Overview of Basic Java 8 CompletableFuture Features (Part 2)

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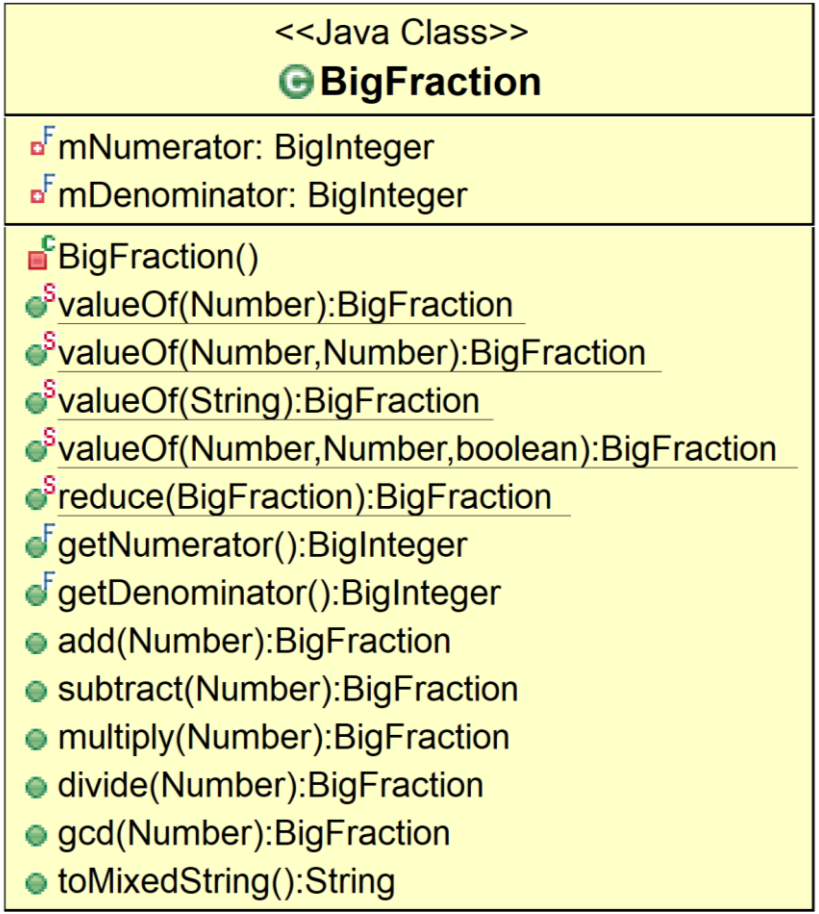

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All Implemented Interfaces:

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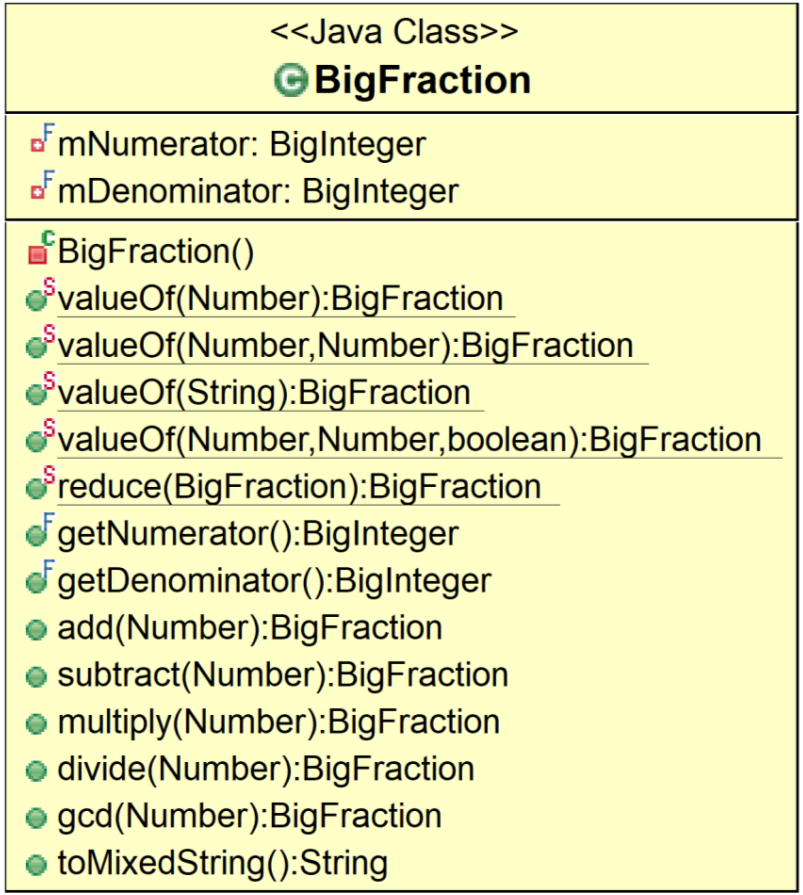

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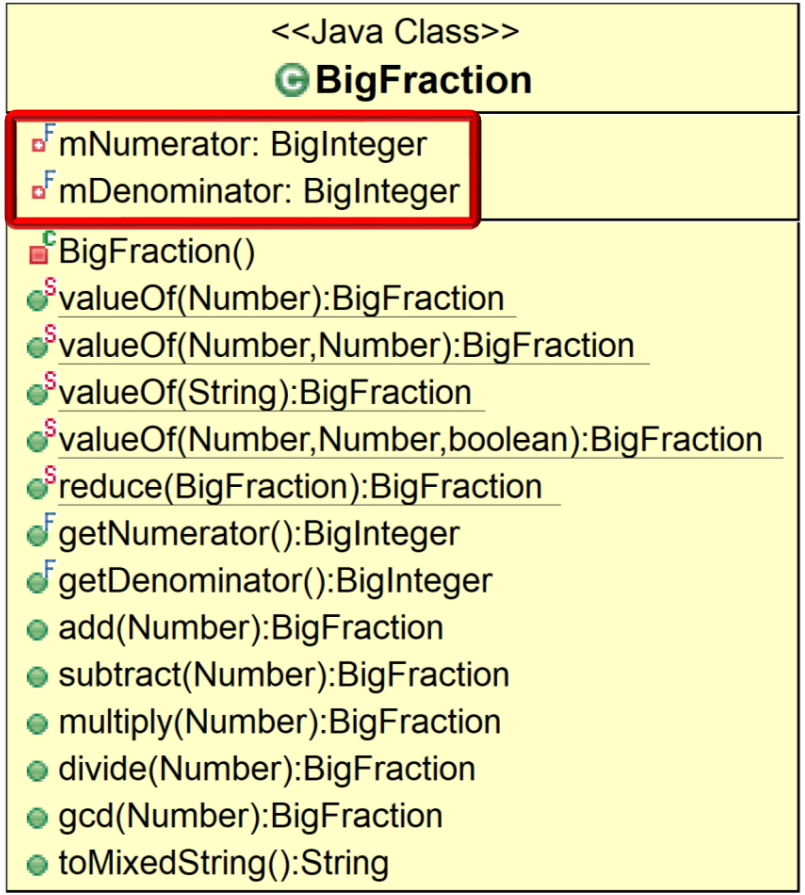

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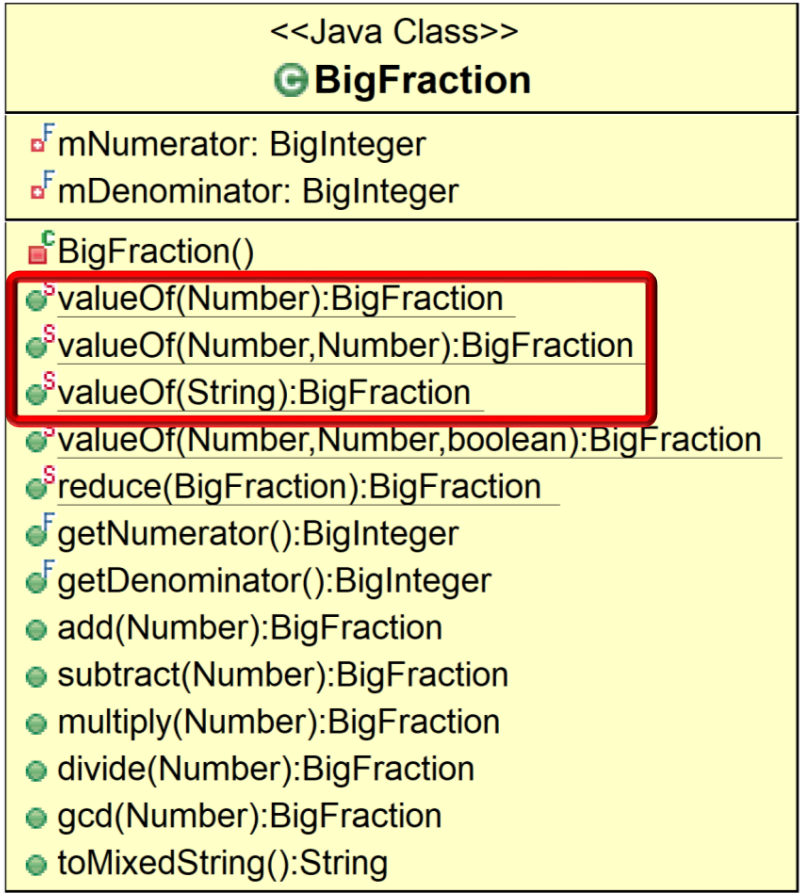

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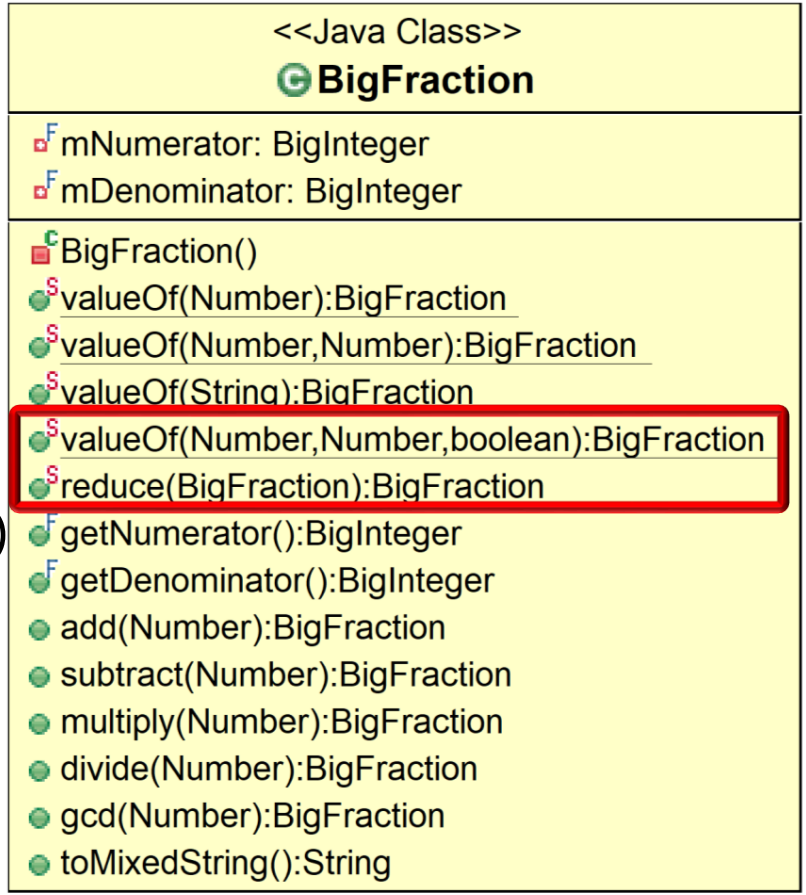

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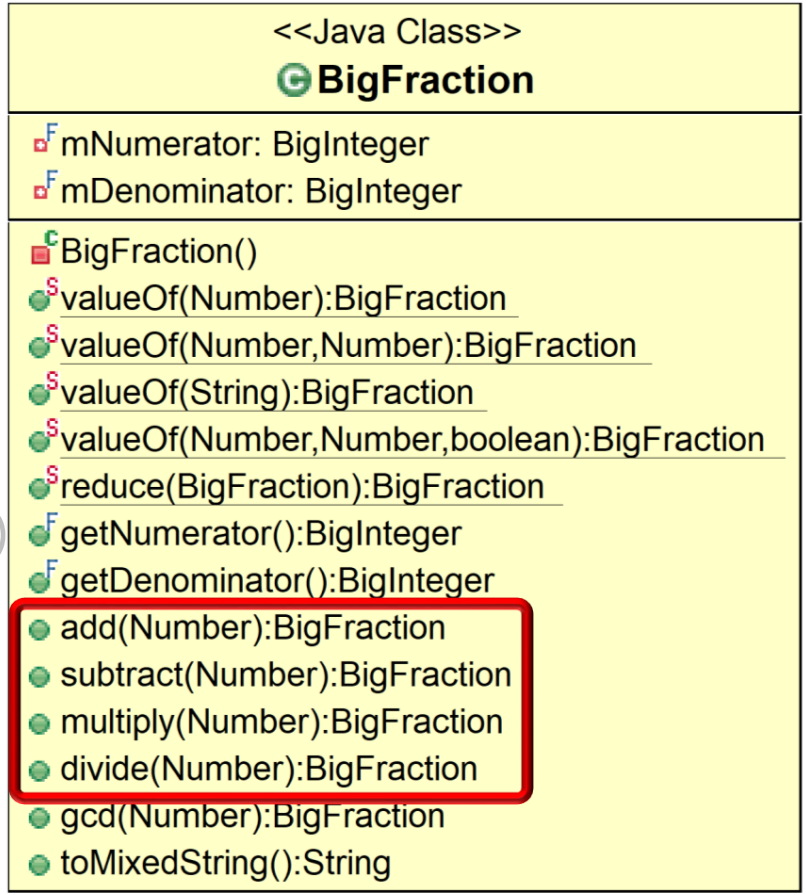

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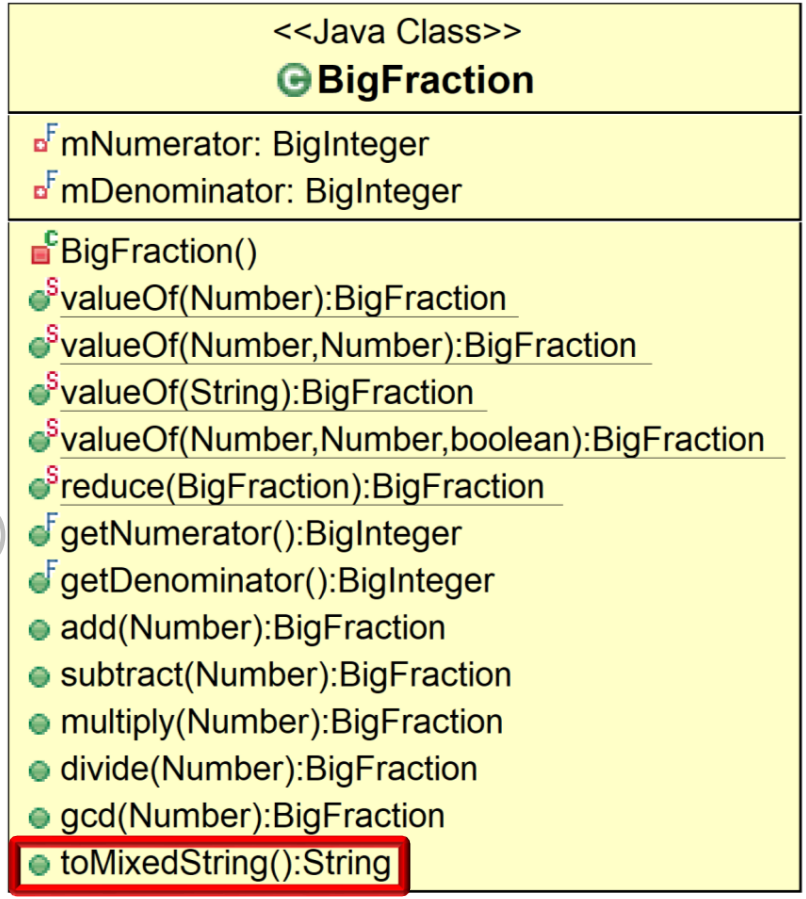

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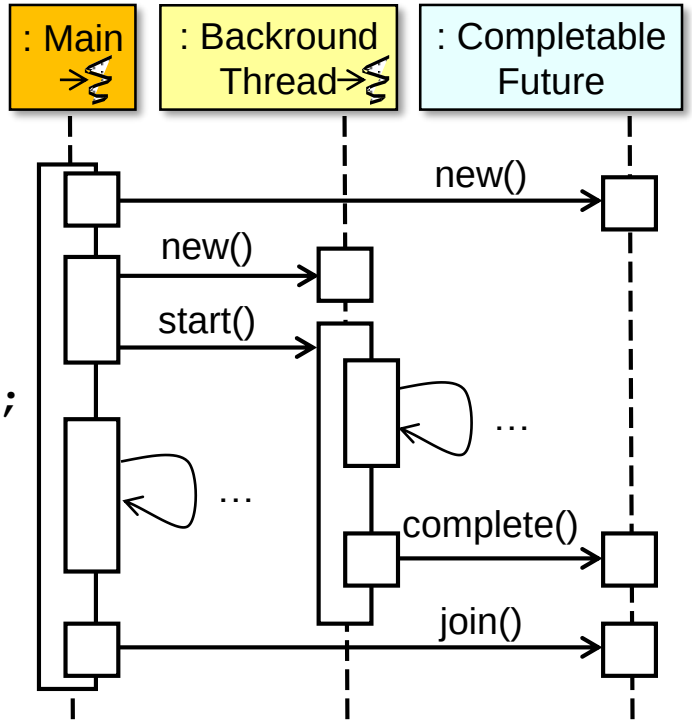

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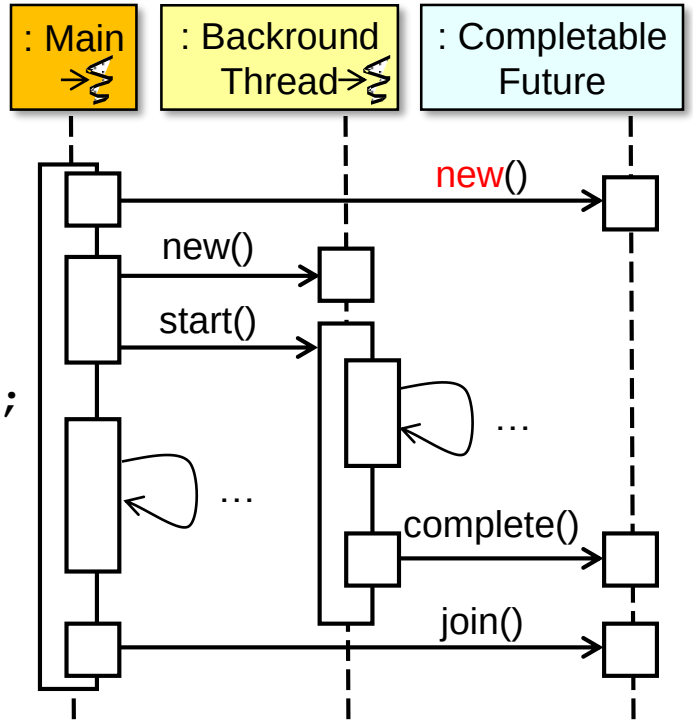

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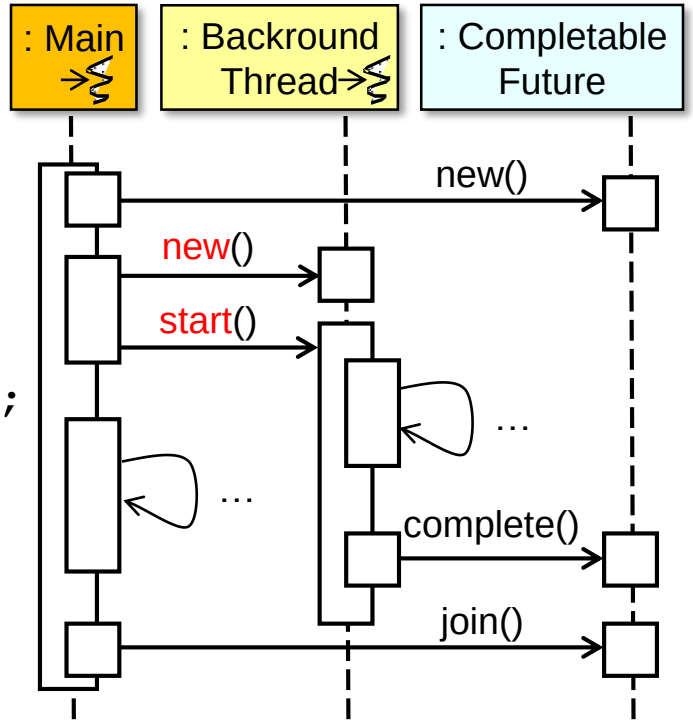

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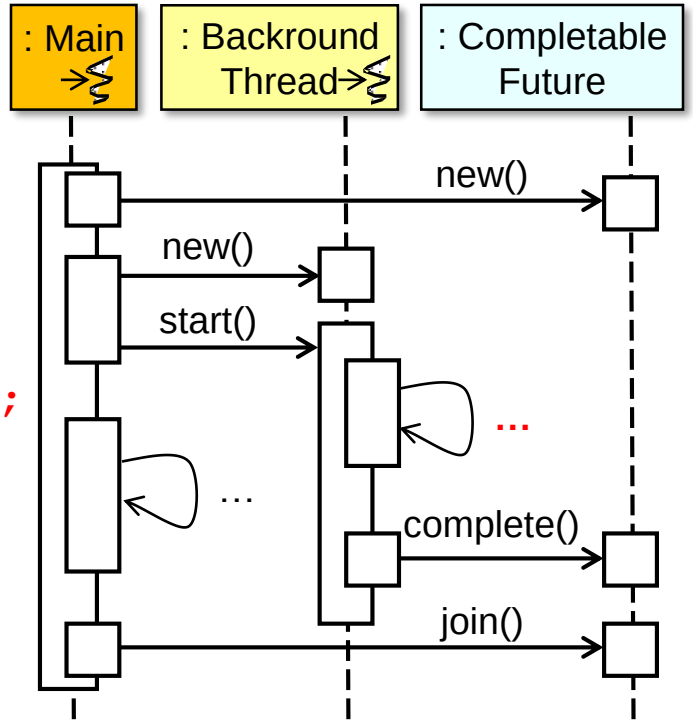

The computation multiplies BigFractions (via BigIntegers)

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/math/BigInteger.html

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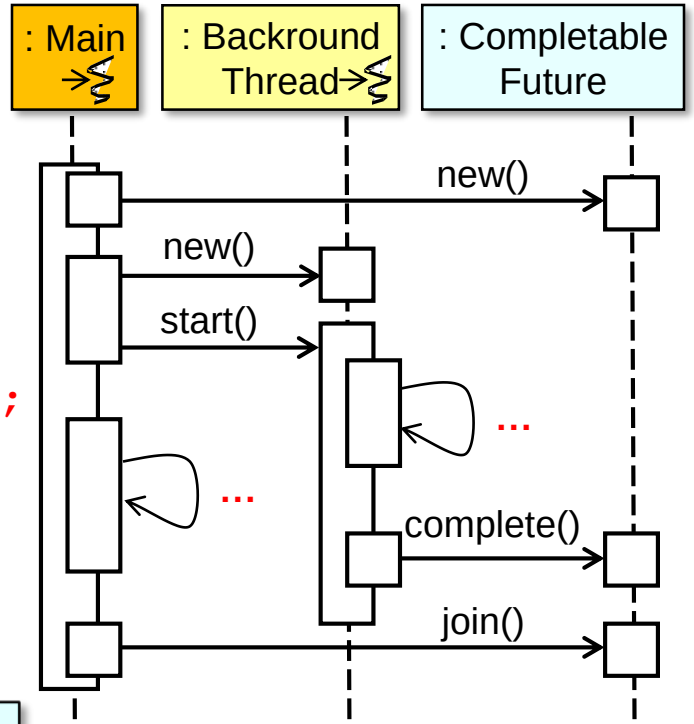

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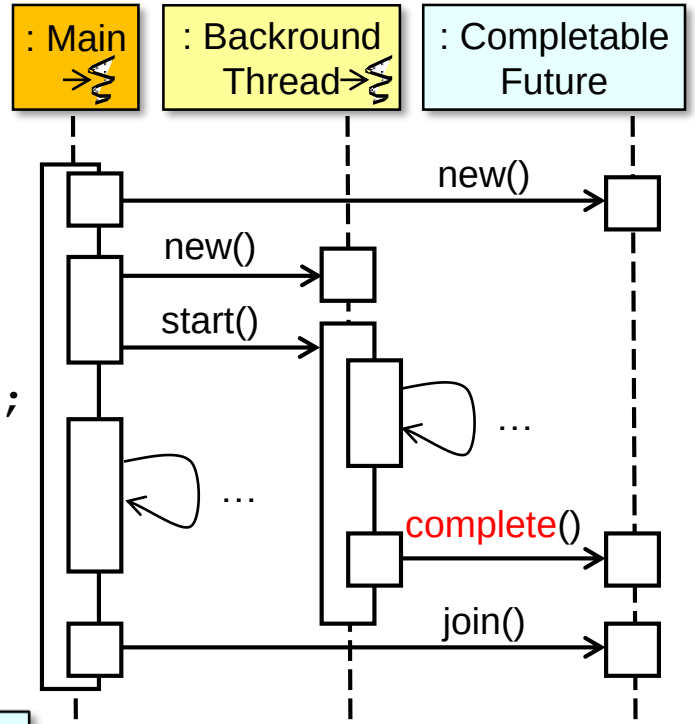

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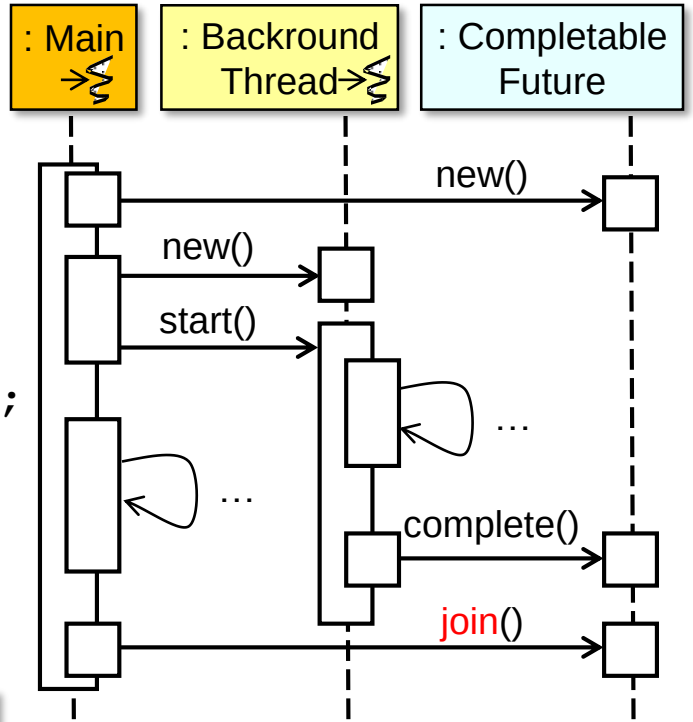

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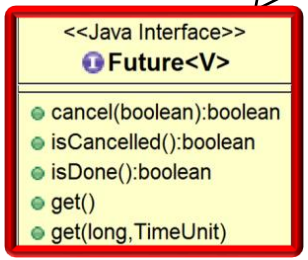
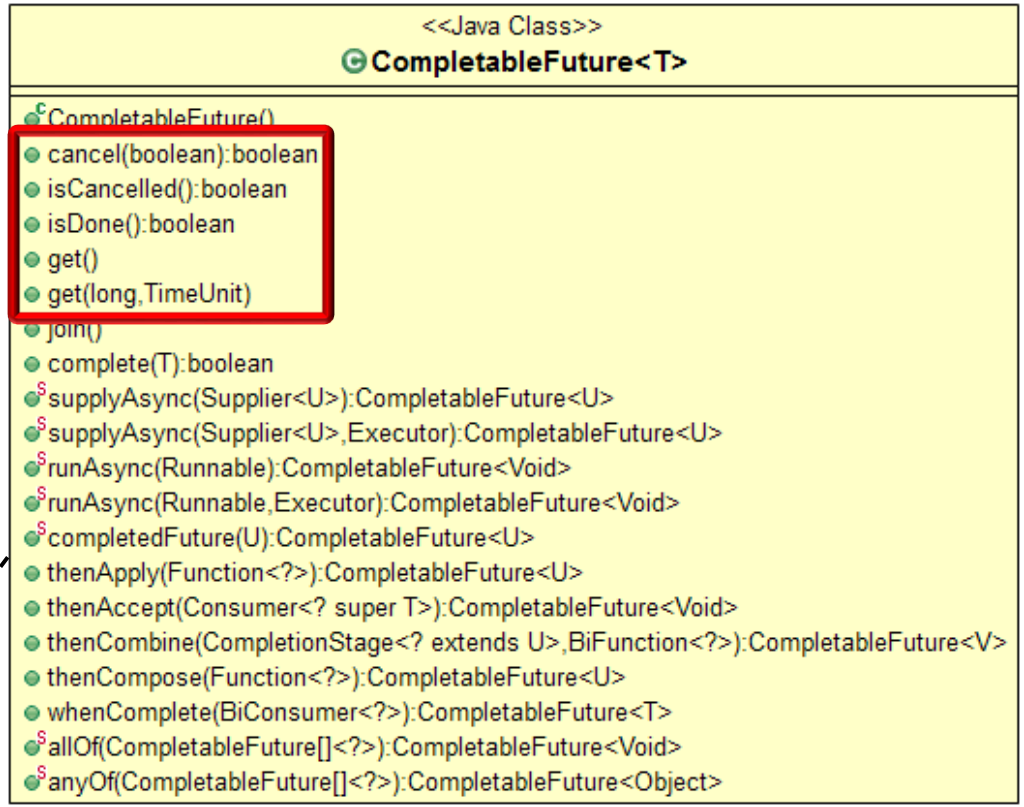
- Basic completable future features have similar limitations as futures
  - *Cannot* be chained fluently to handle async results
  - *Cannot* be triggered reactively
  - *Cannot* be treated efficiently as a *collection* of futures





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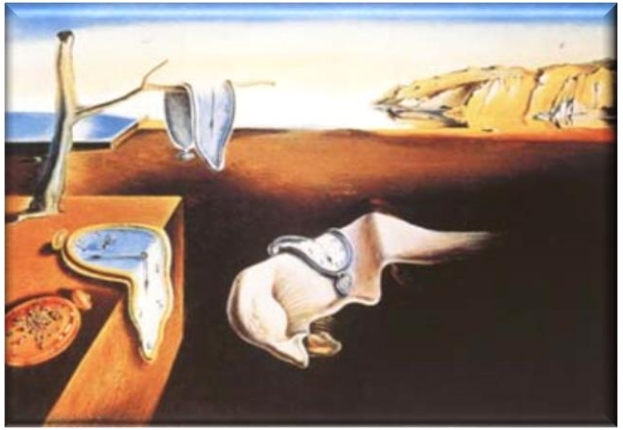

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Using a timeout to bound the blocking duration is inefficient & error-prone

See crondev.blog/2017/01/23/timeouts-with-java-8-completablefuture-youre-probably-doing-it-wrong

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- We therefore need to leverage the advanced features of completable futures

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