

# Applying the Java Consumer & Function Functional Interfaces

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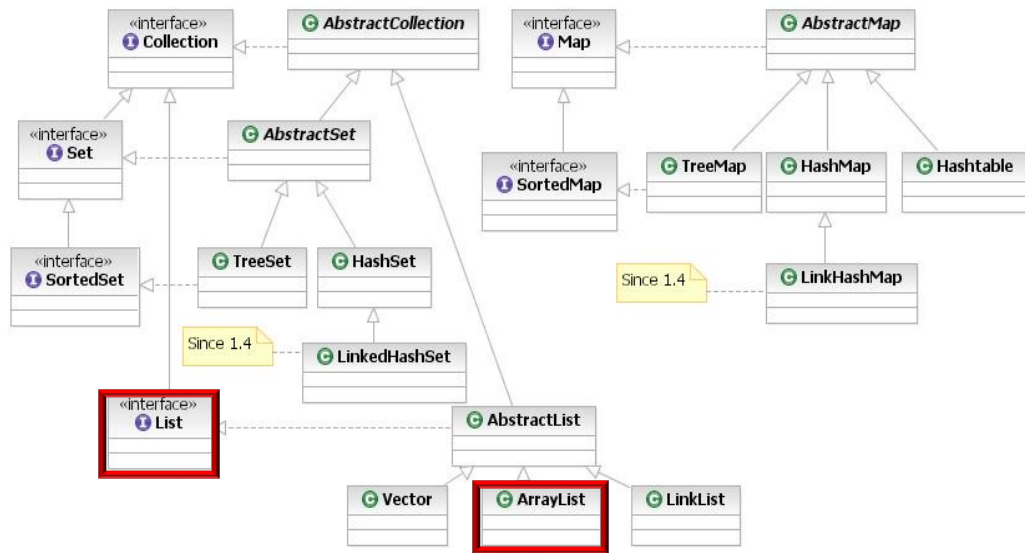


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See [github.com/douglasraigschmidt/ModernJava/tree/main/FP/ex14](https://github.com/douglasraigschmidt/ModernJava/tree/main/FP/ex14)

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  - This example shows the List interface & ArrayList class in the Java collection framework



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*Create a List of Thread objects named after the three stooges*

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See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Three\\_Stooges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Three_Stooges)

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*Returns a fixed-size (modifiable) List backed by the specified array*

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See [docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Arrays.html#asList](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Arrays.html#asList)

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*A method reference to a Consumer is used to print threads by name*

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See previous lesson on "*The Java Consumer Functional Interface*"



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*A method reference to a Function used to sort Thread objects by name*

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See [dzone.com/articles/java-8-comparator-how-to-sort-a-list](https://dzone.com/articles/java-8-comparator-how-to-sort-a-list)

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*The comparing() method imposes a total ordering on the collection of Thread objects via the Thread::getName method reference*

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interface Comparator {  
    ...  
    static <T, U extends Comparable<? super U>> Comparator<T>  
        comparing(Function<? super T, ? extends U> keyEx) {  
        return ((c1, c2) ->  
            keyEx.apply(c1)  
                .compareTo(keyEx.apply(c2))); }  
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*Imposes a total ordering on a collection of objects*

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*The comparing() method is passed a Function parameter called keyEx*

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Thread::getName

The Thread::getName method reference is bound to the keyEx parameter

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*In this example c1 & c2 are Thread objects being compared by sort()*

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*The apply() method of the keyEx function yields String objects that are compared for their relationship*



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```
c1.getName().compareTo(c2.getName())
```

The Thread::getName method reference is called to compare two thread names

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# End of Applying the Java Consumer & Function Functional Interfaces