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1. **AtomicInteger (for taskIdCounter)**

**An atomic operation is a type of operation in computing that is indivisible—it either completes fully or not at all, with no possibility of being interrupted in the middle by another process or thread.**

**Key Characteristics:**

* **Indivisibility: Cannot be split into smaller parts.**
* **Isolation: No other operation can observe the process until it is complete.**
* **Concurrency-safe: Especially important in multithreading or multiprocessing environments to avoid race conditions.**
* **Usage**: private static AtomicInteger taskIdCounter = new AtomicInteger(1); is used to generate unique task IDs via taskIdCounter.getAndIncrement() in the addTask method.
* **Benefits**:
  + **Thread Safety**: AtomicInteger provides atomic operations (e.g., getAndIncrement) that are thread-safe without requiring explicit synchronization. In this server, multiple client threads may call addTask concurrently, and AtomicInteger ensures that each task gets a unique ID without race conditions.
  + **Performance**: Compared to using a synchronized block or lock to increment an int, AtomicInteger uses low-level CPU instructions (like compare-and-swap) for better performance in high-concurrency scenarios.
  + **Simplicity**: It eliminates the need for manual synchronization, making the code cleaner and less error-prone.
* **Context-Specific Advantage**: The server assigns unique task IDs to track tasks in the PriorityQueue and for client interactions. AtomicInteger ensures these IDs are generated reliably even when multiple clients submit tasks simultaneously.

**2. HashSet (for runningScripts)**

* **Usage**: private static Set<String> runningScripts = new HashSet<>(); tracks the scripts currently being executed to prevent the same script from running concurrently (checked in startTaskExecution).
* **Benefits**:
  + **Fast Lookup and Modification**: HashSet provides O(1) average-case time complexity for operations like contains, add, and remove. This is critical for quickly checking whether a script is already running (runningScripts.contains(task.getScriptName())) before executing a task.
  + **Uniqueness**: HashSet ensures that each script name is stored only once, preventing duplicates. This aligns with the server's logic to avoid running the same script multiple times concurrently.
  + **Thread Safety (with Synchronization)**: While HashSet itself is not thread-safe, the code uses a synchronized block (synchronized (lock)) when accessing runningScripts. This ensures thread-safe operations in a multi-threaded environment where multiple tasks are being polled and executed.
* **Context-Specific Advantage**: The HashSet is used to enforce a business rule that a given script (e.g., user\_setup.sh) cannot be executed simultaneously. The fast lookup ensures minimal overhead when checking this constraint, and the synchronized access prevents race conditions.

**3. HashMap (for clientLastSubmission)**

* **Usage**: private static Map<String, LocalDateTime> clientLastSubmission = new HashMap<>(); stores the last task submission time for each client to enforce a rate limit (checked in addTask).
* **Benefits**:
  + **Fast Key-Value Access**: HashMap provides O(1) average-case time complexity for get, put, and containsKey. This is ideal for quickly retrieving or updating a client's last submission time (clientLastSubmission.getOrDefault(clientName, LocalDateTime.MIN)).
  + **Flexibility**: HashMap allows mapping client names (strings) to LocalDateTime objects, enabling the server to track submission timestamps for rate-limiting purposes.
  + **Thread Safety (with Synchronization)**: Like HashSet, HashMap is not thread-safe, but the code uses a synchronized block (synchronized (lock)) when accessing clientLastSubmission. This ensures that concurrent updates from multiple client threads do not corrupt the map.
* **Context-Specific Advantage**: The HashMap enables the server to enforce a 5-minute rate limit per client (lastSubmission.plusMinutes(5).isAfter(LocalDateTime.now())). The fast access time ensures that rate-limiting checks are efficient, and the synchronized access prevents issues like lost updates in a multi-threaded environment.

**4**. **Executors.newFixedThreadPool(4):** creates a thread pool with a fixed number of 4 threads. If all 4 threads are busy, new tasks wait in an internal queue until a thread becomes available.

 This limits concurrency to 4 tasks at a time, preventing resource overuse (e.g., CPU or memory overload).

**5. ProcessBuilder:** The ProcessBuilder class in Java, part of the java.lang package, is used to create and manage operating system processes. It provides a flexible and convenient way to execute external commands or scripts (e.g., shell commands, batch files, or executables) from within a Java application. allows a Java program to run system commands or scripts as separate processes.