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1. Introduction

The assignment aims to design and develop the WLFB Bank Application (WLFB), where each user has a client which will communicate to a bank server. The application should be a multi-threaded client-server system where each client can simultaneously add, subtract and transfer money to and from their account. Both the client and server will be developed in a command-line interface (CLI). The server will hold the client bank accounts and execute the operations as per the client's instructions. Additionally, a custom logger feature will be developed that will allow me to debug and demonstrate how the server operates.

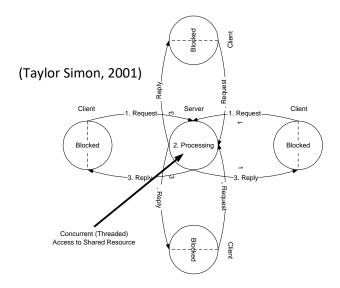
2. Requirements

- Create a multi-threaded client-server application that uses locking, which demonstrates how issues in network computing such as concurrency, are dealt with in a multi-client scenario.
- > Each client will start at 1000 units (an arbitrary and artificial currency) in their account.
- The account balance can go below zero.
- Implement add (amount) operation that will add the specified amount to their account.
- > Implement subtract (amount) operation that will subtract the specified amount from their account.
- Implement transfer (senderID, receiverID, amount) operation that will transfer the specified money from sender to receiver account.

Additional Features:

- ➤ Implement an exit operation that will terminate the client-server connection and stop the client
- > Simple log files system that writes the server operations to a log file (in real-time) which makes debugging much simpler.
- ➤ The clients will be automatically assigned to make the application scalable.
- Implement client input validation to ensure no exceptions are thrown such as validating if the account exists before operating.

3. Design



The diagram above shows the architecture that the application is built on, where multiple bank clients can simultaneously communicate with a single bank server. The bank server uses a shared state object which stores the bank information for each client. The bank server implements a strict 2 phase-locking mechanism to handle any data concurrency issues. A lock will ensure that only one client can execute transactions at a time — isolating the shared object and, further verifying that data consistency is preserved. Furthermore, it will prevent any dirty reads and premature writes from occurring and thereby reduce the chance of conflicts between threads attempting to access the object.

The client's information i.e., account name and balance will be stored in a custom shared object called "bank account". The application is designed to be executed in a command-line interface (CLI), where it will communicate to the server through port/socket and independent threads will execute operations for each client simultaneously. Several clients can connect to the same port at the same time, where the data received is disguised by the client address or by the unique client id.

As the client and server are in a direct relation without any intermediate layer, which provides the fastest response rate and gives the best performance. However, growing clients will affect the performance, and it has the least portability. In this architecture, the client handles the presentation layer (user interface), and the server handles both the business logic and database logic.

The bank server is designed to perform a range of validation on the data received by the bank client such as validating if the account referenced exists or checking if the amount entered only contains integers and lastly if the operation is valid or not. It is crucial to validate inputs, to guarantee that transactions are executed successfully without throwing any exception which might result in deadlock or termination.

Protocol Table

BankClient	BankServer
	[run BankServer on port X and initialise the shared bank state object]
[run BankClient]	
[connect to BankServer]	
WHILE NOT TERMINATED	WHILE NOT TERMINATED
	Wait for BankClient connection
	When BankClient connection is established
	SEND "Initialised Client and IO Connection" TO BankClient
RECEIVE "Initialised Client and IO Connection" FROM BankServer	
WHILE NOT TERMINATED	WHILE NOT TERMINATED
READ userInput FROM console	
SEND userInput TO BankServer	
·	RECEIVE userInput FROM BankClient
	[Acquire lock on the shared bank state object]
	IF command AND amount AND account IN userInput IS VALID THEN
	IF message = "ADD" THEN
	[ADD amount to account]
	SEND "[amount] added to [account]" TO BankClient
	END IF
	IF message = "SUBTRACT" THEN
	[SUBTRACT amount from account]
	SEND "[amount] subtracted from [account]" TO BankClient
	END IF
	IF message = "TRANSFER" THEN
	[TRANSFER amount from sender account to receiver account]
	SEND "[amount] transferred from [sender] to [receiver]" TO BankClient
	END IF
	IF message = "EXIT" THEN
	SEND "Bye, see you soon!" TO BankClient
	[TERMINATE BankClient connection]
	END IF
	ELSE
	SEND "Invalid request received - try (add, subtract, transfer, exit)" TO BankClient
	END IF
	[Release lock on the shared bank state object]
RECEIVE message FROM BankServer	
IF message = "Bye, see you soon!" THEN	
[Connection terminated]	
ELSE	
[Print message to the console]	
END WHILE	END WHILE
[Terminate BankClient]	[Terminate BankServer]
END WHILE	END WHILE

4. Implementation

• Acquire Lock:

The acquire lock method was implemented using the synchronized keyword, which will provide synchronization by having an internal monitor lock as without it thread interference and memory consistency errors would originate. When the method is called, clientID is retrieved from the threads name. If the object is not already locked then the current thread locks the object (by setting accessing to true) and then it is permitted to operate on it. If the object is being accessed, then the thread must wait until it is unlocked again. The variable "threadsWaiting", underlines the number of threads waiting in the queue to acquire the lock.

Release Lock:

```
public synchronized void releaseLock() {
    accessing = false;
    notifyAll();
    Thread currentThread = Thread.currentThread();
    System.out.println(getTS() + currentThread.getName() + ": lock released");
}
```

Once again the method is using a synchronized keyword, to ensure that java's internal monitor lock preserves synchronization. The release lock method is executed once the current thread - with the lock, has finished executing and the lock is released by setting the variable "accessing" to false. The method wakes up all the threads that had called the method "wait()" by executing "notifyAll()". Lastly, a print statement is displayed to the console with the timestamp and the thread's name.

Threads Initialisation & Assignment:

```
while(listening) {
    new BankServerThread(BankServerSocket.accept(), sharedBankStateObj).start();
}

public void run() {
    try{
        String clientUniqueAccountID = sharedBankStateObj.createAccount();
        PrintWriter out = new PrintWriter(bankSocket.getOutputStream(), autoFlush: true);
        BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(bankSocket.getInputStream()));
        String inputLn, outputLn;
        out.println(clientUniqueAccountID);
        System.out.println(sharedBankStateObj.getTS() + "Initialised Client-ID: " + clientUniqueAccountID);
        Thread current = Thread.currentThread();
        current.setName(clientUniqueAccountID);

protected String createAccount() {
        BankAccount clientAcc;
        if(clientsList.isEmpty()) {
            clientAcc = new BankAccount( accountNow "Account", initialClientBalance);
        } else {
            clientAcc = new BankAccount( accountNow "Account" + (clientsList.size() + 1), initialClientBalance);
        }
        clientSList.add(clientAcc);
        return clientAcc.getAccountNo();
}
```

The first screenshot demonstrates that when a client connection is established, a new thread is initialised and the "start()" method is executed. The thread has access to the shared bank state object, that holds all client account information. The "start()" method, will execute the "run()" method within the "BankServerThread" class and automatically assign each client with a unique client ID. The "createAccount" method increments the clientID and creates a new bank account with a balance of 1000 units. Lastly, the clientID is set as the threads name - to let the server identify the client.

Client & Server Socket:

```
ServerSocket BankServerSocket = null;

boolean listening = true;

String BankServerName = "WLFB-BankServer";

int BankServerPortNumber = 4243;

double initialClientBalance = 1000;

SharedBankState sharedBankStateObj = new SharedBankState(initialClientBalance);

try {

BankServerSocket = new Socket(BankServerHost, BankSocketNumber);

out = new Britchwiter(BankClientSocket, getOutputStream(), autoFlucht true);

in = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(BankClientSocket, getOutputStream()));

catch (IOException e) {

System.err.println("Could not start " + BankServerName + " on specified port(" + BankServerPortNumber + ")");

System.exit( status -1);

} Socket BankClientSocket = null;

PrintWriter out = null;

BufferedReader in = null;

String BankScretulouts = "localhost";

String BankClientSocket = new Socket(BankServerHost, BankSocketNumber);

String BankSocketNumber = 4243;

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String BankClientSocket = new Socket(BankServerHost, BankSocketNumber);

String BankServerHost = new Socket(BankServerHost, BankSoc
```

The bank server utilises a socket – is an endpoint used to communicate between two machines. In this instance, the bank server will attempt to initialise a new server socket on the given port (4243). If the socket is created successfully then it will wait for any client connection to be established otherwise, it will raise an I/O exception and terminate the server. Similarly, the client will attempt to initialise a new socket and try to establish a connection to the bank server host on the specified port. If the specified is not found then an unknown host exception is thrown. Both the client and server open a PrintWriter and a BufferedReader on the socket, where data is sent and received between the two machines. Lastly, a shared object is also created with each client having a balance of 1000 units.

Acquiring & Releasing Lock Procedure:

```
while((inputln = in.readLine()) != null) {
    try {
        sharedBankStateObj.acquireLock();
        outputln = sharedBankStateObj.processInputs(inputln);
        out.println(outputln);
        if(inputln.equalsIgnoreCase( anotherString: "exit")) {
            sharedBankStateObj.releaseLock();
            break;
        }
        sharedBankStateObj.releaseLock();
    } catch (InterruptedException e) {
        System.err.println("Failed to get lock when reading: " + e);
    }
}
```

The screenshot demonstrates an implementation of the strictly 2 phase-locking mechanisms. Firstly, the data is received from the PrintWriter bound to the socket. Before the received instructions from the client can be executed, the thread must acquire the lock by calling the "acquireLock()". Once the thread is permitted to read/write on the shared object, it will execute the operations by calling the "processInputs()". The output is then returned to the BufferedReader bound to the socket and a simple conditional statement validates if an exit response is issued, if so then the client-server connection will be terminated and the thread stops. The lock will be released either if the task is completed or if the thread will stop, to ensure the server does not halt in a deadlock – where two or more threads wait forever for a lock that is obtained by another thread resulting in a halt.

• Add, Subtract, Transfer & Exit Operations:

Firstly, all operations undergo a range of checks to validate the amount and account number. The amount is validated to check it only contains numbers and no alphabets or symbols. The account number is checked and retrieved as a bank account object else, an error would be thrown. Each method uses the absolute function provided to ensure that negative numbers are not used at any stage. If the exit operation is performed then the client connection is terminated.

Custom File Logger (Additional Feature):

```
DutputStream[] outputs;

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DutputCustomMultiOutputLogger(OutputStream...streams) [ this.outputs = streams; ]

BOverride

Dublic void write(int b) throws IOException {

for (OutputStream out : outputs) {

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```

The screenshots illustrate the implementation of a custom file logger, which is designed to display the outputs to the application's console and write to a text file in real-time. This design will further help to track and log transactions that occur on the server and improve debugging support that is available to developers. The design is configured such that the standard output and standard error are redirected to be displayed to the console and written/appended by the FileOutputStream to a text file.

5. Testing

• Add Money:

Client A

```
[2021/11/30.18:15:35.448] WLFB-BankServer started
[2021/11/30.18:15:39.020] Initialised Client-ID: Account1
[2021/11/30.18:15:41.897] Initialised Client-ID: Account2
[2021/11/30.18:15:45.941] Initialised Client-ID: Account3
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.292] Account1: attempting to acquire lock
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.293] Account1: lock obtained
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.300] (ADD) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £1250.0
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.321] Server: £250.0 added to Account1
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.322] Bank Accounts:
Account1(£1250.0), Account2(£1000.0), Account3(£1000.0),
[2021/11/30.18:16:14.328] Account1: lock released
```

Initialised Account1 client and IO connections Commands:

-> add amount

Client-End

-> subtract amount

-> transfer senderID receiverID amount

-> exit

Sending: add 250

Received: £250.0 added to Account1

Client B

```
[2021/11/30.18:16:25.295] Account2: attempting to acquire lock Server-End [2021/11/30.18:16:25.296] Account2: lock obtained [2021/11/30.18:16:25.297] (ADD) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £1420.0 [2021/11/30.18:16:25.300] Server: £420.0 added to Account2 [2021/11/30.18:16:25.301] Bank Accounts: Account1(£1250.0), Account2(£1420.0), Account3(£1000.0), [2021/11/30.18:16:25.302] Account2: lock released
```

Initialised Account2 client and IO connections
Commands:
-> add amount Client-End
-> subtract amount
-> transfer senderID receiverID amount
-> exit
add 420
Sending: add 420
Received: £420.0 added to Account2

• Subtract Money:

Client A

```
[2021/11/30.18:18:58.715] WLFB-BankServer started
[2021/11/30.18:19:02.967] Initialised Client-ID: Account1
[2021/11/30.18:19:06.768] Initialised Client-ID: Account2
[2021/11/30.18:19:09.812] Initialised Client-ID: Account3
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.028] Account1: attempting to acquire lock
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.029] Account1: lock obtained
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.038] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £901.0
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.062] Server: £99.0 subtracted from Account1
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.063] Bank Accounts:
Account1(£901.0), Account2(£1000.0), Account3(£1000.0),
[2021/11/30.18:19:16.067] Account1: lock released
```

Initialised Account1 client and IO connections
Commands:
-> add amount
-> subtract amount
-> transfer senderID receiverID amount
-> exit
subtract 99
Sending: subtract 99
Received: £99.0 subtracted from Account1

Client C

```
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.023] Account3: attempting to acquire lock
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.024] Account3: lock obtained
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.025] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £431.0
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.026] Server: £569.0 subtracted from Account3
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.026] Bank Accounts:
Account1(£901.0), Account2(£1000.0), Account3(£431.0),
[2021/11/30.18:19:24.027] Account3: lock released
```

Initialised Account3 client and IO connections
Commands:
-> add amount
-> subtract amount
-> transfer senderID receiverID amount
-> exit
subtract 569
Sending: subtract 569
Received: £569.0 subtracted from Account3

• Transfer Money:

Client A

```
[2021/11/30.18:22:07.754] WLFB-BankServer started
[2021/11/30.18:22:10.902] Initialised Client-ID: Account1 Server-End
[2021/11/30.18:22:14.155] Initialised Client-ID: Account2
[2021/11/30.18:22:17.552] Initialised Client-ID: Account3
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.776] Account1: attempting to acquire lock
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.777] Account1: lock obtained
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.783] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Sender Balance: £275.0
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.799] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Receiver Balance: £1725.0
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.816] Server: £725.0 transferred from account1 to account2
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.816] Bank Accounts:
Account1(£275.0), Account2(£1725.0), Account3(£1000.0),
[2021/11/30.18:22:42.826] Account1: lock released
```

Client-End

Client-End

Initialised Account1 client and IO connections

Commands:

- -> add amount
- -> subtract amount
- -> transfer senderID receiverID amount
- -> exit

transfer account1 account2 725

Sending: transfer account1 account2 725

Received: £725.0 transferred from account1 to account2

Client B

```
[2021/11/30.18:23:02.996] Account2: attempting to acquire lock [2021/11/30.18:23:02.998] Account2: lock obtained [2021/11/30.18:23:03.000] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1725.0, Updated Sender Balance: £1625.0 [2021/11/30.18:23:03.000] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Receiver Balance: £1100.0 [2021/11/30.18:23:03.002] Server: £100.0 transferred from account2 to account3 [2021/11/30.18:23:03.003] Bank Accounts: Account1(£275.0), Account2(£1625.0), Account3(£1100.0), [2021/11/30.18:23:03.005] Account2: lock released
```

Initialised Account2 client and IO connections

Commands:

- -> add amount
 - id amount
- -> subtract amount
- -> transfer senderID receiverID amount
- -> exit

transfer account2 account3 100

Sending: transfer account2 account3 100

Received: £100.0 transferred from account2 to account3

• Exit Operation:

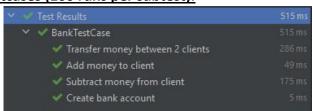
Client A

```
[2021/11/30.18:35:57.626] WLFB-BankServer started Server-End [2021/11/30.18:36:16.424] Initialised Client-ID: Account1 [2021/11/30.18:36:19.692] Initialised Client-ID: Account2 [2021/11/30.18:36:26.104] Account1: attempting to acquire lock [2021/11/30.18:36:26.105] Account1: lock obtained [2021/11/30.18:36:26.106] (EXIT) Client Connection Terminated [2021/11/30.18:36:26.110] Server: Bye, see you soon!:) [2021/11/30.18:36:26.111] Bank Accounts: Account1(£1000.0), Account2(£1000.0), [2021/11/30.18:36:26.116] Account1: lock released
```

```
Initialised Account1 client and IO connections
Commands:
-> add amount
-> subtract amount
-> transfer senderID receiverID amount
-> exit
exit
Sending: exit
Received: Bye, see you soon! :)

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Additional Testcases (100 runs per subtest):



```
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.333] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Sender Balance: £1072.7563680032868
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.361] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Receiver Balance: £1072.7563680032868
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.368] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £927.2436319967132, Updated Sender Balance: £858.9212848207287
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.372] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1072.7563680032868, Updated Receiver Balance: £1141.0787151792713
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.372] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £858.9212848207287, Updated Sender Balance: £828.0493392874628
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.374] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1141.0787151792713, Updated Receiver Balance: £1171.9506607125372
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.375] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1141.0787151792713, Updated Receiver Balance: £800.3414902800491
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.575] (TRANSFER) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £1072.7563680032868
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.506] (ADD) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £1072.7563680032868
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.506] (ADD) Original Balance: £1141.0787151792713, Updated Balance: £1171.9506607125372
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.506] (ADD) Original Balance: £1171.9506607125372, Updated Balance: £1199.6585097199509
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.506] (ADD) Original Balance: £1199.6585097199509, Updated Balance: £1266.2134048994083
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.555] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £1000.0, Updated Balance: £927.2436319967132
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.555] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £927.2436319967132, Updated Balance: £828.0493392874628
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.559] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £858.9212848207287, Updated Balance: £828.0493392874628
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.559] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £858.9212848207287, Updated Balance: £800.34149028800491
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.550] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £858.9212848207287, Updated Balance: £800.34149028809491
[2021/11/30.18:55:43.550] (SUBTRACT) Original Balance: £828.0493392874628, Updated Balance: £603.4449368633374
```

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, all the requirements listed were successfully implemented which demonstrated my understanding of advanced network computing. The application was critically evaluated and broken down into workable requirements. Additional features like a custom file logger, an "exit" operation and input validations were also developed to further improve the system's reliability, usability and maintainability. Finally, the bank application demonstrated how concurrency issues in network computing are dealt with in a multi-threaded client-server system.

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Appendix A: Code

The code will be included (ZIP file) with the assignment submission.

List of classes:

- 1. BankAccount.java a custom bank account object to hold client information.
- 2. BankClient.java client-end application with a command-line user interface.
- 3. BankServer.java server-end application.
- 4. BankServerThread.java server thread that is executed for each client connection.
- 5. SharedBankState.java server states with all business logic (operations, bank account methods and validations).
- 6. CustomMultiOutputLogger.java custom file logger that writes system standard output to a log text file.
- 7. BankTestCase.java additional test cases which test core requirements.