Comparing Java Sequential Streams with Java Parallel Streams

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand the structure & functionality of Java streams, e.g.,
 - Fundamentals of streams
 - Benefits of streams
 - Creating a stream
 - Aggregate operations in a stream
 - Applying streams in practice
 - Sequential vs. parallel streams



See radar.oreilly.com/2015/02/java-8-streams-api-and-parallelism.html





• A parallel stream splits its data into multiple chunks & uses the common fork-join pool to process these chunks independently



Common Fork-Join Pool



See dzone.com/articles/common-fork-join-pool-and-streams

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 - To maximize core utilization, idle worker threads "steal" work from the tail of busy threads' deques



See www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/PDF/work-stealing-dequeue.pdf

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Tests conducted on a 10-core MacBook Pro with 64 Gbytes of RAM

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- A parallel stream can often be much more efficient & scalable than a sequential stream
 - However, certain conditions must apply for a parallel stream to be a "win"!



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The "NQ" model:

- N is the # of data elements to process per thread
- *Q* quantifies how CPU-intensive the processing is

See on-sw-integration.epischel.de/2016/08/05/parallel-stream-processing-with-java-8-stream-api

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