INTRODUCTION TO THREAD

- **Process** and **Thread** are two basic units of Java program execution.
- **Process:** A process is a self contained execution environment and it can be seen as a program or application.
- **Thread:** It can be called *lightweight process*
  - Thread requires less resources to create and exists in the process
  - Thread shares the process resources

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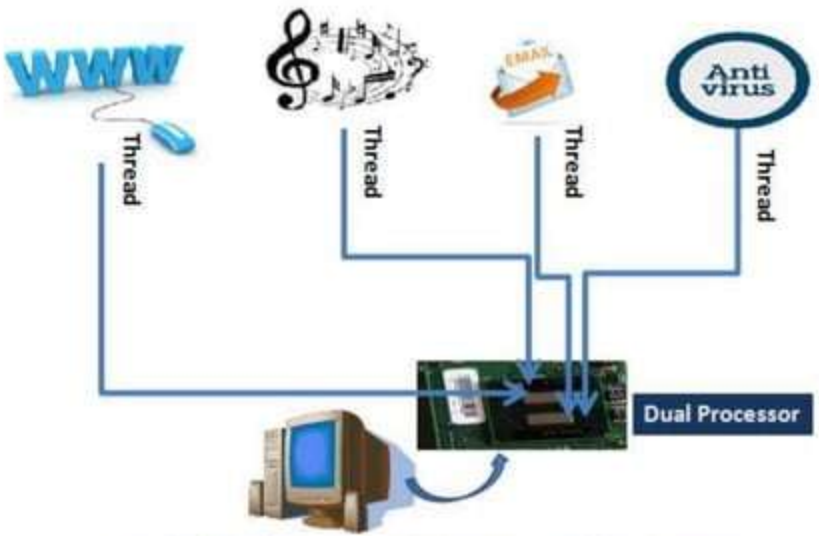

Multithreading On a Dual Processor Desktop System

MULTITHREADING Contd.

ADVANTAGE:

- It doesn't block the user
- can perform many operations together so it saves time.
- Threads are **independent** so it doesn't affect other threads

CREATING THREAD

- Threads are implemented in the form of objects.
- The run() and start() are two inbuilt methods which helps to thread implementation
- The **run()** method is the heart and soul of any thread
  - It makes up the entire body of a thread
- The run() method can be initiating with the help of **start()** method.

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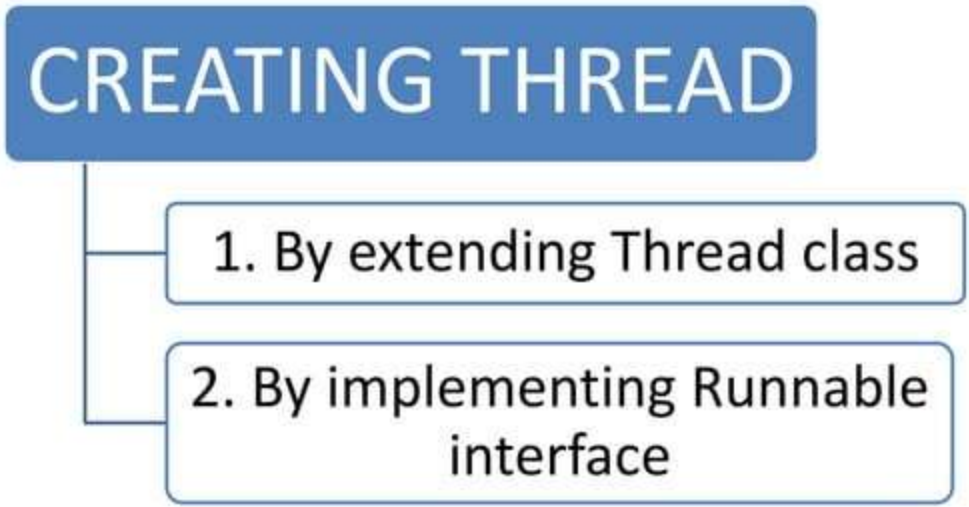

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1. By Extending Thread class

```
class Multi extends Thread                          // Extending thread class
{
public void run()                                   // run() method declared
{
System.out.println("thread is running...");
}
public static void main(String args[])
{
Multi t1=new Multi();                       //object initiated
t1.start();                                 // run() method called through start()
 }
}
```

Output: thread is running...

CREATING THREAD Contd.

2. **By implementing Runnable interface**
   - Define a class that implements Runnable interface.
   - The Runnable interface has only one method, run(), that is to be defined in the method with the code to be executed by the thread.

CREATING THREAD Contd.

2. By implementing Runnable interface

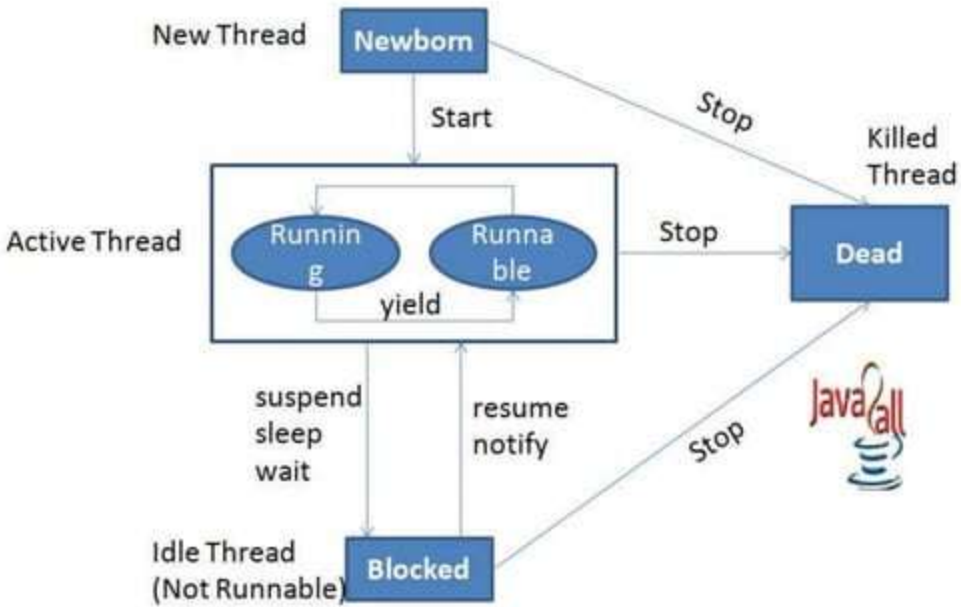
```
class Multi3 implements Runnable                    // Implementing Runnable interface
{
public void run()
{
System.out.println("thread is running...");
}
public static void main(String args[])
{
Multi3 m1=new Multi3();                              // object initiated for class
Thread t1 =new Thread(m1);                           // object initiated for thread
t1.start();
 } }
```

Output: thread is running...

LIFE cycle of a thread

- During the life time of a thread, there are many states it can enter.
- They include:
    1. Newborn state
    2. Runnable state
    3. Running state
    4. Blocked state
    5. Dead state

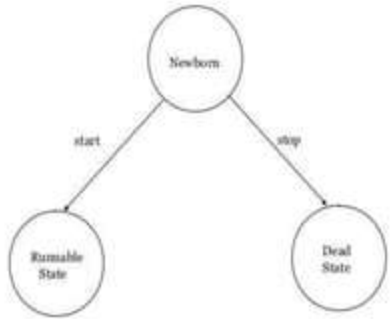
LIFE cycle of a thread contd.



LIFE cycle of a thread contd.

Newborn State:

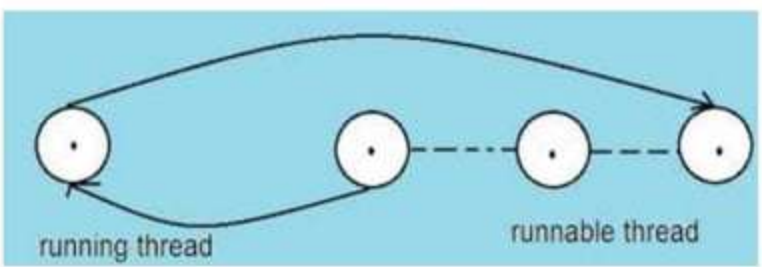
- The thread is born and is said to be in newborn state.
- The thread is not yet scheduled for running.
- At this state, we can do only one of the following:
  - Schedule it for running using start() method.
  - Kill it using stop() method.



LIFE cycle of a thread contd.

Runnable State:

- The thread is ready for execution
- Waiting for the availability of the processor.
- The thread has joined the queue



LIFE cycle of a thread contd.

Running State:

- Thread is executing
- The processor has given its time to the thread for its execution.
- The thread runs until it gives up control on its own or taken over by other threads.

LIFE cycle of a thread contd.

Blocked State:

- A thread is said to be blocked
- It is prevented to entering into the runnable and the running state.
- This happens when the thread is suspended, sleeping, or waiting in order to satisfy certain requirements.
- A blocked thread is considered "not runnable" but not dead and therefore fully qualified to run again.
- This state is achieved when we
  Invoke suspend() or sleep() or wait() methods.

LIFE cycle of a thread contd.

Dead State:

- Every thread has a life cycle.
- A running thread ends its life when it has completed executing its run( ) method. It is a natural death.
- A thread can be killed in born, or in running, or even in "not runnable" (blocked) condition.
- It is called premature death.
- This state is achieved when we invoke stop() method or the thread completes it execution.

Thread methods

- Thread is a class found in java.lang package.

Method Signature	Description
String getName()	Retrieves the name of running thread in the current context in String format
void start()	This method will start a new thread of execution by calling run() method of Thread/runnable object.
void run()	This method is the entry point of the thread. Execution of thread starts from this method.
void sleep(int sleeptime)	This method suspend the thread for mentioned time duration in argument (sleeptime in ms)
void yield()	By invoking this method the current thread pause its execution temporarily and allow other threads to execute.
void join()	This method used to queue up a thread in execution. Once called on thread, current thread will wait till calling thread completes its execution
boolean isAlive()	This method will check if thread is alive or dead

Stopping and blocking

Stopping a thread:

- To stop a thread from running further, we may do so by calling its ***stop()*** method.
- This causes a thread to stop immediately and move it to its dead state.
- It forces the thread to stop abruptly before its completion
- It causes premature death.
- To stop a thread we use the following syntax:

thread.stop();

Stopping and blocking

Blocking a Thread:

- A thread can also be temporarily suspended or blocked from entering into the runnable and subsequently running state,
    1. sleep(t) // blocked for 't' milliseconds
    2. suspend() // blocked until resume() method is invoked
    3. wait() // blocked until notify () is invoked

Thread priority

- Each thread is assigned a priority, which affects the order in which it is scheduled for running.
- Java permits us to set the priority of a thread using the setPriority() method as follows:

ThreadName.setPriority(int Number);