Unit V Part A Multhithreading

Multithreading

Multithreading in java is a process of executing multiple threads simultaneously. A thread is a lightweight sub-process, the smallest unit of processing. Multiprocessing and multithreading, both are used to achieve multitasking. However, we use multithreading than multiprocessing because threads use a shared memory area. They don't allocate separate memory area so saves memory, and context-switching between the threads takes less time than process. Java Multithreading is mostly used in games, animation, etc.

Advantages of Java Multithreading

1) It **doesn't block the user** because threads are independent and you can perform multiple operations at the same time.
2) You **can perform many operations together, so it saves time**.
3) Threads are **independent**, so it doesn't affect other threads if an exception occurs in a single thread.

Multitasking

Multitasking is a process of executing multiple tasks simultaneously. We use multitasking to utilize the CPU. Multitasking can be achieved in two ways:

- Process-based Multitasking (Multiprocessing)
- Thread-based Multitasking (Multithreading)

1) Process-based Multitasking (Multiprocessing)

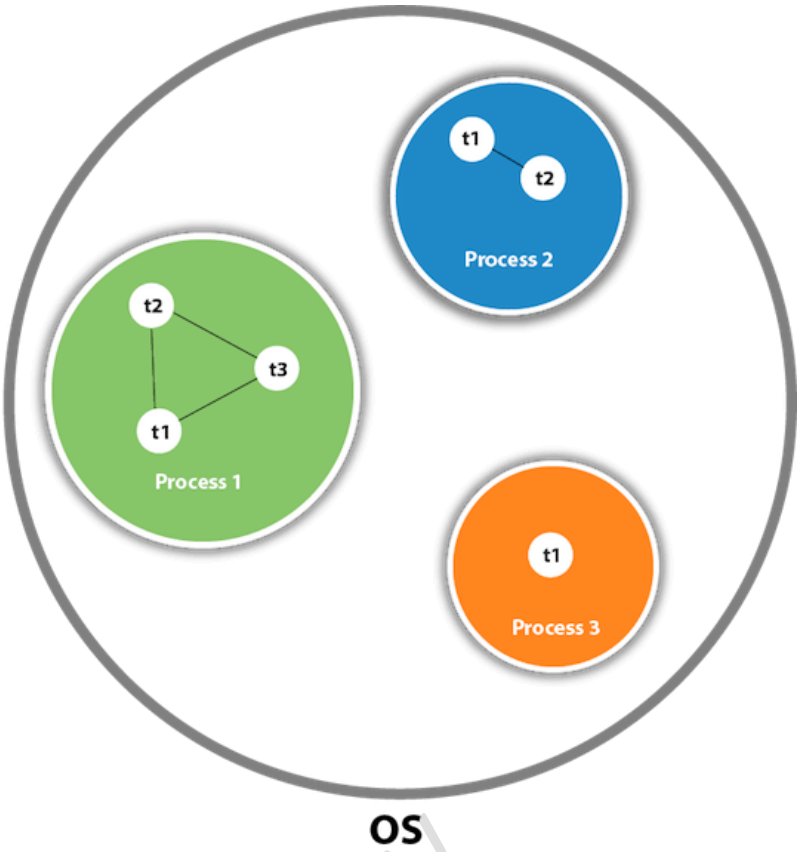
- Each process has an address in memory. In other words, each process allocates a separate memory area.
- A process is heavyweight.
- Cost of communication between the process is high.
- Switching from one process to another requires some time for saving and loading registers, memory maps, updating lists, etc.

2) Thread-based Multitasking (Multithreading)

- Threads share the same address space.
- A thread is lightweight.
- Cost of communication between the thread is low.

What is Thread in java

A thread is a lightweight subprocess, the smallest unit of processing. It is a separate path of execution. Threads are independent. If there occurs exception in one thread, it doesn't affect other threads. It uses a shared memory area.



As shown in the above figure, a thread is executed inside the process. There is context-switching between the threads. There can be multiple processes inside the OS, and one process can have multiple threads.

Java Thread class

Java provides **Thread class** to achieve thread programming. Thread class provides constructors and methods to create and perform operations on a thread. Thread class extends Object class and implements Runnable interface.

Java Thread Methods

S.N.	Modifier and Type	Method	Description
1)	Void	start()	It is used to start the execution of the thread.
2)	Void	run()	It is used to do an action for a thread.
3)	static void	sleep()	It sleeps a thread for the specified amount of time.
4)	static Thread	currentThread()	It returns a reference to the currently executing thread object.
5)	Void	join()	It waits for a thread to die.
6)	Int	getPriority()	It returns the priority of the thread.
7)	Void	setPriority()	It changes the priority of the thread.

8)	String	getName()	It returns the name of the thread.
9)	Void	setName()	It changes the name of the thread.
10)	long	getId()	It returns the id of the thread.
11)	boolean	isAlive()	It tests if the thread is alive.
12)	static void	yield()	It causes the currently executing thread object to pause and allow other threads to execute temporarily.
13)	void	suspend()	It is used to suspend the thread.
14)	void	resume()	It is used to resume the suspended thread.
15)	void	stop()	It is used to stop the thread.
16)	void	destroy()	It is used to destroy the thread group and all of its subgroups.
17)	boolean	isDaemon()	It tests if the thread is a daemon thread.
18)	void	setDaemon()	It marks the thread as daemon or user thread.
19)	void	interrupt()	It interrupts the thread.
20)	boolean	isinterrupted()	It tests whether the thread has been interrupted.
21)	static boolean	interrupted()	It tests whether the current thread has been interrupted.
22)	static int	activeCount()	It returns the number of active threads in the current thread's thread group.
23)	void	checkAccess()	It determines if the currently running thread has permission to modify the thread.
24)	static boolean	holdLock()	It returns true if and only if the current thread holds the monitor lock on the specified object.
25)	static void	dumpStack()	It is used to print a stack trace of the current thread to the standard error stream.
26)	StackTraceElement []	getStackTrace()	It returns an array of stack trace elements representing the stack dump of the thread.
27)	static int	enumerate()	It is used to copy every active thread's thread group and its subgroup into the specified array.
28)	Thread.State	getState()	It is used to return the state of the thread.
29)	ThreadGroup	getThreadGroup()	It is used to return the thread group to which this thread belongs
30)	String	toString()	It is used to return a string representation of this thread, including the thread's name, priority, and thread group.

31)	void	notify()	It is used to give the notification for only one thread which is waiting for a particular object.
32)	void	notifyAll()	It is used to give the notification to all waiting threads of a particular object.
33)	void	setContextClassLoader()	It sets the context ClassLoader for the Thread.
34)	ClassLoader	getContextClassLoader()	It returns the context ClassLoader for the thread.
35)	static Thread.UncaughtExceptionHandler	getDefaultUncaughtExceptionHandler()	It returns the default handler invoked when a thread abruptly terminates due to an uncaught exception.
36)	static void	setDefaultUncaughtExceptionHandler()	It sets the default handler invoked when a thread abruptly terminates due to an uncaught exception.

Life cycle of a Thread (Thread States)

A thread can be in one of the five states. According to sun, there is only 4 states in **thread life cycle in java** new, runnable, non-runnable and terminated. There is no running state. But for better understanding the threads, we are explaining it in the 5 states.

The life cycle of the thread in java is controlled by JVM. The java thread states are as follows:

1. New
2. Runnable
3. Running
4. Non-Runnable (Blocked)
5. Terminated

1) New

The thread is in new state if you create an instance of Thread class but before the invocation of start() method.

2) Runnable

The thread is in runnable state after invocation of start() method, but the thread scheduler has not selected it to be the running thread.

3) Running

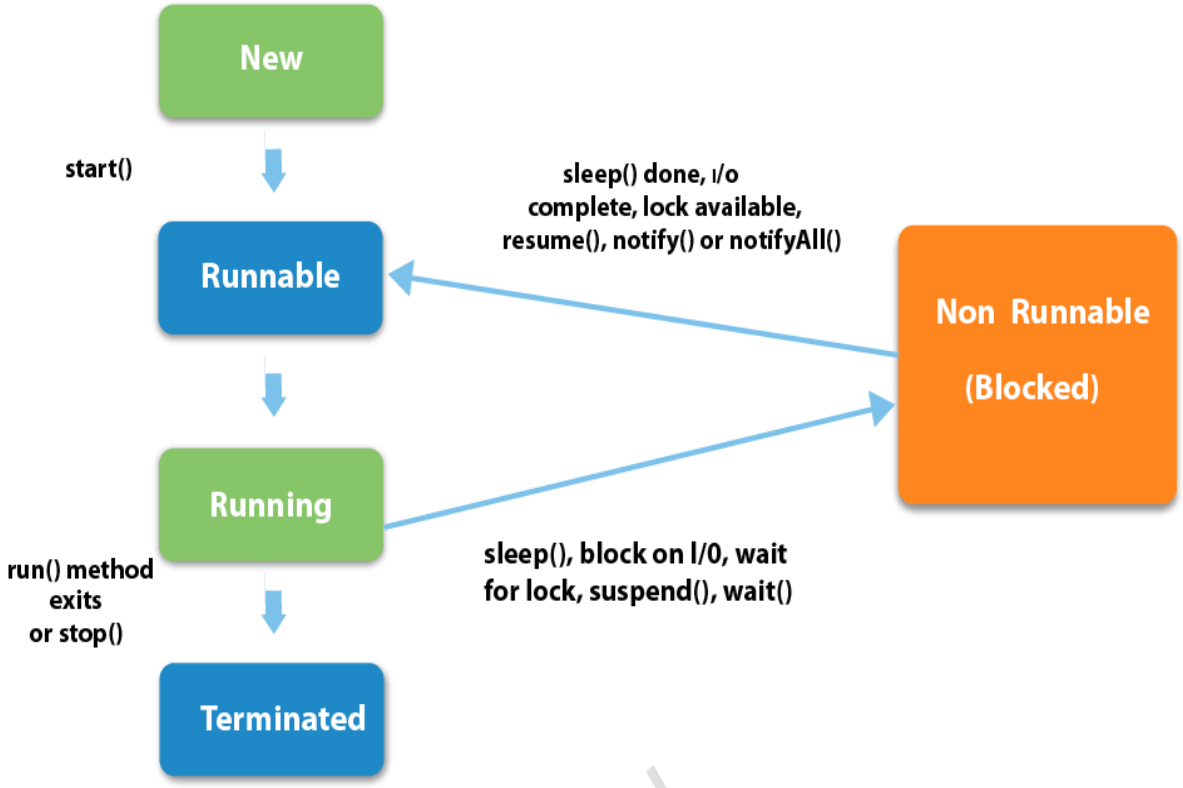
The thread is in running state if the thread scheduler has selected it.

4) Non-Runnable (Blocked)

This is the state when the thread is still alive, but is currently not eligible to run.

5) Terminated

A thread is in terminated or dead state when its run() method exits.



How to create thread

There are two ways to create a thread:

1. By extending Thread class
2. By implementing Runnable interface.

Thread class:

Thread class provide constructors and methods to create and perform operations on a thread.
Thread class extends Object class and implements Runnable interface.

Commonly used Constructors of Thread class:

- Thread()
- Thread(String name)
- Thread(Runnable r)
- Thread(Runnable r,String name)

Commonly used methods of Thread class:

1. **public void run():** is used to perform action for a thread.
2. **public void start():** starts the execution of the thread.JVM calls the run() method on the thread.
3. **public void sleep(long miliseconds):** Causes the currently executing thread to sleep (temporarily cease execution) for the specified number of milliseconds.

4. **public void join():** waits for a thread to die.
5. **public void join(long miliseconds):** waits for a thread to die for the specified miliseconds.
6. **public int getPriority():** returns the priority of the thread.
7. **public int setPriority(int priority):** changes the priority of the thread.
8. **public String getName():** returns the name of the thread.
9. **public void setName(String name):** changes the name of the thread.
10. **public Thread currentThread():** returns the reference of currently executing thread.
11. **public int getId():** returns the id of the thread.
12. **public Thread.State getState():** returns the state of the thread.
13. **public boolean isAlive():** tests if the thread is alive.
14. **public void yield():** causes the currently executing thread object to temporarily pause and allow other threads to execute.
15. **public void suspend():** is used to suspend the thread(depricated).
16. **public void resume():** is used to resume the suspended thread(depricated).
17. **public void stop():** is used to stop the thread(depricated).
18. **public boolean isDaemon():** tests if the thread is a daemon thread.
19. **public void setDaemon(boolean b):** marks the thread as daemon or user thread.
20. **public void interrupt():** interrupts the thread.
21. **public boolean isInterrupted():** tests if the thread has been interrupted.
22. **public static boolean interrupted():** tests if the current thread has been interrupted.

Runnable interface:

The Runnable interface should be implemented by any class whose instances are intended to be executed by a thread. Runnable interface have only one method named run().

1. **public void run():** is used to perform action for a thread.

Starting a thread:

start() method of Thread class is used to start a newly created thread. It performs following tasks:

- A new thread starts(with new callstack).
- The thread moves from New state to the Runnable state.
- When the thread gets a chance to execute, its target run() method will run.

Thread Example by extending Thread class

```
class Multi extends Thread
{
        public void run()
        {
                System.out.println("thread is running...");
        }
        public static void main(String args[])
        {
                Multi t1=new Multi();
```

```
            t1.start();
        }
}
```

Output:

thread is running...

Thread Example by implementing Runnable interface

```
class Multi1 implements Runnable
{
        public void run()
        {
                System.out.println("thread is running...");
        }
        public static void main(String args[])
        {
                Multi1 m1=new Multi1();
                Thread t1 =new Thread(m1);
                t1.start();
        }
}
```

Output:

thread is running...

If you are not extending the Thread class, your class object would not be treated as a thread object. So you need to explicitly create Thread class object. We are passing the object of your class that implements Runnable so that your class run() method may execute.

Sleep method in java

The sleep() method of Thread class is used to sleep a thread for the specified amount of time.

Syntax of sleep() method in java

The Thread class provides two methods for sleeping a thread:

- public static void sleep(long miliseconds)throws InterruptedException
- public static void sleep(long miliseconds, int nanos)throws InterruptedException

Example of sleep method in java

```
class TestSleepMethod1 extends Thread
{
        public void run()
        {
                for(int i=1;i<5;i++)
                {
                        try
                        {
                                Thread.sleep(500);
```

```
                }
                catch(InterruptedException e)
                {
                        System.out.println(e);
                }
                System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        TestSleepMethod1 t1=new TestSleepMethod1();
        TestSleepMethod1 t2=new TestSleepMethod1();
        t1.start();
        t2.start();
    }
}
```

Output:

1
1
2
2
3
3
4
4

As you know well that at a time only one thread is executed. If you sleep a thread for the specified time, the thread shedular picks up another thread and so on.

Priority of a Thread (Thread Priority):

Each thread have a priority. Priorities are represented by a number between 1 and 10. In most cases, thread schedular schedules the threads according to their priority (known as preemptive scheduling). But it is not guaranteed because it depends on JVM specification that which scheduling it chooses.

3 constants defined in Thread class:

1. public static int MIN_PRIORITY
2. public static int NORM_PRIORITY
3. public static int MAX_PRIORITY

Default priority of a thread is 5 (NORM_PRIORITY). The value of MIN_PRIORITY is 1 and the value of MAX_PRIORITY is 10.

Example of priority of a Thread:

```
class TestMultiPriority1 extends Thread
```

```
{
        public void run()
        {
                System.out.println("running thread name
is:"+Thread.currentThread().getName());
                System.out.println("running thread priority
is:"+Thread.currentThread().getPriority());
        }
        public static void main(String args[])
        {
                TestMultiPriority1 m1=new TestMultiPriority1();
                TestMultiPriority1 m2=new TestMultiPriority1();
                m1.setPriority(Thread.MIN_PRIORITY);
                m2.setPriority(Thread.MAX_PRIORITY);
                m1.start();
                m2.start();
        }
}
```

Output:

```
running thread name is:Thread-0
running thread priority is:10
running thread name is:Thread-1
running thread priority is:1
```


Synchronization in Java

Synchronization in java is the capability *to control the access of multiple threads to any shared resource*. Java Synchronization is better option where we want to allow only one thread to access the shared resource.

Why use Synchronization

The synchronization is mainly used to

1. To prevent thread interference.
2. To prevent consistency problem.

Here, we will discuss only thread synchronization.

Thread Synchronization

There are two types of thread synchronization mutual exclusive and inter-thread communication.

1. Mutual Exclusive
    1. Synchronized method.
    2. Synchronized block.
    3. static synchronization.
2. Cooperation (Inter-thread communication in java)

Mutual Exclusive

Mutual Exclusive helps keep threads from interfering with one another while sharing data. This can be done by three ways in java:

1. by synchronized method
2. by synchronized block
3. by static synchronization

Concept of Lock in Java

Synchronization is built around an internal entity known as the lock or monitor. Every object has an lock associated with it. By convention, a thread that needs consistent access to an object's fields has to acquire the object's lock before accessing them, and then release the lock when it's done with them.

From Java 5 the package java.util.concurrent.locks contains several lock implementations.

Understanding the problem without Synchronization

In this example, there is no synchronization, so output is inconsistent. Let's see the example:

```
class Table
{
        void printTable(int n)
        {
                //method not synchronized
                for(int i=1;i<=5;i++)
                {
                        System.out.println(n*i);
                        try
                        {
                                Thread.sleep(400);
                        }
                        catch(Exception e)
                        {
                                System.out.println(e);
                        }
                }
        }
}

class MyThread1 extends Thread
{
        Table t;
        MyThread1(Table t)
        {
                this.t=t;
        }
        public void run()
```

```
        {
                t.printTable(5);
        }
}

class MyThread2 extends Thread
{
        Table t;
        MyThread2(Table t)
        {
                this.t=t;
        }
        public void run()
        {
                t.printTable(100);
        }
}

class TestSynchronization1
{
        public static void main(String args[])
        {
                Table obj = new Table();//only one object
                MyThread1 t1=new MyThread1(obj);
                MyThread2 t2=new MyThread2(obj);
                t1.start();
                t2.start();
        }
}
```

Output: 5

100
10
200
15
300
20
400
25
500

synchronized method

If you declare any method as synchronized, it is known as synchronized method. Synchronized method is used to lock an object for any shared resource. When a thread invokes a synchronized method, it automatically acquires the lock for that object and releases it when the thread completes its task.

```
//example of java synchronized method
class Table
{
	synchronized void printTable(int n)
	{
		//synchronized method
		for(int i=1;i<=5;i++)
		{
			System.out.println(n*i);
			try
			{
				Thread.sleep(400);
			}
			catch(Exception e)
			{
				System.out.println(e);
			}
		}
	}
}

class MyThread1 extends Thread
{
	Table t;
	MyThread1(Table t)
	{
		this.t=t;
	}
	public void run()
	{
		t.printTable(5);
	}
}
class MyThread2 extends Thread
{
	Table t;
```

```
        MyThread2(Table t)
        {
                this.t=t;
        }
        public void run()
        {
                t.printTable(100);
        }
}

public class TestSynchronization2
{
        public static void main(String args[])
        {
                Table obj = new Table();//only one object
                MyThread1 t1=new MyThread1(obj);
                MyThread2 t2=new MyThread2(obj);
                t1.start();
                t2.start();
        }
}
```

Output: 5
10
15
20
25
100
200
300
400
500