

# Multithreading 6 (Part1): Phaser vs CountDownLatch vs CyclicBarrier

## CountDownLatch:

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
    ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 4 );
    CountDownLatch latch = new CountDownLatch(3);
    executor.submit(new DependentService(latch));
    executor.submit(new DependentService(latch));
    executor.submit(new DependentService(latch));

    latch.await();
    System.out.println("All dependant services initialized");
    // program initialized, perform other operations
}

public static class DependentService implements Runnable {
    private CountDownLatch latch;
    public DependentService(CountDownLatch latch) { this.latch = latch; }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        // startup task
        latch.countDown();
        // continue w/ other operations
    }
}
```

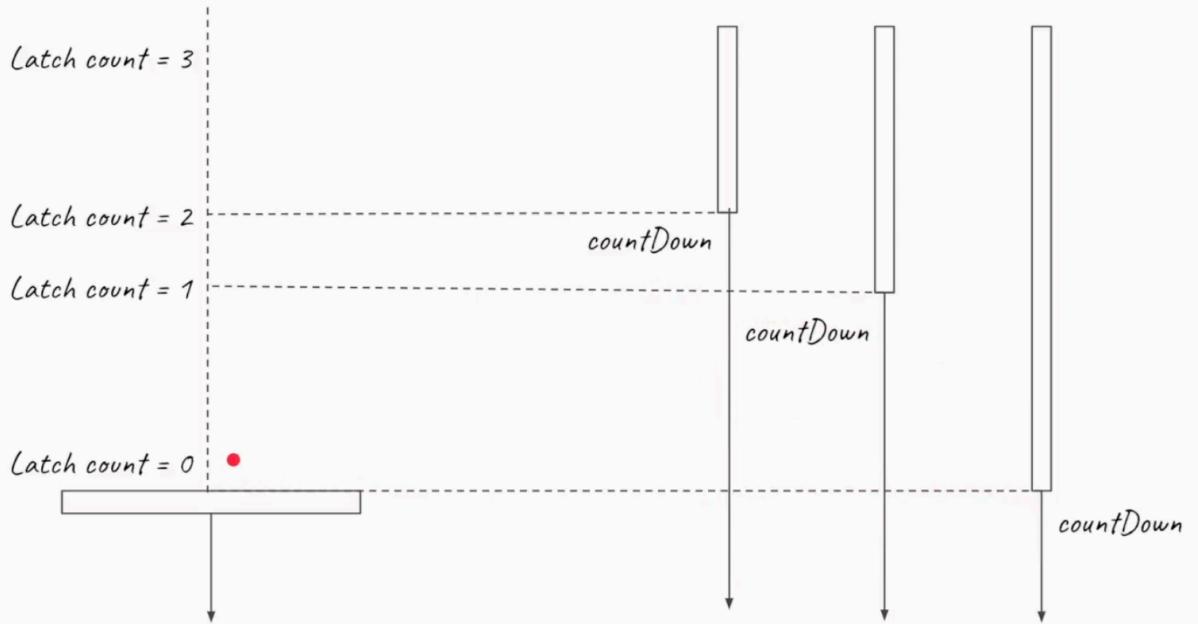
### CountDownLatch

Here we want main thread to wait for 3 dependent service to initialize. Only when 3 dependent service are initialize then in main thread main thread complete **latch.await** and then only main thread could start further operation.

We have initialize countdown latch with 3 as this is having 3 dependent service.

Main thread

Dependant service threads



## CountDownLatch

## CyclicBarrier

```

public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
    ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 4 );
    CyclicBarrier barrier = new CyclicBarrier( parties: 3 );
    executor.submit(new Task(barrier));
    executor.submit(new Task(barrier));
    executor.submit(new Task(barrier));

    Thread.sleep( millis: 2000 );
}

public static class Task implements Runnable {
    private CyclicBarrier barrier;
    public Task(CyclicBarrier barrier) { this.barrier = barrier; }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        ...
    }
}

```

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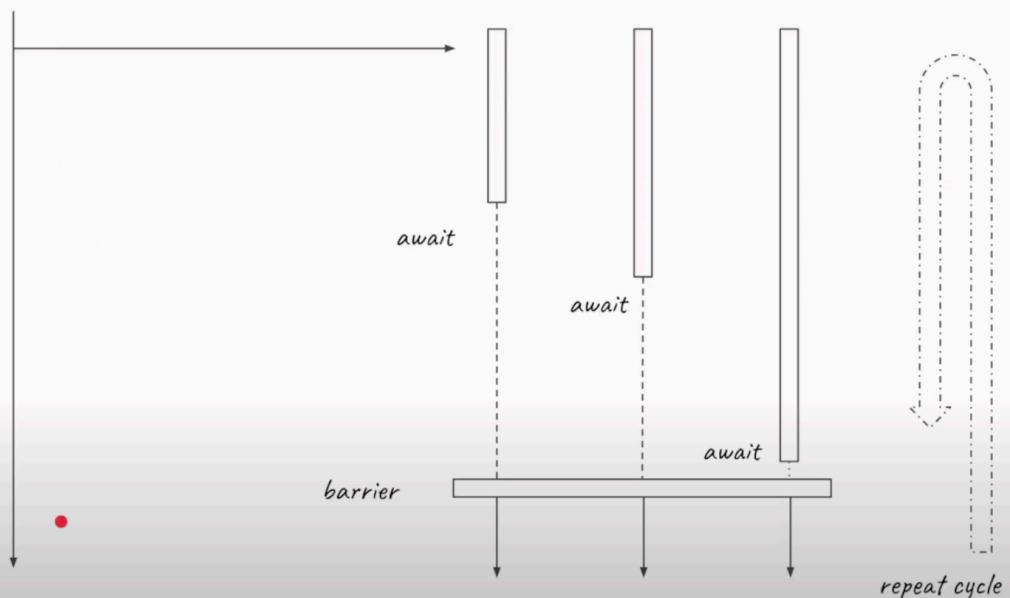
        while (true) {
            try {
                barrier.await();
            } catch (InterruptedException | BrokenBarrierException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
            // send message to corresponding system
        }
    }
}

```

## CyclicBarrier

Main thread

Tasks to perform repeatedly



## CyclicBarrier

Once all 3 three thread could complete some task and would say **barrier.await** then only they move further.

## Phaser:

It consists of

1. Countdown latch
2. Cyclic Barrier
3. Some more functionality and flexibility

### Phaser as Countdown Latch:

```

public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
    ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 4 );
    Phaser phaser = new Phaser( parties: 3 );
    executor.submit( new DependantService(phaser));
    executor.submit( new DependantService(phaser));
    executor.submit( new DependantService(phaser));

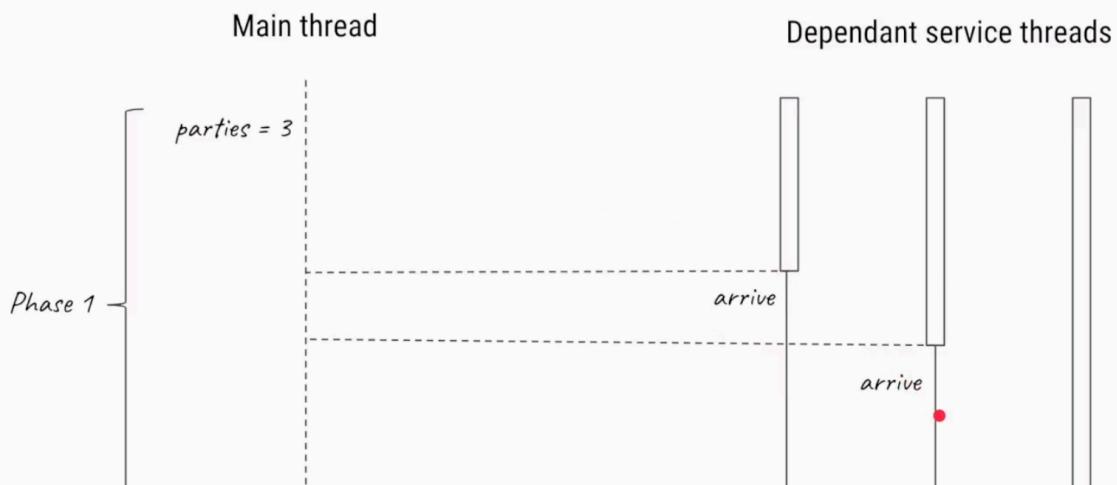
    phaser.awaitAdvance( phase: 1); Similar to await()
    System.out.println("All dependant services initialized");
    // program initialized, perform other operations
}

public static class DependantService implements Runnable {
    private Phaser phaser;
    public DependantService(Phaser phaser) { this.phaser = phaser; }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        // startup task
        phaser.arrive(); Similar to countDown()
        // continue w/ other operations
    }
}

```

### Phaser as CountDownLatch





## Phaser as CountDownLatch

### Phaser at Cyclic Barrier:

```

public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
    ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 4 );
    Phaser phaser = new Phaser( parties: 3 );
    executor.submit( new Task(phaser) );
    executor.submit( new Task(phaser) );
    executor.submit( new Task(phaser) );
    Thread.sleep( millis: 3000 );
}

public static class Task implements Runnable {
    private Phaser phaser;
    public Task(Phaser phaser) { this.phaser = phaser; }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        while (true) {
            phaser.arriveAndAwaitAdvance(); Similar to barrier.await()
            // send message to corresponding system
        }
    }
}

```

## Phaser as CyclicBarrier

Main thread

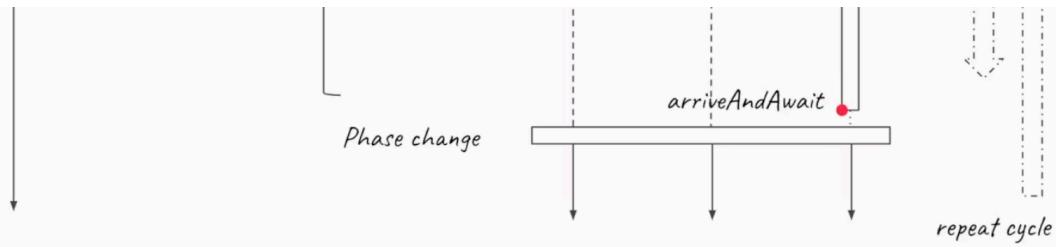
Tasks to perform repeatedly

Phase 1 →

arriveAndAwait

arriveAndAwait





## CyclicBarrier

Dynamic Registry using Phaser:

```

public static void main(String[] args) {
    ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 4 );
    Phaser phaser = new Phaser( parties: 1 ); self-register
    executor.submit( new Service(phaser));
    executor.submit( new Service(phaser));
    phaser.arriveAndAwaitAdvance();
    phaser.bulkRegister( parties: 4); bulk register later
}

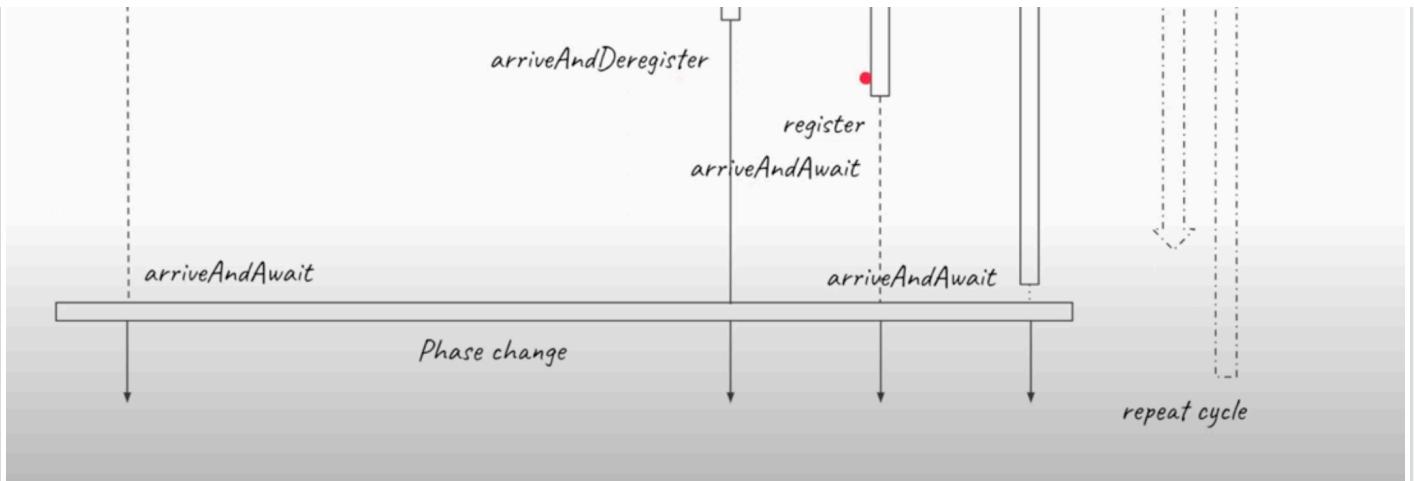
public static class Service implements Runnable {
    private Phaser phaser;
    public Service(Phaser phaser) { this.phaser = phaser; }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        phaser.register(); Allow threads to
        // some operations register themselves
        phaser.arrive(); // other operations
    }
}
    
```

final count 7 parties register

Main thread                                   Parties





## Phaser methods

<code>new Phaser(partyCount)</code>	<i>Set count of participating parties</i>
<code>register</code>	<i>Allow party to register itself</i>
<code>bulkRegister(partyCount)</code>	<i>Bulk register extra parties post constructor</i>
<code>arrive</code>	<i>Parties can arrive (and continue)</i>
<code>arriveAndAwaitAdvance</code>	<i>Parties can arrive and await for all parties</i>
<code>arriveAndDeregister</code>	<i>Parties can arrive, deregister (and continue)</i>

