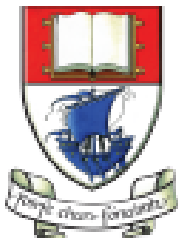


Java language evolution (JDK 7 – 10)

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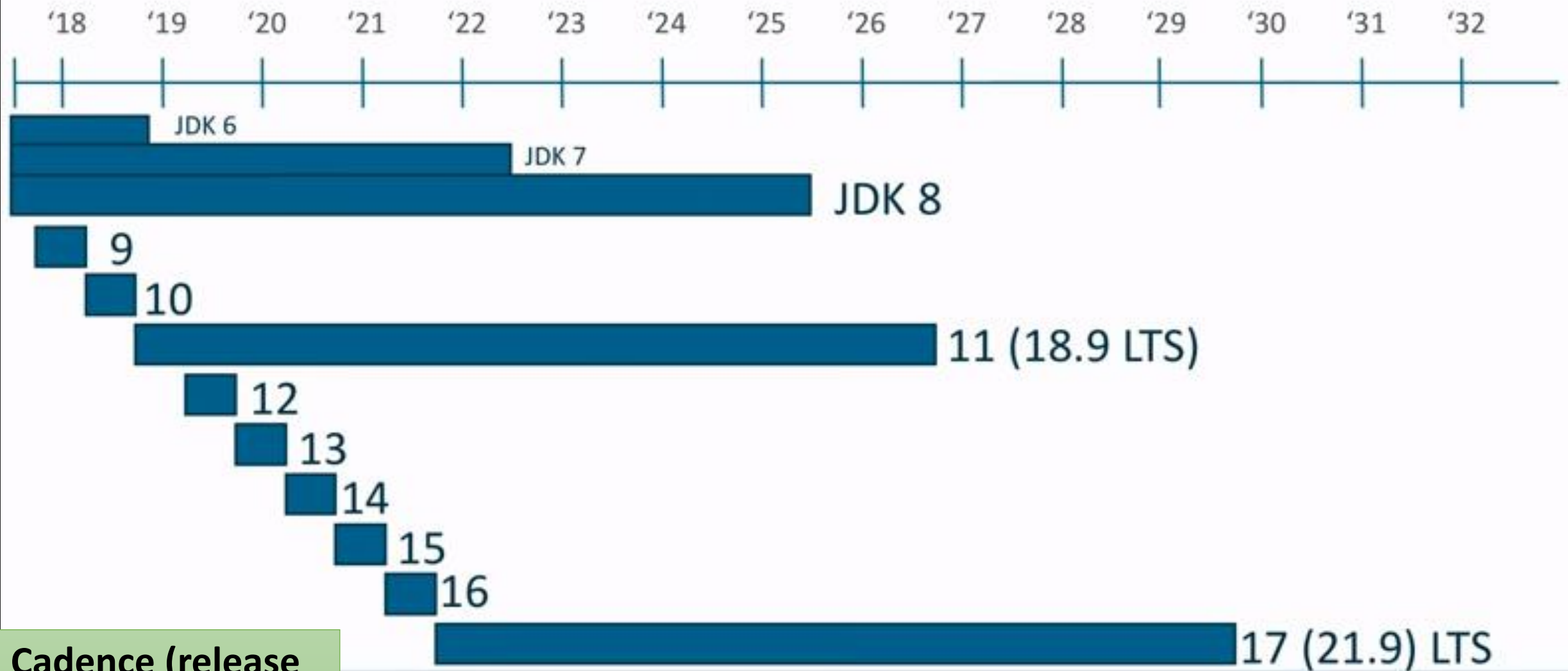
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Java SE Version History

(Green: Major; Blue: Minor)



New JDK Release Model – Starting with JDK 9



Cadence (release frequency) is accelerating → two releases per year.

Longterm support for Java 8, 11 and 17.
Oracle initially were aiming for a model of longterm support for one-in-three versions.

JDK Version	Release Date	Description
9	Sep 2017	Starting of Cadence release model
10	Mar 2018	After this release java 9 is obsolete.
11	Sep 2018	Long Term Support (18.9), year.month. Also After this release java 10 is obsolete.
12	Mar 2019	Feature Release
13	Sep 2019	After this release java 12 is obsolete.
14	Mar 2020	After this release java 13 is obsolete.
15	Sep 2020	After this release java 14 is obsolete.
16	Mar 2021	After this release java 15 is obsolete.
17	Sep 2021	Long Term Support (21.9) year.month. After this release java 16 is obsolete.

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Release Date:
2011

1. Can now switch on Strings

2. Inclusion of try-with-resources

3. Multi-catch

4. Improved type inference

5. More new I/O APIs for the Java platform

An outline of some changes



Pre Java 7: can switch on **int** and **char**.
Post Java 7: can also switch on **String**

```
switch(expression) {  
    case value: statements;  
        break;  
    case value: statements;  
        break;  
    further cases possible  
    default: statements;  
        break;  
}
```

```
switch(dow.toLowerCase()) {  
    case "mon":  
    case "tue":  
    case "wed":  
    case "thu":  
    case "fri":  
        goToWork();  
        break;  
    case "sat":  
    case "sun":  
        stayInBed();  
        break;  
}
```

RECAP: switch control statement



Introduced in Java 7.

It is a try statement that declares one or more resources.

try-with-resources ensures that each resource is closed at the end of the statement.

A *resource* is an object that must be closed after the program is finished with it.

RECAP: try-with-resources




```
static String readFirstLineFromFile(String path) throws IOException {  
    BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(path));  
    //try with a finally block, pre Java 7.  
    try {  
        return br.readLine();  
    }  
    finally {  
        if (br != null)  
            br.close();  
    }  
}
```

```
static String readFirstLineFromFile(String path) throws IOException {  
    //try-with-resources, Java 7. br will be closed regardless of  
    //whether the try statement completes normally or abruptly  
    try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(path))) {  
        return br.readLine();  
    }  
}
```

RECAP: try-with-resources



A try-with-resources statement can have catch and finally blocks just like an ordinary try statement.

In a try-with-resources statement, any catch or finally block is run after the resources declared have been closed.

All classes implementing the `java.lang.AutoCloseable` interface can be used inside the try-with-resources construct.

RECAP: try-with-resources



Since Java 7, a single catch block can handle more than one type of exception, separated by a vertical bar (|).

This feature can reduce code duplication and lessen the temptation to catch an overly broad exception.

```
catch (IOException | SQLException ex) {  
    logger.log(ex);  
    throw ex;  
}
```

RECAP: multiple exception handling



Since Java 7, type inference applies to collections (<>) i.e.:

```
Map<String, String> myMap = new HashMap<>();
```

<> is required.

```
Map<String, String> myMap = new HashMap();
```

```
myMap.put("1", "Or
```

Type safety: The expression of type HashMap needs unchecked conversion to conform to Map<String,String>

4 quick fixes available:

 [Add type arguments to 'HashMap'](#)

 [Fix 3 problems of same category in file](#)

 [Infer Generic Type Arguments...](#)

@ [Add @SuppressWarnings 'unchecked' to 'myMap'](#)

@ [Add @SuppressWarnings 'unchecked' to 'main\(\)'](#)

Press 'F2' for focus

RECAP: type inference



Most important package:

java.nio.file which contains many practical file utilities, new file I/O related classes and interfaces.

We will briefly look at:

java.nio.file.Path (interface)

java.nio.file.Files (class)

More new I/O APIs for Java



- A Java Path instance represents a *path* in the file system e.g. an absolute or relative file and/or directory.
- This interface can be used in place of the java.io.File class.

```
import java.nio.file.Path;
import java.nio.file.Paths;

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

        Path path = Paths.get("c:\\data\\myfile.txt");
    }
}
```

java.nio.file.Path (interface)



- This class consists exclusively of static methods that operate on files, directories, or other types of files.
- > 50 utility methods for File related operations which many developers would have wanted to be a part of earlier Java releases e.g.:
 - copy()** – copy a file, with options e.g. REPLACE_EXISTING.
 - move()** – move or rename a file to a target file.
 - newInputStream()** – Opens a file, returning an input stream to read from the file.
 - readAllBytes()** – Reads all the bytes from a file.

java.nio.file.Files (class)





Release Date:
2013

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/>

1. Interfaces – default and static methods

2. Lambdas

3. Stream collection types (and new method reference, ::)

4. Date/time improvements

5. Optionals

An outline of some changes



*A type in Java.
Similar(ish) to a
class*

**Can
contain**

abstract
method
signatures

constants
(final
static fields)

default & static
methods and
their
bodies (java 8+)

Private methods
and their bodies
(java 9+)

**Cannot
contain**

Any fields
other than
constants

Any
constructors

Any concrete methods
except default and
static (Java 8) and
private (Java 9)

RECAP: what is an interface?



IAddressBook.java

Methods are
implicitly public and
abstract

```
public interface IAddressBook
{
    void clear();

    IContact getContact(String lastName);

    void addContact(IContact contact);

    int numberOfContacts();

    void removeContact(String lastName);

    String listContacts();
}
```

1. Defining Interfaces (JDK 7)

Only abstract methods



Java 8 introduced **default methods** as a way to extend Interfaces in a backward compatible way.

They can be overridden in implementation classes.

```
public interface IAddressBook
{
    void clear();

    IContact getContact(String lastName);

    void addContact(IContact contact);

    int numberOfContacts();

    void removeContact(String lastName);

    String listContacts();

    default String typeOfEntity(){
        return "Address book";
    }
}
```

IAddressBook.java

1. Defining Interfaces (JDK 8)

Can include default methods



Java 8 allows **static methods** as a way to organise utility methods in a convenient location.

They cannot be overridden in implementation classes.

```
public interface IAddressBook{
    static final int CAPACITY= 1000;

    void clear();
    IContact getContact(String lastName);
    void addContact(IContact contact);
    int numberOfContacts();
    void removeContact(String lastName);
    String listContacts();

    default String typeOfEntity(){
        return "Address book";
    }

    static int getCapacity(){
        return CAPACITY;
    }
}
```

IAddressBook.java

1. Defining Interfaces (JDK 8)

Can include static methods



- Java's first step into **functional** programming.
- A Lambda is a **function** which can be created *without belonging to any class*.
- Can be passed around as if it was an object and executed on demand.

2. Lambdas – new in JDK 8



In Java, **anonymous inner classes** provide a way to implement classes that may occur only once in an application.

Rather than writing a separate event-handling class for each event, you can write something like this.

```
 JButton testButton = new JButton("Test Button");

 testButton.addActionListener(new ActionListener(){
     @Override public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
         System.out.println("Click Detected by Anon Class");
     }
 });
```

2. Lambdas - Anonymous Inner Classes



The code that defines the ActionListener is a **functional interface** i.e. one abstract method.

```
package java.awt.event;
import java.util.EventListener;

public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {

    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);

}
```

```
JButton testButton = new JButton("Test Button");

testButton.addActionListener(new ActionListener(){
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        System.out.println("Click Detected by Anon Class");
    }
});
```

2. Lambdas – Functional Interfaces



Argument List	Arrow Token	Body
<code>(int x, int y)</code>	<code>-></code>	<code>x + y</code>

Expression takes two integer arguments, named `x` and `y`, and uses the expression form to return `x+y`.

Can be *either* a single expression or a statement block.

Body is **evaluated** and **returned**.

2. Lambdas – Syntax



```
 JButton testButton = new JButton("Test Button");

testButton.addActionListener(new ActionListener(){
    @Override public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
        System.out.println("Click Detected by Anon Class");
    }
});
```

becomes

```
testButton.addActionListener(e ->
    System.out.println("Click Detected by Lambda
    Listner"));
```

2. Lambdas – Example



A stream represents a sequence of objects from an input source, which supports aggregate operations e.g.

filter

reduce

find

match

etc..

A stream takes, as input:

collections

arrays

I/O sources

3. Stream



- Stream has provided a new method 'forEach' to iterate each element of the stream.
- The following code segment shows how to print 10 random numbers using **forEach** over an **IntStream**.

```
Random random = new Random();  
random.ints().limit(10).forEach(System.out::println);
```



ints() returns an unlimited **IntStream** of random int values.

3. Stream – for each

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```
Random random = new Random();  
random.ints().limit(10).forEach(System.out::println);
```

limit(10) returns an **IntStream** with 10 entries.

3. Stream – for each

- Stream has provided a new method 'forEach' to iterate each element of the stream.
- The following code segment shows how to print 10 random numbers using **forEach** over an **IntStream**.

```
Random random = new Random();  
random.ints().limit(10).forEach(System.out::println);
```

forEach() performs an action for each element in the **IntStream**

3. Stream – for each

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```
Random random = new Random();  
random.ints().limit(10).forEach(System.out::println);
```

Method reference (::) here refers to the static method **println** within the containing class. More information here:

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/javaOO/methodreferences.html>

3. Stream – for each



- The '**map**' method is used to map each element to its corresponding result.
- This code prints unique squares of numbers using map.

```
List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(3, 2, 2, 3, 7, 3, 5);  
  
//get list of unique squares  
List<Integer> squaresList =  
    numbers.stream().map( i -> i*i).distinct().collect(Collectors.toList());
```

stream() returns a sequential Stream of the numbers collection.

3. Stream – map



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//get list of unique squares  
List<Integer> squaresList =  
    numbers.stream().map( i -> i*i).distinct().collect(Collectors.toList());
```

map() returns a Stream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of the numbers collection.

3. Stream – map



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```
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//get list of unique squares  
List<Integer> squaresList =  
    numbers.stream().map( i -> i*i).distinct().collect(Collectors.toList());
```

map() returns a Stream consisting of distinct elements in the Stream (*uses Objects.equals(Object)*).

3. Stream – map



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//get list of unique squares  
List<Integer> squaresList =  
    numbers.stream().map( i -> i*i).distinct().collect(Collectors.toList());
```

collect() returns a **mutable** list of the elements in the Stream.

3. Stream – map



- The '**filter**' method is used to eliminate elements based on a criteria.
- The following code segment prints a count of empty strings using filter.

```
List<String> strings = Arrays.asList("abc", "", "bc", "efg", "abcd","", "jkl");  
  
//get count of empty string  
int count = strings.stream().filter(string -> string.isEmpty()).count();
```

stream() returns a sequential Stream of the strings collection

3. Stream – filter



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- The following code segment prints a count of empty strings using filter.

```
List<String> strings = Arrays.asList("abc", "", "bc", "efg", "abcd","", "jkl");  
  
//get count of empty string  
int count = strings.stream().filter(string -> string.isEmpty()).count();
```

filter() returns a Stream consisting of the elements that match the predicate (i.e. are empty).

3. Stream – filter



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- The following code segment prints a count of empty strings using filter.

```
List<String> strings = Arrays.asList("abc", "", "bc", "efg", "abcd","", "jkl");  
  
//get count of empty string  
int count = strings.stream().filter(string -> string.isEmpty()).count();
```

count() returns an int representing the number of elements in the Stream.

3. Stream – filter



Old Date/Time API (`java.util.Date`):

- **Not thread safe** – not thread safe → developers had to deal with concurrency issues.
- **Poor design** – Default Date starts from 1900, month starts from 1, and day starts from 0, so no uniformity. The old API had less direct methods for date operations. The new API provides numerous utility methods for such operations.
- **Difficult time zone handling** – Developers had to write a lot of code to deal with timezone issues. The new API keeps domain-specific design in mind.

4. Date/time improvements



New Date/Time API (**java.time**):

- **Local** – Simplified date-time API with no complexity of timezone handling.
- **Zoned** – Specialized date-time API to deal with various timezones.
- **Joda** – based on the Joda component's approach.

4. Date/time improvements



```
// Get the current date and time
```

```
LocalDateTime currentTime = LocalDateTime.now();    System.out.println("Current  
DateTime: " + currentTime);
```

```
LocalDate date1 = currentTime.toLocalDate();  
System.out.println("date1: " + date1);
```

```
Month month = currentTime.getMonth();  
int day = currentTime.getDayOfMonth();  
int seconds = currentTime.getSecond();
```

```
System.out.println("Month: " + month +", day: " + day +", seconds: " + seconds);
```

```
import java.time.LocalDate;  
import java.time.LocalTime;  
import java.time.LocalDateTime;  
import java.time.Month;
```

4. Date/time improvements (local)



```
// Get the current date and time
```

```
LocalDateTime currentTime = LocalDateTime.now();    System.out.println("Current  
DateTime: " + currentTime);
```

```
LocalDate date1 = currentTime.toLocalDate();  
System.out.println("date1: " + date1);
```

```
Month month = currentTime.getMonth();  
int day = currentTime.getDayOfMonth();  
int seconds = currentTime.getSecond();
```

```
System.out.println("Month: " + month +", day: " + day +", seconds: " + seconds);
```

```
import java.time.LocalDate;  
import java.time.LocalTime;  
import java.time.LocalDateTime;  
import java.time.Month;
```

Console Output

```
Current DateTime: 2017-10-16T19:53:55.053  
date1: 2017-10-16  
Month: OCTOBER, day: 16, seconds: 55
```

4. Date/time improvements (local)



```
// Get the current date and time
ZonedDateTime date1 =
    ZonedDateTime.parse("2017-10-03T10:15:30+05:30[Asia/Karachi]");
System.out.println("date1: " + date1);

ZoneId id = ZoneId.of("Europe/Paris");
System.out.println("ZoneId: " + id);

ZoneId currentZone = ZoneId.systemDefault();
System.out.println("CurrentZone: " + currentZone);
```

```
import java.time.ZonedDateTime;
import java.time.ZoneId;
```

4. Date/time improvements (zoned)



```
// Get the current date and time
ZonedDateTime date1 =
    ZonedDateTime.parse("2017-10-03T10:15:30+05:30[Asia/Karachi]");
System.out.println("date1: " + date1);

ZoneId id = ZoneId.of("Europe/Paris");
System.out.println("ZoneId: " + id);

ZoneId currentZone = ZoneId.systemDefault();
System.out.println("CurrentZone: " + currentZone);
```

```
import java.time.ZonedDateTime;
import java.time.ZoneId;
```

Console Output

```
date1: 2017-10-03T10:15:30+05:00[Asia/Karachi]
ZoneId: Europe/Paris
CurrentZone: Etc/UTC
```

4. Date/time improvements (zoned)



- Is similar to **Optional** in **Guava**.
- is a container object which is used to contain not-null objects:
 - object is used to represent null with absent value.
 - has various utility methods to handle values as 'available' or 'not available' instead of checking null values.

5. Optionals: `java.util.Optional<T>`





```
import java.util.Optional;

public class Java8Tester {
    public static void main(String args[]){

        Java8Tester java8Tester = new Java8Tester();
        Integer value1 = null;
        Integer value2 = new Integer(10);

        //Optional.ofNullable - allows passed parameter to be null.
        Optional<Integer> a = Optional.ofNullable(value1);

        //Optional.of - throws NullPointerException if passed parameter is null
        Optional<Integer> b = Optional.of(value2);
        System.out.println(java8Tester.sum(a,b));
    }

    public Integer sum(Optional<Integer> a, Optional<Integer> b){

        //Optional.isPresent - checks the value is present or not
        System.out.println("First parameter is present: " + a.isPresent());
        System.out.println("Second parameter is present: " + b.isPresent());

        //Optional.orElse - returns the value if present otherwise returns
        //the default value passed.
        Integer value1 = a.orElse(new Integer(0));

        //Optional.get - gets the value, value should be present
        Integer value2 = b.get();
        return value1 + value2;
    }
}
```



```
import java.util.Optional;

public class Java8Tester {
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        //Optional.orElse - returns the value if present otherwise returns
        //the default value passed.
        Integer value1 = a.orElse(new Integer(0));

        //Optional.get - gets the value, value should be present
        Integer value2 = b.get();
        return value1 + value2;
    }
}
```

Console Output

```
First parameter is present: false
Second parameter is present: true
10
```



Release Date:
Sept 2017

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/9/>

<https://www.oracle.com/java/java9-screencasts.html>

1. Interfaces – private methods
2. Collection factory methods
3. Try with resources improvements
4. Stream API improvements
5. REPL (Shell)
6. Module system

An outline of some changes



Java 9 allows **private methods** as a way to avoid writing duplicate code (i.e. promote re-usability) and also to hide interface implementation.

The methods can be private and private static and are written in the same way you would write a private method in a class.

```
public interface IAddressBook{
    static final int CAPACITY= 1000;

    void clear();
    IContact getContact(String lastName);
    void addContact(IContact contact);
    int numberOfContacts();
    void removeContact(String lastName);
    String listContacts();

    default String typeOfEntity(){
        return "Address book";
    }

    static int getCapacity(){
        return CAPACITY;
    }

    private static void displayDetails(){
        //method implementation in here
    }
}
```

IAddressBook.java

1. Defining Interfaces (JDK 9) With private methods

- Often you want to create a collection (e.g., a List or Set) in your code and directly populate it with some elements...
 - That leads to repetitive code where you instantiate the collection, followed by several *add* calls.
- With Java 9, several **collection factory methods** have been added:

```
Set<Integer> ints      = Set.of(1, 2, 3);  
List<String> strings   = List.of("first", "second");  
Map<String, String> map = Map.of("foo", "a", "bar", "b", "c");
```

NOTE: Immutable collections are created (i.e. cannot add to it) and the collection implementation is selected by Java (e.g. ArrayList, LinkedList).

2. Collection Factory Methods



Java SE 7 example

```
void testARM_Before_Java9() throws IOException{
    BufferedReader reader1 = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("journaldev.txt"));
    try (BufferedReader reader2 = reader1) {
        System.out.println(reader2.readLine());
    }
}
```

Improvements
to avoid
verbosity and
improve
readability.

Java 9 example

```
void testARM_Java9() throws IOException{
    BufferedReader reader1 = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("journaldev.txt"));
    try (reader1) {
        System.out.println(reader1.readLine());
    }
}
```

3. try-with-resources improvement

<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/software-development/java-9-new-features>



- Addition of extra methods...as a sample, we will look at the **takeWhile** method:
- takes a predicate as an argument and returns a Stream of subset of the given Stream values until that Predicate returns false for first time. If first value does NOT satisfy that Predicate, it just returns an empty Stream.

```
Stream.of(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)
    .takeWhile(i -> i < 5 )
    .forEach(System.out::println);
```

Console Output

```
1
2
3
4
```

4. Stream API improvement



- The **jshell** is used to easily execute and test Java constructs like class, interface, enum, object, statements etc.

On your command line, start the shell by typing **jshell**.

Then enter any Java 9 statements you wish.

```
G:\>jshell
| Welcome to JShell -- Version 9-ea
| For an introduction type: /help intro

jshell> int a = 10
a ==> 10

jshell> System.out.println("a value = " + a )
a value = 10
```

5. REPL (Read Evaluate Print Loop i.e. Shell)

<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/software-development/java-9-new-features>



We can declare a method in a similar way as Flow control, and press for each new line:

```
1 jshell> String helloWorld() {  
2   ...> return "hello world";  
3   ...> }  
4 | created method helloWorld()
```

Then call it:

```
1 jshell> System.out.println(helloWorld());  
2 hello world
```

5. REPL (Read Evaluate Print Loop i.e. Shell)

<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/software-development/java-9-new-features>



We can also define classes in JShell:

```
1 jshell> class HelloWorld {  
2   ...> public String helloWorldClass() {  
3   ...> return "helloWorldClass";  
4   ...> }  
5   ...> }  
6 | created class HelloWorld
```

And assign and access them:

```
1 jshell> HelloWorld hw = new HelloWorld();  
2 hw ==> HelloWorld@27a5f880  
3 | created variable hw : HelloWorld  
4  
5 jshell> System.out.println(hw.helloWorldClass());  
6 helloWorldClass
```

5. REPL (Read Evaluate Print Loop i.e. Shell)

<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/software-development/java-9-new-features>



- One of the biggest changes in Java 9 (part of the **Jigsaw** Project).
- With JDK9, you can separate your code into individual modules.
- *“A module is a named, self-describing program component that consists of one or more packages (and data)”*

<https://jaxenter.com/new-features-in-java-9-137344.html>

- Each module needs a **module-info.java** file. It is placed in the root directory of the module. Within this file, you can declare:
 - which modules your code is dependent upon i.e. jdk modules, external jars, etc.
 - which packages are allowed to see/use your module.

6. Module System

<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/software-development/java-9-new-features>



Java 9 Modules (Part 1): Introduction

Get your feet wet with Java 9's modularity by learning how to create, compile, and execute single- and multi-module projects all from the command line.



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Java 9 Modules (Part 2): IntelliJ and Maven

This next lesson in embracing Java 9 modules tackles using IntelliJ and Maven in your projects and creating both a single- and multi-module project.



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6. Module System





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<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/10/>

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An outline of some changes

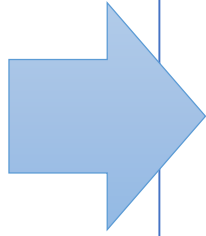


- A new identifier named **var** is now available for **local** variables with **non-null initializers**.
- Using this identifier, the type of the variable is inferred from the context.
- **val** was not introduced, instead you use **final var** (as it is more consistent with the rest of Java).
- Why was this level of type inference introduced?
 - Reduce boilerplate, ease readability.

Local Variable Type Inference

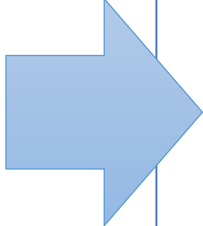
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private void suggestionNotProvidedIfDiamondUsed() {  
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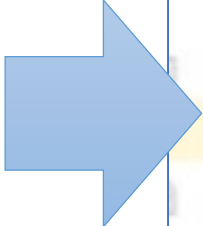


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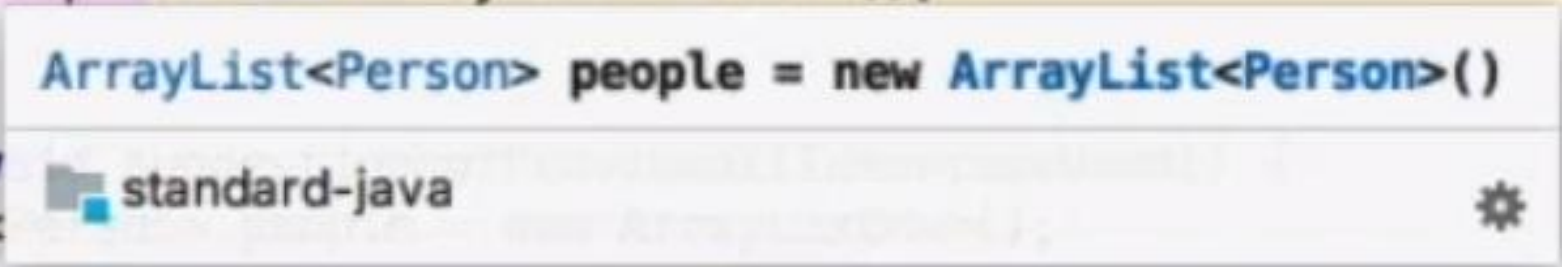
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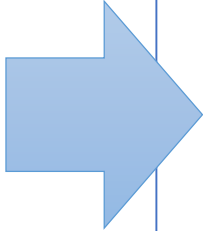
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Java 10
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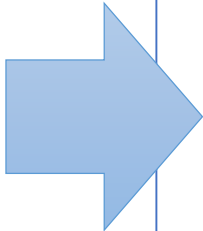


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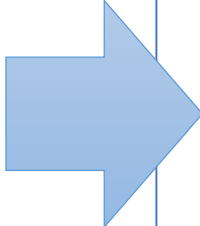
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standard-java

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/* Example
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ArrayList<Object> people = new ArrayList<Object>()



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private String exampleTryWithResources(Socket socket, String charsetName) throws IOException {
    try (InputStream is = socket.getInputStream();
        InputStreamReader isr = new InputStreamReader(is, charsetName);
        BufferedReader buf = new BufferedReader(isr)) {
        return buf.readLine();
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Can be used for the following types of variables:

- Local variable declarations with initializers
- Enhanced for-loop indexes
- Index variables declared in traditional for loops
- Try-with-resources variable



Local Variable Type Inference



Cannot be used for the following types of variables:

- Fields
- Return types
- Parameters



Note: it only works with local variables; in the above, there is (generally) no way to figure out what that type really is.

Local Variable Type Inference



Java is still a statically typed language

- It might “look” like Java 10 is moving to a more dynamic version of the language...
 - **Not true** - you still have full type safety, it’s just a removal of some of the syntax.
- IntelliJ (and other IDEs too) will help you figure out where you can make use of this:
 - Use Inspections → set Java 10 local variable type inference to a “weak warning” to highlight the areas in your code you can use this new feature.

Local Variable Type Inference

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Release Date:
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Currently outside the scope of this module, but you can review the changes yourself:



Workshop

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JEP Process

Source code

Mercurial
Bundles (6)

Groups

(overview)
2D Graphics
Adoption
AWT
Build
Compatibility &
Specification
Review
Compiler
Conformance
Core Libraries
Governing Board
HotSpot
Internationalization
JMX
Members
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NetBeans Projects
Porters
Quality
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Serviceability
Sound
Swing
Vulnerability
Web

JDK 11

JDK 11 is the open-source reference implementation of version 11 of the Java SE 11 Platform as specified by by [JSR 384](#) in the Java Community Process.

JDK 11 reached [General Availability](#) on 25 September 2018. Production-ready binaries under the GPL are [available from Oracle](#); binaries from other vendors will follow shortly.

The features and schedule of this release were proposed and tracked via the [JEP Process](#), as amended by the [JEP 2.0 proposal](#). The release was produced using the [JDK Release Process \(JEP 3\)](#).

Features

- [181: Nest-Based Access Control](#)
- [309: Dynamic Class-File Constants](#)
- [315: Improve Aarch64 Intrinsics](#)
- [318: Epsilon: A No-Op Garbage Collector](#)
- [320: Remove the Java EE and CORBA Modules](#)
- [321: HTTP Client \(Standard\)](#)
- [323: Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters](#)
- [324: Key Agreement with Curve25519 and Curve448](#)
- [327: Unicode 10](#)
- [328: Flight Recorder](#)
- [329: ChaCha20 and Poly1305 Cryptographic Algorithms](#)
- [330: Launch Single-File Source-Code Programs](#)
- [331: Low-Overhead Heap Profiling](#)
- [332: Transport Layer Security \(TLS\) 1.3](#)
- [333: ZGC: A Scalable Low-Latency Garbage Collector \(Experimental\)](#)
- [335: Deprecate the Nashorn JavaScript Engine](#)
- [336: Deprecate the Pack200 Tools and API](#)

<http://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/11/>



Any questions?