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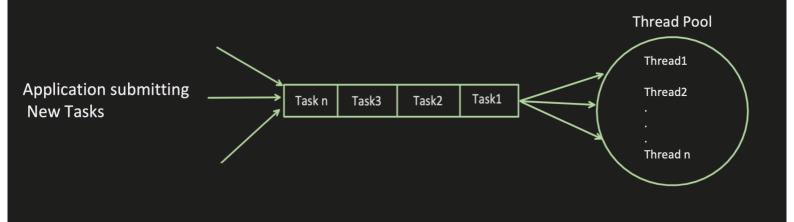
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Thread Pools and ThreadPoolExecutor

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What is ThreadPool:

- It's a collection of threads (aka workers), which are available to perform the submitted tasks.
- Once task completed, worker thread get back to Thread Pool and wait for new task to assigned.
- Means threads can be reused.



What's the Advantage of Thread Pool?

- Thread Creation time can be saved:

- When each thread created, space is allocated to it (stack, heap, program counter etc..) and this takes time.
- With thread, this can be avoided by reusing the thread.

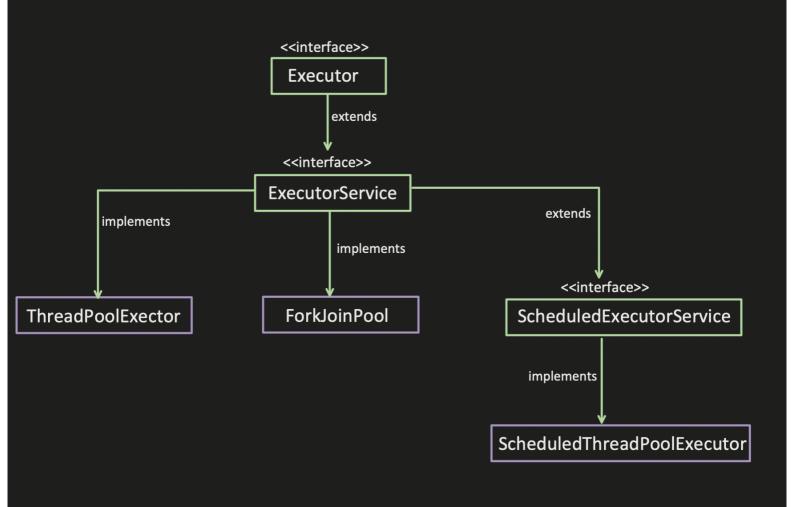
Overhead of managing the Thread lifecycle can be removed:

- Thread has different state like Running, Waiting, terminate etc. And managing thread state includes complexity.
- Thread pool abstract away this management.

- Increased the performance:

• More threads means, more Context Switching time, using control over thread creation, excess context switching can be avoided.

package java.util.concurrent;



ThreadPoolExector:

It's helps to create a customizable ThreadPool.

public ThreadPoolExecutor

(int corePoolSize
int maximumPoolSize,
long keepAliveTime,
TimeUnit unit,
BlockingQueue<Runnable> workQueue,
ThreadFactory threadFactory,
RejectedExecutionHandler handler)

- corePoolSize:

Number of threads are initially created and keep in the pool, even if they are idle.

- allowCoreThreadTimeOut:

If this property is set to TRUE (by default its FLASE), idle thread kept Alive till time specified by 'KeepAliveTime'.

- KeepAliveTime:

Thread, which are idle get terminated after this time.

- maxPoolSize:

Maximum number of thread allowed in a pool.

If no. of thread are == corePoolSize and queue is also full, then new threads are created (till its less than 'maxPoolSize').

Excess thread, will remain in pool, this pool is not shutdown or if *allowCoreThreadTimeOut* is set to true, then excess thread get terminated after remain idle for *KeepAliveTime*.

- TimeUnit:

TimeUnit for the keepAliveTime, whether *Millisecond* or *Second* or *Hours* etc.

BlockingQueue:
Queue used to hold task, before they got picked by the worker thread.
Bounded Queue: Queue with FIXED capacity.
Like: ArrayBlockingQueue
Unbounded Queue: Queue with NO FIXED capacity.
Like: LinkedBlockingQueue
- ThreadFactory: Factory for creating new thread. ThreadPoolExecutor use this to create new thread, this Factory provide us an interface to:
- To give custom Thread name - To give custom Thread priority - To set Thread Daemon flag etc.
- RejectedExecutionHandler: Handler for tasks that can not be accepted by thread pool. Generally logging logic can be put here. For debugging purpose.
new ThreadPoolExecutor.AbortPolicy - Throws RejectedExecutionException
new ThreadPoolExecutor.CallerRunsPolicy - Executed the rejected task in the caller thread (thread that attempted to submit the task)
new ThreadPoolExecutor.DiscardPolicy - Silently discard the Rejected task, without throwing any exception.
new ThreadPoolExecutor.DiscardOldestPolicy

- Discard the oldest task in the queue, to accommodate new task.

Example:

```
public class Main {
   public static void main(String args[]) {
        ThreadPoolExecutor poolExecutor = new ThreadPoolExecutor( corePoolSize: 2, maximumPoolSize: 5, keepAliveTime: 1,
               TimeUnit.HOURS, new ArrayBlockingQueue<>( capacity: 10), new CustomThreadFactor(),
               new CustomRejectedHandler());
        poolExecutor.allowCoreThreadTimeOut( value: true);
        for(int i=0; i< 25; i++){
           poolExecutor.submit(() -> {
               try {
                   Thread.sleep( millis: 5000);
                   System.out.println("Thread name:" + Thread.currentThreαd().getName());
               }catch (Exception e) {
           });
       poolExecutor.shutdown();
class CustomRejectedHandler implements RejectedExecutionHandler{
    @Override
    public void rejectedExecution(Runnable r, ThreadPoolExecutor executor) {
        //logging
        System.out.println("Task denied:" + r.toString());
class CustomThreadFactor implements ThreadFactory{
    @Override
    public Thread newThread(Runnable r) {
        Thread th = new Thread(r);
        return th;
```

Interview question:

Why you have taken corePoolSize as 2, why not 10 or 15 or another number, what's the logic?

My Answer:

Generally, the ThreadPool min and max size are depend on various factors like:

- CPU Cores
- JVM Memory
- Task Nature (CPU Intensive or I/O Intensive)
- Concurrency Requirement (Want high or medium or low concurrency)
- Memory Required to process a request
- Throughput etc.

And its an iterative process to update the min and max values based on monitoring.

Formula to find the no. of thread:

Max No of thread = No. of CUP Core * (1 + Request waiting time/processing time)

No. of CUP Core = 4
Request waiting time = 10ms
Processing time = 100ms

But this formula, do not consider Memory yet, which need to be consider...