streams use the common ForkJoinPool for threading.

```
library.parallelStream() ...
```

or intermediate operation:

```
IntStream.range(1, 10).parallel() ...
```

Useful operations

Grouping:

```
library.stream().collect(
    groupingBy(Book::getGenre));
```

Stream ranges:

```
IntStream.range(0, 20) ...
```

Infinite streams:

```
IntStream.iterate(0, e -> e + 1) ...
```

Max/Min:

```
IntStream.range(1, 10).max();
```

FlatMap:

```
twitterList.stream()
    .map(member -> member.getFollowers())
    .flatMap(followers -> followers.stream())
    .collect(toList());
```

Pitfalls

✗ Don't update shared mutable variables i.e.

```
List<Book> myList =
    new ArrayList<>();
library.stream().forEach(
    e -> myList.add(e));
```

✗ Avoid blocking operations when using parallel streams.

Java Collections Cheat Sheet

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Notable Java collections libraries

Fastutil

<http://fastutil.di.unimi.it/>

Fast & compact type-specific collections for Java
Great default choice for collections of primitive types, like int or long. Also handles big collections with more than 2^{31} elements well.

Guava

<https://github.com/google/guava>

Google Core Libraries for Java 6+

Perhaps the default collection library for Java projects. Contains a magnitude of convenient methods for creating collection, like fluent builders, as well as advanced collection types.

Eclipse Collections

<https://www.eclipse.org/collections/>

Features you want with the collections you need

Previously known as gs-collections, this library includes almost any collection you might need: primitive type collections, multimaps, bidirectional maps and so on.

JCTools

<https://github.com/JCTools/JCTools>

Java Concurrency Tools for the JVM.

If you work on high throughput concurrent applications and need a way to increase your performance, check out JCTools.

What can your collection do for you?

Collection class	Thread-safe alternative	Your data				Operations on your collections						
		Individual elements	Key-value pairs	Duplicate element support	Primitive support	Order of iteration			Performant 'contains' check	Random access		
						FIFO	Sorted	LIFO		By key	By value	By index
HashMap	ConcurrentHashMap	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
HashBiMap (Guava)	Maps.synchronizedBiMap (new HashBiMap())	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
ArrayListMultimap (Guava)	Maps.synchronizedMultiMap (new ArrayListMultimap())	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
LinkedHashMap	Collections.synchronizedMap (new LinkedHashMap())	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
TreeMap	ConcurrentSkipListMap	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓*	✓*	✗	✗
Int2IntMap (Fastutil)		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
ArrayList	CopyOnWriteArrayList	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
HashSet	Collections.newSetFromMap (new ConcurrentHashMap<>())	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
IntArrayList (Fastutil)		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
PriorityQueue	PriorityBlockingQueue	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓**	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
ArrayDeque	ArrayBlockingQueue	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓**	✗	✓**	✗	✗	✗	✗

* $O(\log(n))$ complexity, while all others are $O(1)$ - constant time

** when using Queue interface methods: offer() / poll()

How fast are your collections?

Collection class	Random access by index / key	Search / Contains	Insert
ArrayList	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
HashSet	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
HashMap	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
TreeMap	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$

Remember, not all operations are equally fast. Here's a reminder of how to treat the Big-O complexity notation:

$O(1)$ - constant time, really fast, doesn't depend on the size of your collection

$O(\log(n))$ - pretty fast, your collection size has to be extreme to notice a performance impact

$O(n)$ - linear to your collection size: the larger your collection is, the slower your operations will be