

CSCI-605 Advanced Object-Oriented Programming Concepts

Homework 9: Secret Lives of Bees

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1 Introduction

The bees in the beehive are buzzing! If you recall from science class, a *bee* in a typical colony has one of three distinct roles:

1. **Queen:** Her royal highness of the beehive. The sole queen is responsible for mating with the drones in her chamber and then depositing her eggs into sacs that are populated with nectar and pollen. Over time, each egg will develop into a fully developed adult that joins the colony.
2. **Worker:** A female bee who has the specific job of gathering resources (*nectar* or *pollen*) from a field of flowers. These resources will play a critical role in the reproduction of new bees.
3. **Drone:** A male bee whose only role is to mate with the queen in her chamber. The process of mating with the queen is life ending for the drone as they suffer irreversible anatomical damage.

In this homework, you will simulate the day-by-day activities of a Beehive for a given period of time.

1.1 Goals

The goal of this lab is for students to gain experience with fundamental concurrency topics such as:

- Threads
- The Monitor (synchronized regions)
- Thread Control
 - start vs run
 - join
 - sleep
- Thread Synchronization
 - wait
 - notify
 - notifyAll

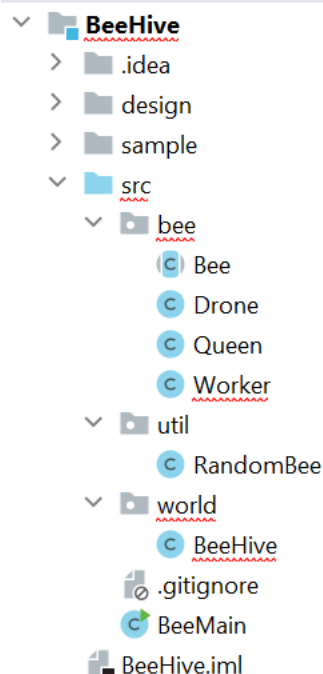
1.2 Simulation

At the start of the simulation there will be one queen, any number of drones and workers, and no resources in the beehive. These are the details of the time it takes for each type of bee to perform a single task.

1. **Worker:** A worker's task is to go to the field of flowers and gather one unit of their assigned resource. The field has a limited number of flowers. If there isn't a free flower, the worker must wait. Once a flower is free, exactly one of the waiting workers will randomly be selected to gather from the free flower. If a flower is free it takes a bee 2 units of time to gather their resource and deposit it into the beehive.
2. **Drone:** The fated task of the drone is to reproduce with the queen by entering the queen's chamber and lining up first come first served. The queen will mate with the first drone when the conditions are ready (see the Queen's task). It takes one unit of time for the drone to mate with the queen. If the drone mates with the queen, they perish immediately after.
3. **Queen:** The task of the queen is to reproduce with the next waiting drone. It requires the beehive have at least 1 unit of both nectar and pollen. If the conditions are met, the queen takes the required resources from the beehive and places them into an empty sac. She then mates with the next drone for 1 unit of time. This instantly creates randomly between 1 and 4 new bees (depending on enough resources) that will be added to the colony. After each attempt at mating, the queen will sleep for 1 unit of time.

2 Starter Code

To get the starter code, click on this [GitHub classroom link](#). Your project's structure should look as follows:



Here is a brief explanation of what is provided to you:

- The **design.class_diagram.png** illustrates the program's design.
- The **src** folder contains starter code.
 1. **BeeMain** - The main simulation class. This class is given to you completely.
 2. **bee.Bee** - The base class for all the different type of bees. This class is also mostly complete, except you need to write the **createBee** method.
 3. **bee.Worker** - The female worker bee. This class is nearly complete. You must implement the **run** method.
 4. **bee.Drone** - The male drone bee. This class is nearly complete. You must implement the **run** method.
 5. **world.BeeHive** - The center of the world for the bees. The constructor and most of the simple accessors are given to you. You will focus on what it takes to get the worker bees up and running. Namely the **begin()**, **deposit()** and **end()** methods.
- The **sample** folder contains sample runs.
- The documentation for all the classes in the simulation [here](#).

3 Implementation

3.1 Design

You have been provided with a class diagram that depicts the design that you must follow for this homework (see stater code section).

Please note that this diagram, and the java documentation, both exclude the private state. It is expected you will define your own private state using good design principles, e.g. a data member that is shared by all subclasses should be defined in the shared superclass.

3.2 Command line arguments

The program can be run on the command line as:

```
$ java BeeMain seconds drones nectar_workers pollen_workers
```

If the number of arguments are correct, they are guaranteed to be valid integers. If the number of arguments is incorrect, display a usage message and exit the program, i.e.:

Usage: `java BeeMain seconds drones nectar_workers pollen_workers`

Note: This program has no user input outside of the simulation numbers provided on the command line. Your program should not prompt for any input while running and should run the simulation to completion.

3.3 Output

We have provided a bunch of sample runs. These are all good things to test your code with to make sure you are running correctly. Of course there is no guarantee that the output for any of these will be the same as yours, based on the random number generator and the very nature of threads in general.

3.4 Implementation Details

3.4.1 Custom Random Number Generator

You are being provided with a class `util.RandomBee` that has a method `nextInt` that the queen can use for randomly generating the number of new offspring after successfully mating with a drone.

3.4.2 Factory Method Pattern

From your main and world package perspectives, the Bee `constructor` is not accessible. You again will use the factory method to create the bees using `Bee::createBee`.

Whenever a client wants to make a new bee, for example a pollen worker, assuming that `beeHive` points to the `BeeHive` instance, they will do:

```
Bee.createBee(Bee.Role.WORKER, Resource.POLLEN, beeHive)
```

3.4.3 Constant Field Values

This [page lists](#) all of the constant field values that you should define and use.

3.4.4 Bee Queen

The bees are stored in the beehive as a `ConcurrentLinkedQueue`. This is a thread safe collection from the `java.util.concurrent` package. The reason for this is because when shutting down the simulation in the main thread by looping over the collection and joining on all the bee threads, the Queen could be creating a new bee to add to that same collection (she hasn't gotten back to checking that the beehive is now inactive). Using this collection prevents a `ConcurrentModificationException`.

3.4.5 Flower Field

The flower field is a monitor that the worker bees use in order to keep track of how many workers are currently "in the field". There is a limit of 10 workers at once in the field, and they must obey this. If the limit is not reached, they can gather, otherwise they must wait and get notified by another worker bee who has finished gathering. The order the bees gather from the field is random and unpredictable.

3.4.6 Queen's Chamber

The Queen's chamber is a more complicated monitor than the flower field. It is used by both the Queen and the drone bees in order to facilitate reproduction of new bees. Unlike the flower field, the drones must line up in order when they enter the queen's chamber. If the queen is not ready to mate, the drones must wait. When the queen is ready to mate, she will notify all of the drones that she is ready, and the drone that is at the front of the line will unblock and come out of the line to mate with the queen. After mating the drone

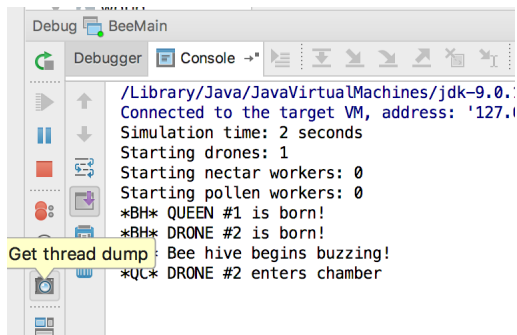
will perish. The queen will create between 1 and 4 new bees randomly, as long as there are enough resources.

At the end of the simulation, there may be drones still waiting in the Queen's chamber. It is the queen's job to dismiss each drone individually, until there are no more drones waiting in line inside her chamber.

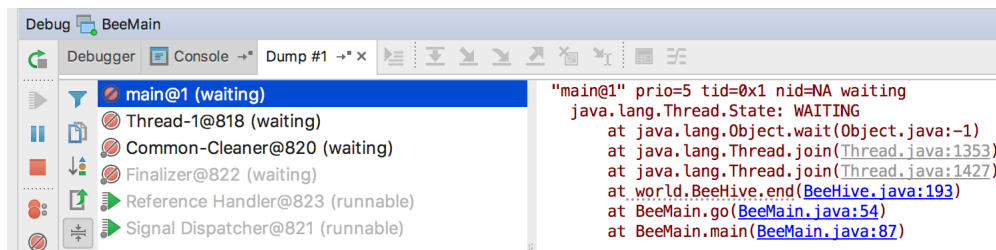
4 Thread Debugging

Let's say you have a scenario where your program appears to deadlock and not finish. If you run the program in debug mode (green bug icon next to the normal run one), you can select the camera icon to get a thread dump.

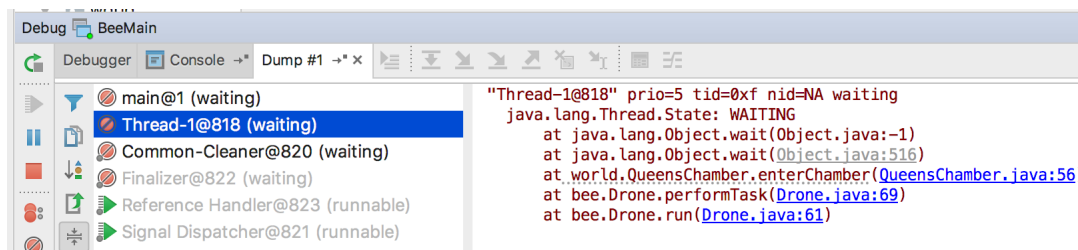
In this example with just one queen and one drone (no workers), there appears to be a hang. In debug mode we see:



By clicking the camera icon we can see the threads that are running (in the left hand window). Let's look at the main thread first.



It looks like the main thread is in world.BeeHive.end (look at the stack trace in red to the right) and is trying to join on a separate thread that has not completed its run cycle. Let's look at the separate thread directly below the main thread.



The problem is there is a drone thread that is "stuck" in the queen's chamber waiting to be notified (take a look at the right stack trace and you will see the drone is waiting inside `world.QueensChamber.enterChamber`). To fix this deadlock problem you need to make sure the queen dismisses every drone she doesn't mate with before the queen thread finishes running.

5 Submission

You will need to submit all of your code to the MyCourses assignment before the due date. You must submit your `src` folder as a ZIP archive named "hw9.zip" (if you submit another format, such as 7-Zip, WinRAR, or Tar, you will not receive credit for this homework).

6 Grading

The grade breakdown for this homework is as follows:

- Design: 20%.
- Functionality: 70%
- Code Style & Documentation: 10%