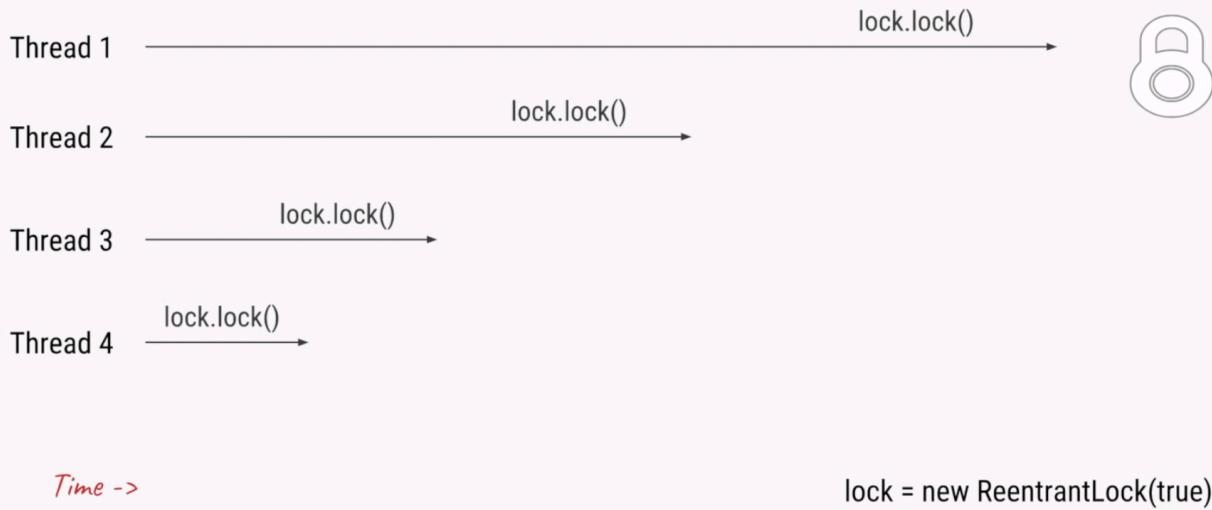


Multithreading 8 : ReentrantLock Part 2:

Lock fairness



According to fairness : In the queue longest waiting thread will get a chance to take the lock

Unfair logic:

Unfair - Barge-in

Current thread owner



Thread 2

Thread 3

Thread 4

Wait Queue

All threads waiting for the lock

Trade off b/w Fairness or unFair lock pattern:

Trade-off

	Advantage	Disadvantage
Fair lock	Equal chance for all threads	Slower
Unfair lock	Faster (more throughput)	Possible thread starvation

Some other methods like trylock for more functionalities:

Try lock for a certain duration

```
private static ReentrantLock lock = new ReentrantLock();

private static void accessResource() throws InterruptedException {

    boolean lockAcquired = lock.tryLock( timeout: 5, TimeUnit.SECONDS );

    if (lockAcquired) {
        try {
            // access resource
        } finally {
            lock.unlock();
        }
    } else {
        // do alternate thing
    }
}
```

tryLock is weird

```
private static ReentrantLock lock = new ReentrantLock(fair: true);
```

```
private static void accessResource() {
```

```
    boolean lockAcquired = lock.tryLock(); ← Doesn't honor fairness
```

```
private static ReentrantLock lock = new ReentrantLock();
```

```
private static void accessResource() throws InterruptedException {
```

```
    boolean lockAcquired = lock.tryLock(timeout: 0, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
```

Work-around for fairness with tryLock

For this timeout is given as 0 so that it won't be unfair.