



# Programming in Java – Part 04

## Lambda expressions



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# Behavior parameterization



# Parameterization

So far, we have seen three types of parameterization, each one serves a different purpose but all of them are associated with some reuse

## “Data” parameterization

*Data* is used as a parameter in method or constructor invocation

## Parametrized type or generic

A type parameter is used to specify the *type of data* upon which classes, interfaces, and methods operate

## Behavior parameterization

An *object implementing some behavior* is used as a parameter in method or constructor invocation



# “Data” parameterization

```
public class Accumulator {  
  
    private int value;  
  
    public void incrementByOne() {  
        value += 1;  
    }  
  
    public void incrementByTwo() {  
        value += 2;  
    }  
  
    public void incrementByThree() {  
        value += 3;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



```
public class Accumulator {  
  
    private int value;  
  
    public void incrementBy(int delta) {  
        value += delta;  
    }  
}
```



# Parametrized type

```
public interface List {  
    void add(Object item);  
    void set(int index, Object item);  
    Object get(int index);  
}
```

```
public interface StringList {  
    void add(String item);  
    void set(int index, String item);  
    String get(int index);  
}
```



```
public interface List<T> {  
    void add(T item);  
    void set(int index, T item);  
    T get(int index);  
}
```



# Behavior parameterization

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Set<String> citiesOfFvg = Set.of("Trieste", "Udine", "Gorizia", "Pordenone");

    TreeSet<String> lengthOrder = new TreeSet<>(new Comparator<String>() {
        @Override
        public int compare(String o1, String o2) {
            return o1.length() - o2.length();
        }
    });
    lengthOrder.addAll(citiesOfFvg);

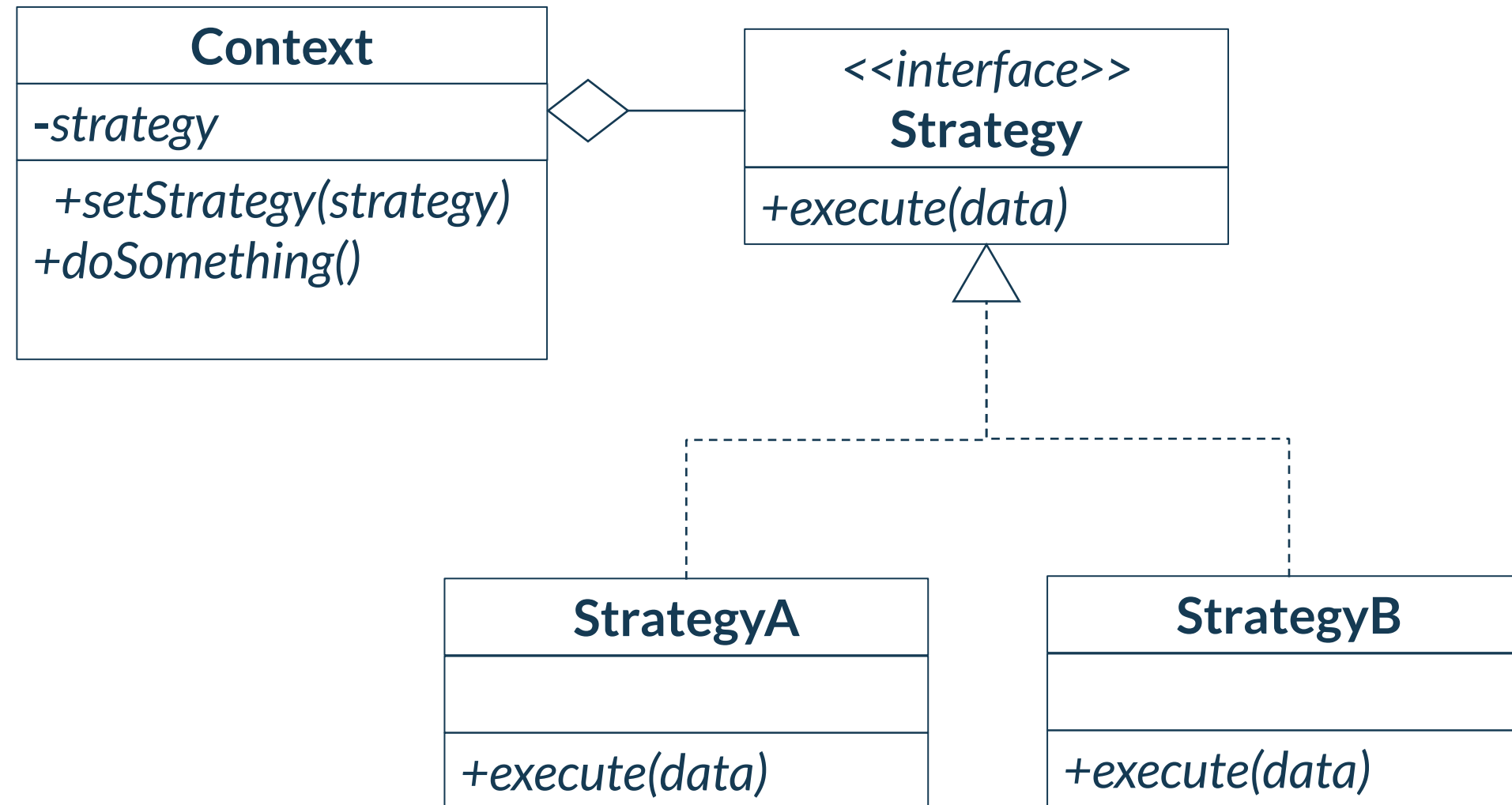
    System.out.println(lengthOrder);
}
```

*The TreeSet class defines a set in which the elements are sorted by a criteria, but it doesn't define what's the criteria*





# Digression – Strategy pattern





# Digression – The open-closed principle

*"software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension, but closed for modification"*

*Abstract methods  
(inheritance)*

*Strategy pattern  
(composition)*

# Example List.sort()

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {  
    ...  
    default void sort(Comparator<? super E> c) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface Comparator<T> {  
    int compare(T o1, T o2);  
    ...  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();  
    list.add("Trieste");  
    list.add("Muggia");  
    list.add("Duino-Aurisina");  
    list.add("Sgonico");  
    list.add("Monrupino");  
    list.add("San Dorligo della Valle");  
  
    list.sort(new Comparator<String>() {  
        @Override  
        public int compare(String o1, String o2) {  
            return o1.compareTo(o2);  
        }  
    });  
  
    System.out.println(list);  
}
```



# Example Thread

```
public class Thread implements Runnable {  
    public Thread()  
  
    public Thread(Runnable target)  
  
    public Thread(String name)  
  
    public Thread(Runnable target, String name)  
  
    ...  
}
```

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

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    var thread = new Thread(new Runnable() {  
        @Override  
        public void run() {  
            while (true) {  
                System.out.println("Running");  
                try {  
                    Thread.sleep(5000);  
                } catch (Exception ex) {  
                    ex.printStackTrace();  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    });  
    thread.start();  
    System.out.println("End of main");  
}
```



# Example JButton action

```
public class JButton extends AbstractButton {  
  
    ...  
    public void addActionListener(ActionListener l) {  
        listenerList.add(ActionListener.class, l);  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {  
  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);  
  
}
```

```
JButton button = new JButton("Click here!");  
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(button, "Hello, World!");  
    }  
});
```



# Example with logging

```
public class Logger {  
    ...  
    public void log(Level level, String msg) {  
        if (!isLoggable(level)) {  
            return;  
        }  
        LogRecord lr = new LogRecord(level, msg);  
        doLog(lr);  
    }  
}
```

```
public void log(Level level, Supplier<String> msgSupplier) {  
    if (!isLoggable(level)) {  
        return;  
    }  
    LogRecord lr = new LogRecord(level, msgSupplier.get());  
    doLog(lr);  
}
```

```
public interface Supplier<T> {  
    T get();  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Logger logger = Logger.getAnonymousLogger();  
    logger.log(Level.INFO, Arrays.toString(args));  
    logger.log(Level.INFO, new Supplier<String>() {  
        @Override  
        public String get() {  
            return Arrays.toString(args);  
        }  
    });  
}
```

The string is *lazily* created  
only when needed



# What do they have in common?

```
public interface Comparator<T> {  
    int compare(T o1, T o2);  
}
```

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

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# Functional interfaces

A *functional interface* is an interface that contains *only one abstract method*

The abstract method is called *function descriptor*

*Is behavior parameterization limited to functional interfaces? Not necessarily!*

*Functional interfaces are just a very common case of behavior parameterization*

*Functional interfaces can be implemented by “regular” classes, anonymous classes, lambda expressions, and method references*







# Lambda expressions



A **lambda expression** is an implementation of a functional interface (or of the function descriptor)



# Example JButton action

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    ...  
    public void addActionListener(ActionListener l) {  
        listenerList.add(ActionListener.class, l);  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {  
  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);  
  
}
```

```
JButton button = new JButton("Click here!");  
button.addActionListener(e -> JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(button, "Hello, World!"));
```



# Example with logging

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    ...  
    public void log(Level level, String msg) {  
        if (!isLoggable(level)) {  
            return;  
        }  
        LogRecord lr = new LogRecord(level, msg);  
        doLog(lr);  
    }  
  
    public void log(Level level, Supplier<String> msgSupplier) {  
        if (!isLoggable(level)) {  
            return;  
        }  
        LogRecord lr = new LogRecord(level, msgSupplier.get());  
        doLog(lr);  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Logger logger = Logger.getAnonymousLogger();  
  
    logger.log(Level.INFO, Arrays.toString(args));  
  
    logger.log(Level.INFO, () -> Arrays.toString(args));  
}
```

```
public interface Supplier<T> {  
    T get();  
}
```



# Example List.sort()

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {  
  
    ...  
  
    default void sort(Comparator<? super E> c) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface Comparator<T> {  
  
    int compare(T o1, T o2);  
  
    ...  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();  
    list.add("Trieste");  
    list.add("Muggia");  
    list.add("Duino-Aurisina");  
    list.add("Sgonico");  
    list.add("Monrupino");  
    list.add("San Dorligo della Valle");  
  
    list.sort((o1, o2) -> o1.compareTo(o2));  
}  
  
System.out.println(list);
```



# Example Thread

```
public class Thread implements Runnable {  
  
    public Thread()  
  
    public Thread(Runnable target)  
  
    public Thread(String name)  
  
    public Thread(Runnable target, String name)  
  
    ...  
}
```

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

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
    var thread = new Thread(() -> {  
        System.out.println("Running");  
        try {  
            Thread.sleep(1000);  
        } catch (Exception ex) {  
            ex.printStackTrace();  
        }  
    });  
    thread.start();  
    System.out.println("End of main");  
}
```



# Lambda syntax

$(x1, x2) \rightarrow x1 + x2$

*lambda parameters*  $\rightarrow$  *lambda body*

*parameters  
required by the  
lambda  
expression*

*arrow operator, reads  
as "becomes" or  
"goes to"*

*the actions of the  
lambda expression*

*Are we summing up two Integers, two Doubles,  
one Integer and one Double, or concatenating two Strings?*





# Summary of lambda syntax

Lambda parameters	
()	<i>empty parameters list</i>
param or (param)	<i>single parameter</i>
(param1, param2, ..., paramN)	<i>multiple parameters are enclosed in brackets</i>



Lambda body	
expression	<i>single expression style</i>
{ ... return expression}	<i>block style returning a value</i>
{ ... }	<i>block style with no return value</i>

A lambda **must be compatible** with the method defined by the functional interface

- *parameters*
- *return value*
- *thrown exceptions*



# Examples

<pre>ActionListener l = e -&gt; showMessageDialog("Hello, World!");</pre>	<i>one parameter ActionEvent no return value</i>
<pre>Comparator&lt;Comparable&gt; c = (o1, o2) -&gt; o1.compareTo(o2);</pre>	<i>two parameters Comparable int return value</i>
<pre>Comparator&lt;String&gt; c = (o1, o2) -&gt; o1.compareTo(o2);</pre>	<i>two parameters String int return value</i>
<pre>Supplier s = () -&gt; Arrays.toString(args)</pre>	<i>no parameters Object return value</i>
<pre>Supplier&lt;String&gt; s = () -&gt; Arrays.toString(args)</pre>	<i>no parameters String return value</i>
<pre>Runnable r = () -&gt; { try {     System.out.println("running"); sleep(1000); } catch (Exception ex) {     ex.printStackTrace(); } }</pre>	<i>no parameters no return value</i>

Parameter types and return value are *inferred* from the implemented functional interface

To increase readability, we can specify the parameter types

The same lambda expression can be assigned to different functional interfaces



# Capturing lambdas

Can lambda expressions use variables *outside* the scope of the lambda?

Yes, with the same restrictions of anonymous classes

```
public class CapturingLambda {  
  
    private double a = 3.14;  
  
    public CapturingLambda() {  
        double b = 0.1;  
        Runnable lambda = () -> System.out.println(a + b);  
        lambda.run();  
        a = 6;  
        lambda.run();  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        CapturingLambda capturingLambda = new CapturingLambda();  
    }  
}
```

Local variables must be  
*final* or *effectively final*

No restrictions on instance  
variables



# Take aways

- ❑ *Lambda expressions are implementations of functional interfaces and function descriptors*
- ❑ *Lambda expressions are both objects and functions at the same time*
- ❑ *Parameters and return types can be inferred from the implemented functional interface*
- ❑ *Local variables can be used only if final or effectively final*
- ❑ *Instance variables can be used without restrictions*





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# Method references

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# Method references

The implementation of a function interface require the specification of a *compatible method*

A functional interface can be implemented by a compatible

- Java class (possibly anonymous)
- lambda expression
- *method reference*

```
interface IntFunction<T> {
    int apply(T t);
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    IntFunction<String> f1 = x -> x.length();
    IntFunction<String> f2 = String::length;

    System.out.println(f1.apply("Software Development Method"));
    System.out.println(f2.apply("Java is great!"));
}
```

Any method that applied to a String return an int

Reference to the length method of the String class, invoked on the parameter



# Method references

*class name :: method name*

```
interface IntBiFunction<T, U> {  
    int apply(T t, U u);  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    IntBiFunction<String, Character> b1 = (s, c) -> s.indexOf(c);  
    IntBiFunction<String, Character> b2 = String::indexOf;  
  
    System.out.println(b1.apply("Software Development Methods", 't'));  
    System.out.println(b2.apply("Java is great!", 't'));  
}
```

*The first parameter of the lambda is the object upon which we invoke the method*

*The next parameters of the lambda become the actual parameters of the method*





# Static method references

*class name :: static method name*

```
interface LongSupplier {  
    long get();  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    LongSupplier s1 = () -> System.currentTimeMillis();  
    LongSupplier s2 = System::currentTimeMillis;  
  
    System.out.println(s1.get());  
    System.out.println(s2.get());  
}
```

Any method taking 0 arguments and returning a long value

Reference to the `currentTimeMillis` static method of the `System` class



# Class constructor references

*class name :: new*

```
interface ListSupplier {  
    List get();  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    ListSupplier s1 = () -> new ArrayList();  
    ListSupplier s2 = ArrayList::new;  
  
    System.out.println(s1.get());  
    System.out.println(s2.get());  
}
```



# Instance method references

*object reference :: method name*

```
interface RandomGenerator {  
    int get(int scale);  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Random random = new Random();  
    RandomGenerator g1 = s -> random.nextInt(s);  
    RandomGenerator g2 = random::nextInt;  
  
    System.out.println(g1.get(10));  
    System.out.println(g2.get(10));  
}
```

*The lambda expressions uses a method defined in an object captured by the lambda*



# Class constructor references

```
interface ListSupplier {  
    List get();  
}  
  
interface ListSupplier2 {  
    List get(int capacity);  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    ListSupplier s1 = () -> new ArrayList();  
    ListSupplier s2 = ArrayList::new;  
  
    System.out.println(s1.get());  
    System.out.println(s2.get());  
  
    ListSupplier2 s3 = c -> new ArrayList(c);  
    ListSupplier2 s4 = ArrayList::new;  
  
    System.out.println(s3.get(25));  
    System.out.println(s4.get(25));  
}
```

*Is this code legal?*

*Are they references to the same constructor?*

*The, sad, answer is NO!*



# Take aways

- ❑ *In most cases method references can replace lambda expressions*
- ❑ *It takes a while to get used to method references*





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# The `java.util.function` package

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# Basic functional interfaces in java.util.function

Interface	Function	Purpose
Function<T, R>	R apply(T t)	Apply an operation to an object of type T and return the result as an object of type R
Consumer<T>	void accept(T t)	Apply an operation on an object of type T
Supplier<T>	T get()	Return an object of type T
Predicate<T>	boolean test(T t)	Determine if an object of type T fulfills some constraint. Return a boolean value that indicates the outcome





# Function<T, R>

```
Function<Integer, String> p = x -> ":" + x + ":";  
System.out.println(p.apply(3));  
  
Function<Integer, Integer> f1 = x -> x * 2;  
Function<String, String> f2 = x -> x + x;  
  
System.out.println(p.compose(f1).andThen(f2).apply(3));
```

*The Function interface is close to the idea of “function” we have from mathematics*

*In general, a function is not expected to produce side-effects*

Default methods	Description
<V> Function<T,V> andThen(Function<? super R,? extends V> after)	Returns a composed function that first applies this function to its input, and then applies the after function to the result
<V> Function<V,R> compose(Function<? super V,? extends T> before)	Returns a composed function that first applies the before function to its input, and then applies this function to the result



# Consumer<T>

```
Consumer<String> c = x -> System.out.println(x);  
Consumer<String> c2 = c.andThen(y -> System.err.println(y));  
c2.accept("Software Development Methods");
```

*A Consumer performs an action given an item*

*A consumer is not a “function” in mathematical sense, and it is expected to produce side-effects*

Default methods	Description
<code>Consumer&lt;T&gt; andThen(Consumer&lt;? super T&gt; after)</code>	<i>Returns a composed Consumer that performs, in sequence, this operation followed by the after operation</i>



# Supplier<T>

```
Supplier<Long> s = () -> System.currentTimeMillis();  
System.out.println(s.get());  
Supplier<String> m = () -> Arrays.toString(args);  
Logger.getAnonymousLogger().log(Level.INFO, m);
```

*A Supplier provides a value*

*A supplier doesn't take any argument, it can be easily associated with lazy evaluation*

*The returned value is not evaluated in advance but only when it is needed*



# Predicate<T>

```
Predicate<Integer> greaterThanZero = x -> x > 0;  
Predicate<Integer> smallerThanOrEqualToZero = greaterThanZero.negate();  
Predicate<Integer> smallerThanFive = x -> x < 5;  
Predicate<Integer> betweenZeroAndFive = greaterThanZero.and(smallerThanFive);  
Predicate<Integer> notBetweenZeroAndFive = betweenZeroAndFive.negate();  
  
System.out.println(notBetweenZeroAndFive.test(6));
```

Default methods	Description
<code>Predicate&lt;T&gt; and(Predicate&lt;? super T&gt; other)</code>	<i>Returns a composed predicate that represents a short-circuiting logical AND of this predicate and another</i>
<code>Predicate&lt;T&gt; negate()</code>	<i>Returns a predicate that represents the logical negation of this predicate</i>
<code>Predicate&lt;T&gt; or(Predicate&lt;? super T&gt; other)</code>	<i>Returns a composed predicate that represents a short-circuiting logical OR of this predicate and another.</i>



# Variations

- *Functions have a natural arity based on how they are most used.*
- *The basic shapes can be modified by an arity prefix to indicate a different arity, such as BiFunction (binary function from T and U to R).*
- *There are additional derived function shapes which extend the basic function shapes, including UnaryOperator (extends Function) and BinaryOperator (extends BiFunction).*

Interface	Function	Purpose
<code>BiFunction&lt;T, U, R&gt;</code>	<code>R apply(T t, U u)</code>	<i>Accepts two arguments and produces a result, this is the two-arity specialization of Function</i>
<code>UnaryOperator&lt;T&gt;</code>	<code>T apply(T t)</code>	<i>Operation on a single operand that produces a result of the same type as its operand, this is a specialization of Function where the operand and the result are of the same type</i>
<code>BinaryOperator&lt;T&gt;</code>	<code>T apply(T t0, T t1)</code>	<i>Operation upon two operands of the same type, producing a result of the same type as the operands. This is a specialization of BiFunction for the case where the operands and the result are all the same type</i>

# Specializations

- *Type parameters of functional interfaces can be specialized to primitives with additional type prefixes*
- *To specialize the return type for a type that has both generic return type and generic arguments, we prefix ToXxx, as in ToIntFunction*
- *Otherwise, type arguments are specialized left-to-right, as in DoubleConsumer or ObjIntConsumer*
- *These schemes can be combined, as in IntToDoubleFunction*
- *If there are specialization prefixes for all arguments, the arity prefix may be left out*

Interface	Function	Purpose
ToIntFunction<T>	<code>int applyAsInt(T value)</code>	<i>Produce an int-valued result</i>
DoubleConsumer	<code>accept(double value)</code>	<i>Perform an operation on a Double value</i>
ObjIntConsumer<T>	<code>accept(T t, int value)</code>	<i>Operation that accepts an object-valued and an int-valued argument, returns no result</i>
IntToDoubleFunction	<code>double applyAsDouble(int value)</code>	<i>Accepts an int-valued argument and produces a double-valued result</i>

# Take aways

- ❑ *The `java.util.function` package defines functional interfaces for common operations, such as `Function`, `Consumer`, `Supplier`, `Predicate`*
- ❑ *Variations on arity or derived extensions are available*
- ❑ *Specialized versions exist to work with `int`, `long`, and `double` primitive types*
- ❑ *Provided default methods allow the combination of such operations*







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# Assignment

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# Assignment

*Reimplement the TermFrequency assignment by using lambda expressions/method references. And by allowing the user to print the table following different sorting strategies.*





Thank you!

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