

Recognize the Structure & Functionality of the Java Completable Futures Framework

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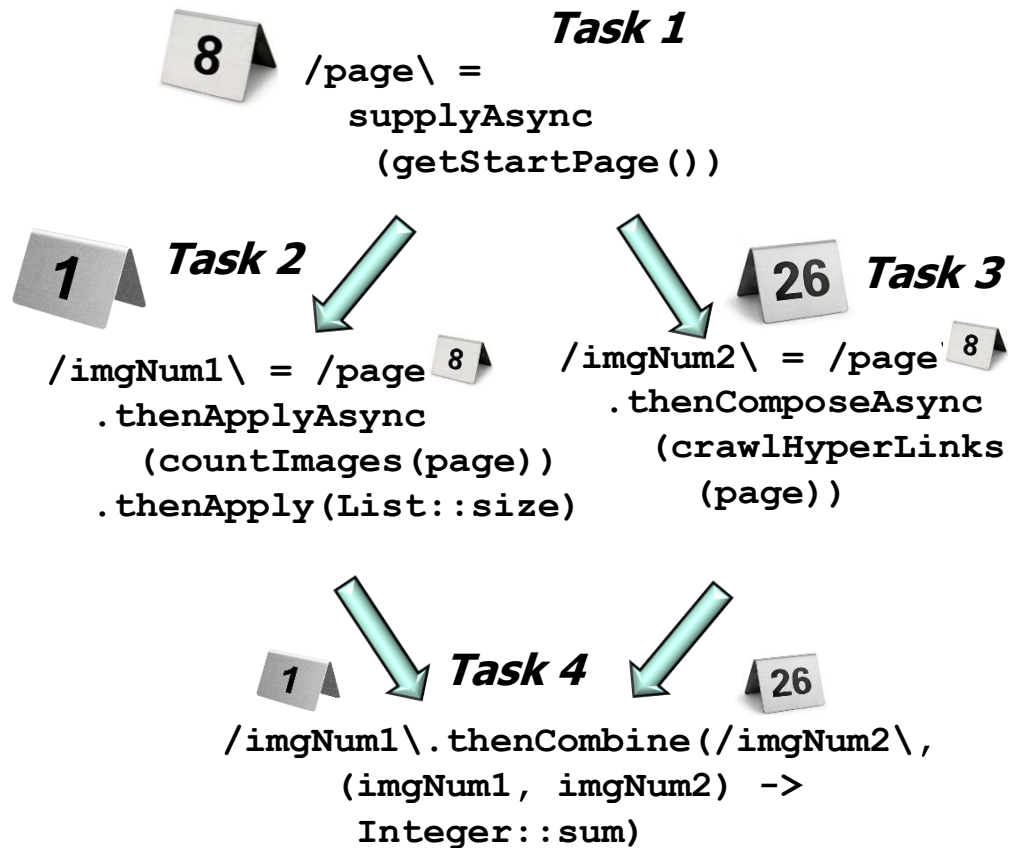
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

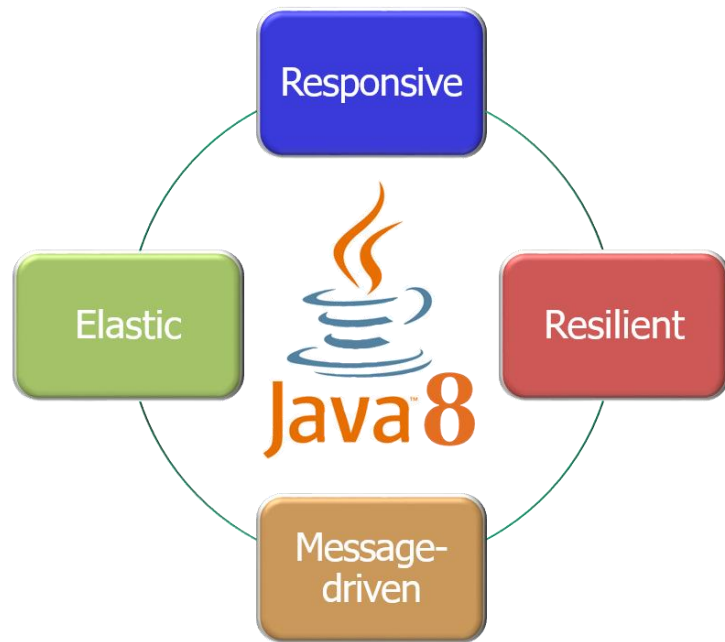
- Understand the key principles underlying reactive programming
- Recognize the Java completable futures framework's structure & functionality



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- Java's completable futures framework provides an asynchronous & reactive parallel programming model



Class `CompletableFuture<T>`

```
java.lang.Object  
    java.util.concurrent.CompletableFuture<T>
```

All Implemented Interfaces:

```
CompletionStage<T>, Future<T>
```

```
public class CompletableFuture<T>  
    extends Object  
    implements Future<T>, CompletionStage<T>
```

A `Future` that may be explicitly completed (setting its value and status), and may be used as a `CompletionStage`, supporting dependent functions and actions that trigger upon its completion.

When two or more threads attempt to `complete`, `completeExceptionally`, or `cancel` a `CompletableFuture`, only one of them succeeds.

In addition to these and related methods for directly manipulating status and results, `CompletableFuture` implements interface `CompletionStage` with the following policies:

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/CompletableFuture.html

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Step 1: Get start page

Step 2: Count images on the page

Step 3: Count images on all hyperlinked pages

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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_crawler

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 - The time needed to perform all these steps is the sum of each step sequentially



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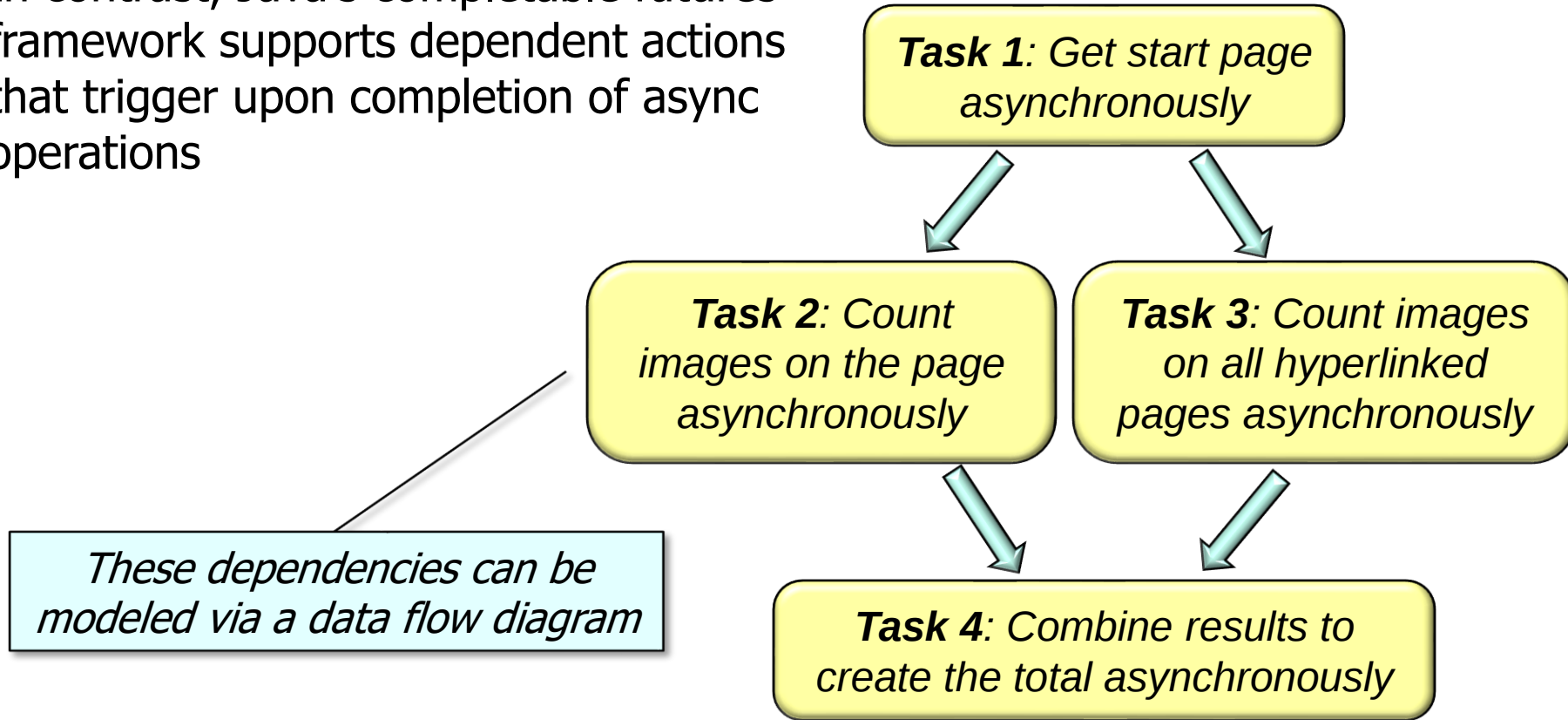
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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequential_algorithm

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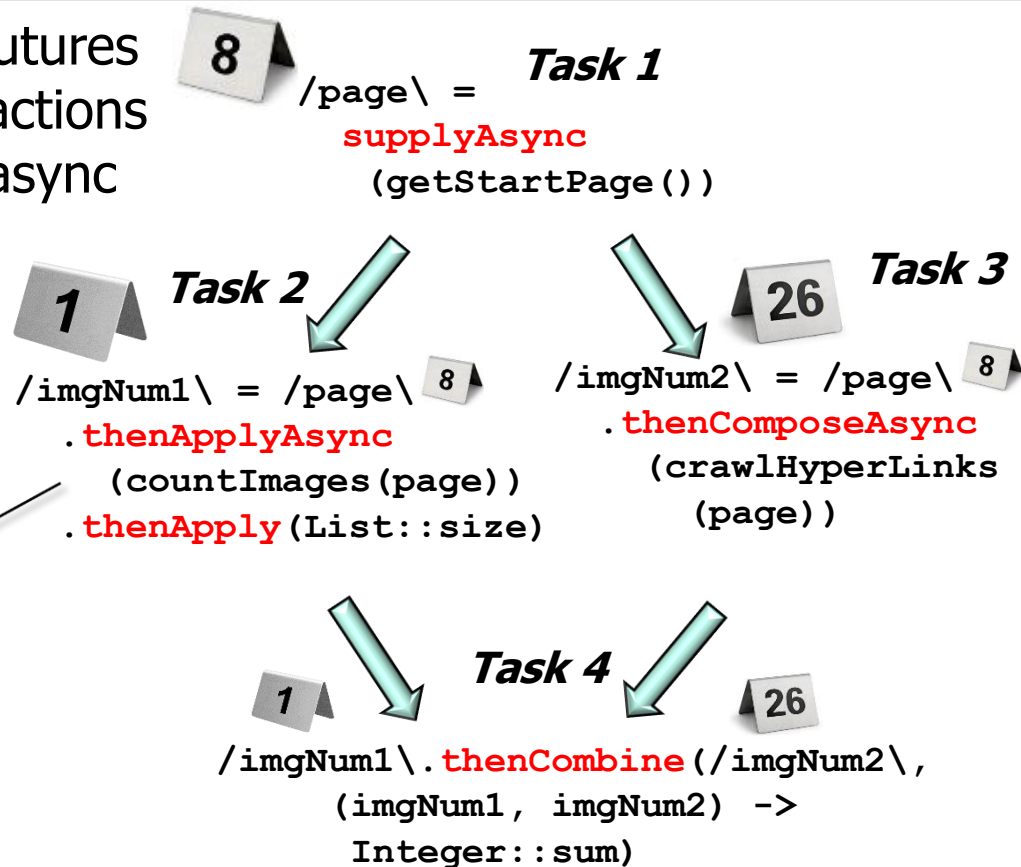
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See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data-flow diagram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data-flow_diagram)

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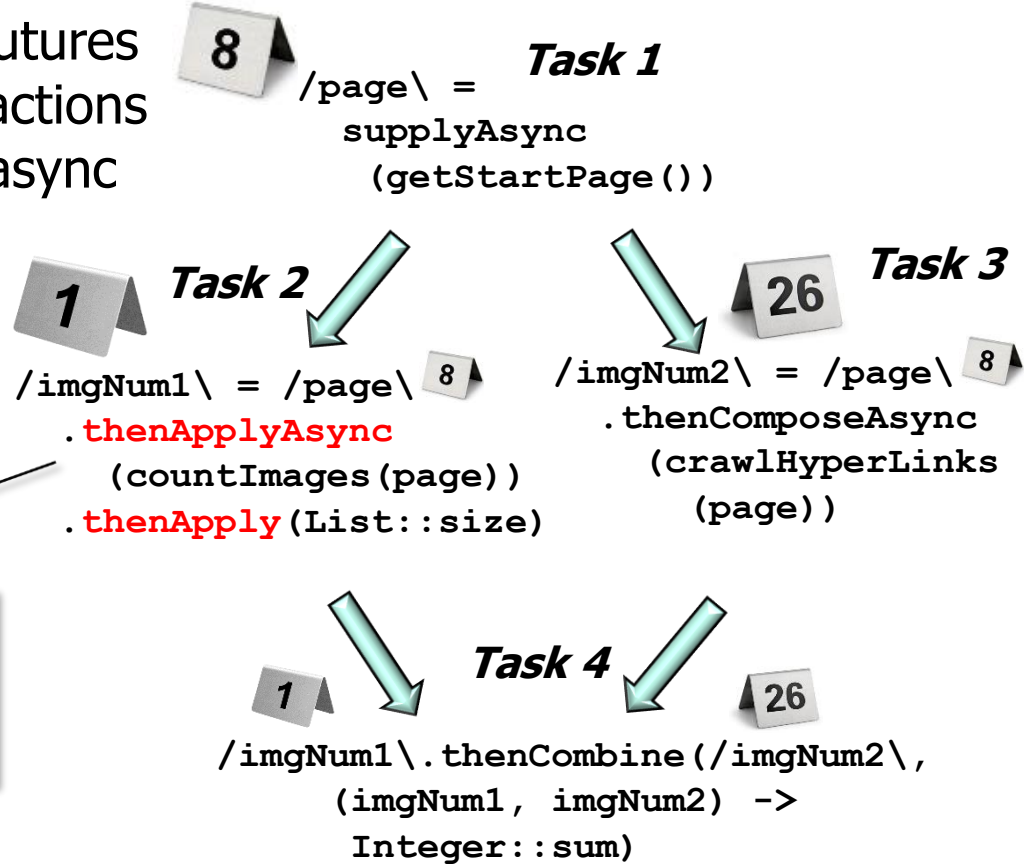
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*Async operations can be
forked, chained, & joined*

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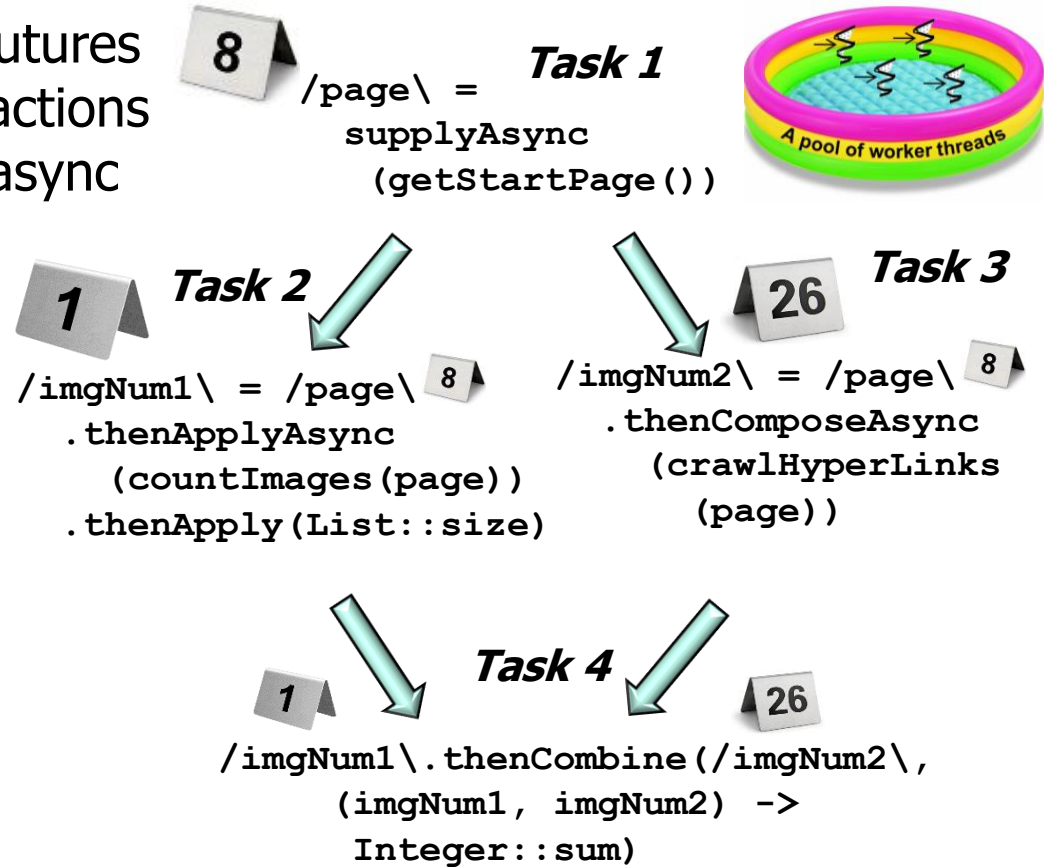
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Enables async programming to resemble sync programming via "completion stages"

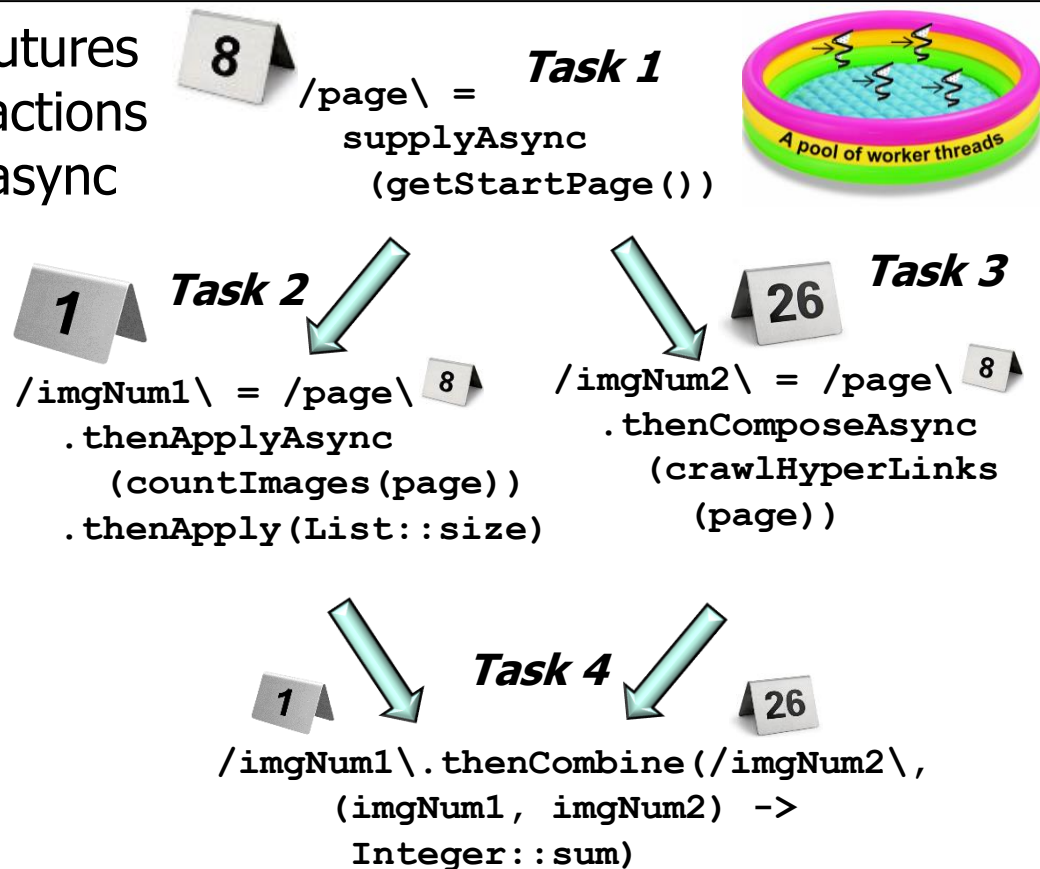
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 - Either a (common) fork-join pool or various types of pre- or user-defined thread pools



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- These async operations can run in a thread pool
- The time needed to perform these tasks depends on how well tasks can be parallelized

$$\text{Speedup}(N) = \frac{1}{(1-P) + \frac{P}{N}}$$

Serial part of job =
1 (100%) - Parallel part

Parallel part is divided
up by N workers

8 *Task 1*
`/page\ = supplyAsync
 (getStartPage())`



1 *Task 2*
`/imgNum1\ = /page\ 8
 .thenApplyAsync
 (countImages(page))
 .thenApply(List::size)`

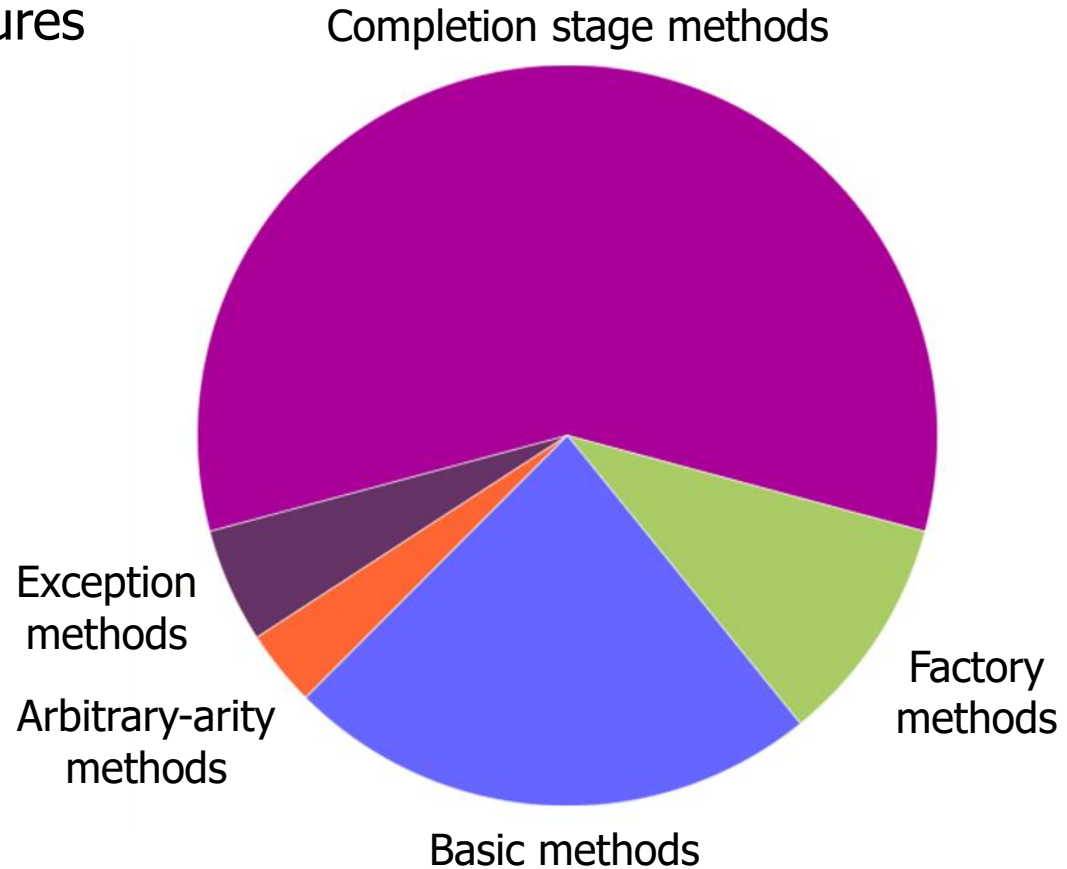
26 *Task 3*
`/imgNum2\ = /page\ 8
 .thenComposeAsync
 (crawlHyperLinks
 (page))`

1 *Task 4* **26**
`/imgNum1\.thenCombine(/imgNum2\
 (imgNum1, imgNum2) ->
 Integer::sum)`

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amdahl's_law

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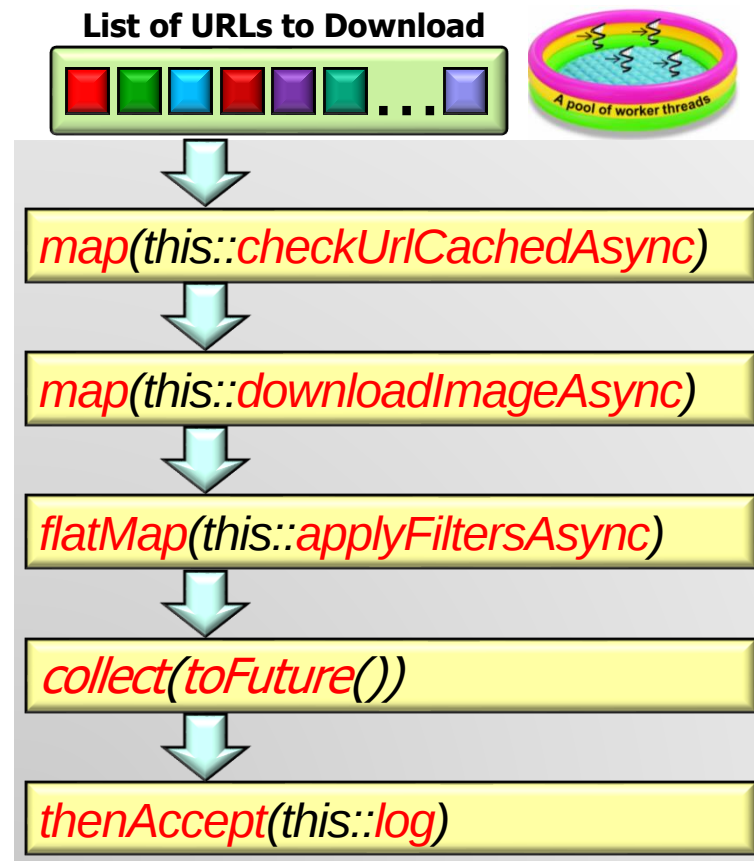
- The entire Java completable futures framework resides in one public class with 60+ methods



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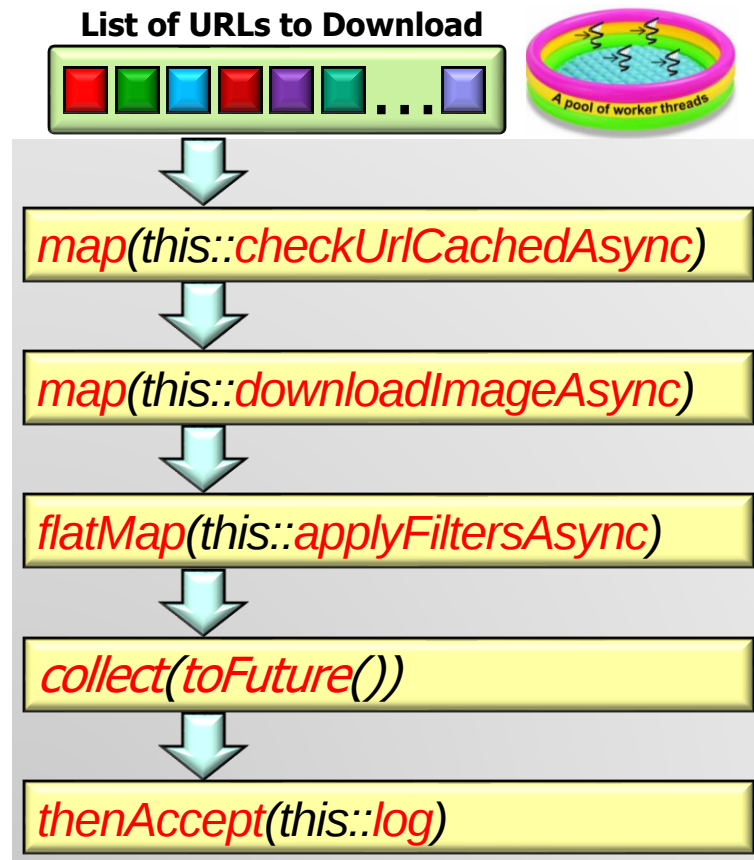
- Java completable futures, sequential streams, & functional programming features can be combined nicely!!



See github.com/douglasraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/ImageStreamGang

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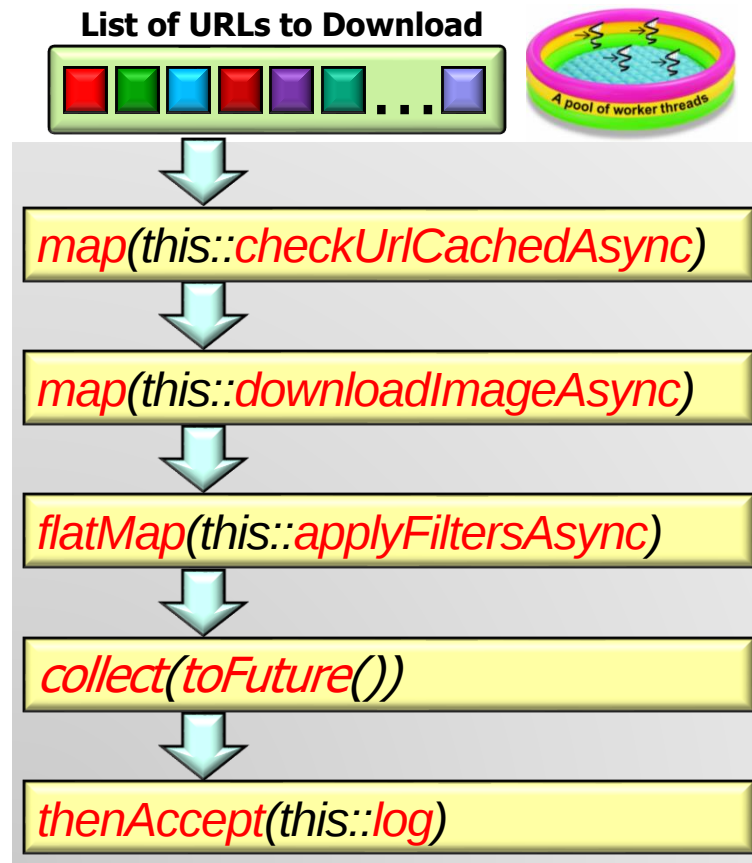
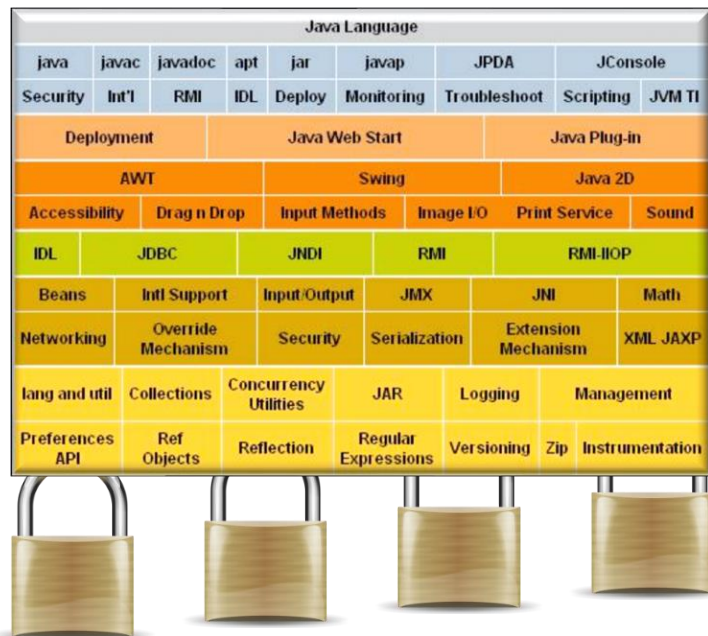
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Alleviates many accidental & inherent complexities of parallel programming

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Java class libraries handle locking needed to protect shared mutable state

End of Recognize the Structure & Functionality of the Java Completable Futures Framework