

# Recognize How Parallel Programs are Developed in Java

**Douglas C. Schmidt**

**[d.schmidt@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:d.schmidt@vanderbilt.edu)**

**[www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt](http://www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt)**

**Professor of Computer Science**

**Institute for Software  
Integrated Systems**

**Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tennessee, USA**



# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

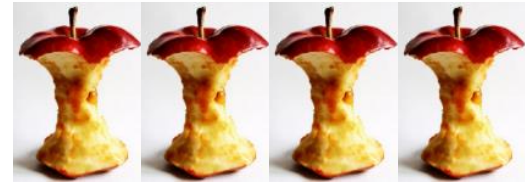
- Understand the meaning of key parallel programming concepts
- Know when to apply parallelism
- Recognize how Java supports parallel programming via object-oriented & functional frameworks



See [www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/frameworks.html](http://www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/frameworks.html)

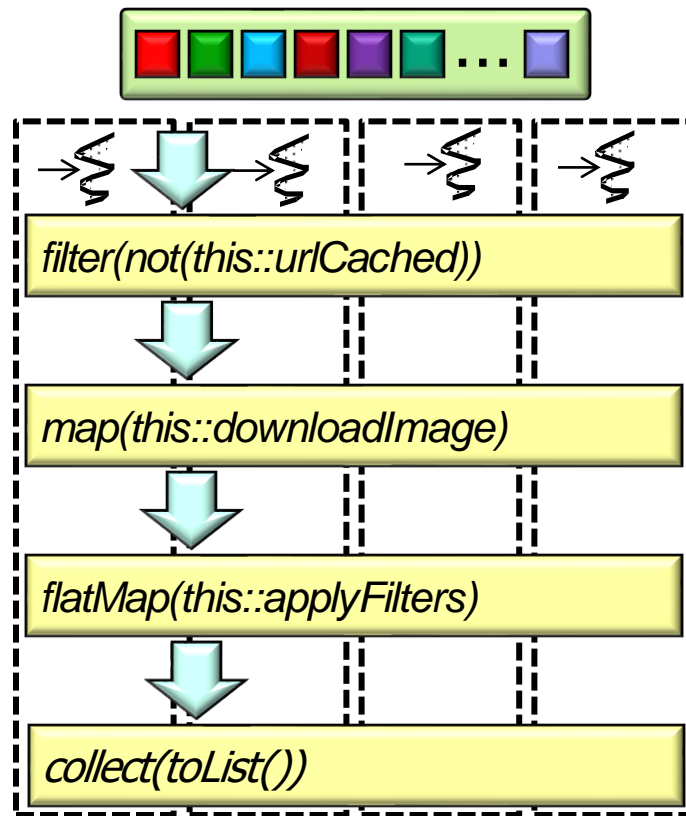
# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the parallelism frameworks supported by Java, e.g.
- **Fork-join pools**
  - An object-oriented framework



# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

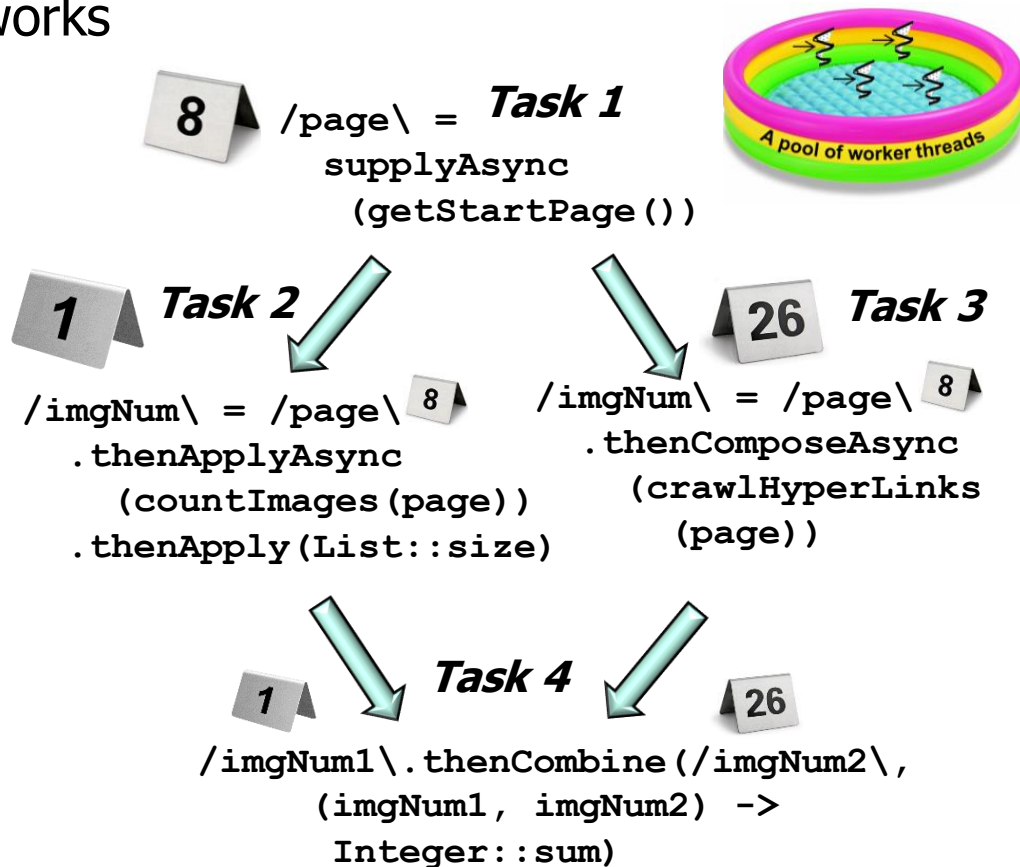
- Recognize the parallelism frameworks supported by Java, e.g.
  - Fork-join pools**
  - Parallel streams**
    - A synchronous functional framework



See [docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html)

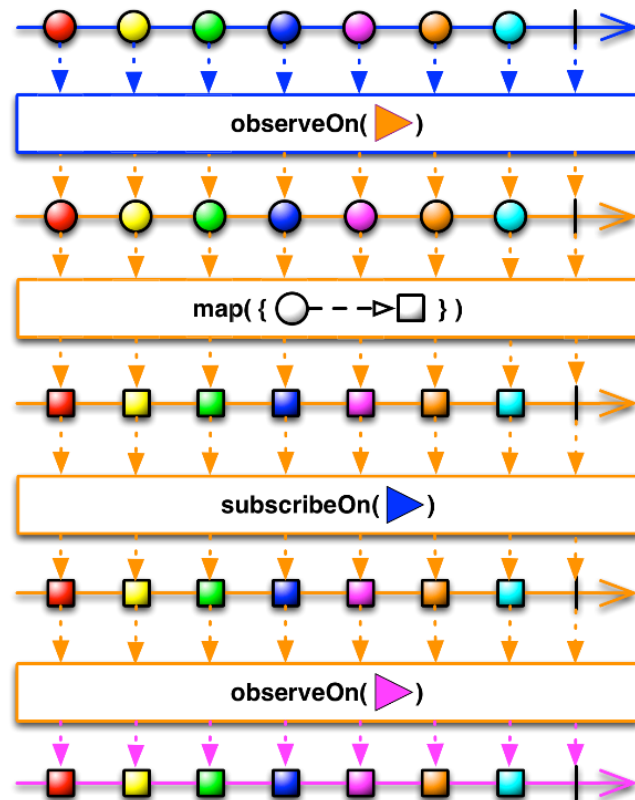
# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the parallelism frameworks supported by Java, e.g.
  - Fork-join pools
  - Parallel streams
  - Completable futures**
    - A reactive/asynchronous functional framework



# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the parallelism frameworks supported by Java, e.g.
  - Fork-join pools
  - Parallel streams
  - Completable futures
  - **Reactive streams**
    - An async programming paradigm concerned with processing data streams & propagation of changes



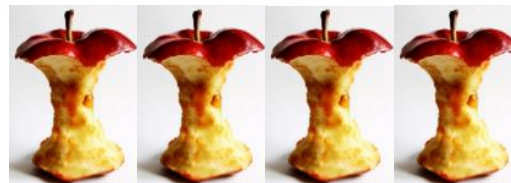
See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactive\\_Streams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactive_Streams)

---

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 7 introduced the object-oriented fork-join framework

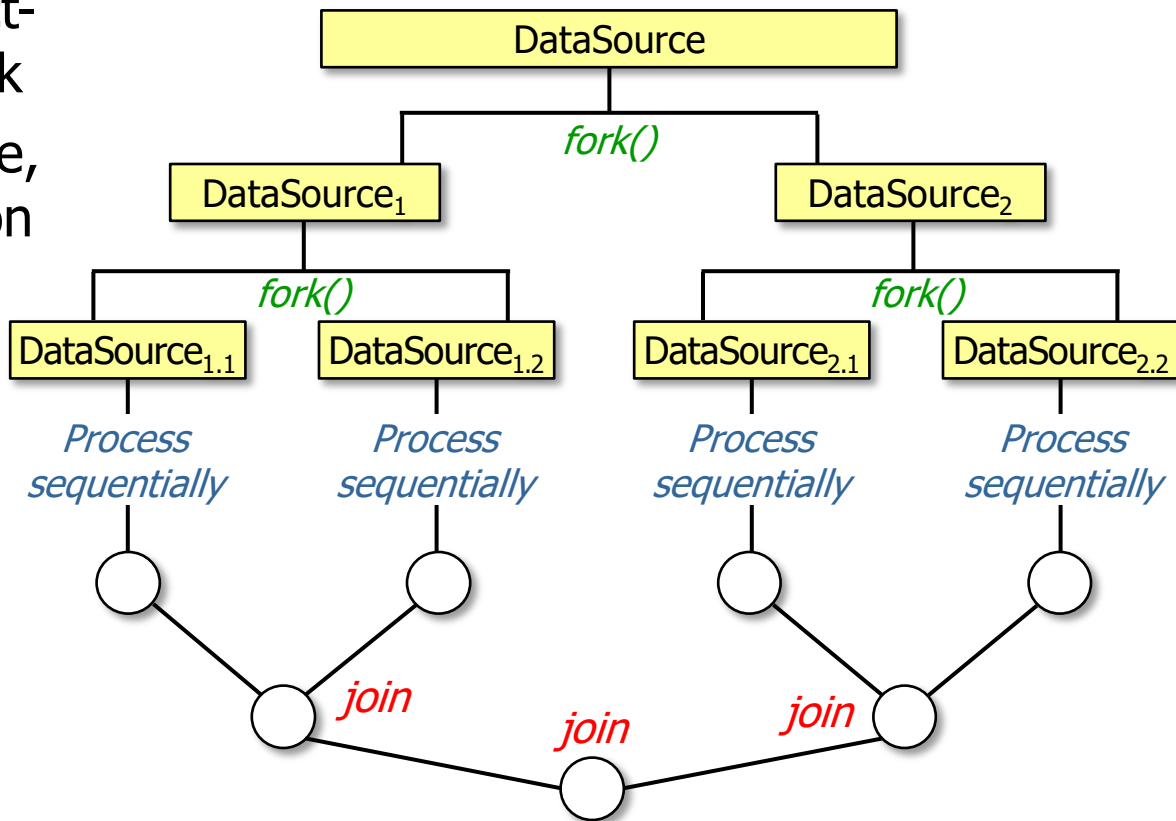


See [www.infoq.com/interviews/doug-lea-fork-join](http://www.infoq.com/interviews/doug-lea-fork-join)



# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

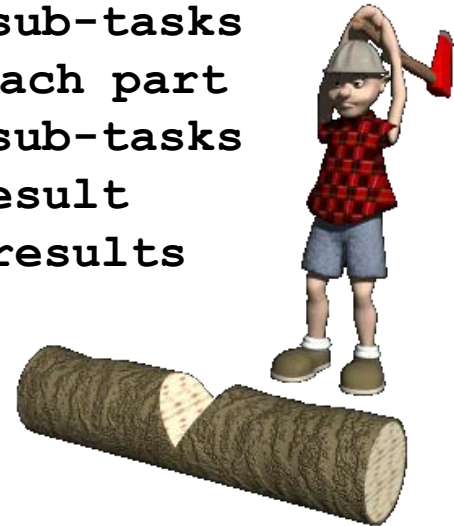
- Java 7 introduced the object-oriented fork-join framework
- Provides high performance, fine-grained task execution for data parallelism



# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 7 introduced the object-oriented fork-join framework
  - Provides high performance, fine-grained task execution for data parallelism
- Supports parallel programming by solving problems via “divide & conquer”

```
Result solve(Problem problem) {  
    if (problem is small)  
        directly solve problem  
    else {  
        a. split problem into  
           independent parts  
        b. fork new sub-tasks  
           to solve each part  
        c. join all sub-tasks  
        d. compose result  
           from sub-results  
    }  
}
```



See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divide\\_and\\_conquer\\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divide_and_conquer_algorithm)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

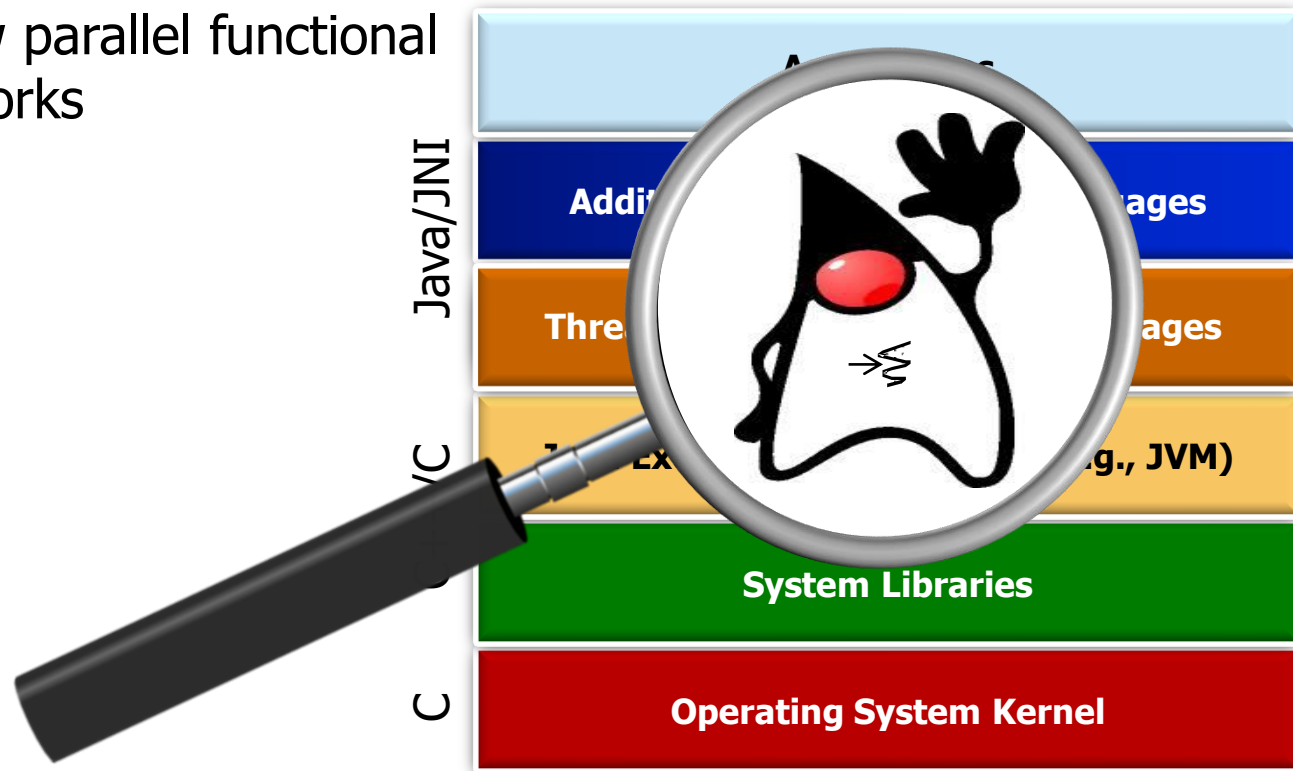
---

- Java 7 introduced the object-oriented fork-join framework
  - Provides high performance, fine-grained task execution for data parallelism
  - Supports parallel programming by solving problems via “divide & conquer”
  - Employs *work-stealing* to optimize multi-core processor performance



# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

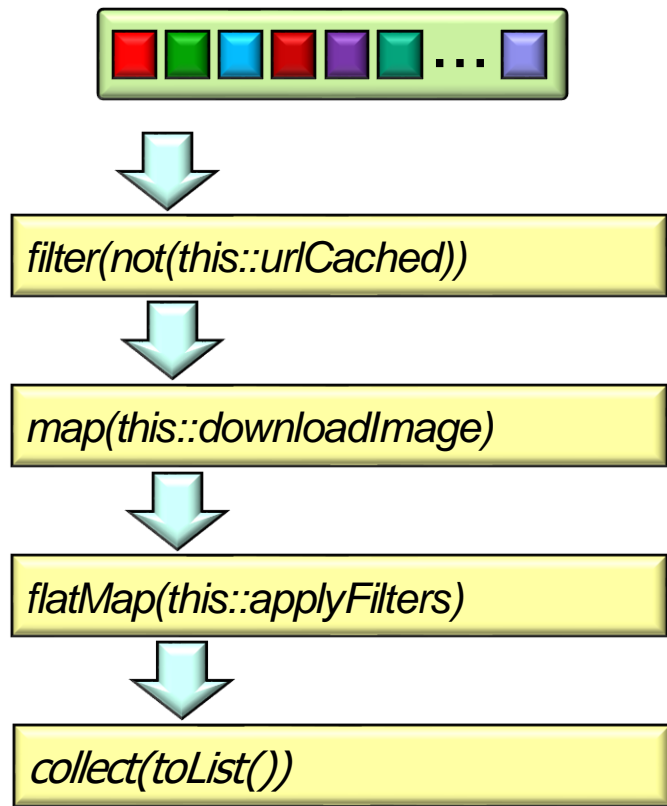


See [www.ibm.com/developerworks/library/j-jvmc2](http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/library/j-jvmc2)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams



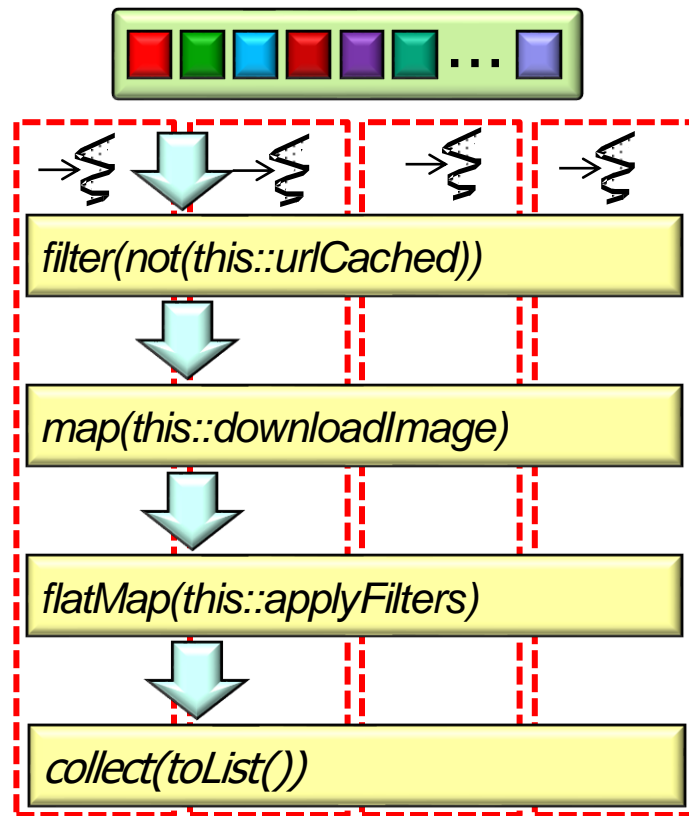
See [docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

- Partitions a stream into multiple substreams that run independently & combine into a “reduced” result

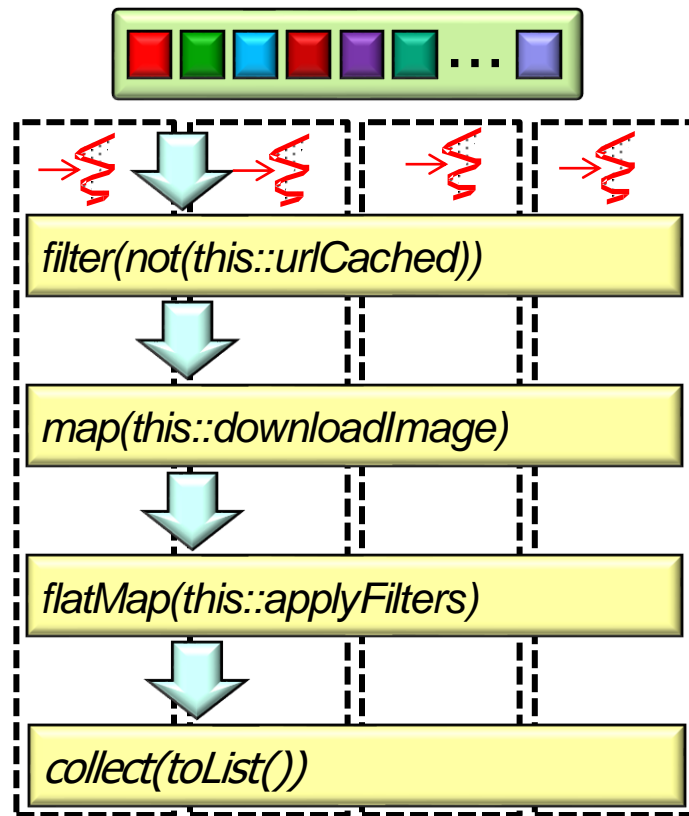


# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

- Partitions a stream into multiple substreams that run independently & combine into a “reduced” result
- Chunks of data in the substreams can be mapped to multiple threads (& cores)

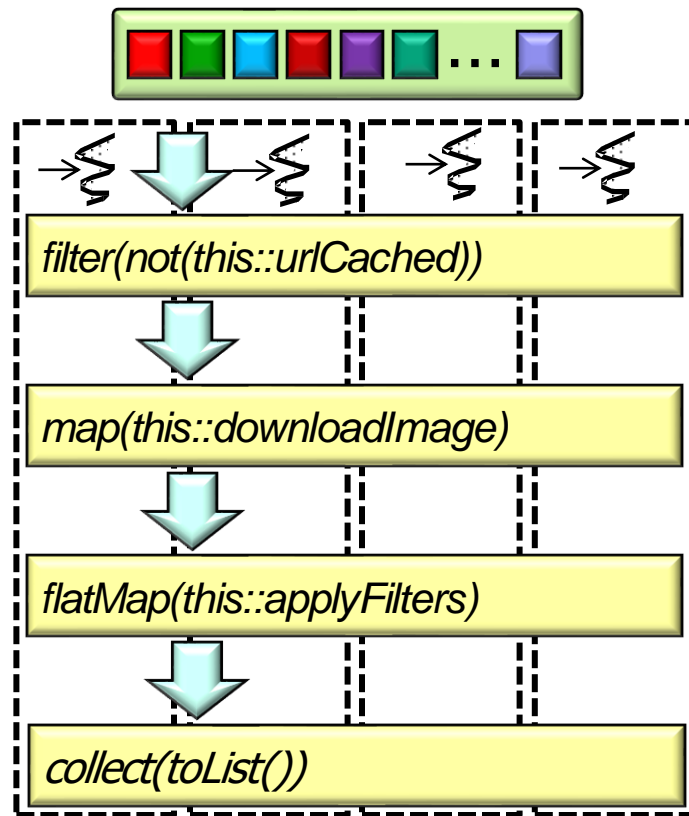


# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

- Partitions a stream into multiple substreams that run independently & combine into a “reduced” result
- Chunks of data in the substreams can be mapped to multiple threads (& cores)
- Leverages the common fork-join pool



See [dzone.com/articles/common-fork-join-pool-and-streams](https://dzone.com/articles/common-fork-join-pool-and-streams)

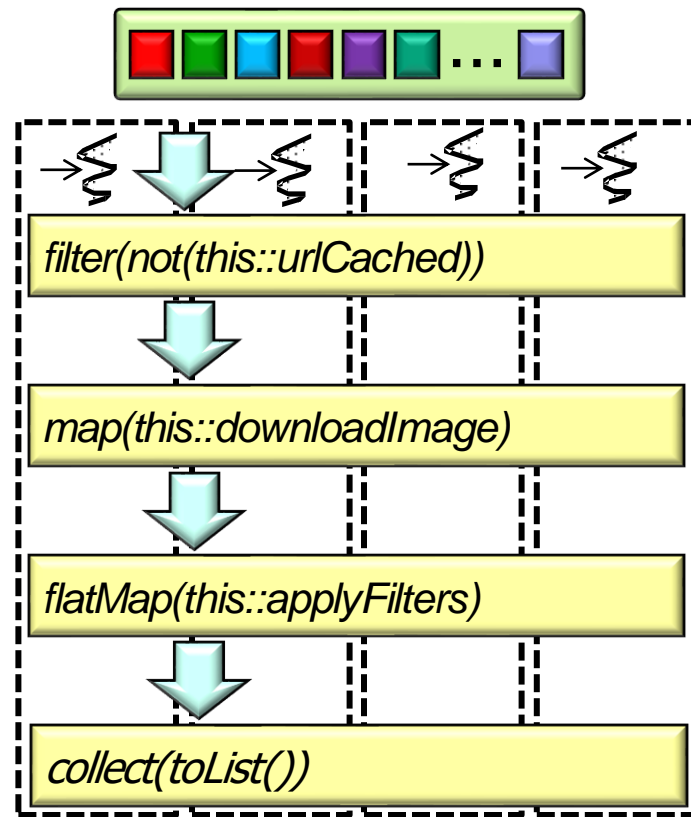


# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

- Partitions a stream into multiple substreams that run independently & combine into a “reduced” result
- Chunks of data in the substreams can be mapped to multiple threads (& cores)
- Leverages the common fork-join pool



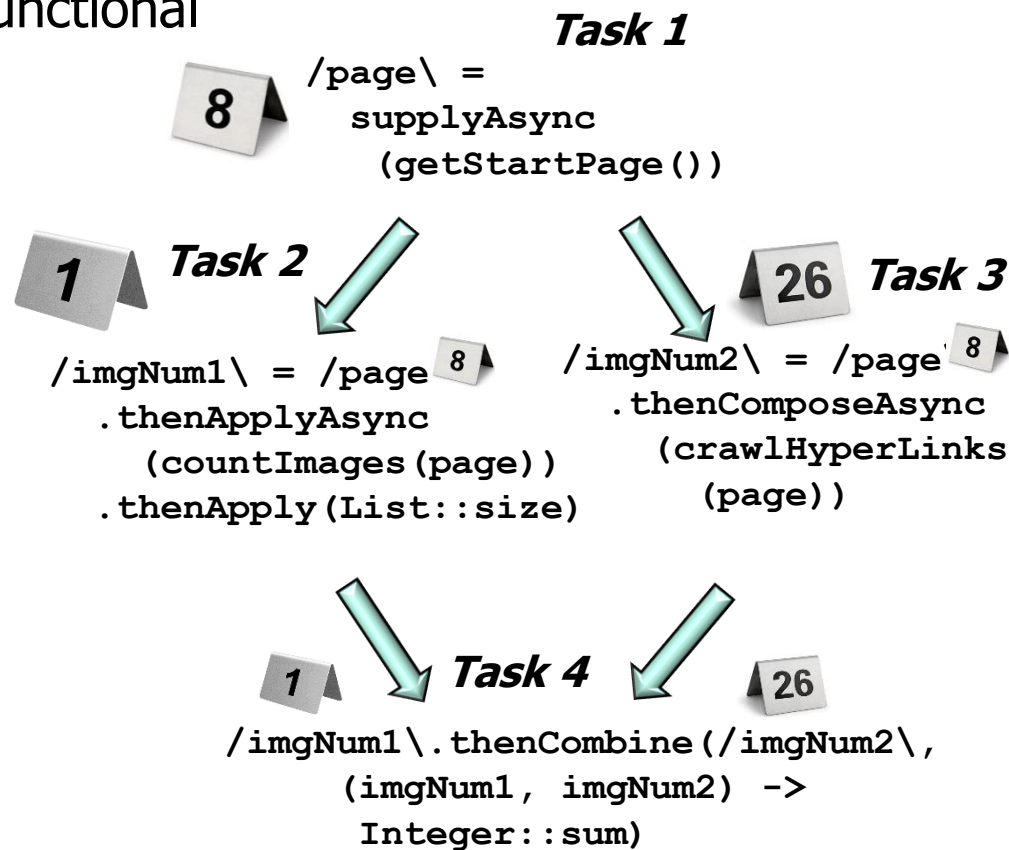
Parallel streams provides fine-grained data parallelism functional programming

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures



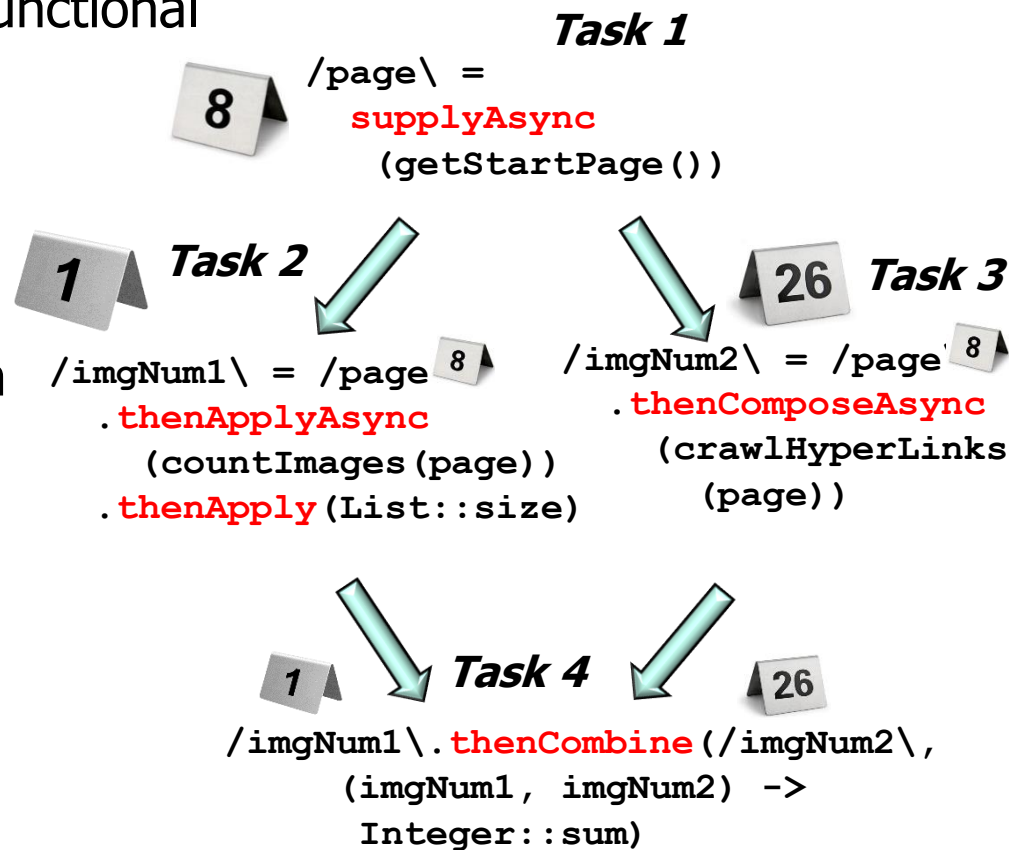
# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures

- Supports dependent actions that trigger upon completion of async operations



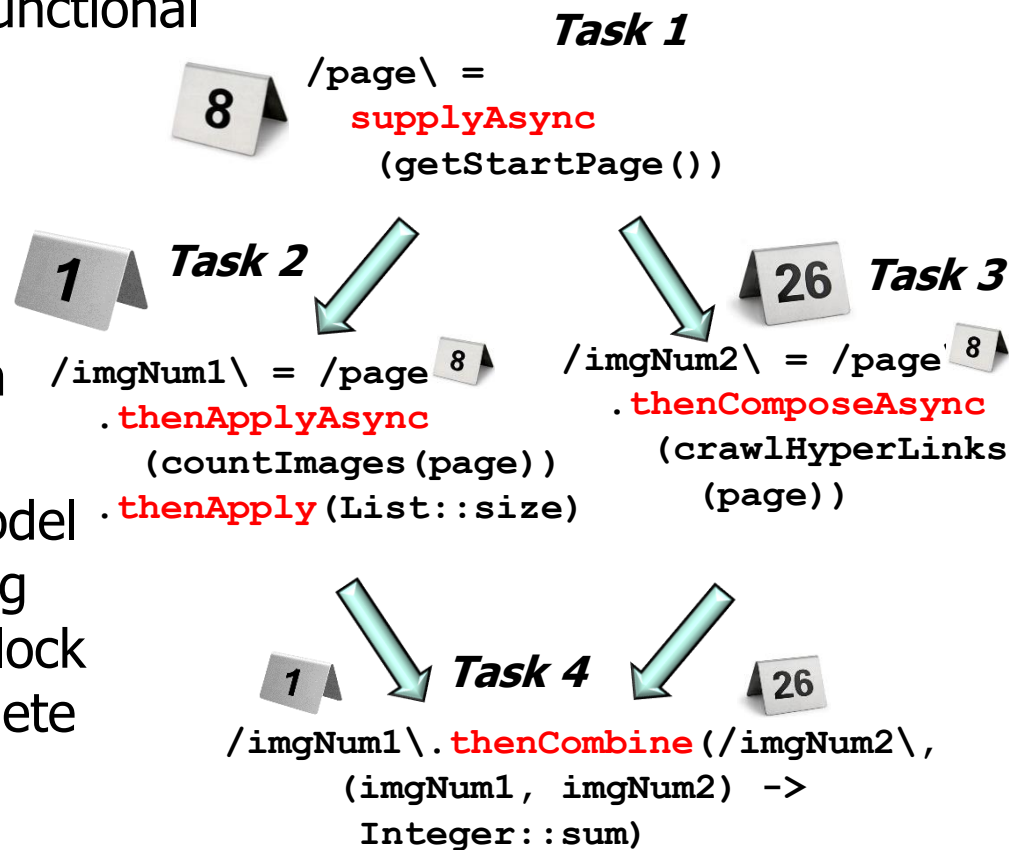
# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures

- Supports dependent actions that trigger upon completion of async operations
- Async operations are a model of concurrent programming where the caller doesn't block waiting for callee to complete



See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asynchrony\\_\(computer\\_programming\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asynchrony_(computer_programming))

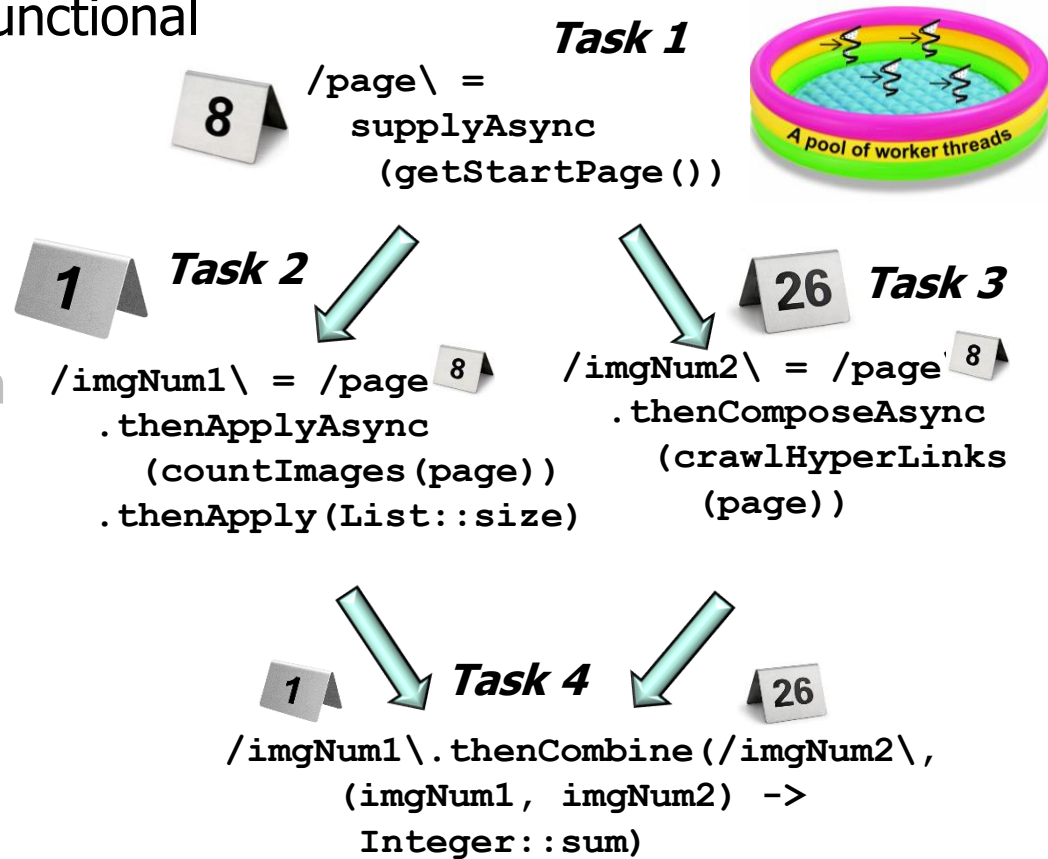
# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures

- Supports dependent actions that trigger upon completion of async operations
- Async operations can run in parallel in thread pools



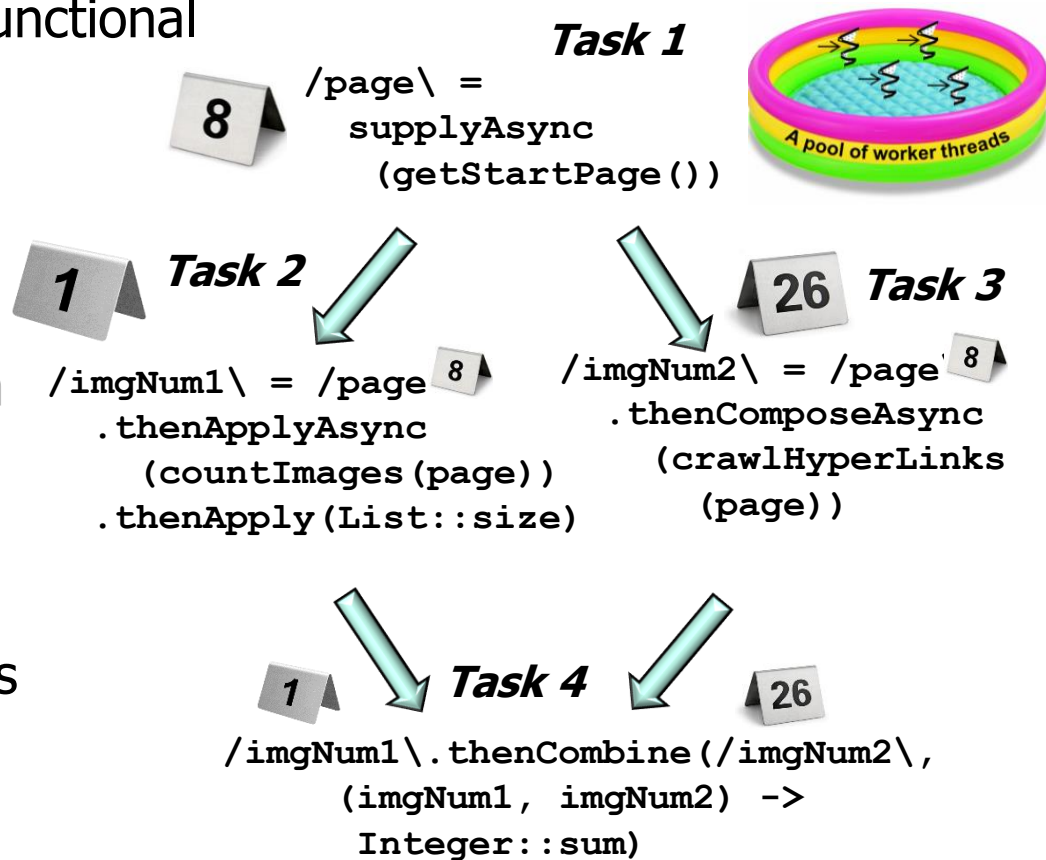
# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures

- Supports dependent actions that trigger upon completion of async operations
- Async operations can run in parallel in thread pools
- Many types of thread pools can be applied here!



# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 8 added two new parallel functional programming frameworks

## 1. Parallel streams

## 2. Completable futures

- Supports dependent actions that trigger upon completion of async operations
- Async operations can run in parallel in thread pools



List of URLs to Download



`map(this::checkUrlCachedAsync)`

`filter(this::nonNull)`

`map(this::downloadImageAsync)`

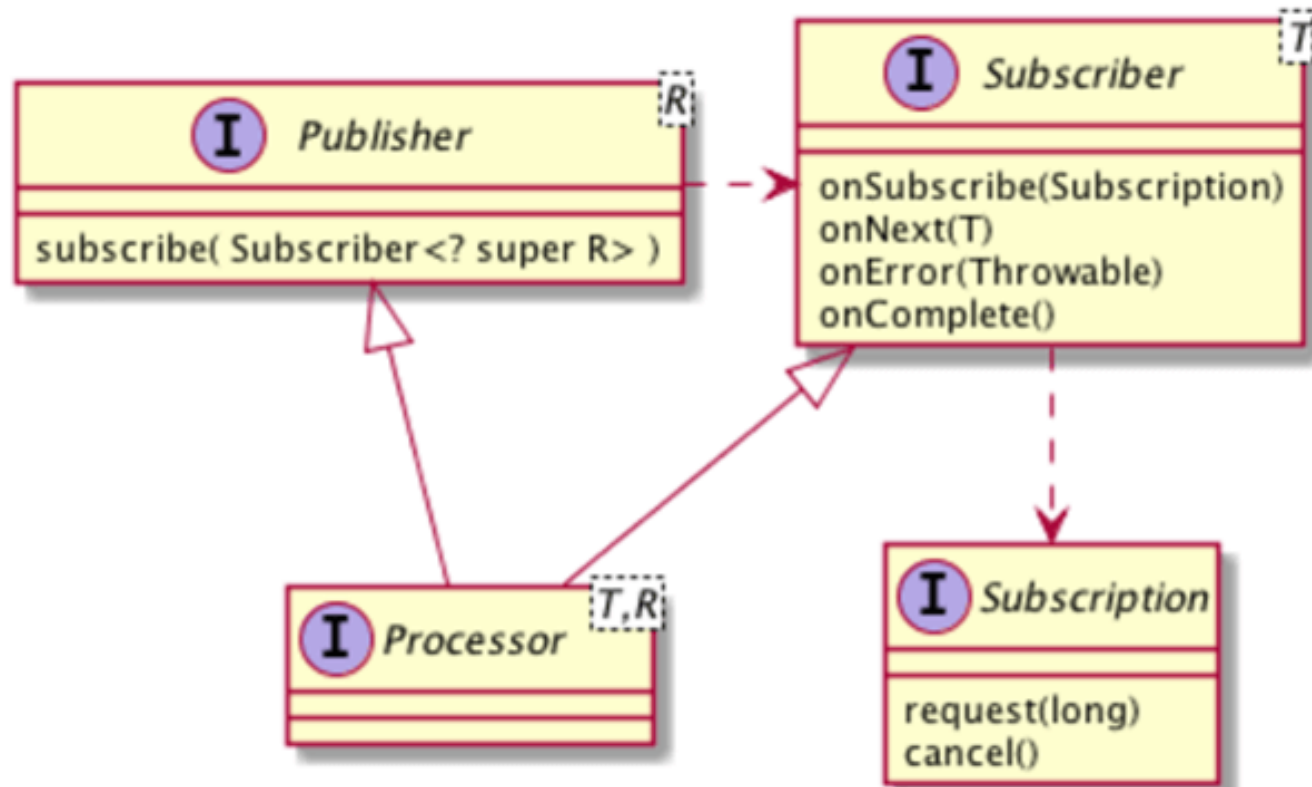
`flatMap(this::applyFiltersAsync)`

`collect(toFuture())`

Java completable futures & streams can be combined to good effects!!

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 9 added support for reactive streams via the “Flow” API

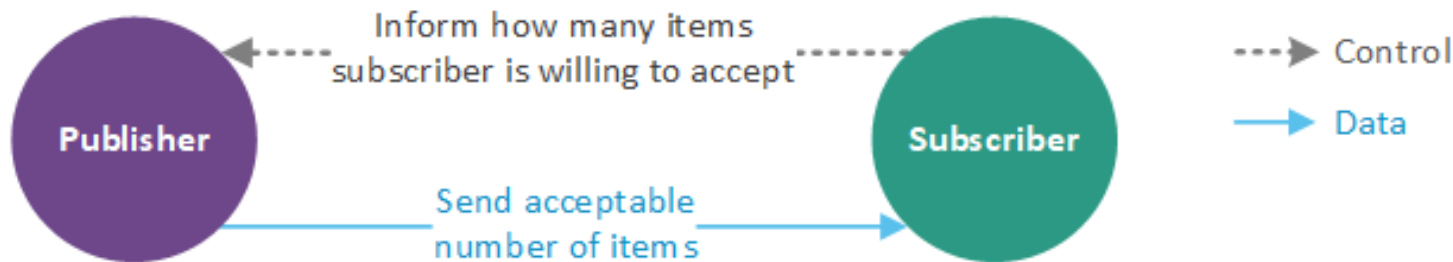


See [www.reactive-streams.org](http://www.reactive-streams.org)



# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

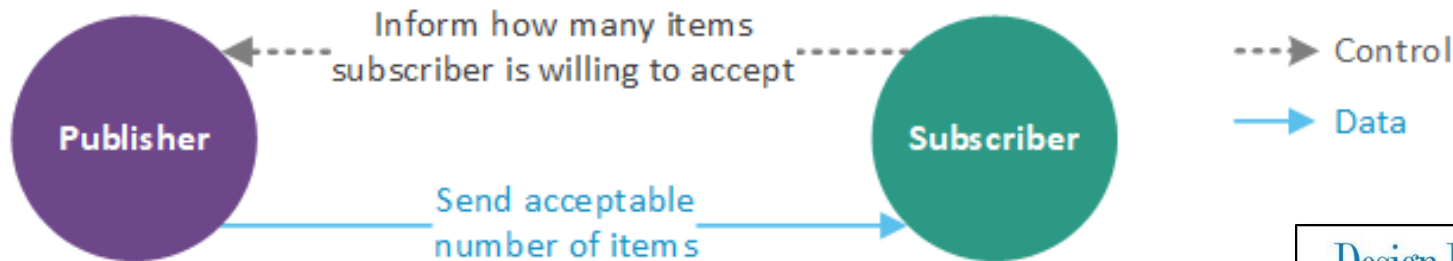
- Java 9 added support for reactive streams via the “Flow” API
  - Implements a stream-oriented pub/sub framework via two patterns



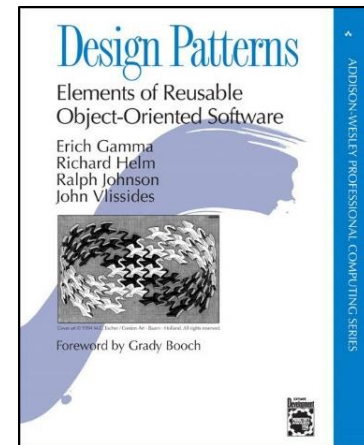
See [javasampleapproach.com/java/java-9/java-9-flow-api-example-publisher-and-subscriber](https://javasampleapproach.com/java/java-9/java-9-flow-api-example-publisher-and-subscriber)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 9 added support for reactive streams via the “Flow” API
  - Implements a stream-oriented pub/sub framework via two patterns



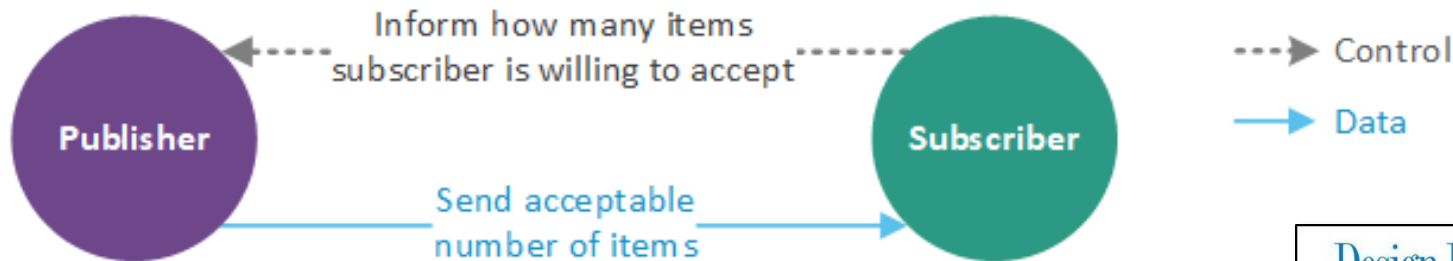
- *Iterator*
  - Applies a “pull model” where apps pull items from a publisher source



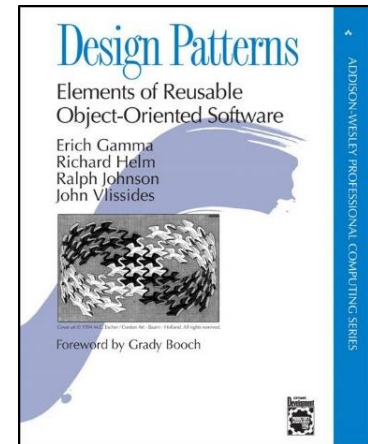
See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iterator\\_pattern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iterator_pattern)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java 9 added support for reactive streams via the “Flow” API
  - Implements a stream-oriented pub/sub framework via two patterns



- *Iterator*
- *Observer*
  - Applies a “push model” that reacts when a publisher source pushes an item to a subscriber sink

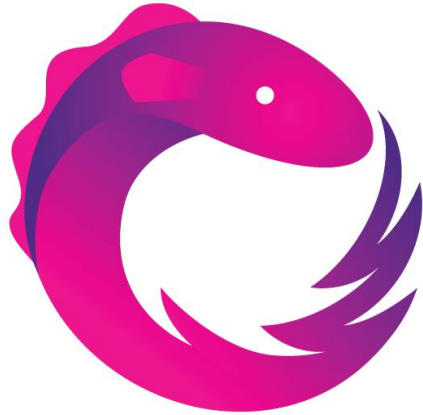


See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observer\\_pattern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observer_pattern)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

---

- Popular reactive streams implementations include RxJava & Project Reactor



Project  
Reactor

---

See [www.baeldung.com/rx-java](http://www.baeldung.com/rx-java) & [projectreactor.io](http://projectreactor.io)

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

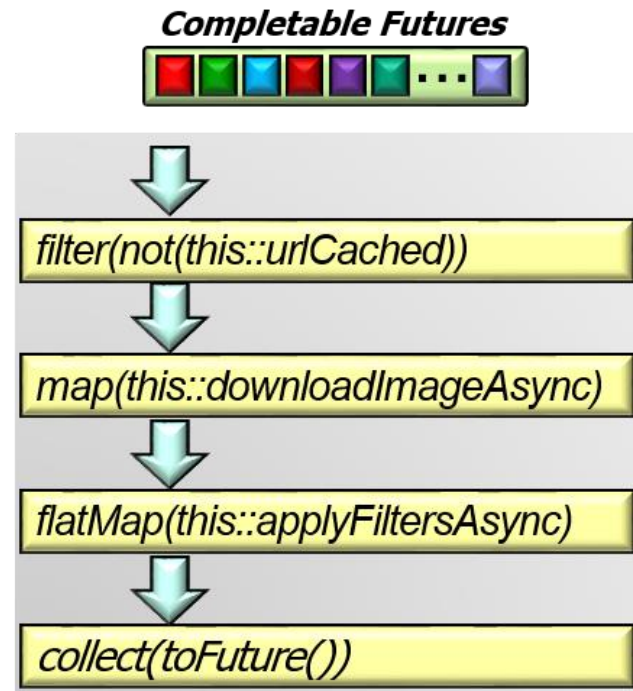
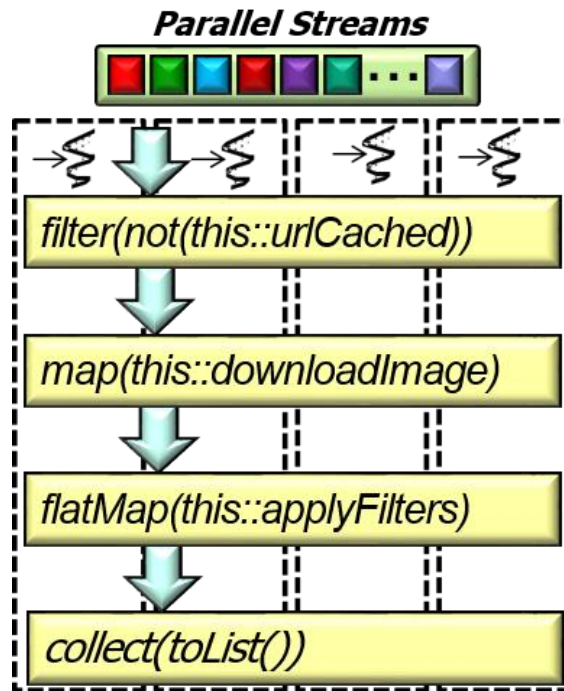
- All these Java frameworks can often eliminate the use of synchronization or explicit threading when developing parallel apps!



Alleviates many accidental & inherent complexities of parallel programming

# Overview of Java Parallelism Frameworks

- Java parallel streams & completable future functional frameworks use the object-oriented fork-join framework by default



See [www.oracle.com/technetwork/articles/java/fork-join-422606.html](http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/articles/java/fork-join-422606.html)

---

# End of Recognize How Parallel Programs Are Developed in Java