

Java Parallel Streams Internals: Partitioning

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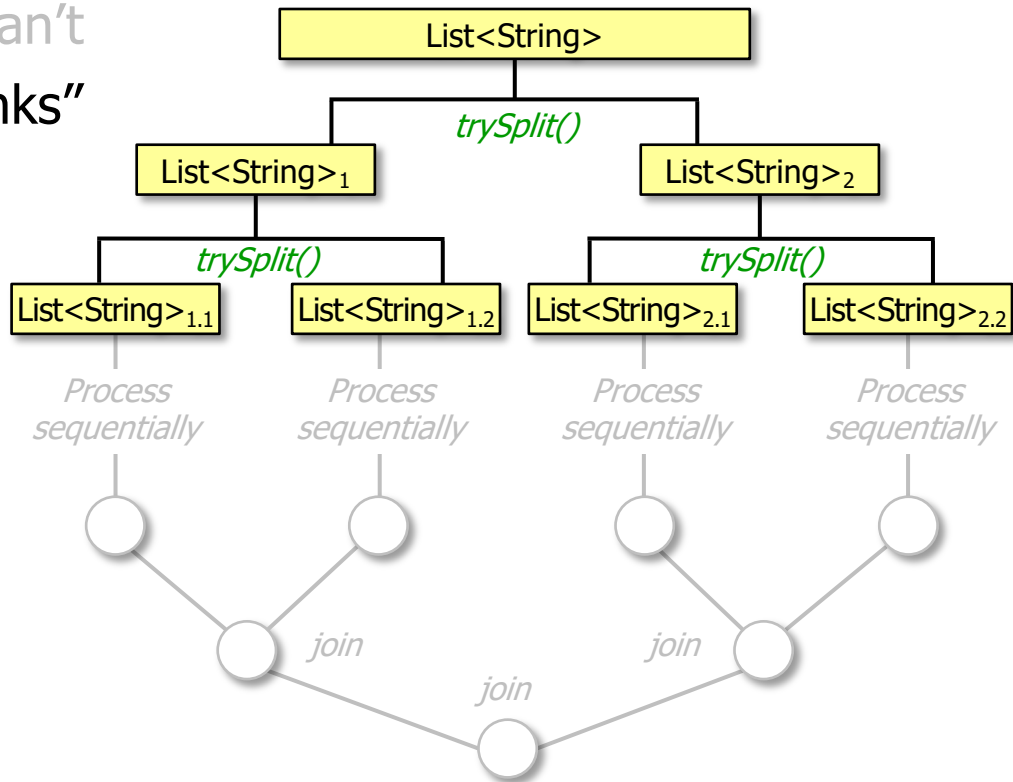
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand parallel stream internals, e.g.
 - Know what can change & what can't
 - Partition a data source into "chunks"
 - Via a parallel spliterator



Partitioning a Parallel Stream

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- A “splittable iterator” (spliterator) partitions a Java parallel stream into chunks

Interface `Spliterator<T>`

Type Parameters:

`T` - the type of elements returned by this `Spliterator`

All Known Subinterfaces:

`Spliterator.OfDouble`, `Spliterator.OfInt`, `Spliterator.OfLong`,
`Spliterator.OfPrimitive<T,T_CONS,T_SPLITR>`

All Known Implementing Classes:

`Spliterators.AbstractDoubleSpliterator`,
`Spliterators.AbstractIntSpliterator`,
`Spliterators.AbstractLongSpliterator`,
`Spliterators.AbstractSpliterator`

```
public interface Spliterator<T>
```

An object for traversing and partitioning elements of a source. The source of elements covered by a `Spliterator` could be, for example, an array, a `Collection`, an IO channel, or a generator function.

A `Spliterator` may traverse elements individually (`tryAdvance()`) or sequentially in bulk (`forEachRemaining()`).

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Spliterator.html

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- We've shown how a spliterator can *traverse* elements in a source

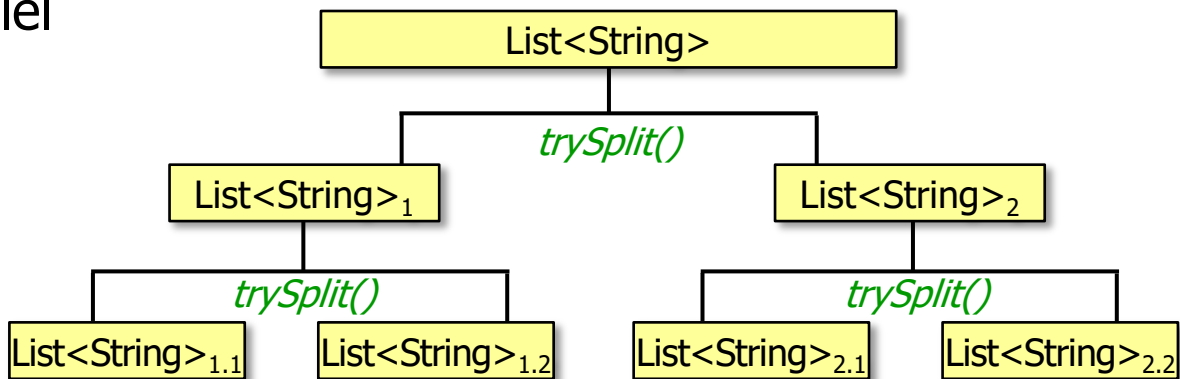
```
List<String> quote = Arrays.asList
    ("This ", "above ", "all- ",
     "to ", "thine ", "own ",
     "self ", "be ", "true", ",\n",
     ...);

for (Spliterator<String> s =
     quote.spliterator();
     s.tryAdvance(System.out::print)
     != false;
     )
    continue;
```

See earlier lesson on "*Java Streams: Overview of Spliterators*"

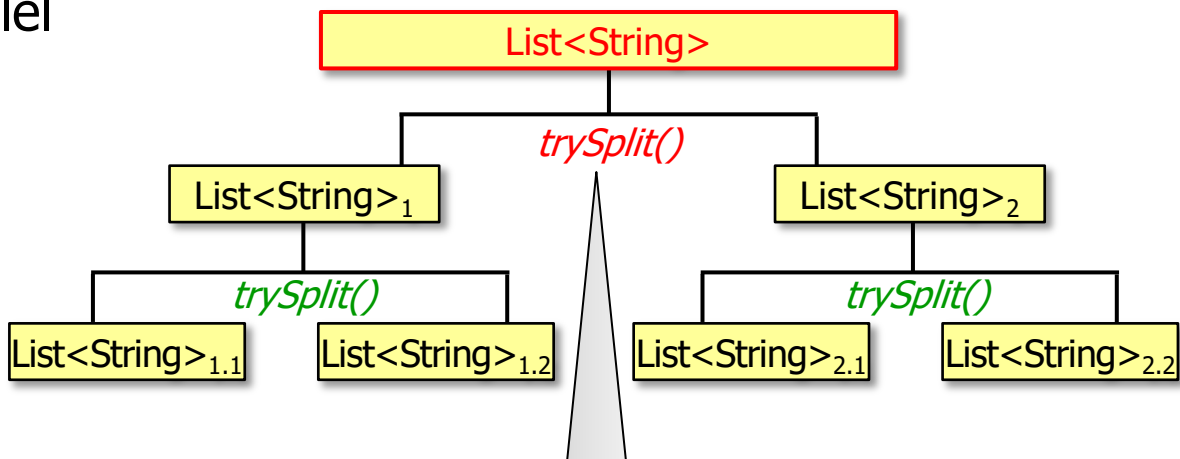
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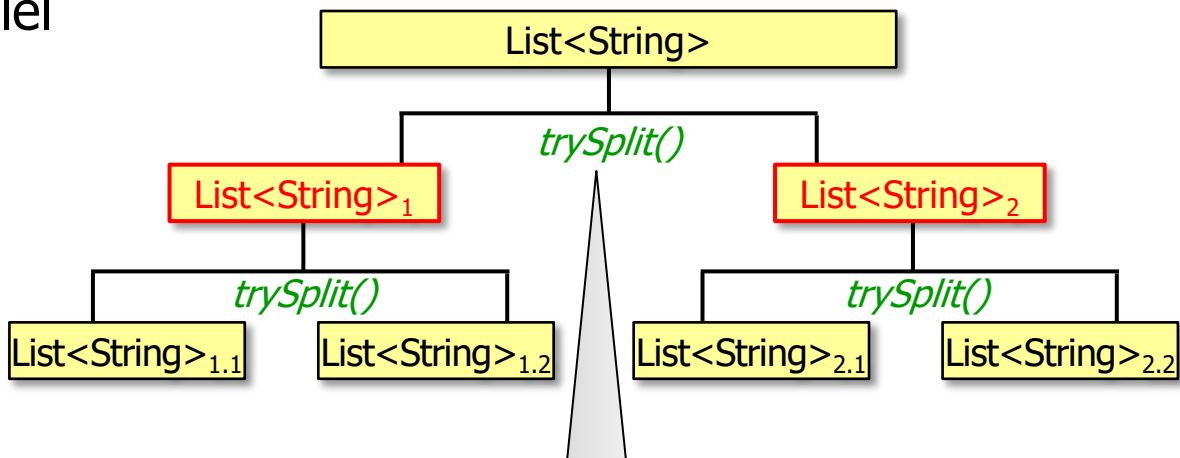


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The streams framework calls a spliterator's trySplit() method, not a user's app

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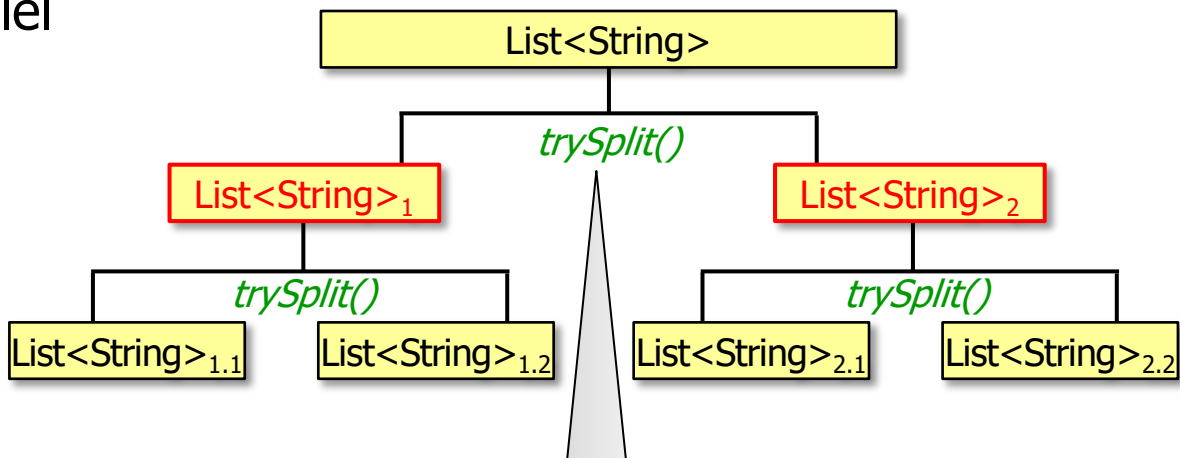


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`trySplit()` attempts to split the input evenly (if it's not \leq the minimum size)

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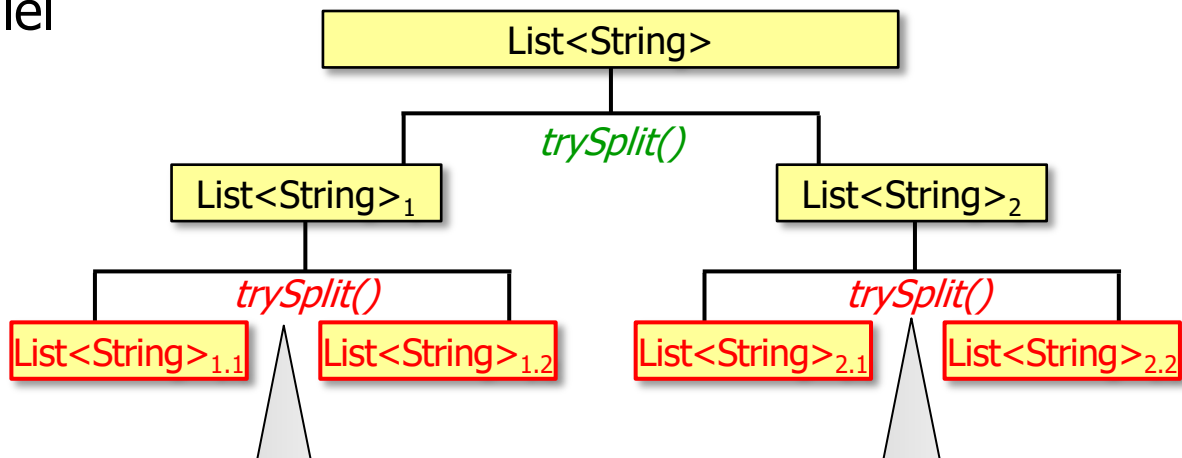


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A spliterator usually needs no synchronization nor does it need a "join" phase!

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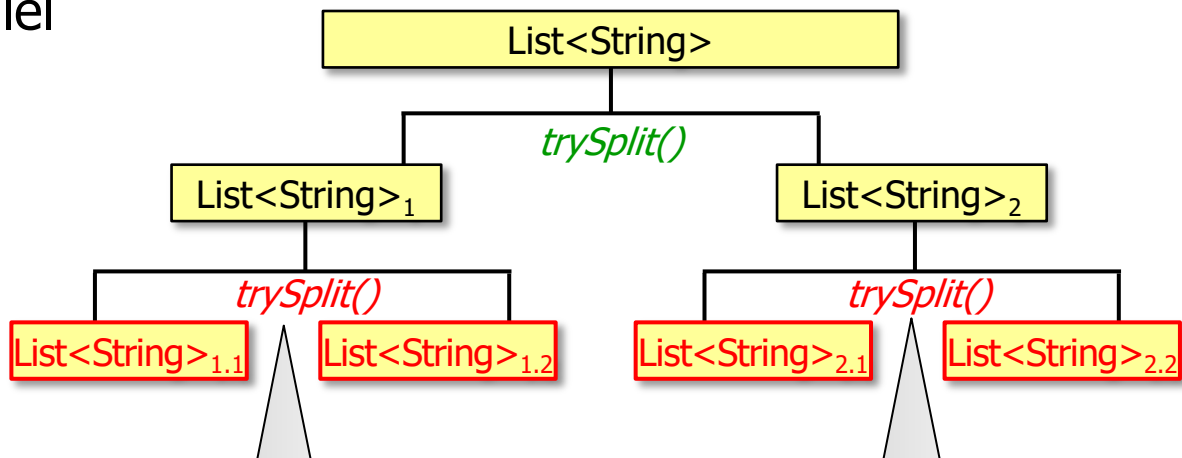


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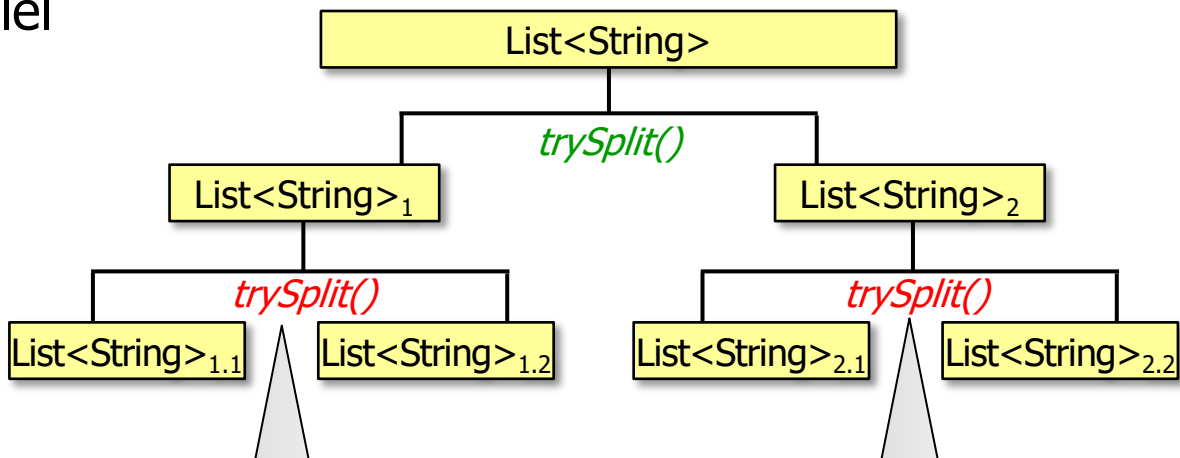


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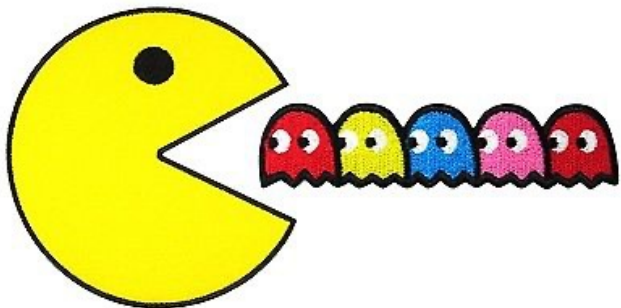
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When null is returned the streams framework processes this chunk sequentially

Partitioning a Parallel Stream

- Some Java collections split evenly & efficiently, e.g., ArrayList

```
ArrayListSpliterator<E> trySplit() {  
    int hi = getFence(), lo = index, mid = (lo + hi) >>> 1;  
    // divide range in half unless too small  
    return lo >= mid ? null : new ArrayListSpliterator<E>  
        (list, lo, index = mid, ...);  
}
```

```
boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super E> action) {  
    ...  
    if (i < getFence()) {  
        action.accept((E) list.elementData[i]); ...  
        return true;  
    } return false;  
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See [openjdk/8u40-b25/java/util/ArrayList.java](https://openjdk.org/jdk-8u40-b25/java/util/ArrayList.java)

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Split the array evenly each time until there's nothing left to split

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    int n = batch + BATCH_UNIT, j = 0; Object[] a = new Object[n];  
    do { a[j++] = p.item; }  
    while ((p = p.next) != null && j < n); ...  
    return Spliterators.splitIterator(a, 0, j, Splitter.ORDERED);  
}
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boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super E> action) { ...  
    Node<E> p;  
    if (getEst() > 0 && (p = current) != null) {  
        --est; E e = p.item; current = p.next;  
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Split the list into "batches", rather than evenly in half

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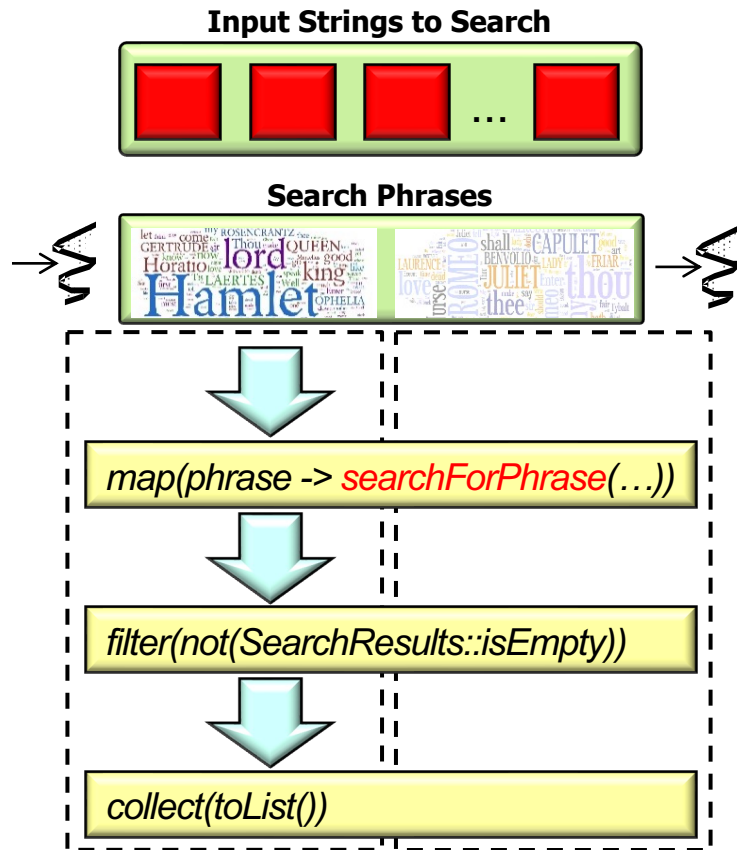
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- We'll cover the implementation details of parallel spliterators in upcoming lessons



See "Java SearchWithParallelSpliterator Example: trySplit()"

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