Streams

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Solution This operation can be performed in three steps:

1. read all the data from a file;
2. store words in a list;
3. iterate over elements in the list and count the elements that are longer than 12 chars.

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```
//Read file into string
String contents = new String(
  Files.readAllBytes(
    Paths.get("alice.txt"),
    StandardCharsets.UTF_8
  )
);

//Split into words, nonletters are delimiters.
List<String> words = List.of(contents.split("\\PL+"));

//Iterate and count
long count = 0;
for (String w: words) {
  if (w.length() > 12) {
    count++;
  }
}
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3. Stream operations are lazy when possible. This means that they are not executed until their result is needed. **We can have infinite streams!**

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Stream<T> Stream.of( T ... values )
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Infinite streams can be built by using the (static) utility methods provided class Stream:

```
Stream<T> generate(Supplier<? extends T> s)

Stream<T> Stream.iterate(T seed,
  UnaryOperator<T> f)

Stream<T> Stream.iterate(T seed,
  Predicate<? super T> hasNext,
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```
Stream<S> map(Function<? super T,? extends R> mapper)
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Methods takeWhile and dropWhile selects (resp. discharge) all the elements of a stream while a given predicate is satisfied:

```
Stream<T> takeWhile(Predicate<? super T> predicate)

Stream<T> dropWhile(Predicate<? super T> predicate)
```

Combining streams...

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Static method concat can be used to build a new string resulting from the concatenation of two streams:

```
static <T> Stream<T> concat(Stream<? extends T> a,
                            Stream<? extends T> b)
```

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Build a stream consisting of the elements of a stream, additionally performing the provided action on each element as elements are consumed from the resulting stream:

```
Stream<T> peek(Consumer<? super T> action)
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Optional<T> methods:

```
T orElse(T other)
T orElseGet(Supplier<? extends T> supplier)
T orElseThrow(Supplier<? extends X> exceptionSupplier)
void ifPresent(Consumer<? super T> action)
void ifPresentOrElse(Consumer<? super T> action,
    Runnable emptyAction)
```

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```
Optional<T> max(Comparator<? super T> comparator)
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- Get the minimum element of this stream according to the provided Comparator

```
Optional<T> min(Comparator<? super T> comparator)
```

- Get the first element of this stream:

```
Optional<T> findFirst()
```

- Get some element of the stream:

```
Optional<T> findAny()
```

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Standard collector are provided via utility methods in class Collectors:

- Collectors.toList()
- Collectors.toSet()
- Collectors.joining()
- ...

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Example:

```
List<Integer> values = ....
Optional<Integer> sum = values.stream().reduce((x,y)->x+y);
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To guarantee that the obtained result is the same as in sequential settings, all the operations must be stateless!

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Correct code:

```
Map<Integer,Long> shortWordCounts
  = words.parallelStream()
    .filter( s -> s.length()<12 )
    .collect(groupingBy(
      String::length,
      counting()))
    );
```

To be continued...