Java Thread States

A Java Thread can be found in 6 different states.

- 1. New
- 2. Runnable
- 3. Blocked
- 4. Waiting
- 5. Timed Waiting
- 6. Terminated

New - A thread has created. But it still not active.

Runnable – This means an active Thread. It can be either running or possibly running thread. It decides by the CPU.

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Blocked – This not a permanent stop. When the thread is stopped for a span of time, we call it a blocked thread. This happens because of a synchronized lock. (because of another thread)

Waiting – This state is also a temporary stop. If the thread is waiting for something to happen it's in waiting state.

Timed Waiting – Thread is stopped for a specific given time.

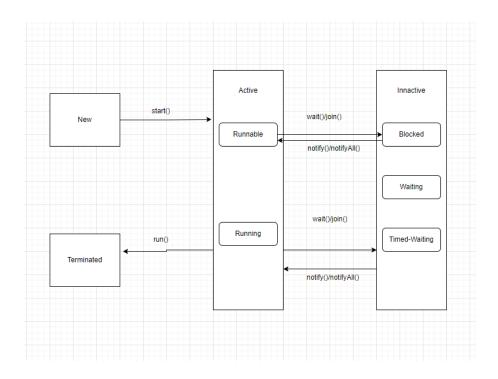
Terminated – This is the permanent end of the thread. This can happen after completing the execution or after getting an exception.

Initial State → New

Runnable (Active) → Ready to Run, Running

Non-Runnable (Inactive) → Blocked, Waiting, Timed Waiting

End State → Terminated



Code Appendix

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public class MyThreadClass extends Thread{
    public static Thread myThread;
    public static Test obj;
    // initiating the thread and its in NEW state
    public void run () {
        try {
            Thread.sleep(1000); // Thread is in Timed Waiting state
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        System.out.println("3. thread state: " +
Thread.currentThread().getState());
        try {
            Thread.sleep(200);
        catch (InterruptedException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
        myThread = new MyThreadClass();
        System.out.println("1. thread state: " + myThread.getState()); //Still
the thread is in NEW state
        myThread.start(); // now the thread is in RUNNABLE state
        System.out.println("2. thread state: " + myThread.getState());
        myThread.join();
        System.out.println("4. thread state: " + myThread.getState());
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Output:

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1. thread state: NEW
2. thread state: RUNNABLE
3. thread state: RUNNABLE
4. thread state: TERMINATED
PS D:\UoW\yr4\concurrent>
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