

Java Streams:

Applying Streams in Practice

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

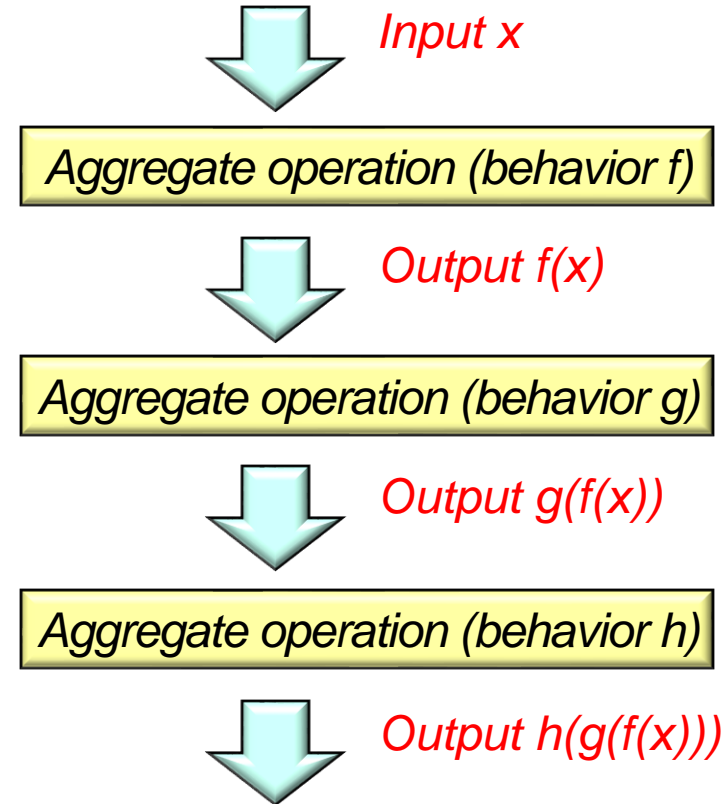
- Understand the structure & functionality of Java streams, e.g.,
 - Fundamentals of streams
 - Benefits of streams
 - Operations that create a stream
 - Aggregate operations in a stream
 - Applying streams in practice



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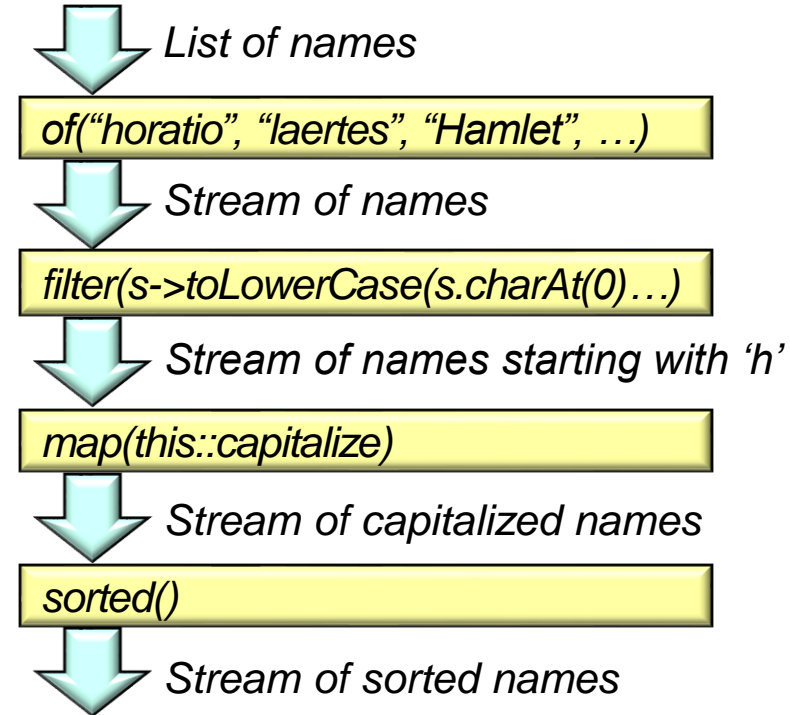
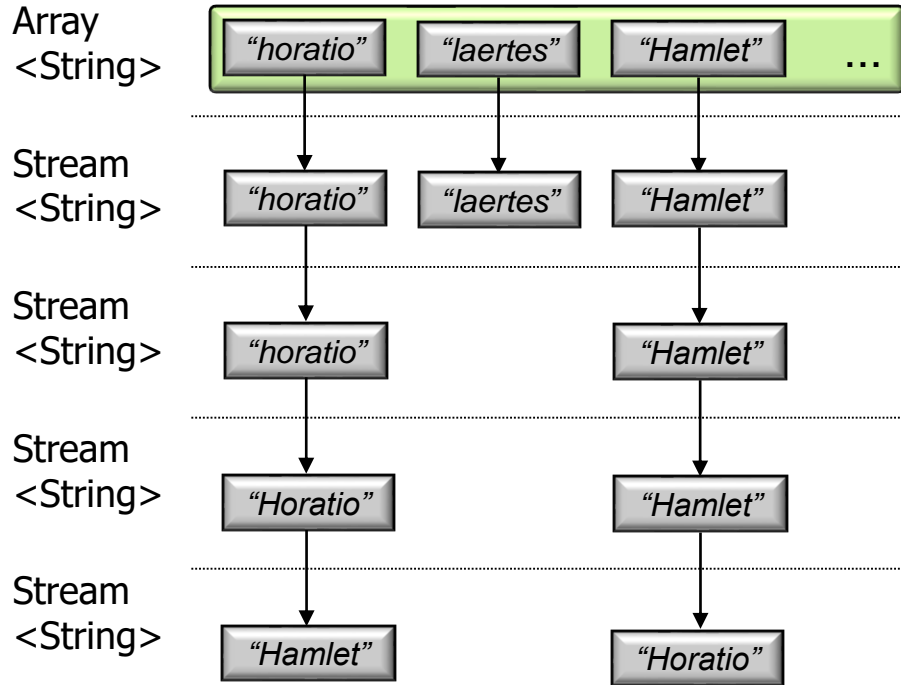
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See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pipeline_\(software\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pipeline_(software))

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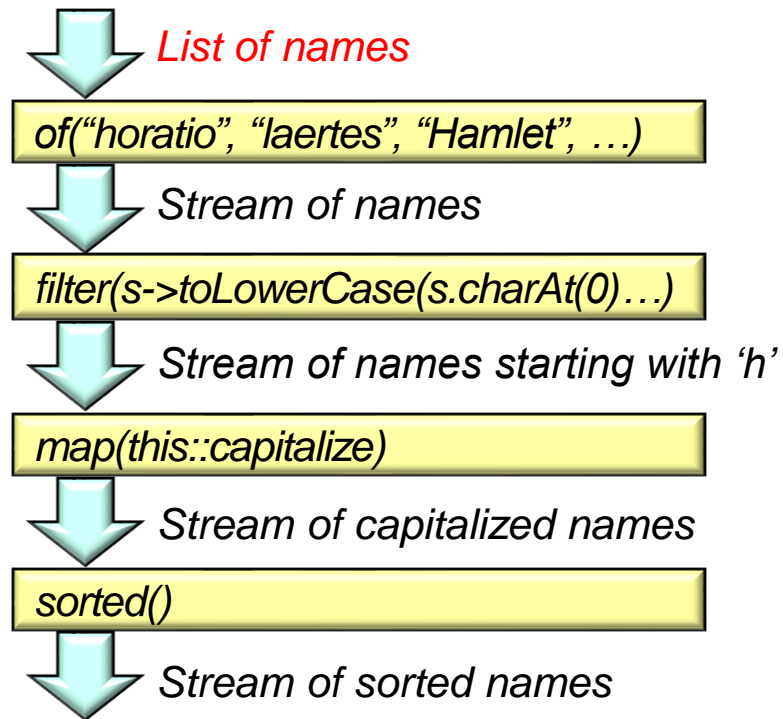
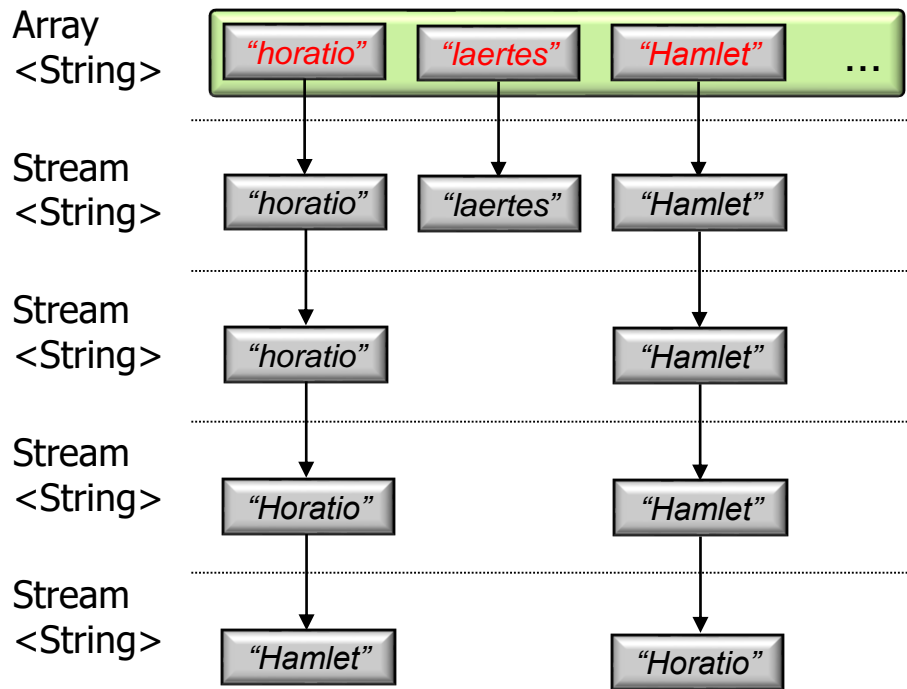
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Each aggregate operation in the pipeline can filter and/or transform the stream

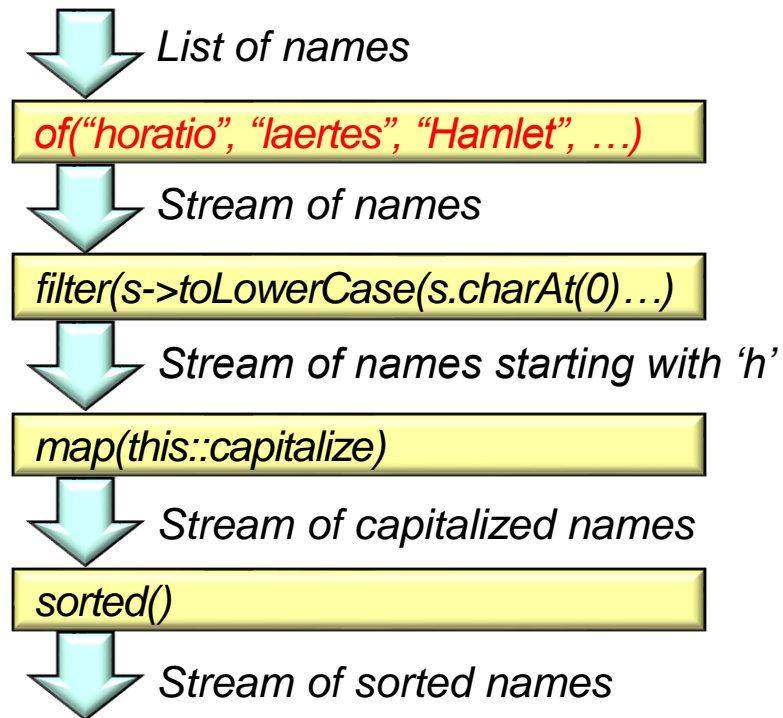
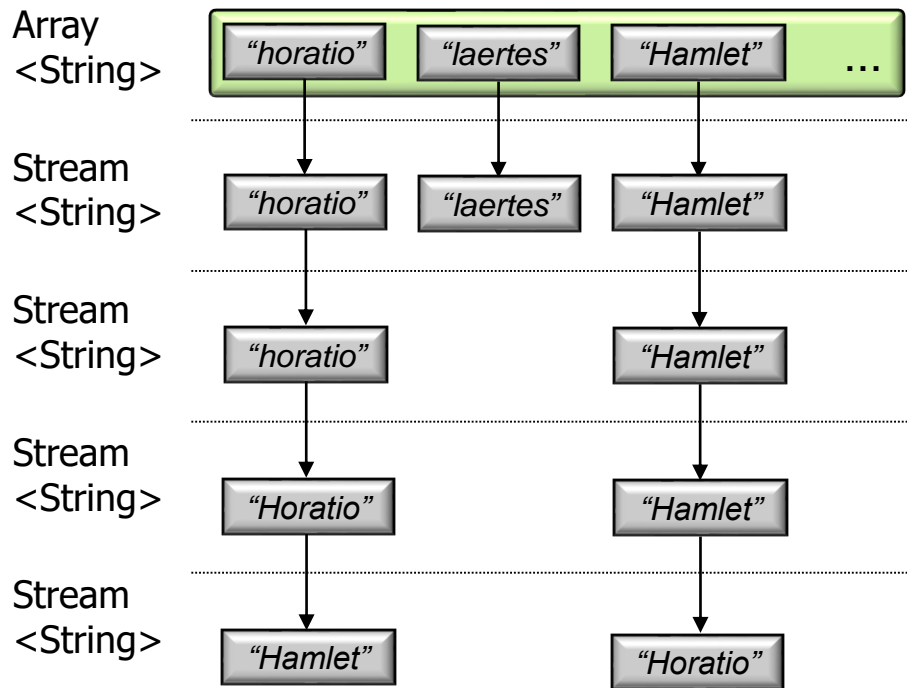
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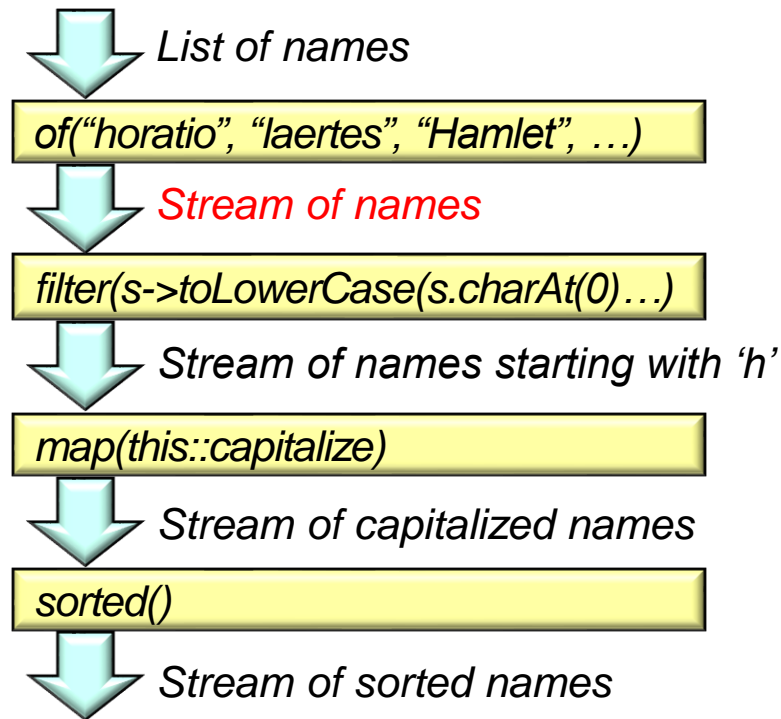
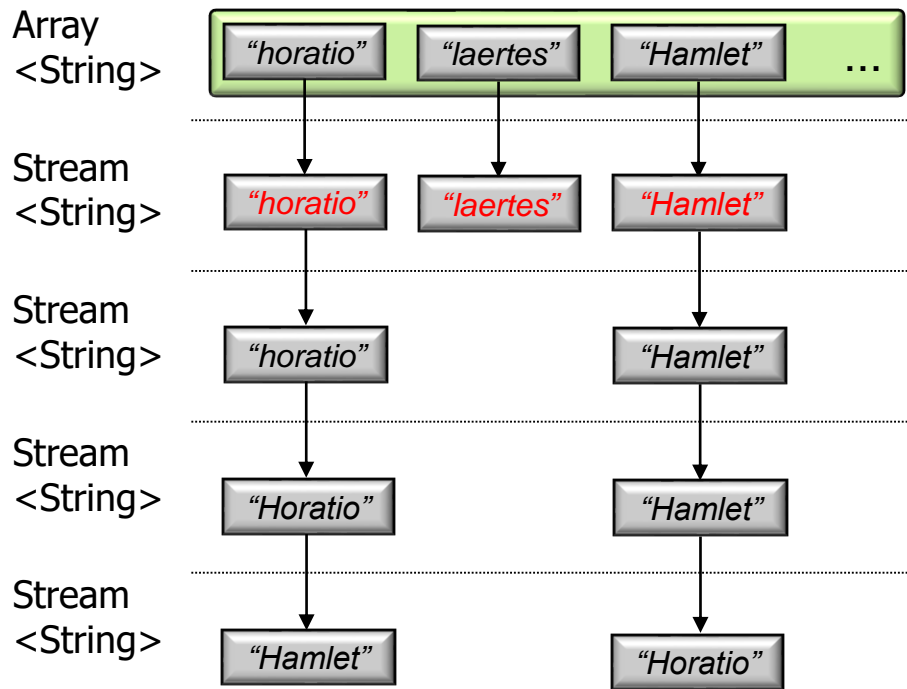
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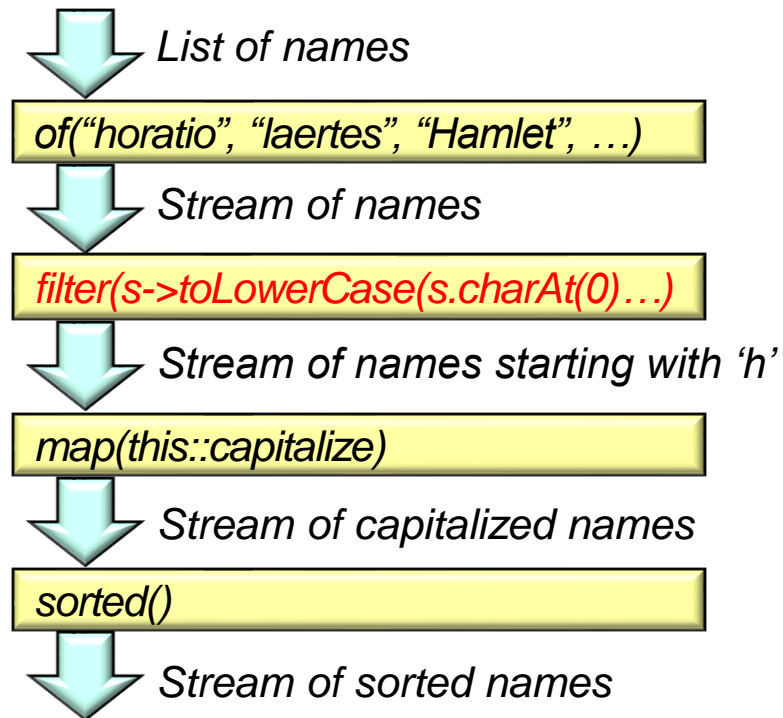
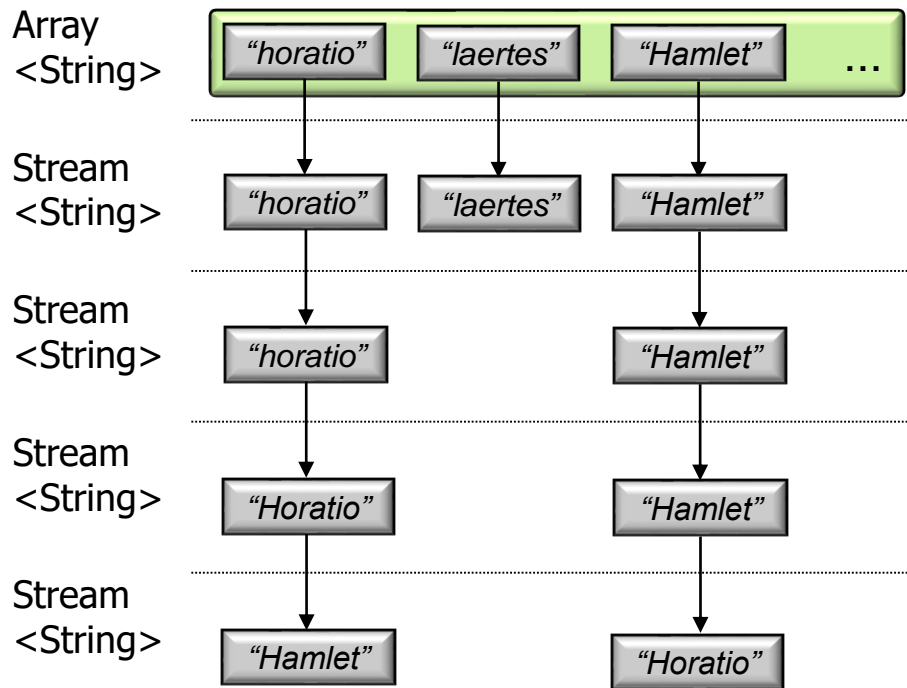
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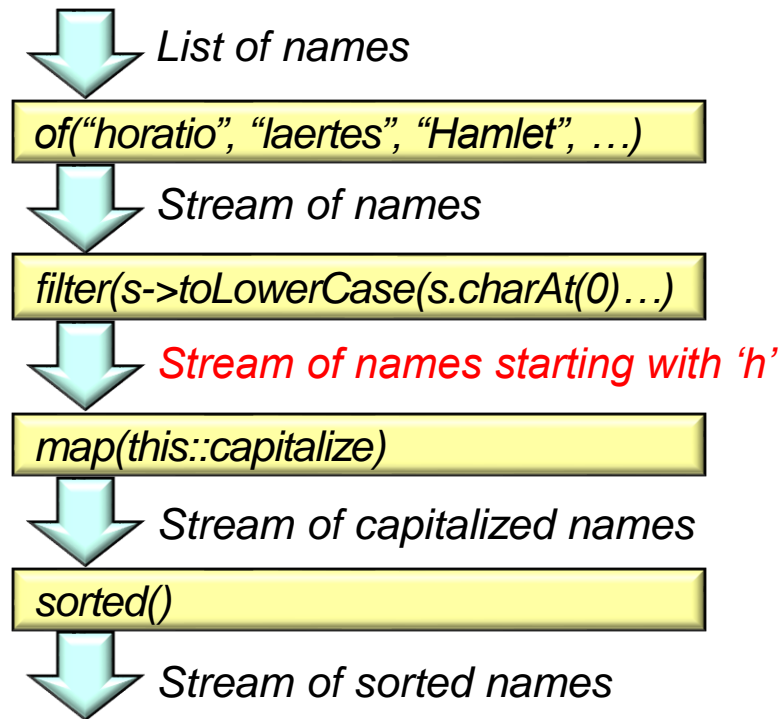
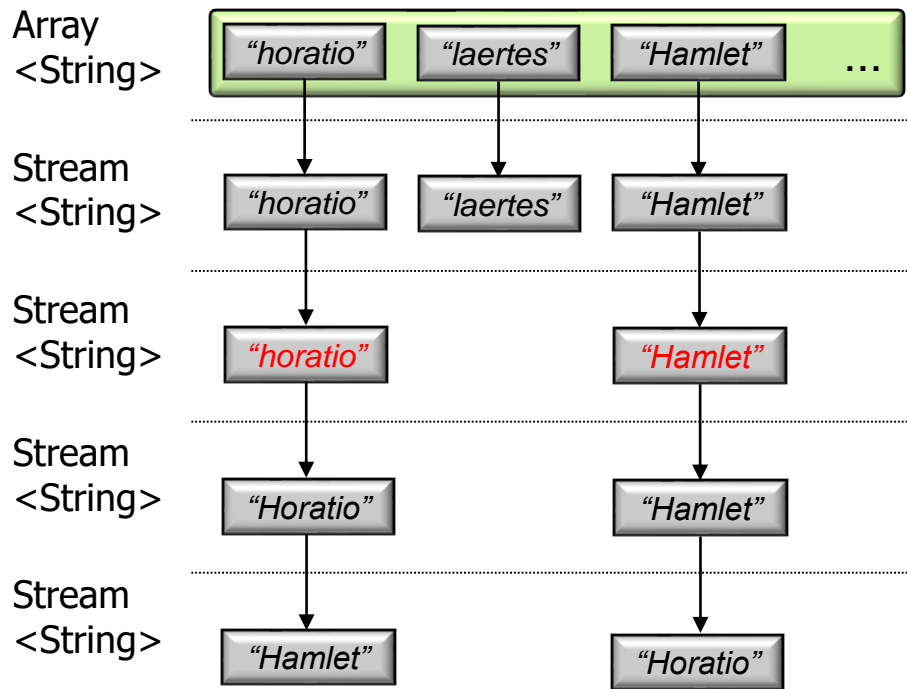
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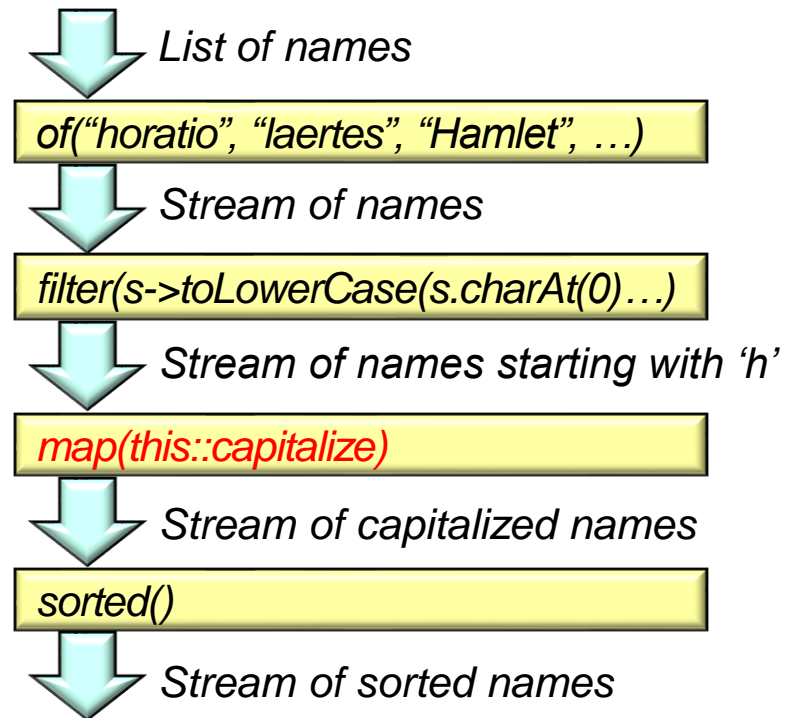
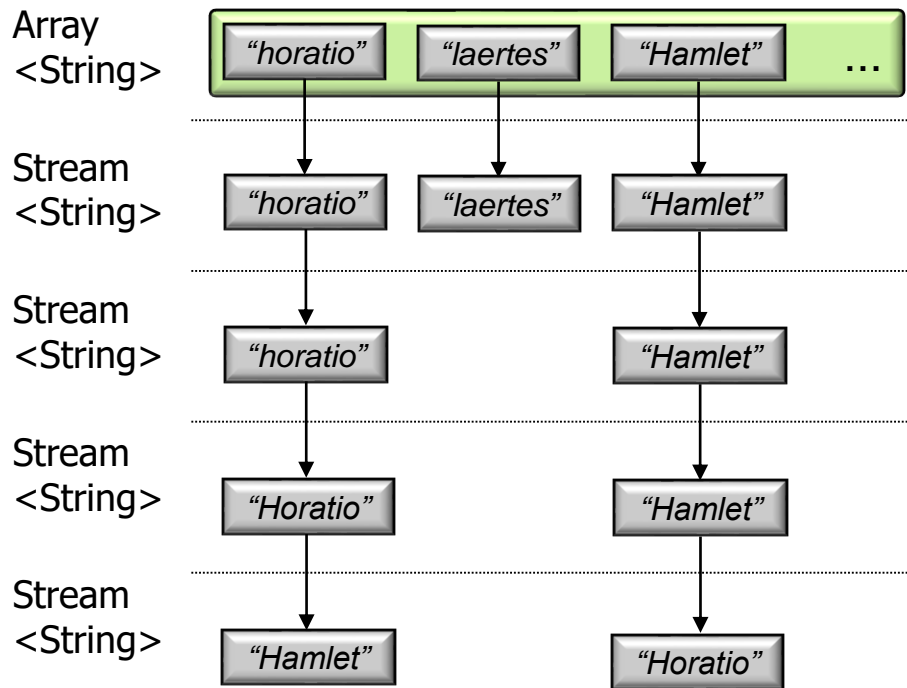
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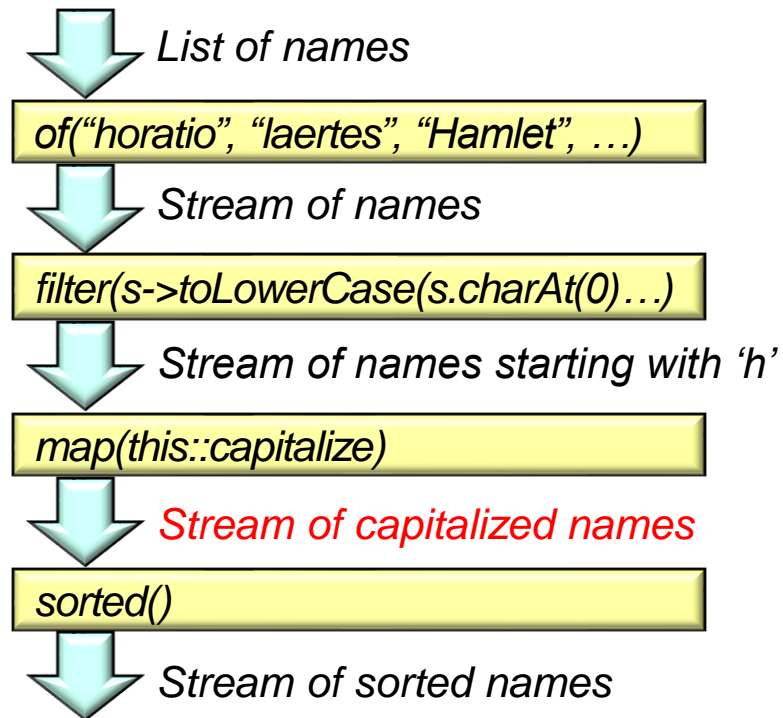
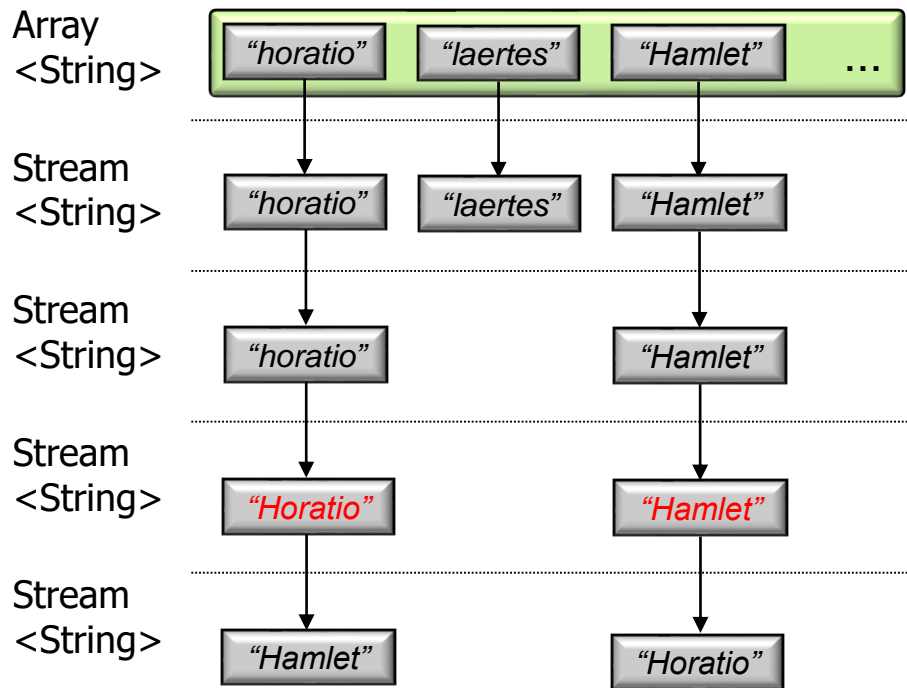
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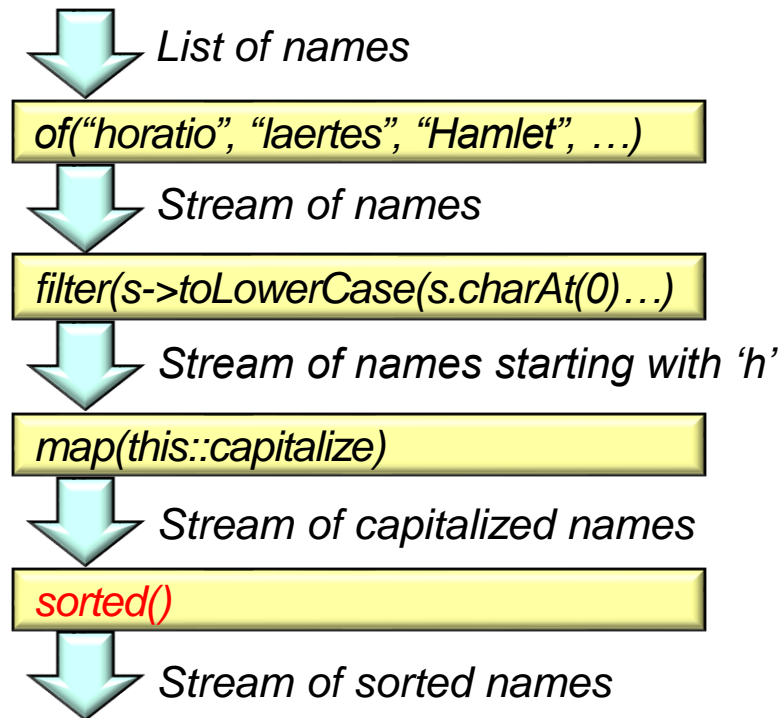
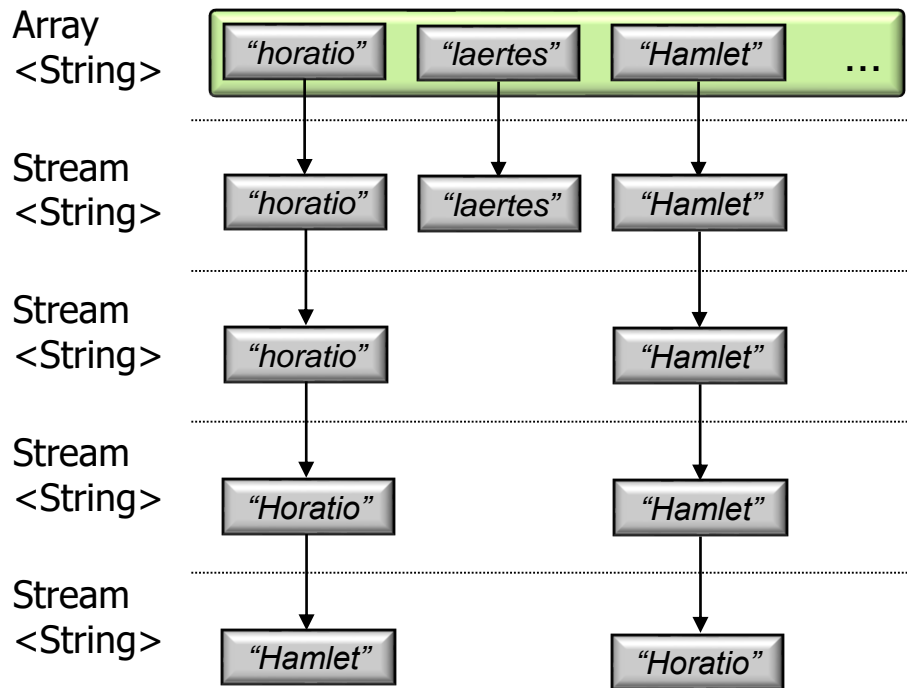
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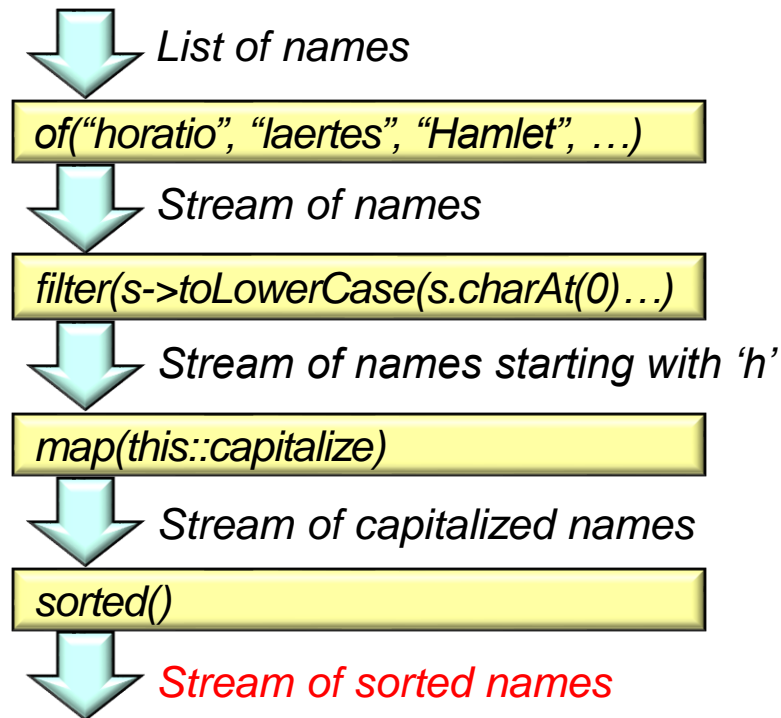
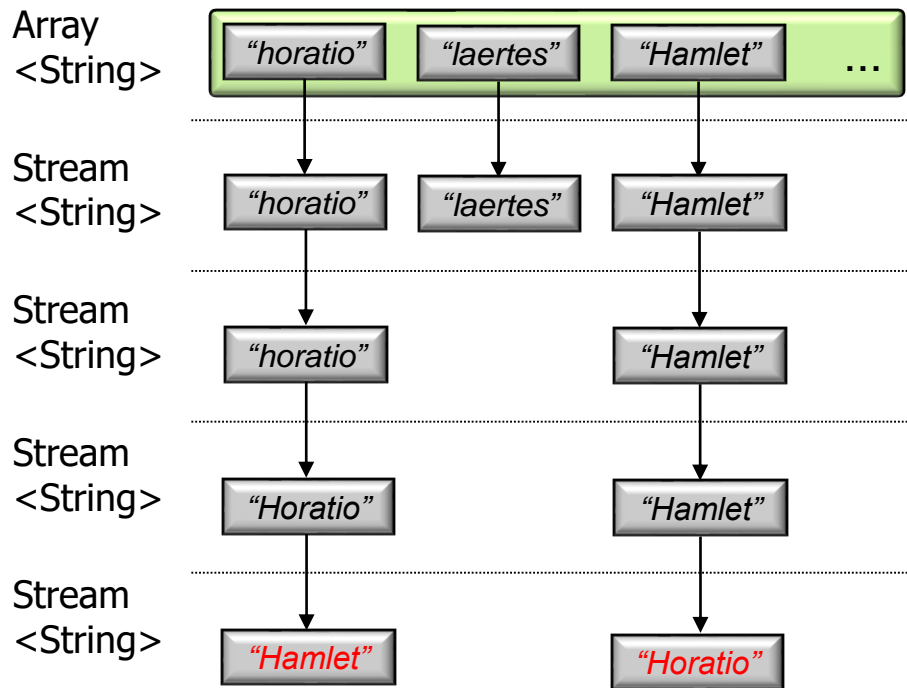
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characters  
    .stream()  
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 - Processes data thru a pipeline of intermediate operations

Stream

```
.of("horatio", "laertes",  
    "Hamlet", ...)  
.filter(s -> toLowerCase  
          (s.charAt(0)) == 'h')  
.map(this::capitalize)  
.sorted()  
...
```



Input x

Intermediate operation (behavior f)



Output $f(x)$

Intermediate operation (behavior g)



Output $g(f(x))$

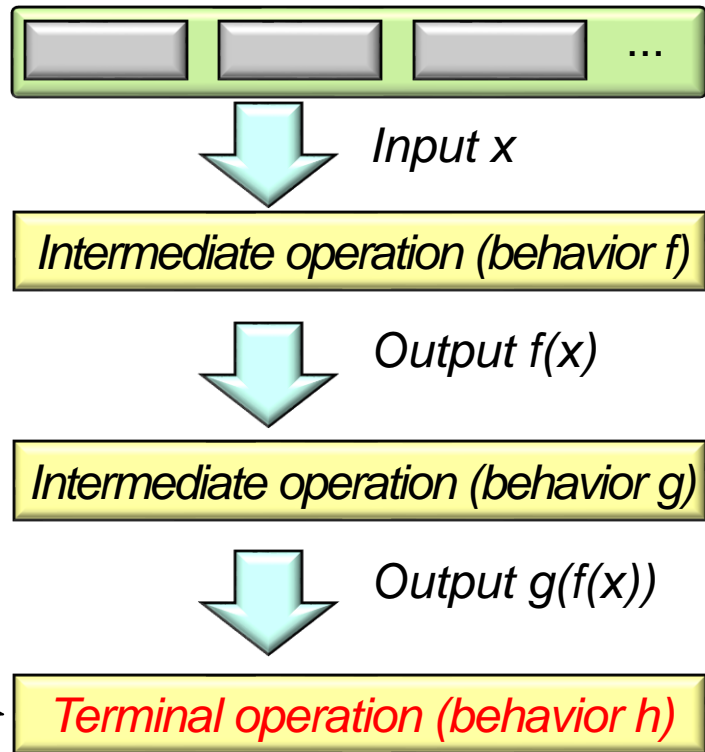
Each operation maps an input stream to an output stream

Examples of intermediate operations include `filter()`, `map()`, & `sorted()`

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 - Processes data thru a pipeline of intermediate operations
 - Finishes w/a terminal operation that yields a non-stream result

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.filter(s -> toLowerCase  
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.map(this::capitalize)  
.sorted()  
.forEach(System.out::println);
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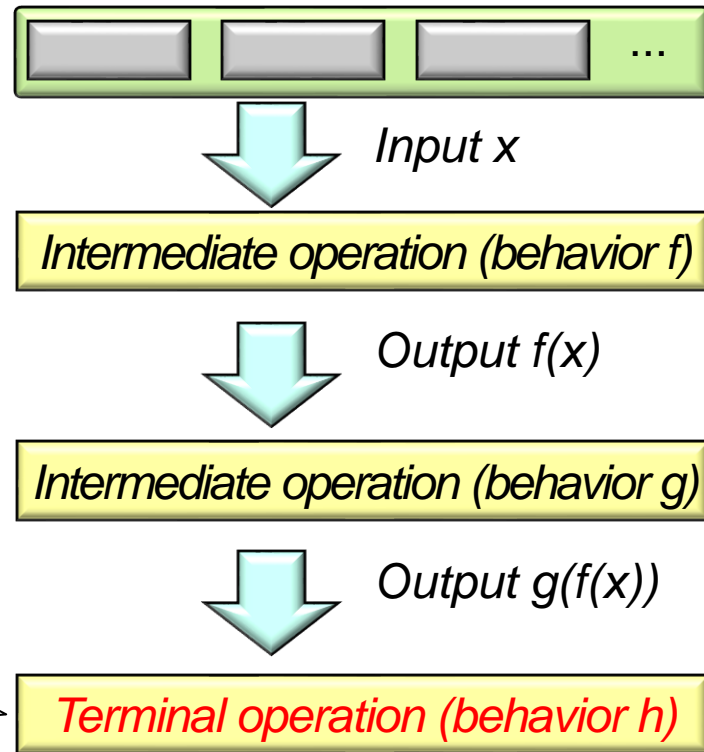


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A terminal operation triggers processing of intermediate operations in a stream

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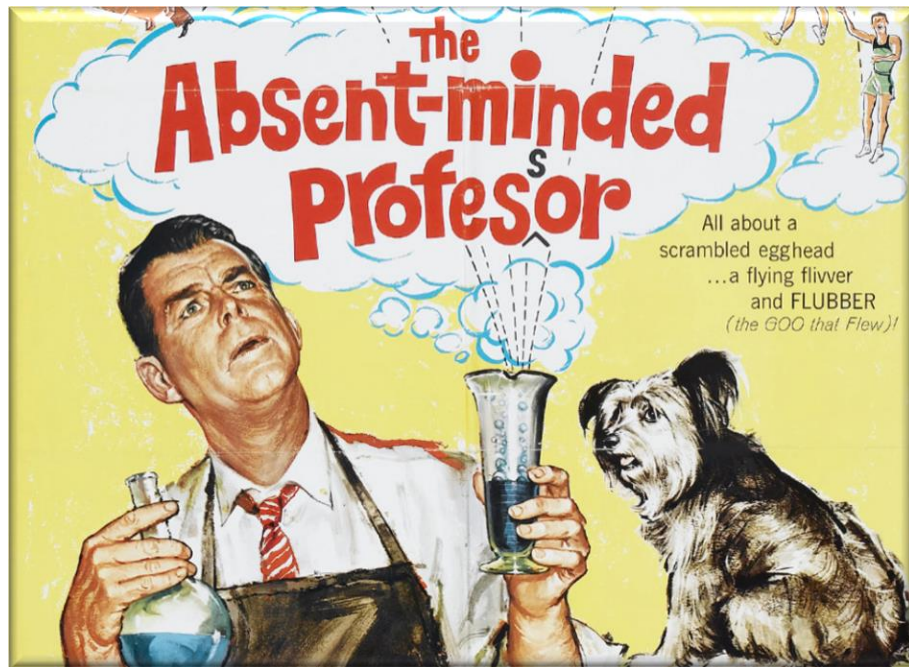
Each stream *must* have one (& only one) terminal operation

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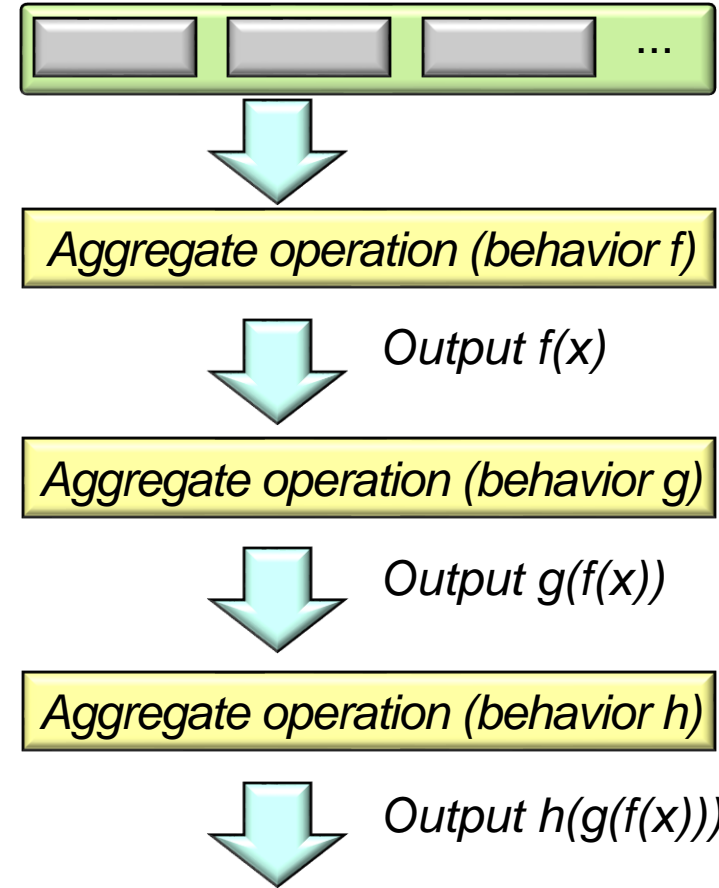
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A common "beginner mistake" is to forget the terminal operation

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- A stream holds no non-transient storage

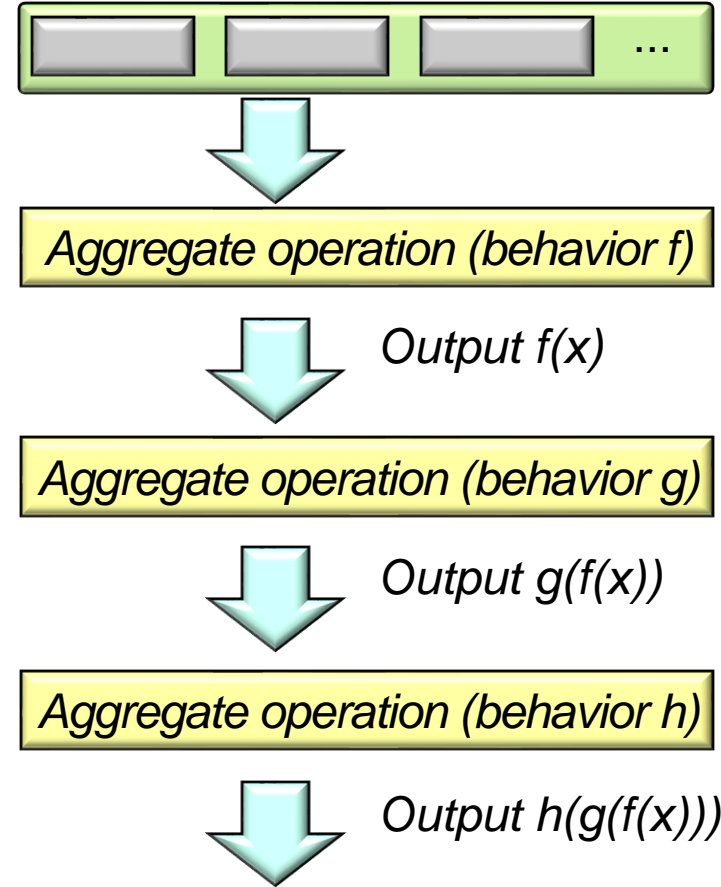


Apps are thus responsible for persisting any data that must be preserved

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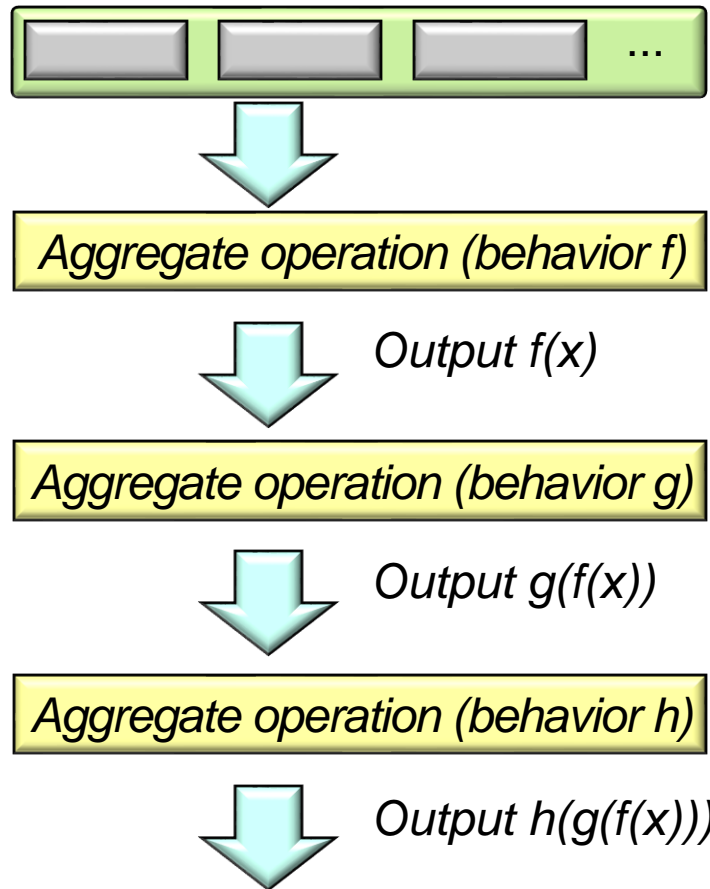
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Duplicate calls are invalid!

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s.forEach(System.out::println);  
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See blog.jooq.org/2014/06/13/java-8-friday-10-subtle-mistakes-when-using-the-streams-api

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Throws `java.lang.IllegalStateException`

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Aggregate operation (behavior f)



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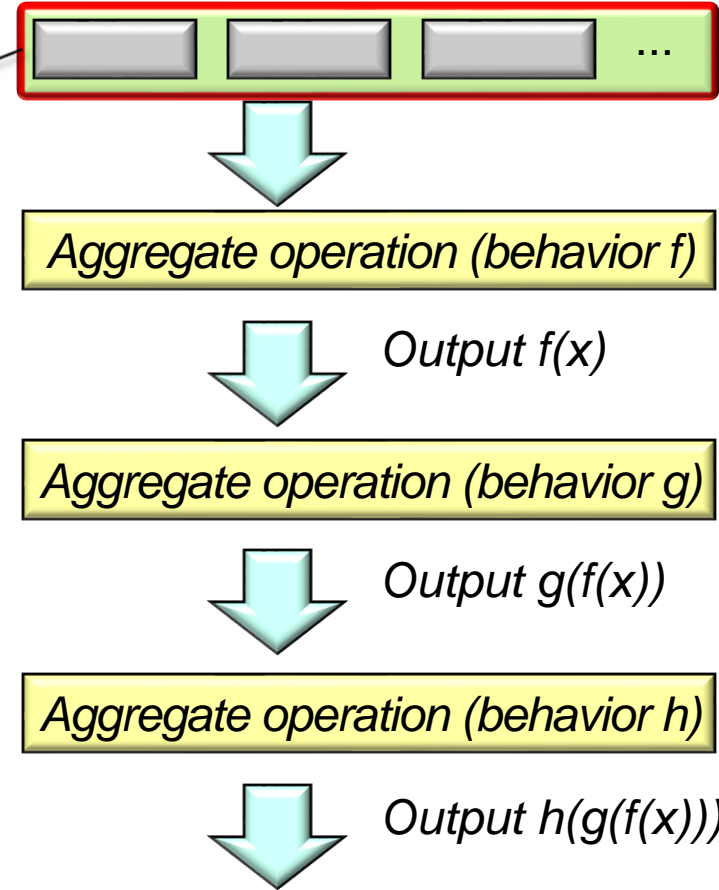
Output $h(g(f(x)))$

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/IllegalStateException.html

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To traverse a stream again you need to get a new stream from the data source



End of Java Streams: Appying Streams in Practice