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Lesson 1-2: Lambda Expression Syntax

Lambda Expressions Are Anonymous Functions

Which Are Like Methods But Without A Class

`(parameters) -> { lambda-body }`



Lambda operator

- Body of the Lambda may throw exceptions
- Single line Lambdas
 - Do not need braces
 - Do not need an explicit return statement
- Lambdas with a single parameter do not need brackets
- Lambdas with no parameters must have empty brackets

Lambda Expression Syntax

Examples

- `() -> System.out.println("Hello Lambda")`
- `x -> x + 10`
- `(int x, int y) -> { return x + y; }`
- `(String x, String y) -> x.length() - y.length()`
- `(String x) -> {
 listA.add(x);
 listB.remove(x);
 return listB.size();
}`

Lambda Expressions

Type Inference

- Example method definition

- `static <T> T process(List<T> l, Comparator<T> c)`

- Use the method

- `List<String> list = getList();`

- `process(list, (String x, String y) -> x.length() - y.length());`

- Compiler is now smarter

- `String r = process(list, (x, y) -> x.length() - y.length())`

- More typing with less typing

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Summary

- Syntax for Lambda expressions is simple
 - Brackets and braces are optional for certain situations
- Type inference means types often do not need to be explicitly stated
 - Java remains strongly, statically typed

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