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# Scoped Values



**Thread  
Local**



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# Lets Find Out!?

Will using  
**Scoped Values**  
instead of  
**Thread-Local**  
variables  
make multi threaded  
coding?

- ✓ Clear
- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Robust
- ✓ Performant



# Use Case

➤ Large and complex java multi threaded applications need to share data between components

➤ To have variables having multiple incarnations, one per thread

# Use Case

➤ A better way to share data between components than wiring it into a cascade of untrusted method invocations

➤ Immutable shared data between parent-child hierarchy

➤ Bounded lifetime of the shared data



# ThreadLocal

**Thread-  
local  
variables**

**Each thread that accesses it  
has its own, independently  
initialized copy of the variable**

**Typically  
private static  
fields in classes**

**Each thread, as long as alive,  
holds an implicit reference to its  
copy of a thread-local variable**

# ThreadLocal Issues ☹️

**Unconstrained mutability**

Every thread-local variable is mutable

**Unbounded lifetime**



Developers often forget to remove the value

**Expensive inheritance**

Child thread has to allocate storage for every inherited thread-local variable as they are mutable

# ScopedValue

**Allows for safely and efficiently sharing data for a bounded period of execution**

**Without passing the data as method arguments**

**A value that is set once and is then available for reading for a bounded period of execution by a thread**

**Like a thread-local variable, a scoped value has multiple incarnations, one per thread**



# Create

To create a variable use  
this method

Creates a scoped value that is initially unbound for all threads.

Returns: a new ScopedValue

```
public static <T> ScopedValue<T> newInstance()  
    return new ScopedValue<T>();
```

no arg constructor is  
private



# Initialize

To initialize the variable use this method

Params: key – the ScopedValue key  
value – the value, can be null

Returns: a new Carrier with a single mapping

```
public static <T> Carrier where(ScopedValue<T>  
    return Carrier.of(key, value);
```

Can be chained like

```
ScopedValue.where(k1, v1).where(k2, v2).run(() -> ... );
```

# Check

To check if a value has been set in the scope of the thread

Returns { true} if this scoped value is bound in the current thread.

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```
public boolean isBound() {
```

if not set, the logic should handle the absence of value.

# Use Value

To get value that has been set in the scope of the thread

Returns the value of the scoped value if bound in the current thread.

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Throws: `NoSuchElementException` – if the scoped value is not bound

```
@{ ... }
```

```
public T get() {
```

**Always check for binding to the thread by `isBound()`**

Enough of talk and articles....

Lets

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code in  
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# Create

Scoped  
Value

```
final static ScopedValue<URL> SITE_URL =  
    ScopedValue.newInstance();
```

```
final static ThreadLocal<HttpSecurity> SECURE =  
    ThreadLocal.withInitial  
        (() → HttpSecurity.https);
```

**Thread Local**  
Note: it has  
withInitial()

# Initialize

Sets the value

```
case SCOPED_VALUE:  
    for (URL url : myFavSitesURLList) {  
        ScopedValue.where(SITE_URL, url)  
            .run(Utils::fetchURL);  
    }
```

Pass the runnable  
method here

# Check

To check if a value has been set in the scope of the thread

```
public static boolean isSiteContentSecure() {  
    System.out.println(String.format("For thread  
        " was " +  
        " fetched by %s protocol", Thr  
        SITE_URL.isBound() ? SITE_URL.get()  
        : "Unknown", SECURE.get()));
```

if not set, the logic should handle the absence of value.

# Use Value

To get value that has been set in the scope of the thread

```
returnStr = String.format("The site %s  
due to " +  
"exception %s, details %s",  
SITE_URL.isBound() ? SITE_URL.get() :
```

Always check for binding to the thread by isBound()



# Takeaway

**We discussed Thread  
Local, its disadvantages.**

**We discussed  
the ways to  
use Scoped  
Values**

**Happy  
Coding  
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