Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Introducing Factory Methods

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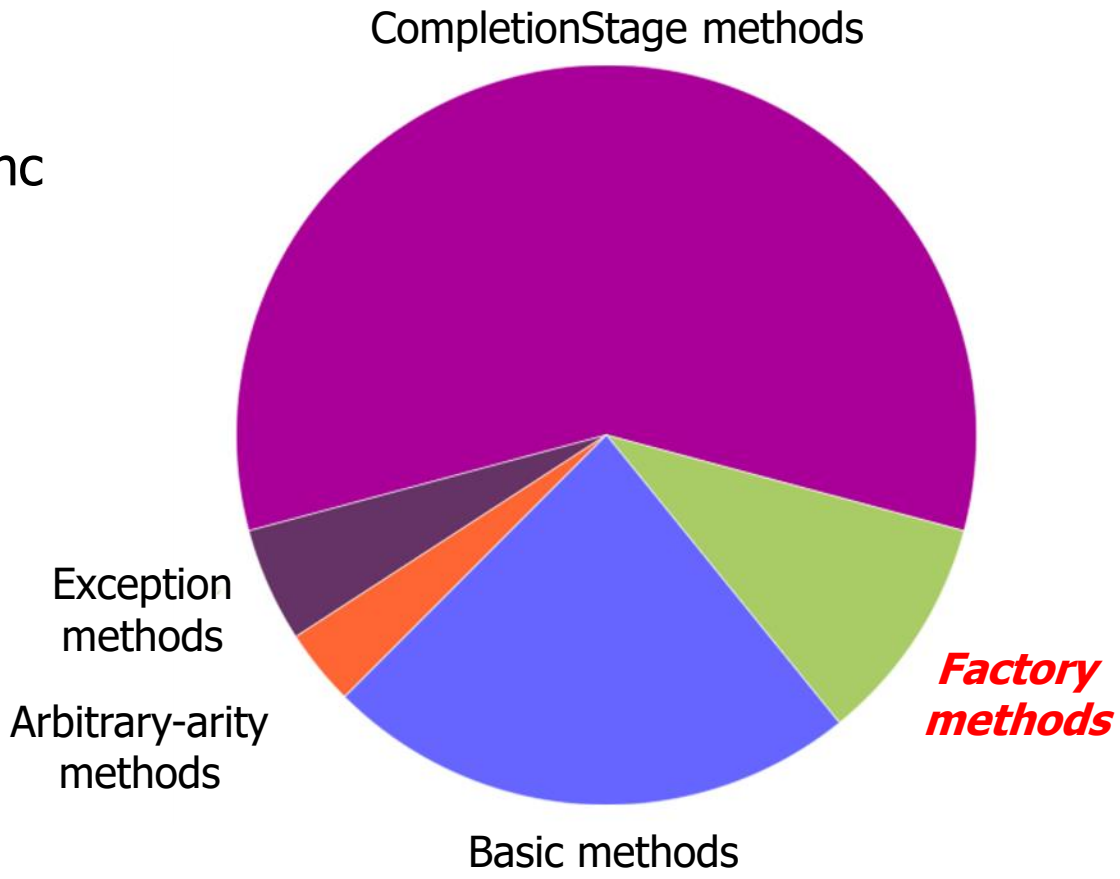
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand advanced features of completable futures, e.g.
  - Factory methods initiate async computations



See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/CompletableFuture.html

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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Factory_method_pattern

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supplyAsync	Supplier	CompletableFuture with result of Supplier	Asynchronously run supplier in common fork/join pool
supplyAsync	Supplier, Executor	CompletableFuture with result of Supplier	Asynchronously run supplier in given executor pool

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/function/Supplier.html

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```
String f1 = "62675744/15668936";
String f2 = "609136/913704";

CompletableFuture<BigFraction> future
  = CompletableFuture
      .supplyAsync(() -> {
        BigFraction bf1 =
          new BigFraction(f1);
        BigFraction bf2 =
          new BigFraction(f2);

        return bf1.multiply(bf2);
      });
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Params are passed as "effectively final" objects to the supplier lambda

See javarevisited.blogspot.com/2015/03/what-is-effectively-final-variable-of.html

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Methods	Params	Returns	Behavior
runAsync	Runnable	CompletableFuture with result of Void	Asynchronously run runnable in common fork/join pool
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CompletableFuture<Void> future
  = CompletableFuture
      .runAsync(() -> {
        BigFraction bf1 =
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        System.out.println
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"Void" is not a value!

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Any output must therefore come from "side-effects"

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supplyAsync() is more commonly used than runAsync() in practice

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By default, the common fork-join pool is used

See dzone.com/articles/common-fork-join-pool-and-streams

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However, a pre- or user-defined thread pool can also be given

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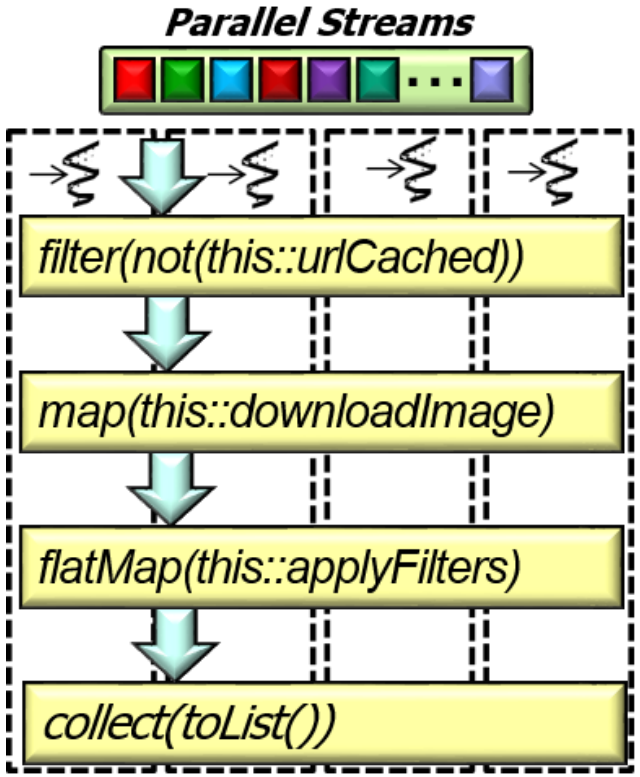
    - In contrast, Java parallel streams are designed for use w/the common fork-join pool



See lesson on "*Java Parallel Stream Internals: Parallel Processing via the Common Fork-Join Pool*"

End of Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Introducing Factory Methods