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- Multithreading in Java is a process of executing multiple threads simultaneously.
- A thread is a lightweight sub-process, the smallest unit of processing. Multiprocessing and multithreading, both are used to achieve multitasking.
- However, we use multithreading than multiprocessing because threads use a shared memory area. They don't allocate separate memory area so saves memory, and context-switching between the threads takes less time than process.

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- **Multitasking**
- Multitasking is a process of executing multiple tasks simultaneously. We use multitasking to utilize the CPU. Multitasking can be achieved in two ways:
 - Process-based Multitasking (Multiprocessing)
 - Thread-based Multitasking (Multithreading)

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- **1) Process-based Multitasking (Multiprocessing)**
- Each process has an address in memory. In other words,
- each process allocates a separate memory area.
- A process is heavyweight.
- Cost of communication between the process is high.
- Switching from one process to another requires some
- time for saving and loading registers, memory maps,
- updating lists, etc.

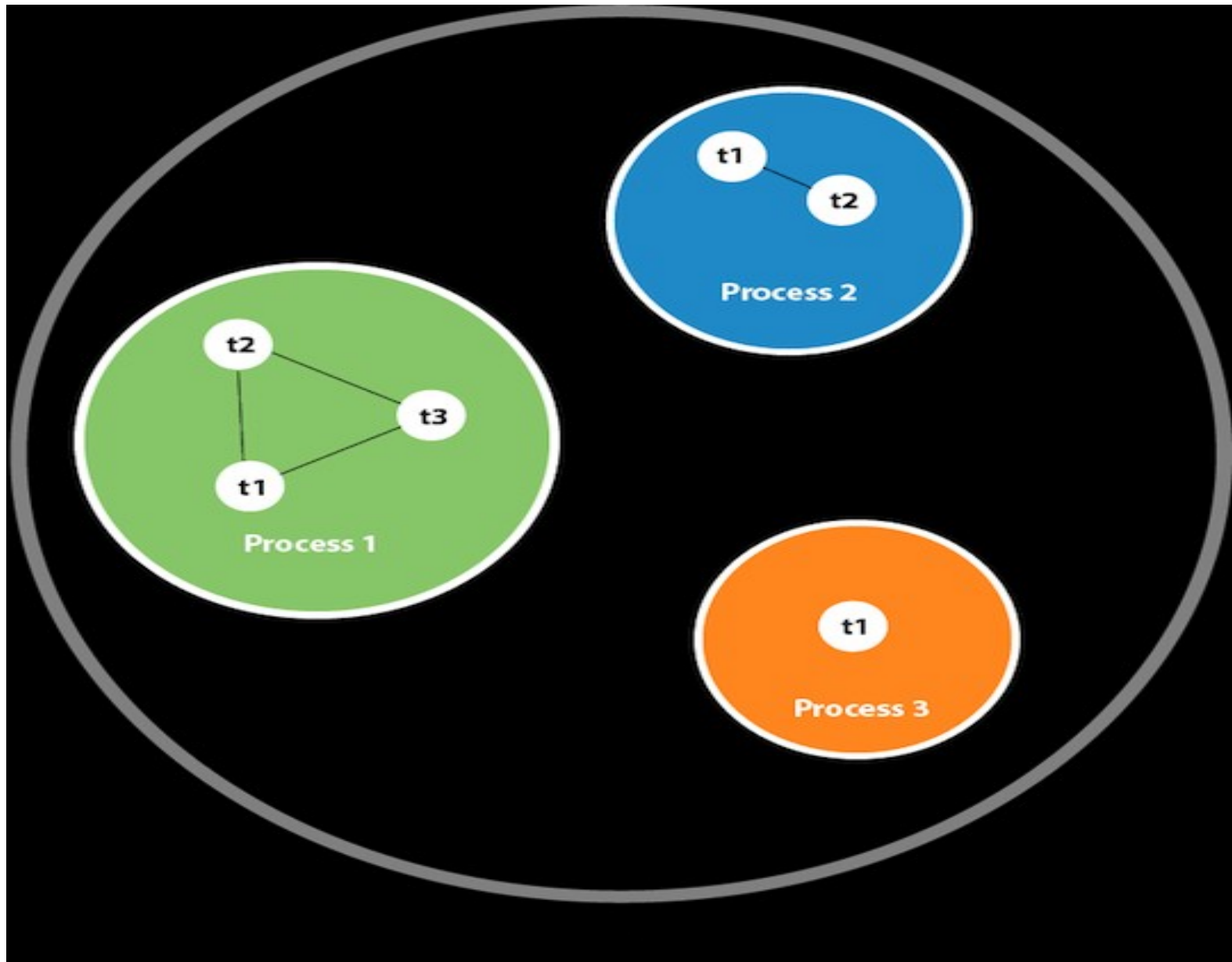
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- **2) Thread-based Multitasking (Multithreading)**
- Threads share the same address space.
- A thread is lightweight.
- Cost of communication between the thread is low.

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- **What is Thread in java?**
- A thread is a lightweight subprocess, the smallest unit of processing. It is a separate path of execution.
- Threads are independent. If there occurs exception in one thread, it doesn't affect other threads. It uses a shared memory area.

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- **Java Thread class**
- Java provides Thread class to achieve thread programming. Thread class provides constructors and methods to create and perform operations on a thread.

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- **Java Thread Methods**

1)	void	<code>start()</code>	It is used to start the execution of the thread.
2)	void	<code>run()</code>	It is used to do an action for a thread.
3)	static void	<code>sleep()</code>	It sleeps a thread for the specified amount of time.
4)	static Thread	<code>currentThread()</code>	It returns a reference to the currently executing thread object.
5)	void	<code>join()</code>	It waits for a thread to die.

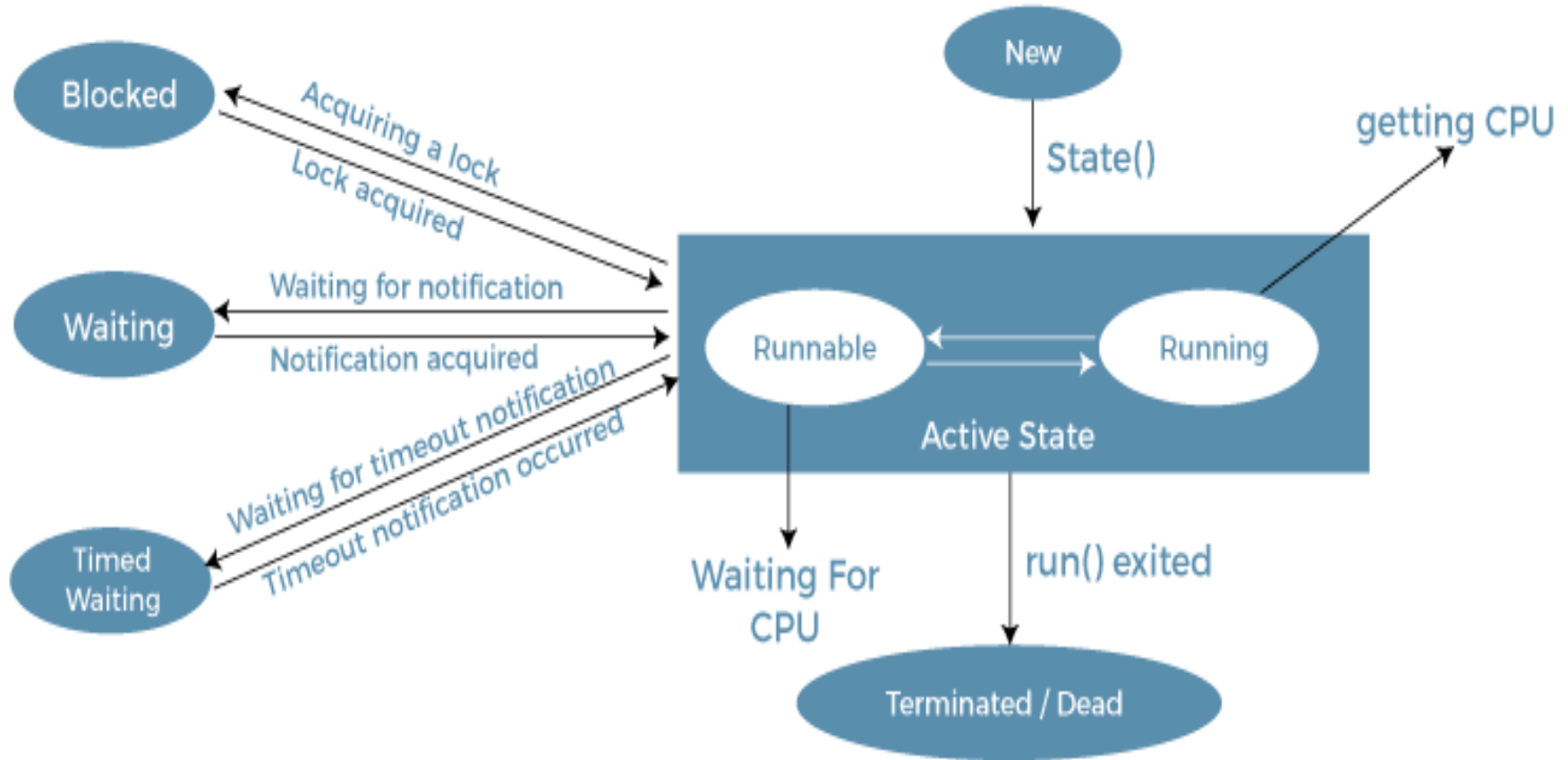
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6)	int	<code>getPriority()</code>	It returns the priority of the thread.
7)	void	<code>setPriority()</code>	It changes the priority of the thread.
8)	String	<code>getName()</code>	It returns the name of the thread.
9)	void	<code>setName()</code>	It changes the name of the thread.
10)	long	<code>getId()</code>	It returns the id of the thread.

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- **Life cycle of a Thread (Thread States)**
- In Java, a thread always exists in any one of the following states. These states are:
 - New
 - Active
 - Blocked / Waiting
 - Timed Waiting
 - Terminated

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- **New:** Whenever a new thread is created, it is always in the new state.
- **Active:** When a thread invokes the start() method, it moves from the new state to the active state. The active state contains two states within it: one is runnable, and the other is running.
- **Runnable:** A thread, that is ready to run is then moved to the runnable state.
- **Running:** When the thread gets the CPU, it moves from the runnable to the running state. Generally, the most common change in the state of a thread is from runnable to running and again back to runnable.

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- **Blocked or Waiting:** Whenever a thread is inactive for a span of time (not permanently) then, either the thread is in the blocked state or is in the waiting state.
- **Timed Waiting:** Sometimes, waiting for leads to starvation. For example, a thread (its name is A) has entered the critical section of a code and is not willing to leave that critical section. In such a scenario, another thread (its name is B) has to wait forever, which leads to starvation.
- **Terminated:** When a thread has finished its job, then it exists or terminates normally.

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- **How to create a thread**
- There are two ways to create a thread:
 - By extending Thread class
 - By implementing Runnable interface

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- **Thread class:**
- Thread class provide constructors and methods to create and perform operations on a thread.
- **Commonly used methods of Thread class:**
- `public void run()`: is used to perform action for a thread.
- `public void start()`: starts the execution of the thread. JVM calls the `run()` method on the thread.
- `public void sleep(long milliseconds)`: Causes the currently executing thread to sleep (temporarily cease execution) for the specified number of milliseconds.

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- `public void join():` waits for a thread to die.
- `public void join(long milliseconds):` waits for a thread to die for the specified milliseconds.
- `public int getPriority():` returns the priority of the thread.
- `public int setPriority(int priority):` changes the priority of the thread.
- `public String getName():` returns the name of the thread.
- `public int getId():` returns the id of the thread.
- `public Thread.State getState():` returns the state of the thread.
- `public boolean isAlive():` tests if the thread is alive.

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- **Runnable interface:**
- The Runnable interface should be implemented by any class whose instances are intended to be executed by a thread. Runnable interface have only one method named run().
- public void run(): is used to perform action for a thread.

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- **Starting a thread:**
- The start() method of Thread class is used to start a newly created thread. It performs the following tasks:
 - A new thread starts.
 - The thread moves from New state to the Runnable state.
 - When the thread gets a chance to execute, its target run() method will run.

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```
class Multi extends Thread{  
    public void run(){  
        System.out.println("thread is running...");  
    }  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Multi t1=new Multi();  
        t1.start();  
    }  
}
```

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```
class Multi3 implements Runnable{
public void run(){
System.out.println("thread is running...");
}

public static void main(String args[]){
Multi3 m1=new Multi3();
Thread t1 =new Thread(m1);    // Using the constructor Thread
t1.start();
}
}
```

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```
public class MyThread1
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // creating an object of the Thread class using the constructor Thread(String name)
        Thread t= new Thread("My first thread");

        // the start() method moves the thread to the active state
        t.start();
        // getting the thread name by invoking the getName() method
        String str = t.getName();
        System.out.println(str);
    }
}
```

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}
```

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Thread.sleep()

The method `sleep()` is being used to halt the working of a thread for a given amount of time.

The time up to which the thread remains in the sleeping state is known as the sleeping time of the thread.

After the sleeping time is over, the thread starts its execution from where it has left.

The `sleep()` Method Syntax:

```
public static void sleep(long mls) throws InterruptedException
```


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```
class TestSleepMethod1 extends Thread{
    public void run(){
        for(int i=1;i<5;i++){
            // the thread will sleep for the 500 milli seconds
            try{Thread.sleep(500);}
            catch(InterruptedException e){System.out.println(e);}
            System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
    public static void main(String args[]){
        TestSleepMethod1 t1=new TestSleepMethod1();
        TestSleepMethod1 t2=new TestSleepMethod1();

        t1.start();
        t2.start();
    }
}
```



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join() method

The `join()` method in Java is provided by the `java.lang.Thread` class that permits one thread to wait until the other thread to finish its execution.

Suppose `th` be the object the class `Thread` whose thread is doing its execution currently, then the `th.join();` statement ensures that `th` is finished before the program does the execution of the next statement.

```
class CustomThread implements Runnable {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println(Thread.currentThread().getName() + " started.");
        try {
            Thread.sleep(500);
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            System.out.println(Thread.currentThread().getName() + " interrupted.");
        }
        System.out.println(Thread.currentThread().getName() + " exited.");
    }
}

public class Tester {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws InterruptedException {
        Thread t1 = new Thread( new CustomThread(), "Thread-1");
        t1.start();
        //main thread class the join on t1
        //and once t1 is finish then only t2 can start
        t1.join();
        Thread t2 = new Thread( new CustomThread(), "Thread-2");
        t2.start();
        //main thread class the join on t2
        //and once t2 is finish then only t3 can start
        t2.join();
        Thread t3 = new Thread( new CustomThread(), "Thread-3");
        t3.start();
    }
}
```

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```
Thread-1 started.  
Thread-1 exited.  
Thread-2 started.  
Thread-2 exited.  
Thread-3 started.  
Thread-3 exited.  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

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Naming Thread

The Thread class provides methods to change and get the name of a thread. By default, each thread has a name, i.e. thread-0, thread-1 and so on. By we can change the name of the thread by using the setName() method. The syntax of setName() and getName() methods are given below:

public String getName(): is used to return the name of a thread.

public void setName(String name): is used to change the name of a thread.

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```
public class TestMultiNaming1 extends Thread{
    public void run(){
        System.out.println("running...");
    }
    public static void main(String args[]){
        TestMultiNaming1 t1=new TestMultiNaming1();
        TestMultiNaming1 t2=new TestMultiNaming1();
        System.out.println("Name of t1:"+t1.getName());
        System.out.println("Name of t2:"+t2.getName());

        t1.start();
        t2.start();

        t1.setName("VJV");
        System.out.println("After changing name of t1:"+t1.getName());
    }
}
```

```
Name of t1:Thread-0
Name of t2:Thread-1
After changing name of t1:VJV
running...
running...
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

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Thread Priority

Each thread has a priority. Priorities are represented by a number between 1 and 10. In most cases, the thread scheduler schedules the threads according to their priority (known as preemptive scheduling).

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Setter & Getter Method of Thread Priority

`public final int getPriority():` The `java.lang.Thread.getPriority()` method returns the priority of the given thread.

`public final void setPriority(int newPriority):` The `java.lang.Thread.setPriority()` method updates or assign the priority of the thread to `newPriority`.


```
import java.lang.*;

public class ThreadPriorityExample extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Inside the run() method");
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // Creating threads with the help of ThreadPriorityExample class
        ThreadPriorityExample th1 = new ThreadPriorityExample();
        ThreadPriorityExample th2 = new ThreadPriorityExample();
        ThreadPriorityExample th3 = new ThreadPriorityExample();

        // We did not mention the priority of the thread.
        // Therefore, the priorities of the thread is 5, the default value

        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th1 is : " + th1.getPriority());
        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th2 is : " + th2.getPriority());
        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th3 is : " + th3.getPriority());

        // Setting priorities of above threads by
        // passing integer arguments
        th1.setPriority(6);
        th2.setPriority(3);
        th3.setPriority(9);

        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th1 is : " + th1.getPriority());
        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th2 is : " + th2.getPriority());
        System.out.println("Priority of the thread th3 is : " + th3.getPriority());

    }
}
```

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```
Priority of the thread th1 is : 5  
Priority of the thread th2 is : 5  
Priority of the thread th3 is : 5  
Priority of the thread th1 is : 6  
Priority of the thread th2 is : 3  
Priority of the thread th3 is : 9  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

THREAD SYNCHRONIZATION

When two or more threads need access to a shared resource, they need some way to ensure that the resource will be used by only one thread at a time

The process by which this synchronization is achieved is called *thread synchronization*

“The synchronized keyword in Java creates a block of code referred to as a critical section. Every Java object with a critical section of code gets a lock associated with the object. To enter a critical section, a thread needs to obtain the corresponding object's lock”

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Threads are synchronized in Java through the use of a monitor. Think of a monitor as an object that enables a thread to access a resource

Only one thread can use a monitor at any one time period. Programmers say that the thread *owns* the monitor for that period of time. The monitor is also called a *semaphore*

A thread can own a monitor only if no other thread owns the monitor

If the monitor is available, a thread can own the monitor and have exclusive access to the resource associated with the monitor

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If the monitor is not available, the thread is suspended until the monitor becomes available. Programmers say that the thread is *waiting* for the monitor

You have two ways in which you can synchronize threads:

- You can use the synchronized method or
- The synchronized statement.

SYNCHRONIZED STATEMENT

This is the general form of the synchronized statement:

- `synchronized(object) { // statements to be synchronized }`

Here, `object` is a reference to the object being synchronized

A synchronized block ensures that a call to a method that is a member of `object` occurs only after the current thread has successfully entered `object`'s monitor

Calls to the methods contained in the synchronized block happen only after the thread enters the monitor of the object

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Synchronizing a method is the best way to restrict the use of a method one thread at a time

However, there will be occasions when you won't be able to synchronize a method, such as when you use a class that is provided to you by a third party

Although you can call methods within a synchronized block, the method declaration must be made outside a synchronized block

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```
class Table{  
void printTable(int n){//method not synchronized  
    for(int i=1;i<=5;i++){  
        System.out.println(n*i);  
        try{  
            Thread.sleep(400);  
        }catch(Exception e){System.out.println(e);}  
    }  
}  
}
```


CONT..

```
class MyThread1 extends Thread{
    Table t;
    MyThread1(Table t){
        this.t=t;
    }
    public void run(){
        t.printTable(5);
    }

}

class MyThread2 extends Thread{
    Table t;
    MyThread2(Table t){
        this.t=t;
    }
    public void run(){
        t.printTable(100);
    }
}
```

CONT..

```
class TestSynchronization1{  
public static void main(String args[]){  
Table obj = new Table();//only one object  
MyThread1 t1=new MyThread1(obj);  
MyThread2 t2=new MyThread2(obj);  
t1.start();  
t2.start();  
}  
}
```

```
5  
100  
10  
200  
300  
15  
20  
400  
500  
25  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

JAVA SYNCHRONIZED METHOD

```
class Table{  
    synchronized void printTable(int n){//synchronized method  
        for(int i=1;i<=5;i++){  
            System.out.println(n*i);  
            try{  
                Thread.sleep(400);  
            }catch(Exception e){System.out.println(e);}  
        }  
    }  
}
```

JAVA SYNCHRONIZED METHOD

```
class MyThread1 extends Thread{
    Table t;
    MyThread1(Table t) {
        this.t=t;
    }
    public void run() {
        t.printTable(5);
    }

}

class MyThread2 extends Thread{
    Table t;
    MyThread2(Table t) {
        this.t=t;
    }
    public void run() {
        t.printTable(100);
    }
}
```

JAVA SYNCHRONIZED METHOD

```
public class TestSynchronization2{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Table obj = new Table();  
        MyThread1 t1=new MyThread1(obj);  
        MyThread2 t2=new MyThread2(obj);  
        t1.start();  
        t2.start();  
    }  
}
```

```
5  
10  
15  
20  
25  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

JAVA SYNCHRONIZED METHOD

```
public class TestSynchronization2{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Table obj = new Table();  
        MyThread1 t1=new MyThread1(obj);  
        MyThread2 t2=new MyThread2(obj);  
        t1.start();  
        t2.start();  
    }  
}
```

```
5  
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400  
500  
Press any key to continue . . .
```