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ThreadLocal是否会引起内存溢出？


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最近碰到一个使用ThreadLocal时因为未调用remove()而险些引起内存溢出的问题，所以看了下ThreadLocal的源码，结合线程池原理做一个简单的分析，确认是否最终会导致内存溢出。

既然是因为没调用remove()方法而险些导致内存溢出，那首先看下remove()方法中做了什么。

Java代码 

```
1. public void remove() {  
2.     ThreadLocalMap m = getMap(Thread.currentThread());  
3.     if (m != null)  
4.         m.remove(this);  
5. }
```

从remove()的实现来看就是一个map.remove()的调用。既然不调用map.remove()可能会引起内存溢出的话，就需要看看ThreadLocalMap的实现了。

Java代码 

```
1. /**  
2.  * ThreadLocalMap is a customized hash map suitable only for  
3.  * maintaining thread local values. No operations are exported  
4.  * outside of the ThreadLocal class. The class is package private to  
5.  * allow declaration of fields in class Thread. To help deal with  
6.  * very large and long-lived usages, the hash table entries use  
7.  * WeakReferences for keys. However, since reference queues are not  
8.  * used, stale entries are guaranteed to be removed only when  
9.  * the table starts running out of space.  
10. */
```

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11. static class ThreadLocalMap {
12.
13.     /**
14.      * The entries in this hash map extend WeakReference, using
15.      * its main ref field as the key (which is always a
16.      * ThreadLocal object). Note that null keys (i.e. entry.get()
17.      * == null) mean that the key is no longer referenced, so the
18.      * entry can be expunged from table. Such entries are referred to
19.      * as "stale entries" in the code that follows.
20.      */
21.     static class Entry extends WeakReference<ThreadLocal> {
22.         /** The value associated with this ThreadLocal. */
23.         Object value;
24.
25.         Entry(ThreadLocal k, Object v) {
26.             super(k);
27.             value = v;
28.         }
29.     }
30.
31.     /**
32.      * The initial capacity -- MUST be a power of two.
33.      */
34.     private static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 16;
35.
36.     /**
37.      * The table, resized as necessary.
38.      * table.length MUST always be a power of two.
39.      */
40.     private Entry[] table;
41.
42.     /**
43.      * The number of entries in the table.
44.      */
45.     private int size = 0;
46.
47.     /**
48.      * The next size value at which to resize.
49.      */
50.     private int threshold; // Default to 0
51.
52.     /**
53.      * Set the resize threshold to maintain at worst a 2/3 load factor.
54.      */
55.     private void setThreshold(int len) {
56.         threshold = len * 2 / 3;
57.     }

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58.
59.  /**
60.   * Increment i modulo len.
61.   */
62.  private static int nextIndex(int i, int len) {
63.      return ((i + 1 < len) ? i + 1 : 0);
64.  }
65.
66.  /**
67.   * Decrement i modulo len.
68.   */
69.  private static int prevIndex(int i, int len) {
70.      return ((i - 1 >= 0) ? i - 1 : len - 1);
71.  }
72.
73.  /**
74.   * Construct a new map initially containing (firstKey, firstValue).
75.   * ThreadLocalMaps are constructed lazily, so we only create
76.   * one when we have at least one entry to put in it.
77.   */
78.  ThreadLocalMap(ThreadLocal firstKey, Object firstValue) {
79.      table = new Entry[INITIAL_CAPACITY];
80.      int i = firstKey.threadLocalHashCode & (INITIAL_CAPACITY - 1);
81.      table[i] = new Entry(firstKey, firstValue);
82.      size = 1;
83.      setThreshold(INITIAL_CAPACITY);
84.  }
85.
86.  /**
87.   * Construct a new map including all Inheritable ThreadLocals
88.   * from given parent map. Called only by createInheritedMap.
89.   *
90.   * @param parentMap the map associated with parent thread.
91.   */
92.  private ThreadLocalMap(ThreadLocalMap parentMap) {
93.      Entry[] parentTable = parentMap.table;
94.      int len = parentTable.length;
95.      setThreshold(len);
96.      table = new Entry[len];
97.
98.      for (int j = 0; j < len; j++) {
99.          Entry e = parentTable[j];
100.          if (e != null) {
101.              ThreadLocal key = e.get();
102.              if (key != null) {
103.                  Object value = key.childValue(e.value);
104.                  Entry c = new Entry(key, value);

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105.         int h = key.threadLocalHashCode & (len - 1);
106.         while (table[h] != null)
107.             h = nextIndex(h, len);
108.         table[h] = c;
109.         size++;
110.     }
111. }
112. }
113. }
114.
115. /**
116.  * Get the entry associated with key. This method
117.  * itself handles only the fast path: a direct hit of existing
118.  * key. It otherwise relays to getEntryAfterMiss. This is
119.  * designed to maximize performance for direct hits, in part
120.  * by making this method readily inlinable.
121.  *
122.  * @param key the thread local object
123.  * @return the entry associated with key, or null if no such
124.  */
125. private Entry getEntry(ThreadLocal key) {
126.     int i = key.threadLocalHashCode & (table.length - 1);
127.     Entry e = table[i];
128.     if (e != null && e.get() == key)
129.         return e;
130.     else
131.         return getEntryAfterMiss(key, i, e);
132. }
133.
134. /**
135.  * Version of getEntry method for use when key is not found in
136.  * its direct hash slot.
137.  *
138.  * @param key the thread local object
139.  * @param i the table index for key's hash code
140.  * @param e the entry at table[i]
141.  * @return the entry associated with key, or null if no such
142.  */
143. private Entry getEntryAfterMiss(ThreadLocal key, int i, Entry e) {
144.     Entry[] tab = table;
145.     int len = tab.length;
146.
147.     while (e != null) {
148.         ThreadLocal k = e.get();
149.         if (k == key)
150.             return e;
151.         if (k == null)

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152.         expungeStaleEntry(i);
153.     else
154.         i = nextIndex(i, len);
155.     e = tab[i];
156. }
157. return null;
158. }
159.
160. /**
161.  * Set the value associated with key.
162.  *
163.  * @param key the thread local object
164.  * @param value the value to be set
165.  */
166. private void set(ThreadLocal key, Object value) {
167.
168.     // We don't use a fast path as with get() because it is at
169.     // least as common to use set() to create new entries as
170.     // it is to replace existing ones, in which case, a fast
171.     // path would fail more often than not.
172.
173.     Entry[] tab = table;
174.     int len = tab.length;
175.     int i = key.threadLocalHashCode & (len-1);
176.
177.     for (Entry e = tab[i];
178. e != null;
179. e = tab[i = nextIndex(i, len)]) {
180.         ThreadLocal k = e.get();
181.
182.         if (k == key) {
183.             e.value = value;
184.             return;
185.         }
186.
187.         if (k == null) {
188.             replaceStaleEntry(key, value, i);
189.             return;
190.         }
191.     }
192.
193.     tab[i] = new Entry(key, value);
194.     int sz = ++size;
195.     if (!cleanSomeSlots(i, sz) && sz >= threshold)
196.         rehash();
197. }
198.

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199.  /**
200.   * Remove the entry for key.
201.   */
202.  private void remove(ThreadLocal key) {
203.      Entry[] tab = table;
204.      int len = tab.length;
205.      int i = key.threadLocalHashCode & (len-1);
206.      for (Entry e = tab[i];
207.           e != null;
208.           e = tab[i = nextIndex(i, len)]) {
209.          if (e.get() == key) {
210.              e.clear();
211.              expungeStaleEntry(i);
212.              return;
213.          }
214.      }
215.  }
216.
217.  /**
218.   * Replace a stale entry encountered during a set operation
219.   * with an entry for the specified key. The value passed in
220.   * the value parameter is stored in the entry, whether or not
221.   * an entry already exists for the specified key.
222.   *
223.   * As a side effect, this method expunges all stale entries in the
224.   * "run" containing the stale entry. (A run is a sequence of entries
225.   * between two null slots.)
226.   *
227.   * @param key the key
228.   * @param value the value to be associated with key
229.   * @param staleSlot index of the first stale entry encountered while
230.   *      searching for key.
231.   */
232.  private void replaceStaleEntry(ThreadLocal key, Object value,
233.                                  int staleSlot) {
234.      Entry[] tab = table;
235.      int len = tab.length;
236.      Entry e;
237.
238.      // Back up to check for prior stale entry in current run.
239.      // We clean out whole runs at a time to avoid continual
240.      // incremental rehashing due to garbage collector freeing
241.      // up refs in bunches (i.e., whenever the collector runs).
242.      int slotToExpunge = staleSlot;
243.      for (int i = prevIndex(staleSlot, len);
244.           (e = tab[i]) != null;
245.           i = prevIndex(i, len))

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246.         if (e.get() == null)
247.             slotToExpunge = i;
248.
249.         // Find either the key or trailing null slot of run, whichever
250.         // occurs first
251.         for (int i = nextIndex(staleSlot, len);
252. (e = tab[i]) != null;
253.             i = nextIndex(i, len)) {
254.             ThreadLocal k = e.get();
255.
256.             // If we find key, then we need to swap it
257.             // with the stale entry to maintain hash table order.
258.             // The newly stale slot, or any other stale slot
259.             // encountered above it, can then be sent to expungeStaleEntry
260.             // to remove or rehash all of the other entries in run.
261.             if (k == key) {
262.                 e.value = value;
263.
264.                 tab[i] = tab[staleSlot];
265.                 tab[staleSlot] = e;
266.
267.                 // Start expunge at preceding stale entry if it exists
268.                 if (slotToExpunge == staleSlot)
269.                     slotToExpunge = i;
270.                 cleanSomeSlots(expungeStaleEntry(slotToExpunge), len);
271.                 return;
272.             }
273.
274.             // If we didn't find stale entry on backward scan, the
275.             // first stale entry seen while scanning for key is the
276.             // first still present in the run.
277.             if (k == null && slotToExpunge == staleSlot)
278.                 slotToExpunge = i;
279.         }
280.
281.         // If key not found, put new entry in stale slot
282.         tab[staleSlot].value = null;
283.         tab[staleSlot] = new Entry(key, value);
284.
285.         // If there are any other stale entries in run, expunge them
286.         if (slotToExpunge != staleSlot)
287.             cleanSomeSlots(expungeStaleEntry(slotToExpunge), len);
288.     }
289.
290. /**
291.  * Expunge a stale entry by rehashing any possibly colliding entries
292.  * lying between staleSlot and the next null slot. This also expunges

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293.    * any other stale entries encountered before the trailing null. See
294.    * Knuth, Section 6.4
295.    *
296.    * @param staleSlot index of slot known to have null key
297.    * @return the index of the next null slot after staleSlot
298.    * (all between staleSlot and this slot will have been checked
299.    * for expunging).
300.    */
301. private int expungeStaleEntry(int staleSlot) {
302.     Entry[] tab = table;
303.     int len = tab.length;
304.
305.     // expunge entry at staleSlot
306.     tab[staleSlot].value = null;
307.     tab[staleSlot] = null;
308.     size--;
309.
310.     // Rehash until we encounter null
311.     Entry e;
312.     int i;
313.     for (i = nextIndex(staleSlot, len);
314. (e = tab[i]) != null;
315.         i = nextIndex(i, len)) {
316.         ThreadLocal k = e.get();
317.         if (k == null) {
318.             e.value = null;
319.             tab[i] = null;
320.             size--;
321.         } else {
322.             int h = k.threadLocalHashCode & (len - 1);
323.             if (h != i) {
324.                 tab[i] = null;
325.
326.                 // Unlike Knuth 6.4 Algorithm R, we must scan until
327.                 // null because multiple entries could have been stale.
328.                 while (tab[h] != null)
329.                     h = nextIndex(h, len);
330.                 tab[h] = e;
331.             }
332.         }
333.     }
334.     return i;
335. }
336.
337. /**
338.  * Heuristically scan some cells looking for stale entries.
339.  * This is invoked when either a new element is added, or

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340. * another stale one has been expunged. It performs a
341. * logarithmic number of scans, as a balance between no
342. * scanning (fast but retains garbage) and a number of scans
343. * proportional to number of elements, that would find all
344. * garbage but would cause some insertions to take O(n) time.
345. *
346. * @param i a position known NOT to hold a stale entry. The
347. * scan starts at the element after i.
348. *
349. * @param n scan control:  $\log_2(n)$  cells are scanned,
350. * unless a stale entry is found, in which case
351. *  $\log_2(\text{table.length}) - 1$  additional cells are scanned.
352. * When called from insertions, this parameter is the number
353. * of elements, but when from replaceStaleEntry, it is the
354. * table length. (Note: all this could be changed to be either
355. * more or less aggressive by weighting n instead of just
356. * using straight log n. But this version is simple, fast, and
357. * seems to work well.)
358. *
359. * @return true if any stale entries have been removed.
360. */
361. private boolean cleanSomeSlots(int i, int n) {
362.     boolean removed = false;
363.     Entry[] tab = table;
364.     int len = tab.length;
365.     do {
366.         i = nextIndex(i, len);
367.         Entry e = tab[i];
368.         if (e != null && e.get() == null) {
369.             n = len;
370.             removed = true;
371.             i = expungeStaleEntry(i);
372.         }
373.     } while ( (n >>>= 1) != 0);
374.     return removed;
375. }
376.
377. /**
378. * Re-pack and/or re-size the table. First scan the entire
379. * table removing stale entries. If this doesn't sufficiently
380. * shrink the size of the table, double the table size.
381. */
382. private void rehash() {
383.     expungeStaleEntries();
384.
385.     // Use lower threshold for doubling to avoid hysteresis
386.     if (size >= threshold - threshold / 4)

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387.         resize();
388.     }
389.
390.     /**
391.      * Double the capacity of the table.
392.      */
393.     private void resize() {
394.         Entry[] oldTab = table;
395.         int oldLen = oldTab.length;
396.         int newLen = oldLen * 2;
397.         Entry[] newTab = new Entry[newLen];
398.         int count = 0;
399.
400.         for (int j = 0; j < oldLen; ++j) {
401.             Entry e = oldTab[j];
402.             if (e != null) {
403.                 ThreadLocal k = e.get();
404.                 if (k == null) {
405.                     e.value = null; // Help the GC
406.                 } else {
407.                     int h = k.threadLocalHashCode & (newLen - 1);
408.                     while (newTab[h] != null)
409.                         h = nextIndex(h, newLen);
410.                     newTab[h] = e;
411.                     count++;
412.                 }
413.             }
414.         }
415.
416.         setThreshold(newLen);
417.         size = count;
418.         table = newTab;
419.     }
420.
421.     /**
422.      * Expunge all stale entries in the table.
423.      */
424.     private void expungeStaleEntries() {
425.         Entry[] tab = table;
426.         int len = tab.length;
427.         for (int j = 0; j < len; j++) {
428.             Entry e = tab[j];
429.             if (e != null && e.get() == null)
430.                 expungeStaleEntry(j);
431.         }
432.     }
433. }

```

首先从声明上来看，ThreadLocalMap并不是一个java.util.Map接口的实现，但是从Entry的实现和整个ThreadLocalMap的实现来看却实现了一个Map的功能，并且从具体的方法的实现上来看，整个ThreadLocalMap实现了一个HashMap的功能，对比HashMap的实现就能看出。

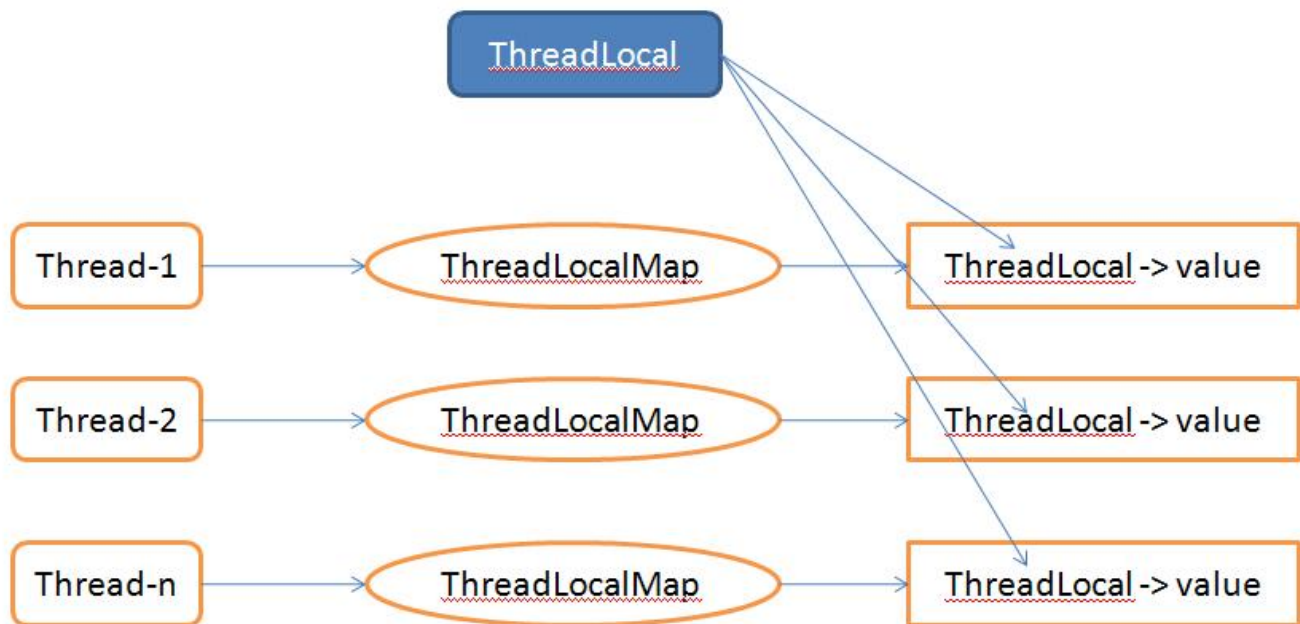
但是，值得注意的是ThreadLocalMap并没有put(K key, V value)方法，而是set(ThreadLocal key, Object value)，从这里可以看出，ThreadLocalMap并不是想象那样以Thread为key，而是以ThreadLocal为key。

了解了ThreadLocalMap的实现，也知道ThreadLocal.remove()其实就是ThreadLocalMap.remove()，那么再看看ThreadLocal的set(T value)方法，看看value是如何存储的。

Java代码 

```
1. public void set(T value) {
2.     Thread t = Thread.currentThread();
3.     ThreadLocalMap map = getMap(t);
4.     if (map != null)
5.         map.set(this, value);
6.     else
7.         createMap(t, value);
8. }
9.
10. ThreadLocalMap getMap(Thread t) {
11.     return t.threadLocals;
12. }
13.
14. void createMap(Thread t, T firstValue) {
15.     t.threadLocals = new ThreadLocalMap(this, firstValue);
16. }
```

可以看到，set(T value)方法为每个Thread对象都创建了一个ThreadLocalMap，并且将value放入ThreadLocalMap中，ThreadLocalMap作为Thread对象的成员变量保存。那么可以用下图来表示ThreadLocal在存储value时的关系。



所以当ThreadLocal作为单例时，每个Thread对应的ThreadLocalMap中只会有一个键值对。那么如果不调用remove()会怎么样呢？



假设一种场景，使用线程池，线程池中有200个线程，并且这些线程都不会释放，ThreadLocal做单例使用。那么最多也就会产生200个ThreadLocalMap，而每个ThreadLocalMap中只有一个键值对，那最多也就是200个键值对存在。

但是线程池并不是固定一个线程数不改变，下面贴一段tomcat的线程池配置Java代码 ☆

```
1. <Connector executor="tomcatThreadPool"
2.     port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
3.     connectionTimeout="60000"
4.     keepAliveTimeout="30000"
5.     minProcessors="5"
6.     maxProcessors="75"
7.     maxKeepAliveRequests="150"
8.     redirectPort="8443" URIEncoding="UTF-
8" acceptCount="1000" disableUploadTimeout="true"/>
```

可以看到线程池其实有线程最小值和最大值的，并且有超时时间，所以当线程空闲时间超时后，线程会被销毁。那么当线程销毁时，线程所持有的ThreadLocalMap也会失去引用，并且由于ThreadLocalMap中的Entry是WeakReference，所以当YGC时，被销毁的Thread所对应的value也会被回收掉，所以即使不调用remove()方法，也不会引起内存溢出。

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对问题的分析很精彩，但是我想问问，像后面配置文件这样解释的话，那么内存是否泄露是不是要依赖与第三方线程池呢？如果第三方线程池刚好没有所谓的“超时时间”的话，就会发生内存泄露了，对吗？

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