

# CONCEPTS OF FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

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# MY FIRST QUESTION

Now that we have lambdas in Java 8, can we use FP concepts?

# EXTENDED QUESTION

Is there an advantage to use these concepts in other language with First Class Function as Javascript

# 1. FIRST CLASS FUNCTION

## Definition

*“A programming language is said to have first-class functions if it treats functions as first-class citizens”*

# 1. FIRST CLASS FUNCTION

Code:

```
Function< String, String > hello = (String s) -> "hello " + s;
```

Result:

```
hello ;  
// BaseConcepts$$Lambda$1@a09ee92  
// != BaseConcepts@30f39991  
  
hello.apply("Erouan") ;  
// hello Erouan
```

## 2. HIGH ORDER FUNCTION

Definition

*“It's a function that takes one or more function as parameters or that returns a function”*

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Code:

```
Function< String, String > twice( Function< String, String > f ) {  
    return (String s) -> f.apply( f.apply(s) );  
}
```

Resultat:

```
twice(hello).apply("Erouan");  
// hello hello Erouan
```

## 2. HIGH ORDER FUNCTION

Code:

```
hello = (s) -> return "Hello " + s  
  
twice = (func, s) ->  
  return func func s
```

Resultat:

```
twice(hello, "Erouan")  
// hello hello Erouan
```



# 3. CURRYING

## Definition

*“Currying is the technique of translating the evaluation of a function that takes multiple arguments (or a tuple of arguments) into evaluating a sequence of functions, each with a single argument”*

# 3. CURRYING

Previous code:

```
twice = (func, s) ->  
  return func func s
```

Currying code:

```
twice = ( func ) -> ( s ) ->  
  return func func s
```

Result:

```
twice(hello)("Erouan")  
// hello hello Erouan
```

## 4. FUNCTOR

### Definition

*“A functor is a collection of  $X$  that can apply a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  over itself to create a collection of  $Y$ .”*

# 4. FUNCTOR - MAP

Code:

```
List< String > map( Function< String, String > f
                    , List< String > values ) {
    List< String > toReturn = new ArrayList< >();
    for( String current : values ) {
        toReturn.add( f.apply(current) );
    }
    return toReturn;
}
```

Result:

```
List< String > confs =
    Arrays.asList( new String[]{"Corkdev", "devoxx", "javac"} );

map( s -> s.toUpperCase(), confs );

// [CORKDEV, DEVOXX, JAVAONE]
```

With Java 8:

```
confs.stream().map( s -> s.toUpperCase() ).collect( Collectors.toList() )
```

## With Coffescript:

```
["Corkdev", "devoxx", "javaone"].map (el) -> el.toUpperCase()
```

# 4. FUNCTOR - FILTER

Code:

```
List< String > filter( Function< String, Boolean > f,
                    List< String > values ) {
    List< String > toReturn = new ArrayList< >();
    for( String current : values ) {
        if ( f.apply(current) )
            toReturn.add( current );
    }
    return toReturn;
}
```

Result:

```
List< String > confs =
    Arrays.asList( new String[]{"jug", "devovx", "javaone"} );

filter(s -> s.contains("j"), confs) ;

// [jug, javaone]
```

With Java 8:

```
confs.stream().filter( s -> s.contains("j") ).collect(Collectors.toList())
```

```
confStream().filter( s -> s.contains( 'j' ) ).collect(Collectors.toList());
```

## With Coffescript:

```
["Corkdev", "devoxx", "javaone"].filter (el) -> el.indexOf('k') != -1
```

## 5. REDUCE / FOLD

### Definition

*“Fold is a family of higher order functions that process a data structure in some order and build a return value”*



# 5. REDUCE / FOLD

Code:

```
String reduce( BinaryOperator< String > op , List< String > values ) {  
    String toReturn = "";  
    for( String current : values ) {  
        toReturn = toReturn.isEmpty() ? current : op.apply(toReturn, current)  
    }  
    return toReturn; }  

```

Result:

```
List< String > confs = Arrays.asList( "Corkdev", "devox", "javaone" );  
reduce( (s1, s2) -> s1 + ", " + s2, confs );  
// Corkdev, devox, javaone  

```

With Java 8:

```
confs.stream().reduce((s1, s2) -> s1 + ", " + s2 ).get() )
```

With Coffescript:

```
["Corkdev", "devox", "javaone"].reduce (e1, e2) -> e1 + ", " + e2
```

# 6. COMBINATOR

## Definition

*“One definition of a combinator is a function with no free variables.”*

# 6. COMBINATOR - NULL COMBINATOR

Constat:

```
List< String > confs2 = Arrays.asList( new String[]  
    {"jug", "devoxx", "javaone", null} );  
  
map( s -> s.toUpperCase(), confs2);  
// Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException
```

Code:

```
Function< String, String > nullCheck( Function< String, String > f ) {  
    return (String s) -> s == null ? "null" : f.apply(s);  
}
```

Result:

```
map( nullCheck(s -> s.toUpperCase()), confs2)  
// [JUG, DEVOXX, JAVAONE, null]
```

# 7. COMPOSITION

Definition

*“Combine several functions to create a new function”*

# 7. COMPOSITION

Code:

```
Function< String, String > compose ( Function< String, String > f1,  
                                     Function< String, String > f2 )  
    return (String s) -> f1.apply( f2.apply(s) );  
}
```

Result:

```
Function< String, String > up = (String s) -> s.toUpperCase();  
Function< String, String > hello = (String s) -> "hello " + s;  
  
up.apply( hello.apply("Erouan") );  
  
compose( up, hello).apply("Erouan") ;  
// HELLO EROUAN
```

With Java 8:

```
hello.andThen(up).apply("Erouan")  
up.compose(hello).apply("Erouan")
```

# 7. COMPOSITION - JAVASCRIPT

## Code Coffee:

```
compose = (fs...) -> fs.reduce (f, g) -> (as...) -> f g as...
```

## Code JS:

```
compose = function() {  
  var fs;  
  fs = 1 <= arguments.length ? slice.call(arguments, 0) : [];  
  return fs.reduce(function(f, g) {  
    return function() {  
      var as;  
      as = 1 <= arguments.length ? slice.call(arguments, 0) : [];  
      return f(g.apply(null, as));  
    };  
  });  
};
```

## Result:

```
up = (s) -> s.toUpperCase()  
hello = (s) -> "Hello " + s  
  
compose(up, hello) "Pierre"  
// HELLO PIERRE
```



# WHY??

```
names = ["Pierre", "John", "Colm", "Petra", "Lenka"]  
up = (s) -> s.toUpperCase()  
hello = (s) -> "Hello " + s
```

Because for me that:

```
names.filter( (el) -> el.indexOf('k') == -1 )  
  .map( (el) -> compose(up, hello)(el) )  
  .reduce( (el, e2) -> el + ", " + e2 )
```

Is more readable than:

```
acc = ""  
for name in names  
  if name.indexOf('k') == -1  
    if acc != ""  
      acc += ", " + up hello name  
    else  
      acc += up hello name
```



# END !

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