Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Two Stage Completion Methods (Part 2)

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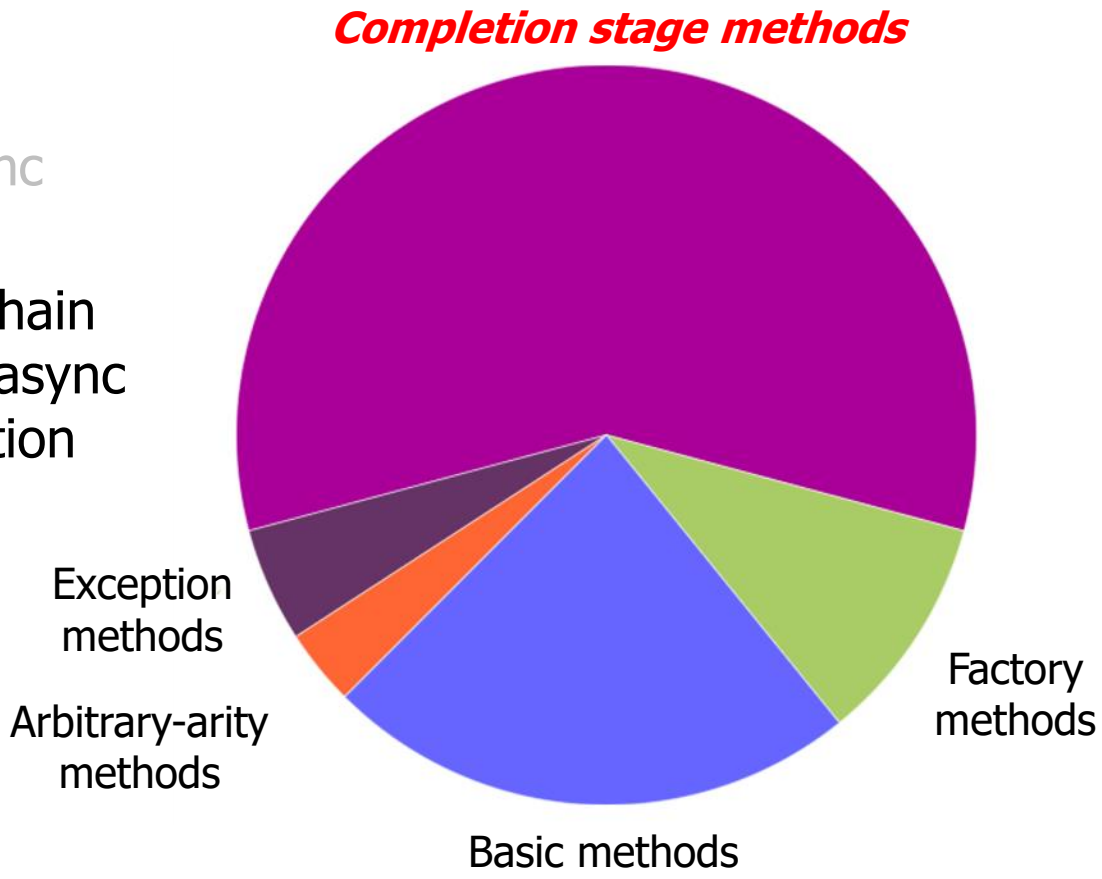
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand advanced features of completable futures, e.g.
  - Factory methods initiate async computations
  - Completion stage methods chain together actions to perform async result processing & composition
    - Method grouping
    - Single stage methods
    - Two stage methods (and)
    - Two stage methods (or)



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

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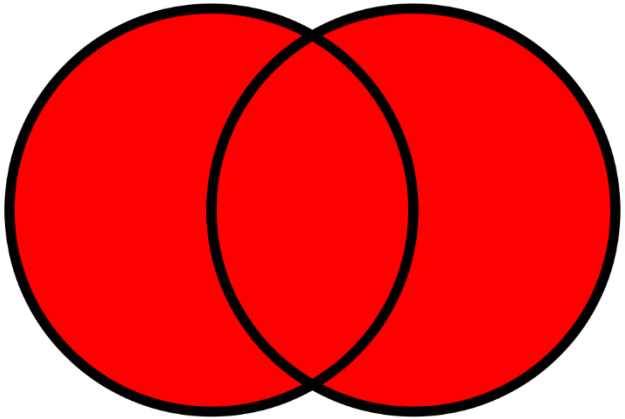

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      - Two futures are used here:
        - The future used to invoke acceptEither()
        - The `other' future passed to acceptEither()

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Create two completable futures that will contain the results of sorting the list using two different algorithms in two different threads

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This method is invoked when either quickSortF or mergeSortF complete

acceptEither() does *not* cancel the second future after the first one completes

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Printout sorted results from which ever sorting routine finished first

End of Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Two Stage Completion Methods (Part 2)