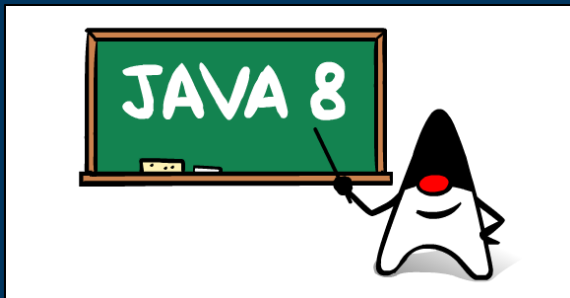


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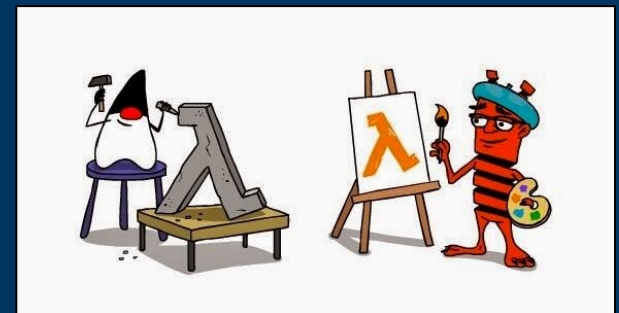
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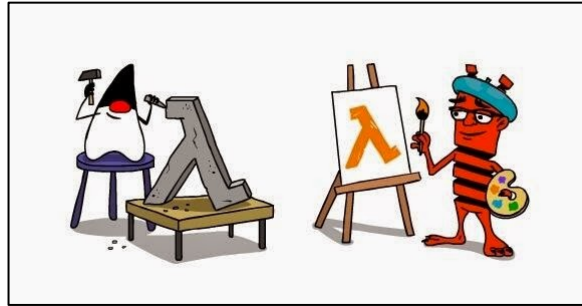
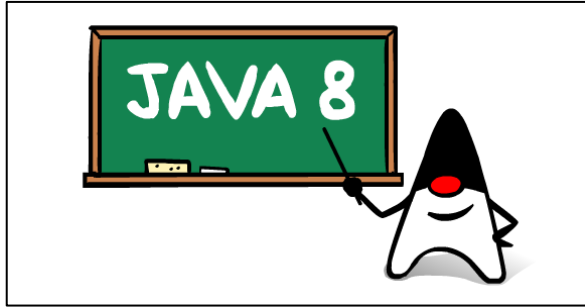


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Some of the examples in this talk will be entered in the Java REPL,
a simple Read-Eval-Print-Loop for the Java language

The REPL can be used online @ <http://www.javarepl.com/console.html>



Java REPL

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Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM, Java 1.8.0 on Linux 3.5.0-21-generic
Welcome to JavaREPL Web Console version 272

java> 1 + 1
java.lang.Integer res0 = 2
java> int x = 1
int x = 1
java> String hello(String name){
java>     return "Hello," + name + "!";
java> }
Created method java.lang.String hello(java.lang.String)
java> hello("John");
java.lang.String res2 = "Hello,John!"
java> █
```

It can also be downloaded as a JAR and started as follows:

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$ java -jar javarepl.jar
```

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java>
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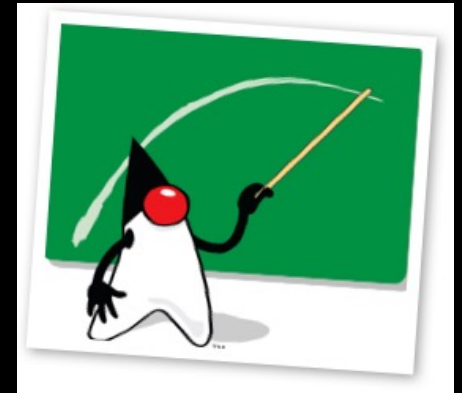
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Hello and
welcome to this
tutorial on Java 8
Lambdas and
Streams

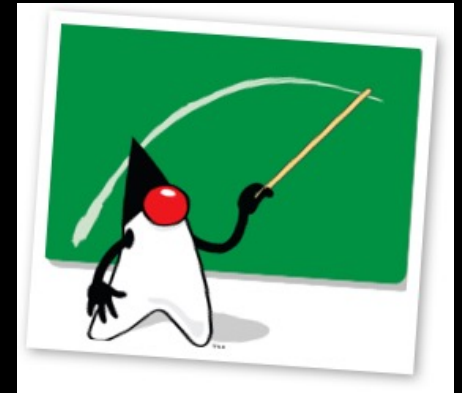


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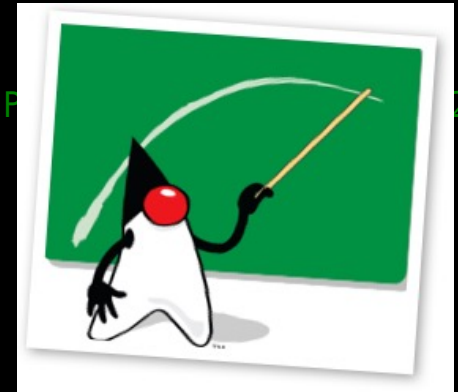
Let's get started
by creating a
stream of
numbers



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Imported java.util.stream.IntStream
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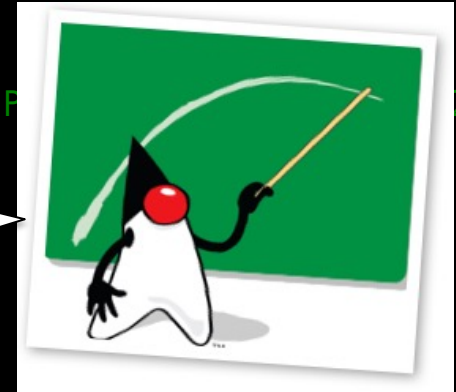
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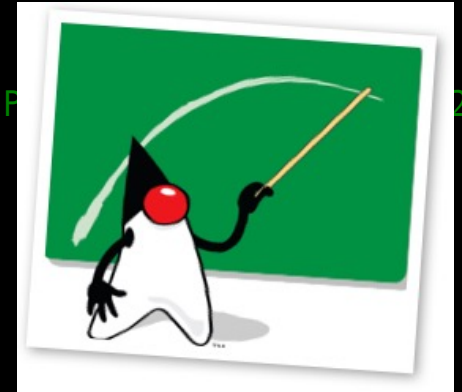
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Actually, to keep things simple, let's create the **primitive int specialisation of Stream**

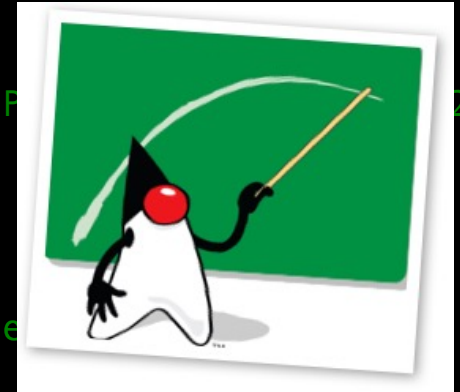


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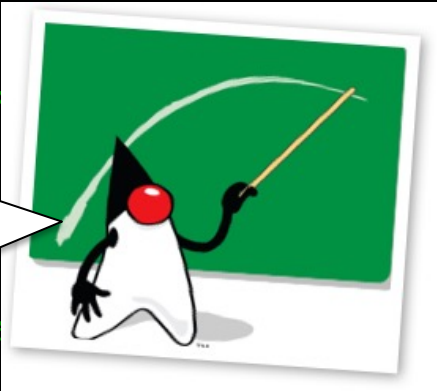
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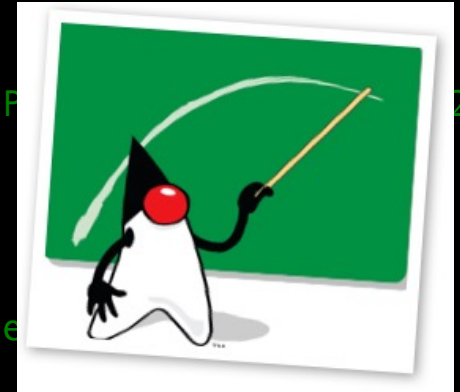


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What are the zero-args instance methods of **IntStream**?

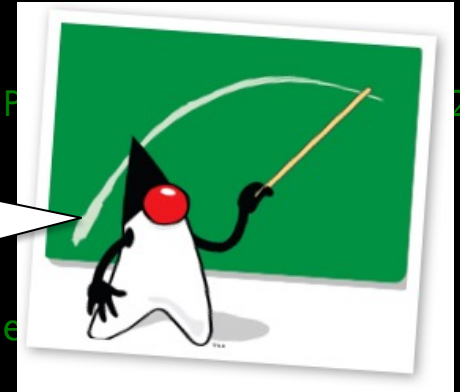


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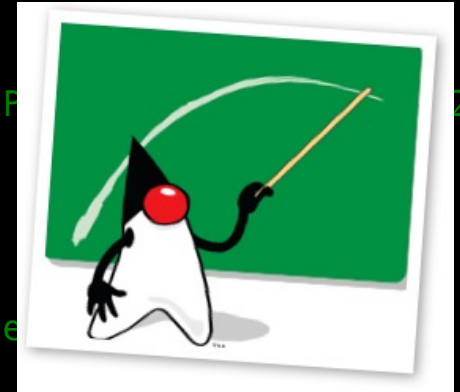


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java>
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Let's start
with the
simplest one:
count!

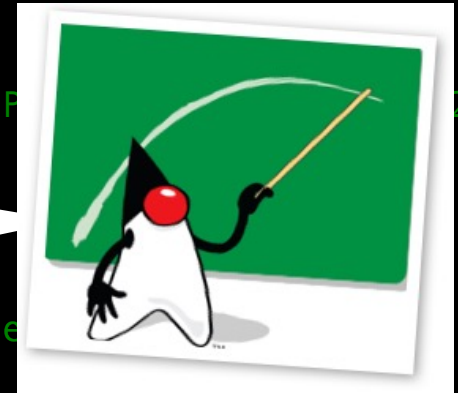


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java.lang.Long res3 = 3
java>
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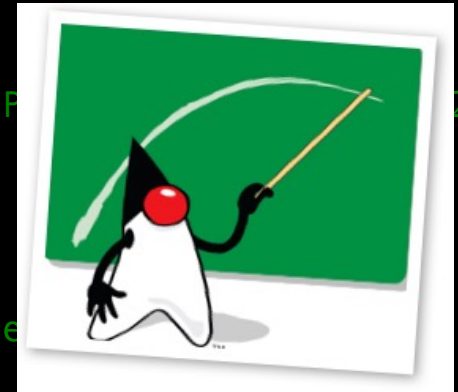


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Now try
sum

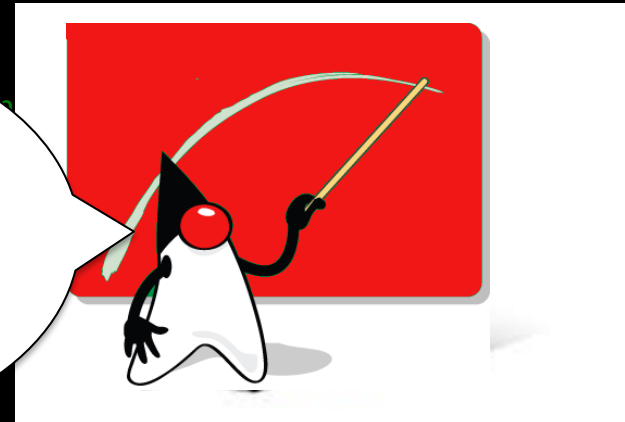



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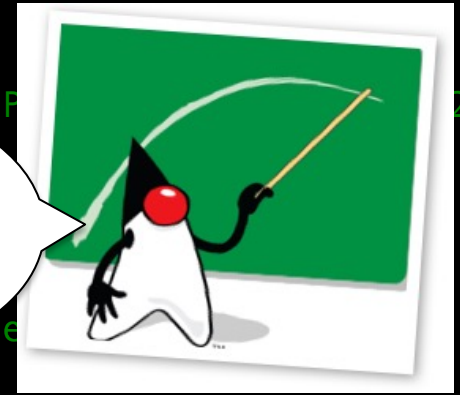
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Remember: a stream can only be used once. You can only do one thing with it.

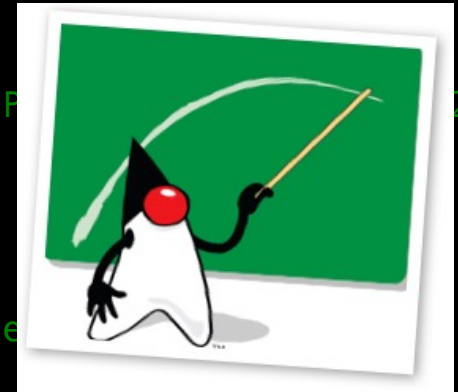


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Now try
summing a
fresh stream

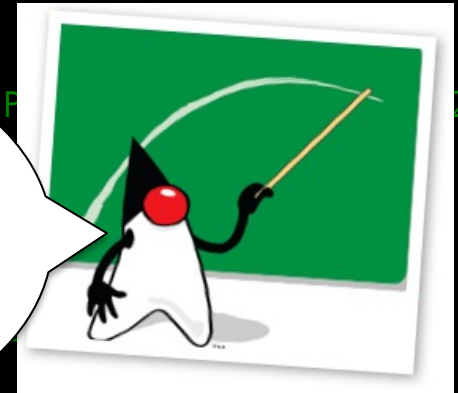


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java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).sum()
java.lang.Integer res4 = 6
java>
```



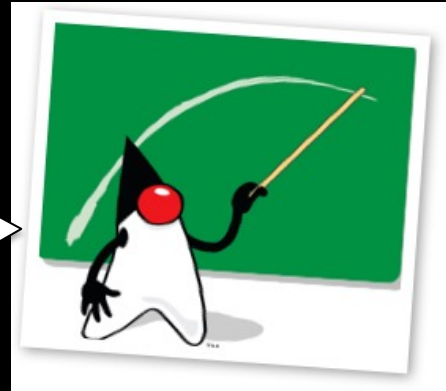
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Before we can use
min and **max** we
need to introduce
Optional



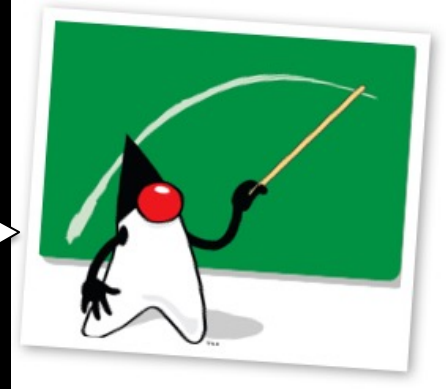
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Actually, to keep things simpler, let's look at the **int primitive specialisation of Optional**



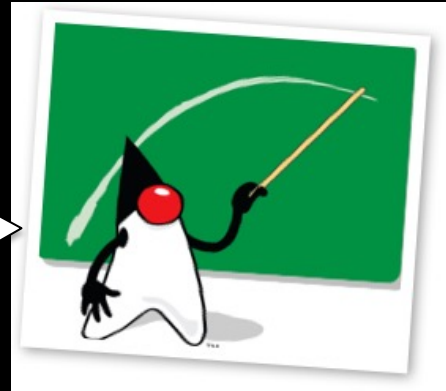
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OptionalInt is a
container object
which may or
may not contain a
int value

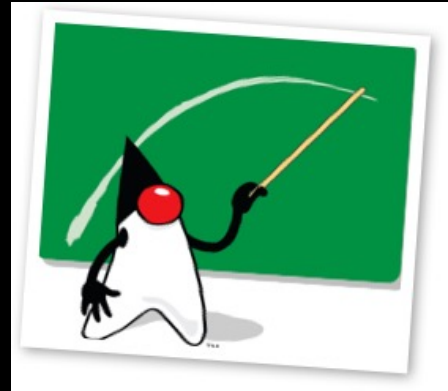


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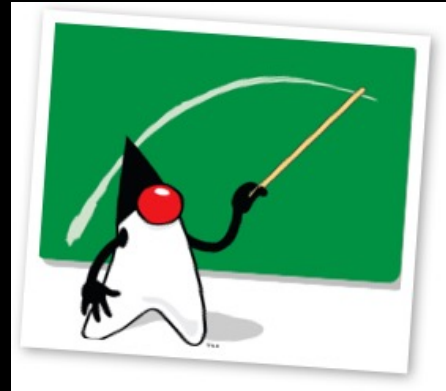
Let's create both
an **OptionalInt**
containing 10 and
an empty
OptionalInt




```
java>  
java> OptionalInt fullOp = OptionalInt.of(10)  
java.util.OptionalInt fullOp = OptionalInt[10]  
java>
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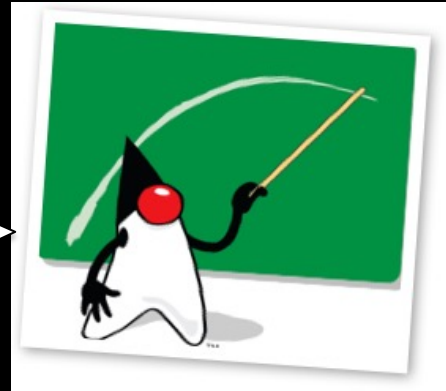


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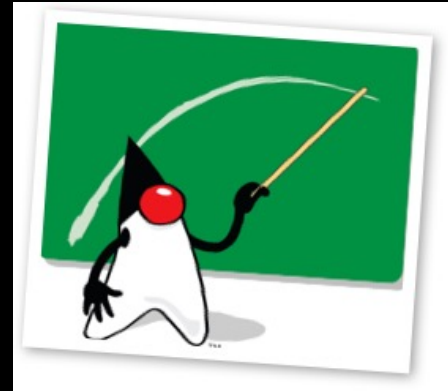


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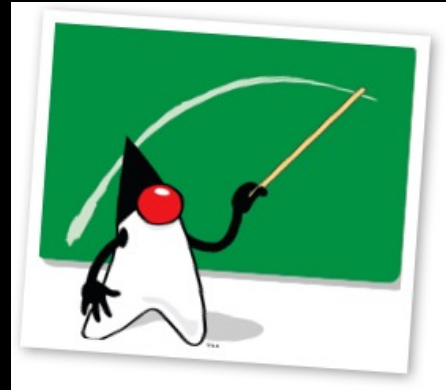
Now let's ask
both optionals
whether they
contain a value



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java> OptionalInt emptyOp = OptionalInt.empty()  
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java> fullOp.isPresent()  
java.lang.Boolean res13 = true  
java>
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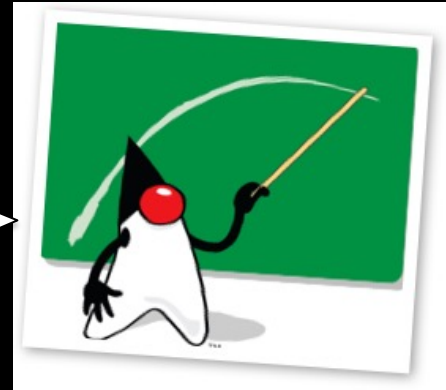


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java.lang.Boolean res13 = true
java> emptyOp.isPresent()
java.lang.Boolean res14 = false
java>
```

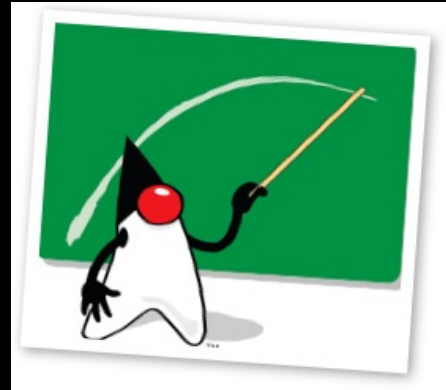


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java>
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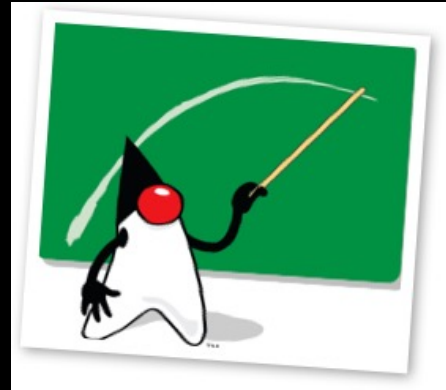
Now let's ask
both optionals
for their value



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java>
java> fullOp.getAsInt()
java.lang.Integer res15 = 10
java
```

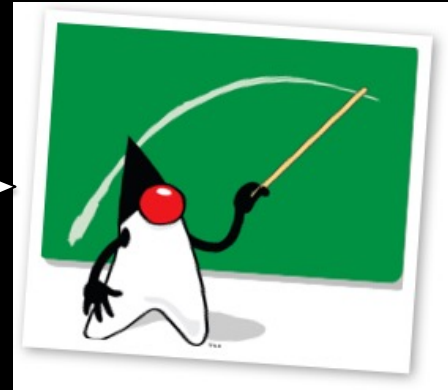


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java.lang.Integer res15 = 10
java> emptyOp.getAsInt()
java.util.NoSuchElementException:
No value present
java>
```



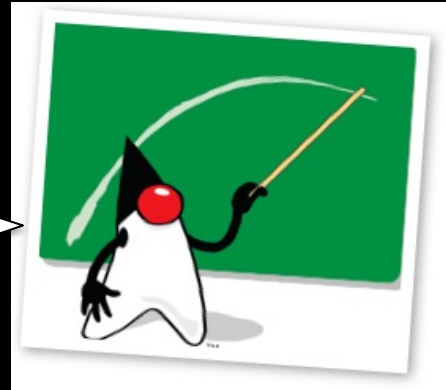

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java>
```

Remember to call
isPresent()
before calling
getAsInt()!

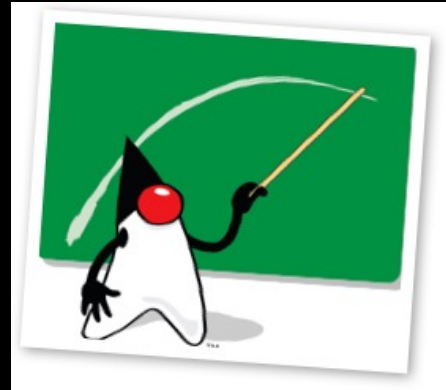


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No value present
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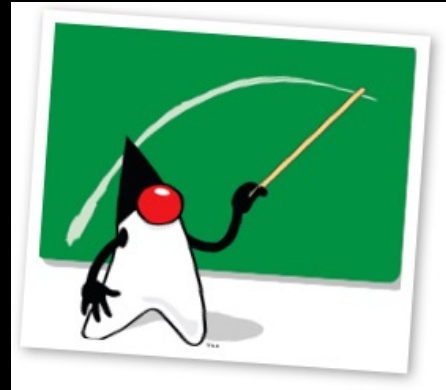
Alternatively,
use **orElse()**



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java> fullOp.getAsInt()
java.lang.Integer res15 = 10
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java.util.NoSuchElementException:
No value present
java>
java> emptyOp.orElse(5)
java.lang.Integer res16 = 5
java>
```

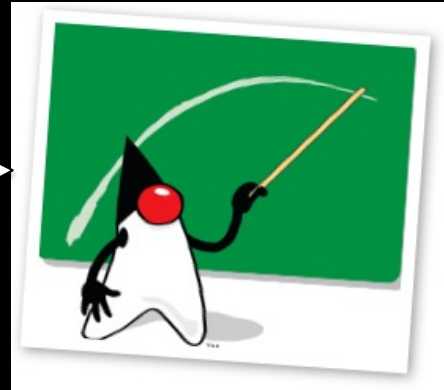


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java> emptyOp.orElse(5)
java.lang.Integer res16 = 5
java> fullOp.orElse(5)
java.lang.Integer res17 = 10
java>
```

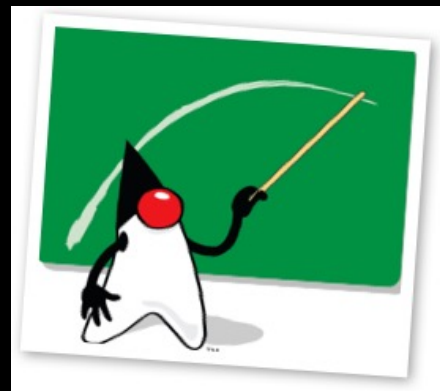


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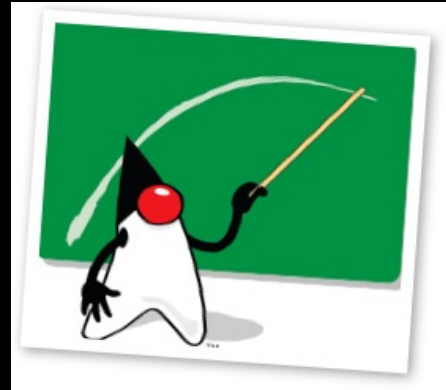
Now we can
look at the **min**
and **max**
methods of
IntStream



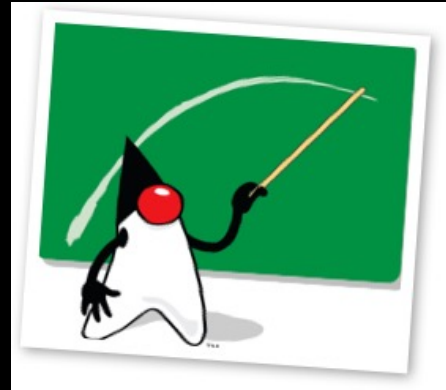
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java.lang.Integer res16 = 5
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java>
java> IntStream.empty().max()
java.util.OptionalInt res18 = OptionalInt.empty
java>
```



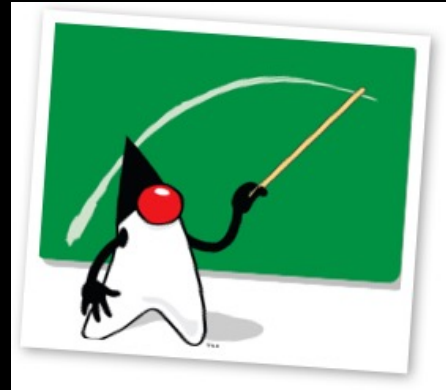
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java> fullOp.orElse(5)
java.lang.Integer res17 = 10
java>
java> IntStream.empty().max()
java.util.OptionalInt res18 = OptionalInt.empty
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).max()
java.util.OptionalInt res19 = OptionalInt[3]
java>
```



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java>
java> IntStream.empty().max()
java.util.OptionalInt res18 = OptionalInt.empty
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).max()
java.util.OptionalInt res19 = OptionalInt[3]
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).max().getAsInt()
java.lang.Integer res20 = 3
java>
```

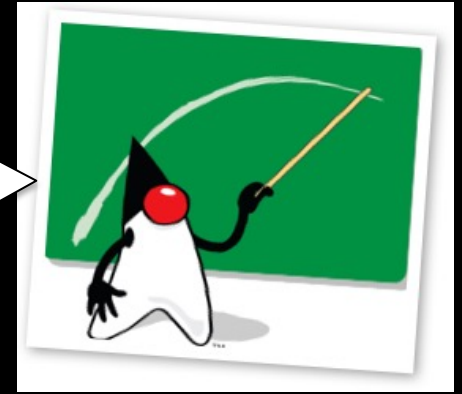



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java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).max().getAsInt()
java.lang.Integer res20 = 3
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).min().getAsInt()
java.lang.Integer res21 = 1
java>
```

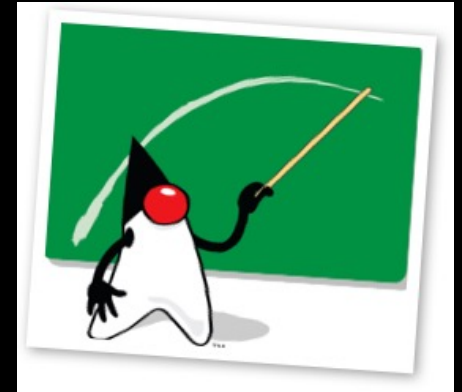


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iterator, parallel, parallel, distinct, findFirst, unordered, sequential,
sequential, isParallel, spliterator, ... asLongStream, asDoubleStream,
summaryStatistics]
java>
```

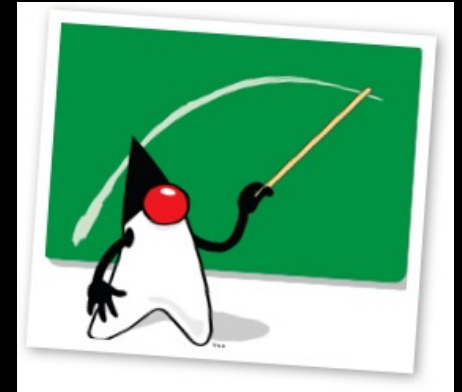
We've seen **min**,
max, **sum**, **count**.
Let's look at two
closely related
methods: **average** &
summaryStatistics



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summaryStatistics]
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).average()
java.util.OptionalDouble res17 = OptionalDouble[2.0]
java>
```

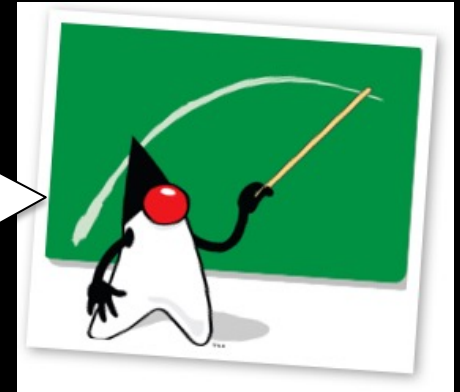


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sequential, isParallel, spliterator, spliterator, asLongStream, asDoubleStream,
summaryStatistics]
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).average()
java.util.OptionalDouble res17 = OptionalDouble[2.0]
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).summaryStatistics()
java.util.IntSummaryStatistics res18 = IntSummaryStatistics
{count=3, sum=6, min=1, average=2.000000, max=3}
java>
```



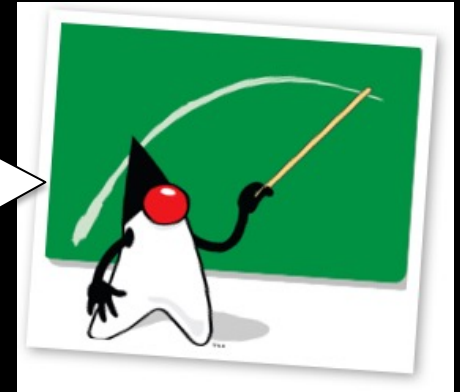
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java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).summaryStatistics()
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{count=3, sum=6, min=1, average=2.0}
java>
```

All the methods seen so far compute some result(s) using the stream's values.



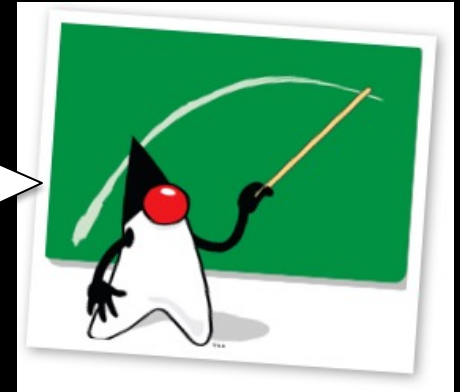
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```

How can we use the
stream's values to
DO something,
rather than
COMPUTE
something?



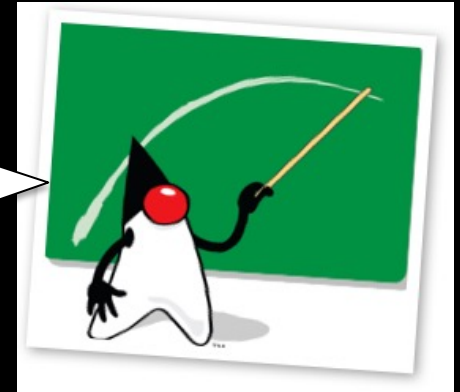
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java.util.IntSummaryStatistics res18
{count=3, sum=6, min=1, average=2.000000
java>
```

E.g. how do we
print the
stream's values
to the console?



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java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).average()
java.util.OptionalDouble res17 = 0
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).summaryStatistics()
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java>
```

We can use
**IntStream's
forEach** method



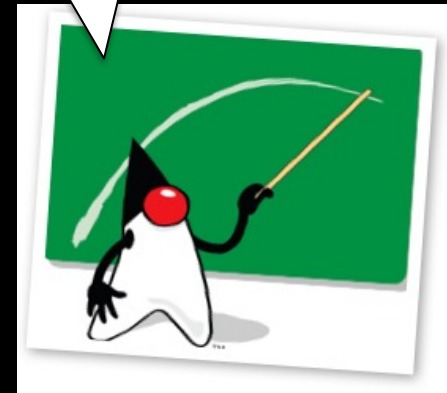
java>

forEach

```
void forEach(IntConsumer action)
```

Performs an action for each element of this stream.

Here is the
Javadoc for
IntStream's
forEach method



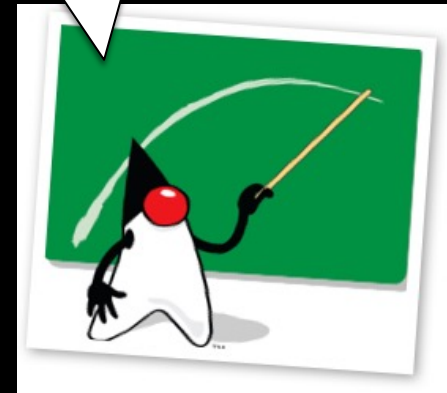
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The argument of
forEach
implements
interface
IntConsumer



java>

forEach

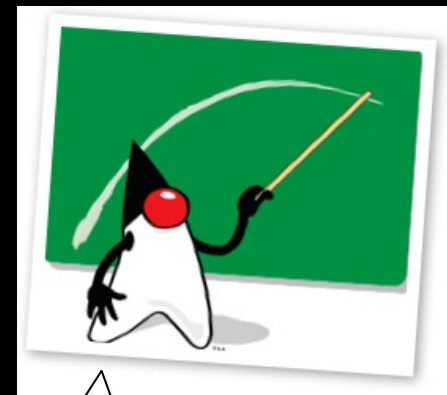
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void forEach(IntConsumer action)
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accept

```
void accept(int value)
```

Performs this operation on the given argument.



IntConsumer
has one
method, called
accept. Here is
its Javadoc

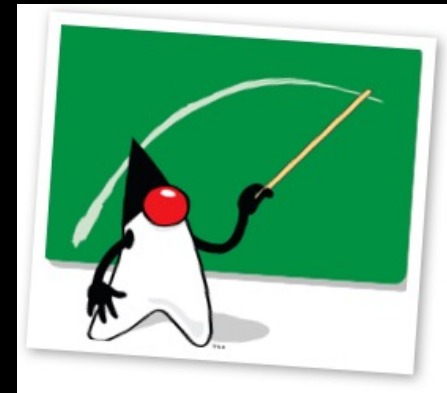
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java>
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forEach

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```
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).forEach( ??? )
```



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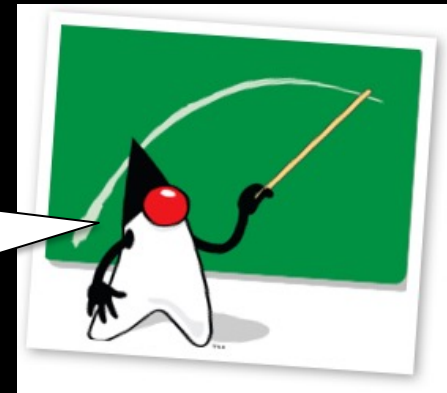
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So we need to
pass **forEach** an
IntConsumer



accept

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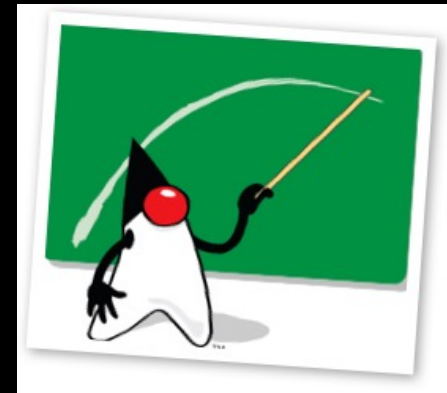
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forEach

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```
java> IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).forEach( new IntConsumer() {  
    | public void accept(int value) { System.out.println(value); }  
    | })
```



accept

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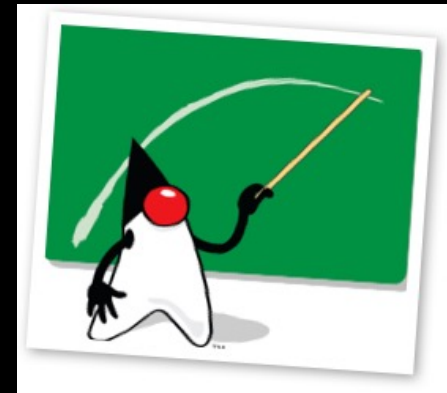
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    | })  
java>  
1  
2  
3
```



accept

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forEach

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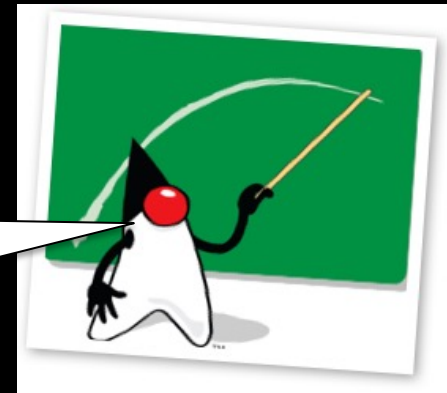
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```

forEach called the **IntConsumer's**
accept method with each **value**
(number) in the stream, which caused
the numbers to be printed



accept

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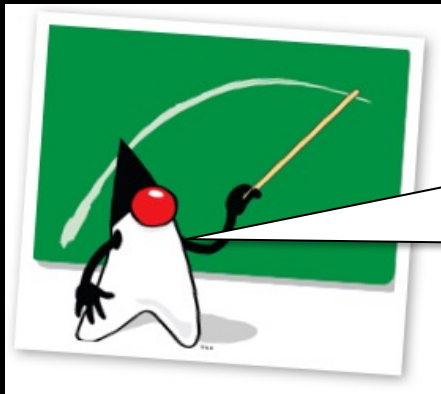
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Now let's see how instead of passing in an anonymous implementation of **IntConsumer**, **Java 8** allows us to pass in something more concise

```
java>
```

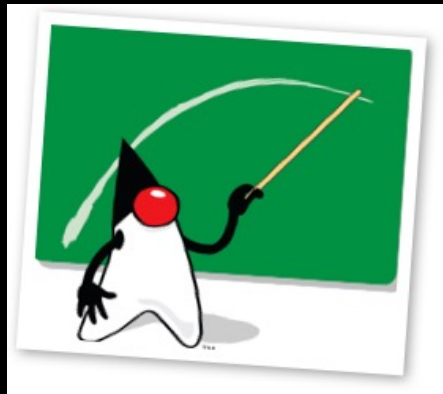
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java>List<IntConsumer> consumers = Arrays.asList(  
    | new IntConsumer() { public void accept(int value) { System.out.println(value); } } ,
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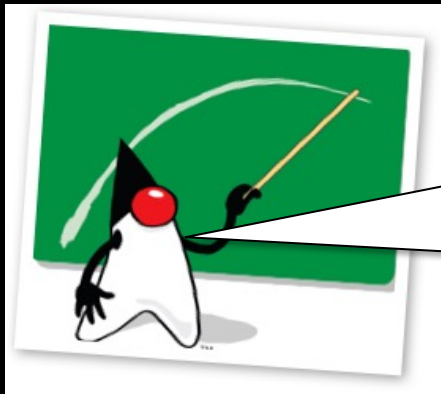


First let's make the code more concise by renaming the parameter from **value** to **n**

```
java>  
java>List<IntConsumer> consumers = Arrays.asList(  
    | new IntConsumer() { public void accept(int value) { System.out.println(value); } } ,  
    | new IntConsumer() { public void accept(int n)      { System.out.println(n);      } } ,
```

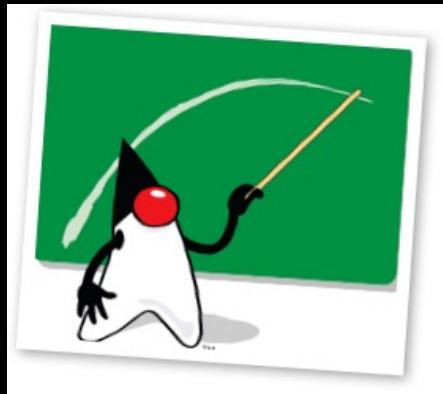


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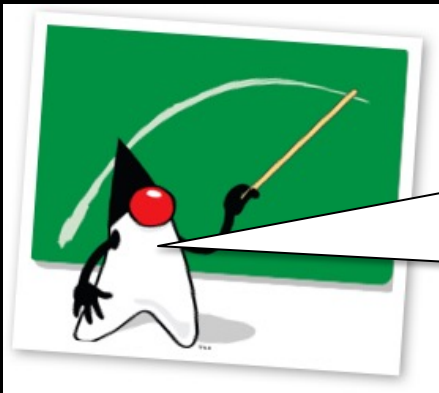


Next, the compiler already knows that we have to pass in an **IntConsumer**, and that this has only one method called **accept**, so we don't need to provide that info, explicitly.

```
java>
java>List<IntConsumer> consumers = Arrays.asList(
    | new IntConsumer() { public void accept(int value) { System.out.println(value); } } ,
    | new IntConsumer() { public void accept(int n      { System.out.println(n);      } } ,
    |                               (int n) -> { System.out.println(n);          } ,
```

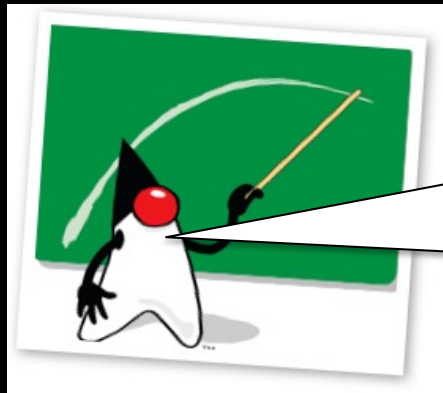


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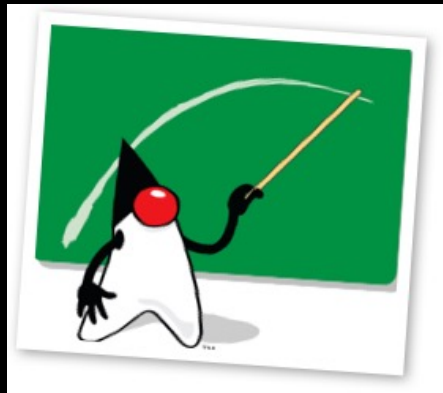
We have replaced the anonymous instance of **IntConsumer** with a **lambda expression** (new in **Java 8**) which consists of a list of formal parameters (one in this case) and a method body, separated by an arrow.

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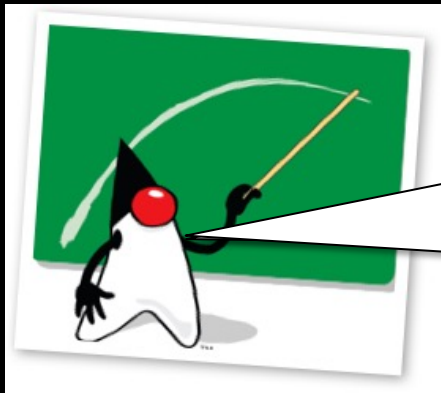


Next, the body of the **accept** method consists of just one statement, so the compiler doesn't need us to wrap the statement in braces: let's remove them


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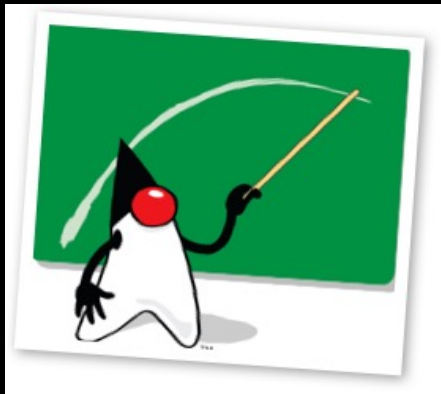


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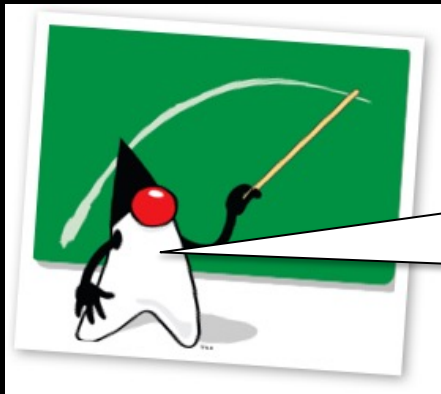


Next, the compiler already knows that **IntConsumer's accept** method takes a parameter of type **int**, so we don't have to say so explicitly:
let's remove the type info.

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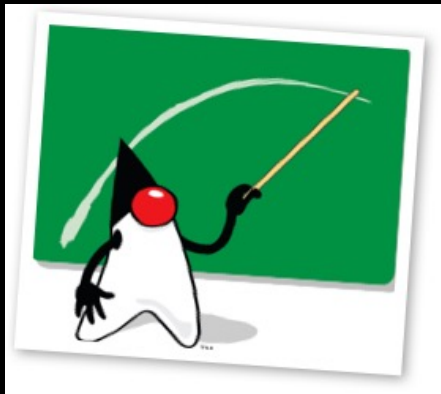


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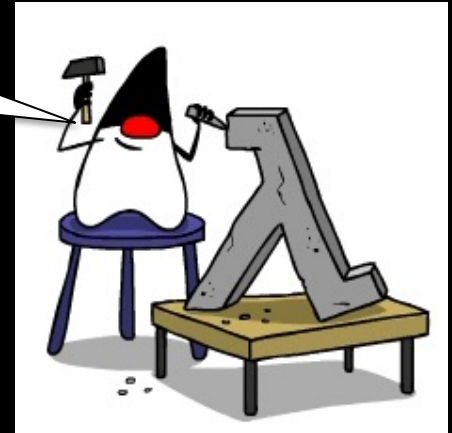
And finally, the accept method has only one parameter, so the compiler doesn't need us to wrap it in parentheses. Let's remove them.

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These are all
equivalent **lambda**
expressions



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Instead of passing in an anonymous implementation of **IntConsumer**



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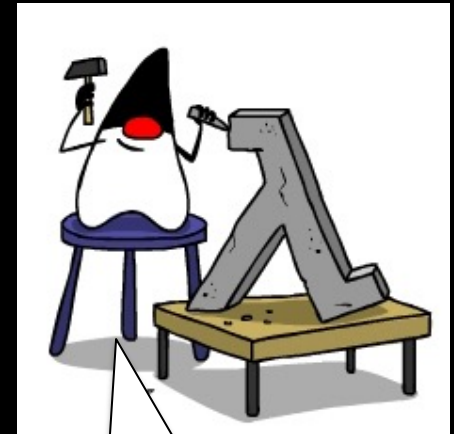
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we can pass in a
lambda
expression

Why is that?

Why is it that in Java 8 we can replace this

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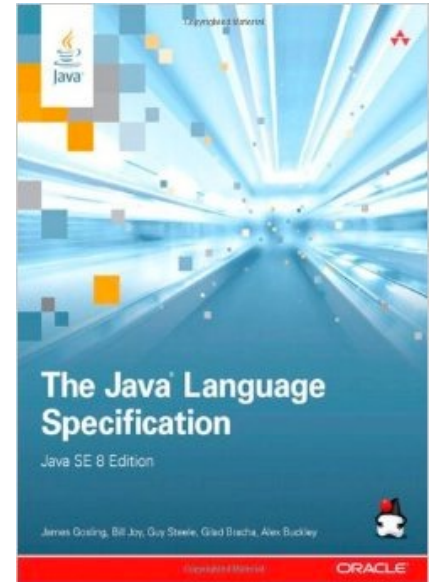
java.lang.stream.**IntConsumer** is a **Functional Interface** (new in Java 8)

A functional interface is an interface that has just one abstract method (aside from the methods of Object), and thus represents a single function contract...

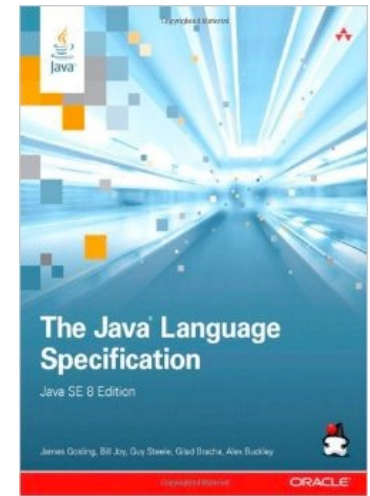
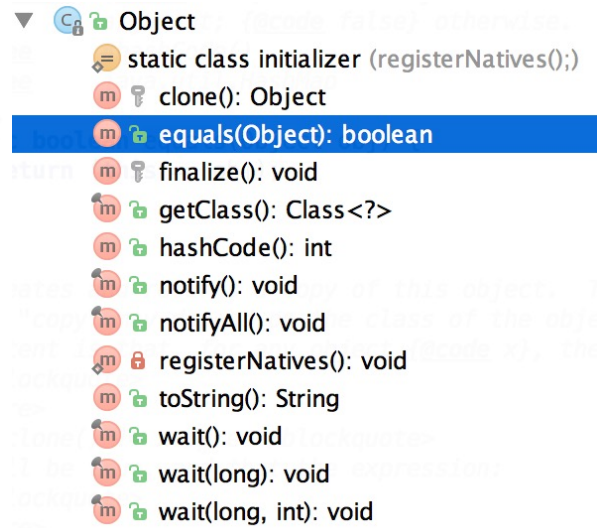
A simple example of a functional interface is:

```
interface Runnable {  
    void run();  
}
```

SAM (Single Abstract Method)



Java SE 8 Edition



```
interface NonFunc {  
    boolean equals(Object obj);  
}
```

Not functional because it declares nothing which is not already a member of Object

```
interface Func extends NonFunc {  
    int compare(String o1, String o2);  
}
```

Functional because it declares an abstract method which is not a member of Object

SAM (Single Abstract Method)

```
interface Comparator<T> {  
    boolean equals(Object obj);  
    int compare(T o1, T o2);  
}
```

Functional because it has one abstract non-Object method

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java.lang.stream.**IntConsumer** is a
predefined Functional Interface


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```

Java 8 Predefined Functional Interfaces

	→ T	→ int	→ long	→ double	→ boolean	→ void
() →	Supplier<T>	IntSupplier	LongSupplier	DoubleSupplier	BooleanSupplier	Runnable

get
getAsInt
getAsLong
getAsDouble
getAsBoolean

run

apply
applyAsInt
applyAsLong
applyAsDouble

test

accept

	→ R	→ int	→ long	→ double	→ boolean	→ void
(T) →	Function<T,R> UnaryOperator<T>	ToIntFunction<T>	ToLongFunction<T>	ToDoubleFunction<T>	Predicate<T>	Consumer<T>
(int) →	IntFunction<R>	IntUnaryOperator	IntToLongFunction	IntToDoubleFunction	IntPredicate	IntConsumer
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(double) →	DoubleFunction<R>	DoubleToIntFunction	DoubleToLongFunction	DoubleUnaryOperator	DoublePredicate	DoubleConsumer

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(int, int) →	IntBinaryOperator				(T, int) →	ObjIntConsumer<T>
(long, long) →		LongBinaryOperator			(T, long) →	ObjLongConsumer<T>
(double, double) →			DoubleBinaryOperator		(T, double) →	ObjDoubleConsumer<T>

accept

`void accept(int value)`
 Performs this operation on the given argument.

For each value **n** in the stream, the **forEach** method calls **accept(n)**

Back to the question...

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`n -> System.out.println(n)`

is a Java **lambda expression**

Lambda expressions are named after the **Lambda Calculus**

Lambda because greek letter λ is used in **lambda expressions**



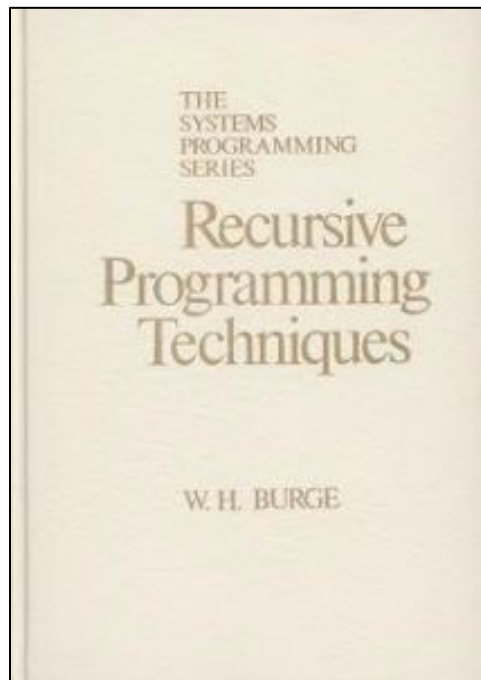
There is no significance to the letter

The λ calculus was introduced by American Mathematician Alonzo Church in the 1930s



Quick introduction to the λ calculus

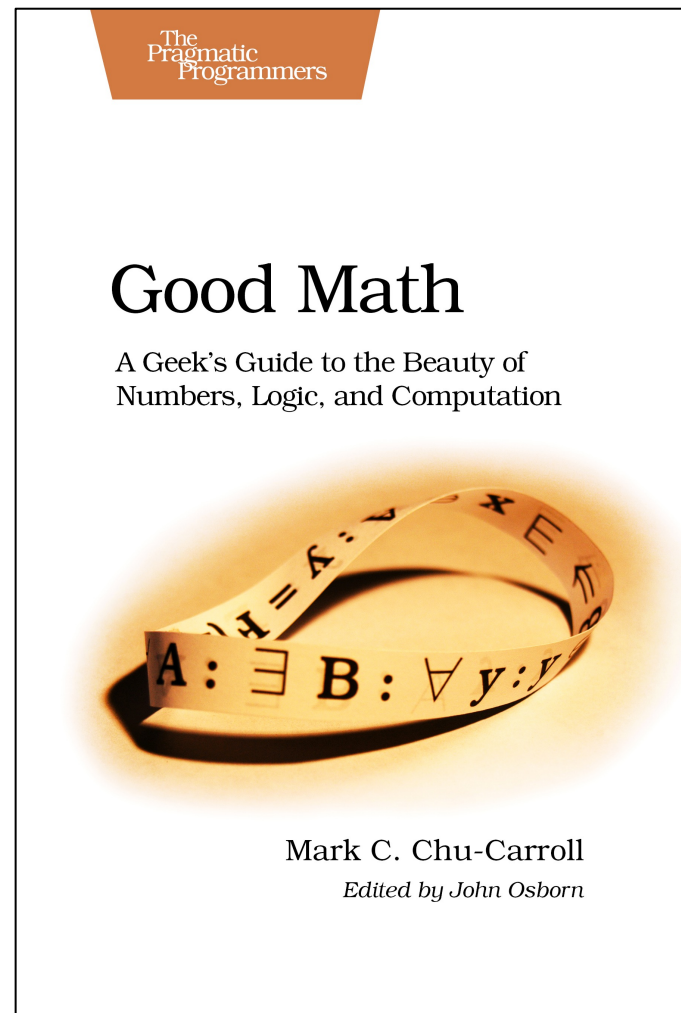
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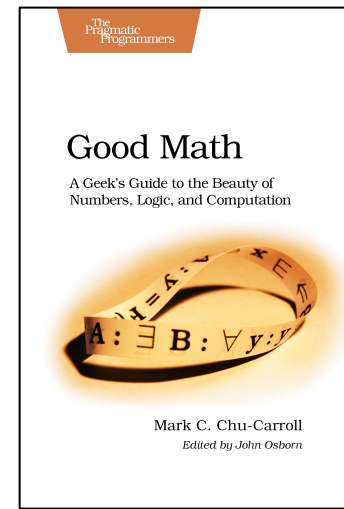


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The **λ calculus** is probably the most widely used theoretical tool in **computer science**

In the field of **programming languages**, we use it to

- understand or prove facts about computation
- describe how programming languages work



Functional programming languages like



are so strongly based in **λ calculus** that they're just **alternative syntaxes** for pure **λ calculus**.

But the influence of **λ calculus** isn't limited to relatively esoteric functional languages



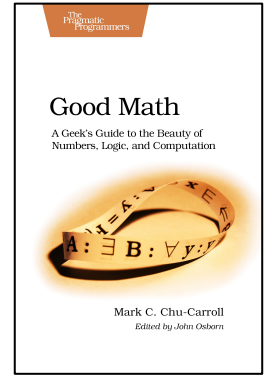
have strong **λ -calculus** influences

What makes the **λ calculus** so great?

Simple: only three constructs and two evaluation rules

$$T ::= v \mid \lambda v. T \mid T T$$
$$v ::= v_1 \mid v_2 \dots$$

α conversion
 β reduction



Turing complete: if a function can be Computed by any possible computing device, then it can be written in **λ calculus**

Turing complete



Alan Turing

Easy to read and write: syntax looks like a programming language



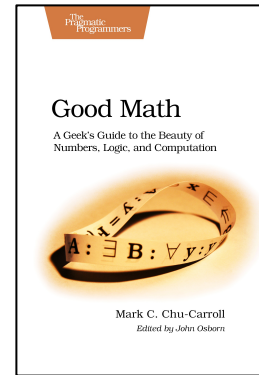
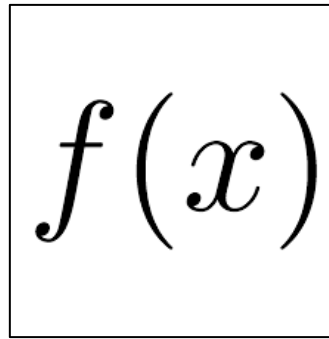
easy!



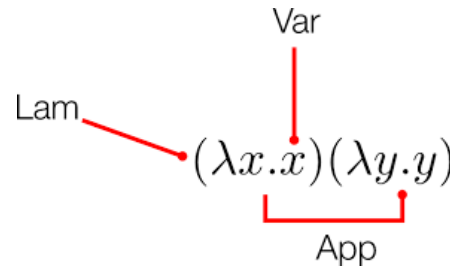
Strong semantics: based on a logical structure with solid formal model, so very easy to reason about how it behaves

Flexible: simple structure, so easy to create variants for exploring various alternative ways of structuring computations or semantics

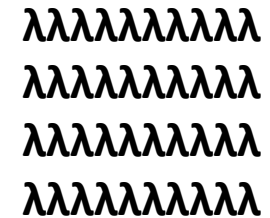
The **λ calculus** is based on the concept of functions



The basic expression in **λ calculus** is the Definition of a function in a special form, called a **λ expression**



In pure **λ calculus**, everything is a function; **the only thing you can do is define and apply functions, so there are no values except for functions**



As peculiar as that may sound, **it's not a restriction at all: we can use λ calculus functions to create any data structure we want**



Syntax of Lambda Expressions

$\langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{variable} \rangle \mid \langle \text{abstraction} \rangle \mid \langle \text{application} \rangle$

$\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle ::= \lambda \langle \text{variable} \rangle . \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{application} \rangle ::= \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle$

$\lambda \langle \text{variable} \rangle . \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\lambda x . \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\lambda x . \langle \text{variable} \rangle$

$\lambda x . x$



$\lambda a . a$

$\lambda x . x$ aka I, the identity combinator

$\lambda x . x$ and $\lambda a . a$ are the same thing

$\langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle$

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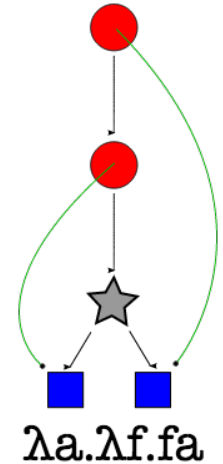
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$\lambda a . \lambda f . fa$



$\lambda a . \lambda f . fa$

$\lambda a . \lambda f . fa$ takes a parameter and a function and applies the function to the parameter

<abstraction>

λ <variable>.< λ -expression>

λ f.< λ -expression>

λ f.<abstraction>

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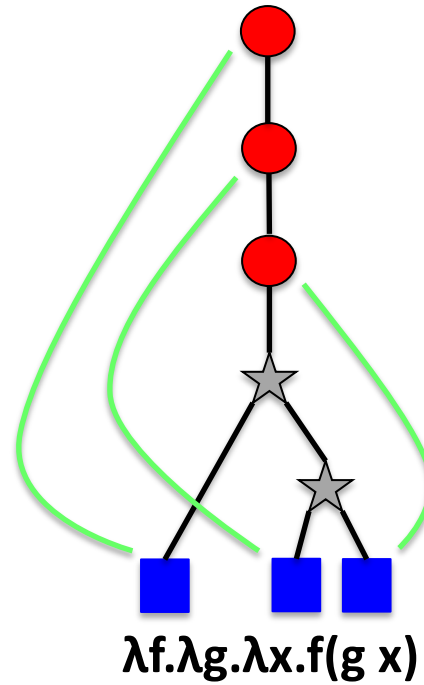
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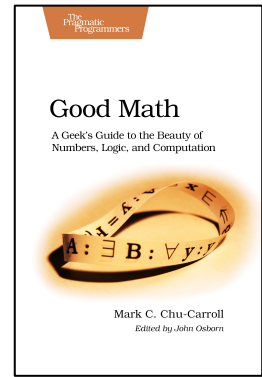
λ f. λ g. λ x.f(g< λ -expression>)

λ f. λ g. λ x.f(g<variable>)

λ f. λ g. λ x.f(gx)



$\lambda f. \lambda g. \lambda x. f(g x)$ – The **compose** function: takes a function **f** and a function **g** and returns a function that takes a parameter **x**, applies **g** to it, and then applies **f** to the result



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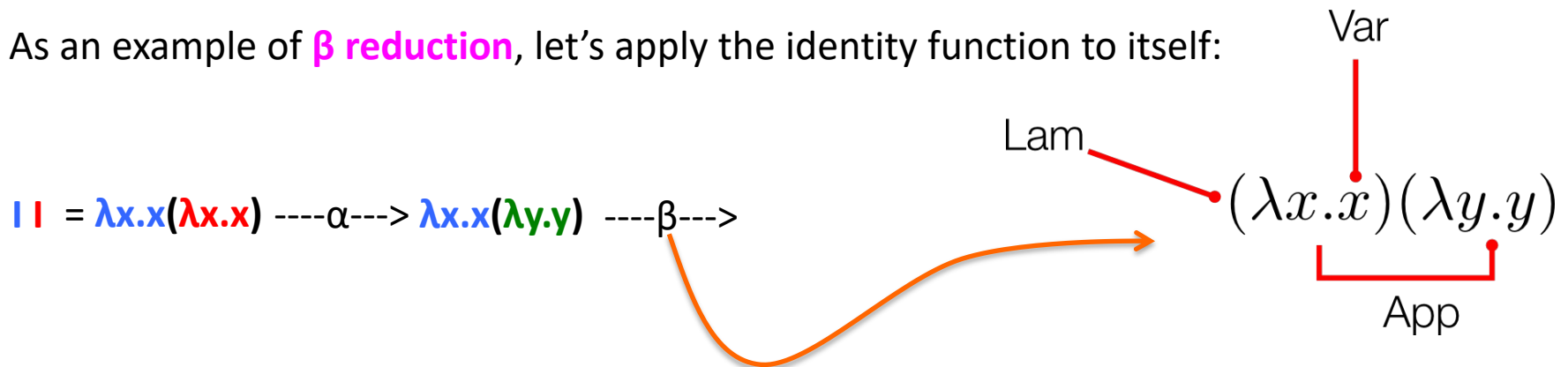
$$\lambda x.x \xrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda y.y$$

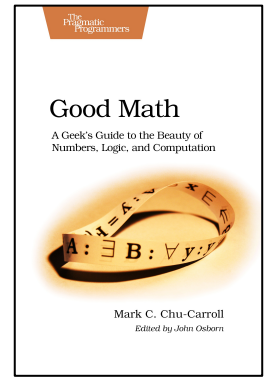
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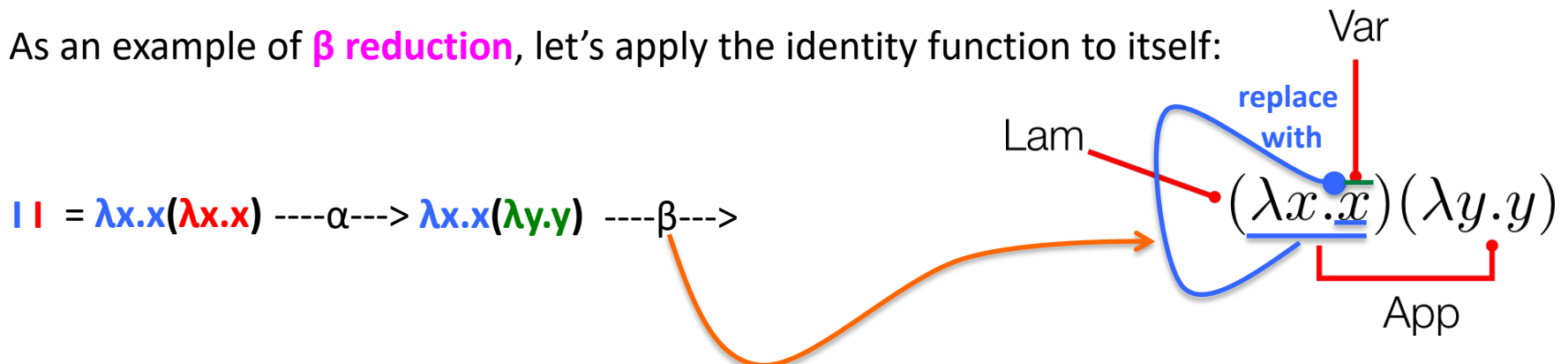
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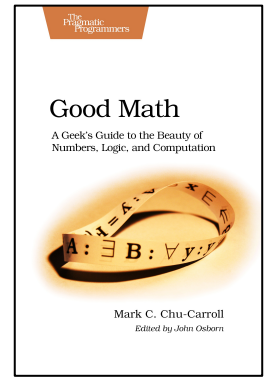
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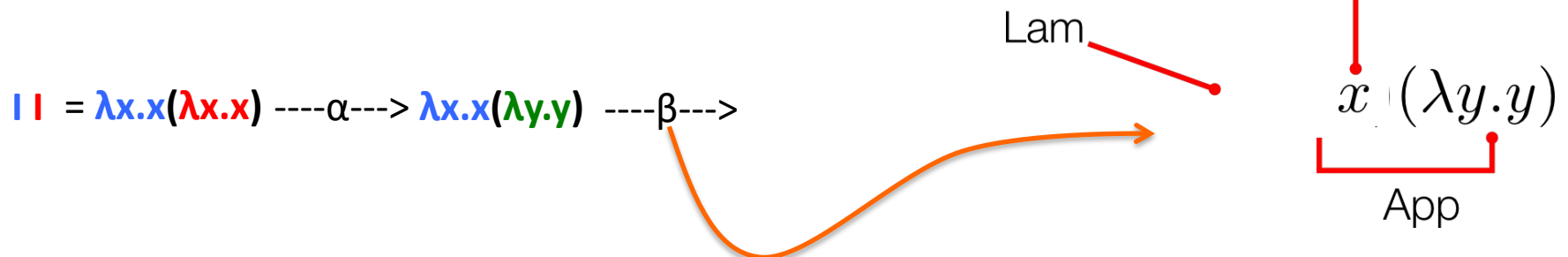
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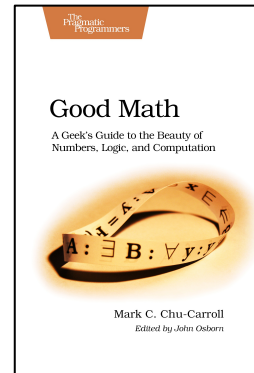
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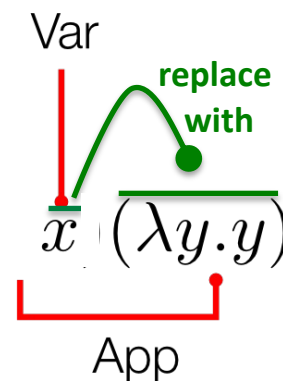
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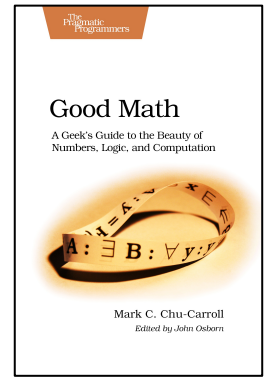
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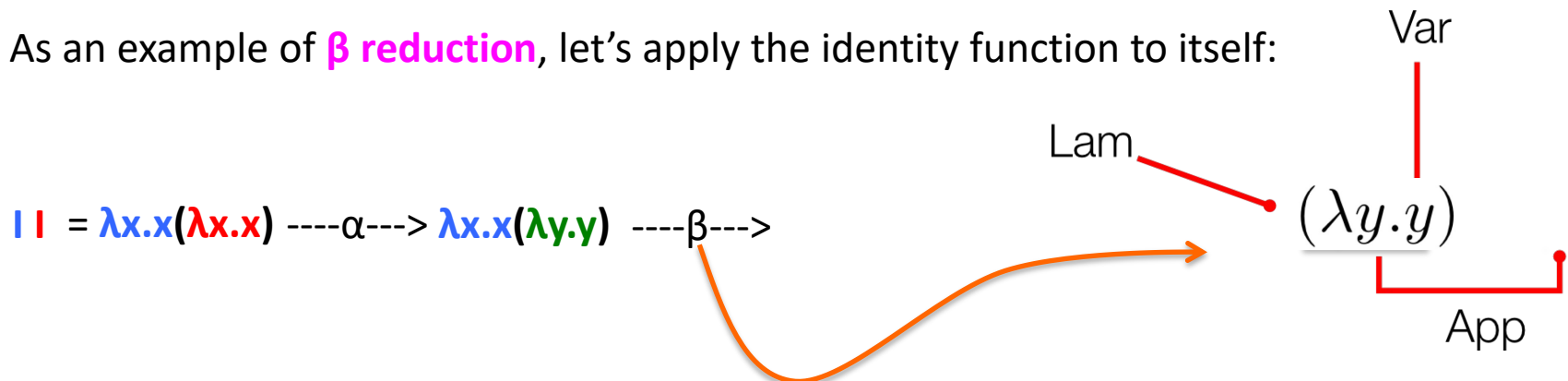
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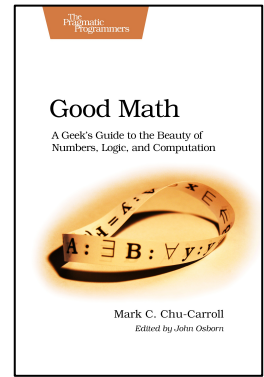
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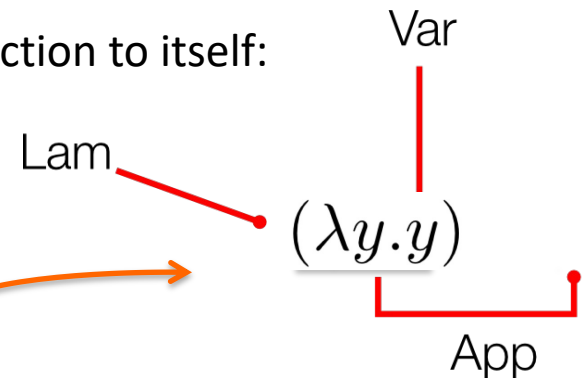
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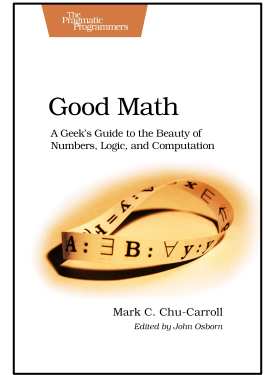
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Question: If all we can do in a λ calculus computation is just β reduction and α renaming, then why is the following true?

if a function can be computed by any possible computing device, then it can be written in λ calculus

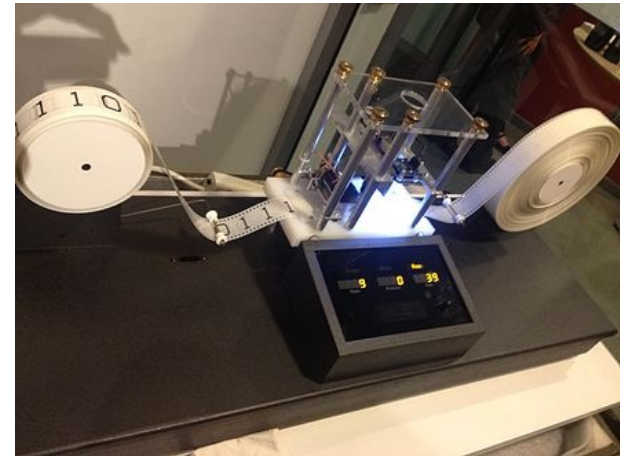


Answer:

The λ calculus is Turing complete, i.e. it can do the same computations as a Turing machine

The Turing machine is an example of the maximum capability of any mechanical computer

The capability of a Turing machine can be matched, but never exceeded.



If a computing device can do the same computations as a Turing machine, then it can do everything that any computer can do

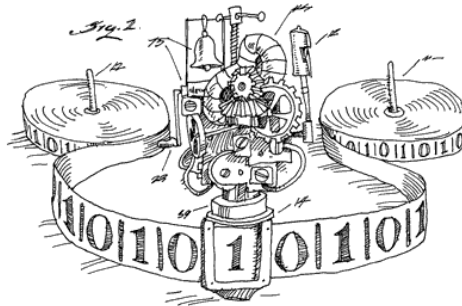
But why is the λ calculus Turing complete?

To answer that, let's look at what a machine needs to be Turing complete

How hard is it to make machines that can perform any possible computation?

The answer is, surprisingly easy

The truth is that:

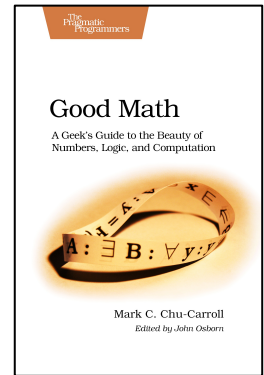


the basics of computation are so simple that you have to work hard to build a computing system that isn't Turing complete

What a machine needs to be Turing complete:

- Unlimited Storage
- Arithmetic
- Conditional Execution
- Repetition

Let's look at each of these in turn and show that the λ calculus is Turing complete



Unlimited Storage

To be **Turing complete**, you can't have any fixed limits on the amount of storage you can access.

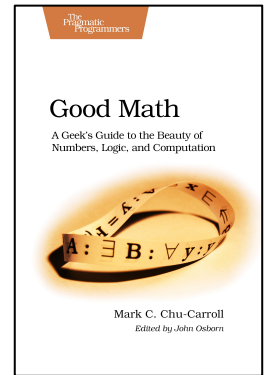
It doesn't matter what kind of storage it is, as long as it's unlimited

In the **λ calculus**, the storage part is easy:

- we can store arbitrarily complicated values in a variable
- we can generate as many functions as we need without bound

So unbounded storage is pretty obvious

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Peano Arithmetic in the Lambda Calculus

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \lambda f . \lambda x . x \\1 &= \lambda f . \lambda x . f x \\2 &= \lambda f . \lambda x . f (f x) \\3 &= \lambda f . \lambda x . f (f (f x))\end{aligned}$$

Church Numerals

Named after
Alonzo Church



$$\text{succ} = \lambda n . \lambda f . \lambda x . f (n f x)$$

$$+ = \lambda m . \lambda n . \lambda f . \lambda x . m f (n f x)$$

$$* = \lambda m . \lambda n . \lambda f . m (n f)$$

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We can now start writing more interesting λ -expressions, e.g.

$$(\lambda x . + x x) 2 \text{ ----}\beta\text{----} \rightarrow 4 \text{ - the **double** function}$$

$$(\lambda x . * x x) 3 \text{ ----}\beta\text{----} \rightarrow 9 \text{ - the **square** function}$$

Conditional Execution

To do general computation, you need to have some way of **making choices**

You need to have the **ability to select different behaviors** based on values that were either computed or were part of the input to your program

Conditional Execution in the Lambda Calculus

true = $\lambda x.\lambda y.x$ **true** 3 4 $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ 3

false = $\lambda x.\lambda y.y$ **false** 3 4 $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ 4

if C **then** P **else** Q = CPQ \rightarrow $\lambda c.\lambda p.\lambda q.cpq$

and = $\lambda x.\lambda y.x y$ **false**

or = $\lambda x.\lambda y.x$ **true** y

not = $\lambda x.x$ **false** **true**

isZero = $\lambda n.n(\mathbf{true\ false})\mathbf{true}$

$\lambda x.\mathbf{if\ (isZero\ x)\ then\ 10\ else\ +\ x\ x}$

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Repetition

You need loops, recursion, or some other repetition for iterating or repeating pieces of a computation

And they **need to be able to work together with** the mechanism for **conditional execution** to allow conditional repetition

Since everything in the lambda calculus is a function, let's look at recursive functions.

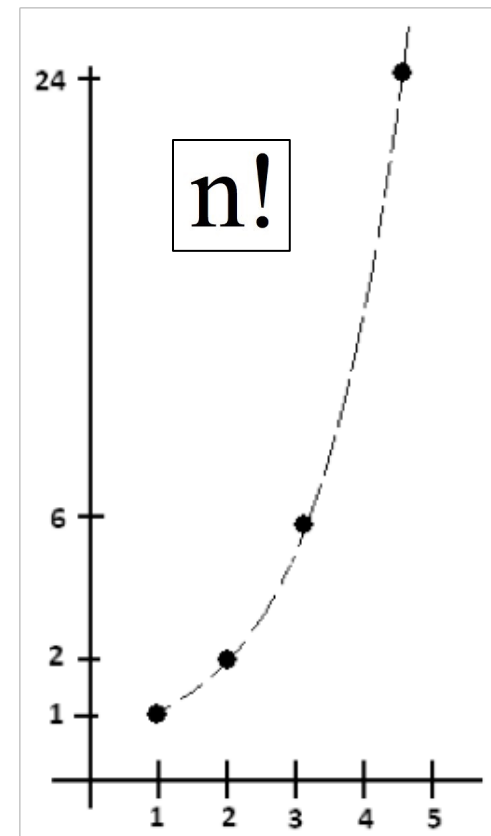
Sample recursive function: **Factorial**.

!
Factorial

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ n \cdot (n-1)! & \text{if } n>0 \end{cases}$$

$$n! = n \times (n - 1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1 = \prod_{k=1}^n k$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0! &= 1 \\ 1! &= 1 \\ 2! &= 2 \times 1 = 2 \\ 3! &= 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6 \\ 4! &= 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24 \\ 5! &= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$



Repetition

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factorial(n): if n=0 then 1 else n * **factorial**(n - 1)

In the lambda calculus:

pred = $\lambda n. ((n)\lambda p. \lambda z. ((z) (\mathbf{succ}) (p) (\mathbf{true}) (p) \mathbf{true}) \lambda z. ((z) \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{false}$

fact = $\lambda n. \mathbf{if} (\mathbf{isZero} \ n) \ \mathbf{then} \ 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ * \ n \ (\mathbf{fact} \ (\mathbf{pred} \ n))$

This is circular. What do we do next?

Let's abstract out the recursive call:

fact = $(\lambda f. \lambda n. \mathbf{if} (\mathbf{isZero} \ n) \ \mathbf{then} \ 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ * \ n \ (f(\mathbf{pred} \ n))) \mathbf{fact}$

Let's name the λ expression **metaFact**, since it uses **fact**, which it is passed as an argument

fact = **metaFact fact**

To find **fact**, we must solve this equation

Consider these fixpoint equations:

$n = \text{double } n$ $n=0$, since $0 = \text{double } 0$

$n = \text{square } n$ $n=1$, since $1 = \text{square } 1$

$e = \text{I}e$ $e=\text{anything}$, since I just returns its param

The solutions to these equations are **fixed-points** of functions **double**, **square** and **I**.

The equations are all of the following form:

$$x = fx$$

Contrast them with

$$\text{fact} = \text{metaFact fact}$$

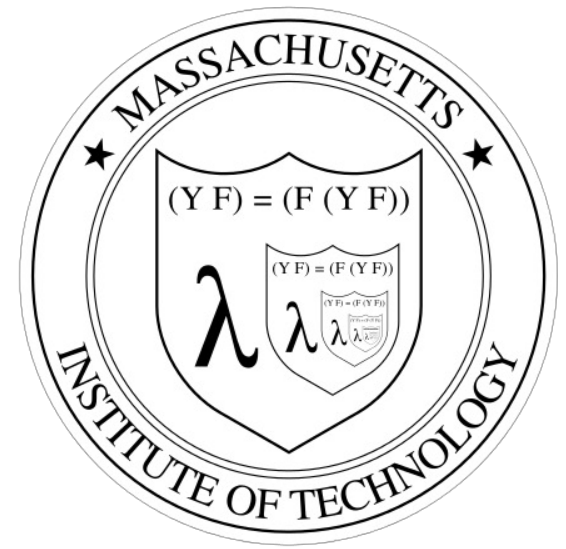
which is of the form

$$f = Ef$$

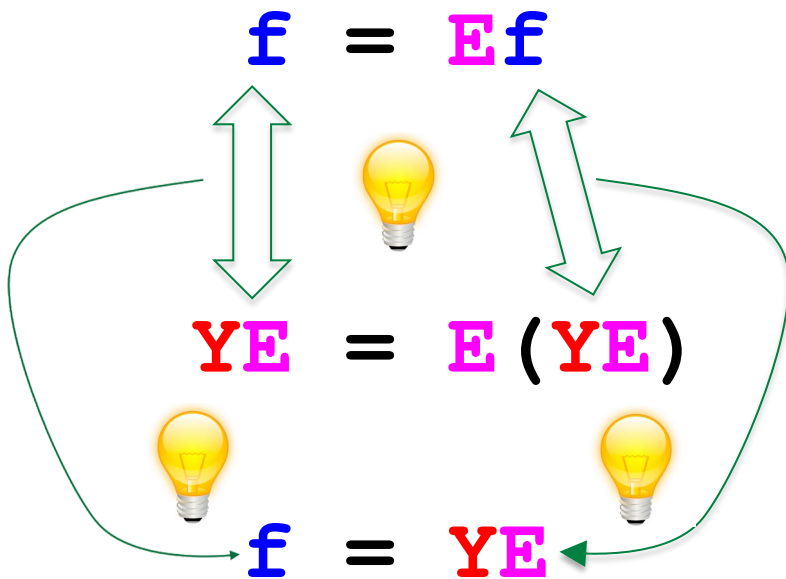
Every recursive definition can be brought to this form

The solution to this equation is **f**, the **fixed point** of higher order function **E**.

Conveniently, in the λ calculus there is a “**special, almost magical function**” that makes recursion possible: **Y**, the **fixed-point** combinator.



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{YE} \text{ ----- } \beta^* \text{ ----- } > \mathbf{E(YE)} \\
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 \dots \\
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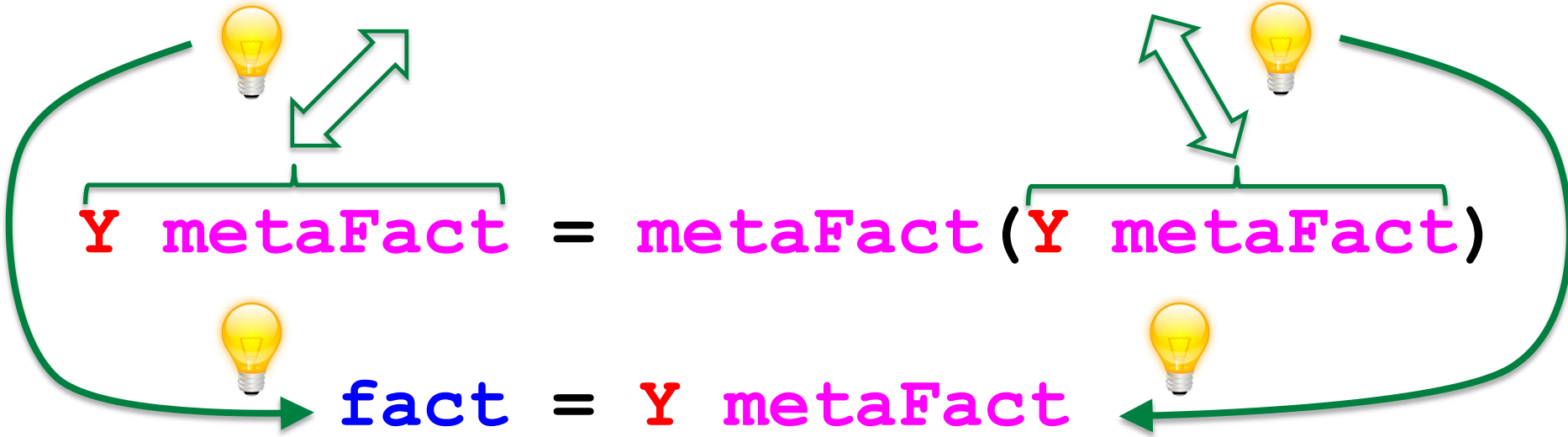
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The equation we have to solve.
What is **f**, the **fixed point** of HoF **E**?

True for every λ -expression **E**,
by definition of **Y**

The solution: applying **fixed point combinator Y** to **E** gives us **f**, the fixed point of **E**

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Expanding **metafact**:

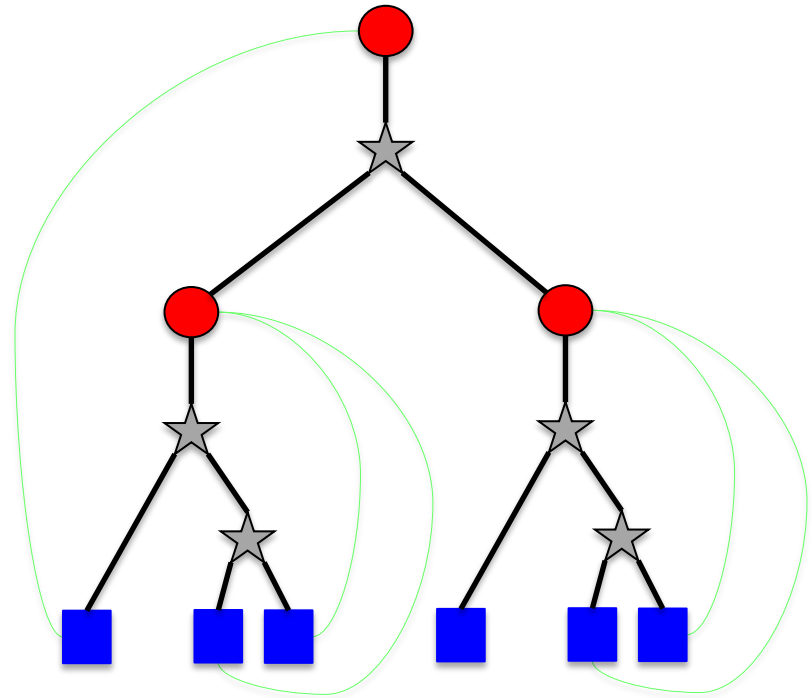
fact = **Y**($\lambda f . \lambda n . \text{if } (\text{isZero } n) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } * n (f(\text{pred } n))$)

Again: **no longer recursive !!!**

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The reason for calling the fixed-point combinator **Y** is because it is shaped like a Y

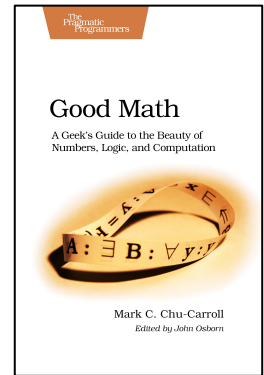
$$\lambda y . (\lambda x . y (x x)) (\lambda x . y (x x))$$



Now let's see why **Yf** = **f(Yf)**:

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Yf} &= (\lambda y . (\lambda x . y (x x)) (\lambda x . y (x x))) \mathbf{f} && \text{---}\beta\text{---}\rightarrow (\lambda x . \mathbf{f} (x x)) (\lambda x . \mathbf{f} (x x)) \\ &&& \text{---}\beta\text{---}\rightarrow \mathbf{f} ((\lambda x . \mathbf{f} (x x)) (\lambda x . \mathbf{f} (x x))) \\ &&& = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{Yf}) \quad \mathbf{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$



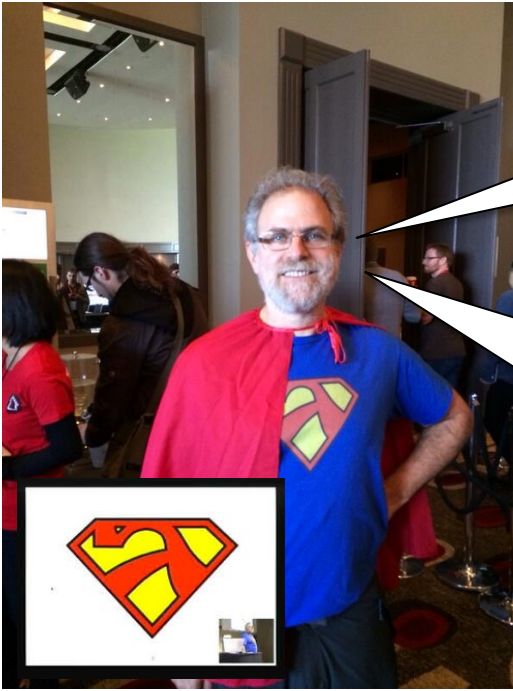
So, the β rule is **all that's needed** to make the **λ calculus** capable of performing **any computation that can be done by a machine**

All computation is really just β reduction, with **α renaming** to prevent name collisions

The **Turing machine** is one of the simpler ways of doing computation

The **λ calculus** is a lot simpler than the state-plus-tape notion of the **Turing machine**

The λ calculus is the simplest formal system of computation



There is Duke,
looking very smug

Congratulations
Duke: you have just
caught up with
where Alonzo Church
was in the 1930s!



Computer Scientist Philip Wadler



Alonzo Church



Let's see some ways in which lambda expressions differ in **Java** and in **λ calculus**





$\lambda x . x$



$x \rightarrow x$

In **Java**, λ and $.$ are replaced by \rightarrow



$(x, y) \rightarrow x + y$

$\lambda xy. +xy$



$\lambda x. \lambda y. +xy$

This **Java** function takes two parameters

Whereas in the **lambda calculus** functions can have only one parameter

Does this mean the **lambda calculus** is underpowered?

No, because a **function** that takes **n** parameters can be represented by **n functions** that take **1** parameter

This is called **currying**

So we can have the convenience of multi-parameter functions in the **lambda calculus** too

When can write $\lambda xy. +xy$, which is just **syntactic sugar** for the curried version: $\lambda x. \lambda y. +xy$



after logician
Haskell Curry



$(x, y) \rightarrow x+y$

$\lambda xy. **y$



$\lambda xy. +xy$

In the **Java** function the plus is in **infix** position ,
whereas in the lambda calculus it is in **prefix** position

We can have infix notation in the **lambda calculus** too if we like ,

it can just be treated as **syntactic sugar** for the prefix notation



$(\text{int } x, \text{int } y) \rightarrow x + y$ $\lambda x:\alpha. \lambda y:\alpha. x+y$

In **Java**, function parameters always have a type, although sometimes it can be left implicit

The **return type** is always **implicit**. In this case it is **int**

We have looked at the **untyped lambda calculus**, in which function application has no restrictions

There are typed varieties of **lambda calculus** that restrict function application, so that a **function can only be applied to actual parameters whose type matches that of the function's formal parameters**

$\lambda x:\alpha. \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$ $\lambda x. \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

$\lambda x:\mathbf{N}. x + 3$ $(\lambda x. x + 3):\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$

$(\lambda x:\mathbf{N}. x + 3)2$ **Valid lambda expression**: a function expecting an N is applied to an N

$(\lambda x:\mathbf{N}. x + 3)\text{true}$ **Invalid**: a boolean value is not a natural number

Syntax of Lambda Expressions in λ -calculus

$\langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{variable} \rangle \mid \langle \text{application} \rangle \mid \langle \text{abstraction} \rangle$

$\langle \text{application} \rangle ::= \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle ::= \lambda \langle \text{variable} \rangle . \langle \lambda\text{-expression} \rangle$



$\lambda x . x$

body = $\langle \text{variable} \rangle$



$x \rightarrow x$

body = $\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle$

$\lambda x . \lambda y . +xy$

$x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x+y)$

In the **λ -calculus** the application of a function **f** to some argument **v** is expressed simply by juxtaposing the two: **fv**. In Java 8 however, application of **f** to **v** is expressed as **f.apply(v)**

square = $\lambda n . *nn$

square = $n \rightarrow n*n$

body = $\langle \text{application} \rangle$

$\lambda x . \text{square } x$

$x \rightarrow \text{square} . \text{apply}(x)$

We'll soon see why **apply** is needed in Java 8.



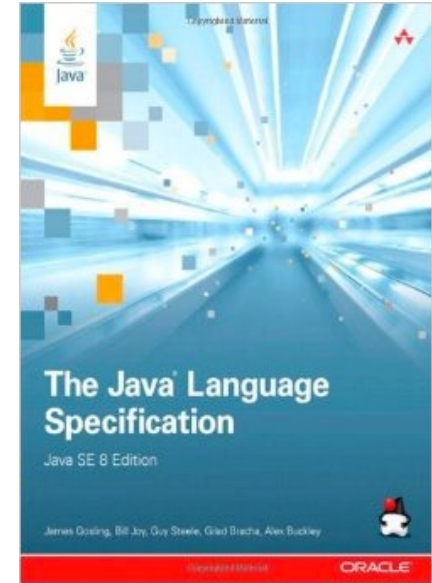
“A lambda expression is **like a method**: it provides a **list of formal parameters** and a **body** - an expression or block - expressed in terms of those parameters”

$(x, y) \rightarrow x+y$

lambda-expression **body**: an **expression** or **block**

```
flag ->
{ if (flag) return 12;
  else {
    int result = 15;
    for (int i = 1; i < 10;
i++)
      result *= i;
    return result;
  }
}
```

Can't do that in the **λ calculus**



Java SE 8 Edition



(n) -> { **System.out.println(n);** return n; }



In **Java**, functions can have side effects. Can't do that in the **lambda calculus**



n -> **System.out.println(n)**



In **Java**, functions don't have to have a value: their return type can be void

Here is an interesting example: n -> {}



() -> System.out.println("Hello World!")



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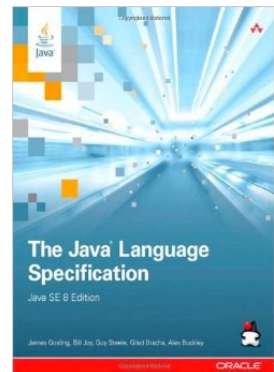
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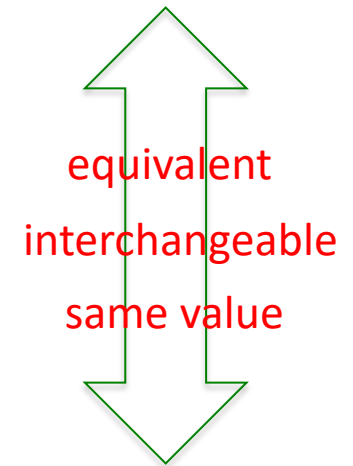
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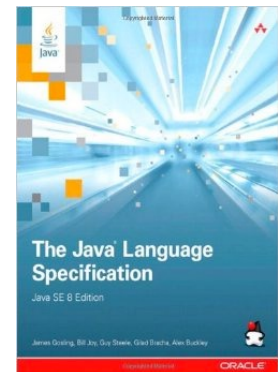
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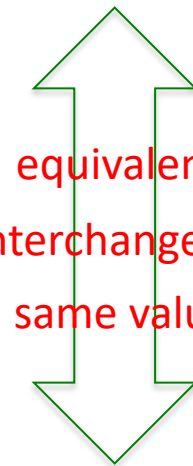


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equivalent
interchangeable
same value

Lambda Expression

This is possible because a **Functional Interface** has just one method
So the **compiler can check that** with this?

- 1) the lambda expression's parameters, match those of the method's signature
- 2) the return type of the lambda expression's body matches the return type of the signature

one int parameter ✓

accept
void accept(int value)
Performs this operation on the given argument.

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void return type ✓

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→ SAM (Single Abstract Method)

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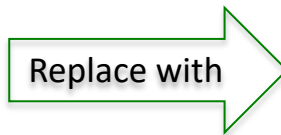
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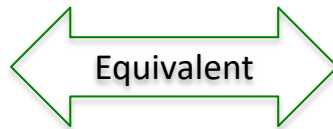
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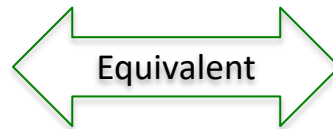
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(Syntactic Sugar)



ADVISORY

take claims of lambda expressions
being syntactic sugar for anonymous
inner classes with a pinch of salt



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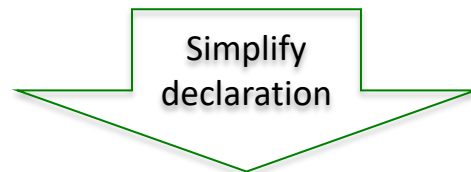


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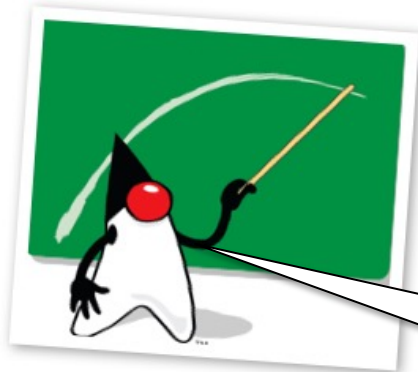


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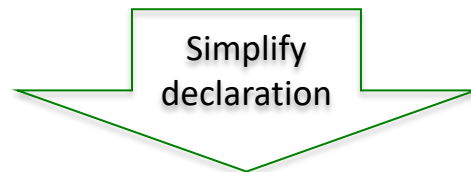


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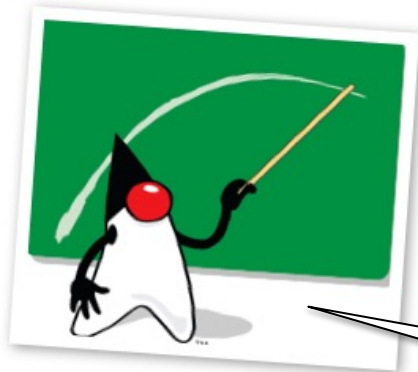


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We'll see why later on



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Replace with

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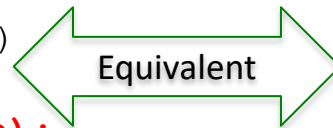
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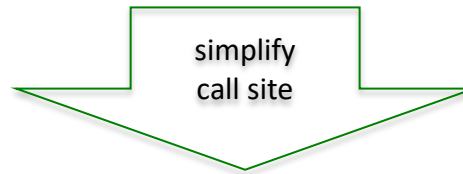
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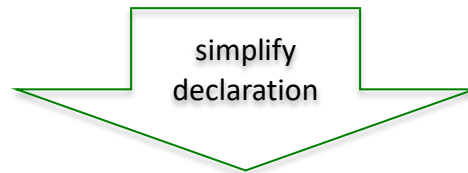


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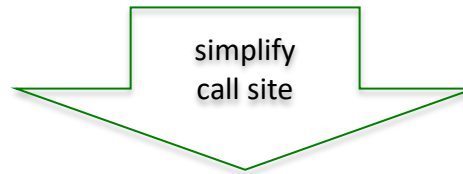


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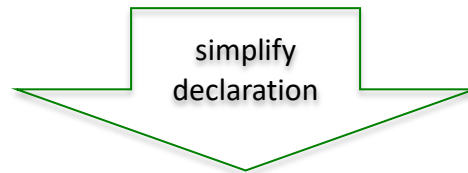


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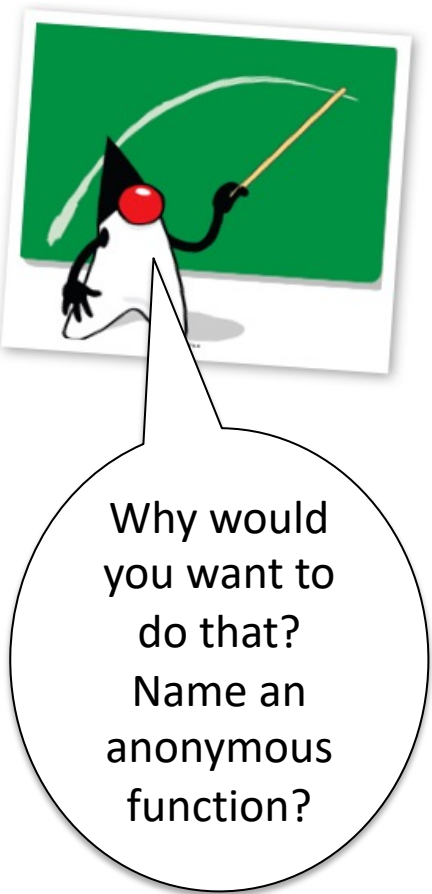


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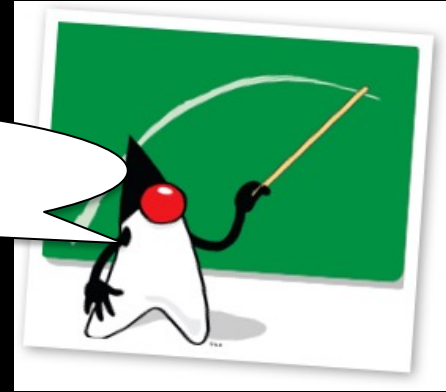
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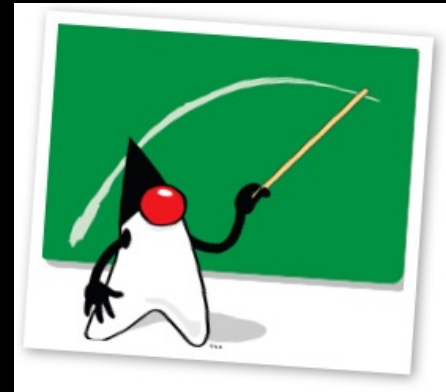
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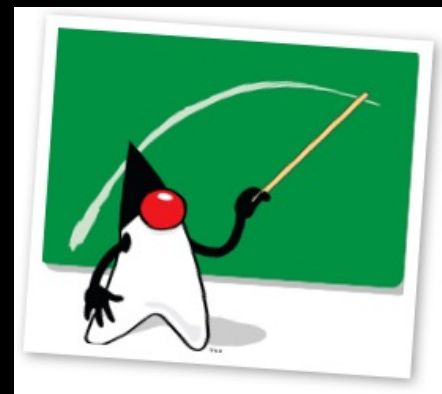
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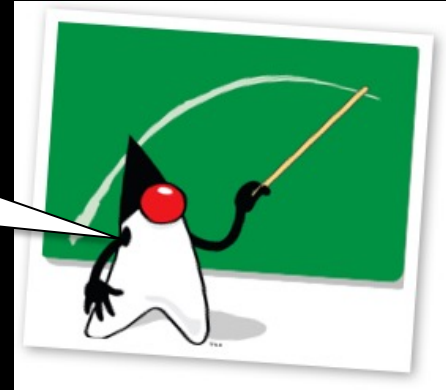


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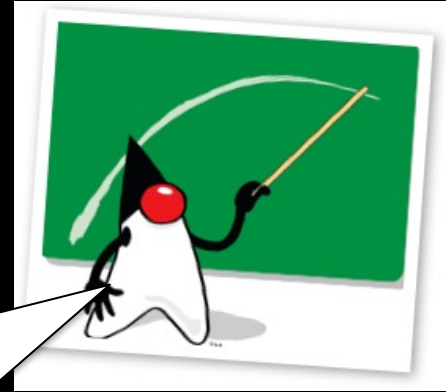


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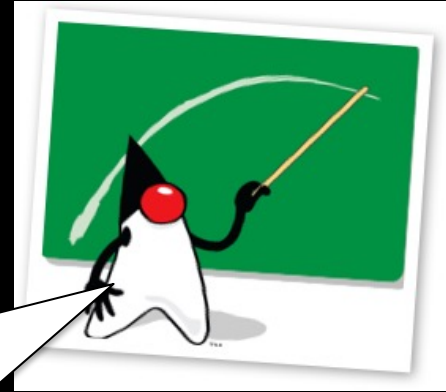


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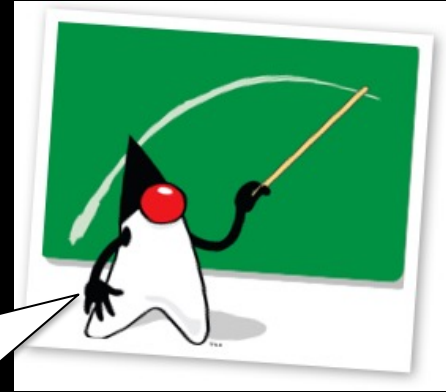
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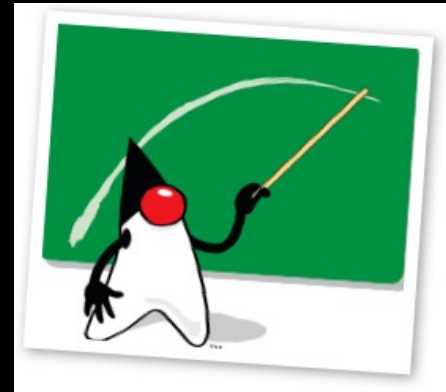
it may kind of **look like 'methods'**
are now a 'thing', that we can
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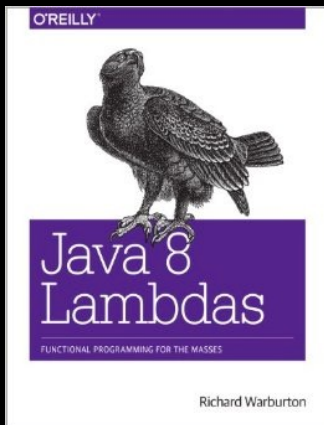
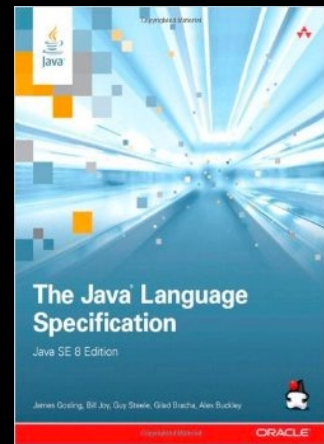


It may look like we can now write **Higher Order** code that takes a method as a parameter, and/or returns a method

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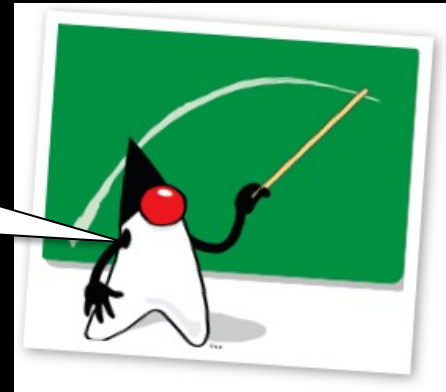
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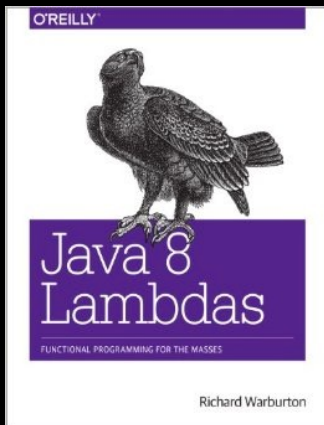
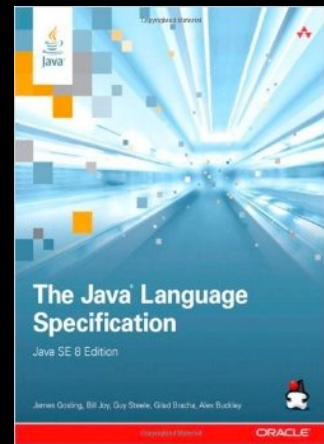
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Statements like these may lead us to think that methods are now **first class citizens**

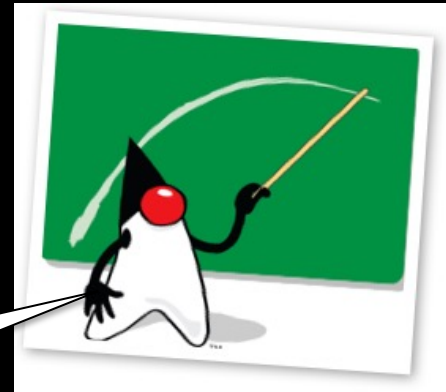


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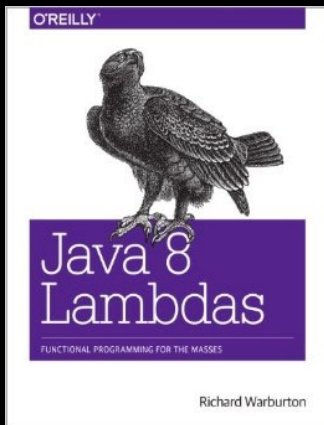
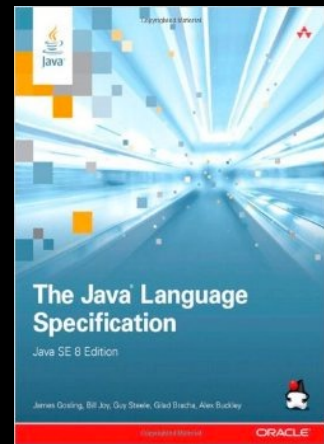
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Let's see another example

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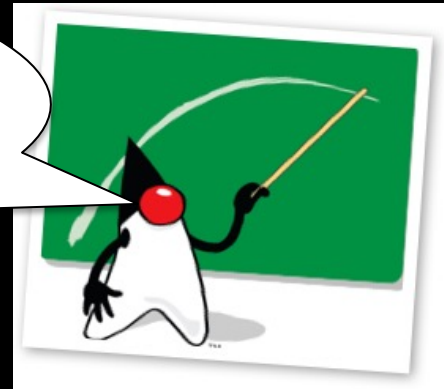
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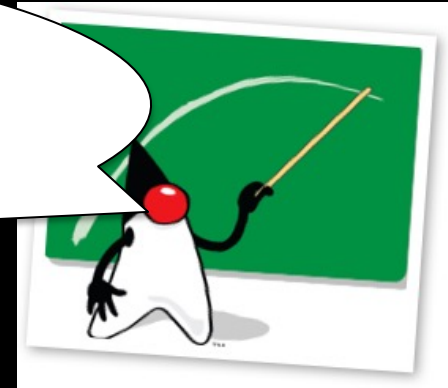
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In addition to the appearance of print methods being passed around in variables, and of method **forEach** being **higher order**, we have the appearance of **higher order** code deciding which print method to pass to **foreach**



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But is it really **higher order code**? Are methods really **first-class citizens**? To answer that, let's look at what **first-class functions** means, and what it looks like in FP languages like **Haskell** and **Scala**



A programming language has **first-class functions** if it treats **functions as first-class citizens**



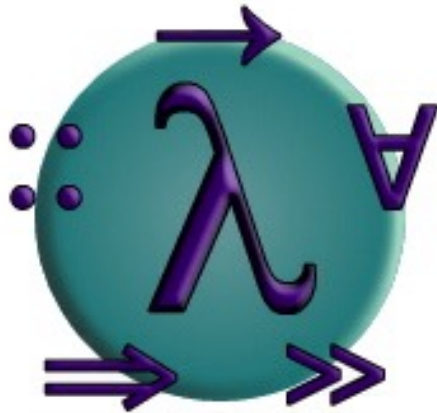
Functions as first-class citizens:

- 1.1 **Higher-order functions: passing functions as arguments**
- 1.2 Anonymous and nested functions
- 1.3 Non-local variables and closures
- 1.4 **Higher-order functions: returning functions as results**
- 1.5 Assigning functions to variables (or storing them in data structures)
- 1.6 Equality of functions

In languages with first-class functions, **the names of functions** do not have any special status; they are treated like **ordinary variables with a function type**

Let's look at what **function types** and **higher order functions** look like in **Haskell** and **Scala**





Haskell

A Purely Functional Language

featuring static typing, **higher-order functions**
polymorphism, type classes and monadic effects



Functional Programmers
do it at a **higher order!**



```
lessThan :: Int -> Int -> Bool  
lessThan a b = a < b
```

Function Type

Functions

```
greaterThan :: Int -> Int -> Bool  
greaterThan a b = a > b
```

Haskell functions can **take functions as parameters** and **return functions as return values**.
A function that does either of these things is called a **higher-order function**.

Function arguments

Function return value

```
choose :: Bool -> (Int -> Int -> Bool) -> (Int -> Int -> Bool) -> (Int -> Int -> Bool)  
choose condition op1 op2 = if condition then op1 else op2
```

Higher Order Function

```
operator :: Int -> Int -> Bool  
operator = choose True lessThan greaterThan
```

Function Variables

```
main = print(operator 3 4)
```

Function application

Applies whatever function is referenced by function variable **operator**

```
// (Int,Int)=>Boolean  
val lessThan = (a:Int, b:Int) => a < b
```

Function Type

```
// (Int,Int)=>Boolean  
val greaterThan = (a:Int, b:Int) => a > b
```

Functions

A function in Scala is a “**first-class value**”. Like any other value, it may be passed as a parameter or returned as a result.

Functions which take other functions as parameters or return them as results are called **higher-order functions**.

Function arguments

Function return value

```
// (Boolean, (Int,Int)=>Boolean, (Int,Int)=>Boolean) => (Int,Int)=>Boolean  
val choose = (condition:Boolean, op1:(Int,Int)=>Boolean, op2:(Int,Int)=>Boolean)  
=> if (condition) op1 else op2
```

Higher Order Function

```
// (Int,Int)=>Boolean  
val operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan)
```

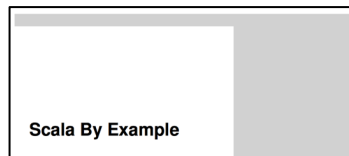
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Scala



Martin Odersky
in Scala by Example

Scala is a functional language in that functions are **first-class values**.
Scala is also an object-oriented language in that **every value is an object**.
It follows that **functions are objects** in Scala.

For instance, a function from type **String** to type **Int** is represented as an instance of the **trait Function1[String, Int]**


Similar to an **interface** in Java

```
package scala

trait Function1[-A, +B] {
  def apply(x: A): B
}
```

There are also definitions for functions of **all other arities**, i.e. for **each possible number of function parameters** (up to a reasonable limit): **Function1**, **Function2**, ... **Function22**.

Scala's function type syntax

(T1, ..., Tn) => S 

is simply an abbreviation for the parameterized type

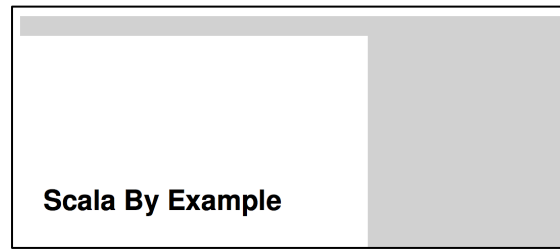
Functionn[T1, ..., Tn, S]

e.g. function type

(String) => Int 

is an abbreviation for

Function1[String, Int]



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in Scala by Example


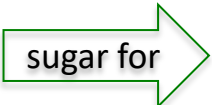
Scala uses the **same syntax** $f(x)$ for function application, no matter whether f is a **method** or a **function object**.

This is made possible by the following convention:

A **function** application $f(x)$ where f is an **object** (as opposed to a **method**) is taken to be a shorthand for $f.apply(x)$.

Hence, **the apply method of a function type is inserted automatically** where this is necessary.

e.g. if f is a function of type $(String) \Rightarrow Int$
i.e. an object of type $Function1[String, Int]$, then

$f(x)$   $f.apply(x)$

```
package scala

trait Function1[-A, +B] {
  def apply(x: A): B
}
```

```
// (Int, Int) => Boolean ← Function Type  
val lessThan = (a: Int, b: Int) => a < b
```

(Int, Int) => Boolean



sugar for

Function2[Int, Int, Boolean]

```
val lessThan = (a: Int, b: Int) => a < b
```



The desugared code looks just like an anonymous inner class in Java

```
val lessThan = new Function2[Int, Int, Boolean] {  
  def apply(a: Int, b: Int) = a < b  
}
```

The compiler compiles functions down to anonymous classes inside the containing class.

lessThan(3, 4)



sugar for

lessThan.apply(3, 4)



```
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>  
lessThan = (a, b) -> a < b;
```

Functional Interface

```
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>  
greaterThan = (a, b) -> a > b;
```

Functions

Function return value



No function types!

```
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>  
choose(Boolean cond,  
        BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> op1,  
        BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> op2)  
{  
    if (cond) return op1; else return op2;  
}
```

Function arguments

Higher Order Function

```
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>  
operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan);
```

Function Variables

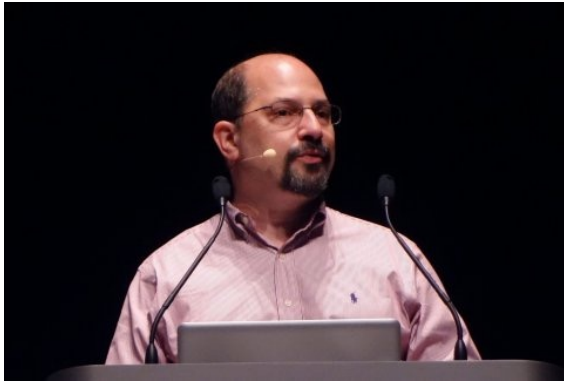
```
Boolean result = operator.apply(3,4);
```



apply!

Function application

Applies whatever function is referenced by the function variable **operator**



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Simply put, we believe **the best thing we can do for Java developers is to give them a gentle push towards a more functional style of programming.**

We're not going to turn Java into Haskell, nor even into Scala.

But the direction is clear. Lambda is the down-payment on this evolution, but it is far from the end of the story.

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I am unwilling to say "Java never will have function types" (though I recognize that Java may never have function types.)



Scala

```

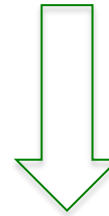
val lessThan = new Function2[Int, Int, Boolean] { def apply(a: Int, b: Int) = a < b }
val greaterThan = new Function2[Int, Int, Boolean] { def apply(a: Int, b: Int) = a > b }
val choose = (cond: Boolean,
              op1: Function2[Int, Int, Boolean],
              op2: Function2[Int, Int, Boolean])
=> if (cond) op1
    else op2

val operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan)
def main = println( operator.apply(3,4) )

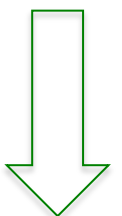
```



Function2[Int, Int, Boolean]



.apply



(Int, Int)=>Boolean

```

val lessThan = (a: Int, b: Int) => a < b
val greaterThan = (a: Int, b: Int) => a > b
val choose = (cond: Boolean,
              op1: (Int, Int)=>Boolean,
              op2: (Int, Int)=>Boolean)
=> if (cond) op1
    else op2

val operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan)
def main = println( operator(3,4) )

```



Scala

The sugar of function types, plus the 'sugaring away' of the 'apply' method, hide the OO implementation details of functions

```
val lessThan = (a:Int, b:Int) => a < b
val greaterThan = (a:Int, b:Int) => a > b
val choose = (cond:Boolean,
             op1:(Int,Int)=>Boolean,
             op2:(Int,Int)=>Boolean)
=> if (cond) op1
    else op2

val operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan)
def main = println( operator(3,4) )
```

function types like `(Int, Int) => Boolean` are obvious and self-explanatory

No need to call 'apply'



No 'function type' sugar and no 'sugaring away' of the 'apply' method: The OO implementation details of functions are plain to see

```
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> lessThan = (a, b) -> a < b;
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> greaterThan = (a, b) -> a > b;
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>
choose(Boolean cond,
       BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> op1,
       BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> op2) {
    if (cond) return op1; else return op2;
}
BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean> operator = choose(true, lessThan, greaterThan);
Boolean result = operator.apply(3,4);
```

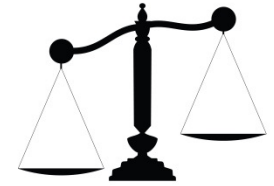
Some effort required to remember and understand functional interfaces like `BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>`

need to call 'apply' or equivalent



Java 8 Predefined Functional Interfaces

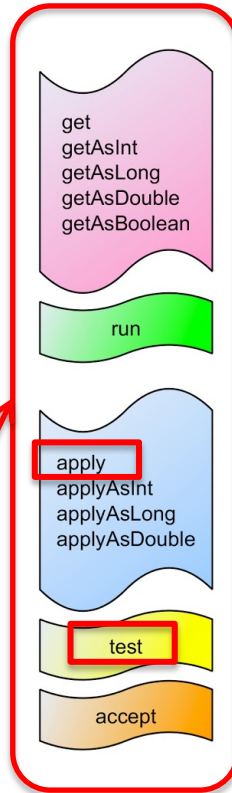
To be fair, **BiFunction<Integer,Integer,Boolean>**, the Java interface we used in the example, can be replaced with the less verbose **BiPredicate<Integer,Integer>**



	→ T	→ int	→ long	→ double	→ boolean	→ void
() →	Supplier<T>	IntSupplier	LongSupplier	DoubleSupplier	BooleanSupplier	Runnable

	→ R	→ int	→ long	→ double	→ boolean	→ void
(T) →	Function<T,R> UnaryOperator<T>	ToIntFunction<T>	ToLongFunction<T>	ToDoubleFunction<T>	Predicate<T>	Consumer<T>
(int) →	IntFunction<R>	IntUnaryOperator	IntToLongFunction	IntToDoubleFunction	IntPredicate	IntConsumer
(long) →	LongFunction<R>	LongToIntFunction	LongUnaryOperator	LongToDoubleFunction	LongPredicate	LongConsumer
(double) →	DoubleFunction<R>	DoubleToIntFunction	DoubleToLongFunction	DoubleUnaryOperator	DoublePredicate	DoubleConsumer

	→ R	→ int	→ long	→ double	→ boolean	→ void
(T, U) →	BiFunction<T,U,R> BinaryOperator<T,U>	ToIntBiFunction<T,U>	ToLongBiFunction<T,U>	ToDoubleBiFunction<T,U>	BiPredicate<T,U>	BiConsumer<T,U>
(int, int) →		IntBinaryOperator				(T, int) → ObjIntConsumer<T>
(long, long) →			LongBinaryOperator			(T, long) → ObjLongConsumer<T>
(double, double) →				DoubleBinaryOperator		(T, double) → ObjDoubleConsumer<T>



Note that different types of Functional Interfaces have different invocation methods: **apply** and **accept** (which we have already seen), but also, **test**, **get**, **run**, etc.

Functions in Java 8 are **first class citizens**, but not in a 'pure' way, because **there are no function types**, which also leads to functions **only being Higher Order** in an 'impure' way.

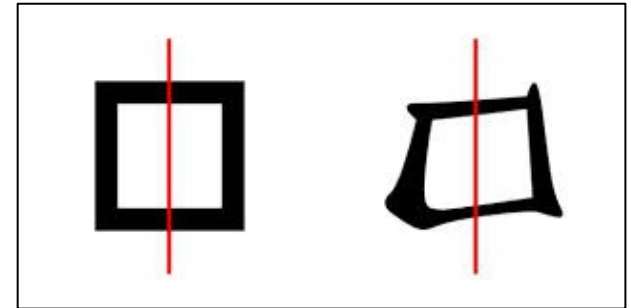


~~$(T1 \rightarrow T2) \rightarrow T3$~~



By that I mean that **there is an asymmetry**

```
twice f n = f(f n)
result = twice ( $\lambda n.*nn$ ) 3
```



In Java 8, we can pass a **lambda expression** as an **actual parameter**, but the **formal parameter** has to be a **functional interface**, so at the call site it looks like we are passing in a function, but what is passed in is a **one-method object**, and to invoke the function, we have to call the object's method

```
Integer result = twice(n -> n * n, 3);

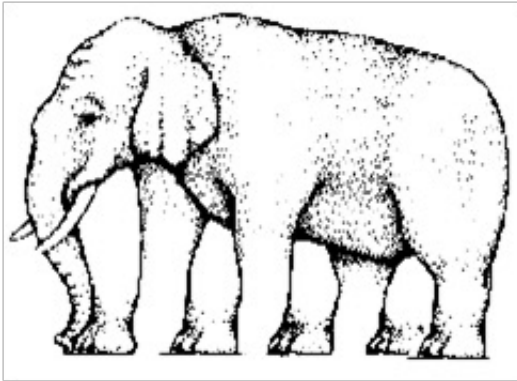
Integer twice(UnaryOperator<Integer> f, Integer n)
{
    return f.apply( f.apply(n) );
}
```



There is an asymmetry

the illusion of higher order functions,
i.e. functions being passed around,
is only present at **function/method call sites**

Illusion of HoFs
(T1 → T2) → T3



λ

n -> n*n

functions

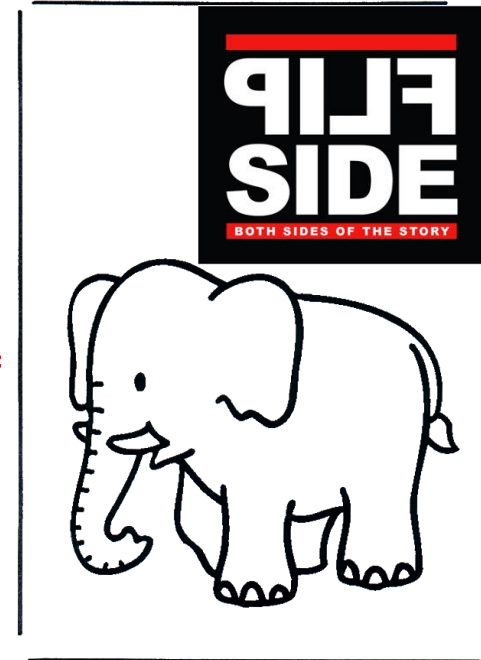
call site



UnaryOperator<Integer>

objects

flip side



on the flip side, in **function/method bodies**, the illusion is gone:
what are being passed around are objects

In Scala, if a **formal parameter** has a **function type**, e.g. **f** in the following function,

```
def twice(f: Int => Int, n: Int) = ...
```

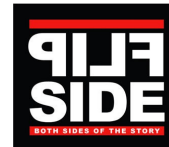
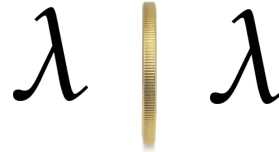
then we can pass a function (a **function literal** or a **function variable**) as an **actual parameter**:

```
val result = twice(n => n * n, 3) // passing in a function literal
val square = (n: Int) => n * n
val result = twice(square, 3) // passing in a function variable
```

and on the **flip side**, in the method/function **body**, what is being passed in **is a function** (has a **function type**) and we can **call the function the same way we call a method**:

```
def twice(f: Int => Int, n: Int) = f(f(n))
```

So in Scala, the **illusion of higher order code** is supported on **both sides of a Higher Order call**



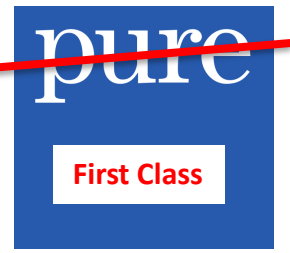
In Java 8, we can use **lambda expressions** to **sweeten** the call sites of higher order methods,

```
Integer result = twice(n -> n * n,3);  
Integer twice(UnaryOperator<Integer> f, Integer n)  
{  
    return f.apply(f.apply(n));  
}
```



but there is **no sugar** to sweeten **method bodies** and **method signatures**

For this reason, Java 8 functions are only **first class citizens** in an **'impure'** way.



We just saw that in Scala, if a **formal parameter** has a **function type**, then we can pass in a **function** as an **actual parameter**

But Scala goes further: **even methods can be passed in where functions are expected!**

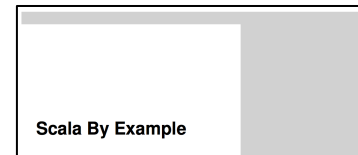
```
def twice(f: Int => Int, n: Int) = f(f(n))  
def sqr(n: Int) = n * n // define a method, not a function  
val result = twice(sqr, 3) // the sqr method is promoted to a function!
```

The compiler **promoted our `sqr` method to a function**, so we can pass it to **`twice`**

This is thanks to **Eta-expansion**.



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*'Eta-expansion converts an expression of **method type** to an **equivalent** expression of **function type**'*

Remember the **α conversion** and **β reduction** of the **λ -calculus**?

η -expansion is one of the two forms of **η -conversion**

η -conversion is adding or dropping of abstraction over a function.

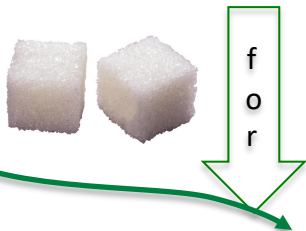
It converts between **$\lambda x . f x$** and **f** (whenever x does not appear free in f)

η -reduction converts **$\lambda x . f x$** to **f**

η -expansion converts **f** to **$\lambda x . f x$**

Scala uses, **η -expansion** to **replace a method reference with a function object that wraps the method and whose apply method takes the parameters of the referenced method and calls the referenced method with those parameters:**

`twice(sqr, 3)`



`twice(new Function1[Int, Int]{ def apply(x: Int) = sqr(x) }, 3)`



In Java too we can pass in a method where a function (functional interface) is expected, but in a more verbose way.



We can't just pass in a **method name**

```
Integer twice(UnaryOperator<Integer> f, Integer n)
{
    return f.apply( f.apply(n) );
}

Integer square(Integer n)
{
    return n * n;
}

Integer result = twice(square, 3);
```

Cannot resolve symbol 'square'

```
Integer result = twice(square, 3);
```

Cannot resolve symbol 'square'

η -expansion

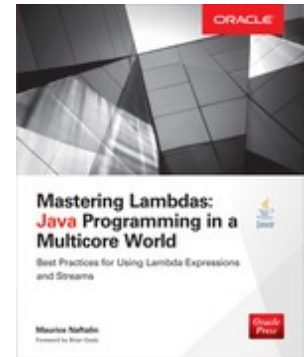
```
Integer result = twice(x -> square(x), 3);
```

But neither do we have to do the eta expansion ourselves by wrapping a lambda around the method

Instead, we can use **Method References** (new in Java 8)

Method References

Name	Syntax	Lambda Equivalent
Static	<code>RefType::staticMethod</code>	<code>(args) -> RefType.staticMethod(args)</code>
Bound Instance	<code>expr::instMethod</code>	<code>(args) -> expr.instMethod(args)</code>
Unbound Instance	<code>RefType::instMethod</code>	<code>(arg0, rest) -> arg0.instMethod(rest)</code>
Constructor	<code>ClsName::new</code>	<code>(args) -> new ClsName(args)</code>



```
Integer result = twice(foo::square, 3);
```

```
Integer result = twice(this::square, 3);
```

 for λ expression

```
Integer result = twice(Foo::square, 3);
```

Instance method references
(if **square** is an **instance method**)

requests for η -expansion

Static method reference
(if **square** is a **static method**)

There is also another reason why the first-class citizenship of Java 8 functions is 'impure'

Functions as first-class citizens:

- 1.1 Higher-order functions: passing functions as arguments
- 1.2 Anonymous and nested functions
- 1.3 Non-local variables and closures
- 1.4 Higher-order functions: returning functions as results
- 1.5 Assigning functions to variables (or storing them in data structures)
- 1.6 Equality of functions



We must distinguish between **several types of function equality**

Extensional equality

Two functions are considered equal if they **agree on their outputs** for all inputs

Impractical to implement

Intensional equality

Two functions are considered equal if they have the **same "internal structure"**

Reference equality

most languages supporting function equality use this

All functions are assigned a unique identifier. Two functions are equal if they have **the same identifier.**

Two separately defined, but otherwise identical function definitions will be considered unequal.



Referential equality breaks referential transparency and is therefore not supported in pure languages, such as Haskell



We saw that functions are objects in Scala, so they have an **equals** method

```
val f = (n:Int) => n * n      f: (Int) => Int =
val g = (n:Int) => n * n      g: (Int) => Int =
f.equals(f)                  res1: Boolean = true
f.equals(g)                  res2: Boolean = false
```



No surprises here

What about Java 8?

If lambda expressions are just **syntactic sugar** for **anonymous inner classes** then they are objects and so they have an **equals method** (inherited from the Object class)



```
java> UnaryOperator<Integer> f = n -> n * n
java> UnaryOperator<Integer> g = n -> n * n
java> f.equals(f)                java.lang.Boolean res1 = true
java> f.equals(g)                java.lang.Boolean res2 = false
```



No surprises here

But it turns out that lambda expressions **may or may not** have a **unique identity**, depending on their implementation

so `f.equals(f)` may or may not evaluate to true!



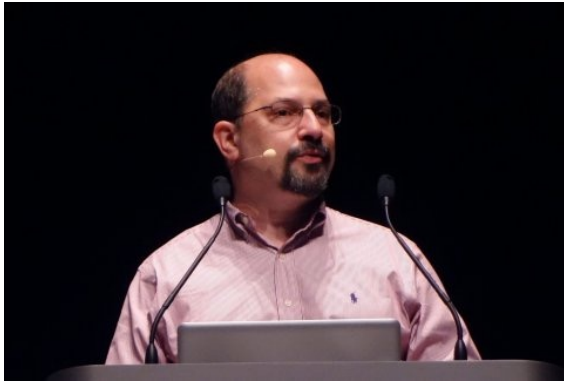
There is no Equality of functions in Java 8

That's the other reason why the first-class citizenship of Java 8 functions is **'impure'**



Why is it that 'lambda expressions **may or may not** have a unique identity'?

Aren't they objects? Don't they inherit the **equals** method of the **Object** class?



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...

lambdas are not objects. I believe **the "lambdas are just objects" position ... slams the door on ... potentially useful directions for language evolution.**

...

e.g. I believe that in order to get to **function types** we have to...

...

The lambdas-are-objects view of the world conflicts with this possible future. The lambdas-are-functions view of the world does not, and preserving this flexibility is one of the points in favor of **not burdening lambdas with even the appearance of object-ness.**

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Lambdas-are-functions opens doors

Lambdas-are-objects closes them

We prefer to see those doors left open

...

Lambdas as
Functions



~~Lambdas as
Objects~~





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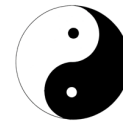
Q: **Are lambda expressions objects?**

A: **Yes, with a qualification:** they are instances of object subtypes, but **do not necessarily possess a unique identity.**

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The question ... must be answered on the basis of **how they fit into the Java's type system, not on how they happen to be implemented at any moment.**

Their status as objects, which stems from the fundamental decision to make them instances of interfaces, has both **positive** and **negative** aspects:



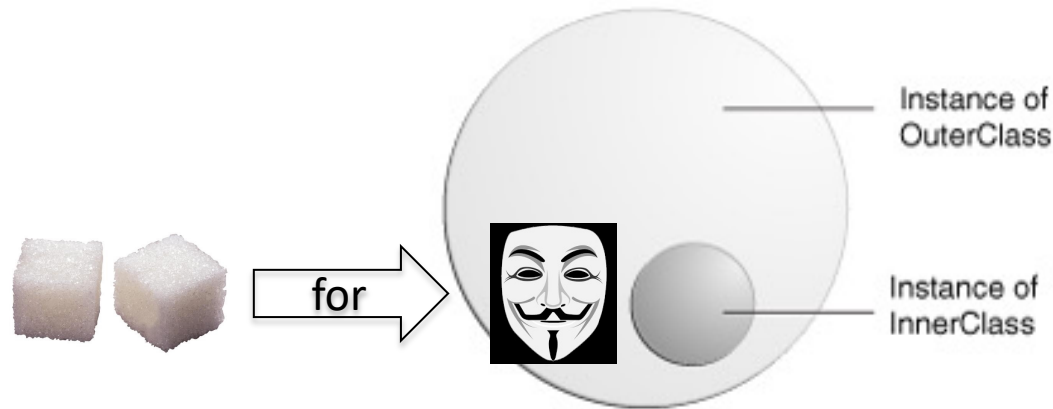
- **lambda expressions inherit the methods of Object.** But note that because lambdas do not necessarily possess a unique identity, **the equals method inherited from Object has no consistent semantics**
- **it enables lambda expressions to fit into the existing type system with relatively little disturbance;**



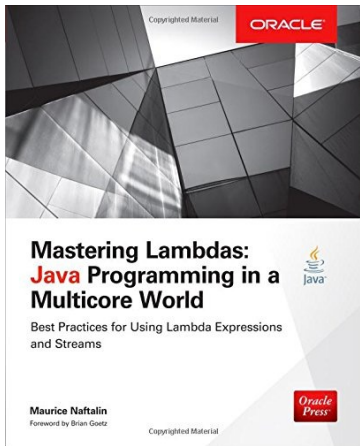
But if a Java 8 lambda expression is not a full-blown object,

() -> λ **NOT AN OBJECT**

how can it be sugar for an anonymous inner class?



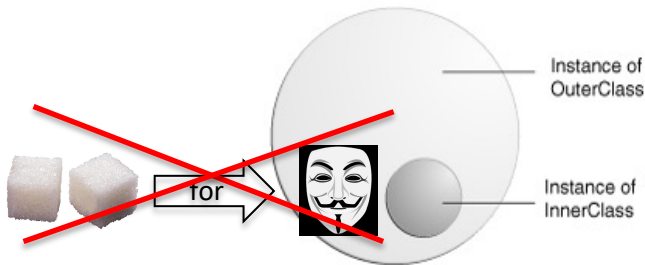
It isn't!!!



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Lambda expressions are sometimes incorrectly called “syntactic sugar” for anonymous inner classes, implying that there is a **simple syntactic transformation between the two**

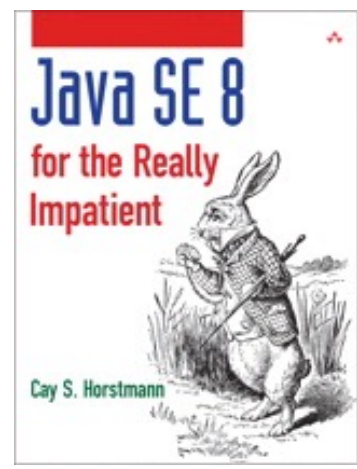


In fact, there are **a number of significant differences**; two in particular are important to the programmer:

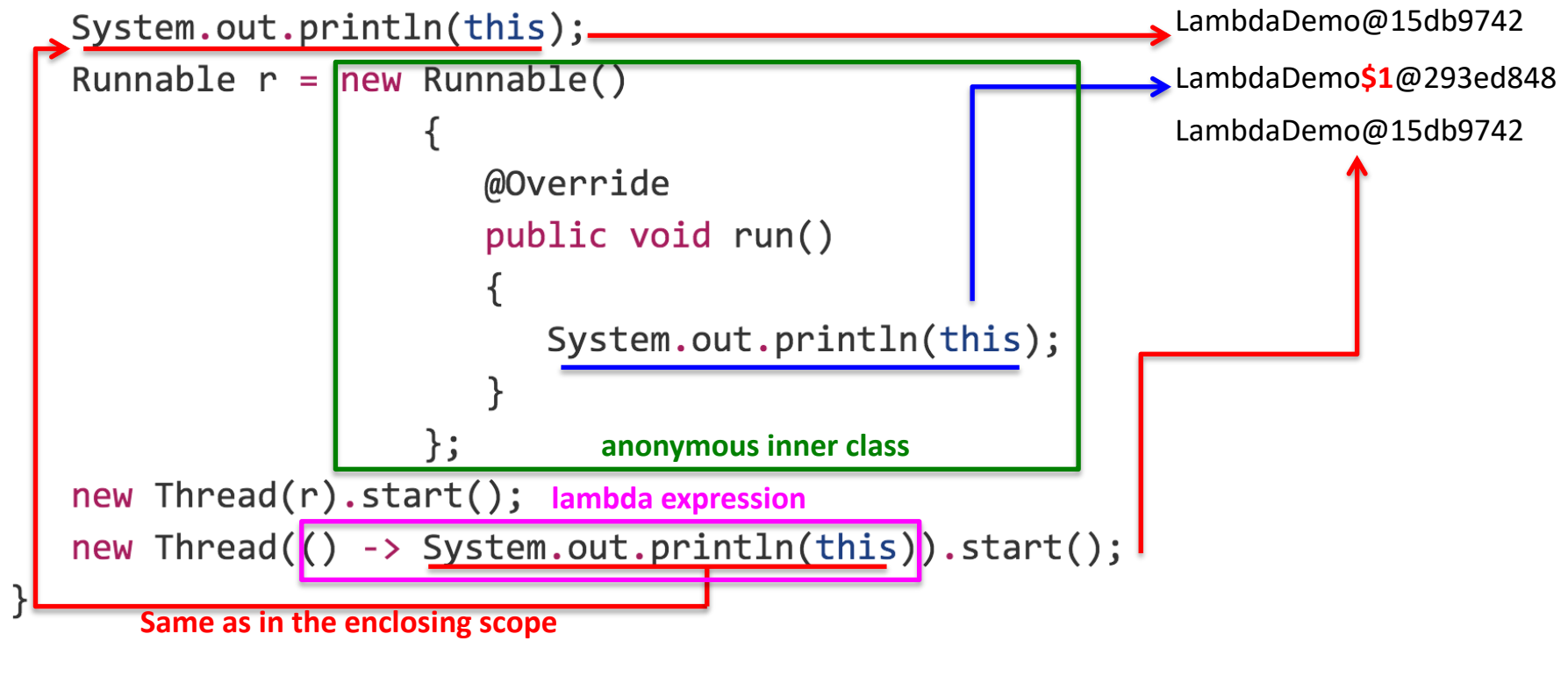
- 1. An inner class creation expression is guaranteed to create a new object with unique identity, while the result of evaluating a lambda expression may or may not have unique identity, depending on the implementation**
- 2. An inner class declaration creates a new naming scope, within which `this` and `super` refer to the current instance of the inner class itself; by contrast, lambda expressions do not introduce any new naming environment**

```
public class LambdaDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        new LambdaDemo().doSomething();
    }
}
```

any **this** or **super** reference that appears in a lambda body is the **same as in the enclosing scope** because **a lambda doesn't introduce a new scope**, which is not the case with **anonymous classes**



```
public void doSomething()
{
```



One question often arises in connection with the rule for interpreting **this**: can a lambda refer to itself?

Remember this definition of factorial?

factorial(n): if n=0 then 1 else n * **factorial**(n - 1)

It was recursive, so the λ -calculus version was problematic because it was self-referential

fact = λn . **if** (**isZero** n) **then 1 else** * n (**fact** (**pred** n))

problematic self reference

We eliminated the self-reference by using the Y combinator

$Y = \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))$



fact = **Y**(λf . λn . **if** (**isZero** n) **then 1 else** * n (**f**(**pred** n)))

solution: implement recursion using the Y combinator

Is it possible in Java 8 to write a **recursive lambda expression**, e.g. one for **factorial**?



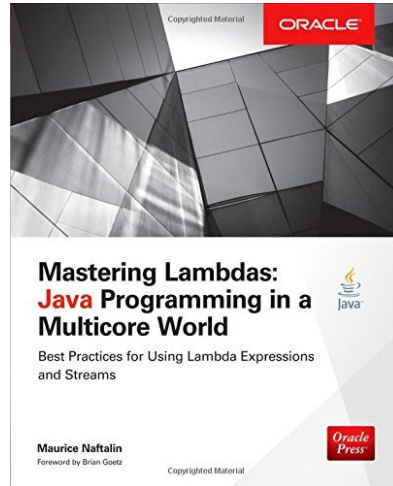
```
public class Factorial
```

```
{  
    UnaryOperator<Integer> fact = n -> n == 0 ? 1 : n * fact.apply(n-1);  
}
```

Illegal self reference



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It is still possible to declare a recursively defined lambda

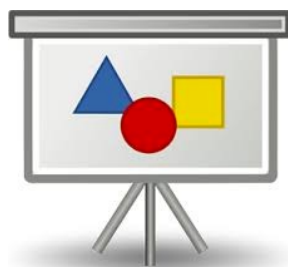
$$Y = \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x x)) (\lambda x. f(x x))$$

not needed

```
public class Factorial
```

```
{  
    UnaryOperator<Integer> fact;  
    public Factorial()  
    {  
        fact = n -> n == 0 ? 1 : n * fact.apply(n-1);  
    }  
}
```

This **idiom** is considered adequate for the relatively unusual occasions on which a **recursive lambda definition** is required.



Slides





Slides



#1

If lambda expressions are not implemented as anonymous inner classes, then how are they implemented?

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Why are lambda expressions not implemented as anonymous inner classes?



If lambda expressions are not implemented as anonymous inner classes, then how are they implemented?

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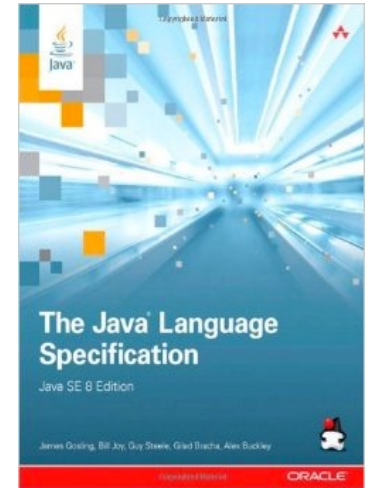


the Java compiler **does not translate** a **lambda expression** into an **anonymous class** during the compilation process

Evaluation of a lambda expression produces an instance of a functional interface

15.27.4 Run-Time Evaluation of Lambda Expressions

At **run time**, evaluation of a lambda expression... **produces a reference to an object**



So how are lambda expressions implemented then?



Let's find out more by comparing the compiler-generated bytecode for the following two classes, which do the same thing, but one using an **anonymous inner class** and the other using a **lambda expression**

```
public class AnonymousInstance
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1,2,3).forEach(
            new IntConsumer()
            {
                @Override
                public void accept(int n) { System.out.println(n); }
            });
    }
}
```

Passes **IntStream.forEach** an anonymous instance of the **IntConsumer functional interface**

new IntConsumer()

```
public class Lambda
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).forEach(
            n -> System.out.println(n));
    }
}
```

Passes **IntStream.forEach** a **lambda expression**

n -> System.out.println(n)

```

public class AnonymousInstance
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1,2,3).forEach( new IntConsumer()
        {
            @Override
            public void accept(int n) { System.out.println(n); }
        });
    }
}

```

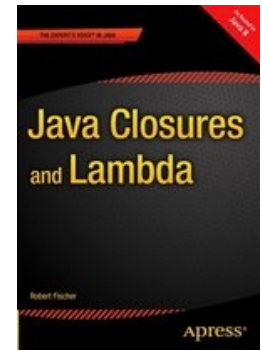
Bytecode of **accept** method of anonymous **IntConsumer** implementation
AnonymousInstance\$1

```

public accept(I)V
L0
  LINENUMBER 13 L0
  GETSTATIC java/lang/System.out : Ljava/io/PrintStream;
  ILOAD 1
  INVOKEVIRTUAL java/io/PrintStream.println (I)V
L1
  LINENUMBER 14 L1
  RETURN
L2
  LOCALVARIABLE this LAnonymousInstance$1; L0 L2 0
  LOCALVARIABLE n I L0 L2 1    MAXSTACK = 2    MAXLOCALS = 2

```

...a **lambda with an inline definition**...What the compiler will do in this case is **create a method for you with that implementation**. That is called a **“synthetic method.”**



```
public class Lambda
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).forEach(n -> System.out.println(n));
    }
}
```

Bytecode of the compiler-generated method for the lambda body:
Lambda.lambda\$main\$0

```
private static synthetic lambda$main$0(I)V
L0
  LINENUMBER 8 L0
  GETSTATIC java/lang/System.out : Ljava/io/PrintStream;
  ILOAD 0
  INVOKEVIRTUAL java/io/PrintStream.println (I)V
  RETURN
L1
  LOCALVARIABLE n I L0 L1 0
  MAXSTACK = 2
  MAXLOCALS = 1
```

Unsurprisingly, the bytecode of **AnonymousInstance\$1.accept** and **Lambda.lambda\$main\$0** is essentially the same (prints an integer parameter to **System.out**)

```
public accept(I)V
```

```
L0
```

```
LINENUMBER 13 L0
```

```
GETSTATIC java/lang/System.out : Ljava/io/PrintStream;
```

```
ILOAD 1
```

```
INVOKEVIRTUAL java/io/PrintStream.println (I)V
```

```
L1
```

```
LINENUMBER 14 L1
```

```
RETURN
```

```
L2
```

```
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```

```
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```

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```
L0
```

```
LINENUMBER 8 L0
```

```
GETSTATIC java/lang/System.out : Ljava/io/PrintStream;
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```
ILOAD 0
```

```
INVOKEVIRTUAL java/io/PrintStream.println (I)V
```

```
RETURN
```

```
L1
```

```
LOCALVARIABLE n I L0 L1 0
```

```
MAXSTACK = 2
```

```
MAXLOCALS = 1
```



Same
Bytecode

```

public class AnonymousInstance
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1,2,3).forEach(new IntConsumer()
        {
            @Override
            public void accept(int n) { System.out.println(n); }
        });
    }
}

public class Lambda
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        IntStream.of(1, 2, 3).forEach(n -> System.out.println(n));
    }
}

```

We saw the two classes using the same bytecode to print an integer to System.out

The same bytecode is used by the two classes to create the stream and to call the stream's **forEach** method with the **IntConsumer**

Different bytecode is used by each class to create the **IntConsumer** instance

OPERATION	CALLING METHOD	WITH ARGUMENT	AND RETURN TYPE
INVOKESTATIC	IntStream.of	integer array	IntStream
???	???	???	???
???	BYTECODE	???	???
???	???	???	???
INVOKEINTERFACE	IntStream.forEach	IntConsumer	void

There is a difference in how the `IntConsumer` instance is created

Bytecode creating **anonymous instance** of `IntConsumer`

```
NEW AnonymousInstance$1
DUP
INVOKESPECIAL AnonymousInstance$1.<init> ()V
```



Instead of generating bytecode to create the object that implements the lambda expression...we describe a recipe for constructing the lambda, and delegate the actual construction to the language runtime. That recipe is encoded in the ...[arguments]... of an **invokedynamic** instruction.

Bytecode creating an **invokedynamic CallSite** (aka lambda factory), which when invoked, returns an instance of `IntConsumer`

```
INVOKEDYNAMIC accept()Ljava/util/function/IntConsumer; [
  // handle kind 0x6 : INVOKESTATIC

java/lang/invoke/LambdaMetafactory.metafactory(...)Ljava/lang/invoke/CallSite;
// arguments:
(I)V,
// handle kind 0x6 : INVOKESTATIC ←
Lambda.Lambda$main$0(I)V,
(I)V
```

A reference to the **synthetic method** created for the inline lambda expression



Who: **Brian Goetz**, Architect, Java Language and Libraries

When: Apr 2012

Page: <http://cr.openjdk.java.net/~briangoetz/lambda/lambda-translation.html>

- There are a number of **strategies** for representing lambda expressions in bytecode
- Each strategy has **pros** and **cons**. E.g. **inner classes** have some **undesirable characteristics** that impact the performance of applications
- **Not committing to a specific strategy** **maximizes flexibility** for future optimization
- Use of **invokedynamic** makes it possible to **defer the selection of a translation strategy until run time**

Why are lambda expressions
not implemented as anonymous
inner classes?

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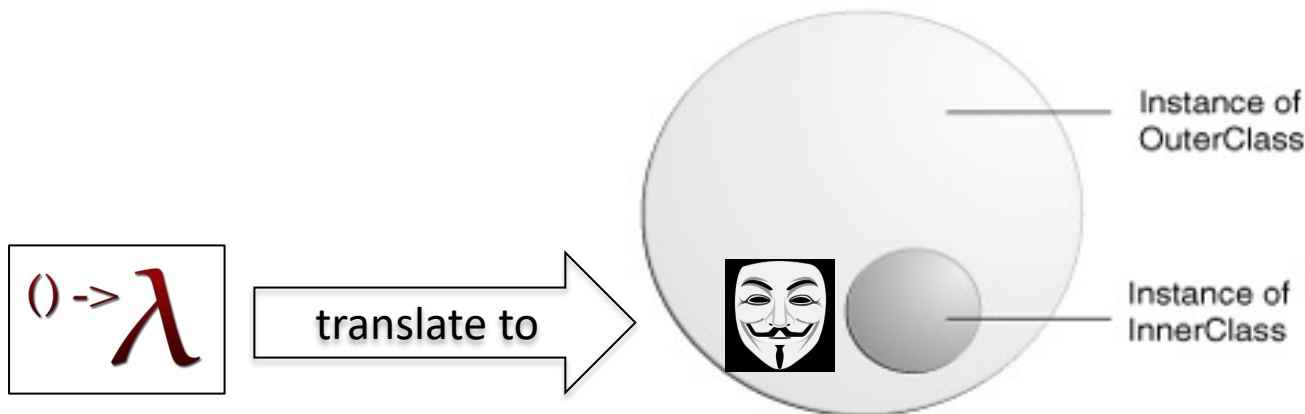
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Recap:

- unlike inner classes, **lambda expressions** may or may not have unique identity, depending on the implementation
- unlike inner class declarations, **lambda expressions** do not introduce a new naming environment

Why these differences?

Why not implement **lambda expressions**
as **anonymous inner classes**?



Short Answer: anonymous classes have some **undesirable characteristics** that impact the performance of applications.



A couple of slides from Brian Goetz's 2013 Talk

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Lambda: A peek under the hood

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Lambda expressions for Java

- Big question #1: what is the *type* of a lambda expression?
 - Most languages with lambdas have some notion of a *function type*
 - Java has no concept of function type
 - JVM has no native (uneraser) representation of function type in VM type signatures
- Adding function types would create many questions
 - How do we represent functions in VM type signatures?
 - How do we create instances of function-typed variables?
 - How do we deal with variance?
- Want to avoid significant VM changes

Why not “just” use inner classes?

- Translating to inner classes means we inherit most of their problems
 - Performance issues
 - One class per lambda expression
 - Type profile pollution
 - Complicated “comb” lookup
- Whatever we do becomes a *binary representation* for lambdas in Java
 - Would be stuck with it forever
 - Would rather not conflate implementation with binary representation



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<http://www.infoq.com/articles/Java-8-Lambdas-A-Peek-Under-the-Hood>

Why are anonymous inner classes **unsatisfactory**?

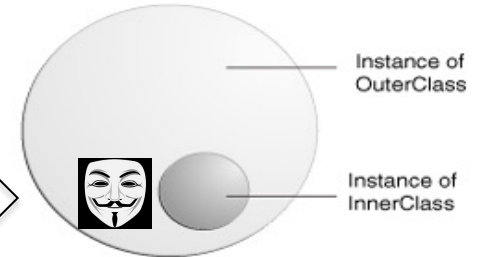
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If lambdas were translated to anonymous inner classes:



`() -> λ`

translate to



1) you'd have **one new class file for each lambda**, which would be **undesirable** because

each class file needs to be loaded and verified before being used, which would **impact the startup performance of applications**



as each anonymous inner class would be loaded it would **take up room** in the JVM's meta-space



2) these anonymous inner classes would be **instantiated into separate objects**

as a consequence, anonymous inner classes would **increase the memory consumption of your application.**



Evaluation of a lambda expression produces an instance of a functional interface

15.27.4 Run-Time Evaluation of Lambda Expressions

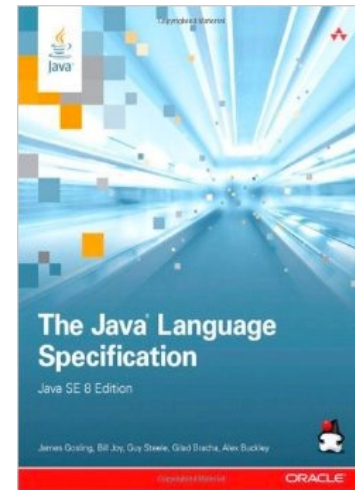
At run time, evaluation of a lambda expression... **produces a reference to an object**

...

Either a new instance of a class ... is allocated and initialized, **or an existing instance** of a class ... is referenced.

... **offer flexibility** to implementations of the Java programming language, in that:

- A **new object need not** be **allocated on every evaluation**.
- Objects produced by different lambda expressions **need not** belong to **different classes** (if the bodies are identical, for example).
- Every object produced by evaluation **need not** belong to the **same class** (captured local variables might be inlined, for example).
- If an “existing instance” is available, it **need not** have been **created at a previous lambda evaluation** (it might have been allocated during the enclosing class’s initialization, for example).





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So, anonymous inner classes have undesirable characteristics that can impact the performance of your application.

Most importantly, choosing to implement lambdas using anonymous inner class from day one would have **limited:**

- **the scope of future lambda implementation changes**
- as well as the **ability for them to evolve** in line with future JVM improvements



To address the concerns ... the Java language and JVM engineers decided to **defer the selection of a translation strategy until run time.**


The **new invokedynamic bytecode instruction** introduced with Java 7 gave them **a mechanism to achieve this in an efficient way.**

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