

Consider the partially completed Java language code fragments for classes `Image`, `ImageSensor`, `ImageProcessor`, and `ImagingSystem` provided below.

The `ImageSensor` captures an `Image` every 5000 milliseconds and inserts to a frame buffer. The `ImageProcessor` removes each `Image` from the buffer and processes it. The system is implemented as an embedded system powered by a battery.

Assume an execution scenario of the `ImagingSystem` that has one `ImageSensor` instance and one `ImageProcessor` instance as shown in Figure Q2.1.

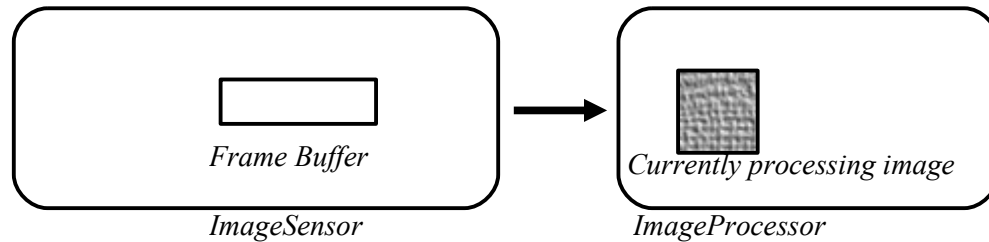


Figure Q2.1

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class Image {
    ...
}

class ImageSensor implements Runnable {
    private Image [] buffer;
    private int size;
    private int index;

    ImageSensor(int size) {
        this.size = size; index = 0; buffer = new Image[size];
    }

    // insert a new image object to the first free slot in the buffer
    // if buffer is full, the image object is discarded
    public void insert(Image img) {
        ...
    }

    // remove the image object in the first slot (the oldest image) in the
    buffer
    // if buffer is empty, a null value is returned
    public Image remove() {
        Image img=null;
        ...
        return img;
    }

    public void run() {
```

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...
while(true) {
    try {
        Thread.sleep(5000);
        insert(new Image());
    } catch(InterruptedException e) {
        ...
    }
}
}
}

class ImageProcessor implements Runnable {
    private ImageSensor sensor;

    ImageProcessor (ImageSensor sensor) {
        this.sensor = sensor;
    }

    private void process() {
        ...
    }

    public void run() {
        Image img=null;

        while(true) {
            try {
                img = sensor.remove();
                if(img != null)
                    process();
            } catch(InterruptedException e) {
                ...
            }
        }
    }
}

class ImagingSystem {
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        ...
    }
}

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(a) Implement the `insert()` and `remove()` methods in `ImageSensor` class in a thread-safe manner. [06]

(b) Considering the implementation of `run()` methods in `ImageSensor` class and [04]

`ImageProcessor` class, briefly discuss one positive aspect and one negative aspect of this implementation.

- (c) Instead of the solution given above, provide an alternative solution using observer-observable design pattern. Also implement the `main()` method in `ImagingSystem` class for this new execution scenario. NOTE: Do NOT use guarded blocks.

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