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# Atomic Reference -- Atomic operation basics using Atomic Reference.

### **Atomic Reference**

One issue that needs to be noted when implementing concurrent programs is memory consistency and errors associated with it. We say memory consistency error occurred when multiple execution units operating on a shared memory have an inconsistent view of a given shared variable. There are a lot of reasons why these inconsistencies happen which include caching and compiler optimizations. The key to avoiding memory consistency problems is to understand and ensure happens-before relationship such that if a happens-before b, the effects of a will be visible to b.

# Code

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### Task

In this exercise, we implement a simple atomic reference; a reference value that may be updated atomically and provides a happens-before relationship when reading and writing a value.

### Hint

You may use synchronized keyword to implement happens-before. Visit the basic idea from here. Note also that synchronization is one of the low-level concurrency mechanisms that Scala inherited from Java.

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