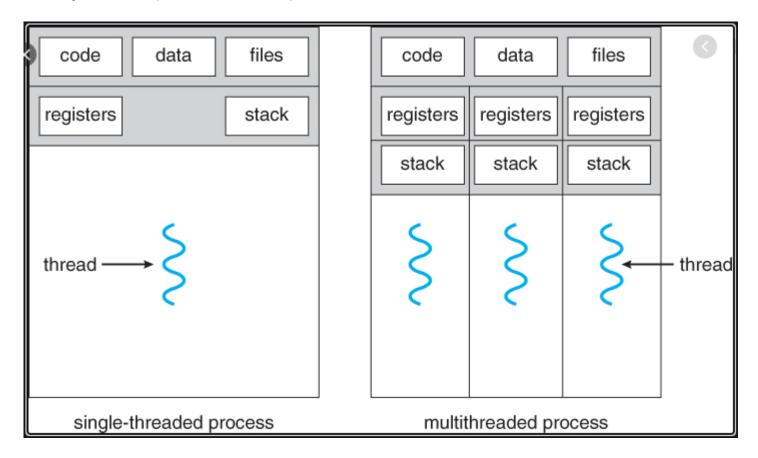
Multi-threading in-depth

A multi-threaded program contains two or more parts that can run concurrently and each part can handle a different task at the same time making optimal use of the available resources specially when your computer has multiple CPUs.



Multi-threading extends the idea of multitasking into applications where you can subdivide specific operations within a single application into individual threads. It enables you to write in a way where multiple activities can proceed concurrently in the same program.

There are a handful of programming languages that give room for **multi-threading**, and most of the languages are Object Oriented

Programming languages (OOP). Languages like Java, C,C++ and even .NET frameworks. Some other interpreted languages also made the cut, like Ruby MRI for Ruby and CPython for Python. If you were waiting to see Javascript, well you won't because JavaScript does not support multi-threading and that's because the JavaScript interpreter in the browser is a single thread.

Heavily Multi-threaded Applications

Almost all well-built applications support multi-threading. Let's look at browsers. Most browsers are multi-threaded from firefox to Safari to Chrome and many others. But today we'd talk more about Chrome.

Google Chrome

Chrome has a multi-process architecture and each process is heavily multi-threaded. The main goal is to keep the main thread ("UI" thread in the browser process) and IO thread (each process' thread for handling IPC) responsive. This means offloading any blocking I/O or other expensive operations to other threads.