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Where far art thou...() -> Lambda

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Java 8

- Released 03/2014!
- Lambdas
- Streams
- Improvements to G1
- Default methods
- Date / Time improvements
- Nashorn



Lambdas

- Introduce functions as a first class citizen to the language
- Facilitates functional programming constructs
- Any interface or class with a Single Abstract Method can be defined as a Lambda
- Last expression is the return argument (non-void methods)
- Surrounding arguments can be captured
- A reference to a method (including constructors) can be captured as a Lambda

Lambdas

```
Supplier<String>      s = () -> "Yikes";  
Consumer<String>     c = sIn -> System.out.println(sIn);  
Function<String, Integer> f = sIn -> Integer.parseInt(sIn);  
Predicate<String>    p = sIn -> s.equals("Yikes");
```

```
BiConsumer<String, Integer> bc = (sIn, nIn) -> System.out.println(sIn + nIn);  
BiFunction<String, Integer, Integer> bf = (sIn, nIn) -> Integer.parseInt(sIn) + nIn;  
BinaryOperator<Integer> bfInt = (nIn1, nIn2) -> nIn1 + nIn2;  
BiPredicate<String, Integer> bp = (sIn, nIn) -> sIn.equals("Yikes") && nIn == 42;
```

```
Supplier<String>      mhGetConstant = Person::getConstant;  
Function<Person, String> mhGetFirstName = Person::getFirstName;  
Supplier<Person>      mhCons = Person::new;  
BiFunction<String, Integer, Person> mhCons2 = Person::new;
```

Lambdas

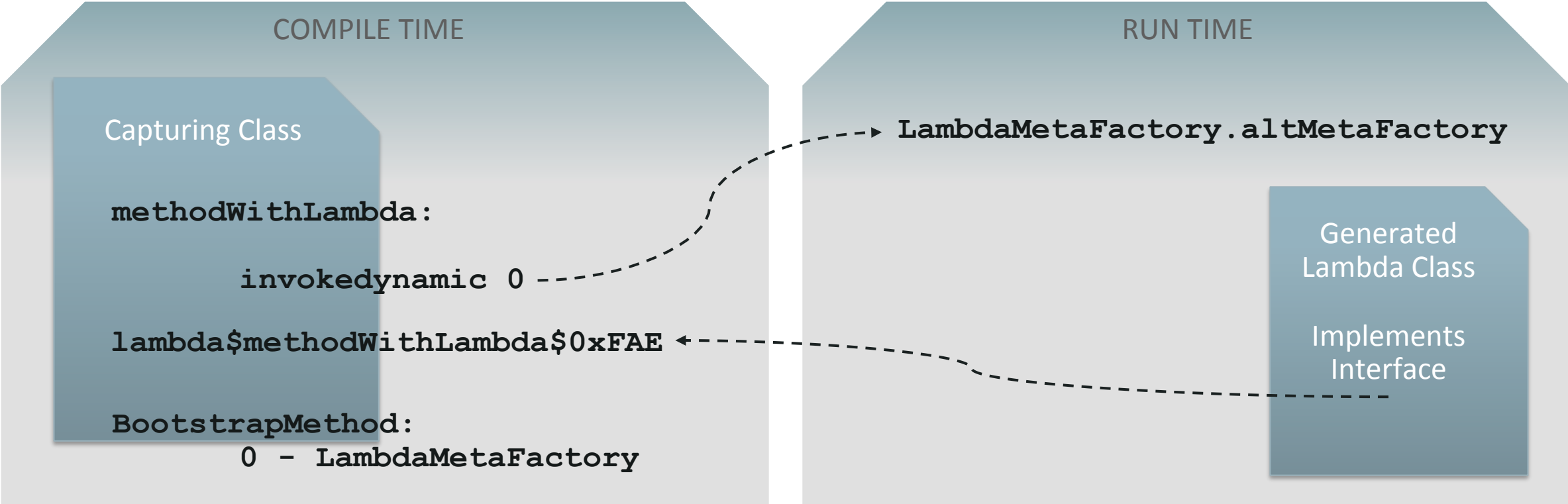
```
String      sMatch = "Yikes";  
Predicate<String> p2 = sIn -> s.equals(sMatch);
```

```
List<String> listHarNames = new ArrayList<>(listNames.size());  
listNames.forEach(sName ->  
    {  
        if (sName.startsWith("Har"))  
        {  
            listHarNames.add(sName);  
        }  
    });
```

```
Map<String, Long> map = new HashMap<>();  
map.computeIfAbsent("—|—", sKey -> veryExpensiveOp(sKey));
```


Lambdas – under the hood

- Compiler converts lambda expression into a number of parts:



Lambdas – under the hood

- InvokeDynamic is beautiful
 - Introduces the notion of linkage time
 - Allows for different types of call sites to be returned allowing the JVM to optimize for ConstantCallSites
- LambdaMetaFactory dynamically generates a class implementing the SAM
- SAM implementation will call generated synthetic method on capturing class
- The class is defined ‘anonymously’

Lambdas – under the hood

- Lambdas can be serialized but must implement Serializable
- A Serializable lambda adds behaviour to the class:
 - writeReplace/readResolve
 - SerializedLambda
- Metadata for the lambda and captured arguments are serialized
- Type conversion as interface types can be narrowed at the call site / captured class
 - Slightly more involved for primitives – boxed & unboxed

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