



# Java 8 Stream API



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  - Lambda Expressions
  - Stream API and overall improvements to Collections to support Streams

- In Context of Support For Streams
  - Java 8 needed to add functionality to existing Collection interfaces to support Streams (`stream()`, `forEach()`)



- Problem
  - Pre-Java 8 interfaces couldn't have method bodies.
  - The only way to add functionality to Interfaces was to declare additional methods which would be implemented in classes that implement the interface
  - It is impossible to add methods to an interface without breaking the existing implementation

- Solution
  - Default Methods!
  - Java 8 allows default methods to be added to interfaces with their full implementation
  - Classes which implement the interface don't have to have implementations of the default method
  - Allows the addition of functionality to interfaces while preserving backward compatibility

- Example

```
public interface A {  
    default void foo(){  
        System.out.println("Calling A.foo()");  
    }  
}
```

```
public classClazz implements A {}
```

```
Clazz clazz = newClazz();  
clazz.foo(); // Calling A.foo()
```



# Functional Interfaces

- Interfaces with only one abstract method.
- With only one abstract method, these interfaces can be easily represented with lambda expressions
- Example

```
@FunctionalInterface  
public interface SimpleFuncInterface {  
    public void doWork();  
}
```

# Lambda expressions

- A more brief and clearly expressive way to implement functional interfaces
- Format: `<Argument List> -> <Body>`
- Example (Functional Interface)

```
public interface Predicate<T> {
    boolean test(T input);
}
```
- Example (Static Method)

```
public static <T> Collection<T> filter(Predicate<T> predicate,
                                     Collection<T> items) {
    Collection<T> result = new ArrayList<T>();
    for(T item: items) {
        if(predicate.test(item)) {
            result.add(item);
        }
    }
}
```
- Example (Call with Lambda Expression)

```
Collection<Integer> myInts = asList(0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9);
Collection<Integer> onlyOdds = filter(n -> n % 2 != 0, myInts)
```

# Method References

- Even more brief and clearly expressive way to implement functional interfaces

- Format: <Class or Instance>::<Method>

- Example (Functional Interface)

```
public interface IntPredicates {  
    boolean isOdd(Integer n) { return n % 2 != 0; }  
}
```

- Example (Call with Lambda Expression)

```
List<Integer> nums = asList(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9);  
List<Integer> odds = filter(n -> IntPredicates.isOdd(n), nums);
```

- Example (Call with Method Reference)

```
List<Integer> nums = asList(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9);  
List<Integer> odds = filter(IntPredicates::isOdd, nums);
```

# Characteristics of Streams

- Streams are not related to InputStreams, OutputStreams, etc.
- Streams are NOT data structures but are wrappers around Collection that carry values from a source through a pipeline of operations.
- Streams are more powerful, faster and more memory efficient than Lists
- Streams are designed for lambdas
- Streams can easily be output as arrays or lists
- Streams employ lazy evaluation
- Streams are parallelizable
- Streams can be “on-the-fly”

# Creating Streams

- From individual values
  - `Stream.of(val1, val2, ...)`
- From array
  - `Stream.of(someArray)`
  - `Arrays.stream(someArray)`
- From List (and other Collections)
  - `someList.stream()`
  - `someOtherCollection.stream()`



# Common Functional Interfaces Used

- Predicate<T>
  - Represents a predicate (boolean-valued function) of one argument
  - Functional method is boolean test(T t)
    - Evaluates this Predicate on the given input argument (T t)
    - Returns true if the input argument matches the predicate, otherwise false
- Supplier<T>
  - Represents a supplier of results
  - Functional method is T get()
    - Returns a result of type T

# Common Functional Interfaces Used

- **Function<T,R>**
  - Represents a function that accepts one argument and produces a result
  - Functional method is `R apply(T t)`
    - Applies this function to the given argument (T t)
    - Returns the function result
- **Consumer<T>**
  - Represents an operation that accepts a single input and returns no result
  - Functional method is `void accept(T t)`
    - Performs this operation on the given argument (T t)

# Common Functional Interfaces Used

- `UnaryOperator<T>`
  - Represents an operation on a single operands that produces a result of the same type as its operand
  - Functional method is `R Function.apply(T t)`
    - Applies this function to the given argument (`T t`)
    - Returns the function result





# Common Functional Interfaces Used

- `BiFunction<T,U,R>`
  - Represents an operation that accepts two arguments and produces a result
  - Functional method is `R apply(T t, U u)`
    - Applies this function to the given arguments (T t, U u)
    - Returns the function result
- `BinaryOperator<T>`
  - Extends `BiFunction<T, T, T>`
  - Represents an operation upon two operands of the same type, producing a result of the same type as the operands
  - Functional method is `R BiFunction.apply(T t, U u)`
    - Applies this function to the given arguments (T t, U u) where R,T and U are of the same type
    - Returns the function result
- `Comparator<T>`
  - Compares its two arguments for order.
  - Functional method is `int compareTo(T o1, T o2)`
    - Returns a negative integer, zero, or a positive integer as the first argument is less than, equal to, or greater than the second.

# Anatomy of the Stream Pipeline

- A Stream is processed through a pipeline of operations
- A Stream starts with a source data structure
- Intermediate methods are performed on the Stream elements. These methods produce Streams and are not processed until the terminal method is called.
- The Stream is considered consumed when a terminal operation is invoked. No other operation can be performed on the Stream elements afterwards
- A Stream pipeline contains some short-circuit methods (which could be intermediate or terminal methods) that cause the earlier intermediate methods to be processed only until the short-circuit method can be evaluated.

# Anatomy of the Stream Pipeline

- Intermediate Methods  
map, filter, distinct, sorted, peek, limit, parallel
- Terminal Methods  
forEach, toArray, reduce, collect, min, max, count,  
anyMatch, allMatch, noneMatch, findFirst, findAny, iterator
- Short-circuit Methods  
anyMatch, allMatch, noneMatch, findFirst, findAny, limit



# Optional<T> Class

- A container which may or may not contain a non-null value
- Common methods
  - `isPresent()` – returns true if value is present
  - `get()` – returns value if present
  - `orElse(T other)` – returns value if present, or other
  - `ifPresent(Consumer)` – runs the lambda if value is present



# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `void forEach(Consumer)`
  - Easy way to loop over Stream elements
  - You supply a lambda for `forEach` and that lambda is called on each element of the Stream
  - Related `peek` method does the exact same thing, but returns the original Stream



# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `void forEach(Consumer)`
  - Example

```
employees.forEach(e ->  
    e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10))
```

Give all employees a 10% raise

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Void forEach(Consumer)

- Vs. For Loops

```
List<Employee> employees = getEmployees();  
for(Employee e: employees) {  
    e.setSalary(e.getSalary() * 11/10);  
}
```

- Advantages of forEach

- Designed for lambdas to be marginally more succinct
- Lambdas are reusable
- Can be made parallel with minimal effort

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `Stream<T> map(Function)`
  - Produces a new Stream that is the result of applying a Function to each element of original Stream
  - Example
    - `Ids.map(EmployeeUtils::findEmployeeById)`

Create a new Stream of Employee ids



# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Stream<T> filter(Predicate)
  - Produces a new Stream that contains only the elements of the original Stream that pass a given test
  - Example
    - `employees.filter(e -> e.getSalary() > 100000)`

Produce a Stream of Employees with a high salary

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Optional<T> findFirst()
  - Returns an Optional for the first entry in the Stream
  - Example

```
employees.filter(...).findFirst().orElse(Consultant)
```

Get the first Employee entry that passes the filter

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Object[] toArray(Supplier)
  - Reads the Stream of elements into a an array
  - Example

```
Employee[] empArray =  
    employees.toArray(Employee[]::new);
```

Create an array of Employees out of the Stream of Employees

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `List<T> collect(Collectors.toList())`
- Reads the Stream of elements into a List or any other collection
  - Example

```
List<Employee> empList =  
    employees.collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Create a List of Employees out of the Stream of Employees

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `List<T> collect(Collectors.toList())`

- `partitioningBy`

- You provide a Predicate. It builds a Map where true maps to a List of entries that passed the Predicate, and false maps to a List that failed the Predicate.

- Example

```
Map<Boolean, List<Employee>> richTable =  
    googlers().collect(  
        partitioningBy(e -> e.getSalary() > 1000000));
```

- `groupingBy`

- You provide a Function. It builds a Map where each output value of the Function maps to a List of entries that gave that value.

- Example

```
Map<Department, List<Employee>> deptTable =  
    employeeStream().collect(groupingBy(  
        Employee::getDepartment));
```

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- T reduce(T identity, BinaryOperator)
- You start with a seed (identity) value, then combine this value with the first Entry in the Stream, combine the second entry of the Stream, etc.

– Example

```
Nums.stream().reduce(1, (n1,n2) -> n1*n2)
```

Calculate the product of numbers

- IntStream (Stream on primitive int] has build-in sum()
- Built-in Min, Max methods

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `Stream<T> limit(long maxSize)`
- `Limit(n)` returns a stream of the first `n` elements
  - Example

```
someLongStream.limit(10)
```

First 10 elements



# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `Stream<T> skip(long n)`
- `skip(n)` returns a stream starting with element `n`
  - Example

```
twentyElementStream.skip(5)
```

Last 15 elements





# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Stream<T> sorted(Comparator)
  - Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, sorted according to the provided Comparator
  - Example

```
empStream.map(...).filter(...).limit(...)  
.sorted((e1, e2) -> e1.getSalary() -  
           e2.getSalary())
```

Employees sorted by salary

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `Optional<T> min(Comparator)`

- Returns the minimum element in this Stream according to the Comparator
- Example

```
Employee alphabeticallyFirst =  
ids.stream()  
    .map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)  
    .min((e1, e2) ->  
        e1.getLastName()  
        .compareTo(e2.getLastName()))  
).get();
```

Get Googler with earliest lastName

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Optional<T> max(Comparator)
  - Returns the minimum element in this Stream according to the Comparator
  - Example

```
Employee richest =  
ids.stream()  
    .map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)  
    .max((e1, e2) ->  
        e1.getSalary() - e2.getSalary())  
    .get();
```

Get Richest Employee

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Stream<T> distinct()
  - Returns a stream consisting of the distinct elements of this stream
  - Example

```
List<Integer> ids2 =  
Arrays.asList(9, 10, 9, 10, 9, 10);  
List<Employee> emps4 = ids2.stream()  
    .map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)  
    .distinct()  
    .collect(toList());
```

Get a list of distinct Employees

# Common Stream API Methods Used

- Boolean `anyMatch(Predicate)`, `allMatch(Predicate)`, `noneMatch(Predicate)`
  - Returns true if Stream passes, false otherwise
  - Lazy Evaluation
    - `anyMatch` processes elements in the Stream one element at a time until it finds a match according to the Predicate and returns true if it found a match
    - `allMatch` processes elements in the Stream one element at a time until it fails a match according to the Predicate and returns false if an element failed the Predicate
    - `noneMatch` processes elements in the Stream one element at a time until it finds a match according to the Predicate and returns false if an element matches the Predicate
  - Example

```
employeeStream.anyMatch(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
```

Is there a rich Employee among all Employees?



# Common Stream API Methods Used

- `long count()`
  - Returns the count of elements in the Stream
  - Example
    - `employeeStream.filter(somePredicate).count()`

How many Employees match the criteria?



# (On The Fly) Streams

- `Stream<T> generate(Supplier)`
  - The method lets you specify a Supplier
  - This Supplier is invoked each time the system needs a Stream element
  - Example

```
List<Employee> emps = Stream.generate(() -> randomEmployee())  
    .limit(n)  
    .collect(toList());
```
- `Stream<T> iterate(T seed, UnaryOperator<T> f)`
  - The method lets you specify a seed and a UnaryOperator.
  - The seed becomes the first element of the Stream, `f(seed)` becomes the second element of the Stream, `f(second)` becomes the third element, etc.
  - Example

```
List<Integer> powersOfTwo = Stream.iterate(1, n -> n * 2)  
    .limit(n)  
    .collect(toList());
```
- The values are not calculated until they are needed
- To avoid unterminated processing, you must eventually use a size-limiting method
- This is less of an actual Unbounded Stream and more of an “On The Fly” Stream

# Questions?

