## Which FIFO is right for you?

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#### Producer

#### Choose One



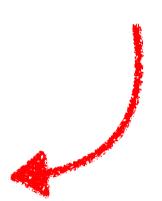
#### Choose One

### Report if FIFO Full

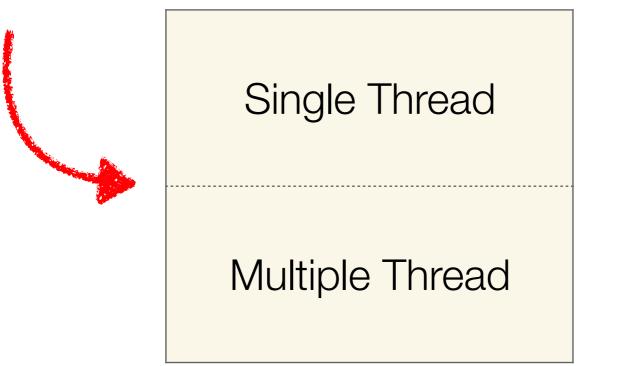
(does not advance write pointer when full)

#### Overwrite when full

(always advances write pointer, never checks write pointer - loss of FIFO ordering on overwrite)

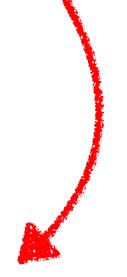


#### Consumer



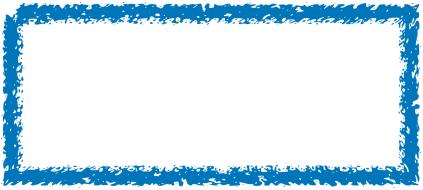
#### Choose One

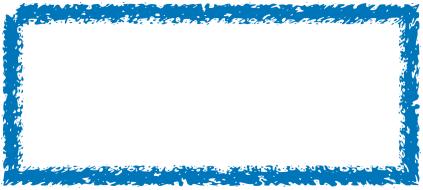
Report if FIFO Empty
(does not advance read pointer when empty)

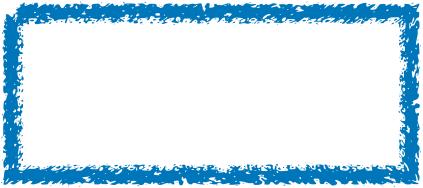


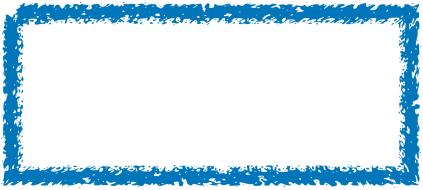
#### Return "null" element

(always advances read pointer, never checks write pointer - loss of FIFO ordering on underrun)



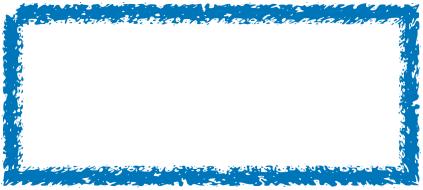


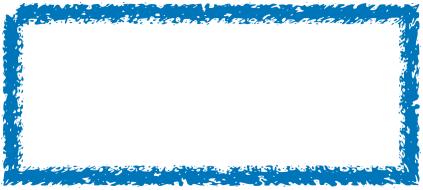


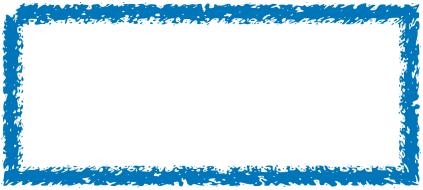


## Example 1: audio thread is sending "down-sampled" audio to UI thread to display as waveform

### Example 2: "Peak detection" from multiple sensors



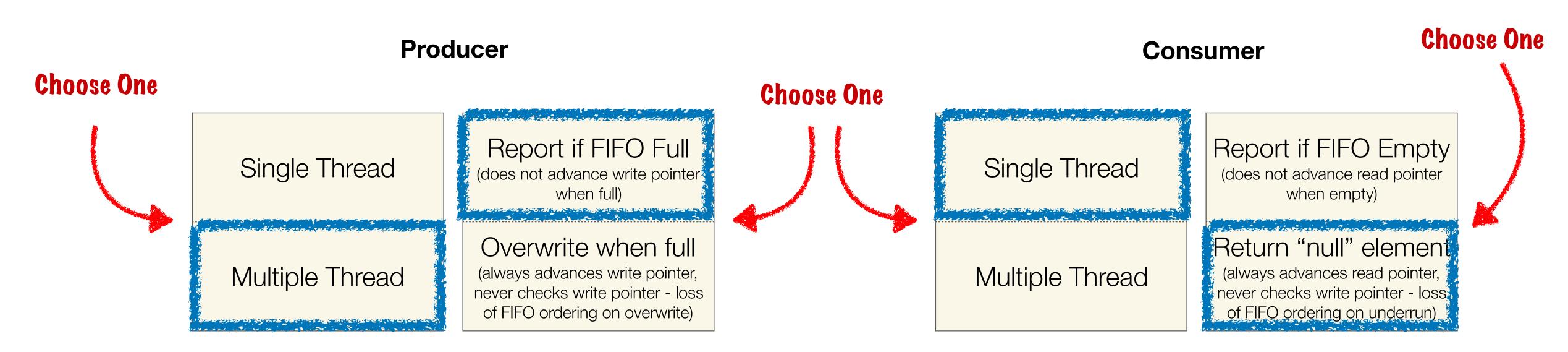




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## Costs of various FIFOs

|                      | Producer           | Single Producer |                   | Multiple Producer          |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Consumer             |                    | Report Full     | Overwrite on Full | Report Full                | Overwrite on Full |
| le<br>mer            | Report Empty       |                 |                   |                            |                   |
| Single               | "null" on<br>Empty |                 |                   |                            |                   |
| Multiple<br>Consumer | Report Empty       |                 |                   |                            |                   |
|                      | "null" on<br>Empty |                 |                   |                            |                   |
| W                    | ait free on read   | Wai             | t free on write   | Wait free on read and writ |                   |