

Lab Class 2

1. Locate your Java program from previous lab class. It illustrates the interference between two concurrent threads, both incrementing a single shared variable. This lab will provide solutions to this problem.

2. Transform your program in the following way (avoid using **static** keyword):

2.1 Define a class **SharedClass** with 2 private attributes (you may use different identifiers):

```
private long SharedValue;  
private Lock LocalLock;
```

2.2 Define 2 constructors:

First constructor initialises the shared value `SharedValue`

Second constructor initialises the shared value `SharedValue` and the explicit lock `LocalLock`.

2.3 Define the **Increment Member Method** using the following steps:

```
long TempValue;  
TempValue = this.SharedValue;  
TempValue++;  
this.SharedValue = TempValue;
```

(Using TempValue increases the chance of interference)

2.4 Define member method **public long getSharedValue()**, which will return the private attribute **SharedValue**.

3. Once your class is ready, create a second class, which will extend the class **Thread**. (**class** `MyThread` **extends** `Thread`). Alternatively, you can implement the `Runnable` Interface.

3.1 The constructor of the `Thread` class should capture an instance of the previously defined **class** **SharedClass**

3.2 The `run()` method of the `Thread` class will call the **Increment Method** multiple times in the following fashion:

```
for(i=0; i<1000000; i++)  
{  
    SharedLocal.ExplicitLockIncrement();  
}
```

4. In your **main method**:

4.1 Create an Instance of the Shared class (SharedClass MySharedClass)

4.2 Create 2 instances (MyThreadA and MyThreadB) of the **thread class**:

```
MyThread MyThreadA = new MyThread(MySharedClass);  
MyThread MyThreadB = new MyThread(MySharedClass);
```

4.3 Run both threads. After the threads complete (ensure this by using **join**), print the shared value of **MySharedClass** by invoking **getSharedValue()** method. Observe the result.

5. Implement synchronization by adding additional methods to the SharedClass.

(The only modification to the Thread Class should be calling the corresponding **Increment Method**.)

5.1 By adding **synchronized** method:

```
public synchronized void SynchronizedMethodIncrement()
```

5.2 By adding **synchronized** block

```
synchronized(this)
```

```
{  
    // Increment code  
}
```

5.3 By using Explicit Lock

This will require an instance of the Lock as follows:

```
Lock MyLock = new ReentrantLock();  
MyLock will be passed during instantiation, involving the second class constructor:  
SharedClass MySharedClass = new SharedClass(0, MyLock);
```

Explicit lock can be implemented by calling:

1. Lock and unlock methods, or
2. tryLock and unlock methods

Use both and observe the result.

Finally, you will have 5 versions of the Increment method:

1. No synchronization

Synchronization achieved by:

2. Synchronized Method
3. Synchronized Block
4. Explicit Lock using Lock/unlock
5. Explicit Lock using tryLock/unlock