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Synchronization in Java (Part 3)

=> Disadvantages of Synchronization :-

- It will decrease the application performance because the threads has to wait for the object lock
- Due to synchronization "deadlock" condition may occur

=> Deadlock :-

→ Deadlock is the situation where one thread is waiting for an object lock that is acquired by another thread and second thread is waiting for an object lock which is acquired by first thread. In this type of situation both threads will wait for each other locks to release and this situation goes for infinite time, thus deadlock condition will occur

=> Problems with "synchronized" keyword :-

- 1. If we want to acquire the lock in one method and release the lock in another method then this cannot be dont with synchronized keyword
- 2. There is no flexibility to try for the lock without waiting
- 3. There is no way to get the list of all the waiting threads
- 4. We cannot judge/control which thread will acquire the lock when the first thread will release the lock

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=> To overcome these problems java introduced java.util.concurrent.locks package (Lock interface & ReentrantLock class) in JDK 1.5 version

=> Lock interface :-

→ Lock interface is used to achieve synchronization same as synchronized blocks

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→ Syntax :

public interface Lock

{

void lock();

void unlock();

boolean tryLock();

boolean tryLock(-) throws

InterruptedException;

}

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=> ReentrantLock class :-

- → It is the implemented class of Lock interface.
- → Syntax :-

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public class ReentrantLock implements
Lock, Serializable
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//constructors :-

- public ReentrantLock();
- public ReentrantLock(boolean fair);

// contains all the methods of Lock

interface

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final int getHoldCount();

final boolean isLocked();

public boolean

isHeldByCurrentThread();

public final int getQueueLength();

=> Note :-

- 1. We should always use unlock() method in finally block
- 2. If we use lock() method multiple times then we have to unlock it multiple times only



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