

# Practical Concurrent and Parallel Programming VII

## Streams and Parallel Streams

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# Agenda



- **Motivation and introduction**
- Lambda Expressions
- Java Stream
- Concurrency

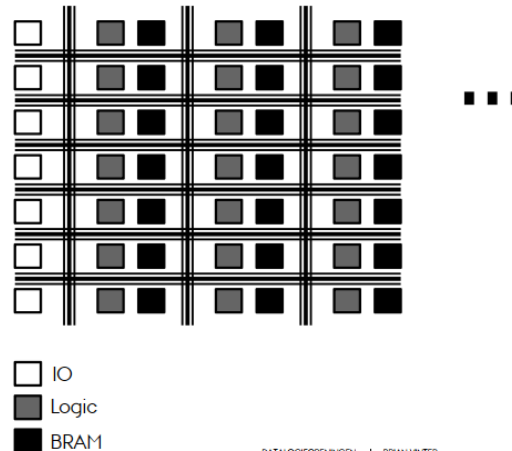
# Motivation



Data is often communicated as a stream

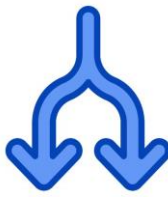
- from a file,
- from the internet
- from the user interface
- ...

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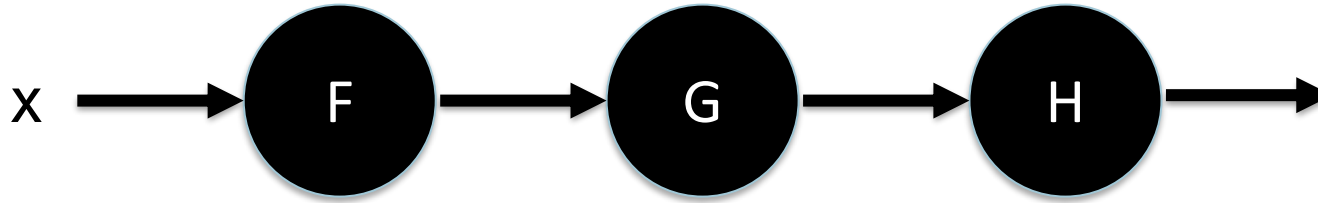
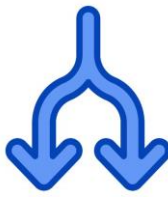
# Streams and Reactive programming



In week 9 we will look at RxJava

Programming with streams and reactively have  
many similarities  
and some important differences

# Java Stream



Java Stream

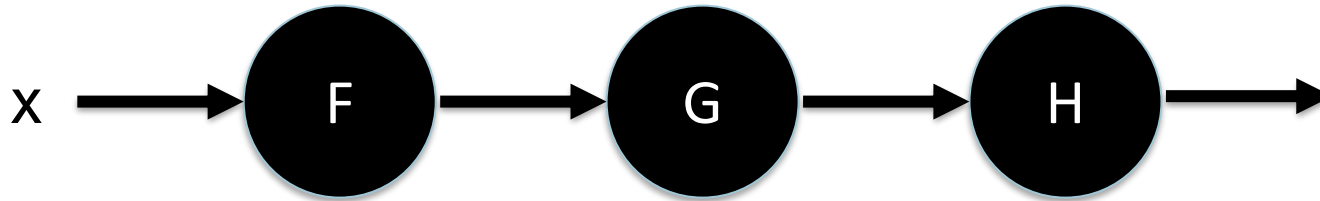
**`x().F().G().H()`**



Closely related to:  $H(G(F(x)))$

functional programming

# Stream example



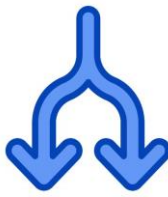
X is a stream of words: ..... ablaut able ableeze ... zyme

F discards all words with 1 character

G discards all words that are capitalized

H counts number of words

# Java



```
public static String F(String s) {
    return s.length() > 1 ? s : null;
}

public static String G(String s) {
    if (s==null) return null;
    return Character.isLowerCase(s.charAt(0)) ? s : null;
}

public static int H(String s) {
    return s==null ? 0 : 1;
}

...
while ((line= reader.readLine()) != null) {
    word= F(line);
    smallLetters= G(word);
    count+= H(smallLetters);
}
```



**x().F().G().H()**

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    .filter( w -> w.length()>1 )  // F
    .filter( w -> Character.isLowerCase(w.charAt(0)) )  // G
    .count();  // H
```

```
count= readWords(filename)
    .parallel()
    .filter( w -> w.length()>1 )
    .filter( w -> Character.isLowerCase(w.charAt(0)) )
    .count();
```





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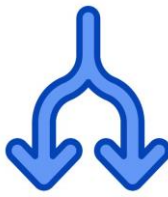
A sequence of stream  
method calls is commonly  
known as *stream pipeline*

Lambda expressions

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```

Lambda expression

A black arrow originates from the text 'Lambda expression' and points diagonally upwards and to the left, terminating at the lambda expression 'w -> w.length()>1' in the code snippet above.

# Lambda expressions



Argument type

Result type

Lambda expr.

- One argument

- `Function<Integer, Integer> f = (x) -> x+1`

- $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \mid f(x) = x + 1$

- $f(1) \leftrightarrow f.\text{apply}(1)$

- Two arguments

- `BiFunction<Integer, Integer, Integer> f = (x, y) -> x+y`

- $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \mid f(x, y) = x + y$

- $f(1, 2) \leftrightarrow f.\text{apply}(1, 2)$

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/function/package-summary.html>

# Lambda expressions (2)



- Zero arguments

- `Supplier<Integer> f = () -> 2`
- $f : \mathbb{Z} \mid f() = 2$
- $f() \leftrightarrow f.get()$

- No return type (`void`)

- `Consumer<Integer> f = (x) -> System.out.println(x);`
- $f(2) \leftrightarrow f.accept(2)$

# Method references

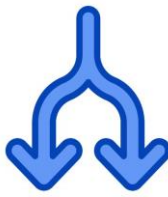


The methods of an object may also be referenced as follows

- **Class::method**
  - `BiFunction<String,Integer,Character> f = String::charAt`
    - `f.apply(s,i) <-> s.charAt(i)`
  - `Function<Person,String> f = Person::getName`
  - `System.out::println`
  - ...
- **<Object instance>::method**
  - `Function<Integer,Character> f = "01234"::charAt`
    - `f.apply(i) <-> "01234".charAt(i)`

[javaprecisely-3rd-draft-streams.pdf](#)

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## The streams are lazy (driven by the terminal operation)

```
count= readWords(filename) // source
    .filter( w -> w.length()>1 ) // intermediate
    .filter( w -> Character.isLowerCase(w.charAt(0)) )
    .count(); // terminal
```

There are three different types of stream elements:

- *sources* (arrays, collections, IO, generators)
- *intermediate operations* (transforming one stream into another (e.g. filter))
- *terminal operations* ( count, sum, forEach, ...)



# Stream sources



## Provides the data for the stream

Examples of stream sources are:

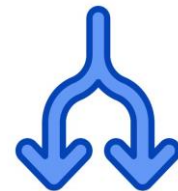
- Input (files or network)
- The Arrays class has a number of utilities, for example:

**`Arrays.stream(arr)`**

Other examples of collections?

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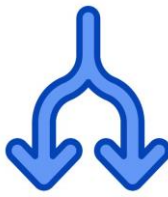
**`Arrays.stream(arr)`**

List, Set, Map, ...

- All java collections have a **`stream()`** method
- **`Stream.of("Huey", "Dewey", "Louie")`**  
returns a stream of the three strings

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# Intermediate operators



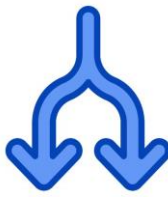
## A computation/transformation on *each* element of the string

Examples of intermediate operations are:

- filter – takes a lambda expression lambda returning a boolean, if the boolean is true the element is included in the output stream
- map – transforms each element
- limit( $n$ ) – returns a stream of the first  $n$  elements
- skip( $n$ ) – returns a stream without the first  $n$  elements
- distinct – returns a stream without duplicated elements
- sorted - returns a stream with the elements sorted

See Sestoft's Java precisely and the java documentation for a complete list

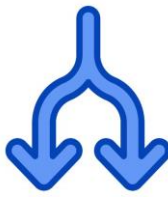
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    .filter( w -> w.length()>1 )  // F
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```

Which operation(s) is/are  
intermediate?

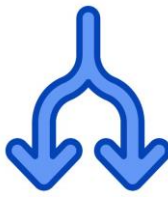
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filter

# BufferedReader (file)



## Exercise: 7.3

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    String filename = "src/main/resources/english-words.txt";  
    System.out.println( readWords(filename).count());  
}  
  
public static Stream<String> readWords(String filename) {  
    try {  
        BufferedReader reader= new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filename));  
        return ... // TO DO: Implement properly  
    } catch (IOException exn) { return Stream.<String>empty(); }  
}
```

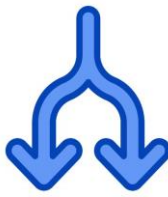
<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/io/BufferedReader.html>

`Stream<String>`

`lines()`

Returns a `Stream`, the elements of which are lines read from this `BufferedReader`

# BufferedReader (URL)



## Exercise: 7.3

```
String filename = "https://staunstrups.dk/jst/english-words.txt";  
System.out.println(readWordsFromURL(urlname).count());
```

```
public static Stream<String> readWordsFromURL(String urlname) {  
    try {  
        HttpURLConnection connection=  
            (HttpURLConnection) new URL(urlname).openConnection();  
        BufferedReader reader=  
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(connection.getInputStream()));  
        return reader.lines();  
    } catch (IOException exn) { return Stream.<String>empty(); }  
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# Defining a Java stream



- Using the Arrays class
  - `Arrays.stream(array)`
- Most Java collections have a method `stream()` that turns the collection into a stream
- `Stream.of(1,2,3,4)` creates a stream with those elements
- Functional iterators for infinite streams
  - `IntStream nats = IntStream.iterate(0, x->x+1)`
- **BufferedReader** (important for exercises)

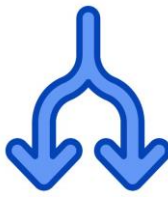
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# Terminal operations



Provides the *result* of the stream computation

Examples of terminal operations are:

- min, max, sum, average, count (number streams)
- forEach e.g., `forEach(System.out::println)`
- reduce / collect (introduced shortly)

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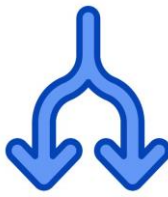
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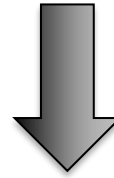
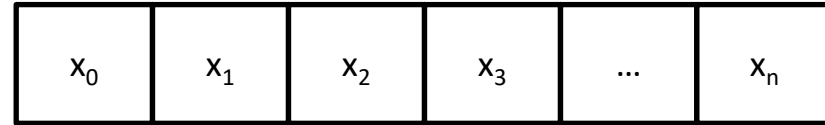
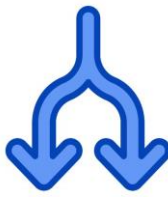
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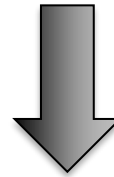
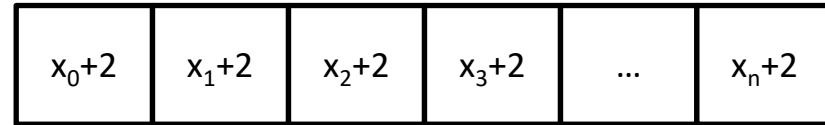
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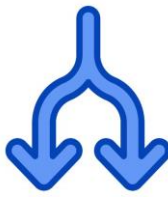
`map ( x -> x+2 )`



`limit (2)`



# Terminal operation reduce



- Reduce all elements of the stream to a single value by applying a function
- **`reduce(identity, accumulator)`**
  - **`identity`**: The identity element is both the initial value of the reduction and the default result if there are no elements in the stream.
  - **`accumulator`**: The accumulator function takes two parameters: a partial result of the reduction and the next element of the stream.
- Example
  - Sum of squares of first 100 natural numbers
    - `IntStream.range(0,100).reduce(0, (a,b) -> a+b*b)`

# Reduce without identity



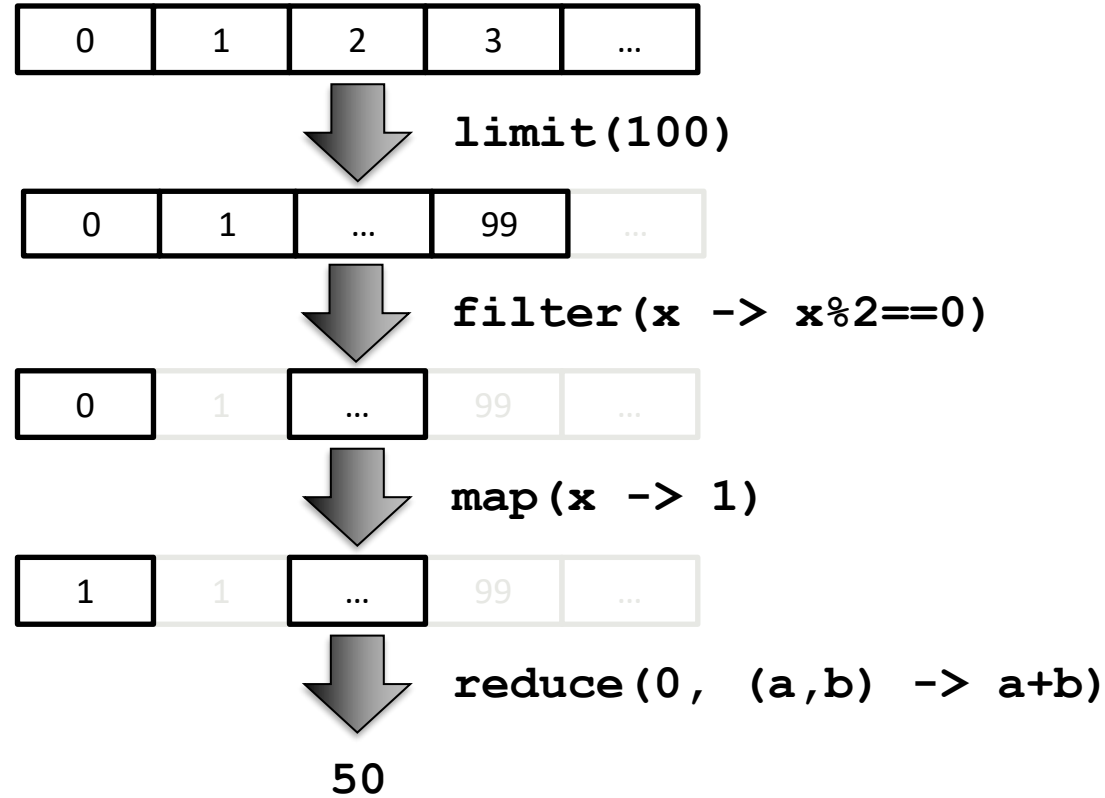
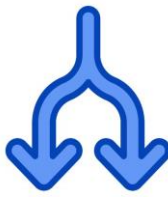
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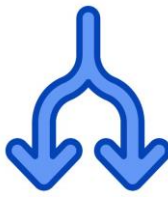
- Reduce can also be called without identity parameter
- Then it returns an **Optional** value
  - A container object which may or may not contain a non-null value.
  - Needed in case the reduction is performed on an empty stream.
- Example
  - Sum of squares of first 100 natural numbers
    - `IntStream.range(0,100).reduce((a,b) -> a+b*b).orElse(0)`
- There are other built-in reductions: sum, max, min, average, etc...

# Example with everything so far





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- Here is an example with everything we have seen so far
  - Amount of even numbers in the range 0 to 99

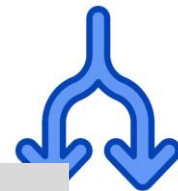
```
IntStream.iterate(0,x->x+1)
    .limit(100)
    .filter(x -> x%2==0)
    .map(x -> 1)
    .reduce(0, (a,b) -> a+b) ;
```

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# Counting primes on Java 8 streams

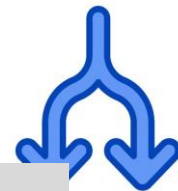


Our old standard Java for loop:

Classical efficient  
imperative loop

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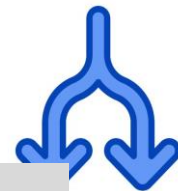
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Functional  
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Parallel Java 8 stream:

... and thus  
parallelizable and  
thread-safe

```
IntStream.range(0, range)
    .parallel()
    .filter(i -> isPrime(i))
    .count()
```

# Performance results



Counting the primes in 2 ... 100.000

Using Mark7

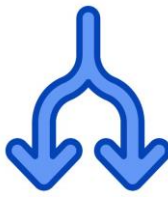
Sequential	4891635.9	ns	21879.73	64
Stream	4953867.6	ns	63873.82	64
ParallelStream	1363886.8	ns	10621.99	256

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Intel i7 (4 cores) speed-up: 3.6 x

# Ordering

Streams may or may not have a defined *encounter order*



- **List** and **Arrays** are intrinsically ordered
- **HashSet** is not ordered

An intermediate operation e.g., **sorted** transforms an unordered **Stream** into an ordered **Stream**

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/stream/package-summary.html#Ordering>

# Parallel (intermediate)



```
IntStream.range(0, range)
    .parallel()
    .filter(i -> isPrime(i))
    .count()
```

← ordered

← ?

`IntStream.range` produces an *ordered* stream

`parallel` is an operation in `BaseStream`

OVERVIEW	PACKAGE	CLASS	USE	TREE	DEPRECATED	INDEX	HELP
PREV CLASS	NEXT CLASS	FRAMES	NO FRAMES	ALL CLASSES			
SUMMARY: NESTED	FIELD	CONSTR	METHOD	DETAIL: FIELD	CONSTR	METHOD	
compact1, compact2, compact3							
java.util.stream							
Interface <code>BaseStream&lt;T,S extends BaseStream&lt;T,S&gt;&gt;</code>							

**`parallel()`**

Returns an equivalent stream that is parallel.

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/stream/BaseStream.html>



# Interfering streams



- If you try to modify a stream you are operating you will get a `ConcurrentModificationException` at runtime
  - So don't do it 😊
- Cannot be detected at compile time. It depends on the programmer.
- From the Java documentation
  - ***Streams enable you to execute possibly-parallel aggregate operations** over a variety of data sources, including even non-thread-safe collections such as `ArrayList`. **This is possible only if we can prevent interference with the data source during the execution of a stream pipeline.** [...] For most data sources, preventing interference means ensuring that the data source is not modified at all during the execution of the stream pipeline.*

# Example: stream of objects

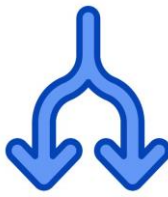


```
class Employee {
    int id;
    String dept;
    int salary;

    public Employee(int id, String dept, int salary) {
        this.id      = id;
        this.dept    = dept;
        this.salary   = salary;
    }
    public int getId() { return this.id; }
    public String getDept() { return this.dept; }
    public int getSalary() { return this.salary; }
}

static private Stream<Employee> randomEmployees() {
    ...
}
```

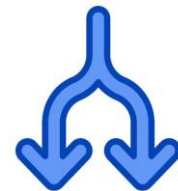
# Terminal operation collect



- It is a reduction operation that allows to collect the results of a stream into a Java collection or summarize them using complex criteria
- For instance, converting a stream into a list

```
List<Integer> l = randomEmployees()  
    .limit(50)  
    .map(Employee::getId)  
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

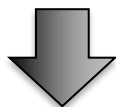
# Terminal operation: collect + groupingBy



- Group employees by department

```
Map<String,List<Employee>> m = randomEmployees()  
    .limit(50)  
    .collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Employee::getDept));
```

Id: 0 Dept: CS Salary: 151	Id: 1 Dept: BI Salary: 150	Id: 3 Dept: DD Salary: 149	Id: 0 Dept: DD Salary: 10	...
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`collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Employee::getDept))`

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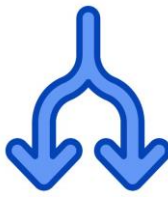
**Map<String,List<Employee>>**

# Printing the result



```
randomEmployees()  
  .limit(50)  
  .collect(Collectors.groupingByConcurrent(Employee  
    ::getDept))  
    .forEach((k,v) ->  
      System.out.println(k+":          "+v  
        .stream()  
        .map(Employee::getId)  
        .collect(Collectors.toList())  
    ));
```

# Summary



- A Java stream is a finite or infinite sequence of Objects
- Java streams use lazy evaluation
- The execution of operations over Java streams is typically efficient
- Operations on (unordered)Java streams may be easily executed parallel