

# Java Multithreading

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# Multitasking

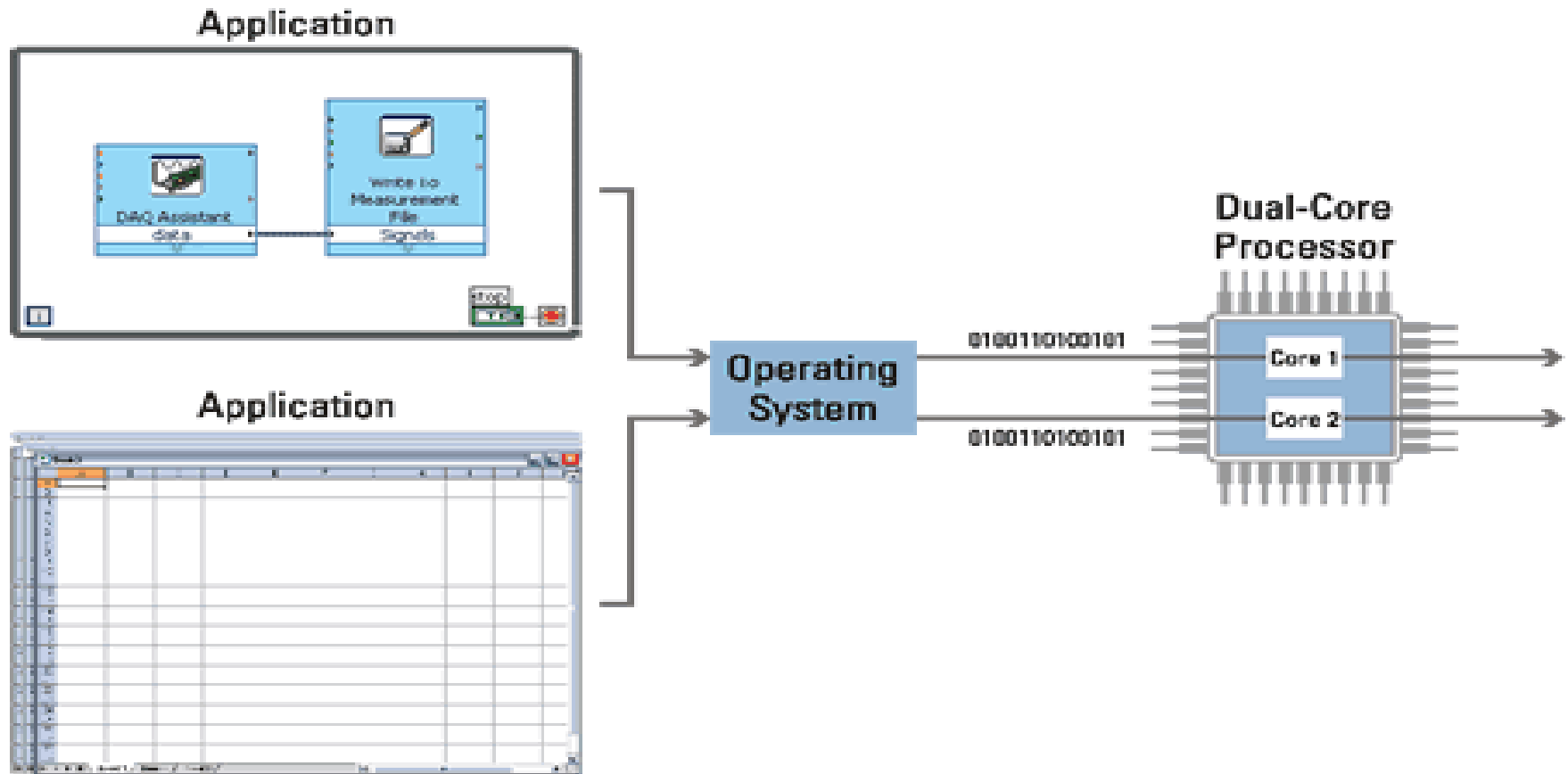
Executing multiple programs simultaneously.

1. Process based

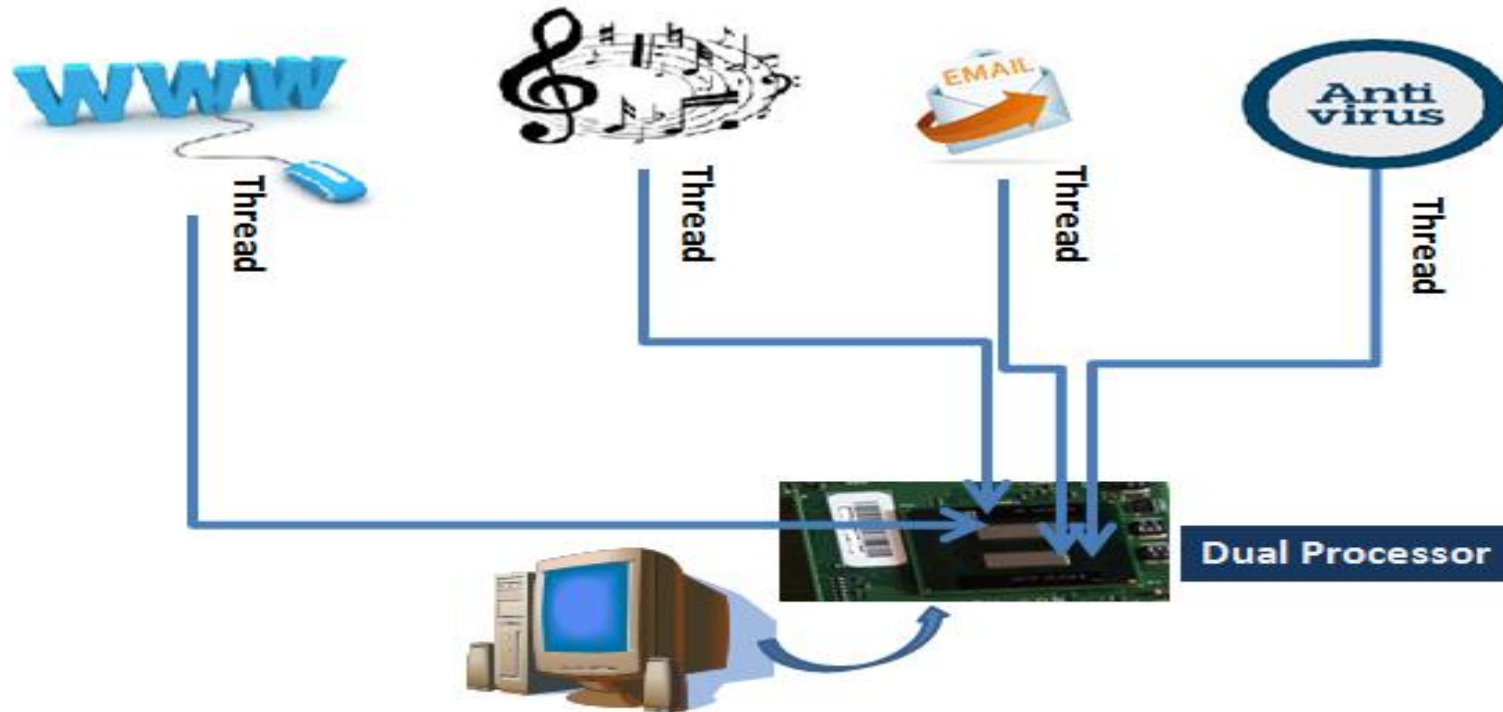
2. Thread based



# Multitasking Applications



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## Multithreading On a Dual Processor Desktop System

Note: Multithreading can also be possible on single processor systems



# Multitasking



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"... Be quick, is he?"



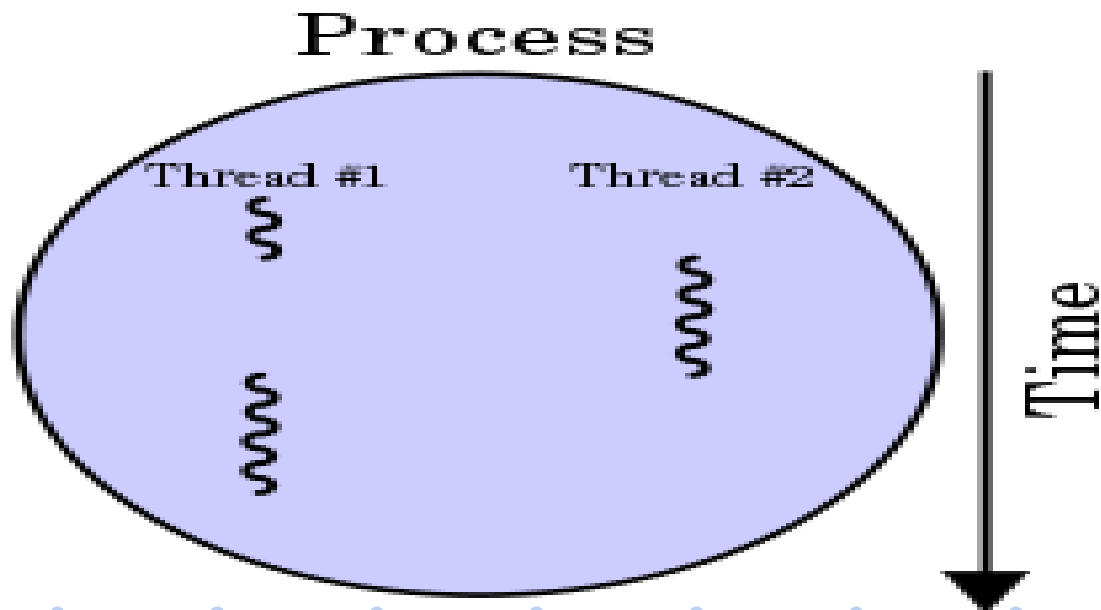
# Multi Threading



# Thread

The smallest unit of processing

Ex: Few lines of code – computing 3 account's interest





# Multi Tasking vs Multi Threading

## Multitasking and Multithreading

- **Multitasking:**
  - refers to a computer's ability to perform multiple jobs concurrently
  - more than one program are running concurrently, e.g., UNIX
- **Multithreading:**
  - A **thread** is a single sequence of execution within a program
  - refers to multiple threads of control within a single program
  - each program can run multiple threads of control within it, e.g., Web Browser

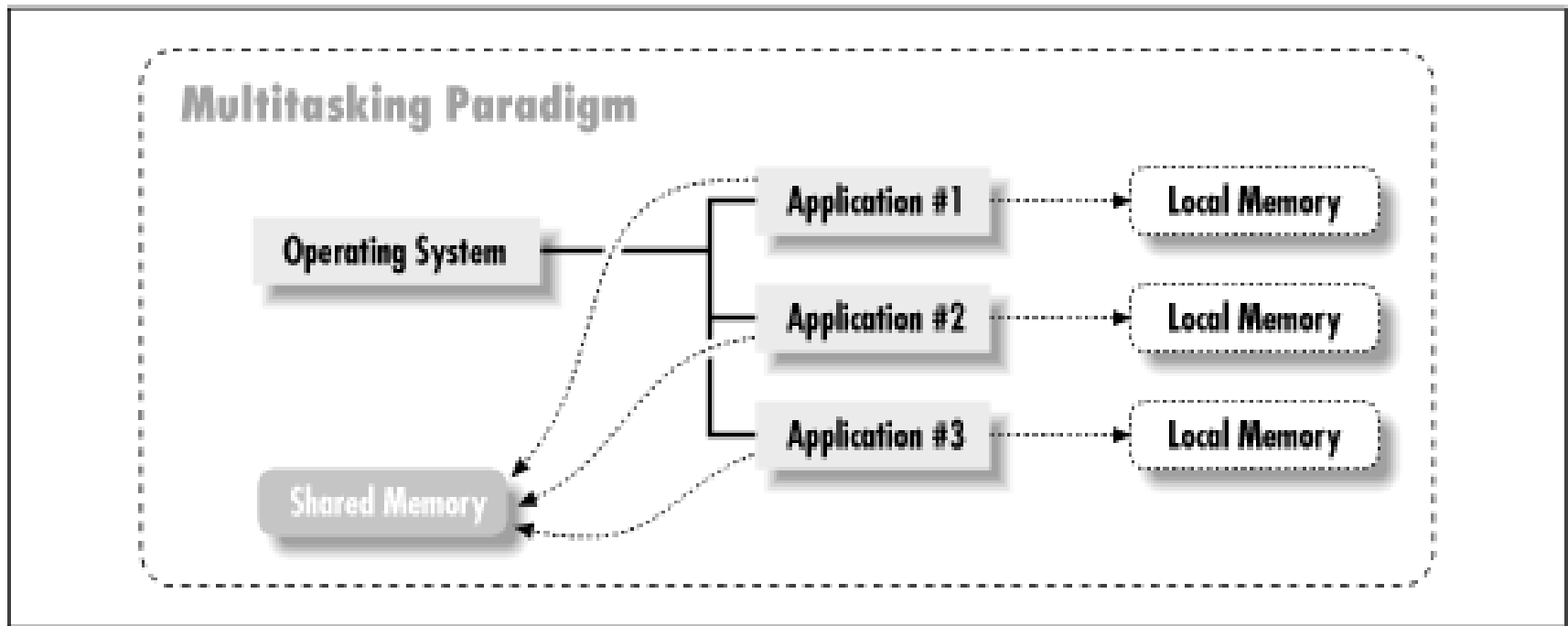
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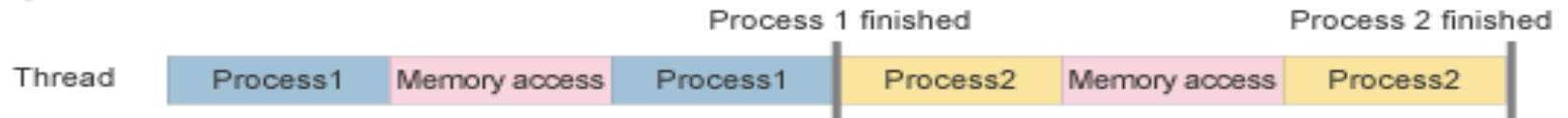
# Multitasking Environment

Data within processes is separated; separate stack for local variables and data area for objects

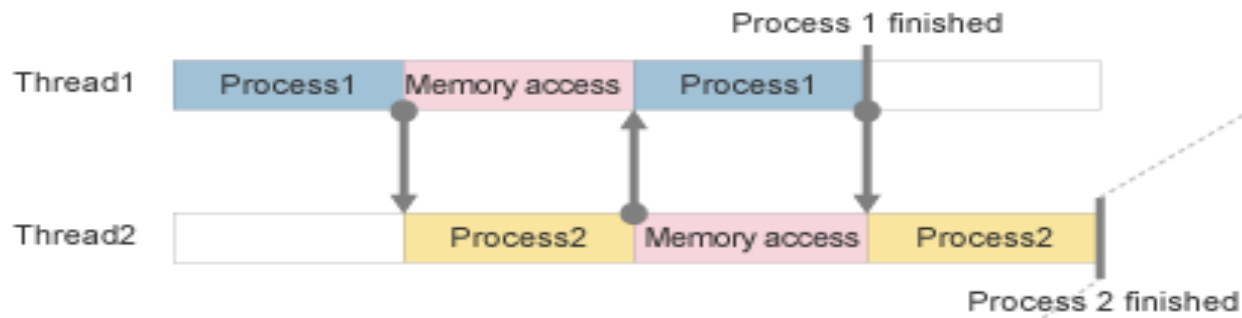


# Multitasking with Threads

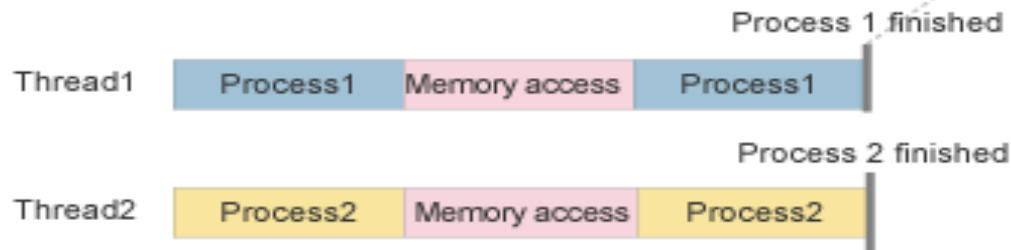
Single thread timeline



Multi thread timeline (SPARC64™ VI) : VMT



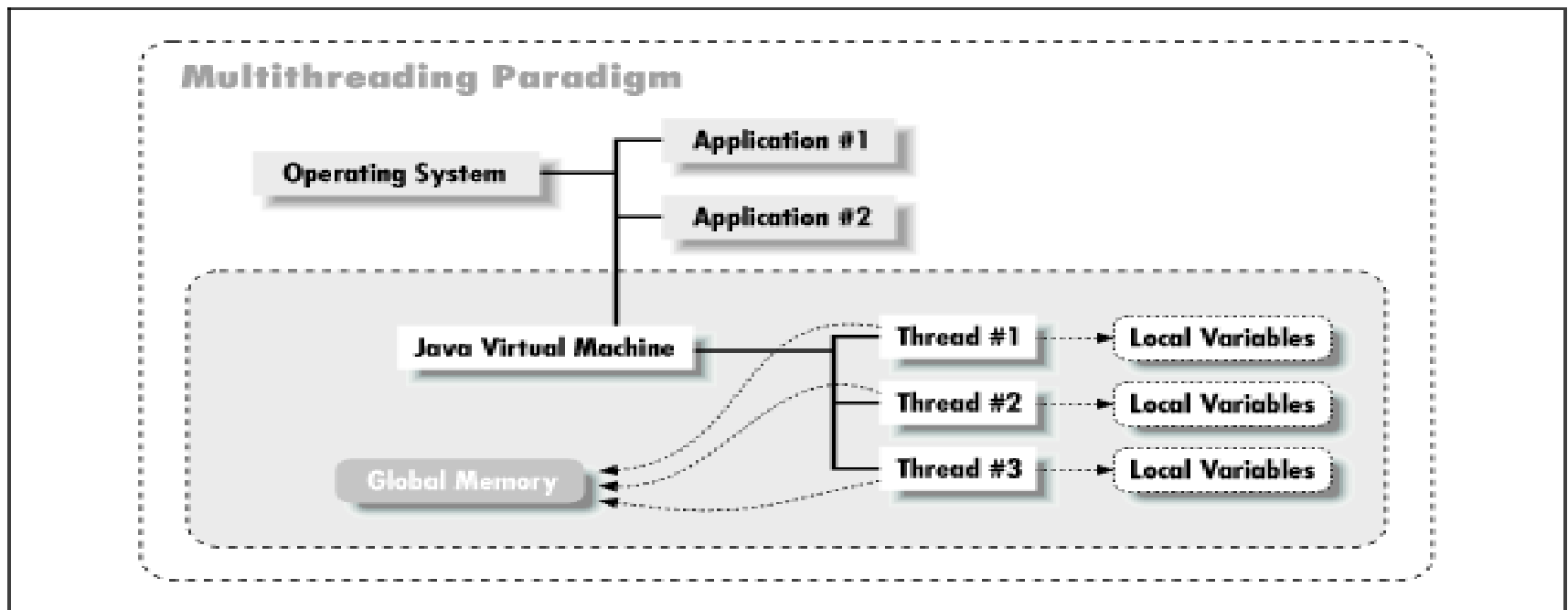
Multi thread timeline (SPARC64™ VII) : SMT



# Multitasking with Threads

**Thread** - similar to process

Multiple thread running within a single instance of JVM – similar to multiple processes within an OS



# Thread Life Cycle



# Implementing Threads

Threads are developed by :

First, by subclassing the **Thread** class

Second, by implementing the **Runnable** interface

Override the public void run() method

Place the functionality in the run() method



# How a thread starts?

## **public void start()**

- ❑ Creates a new thread. The thread will be in runnable state

## **public void run()**

- ❑ The new thread begins its life





# Thread Life Cycle

```
public class BytePrinter extends Thread {  
    public void run() {  
        for (int bnum= -128; bnum< 128; bnum++) {  
            System.out.println(bnum);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Multithreading Issues

- A single-threaded program performs one task at a time
- With multithreading, two or more threads may coexist and possibly try to use the same resource simultaneously.
- Colliding over a resource must be prevented
- Because many threads may try to access the same resource, which may yield undesirable result

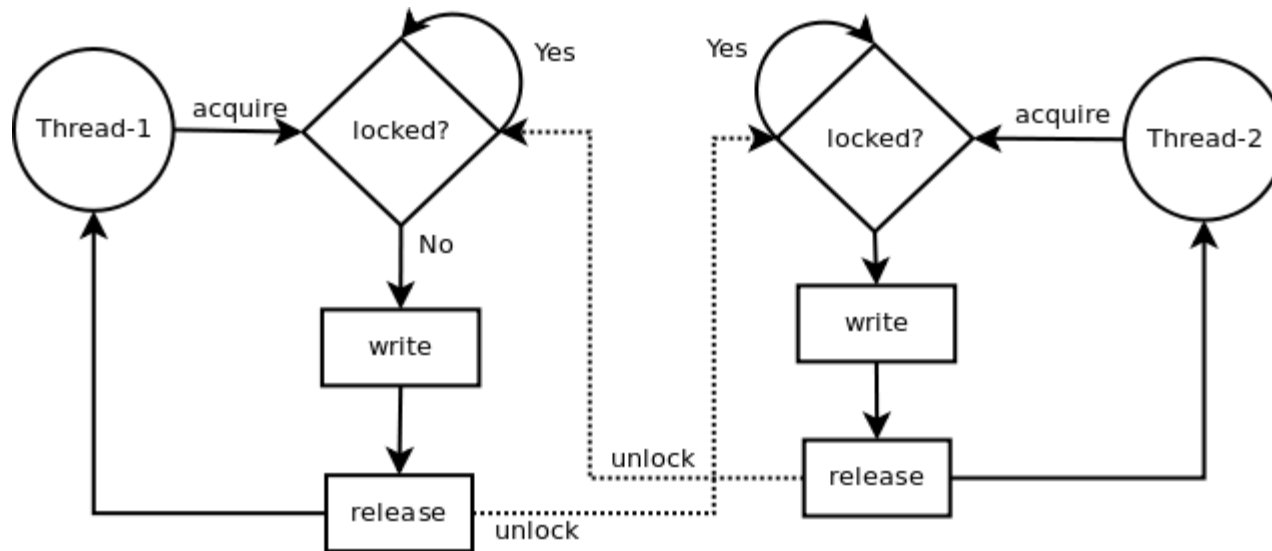


# Solution - Synchronization



# Thread Synchronization

- Placing a lock on a resource when one thread is utilizing it.
- The first thread that accesses a resource locks it
- Other threads can not access that resource until it is unlocked.



# Thread Synchronization

- **Methods can be declared as synchronized.**
- **Only one thread at a time can call a synchronized method of a particular object.**
- **Every thread object has a lock / monitor.**
- **The object that has synchronized method, is locked**
- **No other synchronized methods of that object is called until the first thread completes and releases the lock**



# Thread Synchronization Example

```
public class Shared // used by UserThread class methods
{
    public synchronized int get() {
        for(int taskNo=1;taskNo<=5;taskNo++) {
            // code goes here
        }
    }

    public synchronized void put() {
        for(int taskNo=1;taskNo<=5;taskNo++) {
            // code goes here
        }
    }
}
```





# Thread Synchronization Example

```
public class MainSynch {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        UserThread ut1 = new UserThread();  
        UserThread ut2 = new UserThread();  
        ut1.start();  
        ut2.start();  
    }  
}
```



# Interthread Communication

**Allowing “synchronized threads” to communicate with each other.  
implemented by following methods of Object class:**

**wait() – Makes the thread to halt until it is notified**

**notify() - Wakes up a single thread that is waiting on this  
object**

**notifyAll() - Wakes up all threads that are waiting on this  
object**



