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Thread programming

Threads Concepts

- Threads, like processes, allows a program to do more than one thing at a time
- As with processes, threads appear to run concurrently; the Linux kernel schedules them asynchronously, interrupting each thread to give others a chance to execute
- Conceptually, a thread exists within a process
- When you invoke a program, Linux creates a new process containing a single thread, which runs the program sequentially
- All threads run the same program in the same process, but each thread may be executing a different part of the program at any given time.

Process VS Thread

- Using fork, the child process is initially running its parent's program, with its parent's virtual memory, file descriptors, and so on copied.
 - The child process can modify its memory without affecting its parent, and vice versa.
- The creating and the created thread share the same memory space, file descriptors, and other system resources as the original.
 - ➤ If one thread changes the value of a variable, the other thread subsequently will see the modified value.
 - ➤ If one thread closes a file descriptor, other threads may not read from or write to that file descriptor.

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P-threads and Linux

- GNU/Linux implements the POSIX standard thread
 API (known as pthreads p(osix)threads)
- All thread functions and data types are declared in the header file <pthread.h>
- The pthread functions are not included in the standard C library, instead, they are in **libpthread**
- You should add **-lpthread** to the command line when you link your program

- Each thread in a process is identified by a *thread ID*.
- In C/C++ the type **pthread_t** is used to refer to thread IDs
- Upon creation, each thread executes a *thread function* containing the code that the thread should run
- When the thread function returns, the thread exits
- On GNU/Linux, thread functions take a single generic pointer void* parameter called *thread argument*, and have a void* return type
- Programs use:
 - thread argument to pass data to a new thread
 - the *return value* to pass data from an exiting thread back to its creator

A pointer to a pthread_t variable, in which the ID of the new thread is stored

A pointer to a thread attribute object that controls details of how the thread interacts with the rest of the program (NULL = default attributes)

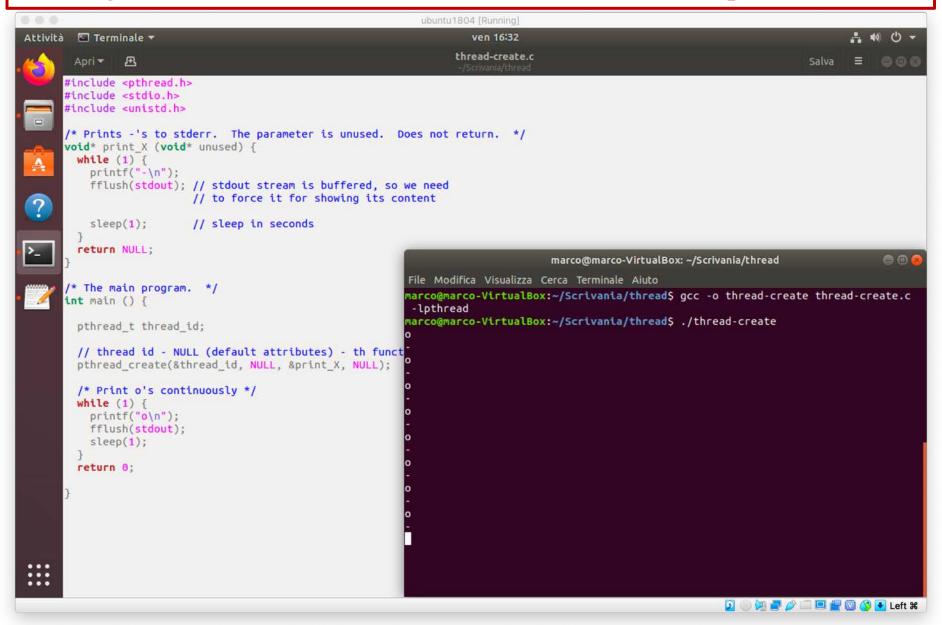
A pointer to the thread function

The argument passed to the thread function when the thread begins executing

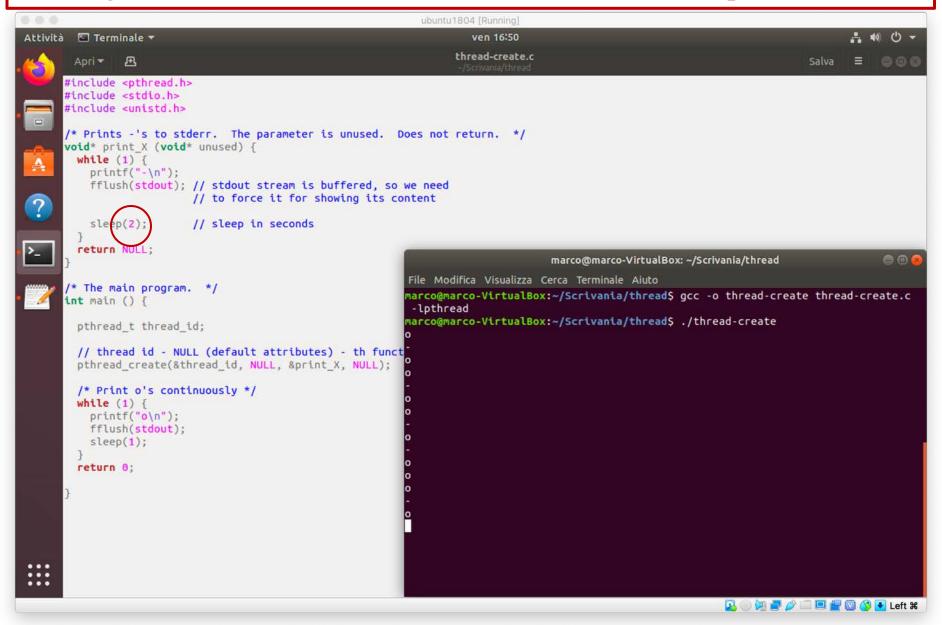
- A call to pthread_create returns immediately, and the original thread continues executing the instructions following the call.
- Meanwhile, the new thread begins executing the thread function.
- Linux schedules both threads asynchronously, and your program must not rely on the relative order in which instructions are executed in the two threads.

```
#include <pthread.h>
                         thread-create.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
/* Prints -'s to stderr. The parameter is unused. Does not return. */
void* print X (void* unused) {
 while (1) {
   printf("-\n");
   fflush(stdout); // stdout stream is buffered, so we need
                   // to force it for showing its content
   sleep(1); // sleep in seconds
 return NULL;
/* The main program. */
int main () {
 pthread t thread id;
  // thread id, NULL (default attributes), thrd function, args della thrd function
 pthread create (&thread id, NULL, &print X, NULL);
  /* Print o's continuously */
 while (1) {
   printf("o\n");
   fflush(stdout);
   sleep(1);
 return 0;
```

gcc -o thread-create thread-create.c -lpthread

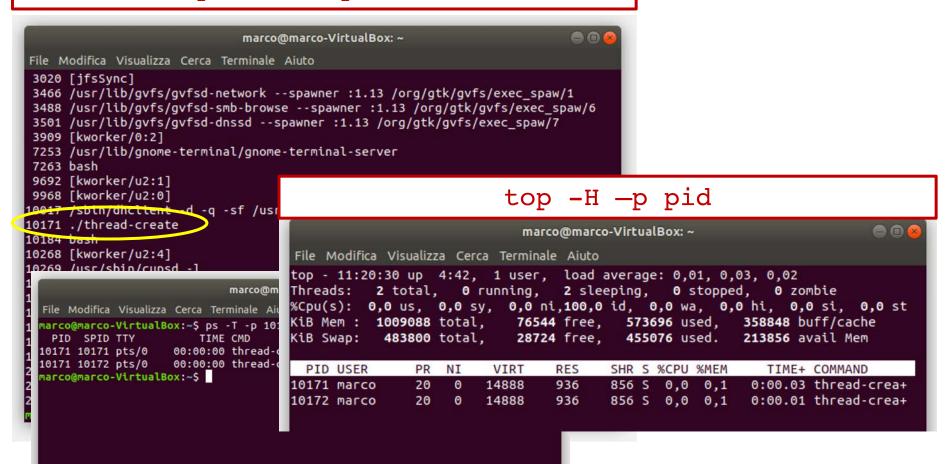


gcc -o thread-create thread-create.c -lpthread



See running threads

ps -e -o pid, cmd



2 thread, di cui uno è il main

ps -T -p pid

Passing Data to Threads

- Because the type of the argument is void*, this element is used to pass a pointer to some structure or array of data
- One common technique is to define a structure for each thread function, which contains the "parameters" that the thread function expects

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
struct print params {
  char character;
  int times;
};
int main () {
 pthread t thread1 id;
 pthread t thread2 id;
  struct print params thread1 args;
  struct print params thread2 args;
  thread1 args.character = 'X';
  thread1 args.times = 20;
  thread2 args.character = 'o';
  thread2 args.times = 30;
  pthread create (&thread1 id, NULL, &print char, &thread1 args);
  pthread create (&thread2 id, NULL, &print char, &thread2 args);
```

thread-create2.c

```
void* print char (void* parameters)
  struct print params* pp = (struct
print params*) parameters;
  for (int i=0; i<= pp->times; i++) {
    printf("%c",pp->character);
    fflush(stdout);
    sleep(1);
  return NULL;
```

```
return 0;
```

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
struct print params {
  char character;
  int times;
};
int main () {
 pthread t thread1 id;
 pthread t thread2_id;
  struct print params thread1 args;
  struct print params thread2 args;
  thread1 args.character = 'X';
  thread1 args.times = 20;
  thread2 args.character = 'o';
  thread2 args.times = 30;
  pthread create (&thread1 id, NULL, &print char, &thread1 args);
  pthread create (&thread2 id, NULL, &print char, &thread2 args);
```

thread-create2.c

```
void* print char (void* parameters)
  struct print params* pp = (struct
print params*) parameters;
  for (int i=0; i<= pp->times; i++) {
    printf("%c",pp->character);
    fflush(stdout);
    sleep(1);
  return NULL;
```

Cosa succede ai due thread se nel frattempo il main viene schedulato, eseguito e terminato?

thread-create2.c

```
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marco@marco-VirtualBox:~/Scrivania/thread$ ./thread-create2
marco@marco-VirtualBox:~/Scrivania/thread$
```

Joining Threads

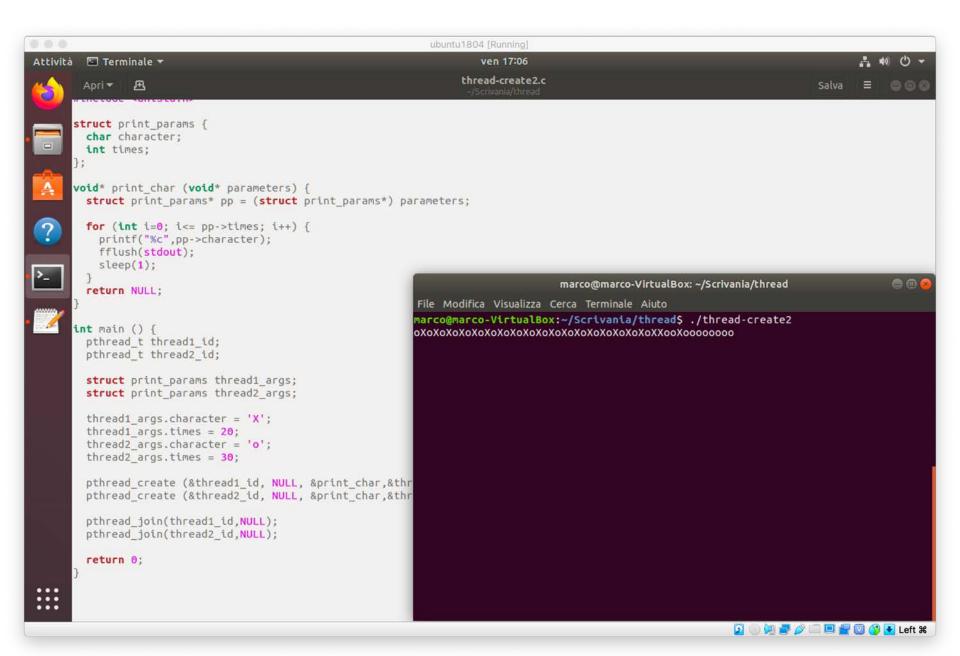
• Prevent Linux from scheduling threads in such a way that main finishes executing before the other threads are done

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_join(pthread_t thread, void **value_ptr);

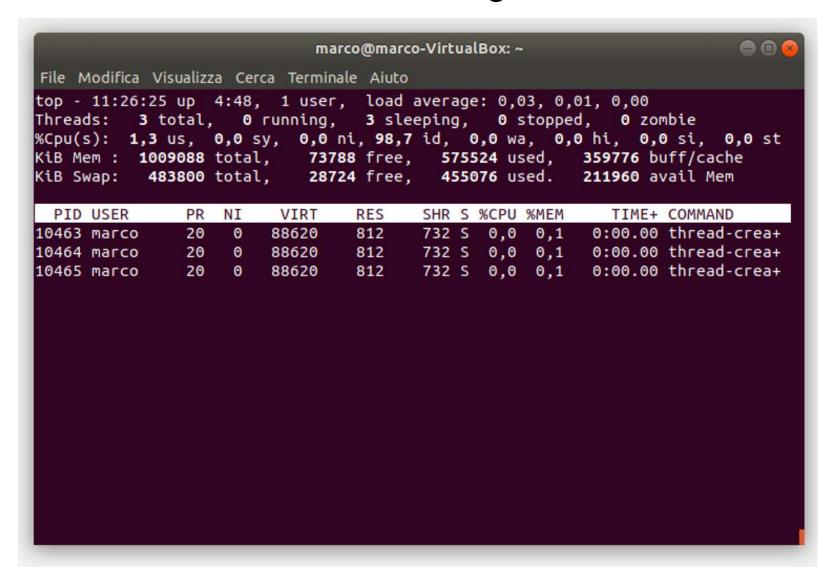
the thread ID of the
    thread to wait for
```

a pointer to a void* variable that will receive the finished thread's return value

```
#include <pthread.h>
                         thread-create2.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
struct print params {
                                       void* print char (void* parameters)
  char character;
  int times;
                                         struct print params* pp = (struct
};
                                       print params*) parameters;
int main () {
                                         for (int i=0; i<= pp->times; i++) {
 pthread t thread1 id;
                                           printf("%c",pp->character);
 pthread t thread2 id;
                                           fflush(stdout);
                                           sleep(1);
  struct print params thread1 args;
  struct print params thread2 args;
                                         return NULL;
  thread1 args.character = 'X';
  thread1 args.times = 20;
  thread2 args.character = 'o';
  thread2 args.times = 30;
  pthread create (&thread1 id, NULL, &print char, &thread1 args);
  pthread create (&thread2 id, NULL, &print char, &thread2 args);
  pthread_join(thread1 id, NULL); | secondo argomento è un puntatore al
  pthread join(thread2 id,NULL);
                                  valore di ritorno del thread, se non esiste si usa NULL
  return 0;
```



See running threads



Thread Return Values

- If the second argument you pass to pthread_join is non-null, the thread's return value will be placed in the location pointed to by that argument
- The thread return value, like the thread argument, is of type void*
- If you want to pass back a single int or other small number, you can do this by *casting the value to void** and then casting back to the appropriate type after calling pthread_join

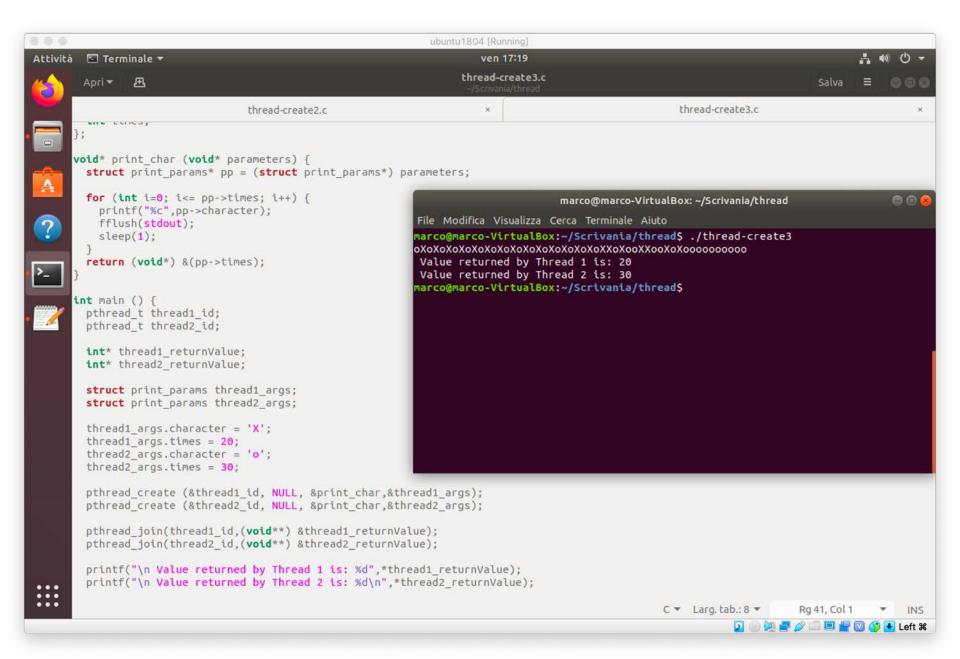
```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
struct print params {
  char character;
  int times;
};
int main () {
  pthread t thread1 id;
  pthread t thread2 id;
  int* thread1 returnValue;
  int* thread2_returnValue;
  struct print params thread1 args;
  struct print params thread2 args;
  thread1 args.character = 'X';
  thread1 args.times = 20;
  thread2 args.character = 'o';
  thread2 args.times = 30;
  pthread create (&thread1 id, NULL, &print char, &thread1 args);
  pthread create (&thread2 id, NULL, &print char, &thread2 args);
  pthread join(thread1 id, (void**) &thread1 returnValue);
  pthread join(thread2 id, (void**) &thread2 returnValue);
```

return 0;

thread-create3.c

printf("\n Value returned by Thread 1 is: %d",*thread1 returnValue); printf("\n Value returned by Thread 2 is: %d\n",*thread2 returnValue);

```
void* print char (void* parameters)
  struct print params* pp = (struct
print params*) parameters;
  for (int i=0; i<= pp->times; i++) {
    printf("%c",pp->character);
    fflush(stdout);
    sleep(1);
  return (void*) &(pp->times);
```



4.11 Java Multithreading Case Study, Part I: Introduction to Java Threads

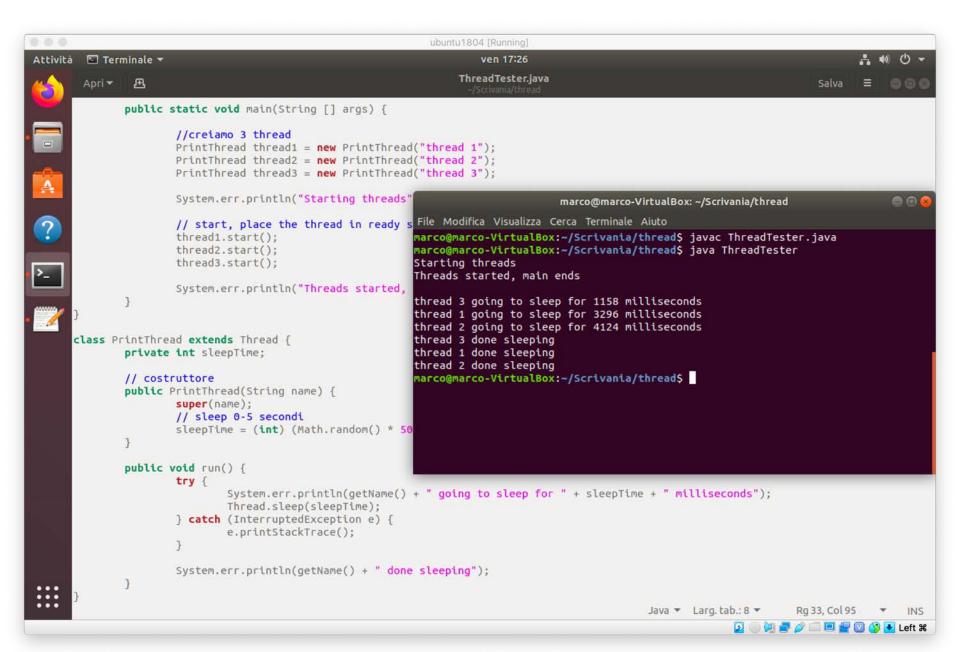
- Java allows the application programmer to create threads that can port to many computing platforms
- Threads
 - Created by class Thread
 - Execute code specified in a Runnable object's run method
- Java supports operations such as naming, starting and joining threads

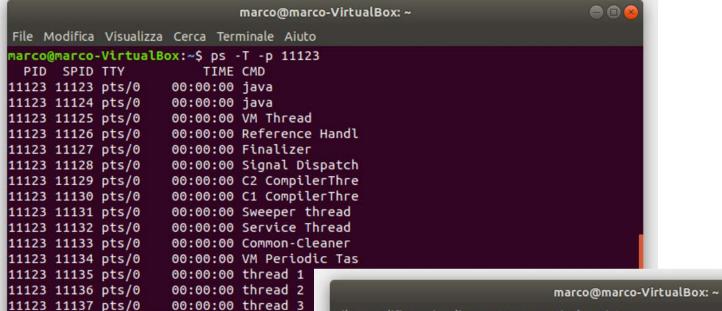
Thread creation in Java (ThreadTester.java)

```
public class ThreadTester {
       public static void main(String [] args) {
               //creiamo 3 thread
               PrintThread thread1 = new PrintThread("thread 1");
               PrintThread thread2 = new PrintThread("thread 2");
               PrintThread thread3 = new PrintThread("thread 3");
               System.err.println("Starting threads");
               // start, place the thread in ready state
               thread1.start();
               thread2.start();
               thread3.start();
               System.err.println("Threads started, main ends\n");
```

Thread creation in Java (ThreadTester.java)

```
class PrintThread extends Thread {
       private int sleepTime;
       // costruttore
       public PrintThread(String name) {
               super(name);
               // sleep 0-5 secondi
               sleepTime = (int) (Math.random() * 5001);
       public void run() {
               try {
                       System.err.println(getName() + " going to
                       sleep for " + sleepTime + "milliseconds");
                       Thread.sleep(sleepTime);
               } catch (InterruptedException e) {
                      e.printStackTrace();
               System.err.println(getName() + " done sleeping");
```





marco@marco-VirtualBox:~\$

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top - 14:55:06 up 8:16, 1 user, load average: 0,07, 0,08, 0,03 Threads: 15 total, 1 running, 14 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie %Cpu(s): 0,0 us, 0,0 sy, 0,0 ni, 99,7 id, 0,3 wa, 0,0 hi, 0,0 si, 0,0 st

KiB Mem : 1009088 total, 97476 free, 620296 used, 291316 buff/cache KiB Swap: 483800 total. 48604 free, 435196 used. 184644 avail Mem

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
11162	тагсо	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	java
11163	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.05	java
11164	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	VM Thread
11165	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Reference H+
11166	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Finalizer
11167	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Signal Disp+
11168	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.02	C2 Compiler+
11169	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.03	C1 Compiler+
11170	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Sweeper thr+
11171	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Service Thr+
11172	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	Common-Clea+
11173	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	R	0,0	3,3	0:00.00	VM Periodic+
11174	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.01	thread 1
11175	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	S	0,0	3,3	0:00.01	thread 2
11176	marco	20	0	2354356	32996	18032	5	0.0	3.3	0:00.01	thread 3

jstack <pid>

Print Java stack traces of Java threads for a specified Java process

```
Full thread dump Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (10.0.1+10 mixed mode):
Threads class SMR info:
0x00007f13a00a4000, 0x00007f13a00a6000, 0x00007f13a0127000, 0x00007f13a00c7000,
0x00007f13a0142800, 0x00007f13a0144000, 0x00007f13a0145800, 0x00007f13a011000,
0x00007f1370006000
"Reference Handler" #2 daemon prio=10 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a008a800 nid=0x2c7d waiting on condition [0x00007f13a4759000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
                     at java.lang.ref.Reference.waitForReferencePendingList(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     at java.lang.ref.Reference.processPendingReferences(java.base@10.0.1/Reference.java:174)
                     at java.lang.ref.Reference.access$000(java.base@10.0.1/Reference.java:44)
                     at java.lang.ref.Reference$ReferenceHandler.run(java.base@10.0.1/Reference.java:138)
"Finalizer" #3 daemon prio=8 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a008c800 nid=0x2c7e in Object.wait() [0x00007f13a4658000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: WAITING (on object monitor)
                     at java.lang.Object.wait(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     - waiting on <0x00000000f0809480> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
                     at java.lang.ref.ReferenceOueue.remove(java.base@10.0.1/ReferenceOueue.java:151)
                     - waiting to re-lock in wait() <0x0000000f0809480> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
                     at java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue.remove(java.base@10.0.1/ReferenceQueue.java:172)
                     at java.lang.ref.Finalizer$FinalizerThread.run(java.base@10.0.1/Finalizer.java:216)
"Signal Dispatcher" #4 daemon prio=9 os_prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00a0000 nid=0x2c7f runnable [0x000000000000000]
   java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
"C2 CompilerThread0" #5 daemon prio=9 os_prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00a2000 nid=0x2c80 waiting on condition [0x0000000000000000]
   iava.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
   No compile task
"C1 CompilerThread1" #6 daemon prio=9 os_prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00a4000 nid=0x2c81 waiting on condition [0x0000000000000000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
  No compile task
"Sweeper thread" #7 daemon prio=9 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00a6000 nid=0x2c82 runnable [0x000000000000000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
"Service Thread" #8 daemon prio=9 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0127000 nid=0x2c83 runnable [0x000000000000000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
"Common-Cleaner" #9 daemon prio=8 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00c7000 nid=0x2c84 in Object.wait() [0x00007f138526a000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: TIMED_WAITING (on object monitor)
                     at java.lang.Object.wait(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     - waiting on <0x0000000f08d81d8> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
                     at java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue.remove(java.base@10.0.1/ReferenceQueue.java:151)
                     - waiting to re-lock in wait() <0x00000000f08d81d8> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
                     at jdk.internal.ref.CleanerImpl.run(java.base@10.0.1/CleanerImpl.java:148)
                     at java.lang.Thread.run(java.base@10.0.1/Thread.java:844)
                     at idk.internal.misc.InnocuousThread.run(java.base@10.0.1/InnocuousThread.java:134)
"thread 1" #10 prio=5 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0142800 nid=0x2c86 waiting on condition [0x00007f1384c3f000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: TIMED WAITING (sleeping)
                     at java.lang.Thread.sleep(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     at PrintThread.run(ThreadTester.java:34)
"thread 2" #11 prio=5 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0144000 nid=0x2c87 waiting on condition [0x00007f1384b3e000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: TIMED_WAITING (sleeping)
                     at java.lang.Thread.sleep(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     at PrintThread.run(ThreadTester.java:34)
"thread 3" #12 prio=5 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0145800 nid=0x2c88 waiting on condition [0x00007f1384a3d000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: TIMED WAITING (sleeping)
                     at java.lang.Thread.sleep(java.base@10.0.1/Native Method)
                     at PrintThread.run(ThreadTester.java:34)
"DestroyJavaVM" #13 prio=5 os_prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0011000 nid=0x2c7b waiting on condition [0x00000000000000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
"Attach Listener" #14 daemon prio=9 os prio=0 tid=0x00007f1370006000 nid=0x2c99 runnable [0x000000000000000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
"VM Thread" os_prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a0080800 nid=0x2c7c runnable
"VM Periodic Task Thread" os prio=0 tid=0x00007f13a00c8800 nid=0x2c85 waiting on condition
JNI global references: 3
```

```
public class Thread4Max extends Thread {
  private int[] values;
  private int a,b;
  private int max;
  public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException
     int[] arr = new int[100];
     for (int i=0; i<arr.length; i++) {
         arr[i] = (int) (Math.random() * 1001); //oppure = i;
     }
     int max = qetMax(arr);
     System.out.println("Massimo = " + max);
```

```
public Thread4Max(int[] values, int a, int b ) {
     this.a = a;
     this.b = b;
     this.values = values;
}
public void run() {
     max = values[a];
     for(int i=a+1; i<b; i++) {
       if(values[i]>max) {
         max = values[i];
```

```
public static int getMax(int[] values) throws InterruptedException {
          int len = values.length;
          int max;
          // creiamo 2 thread
          Thread4Max thread1 = new Thread4Max(values, 0, len/2);
          System.out.println("Il thread 1 calcola il massimo dei valori in
                              posizione da 1 a " + len/2 );
          Thread4Max thread2 = new Thread4Max(values, len/2, len);
          System.out.println("Il thread 2 calcola il massimo dei valori in
                              posizione da " + len/2 + " a " + len );
          thread1.start();
          thread2.start();
          // aspettiamo il completamento e calcoliamo il max
          thread1.join();
          thread2.join();
          System.out.println("Massimo thread1 = " + thread1.max);
          System.out.println("Massimo thread2 = " + thread2.max);
          if(thread1.max > thread2.max) {
            max = thread1.max;
          } else {
           max = thread2.max;
          return max:
```

