# **Jactor2 Revisited by Example**

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JActor2 is a robust and high-performance alternative to threads and locks. Jactor2 Revisited focuses on a subset of the API that is easy to learn but reasonably comprehensive.

## The HelloWorld Example

```
package org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.revisited;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.blades.IsolationBladeBase;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.impl.Plant;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.requests.AsyncResponseProcessor;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.requests.impl.AsyncRequestImpl;
public class HelloWorld extends IsolationBladeBase {
    public static void main(final String[] args) throws Exception {
       new Plant();
        new HelloWorld();
        System.out.println("initialized");
    public HelloWorld() throws Exception {
       new AIO("run") {
           @Override
           protected void processAsyncOperation(final AsyncRequestImpl asyncRequestImpl,
                        final AsyncResponseProcessor<Void> _asyncResponseProcessor)
                    throws Exception {
                System.out.println("Hello world!");
                Plant.close();
                System.out.println("finished");
            }
       }.signal();
```

### **Output:**

```
initialized
Hello world!
finished
```

The *HelloWorld* class is a blade. It has a reactor that is created when the default constructor of *IsolationBladeBase* is called.

```
public static void main(final String[] args) throws Exception {
   new Plant();
   new HelloWorld();
   System.out.println("initialized");
}
```

The *main* method does three things:

- 1. An instance of *Plant* is created. This provides the operating environment and configuration for the reactors.
- 2. An instance of *HelloWorld* is created. And
- 3. The line *initialized* is printed, as this completes the program initialization.

```
}.signal();
}
```

The constructor creates a *run* signal which is passed to the *HelloWorld* blade via its reactor. On receipt of this signal, the blade prints the line *Hello world!*, closes the operating environment and then prints the line *finished*.

#### **Notes:**

- 1. The *AIO.signal* method can be called from any thread and within any context. In this case the method was called from the main thread.
- 2. *AIO* is a nested class, defined in one of the super classes of *HelloWorld*. This is how the *signal* method accesses the reactor of *HelloWorld*.

### The Worker Blade

```
package org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.revisited;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.blades.IsolationBladeBase;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.requests.AsyncResponseProcessor;
import org.agilewiki.jactor2.core.requests.impl.AsyncRequestImpl;
public class Worker extends IsolationBladeBase {
   public final String id;
    private int count;
   public Worker(final int _id) throws Exception {
        id = "Worker" + _id;
    public int getCount() {
        return count;
    public AO<Void> run(final long _iterations, final int _timeoutMillis) {
    return new AO<Void>("run" + id) {
            protected void processAsyncOperation(final AsyncRequestImpl asyncRequestImpl,
                         final AsyncResponseProcessor<Void> asyncResponseProcessor)
                     throws Exception {
                  asyncRequestImpl.setMessageTimeoutMillis( timeoutMillis);
                 System.out.println(id + ": started " + count++);
                 for (long i = 0L; i < _iterations; i++);
System.out.println(id + ": finished " + count);</pre>
                 _asyncResponseProcessor.processAsyncResponse(null);
       };
```

The *Worker* blade is useful for simulating a CPU load and we will use it in a number of examples. It has one operation, *run*, which returns an Asynchronous Operation, *AO*, that can be used to pass the *run* request to *Worker*.

Like AIO, AO is defined as a nested class in a super class of Worker, which again is how it can access the reactor of Worker. But unlike AIO, AO can not be used to send a signal. (This is the only difference—AO is the super class of AIO.)

Note that *count*, which is the number of times a run request has been received, is *private* and is only updated when processing a request, *run*. This means that there will be no race conditions for *count*, as requests are processed strictly one at a time.

We have not yet covered the *AsyncRequestImpl.setMessageTimeoutMillis* method, but we will do that after covering some examples that use *Worker*.