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Advanced Programming Practicum (ICT3122)

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1. Thread Creation and Management:

Suppose you are building a download manager application where you want to download multiple files concurrently. You can use multithreading to create a separate thread for each download task. Each thread will handle the download of a specific file, allowing downloads to proceed simultaneously.

2. Runnable Interface:

Imagine you are developing a banking application where you need to process multiple transactions concurrently. You can implement the Runnable interface to define a transaction processing task. Each instance of the Runnable task can be executed in a separate thread to handle transactions concurrently, ensuring efficient processing of banking transactions.

3. Thread Synchronization:

Consider a ticket booking system where multiple users can book tickets simultaneously. To prevent overselling tickets, you need to synchronize access to the ticket inventory. By using synchronized methods or blocks, you can ensure that only one thread can access the ticket inventory at a time, preventing race conditions and ensuring accurate ticket availability.

4. Thread States and Life Cycle:

In a task scheduling application, you need to manage the life cycle of various tasks, including creating, scheduling, executing, and completing tasks. Each task can be represented as a thread with its own life cycle. You can track the state of each task/thread as it transitions through different states such as New, Runnable, Running, Waiting/Blocked, and Dead. This allows you to efficiently manage and monitor the execution of tasks within the application.

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5. Inter-thread Communication:

The producer-consumer problem is a classic synchronization problem where one or more threads produce data, and one or more threads consume the data. In a practical scenario, consider a messaging application where producers generate messages, and consumers display them to users. Inter-thread communication using wait() and notify() methods can be used to coordinate the production and consumption of messages, ensuring that messages are processed in the correct order and without data loss.