# ITSE322 Modern Programming Language: Advanced Java

## Multithreaded Programming using Java Threads

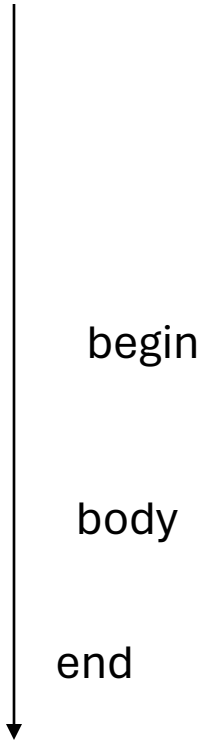
## Lecture 5

# Learning Objectives

- Understand the concept of multithreading
- Create programs with multi-threads
- Accessing Shared Resources
  - Synchronisation
- Understand Advanced Topics:
  - Concurrency Models: master/worker, pipeline, peer processing
  - Multithreading Vs multiprocessing

# Java programs are single threaded

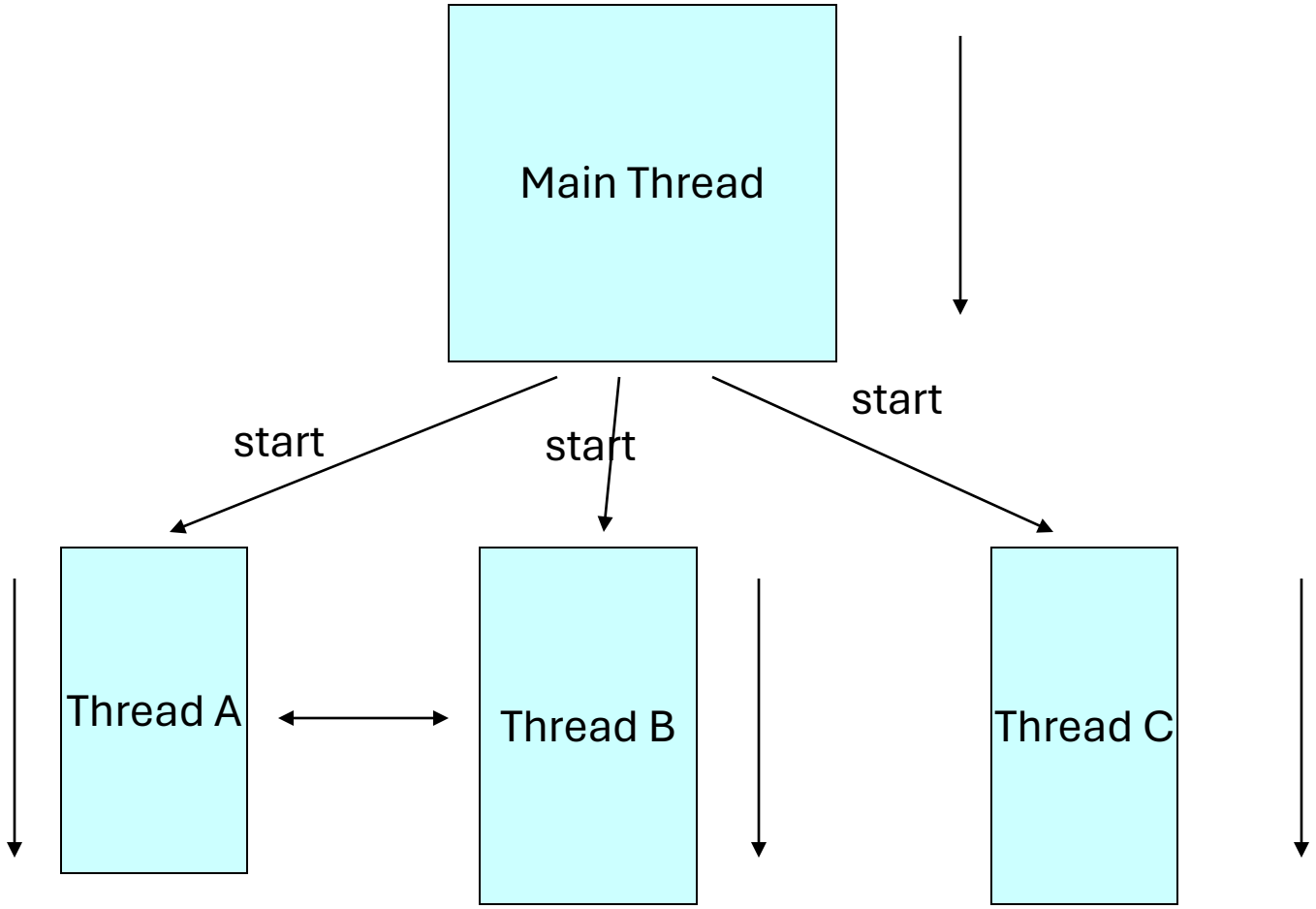
```
class ABC
{
....
    public void main(..)
    {
    ...
    ..
    }
}
```



# What is a Thread?

- A piece of code that runs in concurrent with other threads.
- They are essential for performing background tasks like file downloads, data processing, or network communication without blocking the main program flow.
- Threads allow for better resource utilization by allowing different parts of a program to work independently without waiting for each other.
- They are essential for implementing concurrent data structures and synchronization mechanisms to ensure thread safety and avoid data inconsistency.

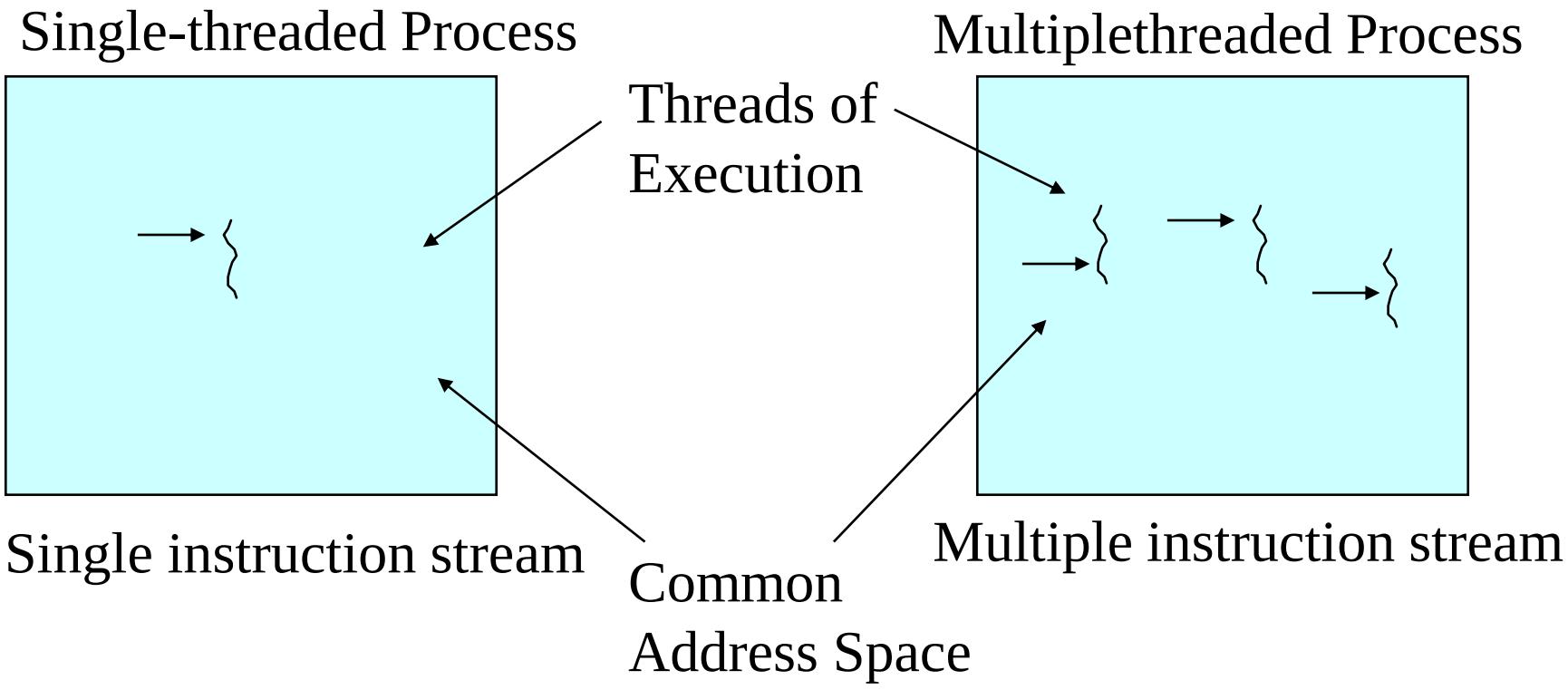
# We can write Multithreaded Programs



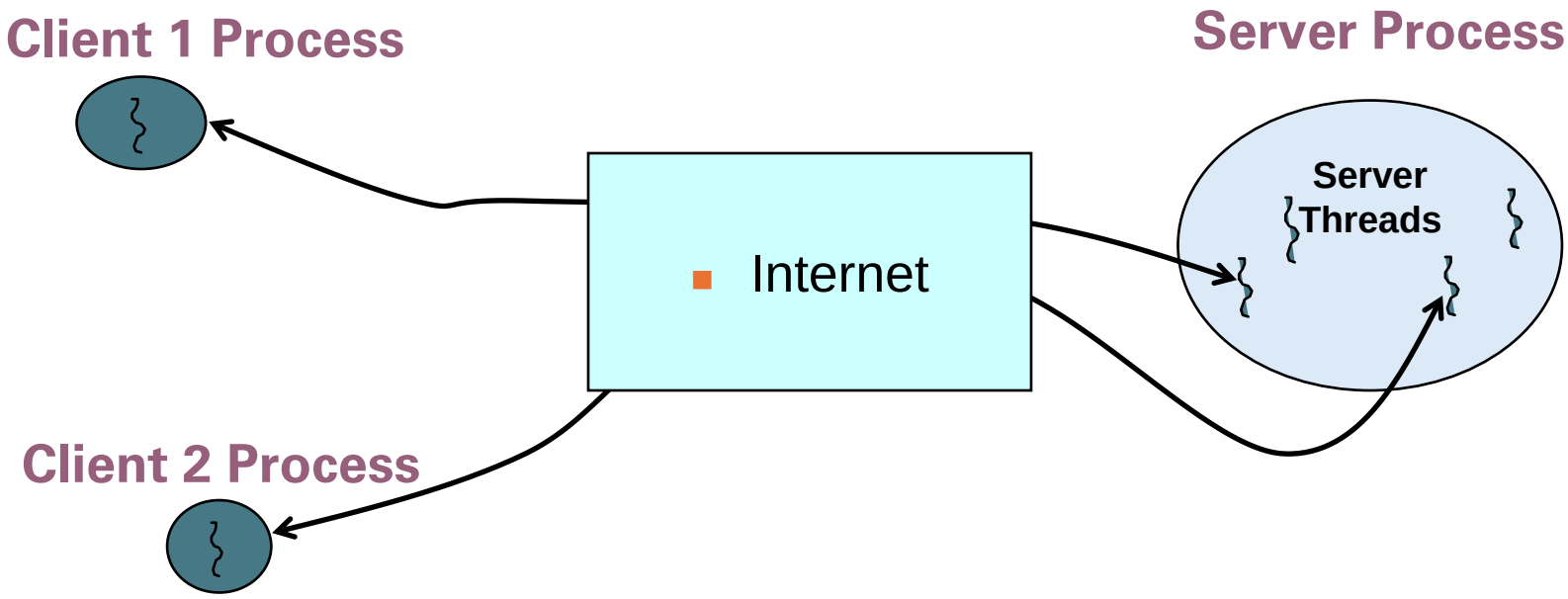

Threads may switch or exchange data/results

# Single and Multithreaded Processes

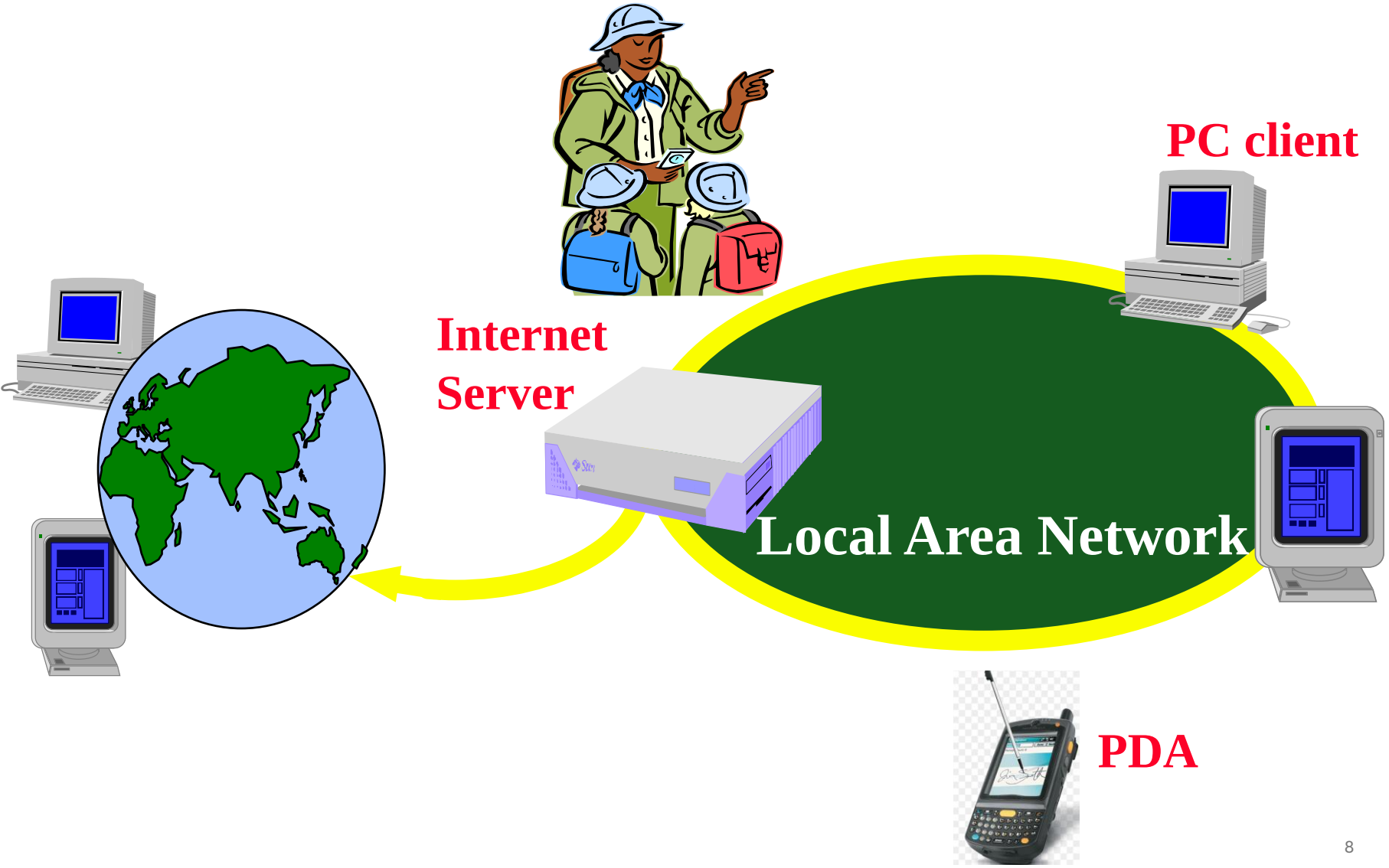
threads are light-weight processes within a process



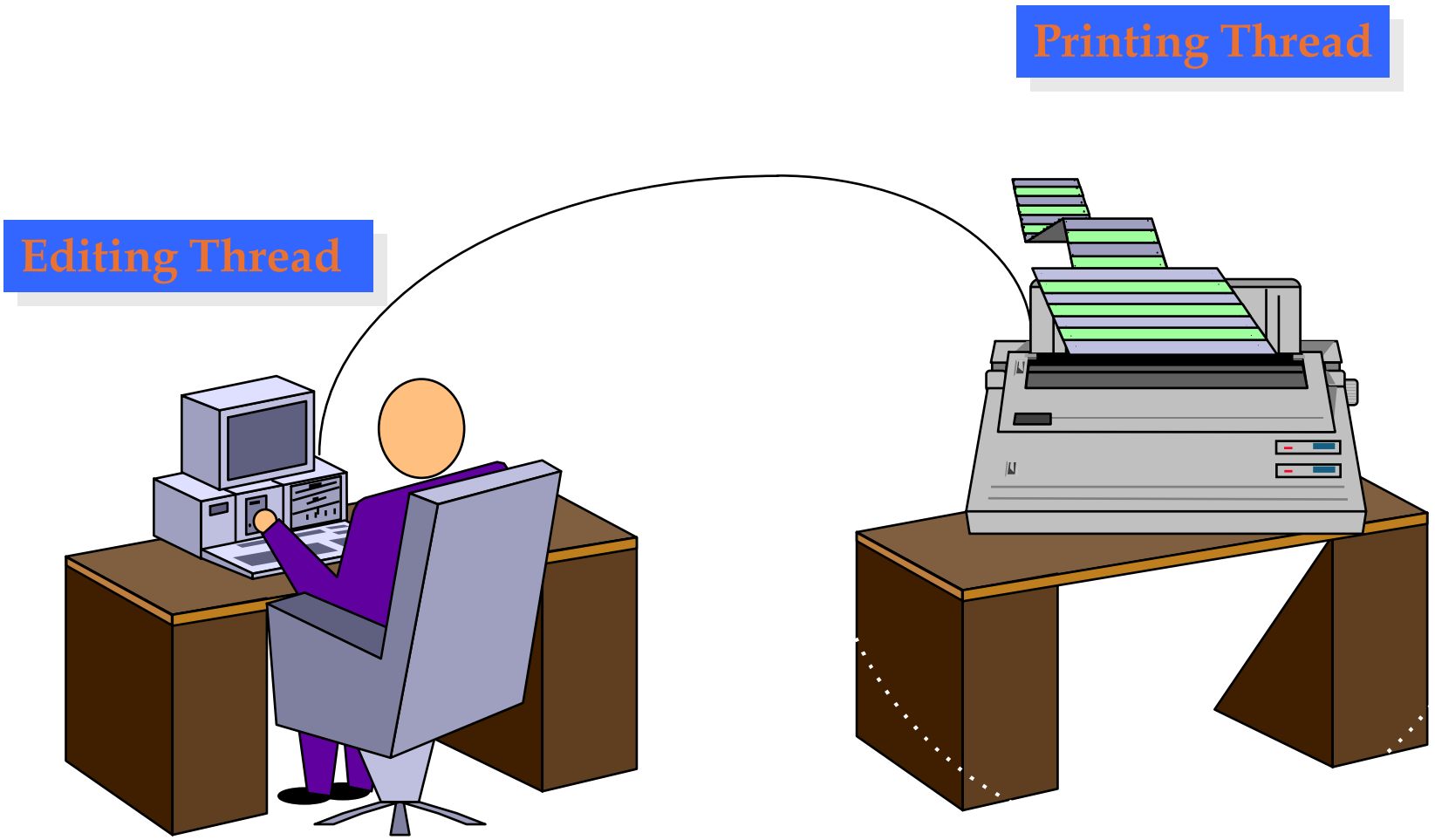
# Multithreaded Server: For Serving Multiple Clients Concurrently



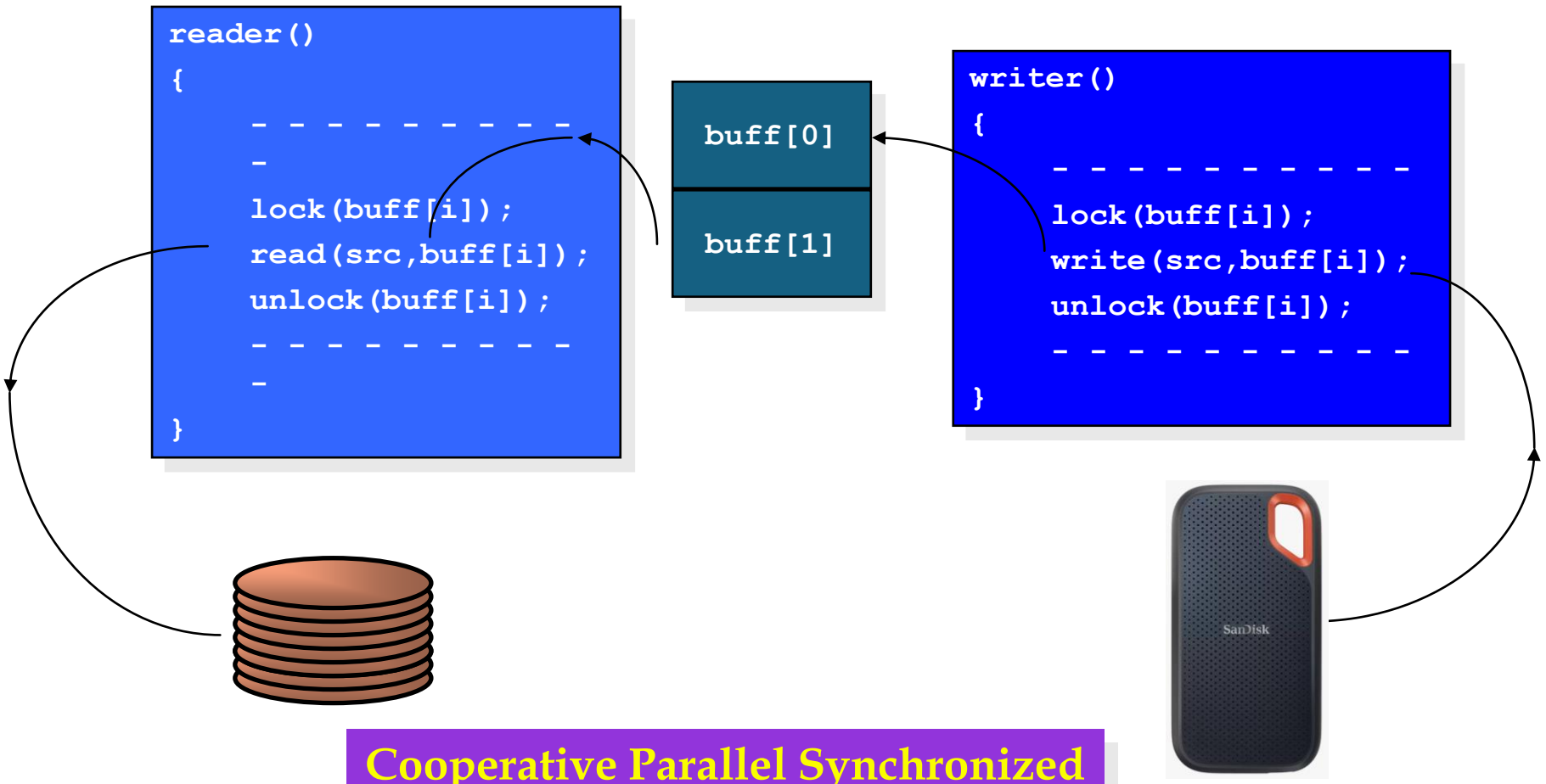
# Web Applications:
# Serving Many Users Simultaneously



# Modern Applications need Threads (ex1): Editing and Printing documents in background.



# Multithreaded/Parallel File Copy




**Cooperative Parallel Synchronized Threads**

# Benefits of Threads

1. **Concurrency**: Threads enable concurrent execution of multiple tasks, allowing programs to perform multiple operations simultaneously.
2. **Responsiveness**: By using threads, programs can remain responsive even while performing time-consuming tasks in the background.
3. **Efficiency**: Threads allow programs to make efficient use of system resources, such as CPU cores, by executing tasks concurrently.
4. **Parallelism**: Threads enable parallel processing, where multiple threads can execute different parts of a program in parallel, potentially speeding up execution.
5. **Asynchronous Operations**: Threads are useful for handling asynchronous operations, such as downloading files or making network requests, without blocking the main program flow.

# Benefits of Threads

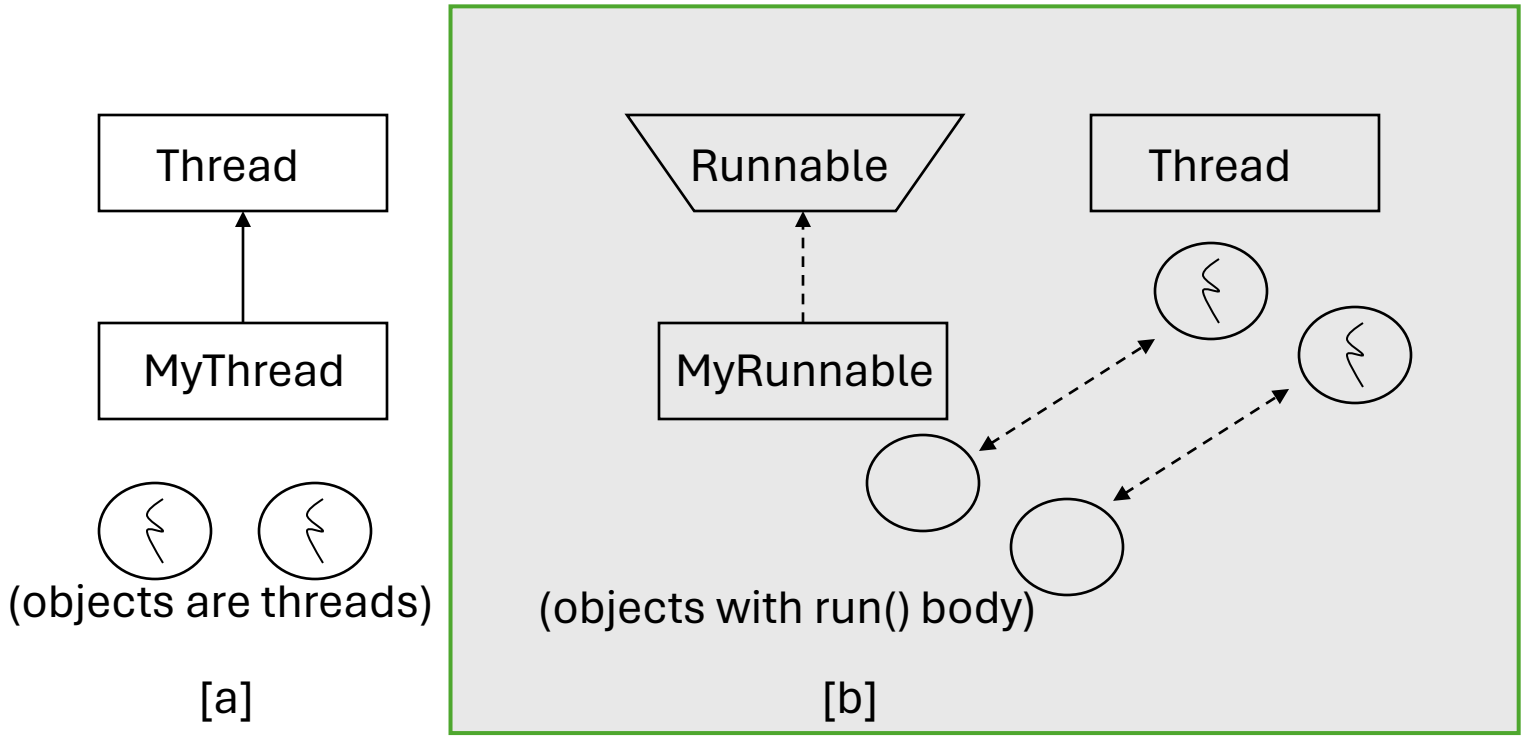
6. User Interface: Threads are essential in graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to keep the interface responsive while performing background tasks.
7. Server Applications: Threads are valuable in server applications to handle multiple client requests concurrently, ensuring efficient resource utilization.
8. Background Processing: Threads are used for running background tasks, such as data processing or periodic maintenance, without impacting the main execution flow.
9. Multitasking: Threads allow programs to perform multiple tasks at the same time, such as processing input while generating output or handling multiple events concurrently.
10. Resource Sharing: Threads facilitate sharing resources, such as data structures or files, between different parts of a program, enabling efficient collaboration and

# Java Threads

- Java has built in thread support for:
- Multithreading
- Synchronization
- Thread Scheduling
- Inter-Thread Communication:
  - currentThread start setPriority
  - yield run getPriority
  - sleep stop suspend
  - resume
- Java Garbage Collector is a low-priority thread.

# Two Ways to Create Threads

- Create a class that extends the Thread class
- Create a class that implements the Runnable interface



# 1st method: Extending Thread class

- Create a class by extending Thread class and override run() method:

```
class MyThread extends Thread
{
  public void run()
    {
      // thread body of execution
    }
}
```

- Create a thread:

```
MyThread thr1 = new MyThread();
```

- Start Execution of threads:

```
thr1.start();
```

- Create and Execute:

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

# An example

```
class MyThread extends Thread {
      public void run() {
          for(int i=1 ; i<11; i++)
            System.out.println(" this thread is running ... ");
      }
}

class ThreadTest {
      public static void main(String [] args  ) {
          MyThread thread1 = new MyThread();
           thread1.start();
      }
}
```

# 2nd method: Threads by implementing Runnable interface

- Create a class that implements the interface Runnable and override run() method:

```
class MyThread implements Runnable
{
   .....
  public void run()
   {
      // thread body of execution
   }
}
```

- Creating Object:

```
MyThread myObject = new MyThread();
```

- Creating Thread Object:

```
Thread thr1 = new Thread( myObject );
```

- Start Execution:

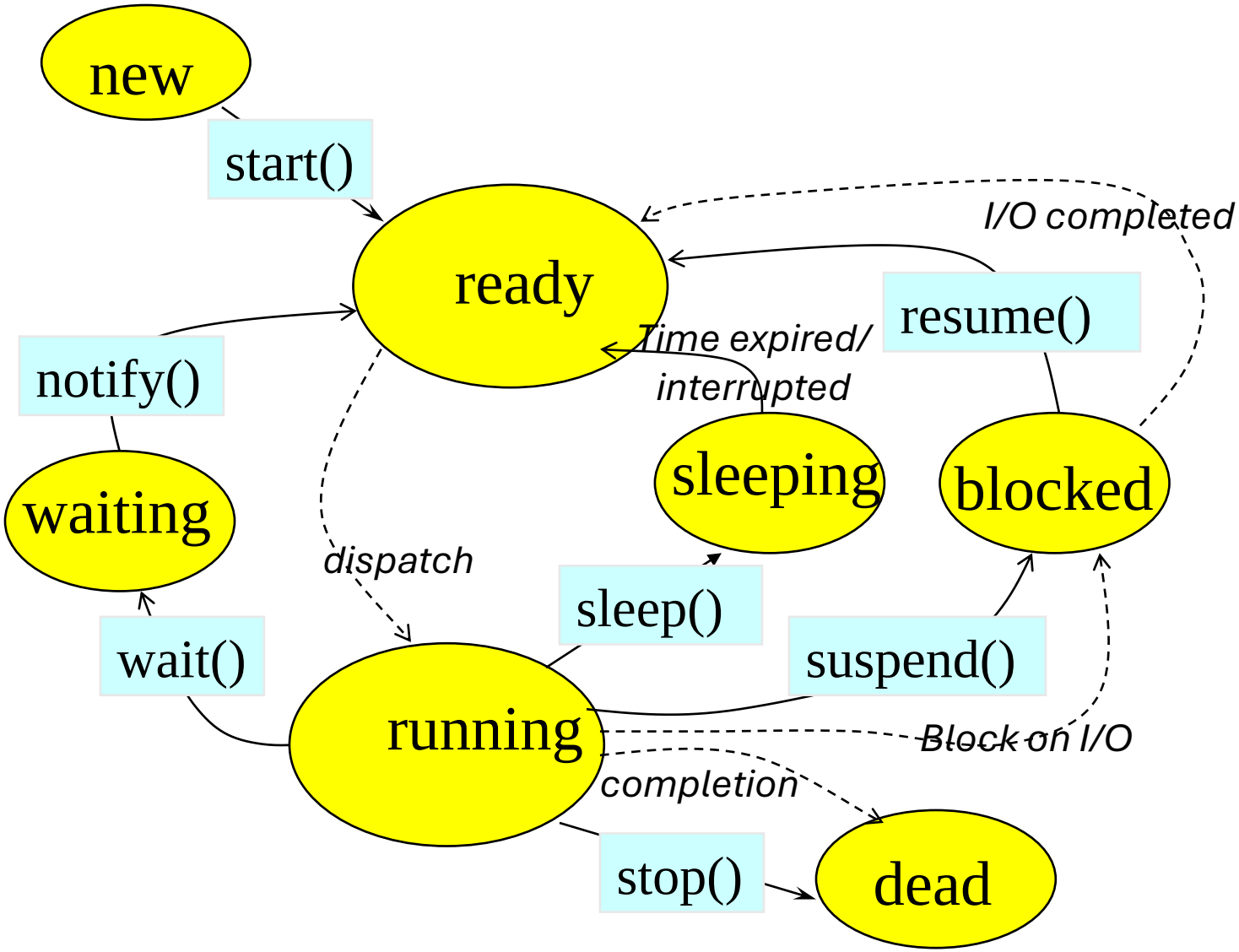
```
thr1.start();
```

# An example

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable  {
      public void run() {
            for(int i=1 ; i<11; i++)
             System.out.println(" this thread is running ... ");
      }
}

class ThreadTest {
      public static void main(String [] args  ) {
            MyRuinnable runnable1 = new MyRunnable();
            Thread thread2 = new Thread(runnable1);
             thread2.start();
      }
}
```

# Life Cycle of Thread



# Example

- Write a program that creates 3 threads

# Three threads example

```
class MyThread1 extends Thread
{
    public void run()
     {
        for(int i=1;i<=5;i++)
         {   System.out.println("\t From Thread1: i= "+i);            }
          System.out.println("Exit from A");
     }
}
class MyThread2 extends Thread
{     public void run()
     {
        for(int j=1;j<=5;j++)
         {
            System.out.println("\t From Thread2: j= "+j);
         }
          System.out.println("Exit from B");
     }
}
```

```
public class MyThread3 extends Thread
{
    public void run()
     {
        for(int k=1;k<=5;k++)
         {
            System.out.println("\t From Thread3: k= "+k);
         }
          System.out.println("Exit from C");
     }
}
public class ThreadTest
{       public static void main(String args[])
       {   MyThread1 tr1 =  new MyThread1();
           MyThread1 tr2 =  new MyThread2();
           MyThread1 tr3 =  new MyThread3();
            tr1.start();
            tr2.start();
            tr3.start();
}
}
```