Priority of a Thread (Thread Priority):

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| Each thread have a priority. Priorities are represented by a number between 1 and 10. In most cases, thread schedular schedules the threads according to their priority (known as preemptive scheduling). But it is not guaranteed because it depends on JVM specification that which scheduling it chooses. |

3 constants defined in Thread class:

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| 1. public static int MIN\_PRIORITY 2. public static int NORM\_PRIORITY 3. public static int MAX\_PRIORITY |

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| Default priority of a thread is 5 (NORM\_PRIORITY). The value of MIN\_PRIORITY is 1 and the value of MAX\_PRIORITY is 10. |

Example of priority of a Thread:

1. **class** TestMultiPriority1 **extends** Thread{
2. **public** **void** run(){
3. System.out.println("running thread name is:"+Thread.currentThread().getName());
4. System.out.println("running thread priority is:"+Thread.currentThread().getPriority());
6. }
7. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
8. TestMultiPriority1 m1=**new** TestMultiPriority1();
9. TestMultiPriority1 m2=**new** TestMultiPriority1();
10. m1.setPriority(Thread.MIN\_PRIORITY);
11. m2.setPriority(Thread.MAX\_PRIORITY);
12. m1.start();
13. m2.start();
15. }
16. }

Output:running thread name is:Thread-0

running thread priority is:1

running thread name is:Thread-1

running thread priority is:10

# Daemon Thread in Java

**Daemon thread in java** is a service provider thread that provides services to the user thread. Its life depend on the mercy of user threads i.e. when all the user threads dies, JVM terminates this thread automatically.

There are many java daemon threads running automatically e.g. gc, finalizer etc.

You can see all the detail by typing the jconsole in the command prompt. The jconsole tool provides information about the loaded classes, memory usage, running threads etc.

## Points to remember for Daemon Thread in Java

* It provides services to user threads for background supporting tasks. It has no role in life than to serve user threads.
* Its life depends on user threads.
* It is a low priority thread.

### Why JVM terminates the daemon thread if there is no user thread?

The sole purpose of the daemon thread is that it provides services to user thread for background supporting task. If there is no user thread, why should JVM keep running this thread. That is why JVM terminates the daemon thread if there is no user thread.

### Methods for Java Daemon thread by Thread class

The java.lang.Thread class provides two methods for java daemon thread.

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| **No.** | **Method** | **Description** |
| 1) | public void setDaemon(boolean status) | is used to mark the current thread as daemon thread or user thread. |
| 2) | public boolean isDaemon() | is used to check that current is daemon. |

### Simple example of Daemon thread in java

*File: MyThread.java*

1. **public** **class** TestDaemonThread1 **extends** Thread{
2. **public** **void** run(){
3. **if**(Thread.currentThread().isDaemon()){//checking for daemon thread
4. System.out.println("daemon thread work");
5. }
6. **else**{
7. System.out.println("user thread work");
8. }
9. }
10. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args){
11. TestDaemonThread1 t1=**new** TestDaemonThread1();//creating thread
12. TestDaemonThread1 t2=**new** TestDaemonThread1();
13. TestDaemonThread1 t3=**new** TestDaemonThread1();
15. t1.setDaemon(**true**);//now t1 is daemon thread
17. t1.start();//starting threads
18. t2.start();
19. t3.start();
20. }
21. }

#### **Output**

daemon thread work

user thread work

user thread work

#### **Note: If you want to make a user thread as Daemon, it must not be started otherwise it will throw IllegalThreadStateException.**

*File: MyThread.java*

1. **class** TestDaemonThread2 **extends** Thread{
2. **public** **void** run(){
3. System.out.println("Name: "+Thread.currentThread().getName());
4. System.out.println("Daemon: "+Thread.currentThread().isDaemon());
5. }
7. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args){
8. TestDaemonThread2 t1=**new** TestDaemonThread2();
9. TestDaemonThread2 t2=**new** TestDaemonThread2();
10. t1.start();
11. t1.setDaemon(**true**);//will throw exception here
12. t2.start();
13. }
14. }

Output:exception in thread main: java.lang.IllegalThreadStateException

# Java Thread Pool

**Java Thread pool** represents a group of worker threads that are waiting for the job and reuse many times.

In case of thread pool, a group of fixed size threads are created. A thread from the thread pool is pulled out and assigned a job by the service provider. After completion of the job, thread is contained in the thread pool again.

#### **Advantage of Java Thread Pool**

**Better performance** It saves time because there is no need to create new thread.