Thread Interruption, Fork/Join Framework, and Deadlock Prevention

1. Thread Interruption

Overview

Thread interruption in Java is a mechanism that allows one thread to signal another thread that it should stop what it's doing. The interrupted thread can choose to handle this signal in various ways. Thread interruption is a cooperative mechanism: the thread being interrupted must check for interruptions and handle them appropriately.

Key Methods

- **`interrupt()`**: This method is called on a thread to signal that it should stop executing.
- **`isInterrupted()`**: This method checks if the thread has been interrupted. It returns `true` if the thread has been interrupted, otherwise `false`.
- **`Thread.interrupted()`**: This static method checks if the current thread has been interrupted and clears the interrupted status.

Handling Interruptions

To handle thread interruptions, the thread should periodically check its interrupted status and stop executing if it is interrupted. Common practices include:

- Checking `Thread.interrupted()` within a loop.
- Catching `InterruptedException` in a method that throws this exception, such as `Thread.sleep()` or `wait()`.

Example

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```
public class ThreadInterruptionExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thread thread = new Thread(() -> {
            try {
                for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
                    if (Thread.interrupted()) {
                        System.out.println("Thread was interrupted,
stopping execution...");
                        break;
                    }
                    System.out.println("Working... " + i);
                    Thread.sleep(1000); // Simulate work
                }
            } catch (InterruptedException e) {
                System.out.println("Thread was interrupted during
sleep.");
            }
        });

        thread.start();

        try {
            Thread.sleep(3000); // Let the thread run for a while
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }

        thread.interrupt(); // Interrupt the thread
    }
}
```

2. Fork/Join Framework

Overview

The Fork/Join framework in Java is designed for parallel processing by splitting a large task into smaller subtasks, processing them concurrently, and then combining the results. This framework is particularly useful for divide-and-conquer algorithms.

Key Components

- **`ForkJoinPool`**: A specialized thread pool designed to work with the Fork/Join framework.
- **`RecursiveTask<V>`**: A task that returns a result.
- **`RecursiveAction`**: A task that performs computation but does not return a result.

How it Works

1. A large task is split into smaller subtasks using the `fork()` method.
2. Subtasks are processed in parallel.
3. Results from subtasks are combined using the `join()` method.

Example

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```java
import java.util.concurrent.RecursiveTask;
import java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool;

public class ForkJoinExample extends RecursiveTask<Long> {
    private final long[] array;
    private final int start;
    private final int end;
    private static final int THRESHOLD = 10;

    public ForkJoinExample(long[] array, int start, int end) {
        this.array = array;
        this.start = start;
        this.end = end;
    }

    @Override
    protected Long compute() {
        if (end - start <= THRESHOLD) {
            long sum = 0;
            for (int i = start; i < end; i++) {
                sum += array[i];
            }
            return sum;
        } else {
            int mid = (start + end) / 2;
            ForkJoinExample leftTask = new ForkJoinExample(array,
start, mid);
            ForkJoinExample rightTask = new ForkJoinExample(array,
mid, end);
```

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            leftTask.fork(); // Split the left task
            long rightResult = rightTask.compute(); // Directly
compute the right task
            long leftResult = leftTask.join(); // Wait for left task
to complete

            return leftResult + rightResult;
        }
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ForkJoinPool pool = new ForkJoinPool();
        long[] array = new long[100];
        for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
            array[i] = i + 1;
        }

        ForkJoinExample task = new ForkJoinExample(array, 0,
array.length);
        long result = pool.invoke(task);

        System.out.println("Sum: " + result);
    }
}
```

3. Deadlock Prevention

Overview

Deadlocks occur in multithreaded applications when two or more threads are blocked forever, waiting for each other to release resources. Preventing deadlocks is crucial in ensuring that applications run smoothly without stalling.

Common Causes of Deadlocks

1. **Mutual Exclusion**: Each thread has exclusive control over the resources it needs.
2. **Hold and Wait**: A thread holding a resource is waiting for another resource held by another thread.
3. **No Preemption**: Resources cannot be forcibly taken from a thread.

4. **Circular Wait**: A set of threads are waiting for each other in a circular chain.

Deadlock Prevention Techniques

1. **Ordered Locking**: Always acquire locks in a predefined order to avoid circular wait conditions.
2. **Lock Timeout**: Use `tryLock()` with a timeout to acquire locks. If a lock is not acquired within the specified time, the thread can back off and retry or take corrective action.
3. **Deadlock Detection**: Monitor resource allocation and detect potential deadlocks. Once detected, take action to resolve the deadlock, such as killing a thread or forcibly releasing a resource.
4. **Avoiding Nested Locks**: Minimize the use of nested locks to reduce the likelihood of deadlocks.

Example of Deadlock Prevention Using Ordered Locking

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```java
public class DeadlockPreventionExample {
    private final Object lock1 = new Object();
    private final Object lock2 = new Object();

    public void methodOne() {
        synchronized (lock1) {
            System.out.println("Acquired lock1 in methodOne");
            synchronized (lock2) {
                System.out.println("Acquired lock2 in methodOne");
            }
        }
    }

    public void methodTwo() {
        synchronized (lock1) { // Locks acquired in the same order
            System.out.println("Acquired lock1 in methodTwo");
            synchronized (lock2) {
                System.out.println("Acquired lock2 in methodTwo");
            }
        }
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        DeadlockPreventionExample example = new
DeadlockPreventionExample();
        Thread t1 = new Thread(example::methodOne);
        Thread t2 = new Thread(example::methodTwo);

        t1.start();
        t2.start();
    }
}
```