Understand Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Single Stage Completion Methods

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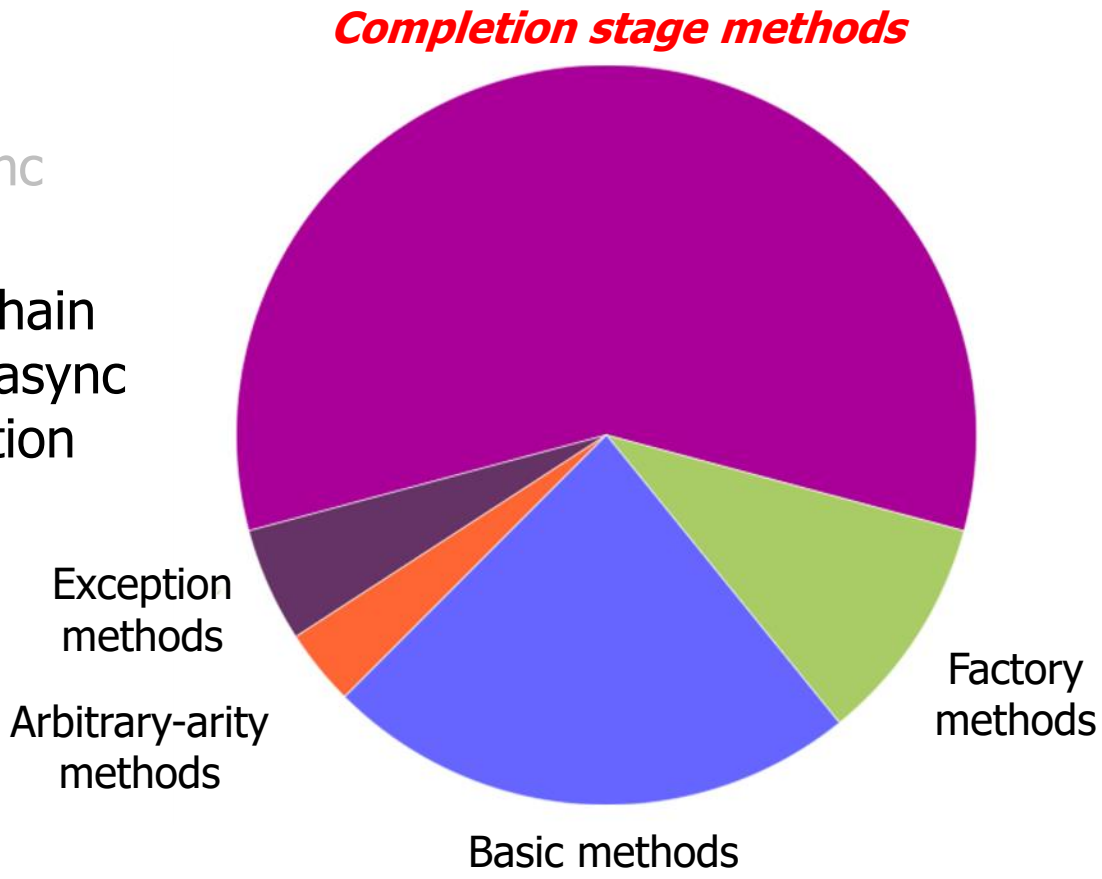
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand advanced features of completable futures, e.g.
  - Factory methods initiate async computations
  - Completion stage methods chain together actions to perform async result processing & composition
    - Method grouping
    - Single stage methods



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    - Used for a quick *sync* action that returns a value rather than a future

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            new BigInteger("..."),
            false); // Don't reduce!

Supplier<BigFraction> reduce = ()
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CompletableFuture
   .supplyAsync(reduce)
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                ::toMixedString)
   ...
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e.g., toMixedString() returns a string value

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

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thenCompose() is similar to flatMap() on a Stream or Optional

See dzone.com/articles/understanding-flatmap

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         CompletableFuture<BF>>
  reduceAndMultiplyFractions =
    unreduced -> CompletableFuture
    .supplyAsync
      (() -> BF.reduce(unreduced))


    .thenCompose
      (reduced -> CompletableFuture
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This function reduces & multiplies big fractions

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Reduce big fraction asynchronously & return a completable future

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supplyAsync() returns a future, but thenCompose() "flattens" this future

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

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    - Avoids unwieldy nesting of futures à la thenApply()

Nesting is unwieldy!

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Flattening is more concise!

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  .thenApplyAsync(reduced
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...
```

thenApplyAsync() can often replace thenCompose(supplyAsync()) nestings

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CompletableFuture<Integer> countF =
   .CompletableFuture
      .supplyAsync
         (() ->
          longRunnerReturnsCF())

      .thenCompose
        (Function.identity())
...
```

supplyAsync() will return a CompletableFuture to a CompletableFuture here!!

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This idiom flattens the return value to "just" one CompletableFuture!

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      .thenComposeAsync
        (this::longBlockerReturnsCF)
...
```

Runs longBlockerReturnsCF() in a thread in the fork-join pool

thenComposeAsync() can be used to avoid calling supplyAsync() again in a chain

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  - thenApply()
  - thenCompose()
  - thenAccept()

```
CompletableFuture<Void>
  thenAccept
    (Consumer<? super T> action)
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This action behaves as a "callback" with a side-effect

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Callback_(computer_programming)

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See www.baeldung.com/java-void-type

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thenApply() returns a string future that thenAccept() prints when it completes

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println() is a callback that has a side-effect (i.e., printing the mixed string)

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    - May lead to "callback hell!"

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