

Advanced Java Completable Future Features: Implementing the FuturesCollector Class

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand how arbitrary-arity methods process `CompletableFuture` objects in bulk
- Recognize the limitations with these methods
- Know how to address these limitations by wrapping the `allOf()` method to work seamlessly with Java's Streams framework
- Learn how to implement the `FuturesCollector` class
 - Integrates the arbitrary-arity method `allOf()` into the Java Streams collector framework & returns a `CompletableFuture` to a `List` of objects that are being processed asynchronously & concurrently

```
class FuturesCollector<T>
    implements Collector
<CompletableFuture<T>,
    List<CompletableFuture<T>>,
    CompletableFuture<List<T>>> {
    ...
```

See [Java8/ex8/src/main/java/Utils/FuturesCollector.java](https://github.com/azul-systems/java8-exercises/blob/master/src/main/java/Utils/FuturesCollector.java)

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Implements a custom collector

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The type of input elements in the stream

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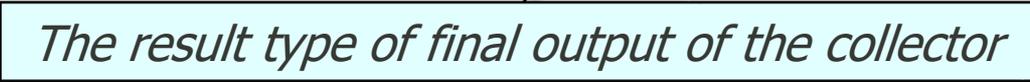
The mutable result container type

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The result type of final output of the collector

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public class FuturesCollector<T>
    implements Collector<CompletableFuture<T>,
                        List<CompletableFuture<T>>,
                        CompletableFuture<List<T>>> {
    public Supplier<List<CompletableFuture<T>>> supplier() {
        return ArrayList::new;
    }
}
```

This factory method returns a supplier used by the Java streams collector framework to create a new mutable array list container

```
public BiConsumer<List<CompletableFuture<T>>,
                 CompletableFuture<T>> accumulator()
{ return List::add; }
...

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This mutable result container stores a list of completable futures of type T

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```

This factory method returns a bi-consumer used by the Java streams collector framework to add a new completable future into the mutable array list container

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public BiConsumer<List<CompletableFuture<T>>,
                  CompletableFuture<T>> accumulator ()
{ return List::add; }
...

```

This method is only ever called in a single thread (so no locks are needed)

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```

```
...
```

```
public BinaryOperator<List<CompletableFuture<T>>> combiner() {  
    return (List<CompletableFuture<T>> one,  
           List<CompletableFuture<T>> another) -> {  
        one.addAll(another);  
        return one;  
    };  
}
```

```
...
```

This factory method returns a binary operator that merges two partial array list results into a single array list (only relevant for parallel streams)

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```
public Function<List<CompletableFuture<T>>,  
                CompletableFuture<List<T>>>> finisher() {  
    return futures -> CompletableFuture  
        .allOf(futures.toArray(new CompletableFuture[0]))
```

This factory method returns a function used by the Java streams collector framework to transform the array list mutable result container to the completable future result type

```
        .thenApply(v -> futures.stream()  
                    .map(CompletableFuture::join)  
                    .toList());  
    }
```

```
...
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Reference to the mutable result container, which is an ArrayList.

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return futures -> CompletableFuture
```

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```

*Convert the list of futures to an array of futures & pass to allOf()
to obtain a future that will complete when all futures complete.*

```
    .thenApply(v -> futures.stream()
```

```
        .map(CompletableFuture::join)
```

```
        .toList());
```

```
}
```

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```

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```

When all futures have completed get a single future to a list of joined elements of type T.

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```

Convert the array list of futures into a stream of futures

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```

This call to join() will never block!

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```

Return a future to a list of elements of T

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              .toList());  
}
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```
public class FuturesCollector<T>
```

```
...
```

```
public Set<Characteristics> characteristics() {  
    return Collections.singleton(Characteristics.UNORDERED);  
}
```

Returns a set indicating the FuturesCollector characteristics

```
public static <T> Collector<CompletableFuture<T>, ?,  
                           CompletableFuture<List<T>>>>
```

```
toFuture() {  
    return new FuturesCollector<>();  
}  
}
```

FuturesCollector is thus a *non-concurrent* collector

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This static factory method creates a new FuturesCollector

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- FuturesCollector is used to return a completable future to a list of big fractions that are being reduced & multiplied asynchronously

```
static void testFractionMultiplications1() {  
    ...  
    Stream.generate(() -> makeBigFraction(new Random(), false))  
  
        .limit(sMAX_FRACTIONS)  
  
        .map(reduceAndMultiplyFraction)  
  
        .collect(FuturesCollector.toFuture())  
  
        .thenAccept(this::sortAndPrintList);  
}
```

toFuture() returns an instance of the FuturesCollector for use with collect()

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}
```

thenAccept() is called only after the future returned from collect() completes

See lesson on "Advanced Java Completable Future Features: Applying Completion Stage Methods"

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