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TASK:

1. Write a **Counter** class that inherits from the **Thread** class; it has a String type attribute; its run() method counts from 1 to n by making a random pause of 0 to 5 seconds between two increments, it displays each incremented value with its name and then displays an end message. Test this class in a **TestCounter** class that starts several **Counter** objects.

SOLUTION:

We have 3 classes:

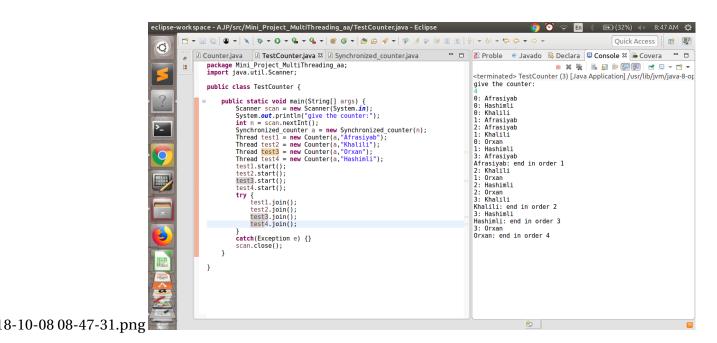
(a) **Counter** - it is a class which extends the Thread.

So, we have two methods in our class:

- i. **Counter()** it is a constructor that takes two parameters(name of String and counter).
- ii. run() it is a start point of Thread after calling Thread.start() method.
- (b) TestCounter it is a main Class. We instantiate as many instance as we can. after instantiation we can awake our Thread objects just using Thread.start() method. For simplicity, we use Thread.join() method because we want our threads to wait each other. Of course we do this in try, catch block to know that there is mistake or not.
- (c) **Synchronized_Counter** It is doing the main task(displaying the string and incremented value).

We use **for** loop inside the run() method then **try, catch** blocks to do that. To make a pause between increments we use **Thread.sleep()** method.

Output will be like:



2. Modify the **run()** method of the Counter class so that the thread displays the end message with its order of arrival. Test the change.

SOLUTION:

Generally, we have 3 classes in this exercise.

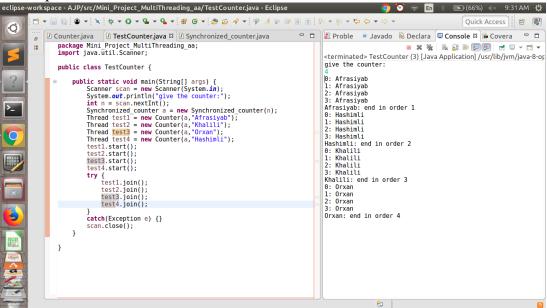
- (a) **Synchronized_Counter** it is our additional class that takes **counter** from the user.
- (b) **Counter** it is a class that inherits Thread class.
- (c) **TestCounter** it is our main class.

Procedure:

First, we are passing a value to the input of **constructor of Synchronized_Counter**. Then I have another method in this class which is called **counter**() and it is **synchronized**. The main difference between (1) and (2) is that we are not using **synchronized** in our method(Picture.1), therefore we get output without order. So in the **Counter** class we create an object of Synchronized_ Counter class and we have the run() method that calls counter() method each time. Finally, In the Main, We instantiate an object which is instance of Synchronized_Counter class, then several objects which are the instances of

Counter class and we give as a input instance of Synchronized_Counter class when we instantiate Counter objects and then calling Thread.start(),Thread.join() with try,catch block.

Output will be like:



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