Java Multithreading

Explained Like You're in a Startup
Standup Meeting





From Zero to Hero, One Thread at a Time Ever wished Java could do multiple things at once—like compile code and cry with you during prod bugs?

Welcome to Multithreading, where Java multitasks like a stressed team lead on Monday.



Thread Class

Start Simple: The Thread Class

```
class MyThread extends Thread {
   public void run() {
       System.out.println("Hello from " + Thread.currentThread().getName());
   }
}

MyThread t1 = new MyThread();
t1.start();
```

Output

Main thread is not lazy either <a>SHello from Thread-0





Runnable Interface - Java's Favorite Minimalist

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Running on " + Thread.currentThread().getName());
    }
}
Thread t = new Thread(new MyRunnable());
t.start();
```

Cleaner, used more in real-world code.



Industry Use Case

But Wait... In Industry, We Use Executors

```
ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(3);
executor.submit(() -> System.out.println("Task by " +
Thread.currentThread().getName()));
executor.shutdown();
```

- Used for: Background jobs, handling API calls, batch tasks.
- Why? Because creating threads manually is like writing SQL queries in Notepad.



To Return Values

Need Return Values? Use Callable + Future

```
Callable<String> task = () -> "  Task done!";
Future<String> future = executor.submit(task);
String result = future.get(); // Blocking
```

"Runnable gives you nothing but vibes. Callable brings results." - Every dev ever.



Synchronization

Synchronize or Suffer

```
public synchronized void increment() {
    count++;
}
```

Prevents race conditions where threads fight over variables like kids over toys.

Rule #1: Lock it before you rock it.



Reentrant Lock

ReentrantLock - When You Want Full Control

```
lock.lock();
try {
  // critical section
} finally {
  lock.unlock();
}
```

Use cases: Try-locks, fairness policies, fine-grained locking.



CountDown Latch

CountDownLatch - Coordinating Threads Like a Boss

```
CountDownLatch latch = new CountDownLatch(3);
// Threads call latch.countDown()
latch.await(); // Waits until all are done
```

Use when you need to wait for a team of threads to finish. Think: "All hands on deck before launch."





- Use thread pools (ExecutorService)
 - Prefer Callable for results
- Lock shared data (but don't overlock)
 - Don't forget executor_shutdownO
- volatile helps with visibility, not locking
- ✓ Use ConcurrentHashMap, not HashMap in multi-threaded hell





- Threads = Multiple flows in one app
- **Executors Smart thread management**
 - **©** Callable = Async tasks with results
 - Sync/Locks = Safety from chaos
 - **2 Latches = Group coordination**



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