Understand the Java CompletableFuture ImageStreamGang Case Study: Applying Completion Stage Methods (Part 1)

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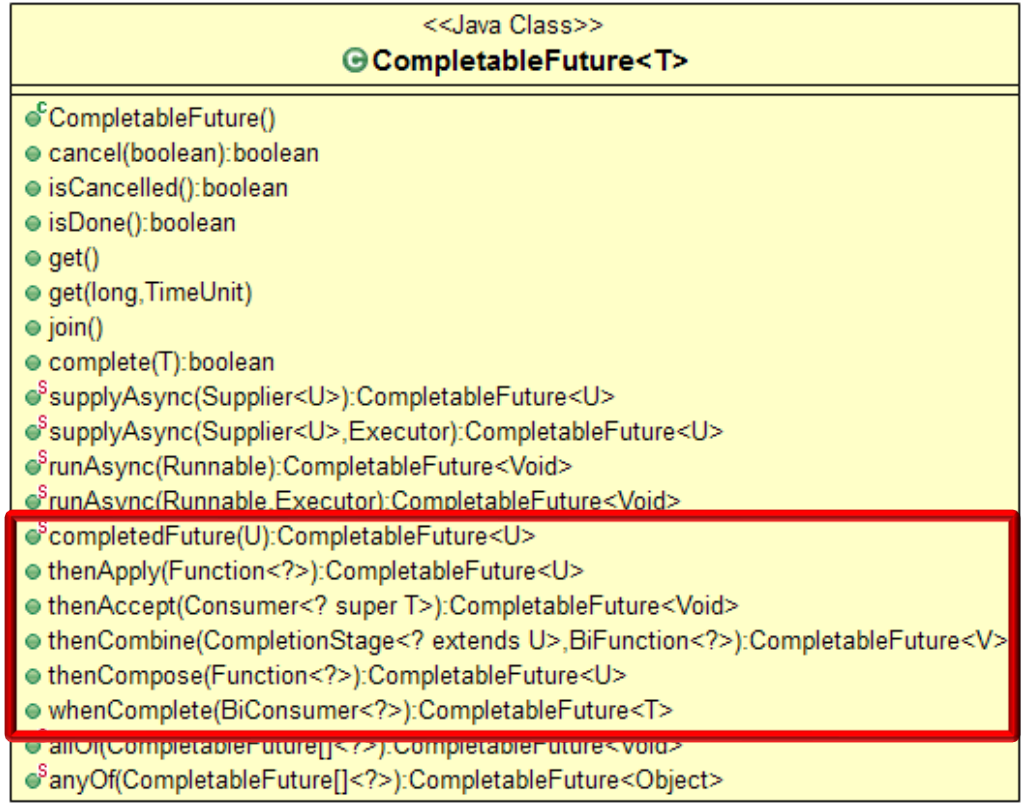
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand the design of the Java completable future version of ImageStreamGang
- Know how to apply completable futures to ImageStreamGang, e.g.
  - Factory methods
  - Completion stage methods
    - downloadImageAsync()



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  CompletableFuture<Stream<Image>>
    resultsFuture = urls
    .stream()
    .map(this::checkUrlCachedAsync)
    .map(this::downloadImageAsync)
    .flatMap(this::applyFiltersAsync)
    .collect(toFuture())
    .thenApply(stream ->
                log(stream.flatMap
                    (Optional::stream),
                     urls.size()))
    .join();
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map() calls the behavior downloadImageAsync()

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Asynchronously downloads an image & stores it in memory

Later behaviors simply ignore "empty" optional images

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Returns a stream of futures to optional images, which have a value if the image is being downloaded or are empty if it is already cached

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- downloadImageAsync() uses the thenApplyAsync() method internally

```
CompletableFuture<Optional<Image>> downloadImageAsync
                    (CompletableFuture<Optional<URL>> urlFuture) {
  return urlFuture
    .thenApplyAsync(urlOpt ->
                    urlOpt
                    .map(this::blockingDownload),
                    getExecutor());
}
```

Asynchronously download image when future completes

See imagestreamgang/streams/ImageStreamCompletableFuture1.java

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This completion stage method registers an action that's not executed immediately, but only after urlFuture completes

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

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If a url is present, then download it when urlFuture completes & return an optional describing the result; otherwise return an empty optional

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Optional.html#map

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Asynchronously run blockingDownload() if urlOpt is non-empty

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Use the common fork-join pool & its ManagedBlocker mechanism

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

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```
Image blockingDownload(URL url) {
        return BlockingTask
          .callInManagedBlock(() ->
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```

Transform a URL into an Image by downloading each image via the URL

See imagestreamgang/streams/ImageStreamGang.java

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BlockingTask.callInManagedBlock() wraps the ManagedBlocker interface, which auto-expands the common fork-join pool to handle the blocking image download

See imagestreamgang/utils/BlockingTask.java

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```

This blocking call actually downloads the image at the given url

```
Image downloadImage(URL url) {
   return new Image(url,
                    NetUtils.downloadContent(url));
}
```

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Returns a future to an optional image that will complete when the image finishes downloading

End of Understand the Java Completable Future ImageStreamGang Case Study: Applying Completion Stage Methods (Part 1)