Java SearchWithParallelSpliterator Example: Evaluating Pros & Cons

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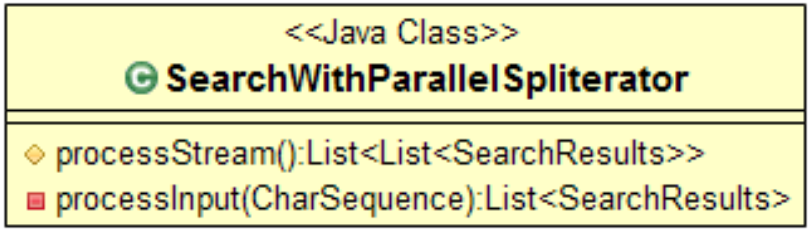
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Be aware of how a parallel spliterator can improve parallel stream performance
- Know the intent of—& fields in—the PhraseMatchSpliterator
- Recognize the PhraseMatchSpliterator constructor & tryAdvance() method implementation
- Understand the PhraseMatchSpliterator trySplit() method implementation
- Understand the pros & cons of the SearchWithParallelSpliterator class



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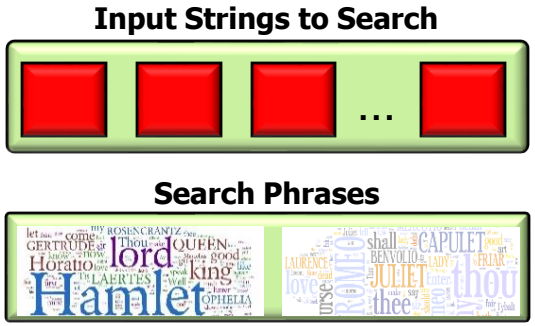

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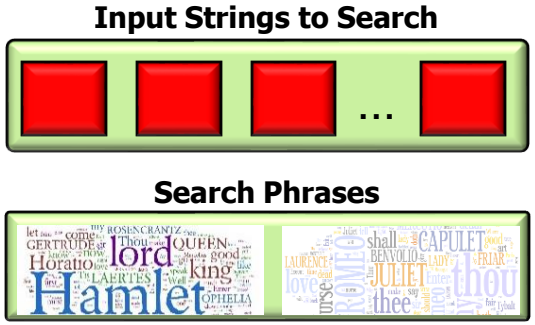

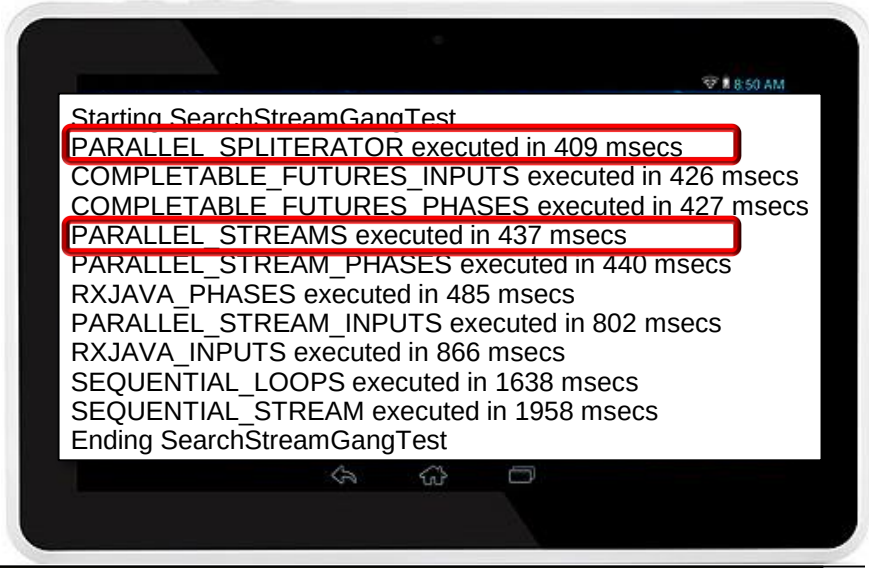

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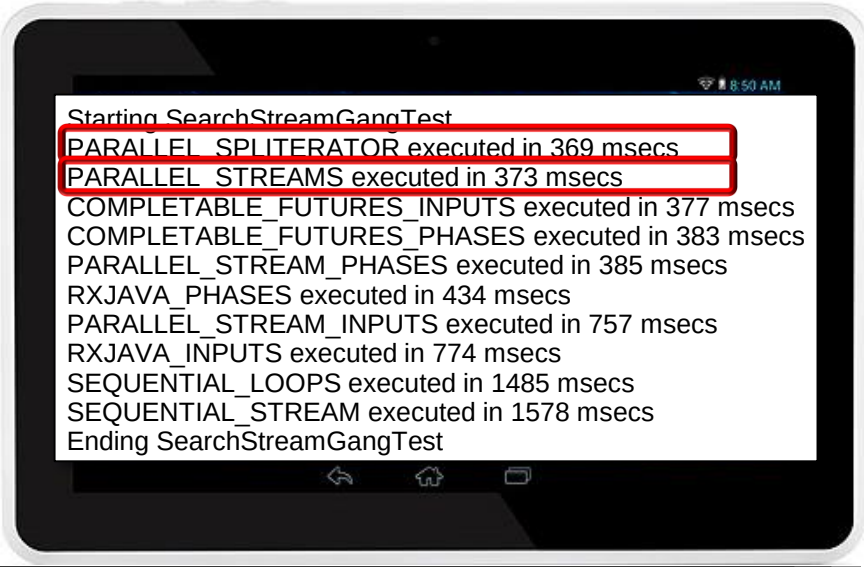

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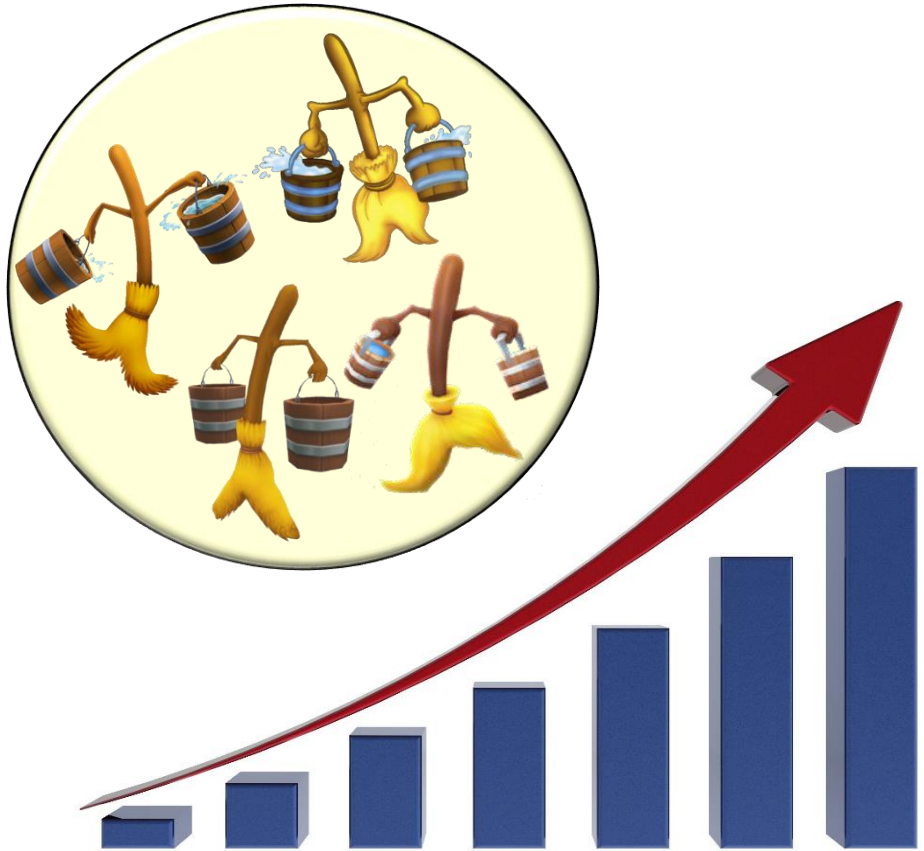
  - These speedups occur since the granularity of parallelism is finer & thus better able to leverage available cores



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

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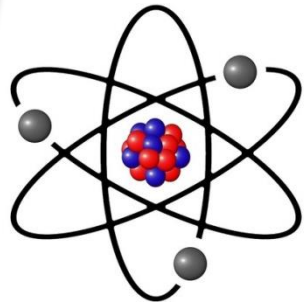

Switching this boolean from "false" to "true" controls whether the spliterator runs sequentially or in parallel

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Of course, it took non-trivial time/effort to create PhraseMatchSpliterator..

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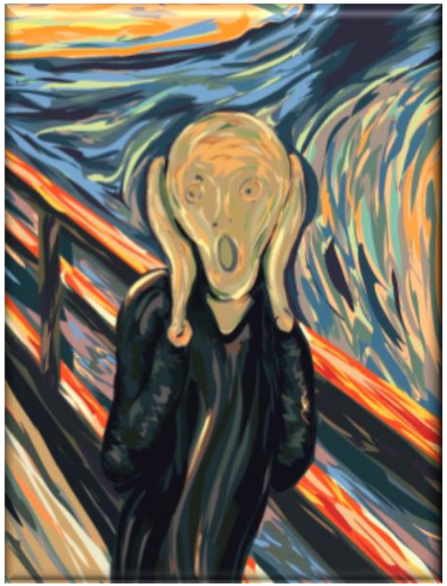

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Must split carefully..

Junit tests are extremely useful..

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Writing the parallel spliterator took longer than writing the rest of the program!

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