Pseudo Code Assignment

The handout can be found here.

Preface

To keep it simple we will take a look at a *single thread solution*. Then we will try to see what can be done to optimize the execution using multiple threads. For brevity, we will just list some possibilities.

Single thread

Given a growing list of mails (listOfMails):

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recruitment = 0
spam = 0
sales = 0
reception = 0
intervalInMin = INPUT("Interval in minutes?")
WHILE liveSorting
    get listOfMails
    listOfMails -> stream
       FOREACH mail of listOfMails
            IF contains "CV" (~ title / body / attachment ???)
               forward to "recruitment@parkshark.com"
                delete mail (* in mailbox)
            ELSE IF contains "Promo" OR contains "advertising" (~)
               forward to "spam@parkshark.com"
                spam++
               delete mail (*)
            ELSE IF contains "sales" (~)
                forward to "sales@parkshark.com"
                sales++
                delete mail (*)
            ELSE
                forward to "reception@parkshark.com"
                reception++
                delete mail (*)
    print # of mails
    sleep (intervalInMin toMillis)
getListOfMails
   listOfMails = (List) GET someApi
    return listOfMails
deleteMail
    DELETE someApi
print # of mails
   total = recruitment + spam + sales + reception
    print: total, recruitment, spam, sales, reception
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Multiple threads

Things we could try to optimize: - Use a parallelStream instead - List of mails has to be big enough to improve execution speed - Introduce a thread pool and pass what comes after FOREACH to executors - Have different threads each take a list, then filter for containing a string before FOREACH - Some lists could be made to have more / less importance

Questions for 'Park Shark'

- Where does the list of mails come from?
- What is the average amount of mails received in the mailbox?
- What are the preferences regarding the interval to check the mailbox?

- What should be the frequency?
 Should it be changeable?
 Where will this program be running?
 Should this program have an own interface?
 Or will it be integrated and run with command line arguments?

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