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Threads

Week 9

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```



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Thread



Needle and Thread?

Computers run on a clock.

Every “tick” each the computer executes a simple instruction then moves on.

Each thread lets the CPU do an instruction per tick, so long as it is affecting different registers than the other threads.

**This is a massive oversimplification*

Thus, each thread runs a simultaneous process



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Threading



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Most Code is “Single Threaded”

One instruction at a time.

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Multithreading

Running code across multiple threads to speed up processing

- These threads will break off the main thread and eventually must return to the main thread.
- Different CPUs have different thread counts
- If you need data from a thread, you must await it to grab the data or wait until the thread is done
- Having many threads accessing a pointer creates data races



This isn't Parallel Processing

Parallel processing uses the GPU, which is designed to have tons of threads that perform the same operation at once.

The CPU runs one instruction iteratively or a sequence of instructions, even when **multithreading**.

Essentially:

Parallel Processing – Thousands of the Same Instruction

Multithreading – Multiple CPUs Processes



Le Code

```
#include <thread>
```

```
auto function = [](params) {
```

```
    Statements;
```

```
}; // This is a lambda, but could be a normal function
```

```
std::thread threadObject (function, param); // Runs When Created
```

```
threadObject.join();
```




When threads finish

```
threadObject.join() // Wait for thread to finish
```

```
threadObject.detach() // Separates the thread's execution from  
its variable.
```

You can only delete a thread safely after one of these has been called.

You can only access data in use by a thread if `.join()` is used



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Assignment



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Multithread your “Rendering”

Fill the a second video buffer while rendering your current one to the console.

I will walk you through this process in class!

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