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OO design for a coffee shop



Let us do the design for a coffee shop today. Let me start with the description of how the coffee shop we want to design works first. There are three different actors in our scenario and i have listed the different actions they do also below

* Customer

- Pays the cash to the cashier and places his order, get a token number back
 - Waits for the intimation that order for his token is ready
 - Upon intimation/notification he collects the coffee and enjoys his drink
- (Assumption: Customer waits till the coffee is done, he wont timeout and cancel the order.

Customer always likes the drink served. Exceptions like he not liking his coffee, he getting wrong coffee are not considered to keep the design simple.)

* Cashier

- Takes an order and payment from the customer
- Upon payment, creates an order and places it into the order queue
- Intimates the customer that he has to wait for his token and gives him his token

(Assumption: Token returned to the customer is the order id. Order queue is unlimited. With a simple modification, we can design for a limited queue size)

* Barista

- Gets the next order from the queue
- Prepares the coffee
- Places the coffee in the completed order queue
- Places a notification that order for token is ready

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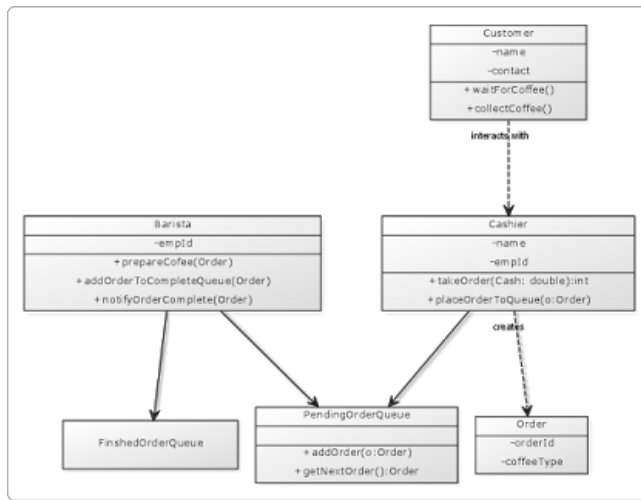
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Above is the class diagram for the above description of the Coffee shop. Notice that the order processing is done in an asynchronous way. Customer places the order and goes to some table and reads newspaper/checks his mails etc. Once the order is done, he is intimated about the order ready via an announcement (or even smart way is sending a sms, as you have taken his contact number). From an implementation perspective these asynchronous communication can be handled using JMS

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