

When to Use Java Parallel Streams

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Learn when to use parallel streams
 - e.g., when behaviors are independent, computationally expensive, applied to many elements of data sources, as well as when multiple cores are available



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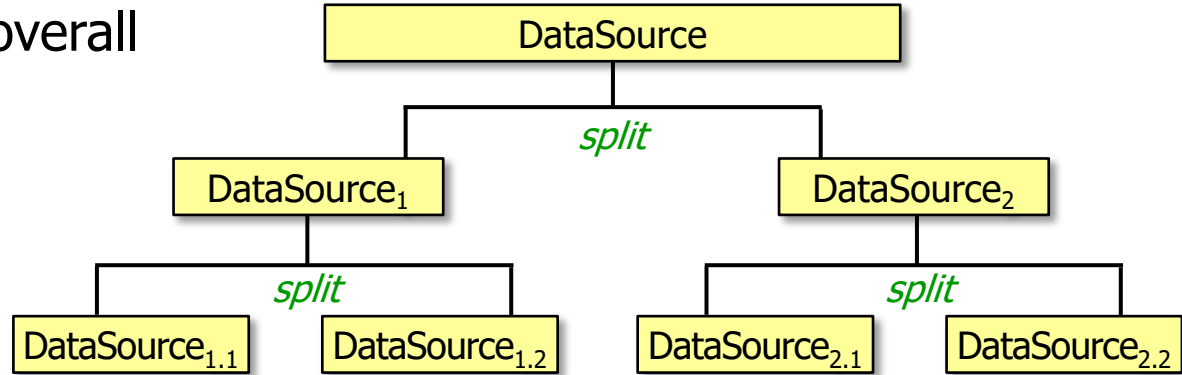
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“Work” in this context means “extra steps”

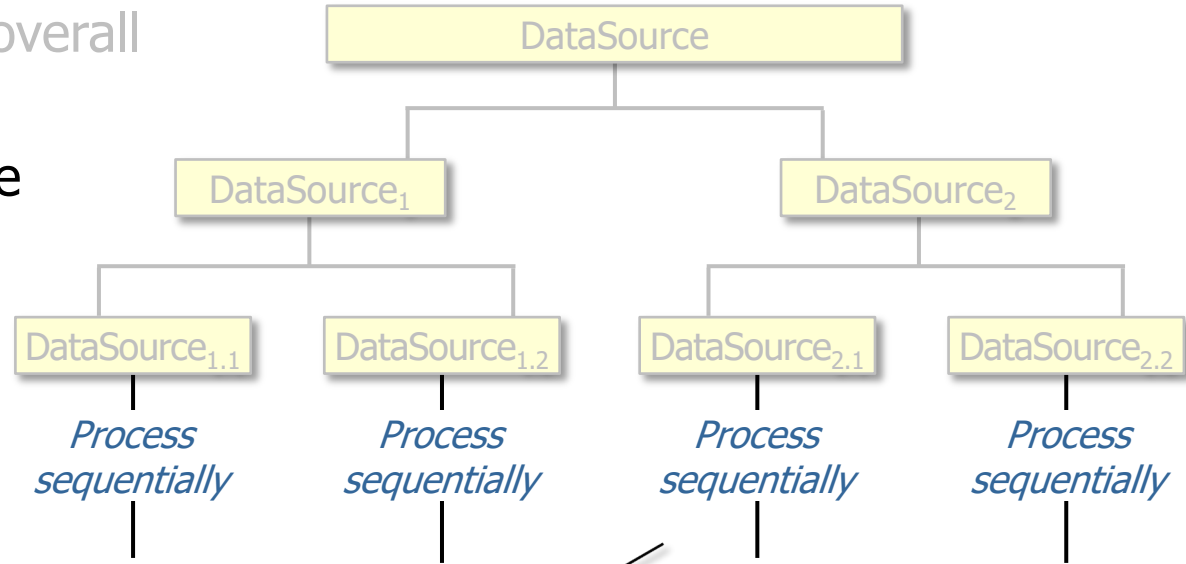
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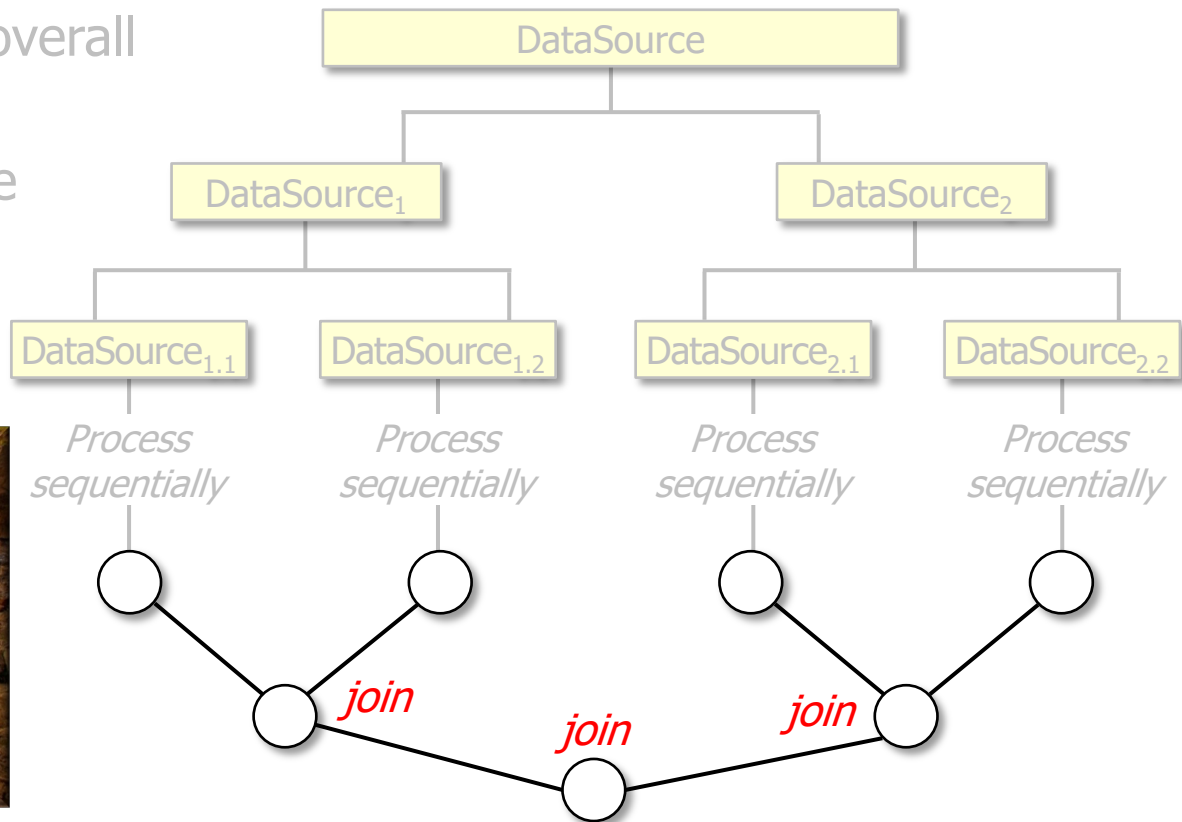
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This step is typically *all* that a sequential program does!

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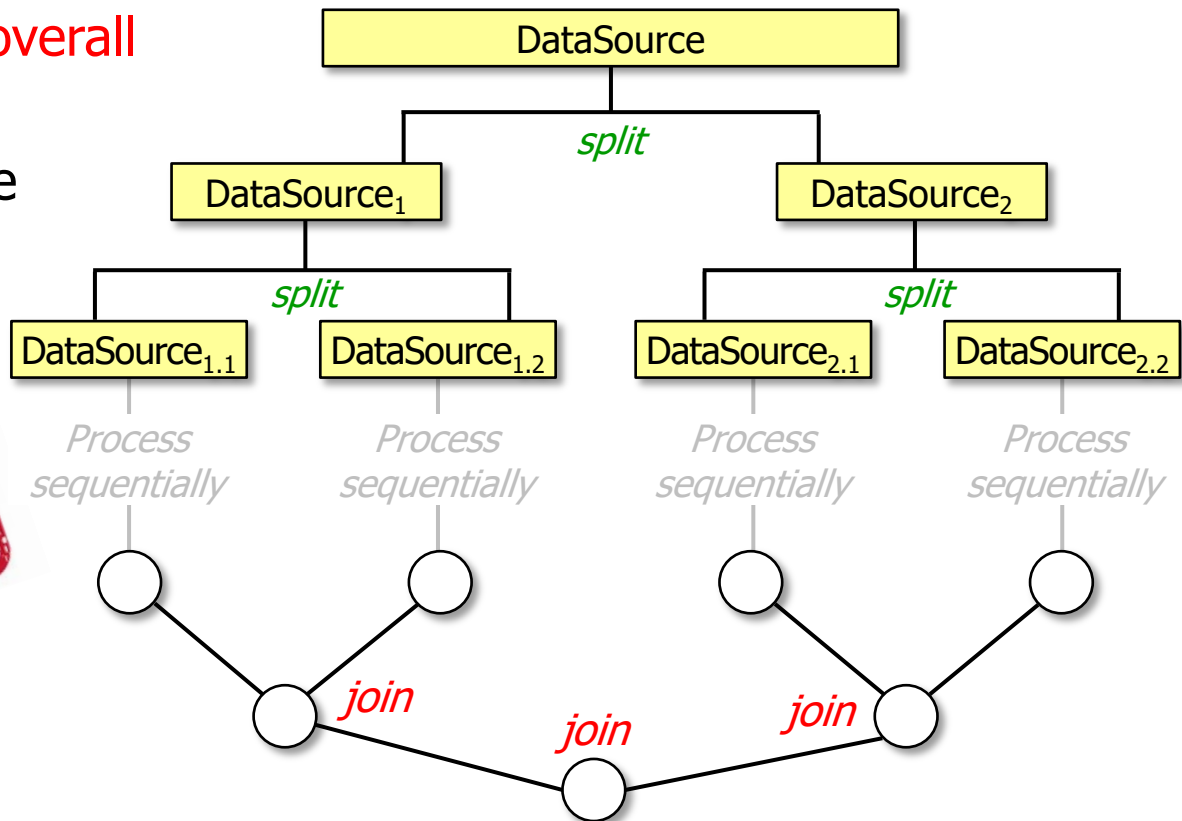
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EXTRA COST

A sequential program needn't do steps 1 & 3..

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- Java parallel streams are thus useful in some (but not all) conditions



See gee.cs.oswego.edu/dl/html/StreamParallelGuidance.html

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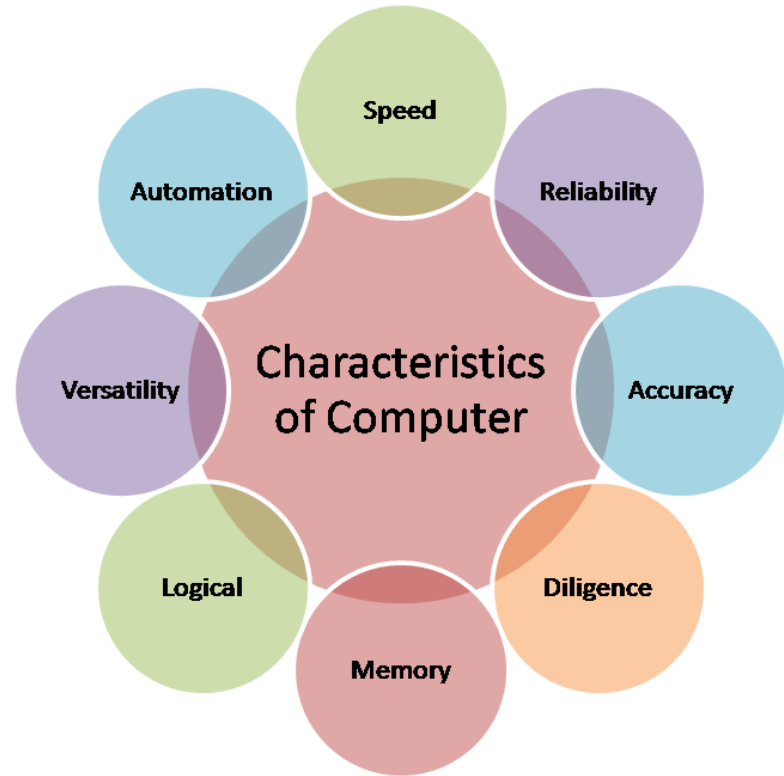
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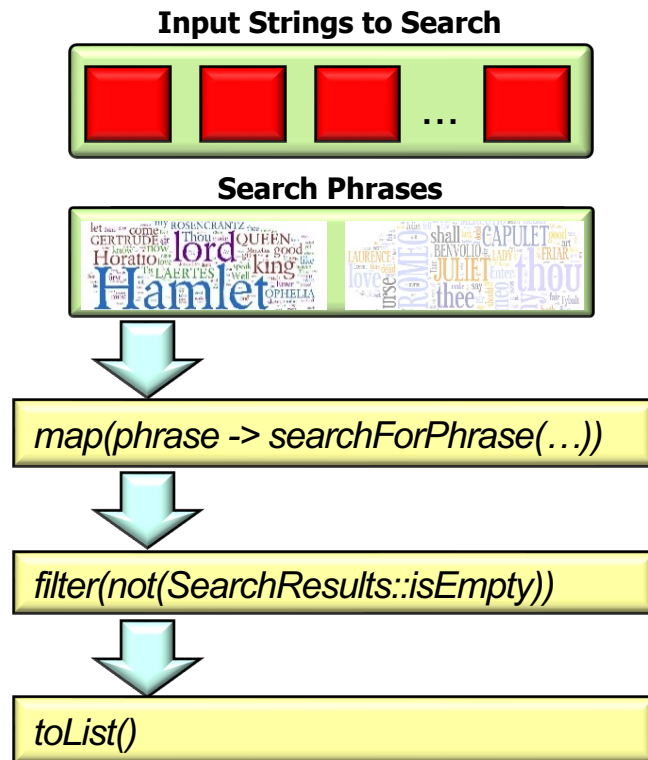


"Embarrassingly parallel" tasks have little/no dependency or need for communication between tasks or for sharing results between them

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embarrassingly_parallel

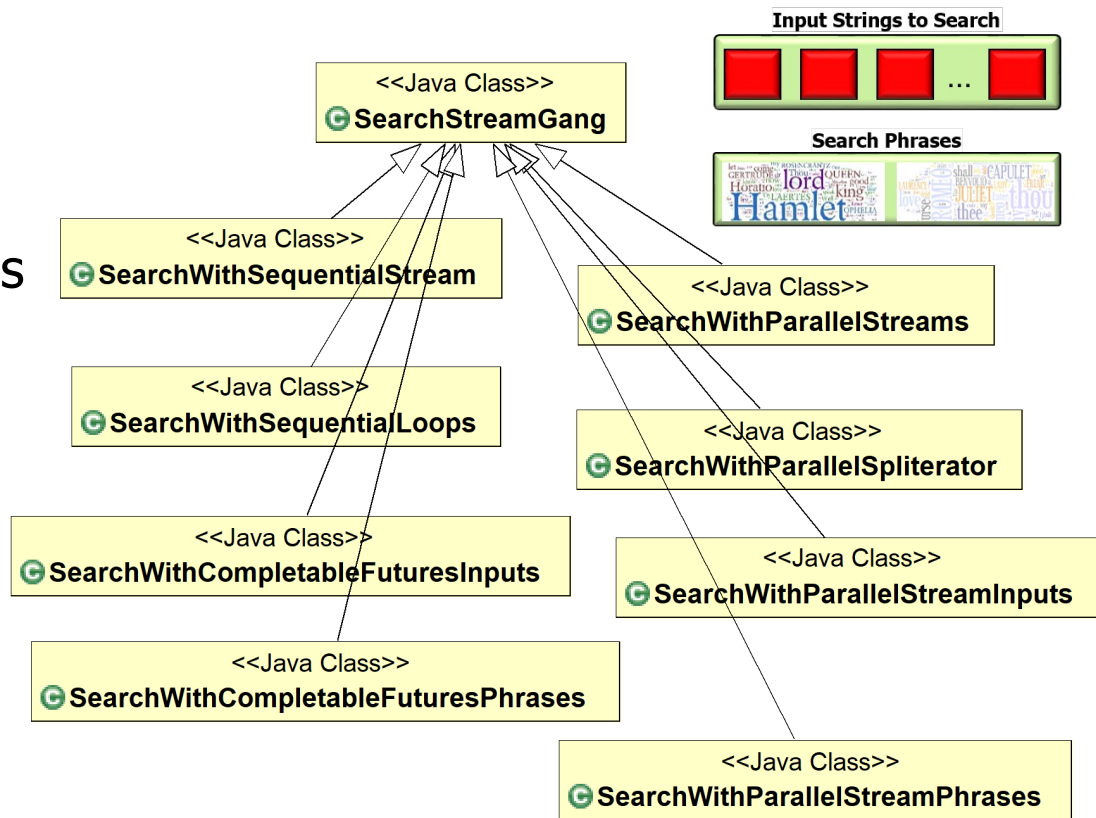
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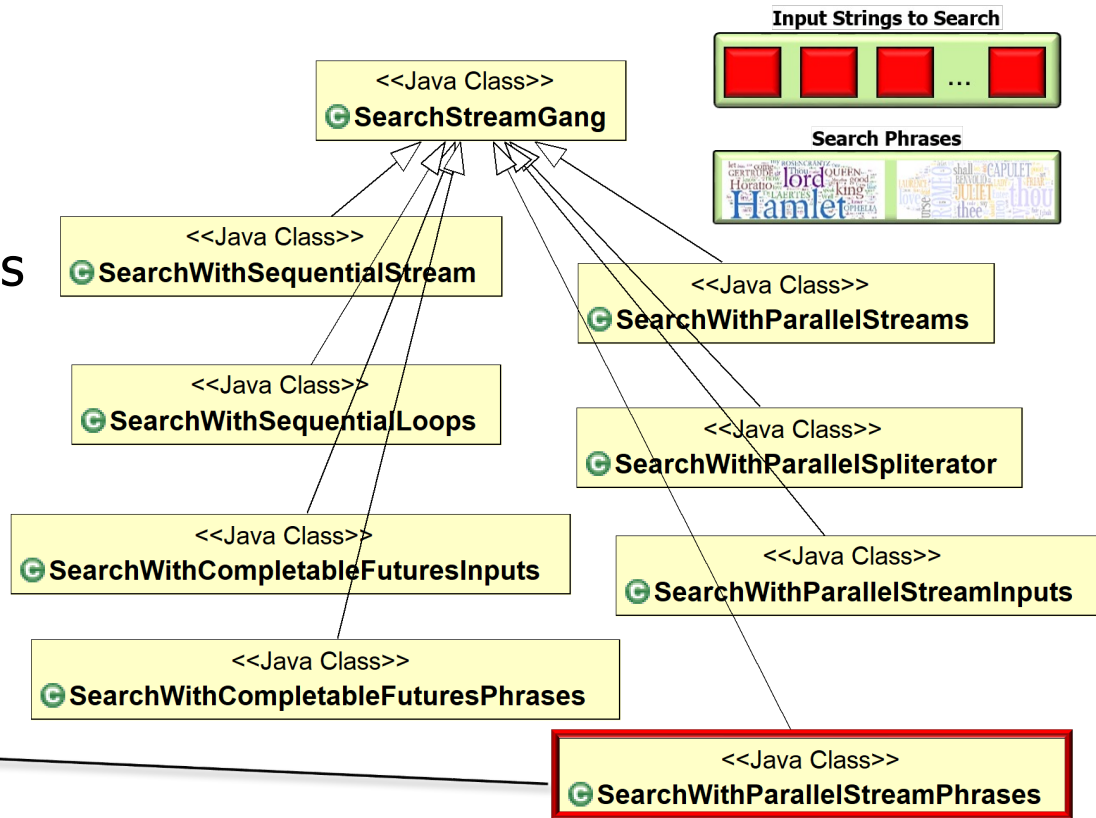
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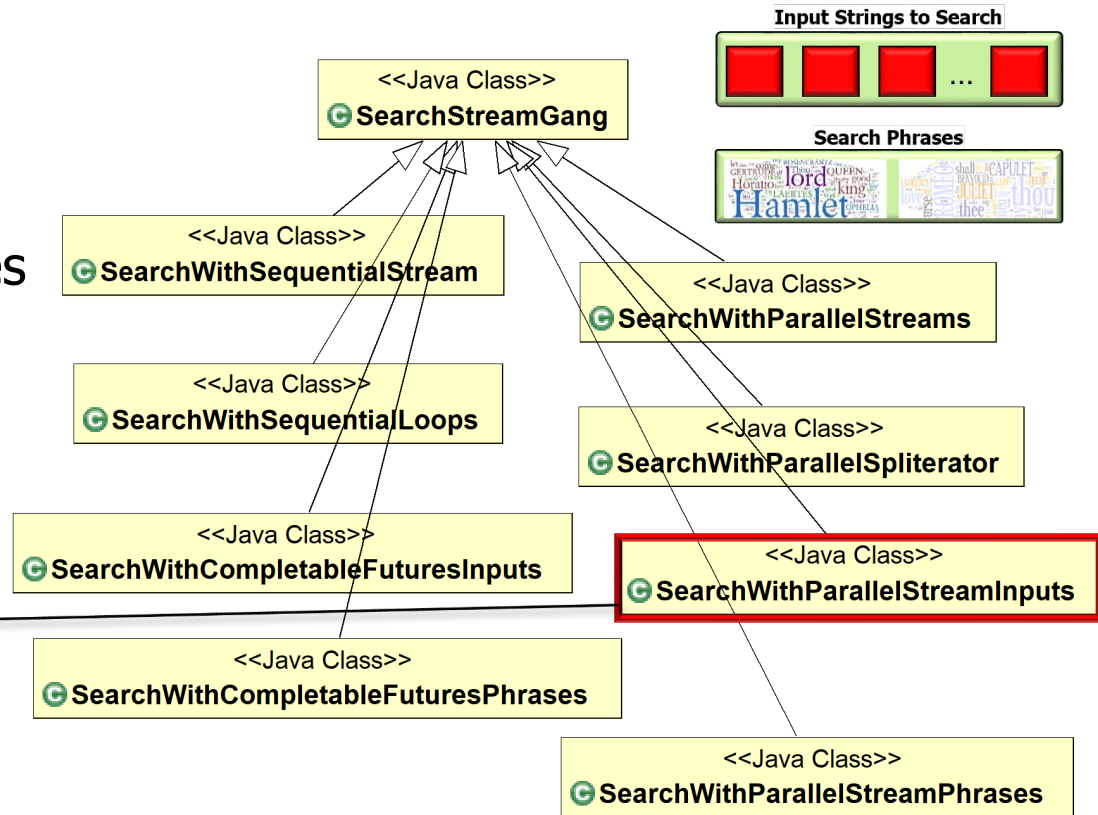


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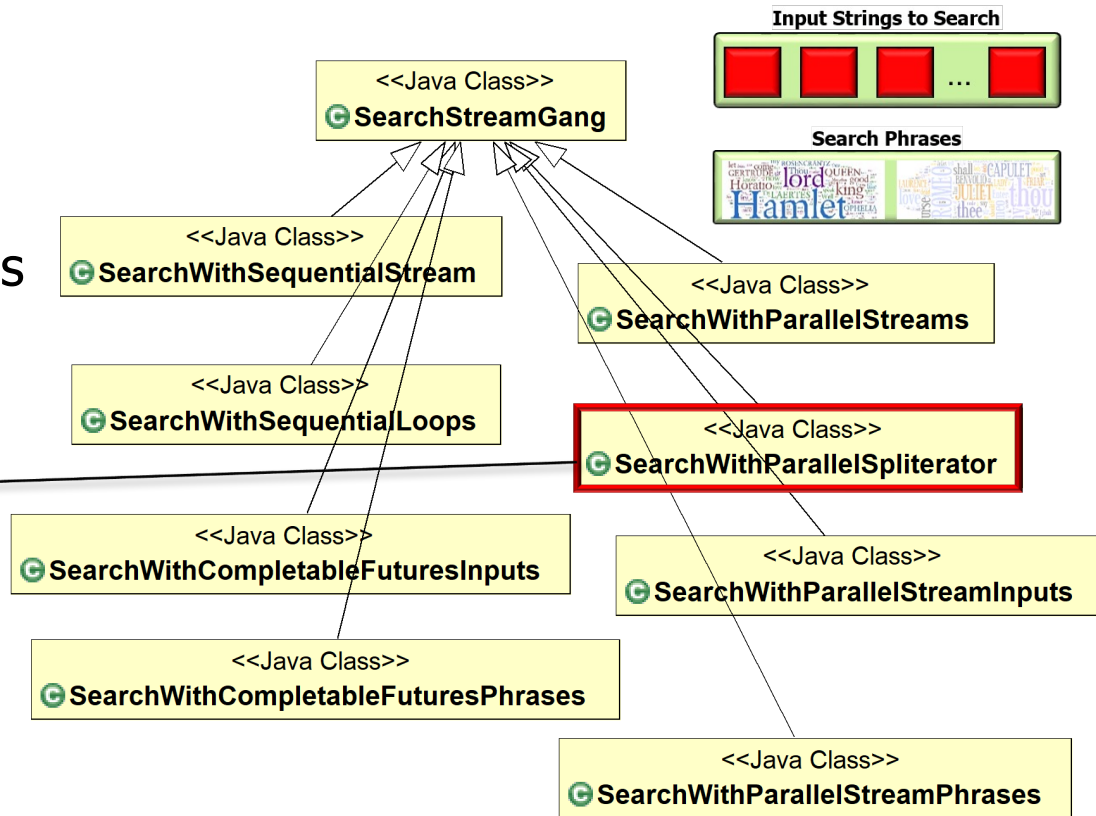
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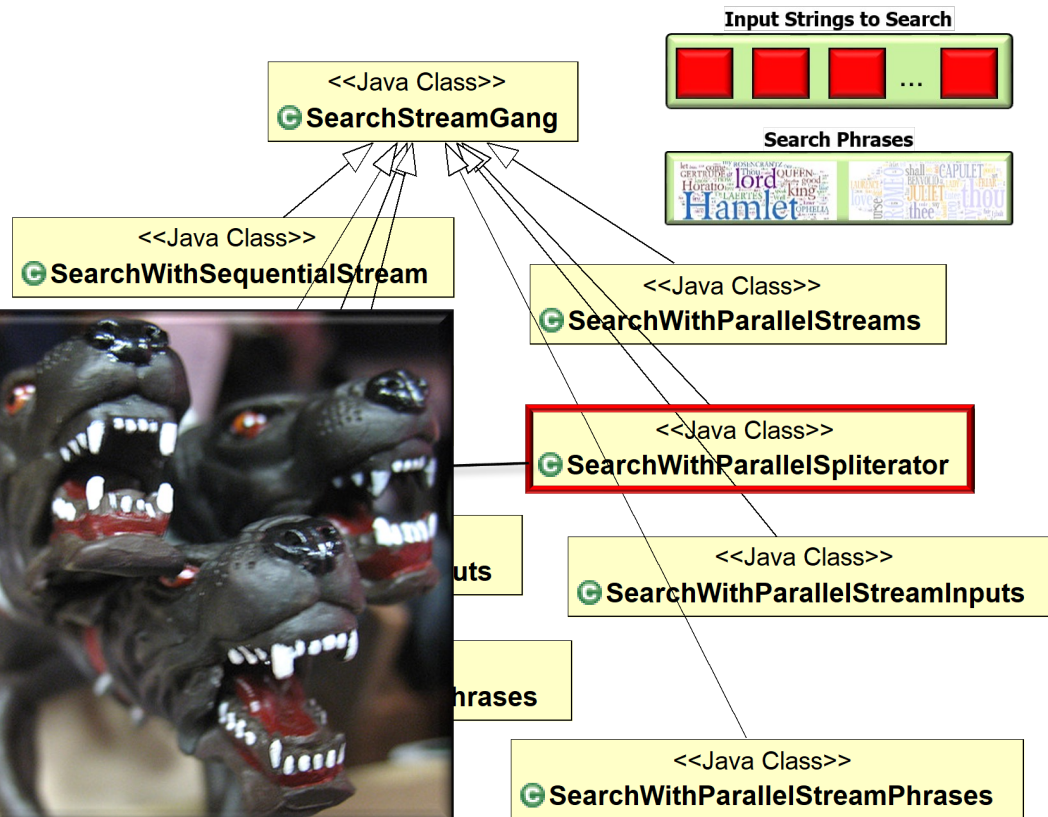
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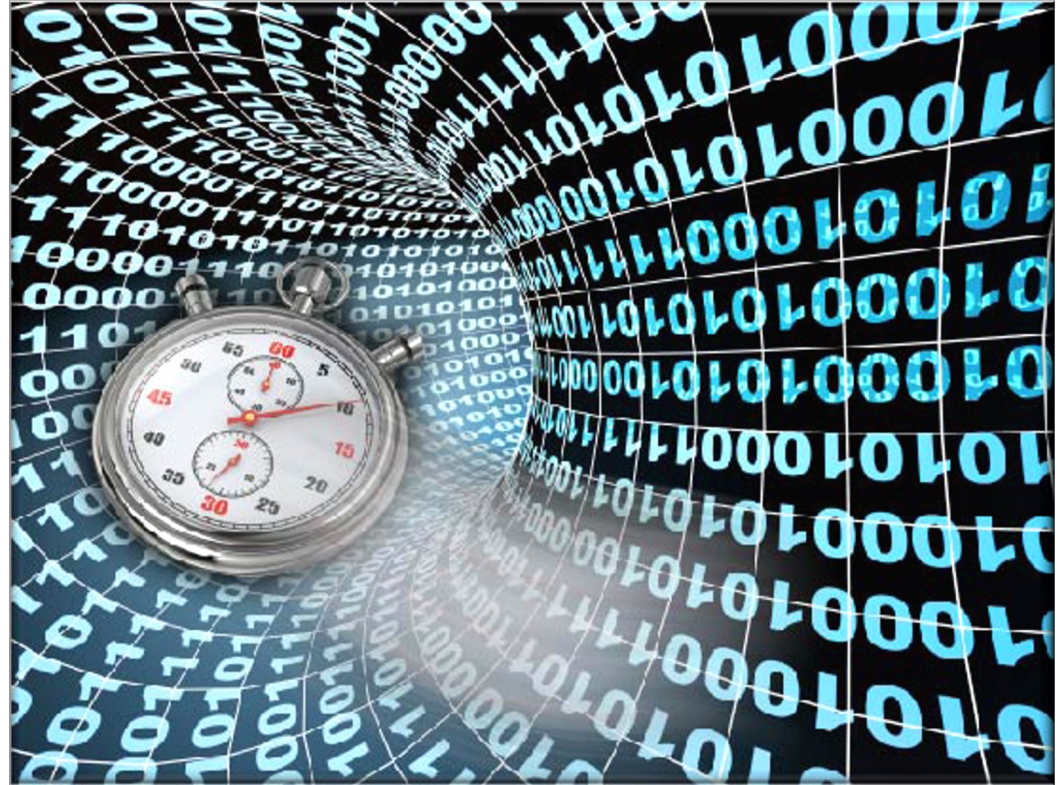
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- *search chunks of input in parallel*
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SearchWithParallelSpliterator is the most aggressive parallelism strategy!

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 - When behaviors have certain characteristics
 - Independent
 - Computationally expensive
 - e.g., when behavior(s) applied to each element take a “long-time” to run



See developer.ibm.com/articles/j-java-streams-5-brian-goetz

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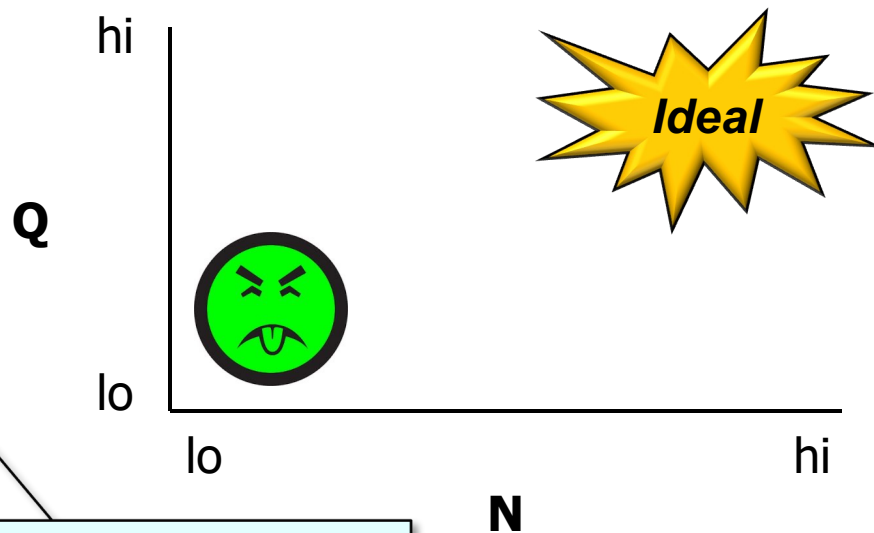
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 - Where these sources can be split efficiently/evenly



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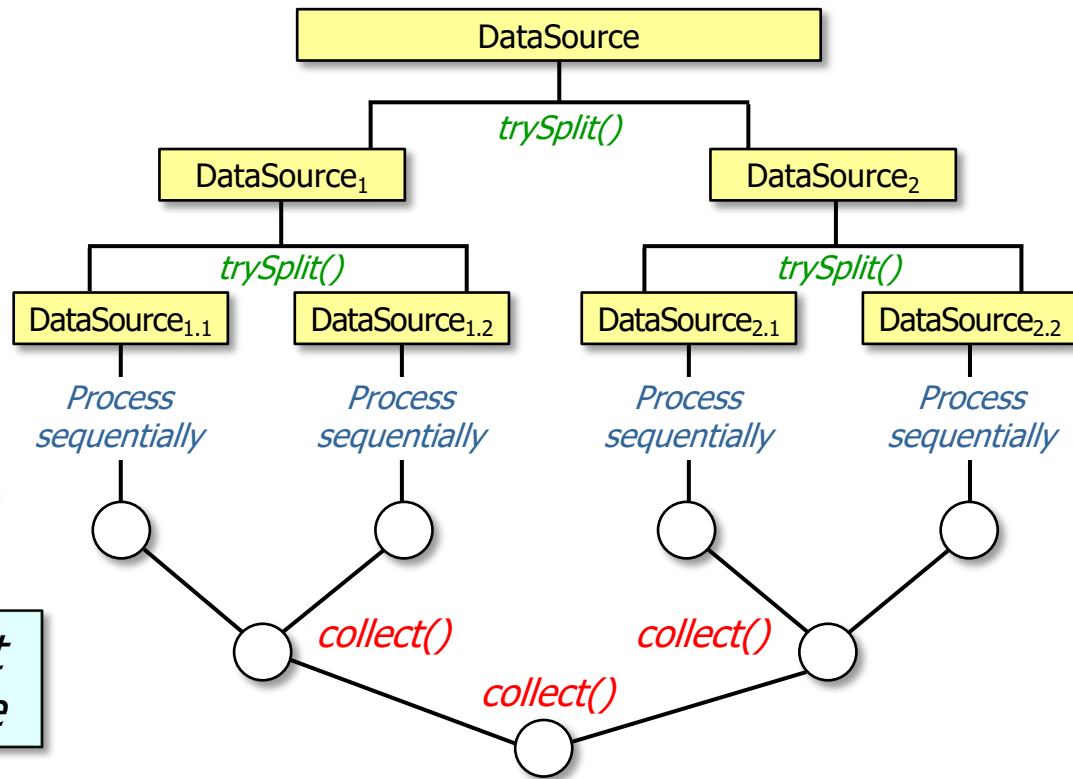


The "NQ" model:

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

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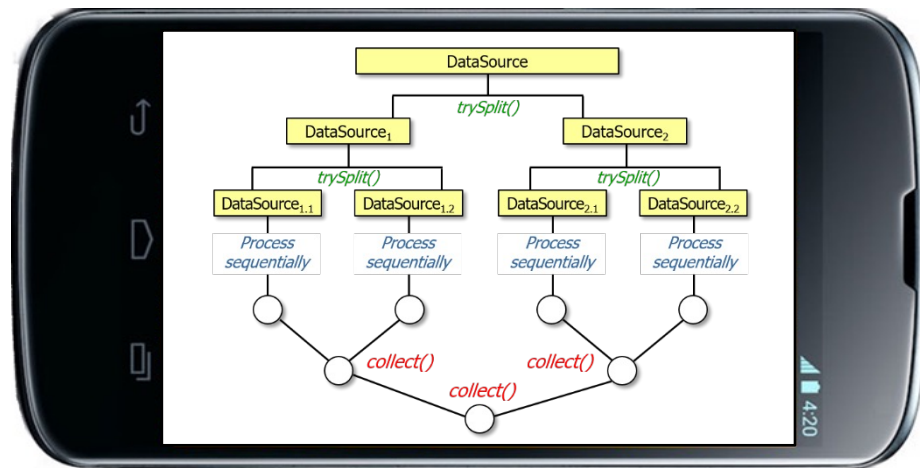
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e.g., searching for phrases that match in works of Shakespeare

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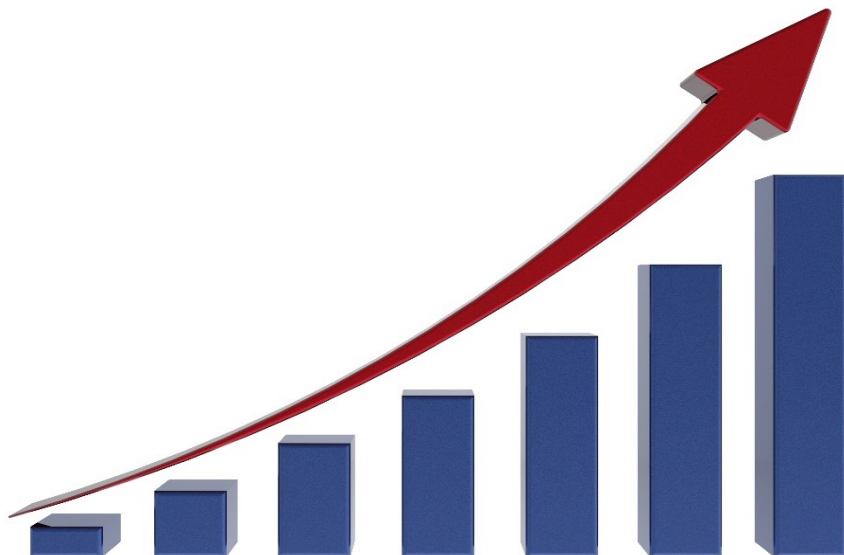
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See blog.oiio.de/2016/01/22/parallel-stream-processing-in-java-8-performance-of-sequential-vs-parallel-stream-processing

When to Use Java Parallel Streams

- Under the right conditions Java parallel streams can scale up nicely on multi-core & many-core processors



Input Strings to Search



Search Phrases



Starting SearchStreamGangTest

PARALLEL_SPLITERATOR executed in 409 msecs

COMPLETABLE_FUTURES_INPUTS executed in 426 msecs

COMPLETABLE_FUTURES_PHASES executed in 427 msecs

PARALLEL_STREAMS executed in 437 msecs

PARALLEL_STREAM_PHASES executed in 440 msecs

RXJAVA_PHASES executed in 485 msecs

PARALLEL_STREAM_INPUTS executed in 802 msecs

RXJAVA_INPUTS executed in 866 msecs

SEQUENTIAL_LOOPS executed in 1638 msecs

SEQUENTIAL_STREAM executed in 1958 msecs

Ending SearchStreamGangTest

See www.infoq.com/presentations/parallel-java-se-8

End of When to Use Java Parallel Streams