

C# Asynchronous and Parallel Programming

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ProgramTests.cs x
HelloWorld.Tests > ProgramTests.cs > {} HelloWorld.Tests > HelloWorld
1 using System;
2 using System.IO;
3 using Xunit;
4
5 namespace HelloWorld.Tests
6 {
7     0 references | Run All Tests | Debug All Tests
8     public class ProgramTests
9     {
10         [Fact]
11         0 references | Run Test | Debug Test
12         public void Main_given_no_args_p
13         {
14             // Arrange
15             using var writer = new StringWriter();
16             Console.SetOut(writer);
17
18             // Act
19             Program.Main(new string[0]);
20
21             // Assert
22             var output = writer.GetStringBuilder().ToString();
23             Assert.Equal("Hello World!", output);
24         }
25     }

```

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Program.cs x
HelloWorld > Program.cs > ...
1 using System;
2
3 namespace HelloWorld
4 {
5     1 reference
6     public class Program
7     {
8         1 reference
9         public static void Main(string[] args)
10         {
11             Console.WriteLine("Hello World!");
12         }
13     }

```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

1: pwsh

```
Loading personal and system profiles took 1008ms.
C:\HelloWorld> dotnet test
Test run for C:\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.Tests\bin\Debug\netcoreapp3.0\HelloWorld.Tests.dll (.NETCoreApp, Version=v3.0)
Microsoft (R) Test Execution Command Line Tool Version 16.3.0
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Starting test execution, please wait...

A total of 1 test files matched the specified pattern.

Test Run Successful.
Total tests: 1
Passed: 1
Total time: 3,4618 Seconds
C:\HelloWorld>

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1 tests 0 0 Azure: rasmusl@microsoft.com HelloWorld.sln Ln 22, Col 50 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF C# 1

Agenda

Dictionary

Threads

Task Parallel Library

Asynchronous Programming

Async \neq Parallel \neq Threads

Concurrency

Concurrency I

A property of systems in which several computations are executing **simultaneously**, and potentially interacting with each other. The computations may be executing on multiple cores in the same chip, preemptively time-shared threads on the same processor, or executed on physically separated processors.

Concurrency II

Multiple tasks which start, run, and complete in overlapping time periods, in no specific order

Parallelism

Parallelism

When multiple tasks OR several parts of a unique task literally run at the same time, e.g. on a multi-core processor.

Multithreading

Multithreading

Software implementation which allows different threads to be executed concurrently.

A multithreaded program appears to be doing several things at the same time even when it's running on a single-core machine.

Compare to chatting with different people through various IM windows; although you're switching back and forth, the net result is that you're having multiple conversations at the same time.

Asynchronous methods

Asynchronous methods

Not related to Concurrency and parallelism!

Asynchrony is used to present the impression of concurrent or parallel tasking.

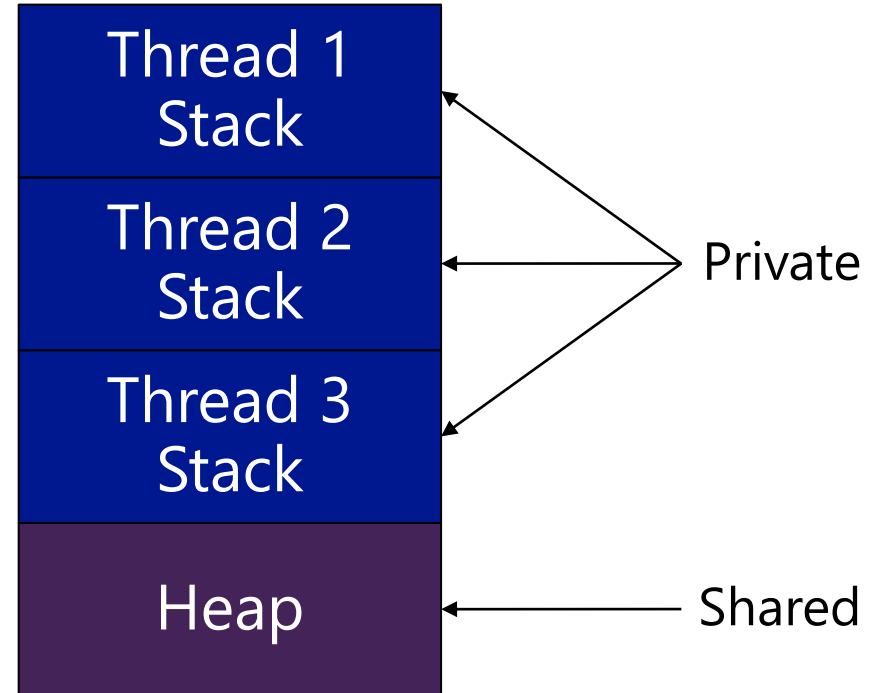
Normally used for a process that needs to do work away from the current application where we don't want to wait and block our application awaiting the response.

Threads

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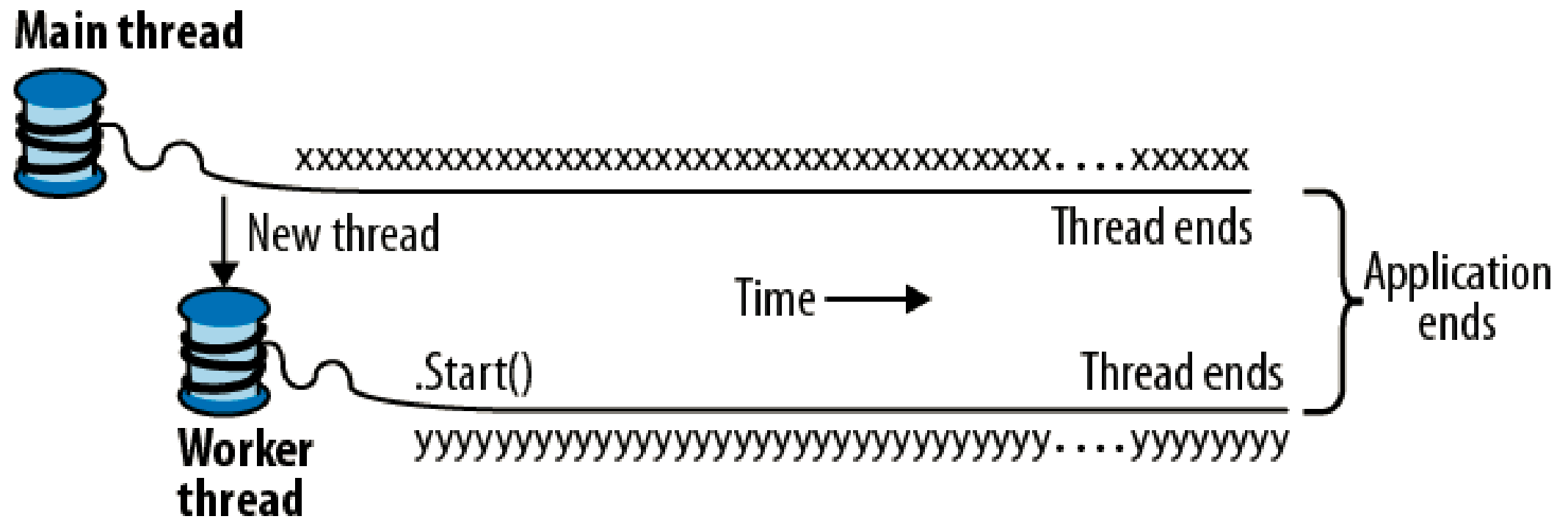


Single Threaded Program



Multithreaded Program

Threads Example



Threads

Demo

Race Condition



Ralf Schumacher, 3 Mar 2002, Reporter Images

Race Condition

Behavior of a program where the output is **dependent** on the **sequence** or **timing** of other **uncontrollable** events.

→ Bug, when events do not happen in the order the programmer intended.

Race Condition

Demo

Deadlock



Deadlock by David Maitland

Deadlock

A situation in which two or more competing actions are each waiting for the other to finish, and thus neither ever does.

Deadlock

Demo

Task Parallel Library

Task.Run

Task.Factory...

Task.Delay

Parallel.For

Parallel.ForEach

Parallel.Invoke

Parallel Linq → .AsParallel()

Task Parallel Library

Demo

System.Collections.Concurrent

ConcurrentQueue<T>

ConcurrentStack<T>

BlockingCollection<T>

ConcurrentDictionary<TKey, TValue>

Concurrent Collections

Demo

Asynchronous Programming

Asynchronous Programming

Asynchronous programming is a means of parallel **programming** in which a unit of work runs separately from the main application thread and notifies the calling thread of its completion, failure or progress.

Asynchronous Programming

Demo

async/await

async →

Method must return `void`, `Task`, `Task<T>`, or a task-like type. Specifically: a type, which satisfy the `async` pattern, meaning a `GetAwaiter` method must be accessible.

await → Await task(s)...

Note: `Main` and *test* methods must return `Task`

Speed
Multiprocessor
Parallel execution

Async ≠ Parallel ≠ Threads

Non-blocking UI,
background tasks,
asynchronous

Low-level building
block
Do not use directly!