Modern JVM Multithreading

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Agenda

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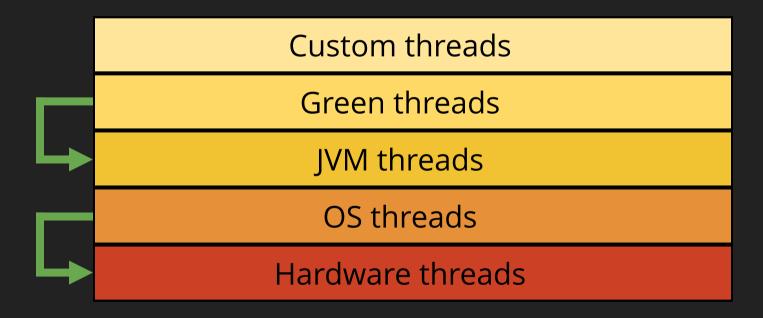
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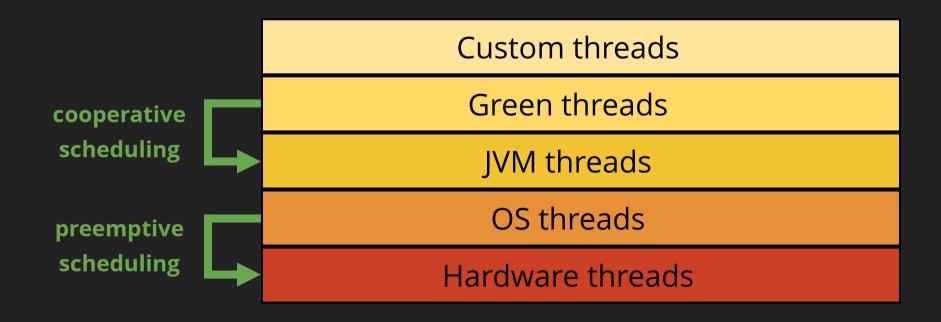
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Green threads

JVM threads

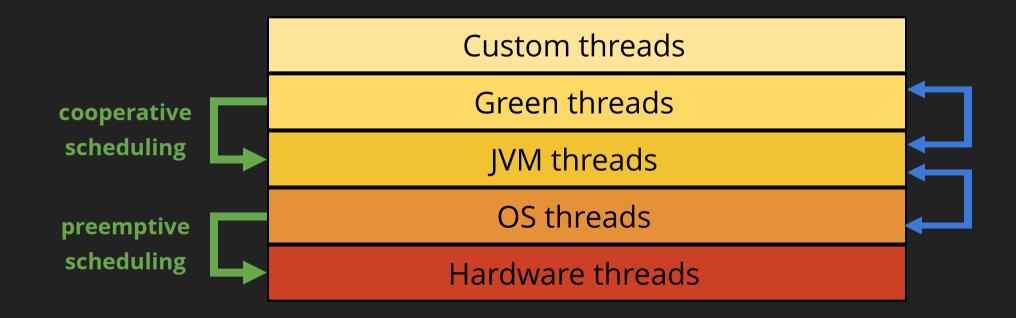
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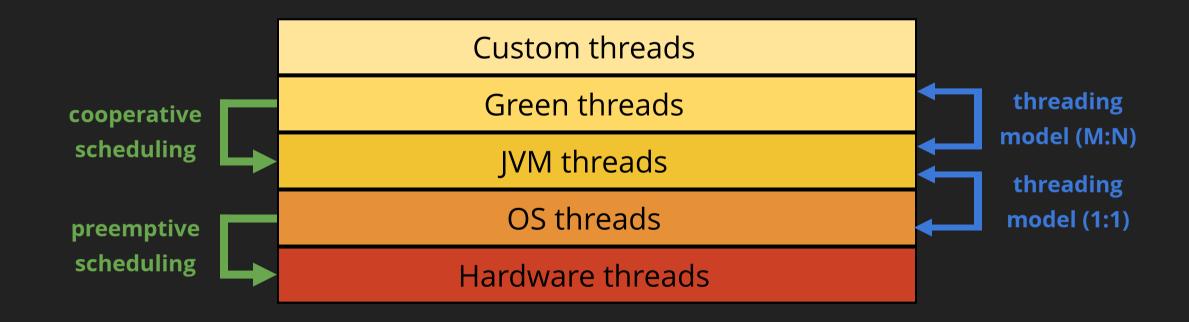
Hardware threads





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Overview

- Threads managed in user space instead of kernel space
- Scheduled by runtime library or virtual machine
- Usually scheduled cooperatively
- Examples: coroutines, goroutines, fibers

Goals

- Lower management costs
- More efficient resources usage
- Ability to block without blocking kernel threads
- Ability to be spawned in thousands
- Multithreading without native thread support

Implementations

- Continuations / Coroutines Project Loom, Kotlin Coroutines
- Fibers Quasar, Monix, Cats Effect, ZIO
- Virtual threads Project Loom
- Goroutines Go runtime
- Haskell threads GHC runtime
- **Erlang processes** *ERTS (Erlang RunTime System)*

グリーンスレッドの実装例は Project Loom、ファイバーだと Monix、Cats Effect、ZIO など

Project Loom: Introduction

- Continuation: a sequence of instructions that might be suspended and resumed
- Virtual thread: continuation + scheduler (e.g. ForkJoinPool)

Loom の紹介。継続と仮想スレッドから構成される。 継続: 一時停止したり、再開できる命令の列

Project Loom

- Native JVM support for continuations
- Virtual threads built on top of continuations
- Virtual threads will be used in the code just as regular threads, but they'll have different runtime characteristics
- Thread blocking will be transparently replaced by virtual thread blocking
- Main challenge: managing call stacks independently of the kernel threads

Loom は JVM による継続をサポート 継続に基づいた仮想スレッド

Project Loom - example

```
// Thread.java
public static void sleep(long millis) throws InterruptedException {
    if (millis < 0) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("timeout value is negative");
    }
    if (currentThread().isVirtual()) {
        long nanos = NANOSECONDS.convert(millis, MILLISECONDS);
        ((VirtualThread) currentThread()).sleepNanos(nanos);
    } else {
        sleep0(millis);
    }
}
private static native void sleep0(long millis) throws InterruptedException;</pre>
```

Reborn

- Locks
- Semaphores
- Channels
- Queues
- MVars
- STM
- Actors

Example

Example

Async vs Non-Blocking

Comparison

Asynchronous execution

Processing happens outside of the current control flow.

Non-blocking execution

Processing happens without blocking the current thread.

非同期: 現行制御フロー外での処理

ノンブロッキング: 現行スレッドをブロックしない処理

Blocking I/O

Risks of having too many threads

- Memory consumption
- Context switch overhead
- Decreased throughput
- Increased cache misses
- Increased number of GC roots
- Increased risk of deadlocks

大量のスレッドを作る弊害 メモリ量、コンテキスト切り替えオーバーヘッドなど

Common misconception

It's not about better I/O performance.
It's about more efficient resources usage.

I/O 性能の向上のためというのは誤解 そうではなく、リソース利用の効率化

System-level capabilities

- Linux: epoll, AIO, io_uring
- Windows: IOCP
- Mac OS: kqueue
- FreeBSD / NetBSD: kqueue
- Solaris: event ports

epoll などが os レベルで提供される ノンブロッキング機構の例

Network I/O

- Well supported by the operating systems
- Well supported by the JVM
- Examples: async-http-client, Spring WebClient, Java 11 HTTP Client

File I/O

- Well supported only by some operating systems
- Not fully supported on Linux*
- JVM on Linux: non-blocking file I/O doesn't exist
- JVM on Linux: AsynchronousFileChannel is blocking
- Affects not only JVM: libuv has the exact same problems

* might change with io_uring

Non-relational databases

- Well supported by non-relational databases
- MongoDB: Async Driver
- Cassandra: DataStax Java Driver
- Redis: Lettuce
- ...and many more!

Relational databases - problem

JDBC (Java Database Connectivity):

- Really old February 19, 1997
- Completely blocking API
- Low-level, leaky abstractions
- Nulls, exceptions, side-effects

Relational databases - solutions

Low-level:

- PostgreSQL: postgresql-async, jasync-sql
- MySQL: mysql-async, jasync-sql
- Generic: Loom-based JDBC ///

High-level:

- PostgreSQL: Quill, Skunk
- MySQL: Quill
- Generic: R2DBC

RDBMS 用に様々なソリューションが登場している

Relational databases - example

Goal:

We want to execute some application-level code each time a new offer is inserted into the database.

お題: offer がデータベースに挿入されるたびに何らかのアプリレベルのコードを実行したい

Relational databases - example

```
CREATE FUNCTION offer_created() RETURNS trigger as $$
BEGIN
    PERFORM pg_notify('offers', NEW.offer_id);
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER offer_created_trigger
AFTER INSERT ON offers
FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE offer_created();
```

Relational databases - example

```
// Skunk
val session: Resource[IO, Session[IO]] =
  Session.single(
   host = "localhost",
   port = 5432,
   user = "postgres",
   database = "world"
session.use { s =>
  val notifications = s
    .channel(id"offers")
    .listen(maxQueued = 10) // fs2.Stream[IO, Notification[String]]
                            // org.reactivestreams.Publisher[Notification[String]]
    .toUnicastPublisher
    .toObservable
                            // monix.reactive.Observable[Notification[String]]
```

Relational databases - generic solutions

ADBA (Asynchronous Database Access API)

- Oracle initiative
- Announced in 2016
- Also known as "Asynchronous JDBC"
- Responses wrapped in *CompletableFuture*
- No streaming/backpressure capabilities
- Not developed anymore: Loom-based JDBC will be used instead

R2DBC (Reactive Relational Database Connectivity)

- Spring (Pivotal) initiative
- Announced in 2018
- Responses wrapped in *Mono/Flux*
- Compliant with Reactive Streams
- First released in November of 2019

汎用ソリューションとして 2つある ADBA は現在開発中止中

R2DBC sneak peak

R2DBC sneak peak

Overview

Separate CPU-bound tasks from blocking I/O tasks.

Many applications will work fine with Scala's global thread pool. However, when we have rigorous performance requirements, it's good to have at least three different thread pools:

- one for CPU-bound tasks,
- one for blocking I/O tasks,
- one for non-blocking I/O tasks.

高速化のためには 3つのスレッドプールを作る CPUバウンドとI/Oバウンドなタスクは分ける

Single thread pool

When the application uses a single thread pool:

You can use *ForkJoinPool*, which is a very good general-purpose thread pool. It works well when you're mixing CPU-bound and IO-bound tasks.

ForkJoinPool は汎用性が高い 1つのスレッドプールを使うならこれ

Multiple thread pools

CPU-bound tasks

- many small tasks: beware thread contention (use e.g. ForkJoinPool)
- long-running tasks:
 use bounded pool
 (e.g. newFixedThreadPool)
- when in doubt: benchmark

Blocking I/O tasks

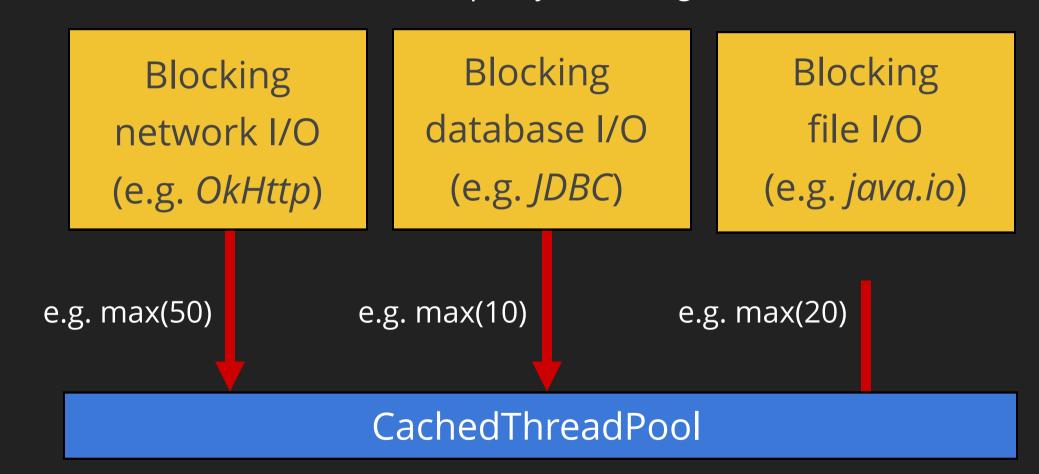
- use unbounded pool
 (e.g. newCachedThreadPool)
- provide limits at the higher, semantic level

Non-blocking I/O tasks

- use bounded pool
 (e.g. newFixedThreadPool)
- one or two threads should be enough
- should work only as a dispatcher

複数のスレッドプールを作る場合のガイドライン スレッドプールに上限を付けるか否かが重要

Unbounded pool for blocking I/O



ブロッキングIO 用の上限無しスレッドプール

#1

Avoid concurrency for as long as possible.

#2

Prefer high-level concurrency over low-level concurrency.

Times when you had to use wait() and notify() are long gone.

ロックなどの下位レベルのプリミティブよりも 上位レベルの並行機構を使えるか検討する

#3

Choose concurrency primitives carefully.

There is a reason for the existence of so many of them: each addresses a different problem.

並行プリミティブの選択には気をつけるやたらと数が多いのは用途が違うからだ

#4

Know your thread pools.

Control your own thread pools and identify thread pools from external libraries.
Otherwise this might hit you at the worst time.

スレッドプールと仲良くなる ライブラリが導入するスレッドプールにも注意

#4 - example

```
// OkHttp
val dispatcher = new Dispatcher()
dispatcher.setMaxRequestsPerHost(100)
dispatcher.setMaxRequests(100)
val client = new OkHttpClient()
    .newBuilder()
    .dispatcher(dispatcher)
    .build()
```

#4 - example



#5

Prefer libraries with pluggable thread pools.

- you should be in the full control of your application's runtime, not the developers of external libraries you're using
- if thread pools aren't pluggable, make sure they are at least configurable

#5 - example

```
// OkHttp
val threadPool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(100)
val dispatcher = new Dispatcher(threadPool)
dispatcher.setMaxRequestsPerHost(100)
dispatcher.setMaxRequests(100)
val client = new OkHttpClient()
    .newBuilder()
    .dispatcher(dispatcher)
    .build()
```

#5 - example



#6

Decide whether you optimize for fairness, or throughput.

The reason is that it determines the type of thread pools, and the number of their threads. Examples:

- ForkJoinPool is optimized for fairness
- CPU-bound tasks: exactly one thread per each CPU core is optimal

#7

Be careful with Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors()

There are two reasons for that:

- it's not 100% reliable when it comes to virtualized environments (e.g. it might return 1 if you have 4 cores)
- even if 1 is the correct answer, it might lead to some trivial deadlocks

#7 - solution

```
// The exact minimum depends on your environment
val numCores = math.max(4, Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors())
```

Problem

```
object Main {
   def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =
        Await.result(Foo.foo, Duration.Inf)
}

object Foo {
   def foo: Future[Nothing] =
        Future(123).flatMap(_ => Bar.bar)
}

object Bar {
   def bar: Future[Nothing] =
        Future(throw new IllegalArgumentException("Test exception"))
}
```

Problem

```
java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Test exception
at Bar$.$anonfun$bar$1(Main.scala:17)
at scala.concurrent.Future$.$anonfun$apply$1(Future.scala:671)
at scala.concurrent.impl.Promise$Transformation.run(Promise.scala:430)
at scala.concurrent.BatchingExecutor$AbstractBatch.runN(BatchingExecutor.scala:134)
at scala.concurrent.BatchingExecutor$AsyncBatch.apply(BatchingExecutor.scala:163)
at scala.concurrent.BatchingExecutor$AsyncBatch.apply(BatchingExecutor.scala:146)
at scala.concurrent.BlockContext$.usingBlockContext(BlockContext.scala:107)
at scala.concurrent.BatchingExecutor$AsyncBatch.run(BatchingExecutor.scala:154)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinTask$RunnableExecuteAction.exec(ForkJoinTask.java:1426)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinTask.doExec(ForkJoinTask.java:290)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool$WorkQueue.topLevelExec(ForkJoinPool.java:1020)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool.scan(ForkJoinPool.java:1554)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool.runWorker(ForkJoinPool.java:1594)
at java.base/java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool.runWorker(ForkJoinWorkerThread.java:177)
```

Solution attempts:

- Reactor's onOperatorDebug()
- Reactor Debug Agent
- Kotlin Coroutines (e.g. Debug Mode)
- Intellij Async Stack Traces
- ZIO
- Cats Effect
- Monix

Example

```
// Cats Effect
object Main {
    def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =
        Foo.foo.unsafeRunSync()
}

object Foo {
    def foo: IO[Nothing] =
        IO(123).flatMap(_ => Bar.bar)
}

object Bar {
    def bar: IO[Nothing] =
        IO(throw new IllegalArgumentException("Test exception"))
}
```

Example

```
// Cats Effect 2.1.x
java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Test exception
  at Bar$.$anonfun$bar$1(Main.scala:15)
 at cats.effect.internals.IORunLoop$.step(IORunLoop.scala:235)
  at cats.effect. IO. unsafeRunTimed(IO. scala: 338)
  at cats.effect. IO. unsafeRunSync(IO. scala: 256)
  at Main$.main(Main.scala:12)
  at Main.main(Main.scala)
  at java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke0(...)
  at java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(...)
  at java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(...)
  at java.base/java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Method.java:566)
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  at java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(...)
  at java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(...)
  at java.base/java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Method.java:566)
  Cats Effect 2.2.x
java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Test exception
  at Bar$.$anonfun$bar$1(Main.scala:15)
 at flatMap @ Foo$.foo(Main.scala:10)
```

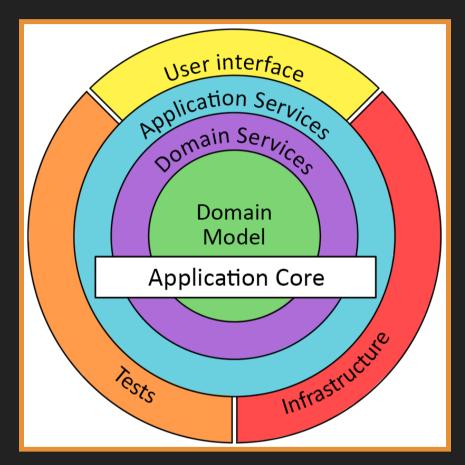
Application structure

Common approaches when it comes to structuring asynchronous Scala applications:

- Futures
- Akka Actors
- IO Monads (Task, IO, ZIO)
- Free monads
- Tagless-final encoding
- Other

General approaches

- Hexagonal architecture
- Ports and adapters
- Clean architecture
- Onion architecture



Source: https://dzone.com/articles/onion-architecture-is-interesting

Common denominator:

Dependency Inversion Principle (SOLID)

Dependency Inversion Principle

- 1. High-level modules should not depend upon low-level modules. Both should depend upon abstractions.
 - 2. Abstractions should not depend upon details. Details should depend upon abstractions.

~ Robert C. Martin, C++ Report, May 1996

```
// Domain
trait OfferRepository {
  def insert(offer: Offer): Task[Unit]
trait OfferEventPublisher {
  def publish(offerCreated: OfferCreated): Task[Unit]
class OfferService(
  repository: OfferRepository,
  publisher: OfferEventPublisher
  def insertAndNotify(offer: Offer): Task[Unit] =
    for {
        <- repository.insert(offer)
        <- publisher.publish(OfferCreated(offer))</pre>
    } yield ()
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// Infrastructure
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// Tests
class InMemoryOfferRepository extends OfferRepository {
 private val repository = TrieMap.empty[OfferId, Offer]
 override def insert(offer: Offer): Task[Unit] =
    Task(repository.putIfAbsent(offer.id, offer))
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  def insert(offer: Offer): F[Unit]
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  def publish(offerCreated: OfferCreated): F[Unit]
class OfferService[F[ ]: Monad](
  repository: OfferRepository[F],
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Approach #2 - problem

```
// Domain
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 def insert(offer: Offer): F[Unit]
// Infrastructure
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Approach #3 - Hybrid solution

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Summary

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