Understand Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Factory Method Internals

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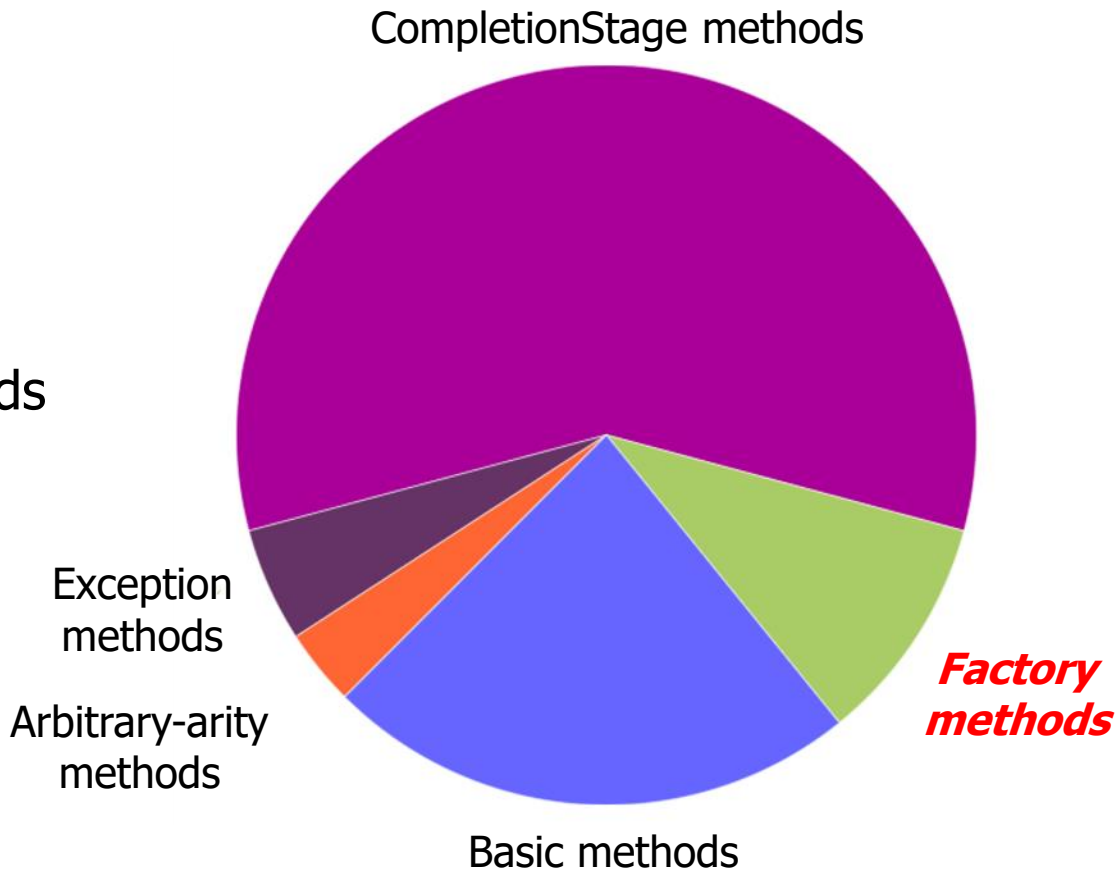
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand advanced features of completable futures, e.g.
  - Factory methods initiate async computations
    - Applying factory methods
    - Internals of factory methods



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See github.com/douglascraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/Java8/ex8

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supplyAsync() does not create a new thread!

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

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Instead, it return a future that's completed by a worker thread running in common fork-join pool

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supplyAsync()'s parameter is a supplier lambda that multiplies two BigFractions

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Although Supplier.get() takes no params, effectively final values can be passed to this supplier lambda.

See javarevisited.blogspot.com/2015/03/what-is-effectively-final-variable-of.html

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The worker thread calls the Supplier.get() method to obtain this supplier lambda & perform the computation

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Here's how supplyAsync() code uses the supplier passed to it

See classes/java/util/concurrent/CompletableFuture.java

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The supplier parameter is bound to the lambda passed to supplyAsync()

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The supplier is encapsulated in an AsyncSupply message.

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This message is enqueued for async execution in common fork-join pool.

This design is one example of "message passing" *a la* Reactive programming!

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Async extends ForkJoinTask & Runnable so it can be executed in a thread pool

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AsyncSupply stores the original supplier lambda passed into supplyAsync()

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A worker thread in the pool then runs the supplier lambda asynchronously

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This get() method could use ForkJoinPool ManagedBlocker mechanism to auto-scale the pool size for blocking operations

See earlier lesson on "*The Java Fork-Join Pool: the ManagedBlocker Interface*"

End of Understand Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Factory Method Internals