Overview of Java Parallel Streams: Avoiding Programming Hazards

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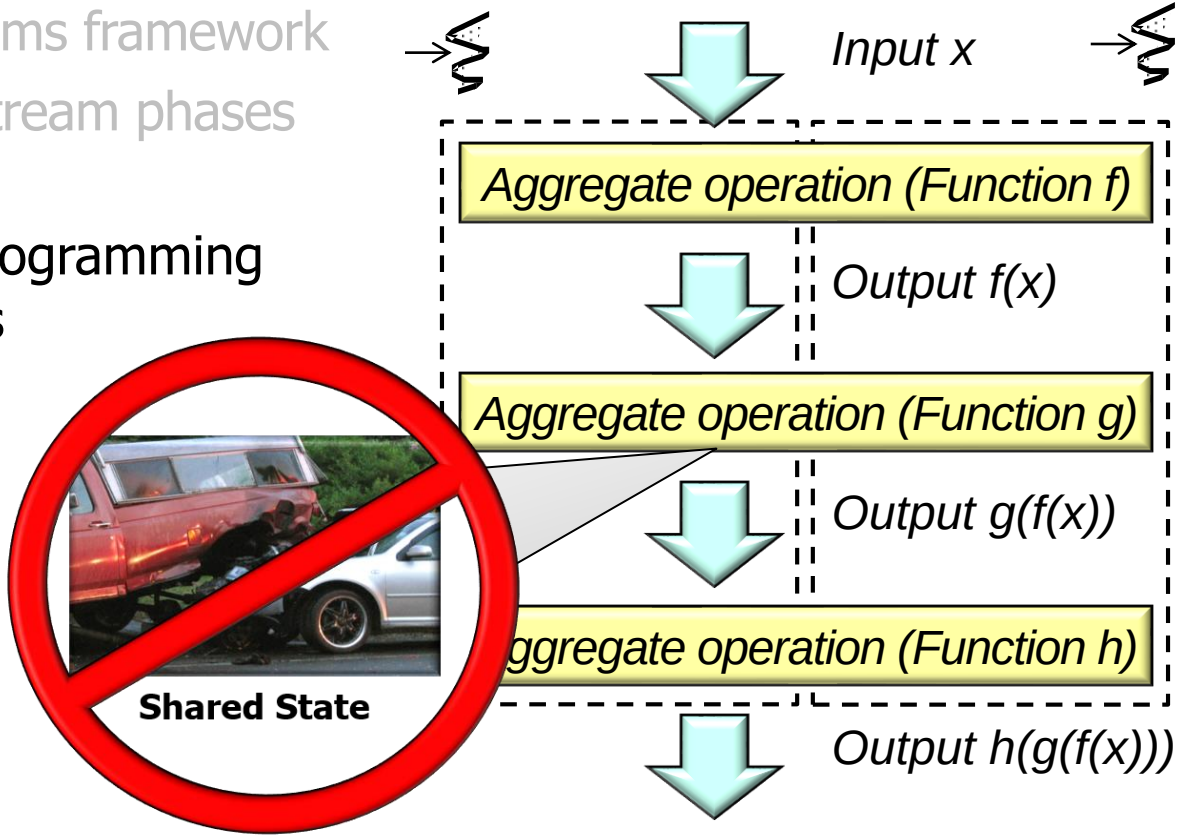
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Know how aggregate operations & functional programming features are applied in the parallel streams framework
- Be aware of how parallel stream phases work "under the hood"
- Recognize now to avoid programming hazards in parallel streams



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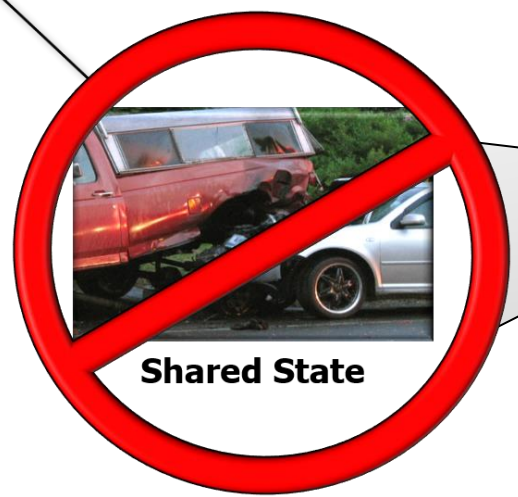
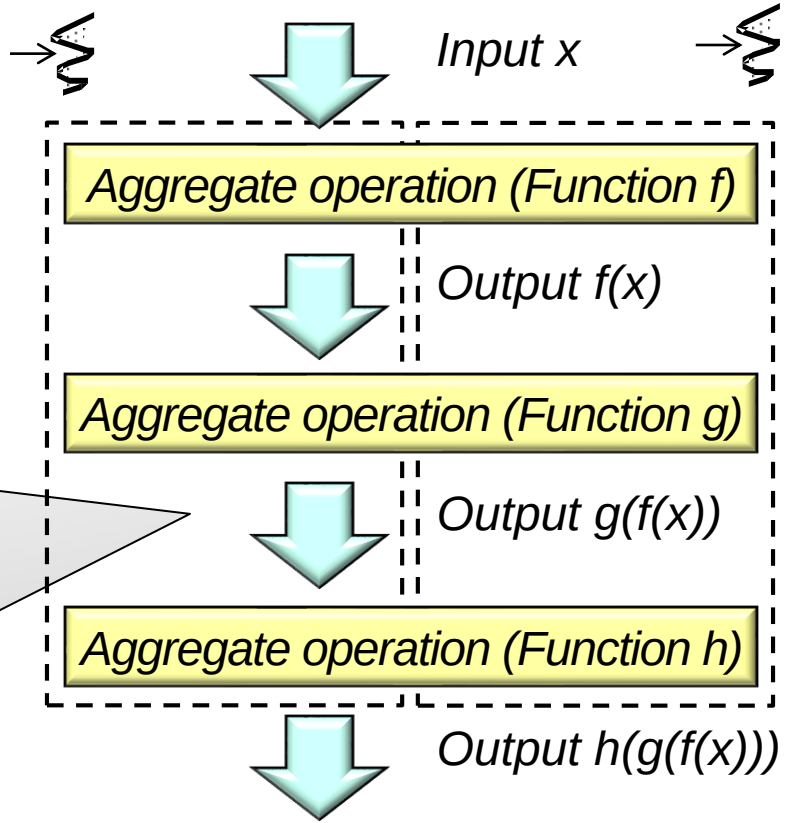
- The Java parallel streams framework assumes behaviors don't incur race conditions

Race conditions arise when an app depends on the sequence or timing of threads for it to operate properly





See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_condition#Software

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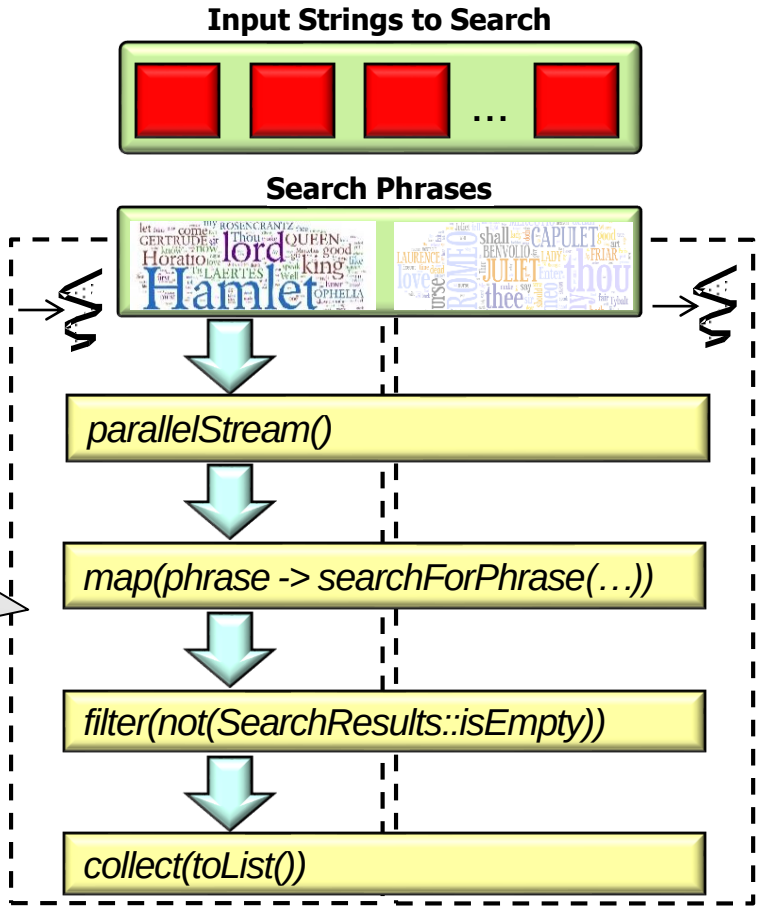

See docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html#side_effects

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Incorrectly compute the factorial of param n using a parallel stream

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Define mutable state that's shared between threads in parallel stream

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Race conditions & inconsistent memory visibility may arise from the unsynchronized access to mTotal field

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   .boxed()
   .collect(toCollection
                 (ArrayList::new));
```


```
list
   .parallelStream()
   .peek(list::remove)
   .forEach(System.out::println);
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See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/stream/package-summary.html#NonInterference

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Create a list of ten integers in range 0..9

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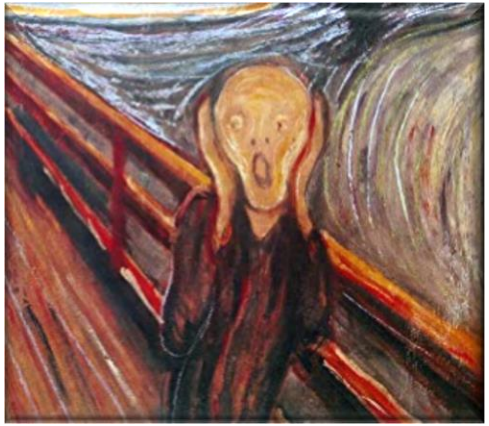

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If a non-concurrent collection is modified while it's being operated on the results will be chao & insanity!!

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/stream/Stream.html#peek

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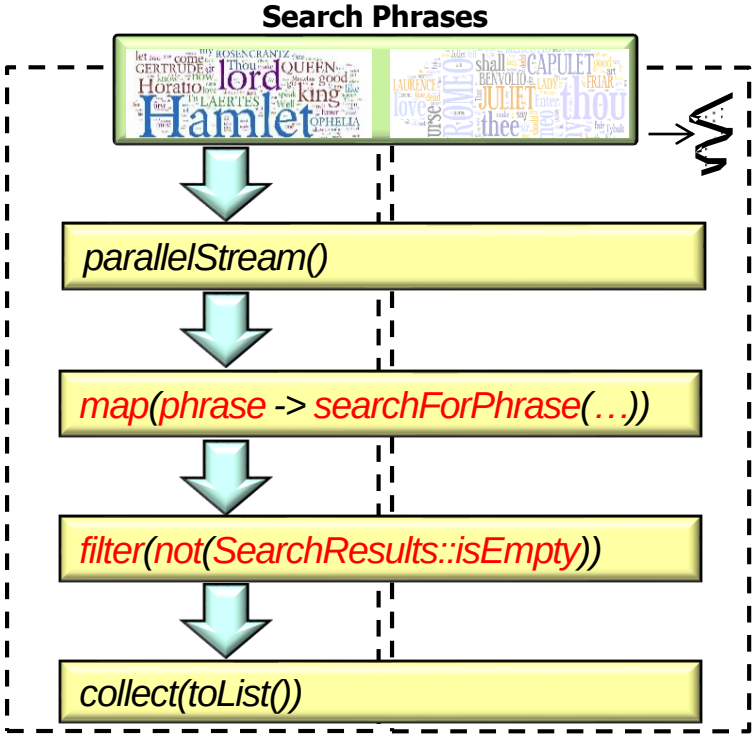

See henrikeichenhardt.blogspot.com/2013/06/why-shared-mutable-state-is-root-of-all.html

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  - e.g., Java lambda expressions & method references that are "pure functions"

```
return new SearchResults
   (Thread.currentThread().getId(),
    currentCycle(), phrase, title,
    StreamSupport
      .stream(new PhraseMatchSpliterator
                    (input, phrase),
              parallel)
      .collect(toList()));
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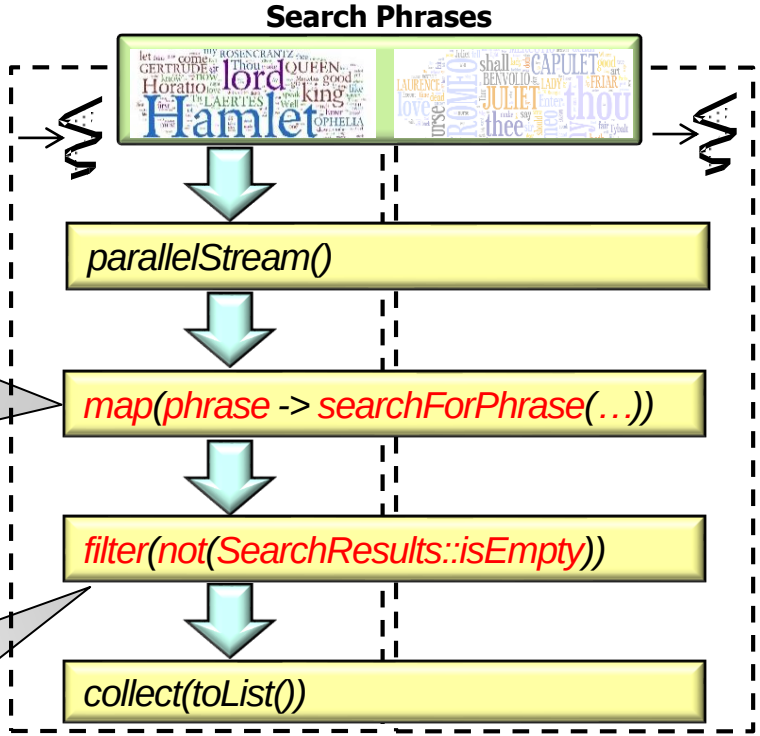


```
return mList.size() == 0;
```

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pure_function

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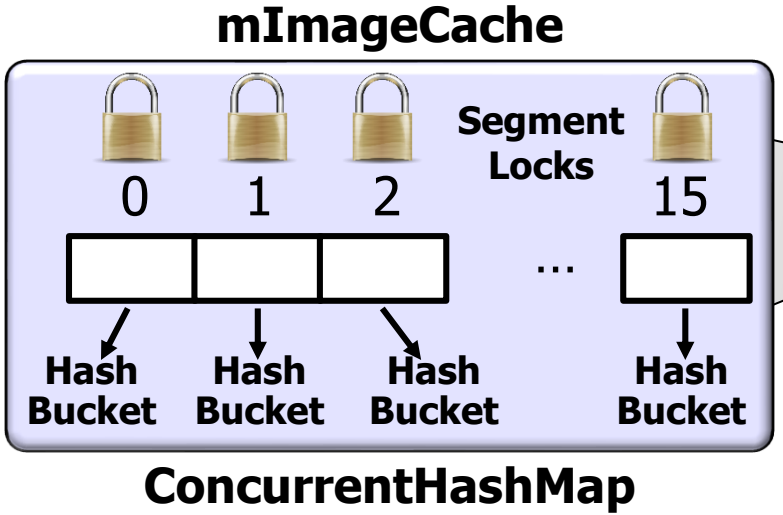
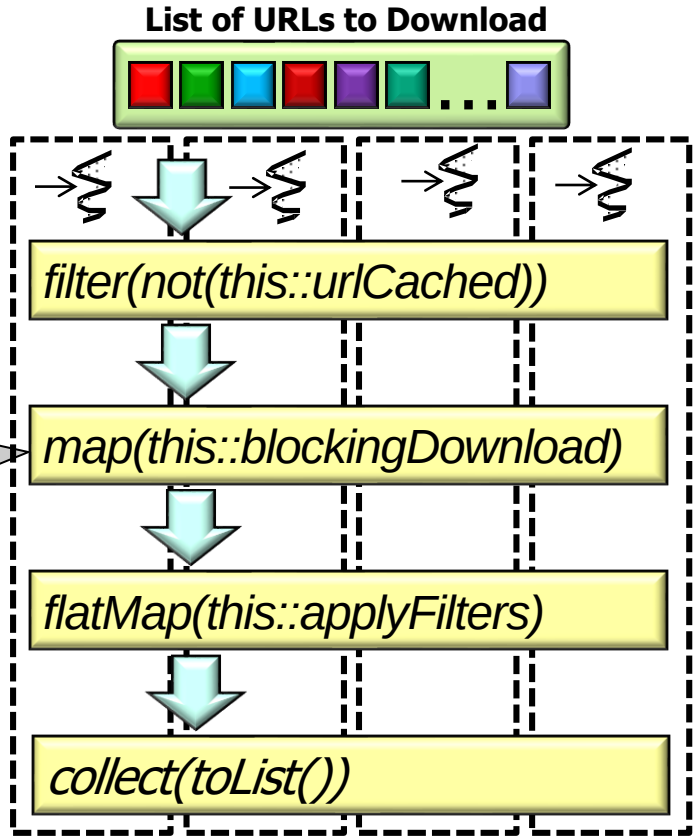
- If it's necessary to access & update shared mutable state in a parallel stream make sure to synchronize it properly!





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