Advanced Java CompletableFuture Features: Two Stage Completion Methods (Part 2)

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson



See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logical_disjunction

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- Understand how completion stage methods chain dependent actions
- Know how to group these methods
- Single stage methods
- Two stage methods (and)
- Two stage methods (or)



Basic methods

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logical_disjunction

Methods Triggered by Completion of Two Stages

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 - acceptEither()



See https://docs/api/java/util/concurrent/CompletableFuture.html#acceptEither

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- The future used to invoke acceptEither()
 - Not shown since it's not part of the method signature, but is implied since acceptEither() is a non-static method

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

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Create a pair of CompletableFuture objects that will contain the results of sorting the list using two different algorithms in two different threads

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

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acceptEither() does *not* cancel the second future after the first one completes

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acceptEitherAsync() can be used if a long-duration Consumer is applied

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

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