

Java: Functional Interfaces,Lambda expressions Depth

Functional Interface and Lambda Expression

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- What is Functional Interface?
- What is Lambda Expression?
- How to use Functional Interface with Lambda expression
- Advantage of Functional Interface?
- Types of Functional Interface?
 - o Consumer
 - o Supplier
 - o Function
 - o Predicate
- How to handle use case when Functional Interface extends from other Interface(or Functional Interface)?

✓ If an interface contains only 1 abstract method, that is known as Functional Interface.

- Also know as SAM Interface (Single Abstract Method).
- @FunctionalInterface keyword can be used at top of the interface (But its optional).

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Bird {  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```

OR

```
public interface Bird {  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Bird {  
    void canFly(String val);  
    void getHeight();  
}
```

<---- @FunctionalInterface Annotation restrict us and throws compilation error, if we try to add more than 1 abstract method

```

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Bird {
    void canFly(String val); ]\ abstract Method

    default void getHeight(){ //default method implementation
    }

    static void canEat(){ //my static method implementation } \ Static

    String toString(); //Object class method

```

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↓ or
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<---- In Functional Interface, only 1 abstract method is allowed, but we can have other methods like default, static method or Methods inherited from the Class

What is Lambda Expression:

- Lambda expression is a way to implement the Functional Interface.

Before going into further into Lambda expression, lets first see:

Different Ways to Implements the Functional Interface:

Using "implements"

Using "anonymous Class"

```

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Bird {
    void canFly(String val);
}

public class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void canFly(String val) {
        System.out.println("Eagle Bird Implementation");
    }
}

Bird eagleObject = new Eagle();

```

```

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Bird {
    void canFly(String val);
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]){
        Bird eagleObject = new Bird() {
            @Override
            public void canFly(String val) {
                System.out.println("Eagle Bird Implementation");
            }
        };
    }
}

```

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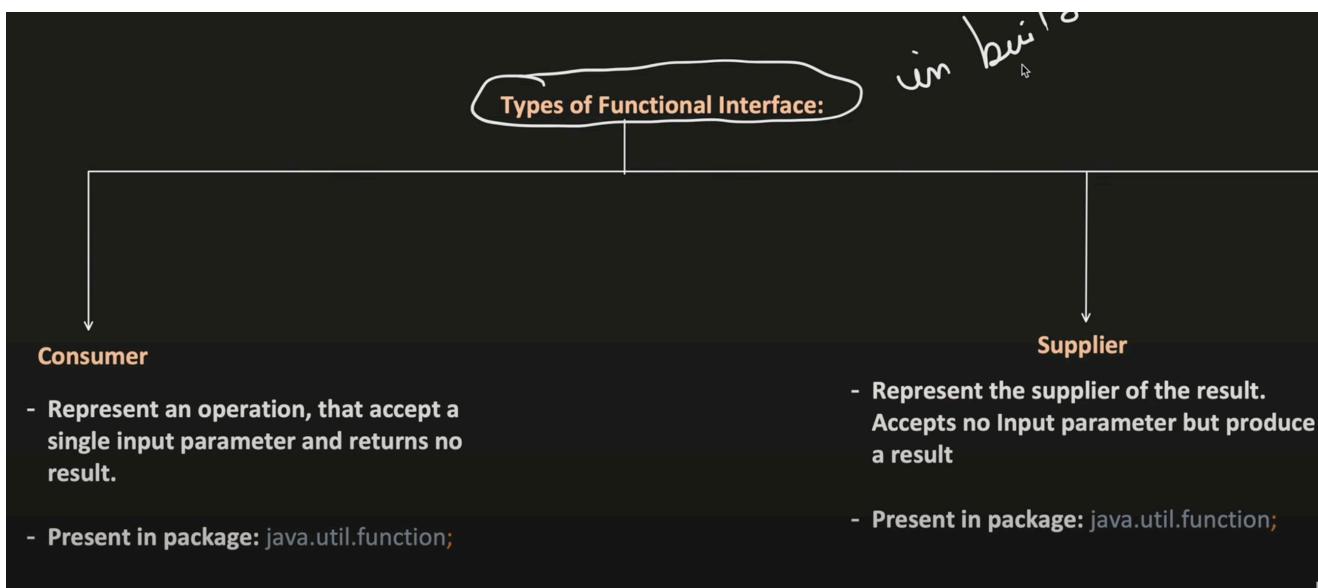
Using "Lambda Expression"

```

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Bird {
    void canFly(String val);
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Bird eagleObject = (String value) -> {
            System.out.println("Eagle Bird Implementation");
        };
    }
}

```



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```

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Consumer<T> {
    void accept(T t);
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Consumer<Integer> loggingObject = (Integer val) -> {
            if(val>10) {
                System.out.println("Logging");
            }
        };
        loggingObject.accept(11);
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Supplier<String> isEvenNumber = () -> "this is the data i am";
        System.out.println(isEvenNumber.get());
    }
}

```

OR

OR

```
public class Main {  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        Supplier<String> isEvenNumber = () -> {  
            return "this is the data i am returning";  
        };  
  
        System.out.println(isEvenNumber.get());  
    }  
}
```

Function

- Represent function, that accepts one argument process it and produce a result.
- Present in package: `java.util.function;`

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Function<T, R> {  
  
    R apply(T t);  
}
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
  
        Function<Integer, String> integerToString =  
            (Integer num) -> {  
                String output = num.toString();  
                return output;  
            };  
  
        System.out.println(integerToString.apply( 64));  
    }  
}
```

Predicate

- Represent function, that accept one argument and return the boolean.
- Present in package: `java.util.function;`

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Predicate<T> {  
  
    boolean test(T t);  
}
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
  
        Predicate<Integer> isEven = (Integer val) -> {  
  
            if(val%2 == 0){  
                return true;  
            } else {  
                return false;  
            }  
        };  
  
        System.out.println(isEven.test( 10));  
    }  
}
```

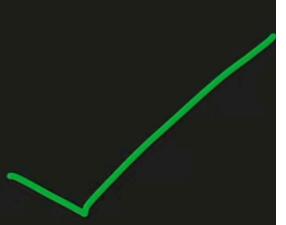
Handle use case when Functional Interface extends from other Interface

Use Case 1: Functional Interface extending Non Functional Interface

```
public interface LivingThing {  
  
    public void canBreathe();  
}  
  
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Bird extends LivingThing {  
  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```



```
public interface LivingThing {  
  
    default public boolean canBreathe(){  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```



```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Bird extends LivingThing {  
  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```

Use Case 2: Interface extending Functional Interface

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface LivingThing {  
  
    public boolean canBreathe();  
}
```

```
public interface Bird extends LivingThing {  
  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```

Use Case 3: Functional Interface extending other Functional Interface

✓ `@FunctionalInterface
public interface LivingThing {

 public boolean canBreathe();`

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```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface Bird extends LivingThing {  
  
    void canFly(String val);  
}
```

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface LivingThing {

    public boolean canBreathe();
}

@FunctionalInterface
public interface Bird extends LivingThing {

    boolean canBreathe();
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
```

