# Android Concurrency: Java ConditionObject



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# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Module

 Understand how ConditionObjects enable user-defined Java objects to have multiple wait-sets per object

Added in API level

#### AbstractQueuedSynchronizer.ConditionObject

extends Object

implements Serializable Condition

java.lang.Object

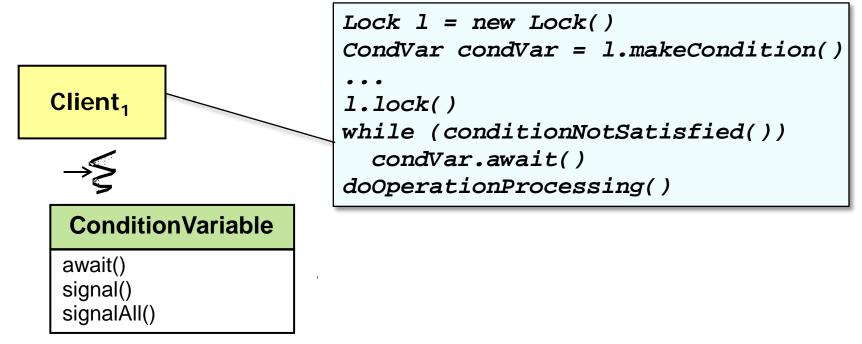
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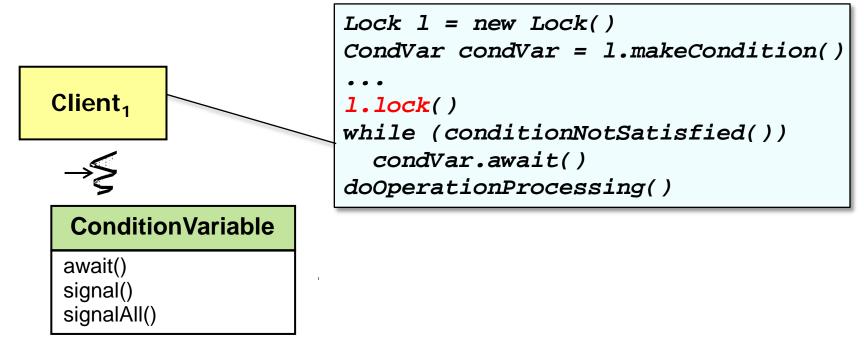
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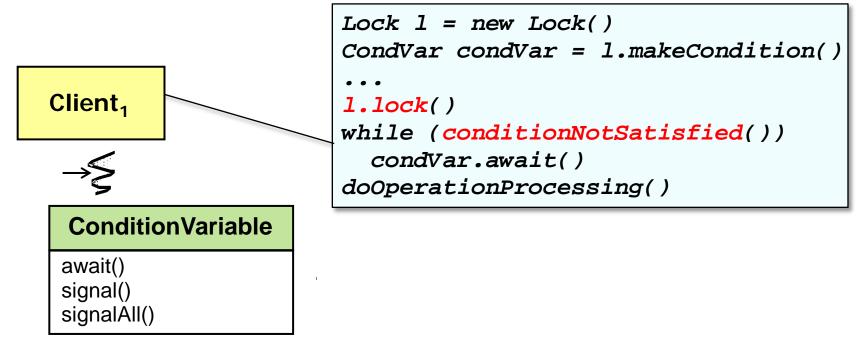
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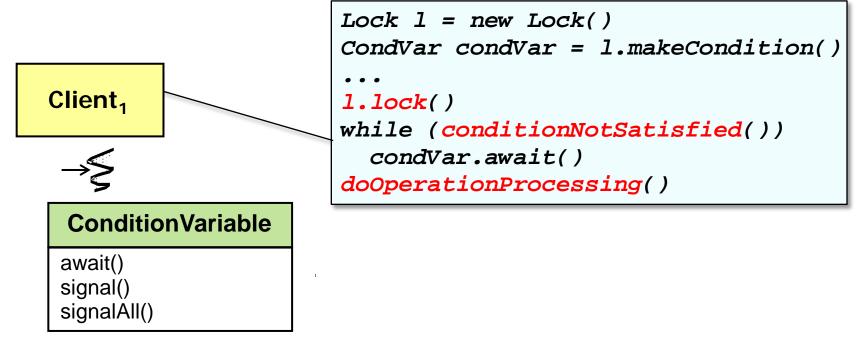
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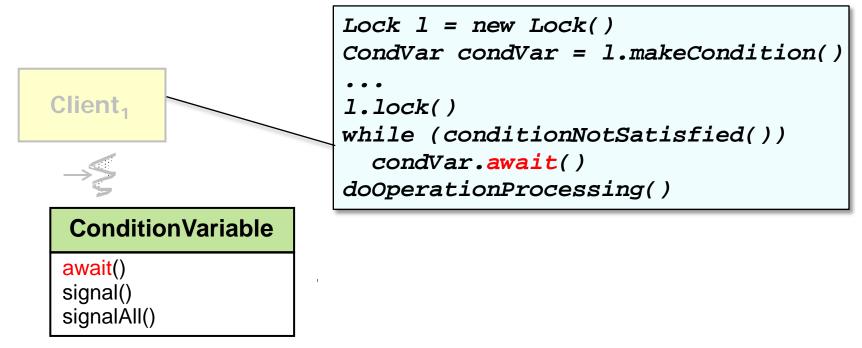
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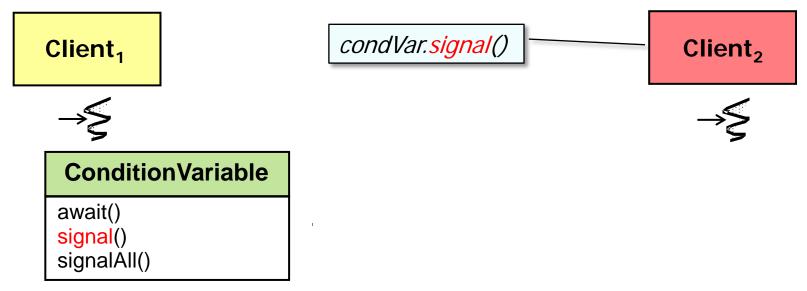
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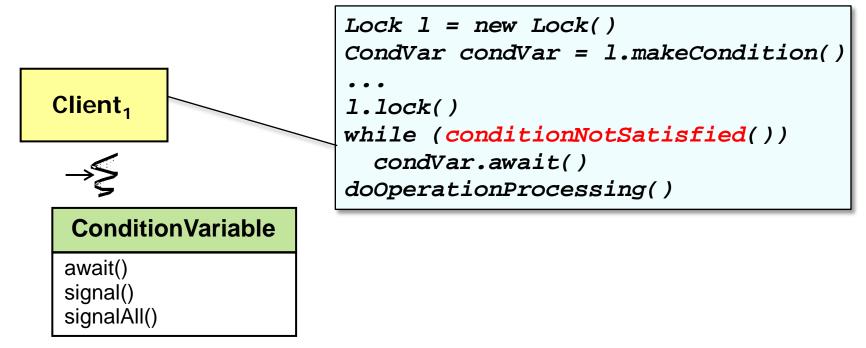
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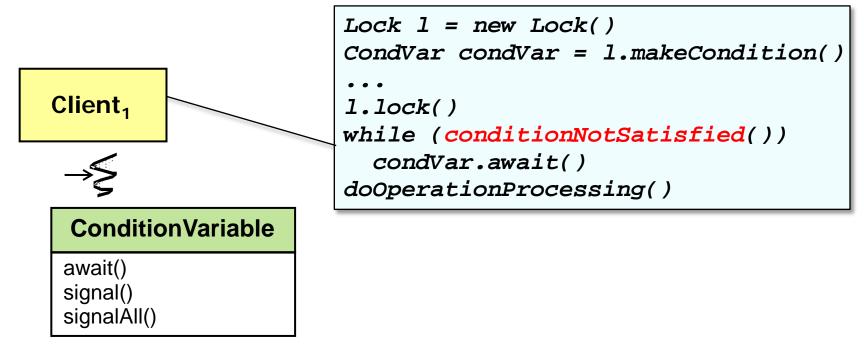
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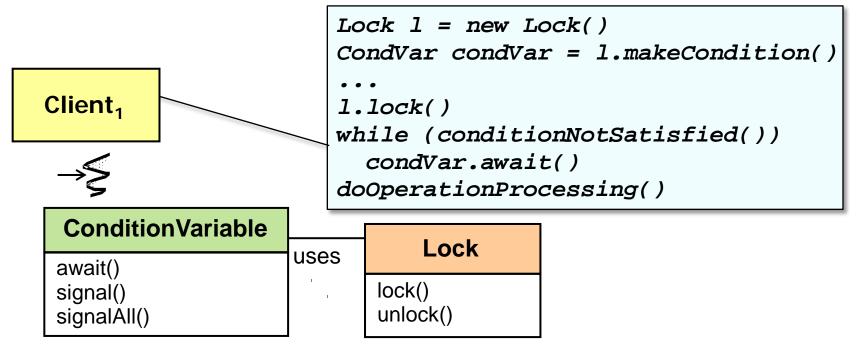
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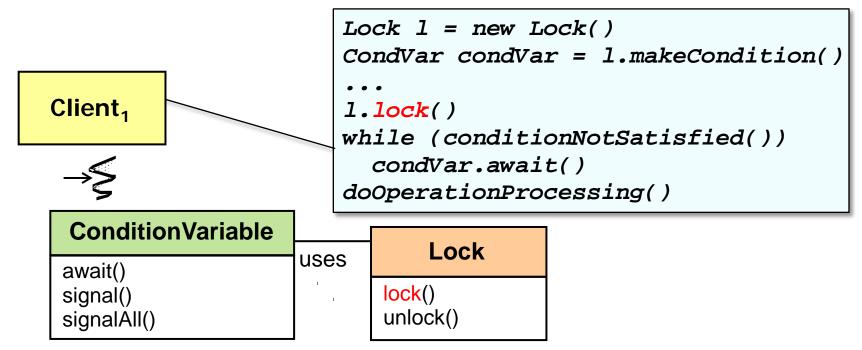
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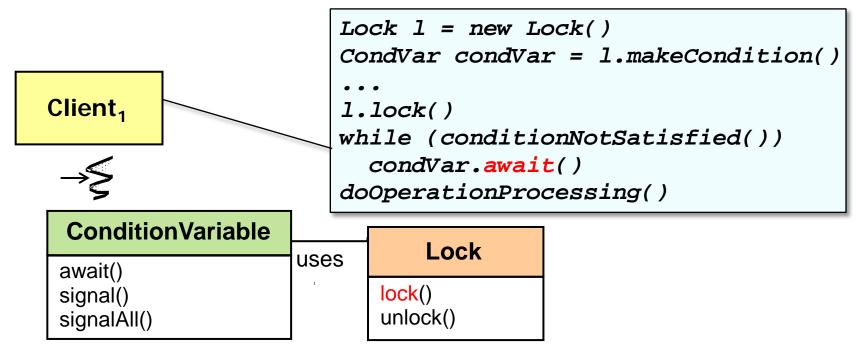
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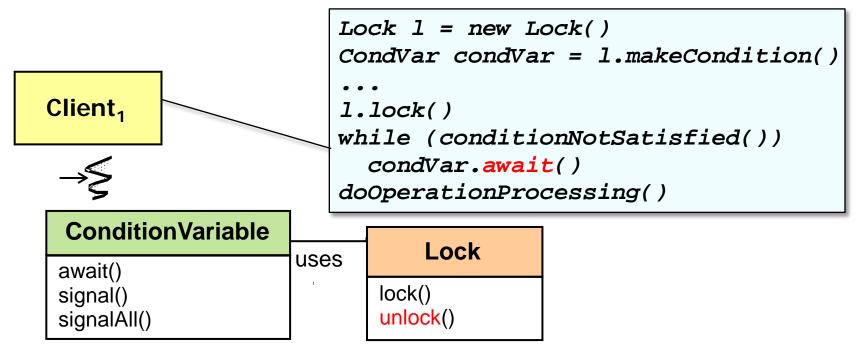
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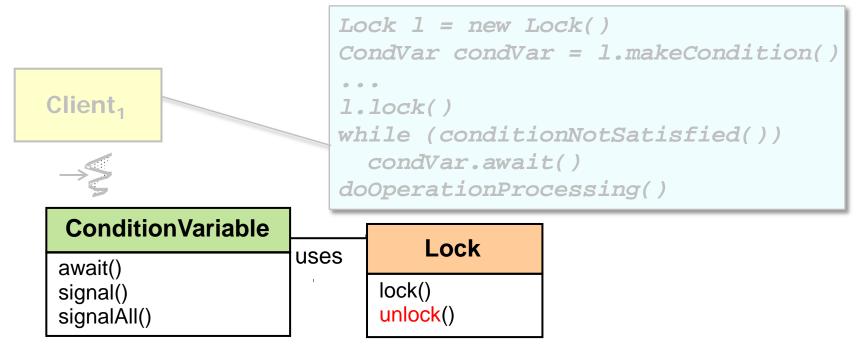
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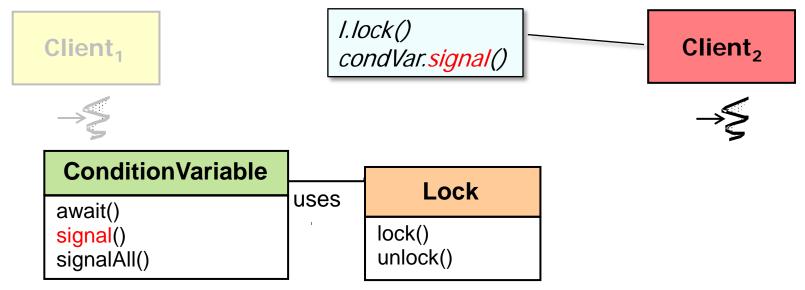
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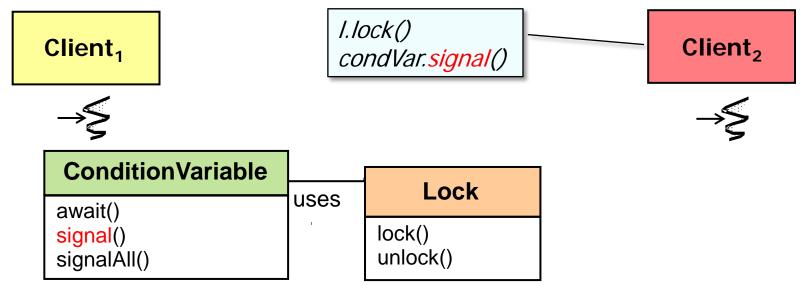
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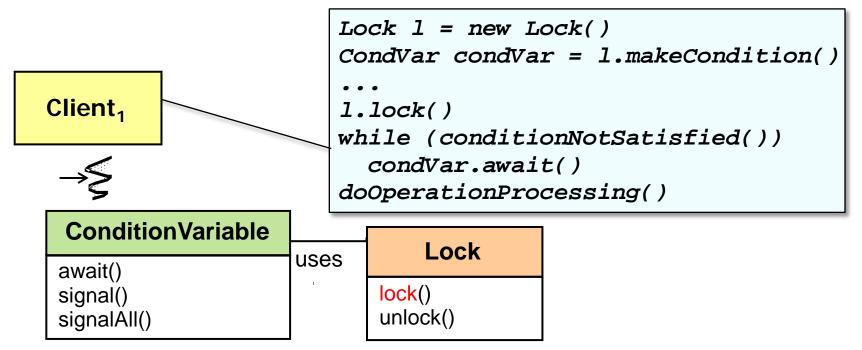
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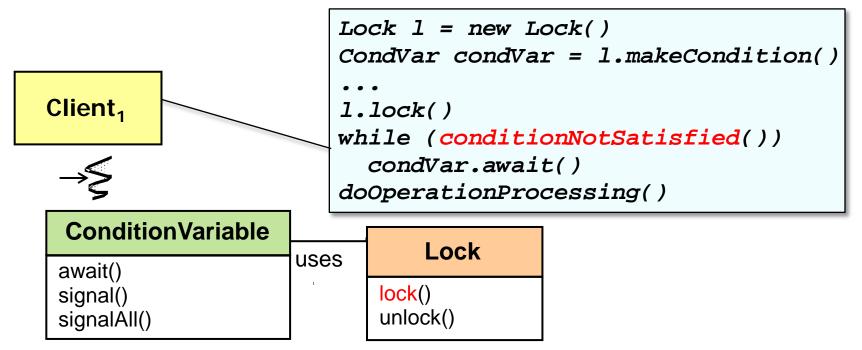
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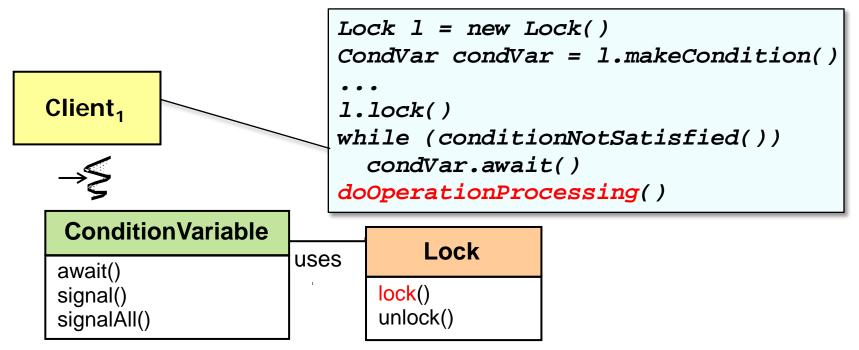
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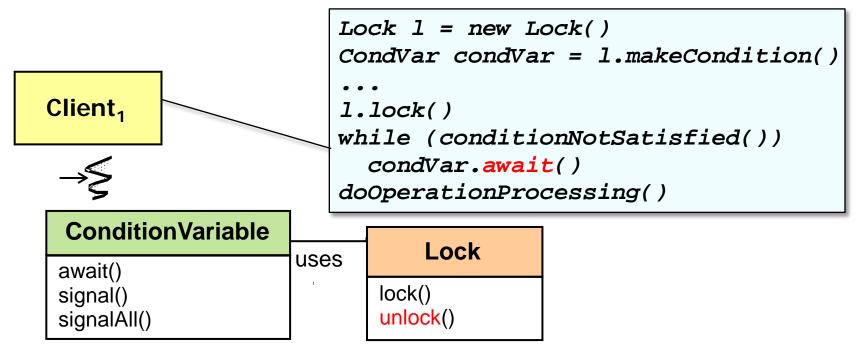
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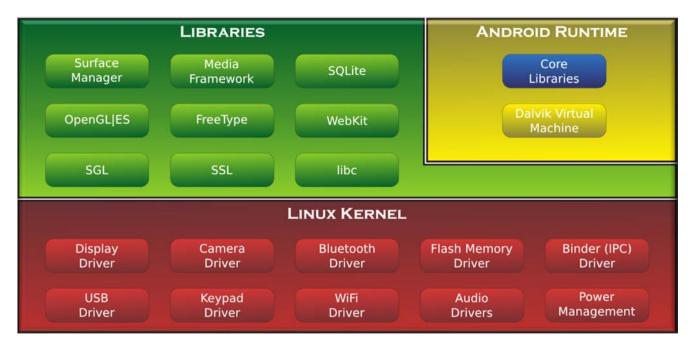
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#### java.util.concurrent

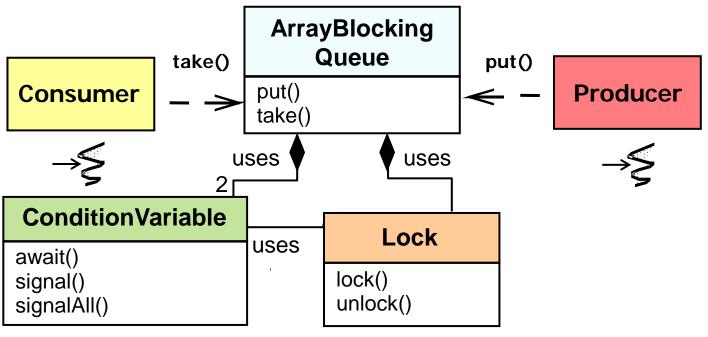
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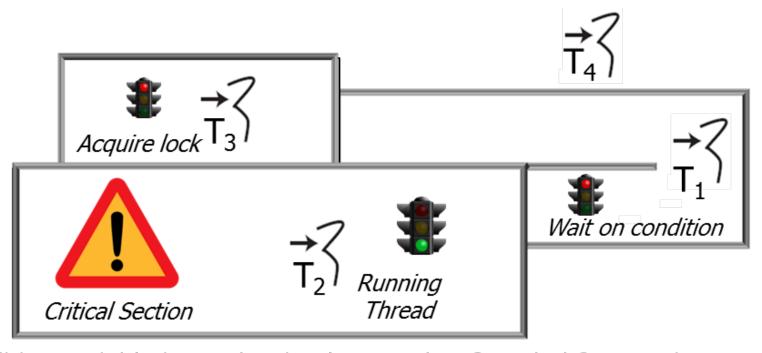
Interfaces and classes providing a framework for locking and waiting for conditions that is distinct from built-in synchronization and monitors. The framework permits much greater flexibility in the use of locks and conditions, at the expense of more awkward syntax.

The Lock interface supports locking disciplines that differ in semantics (reentrant, fair, etc), and that can be used in non-block-structured contexts including hand-over-hand and lock reordering algorithms. The main implementation is

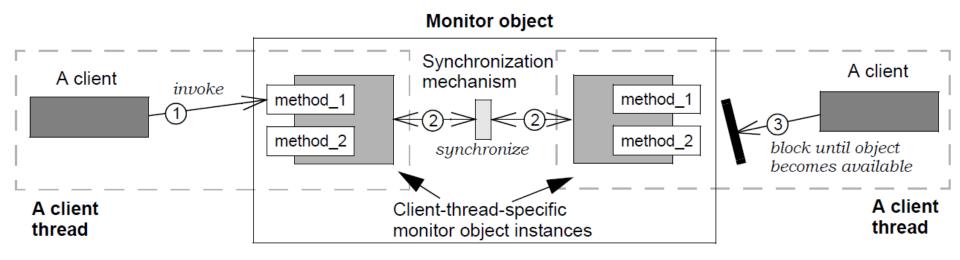
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See upcoming parts on the Monitor Object pattern



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# Human Known Use of Condition Variables





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Added in API level

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Added in API level 1

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java.lang.Object

Landroid.os.ConditionVariable

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Class that implements the condition variable locking paradigm.

This differs from the built-in java.lang.Object wait() and notify() in that this class contains the condition to wait on itself. That means open(), close() and block() are sticky. If open() is called before block(), block() will not block, and instead return immediately.

This class uses itself as the object to wait on, so if you wait() or notify() on a ConditionVariable, the results are undefined.

developer.android.com/reference/android/os/ConditionVariable.html has more

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  - It is mostly written in Java

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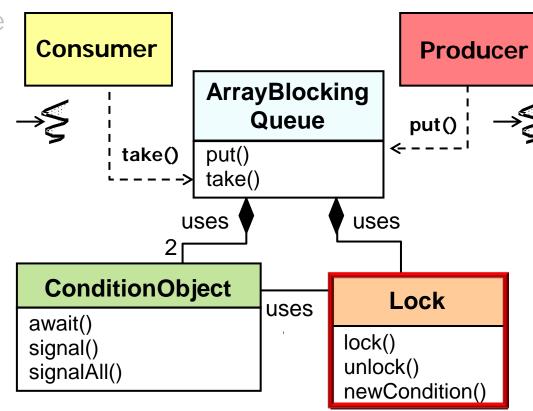
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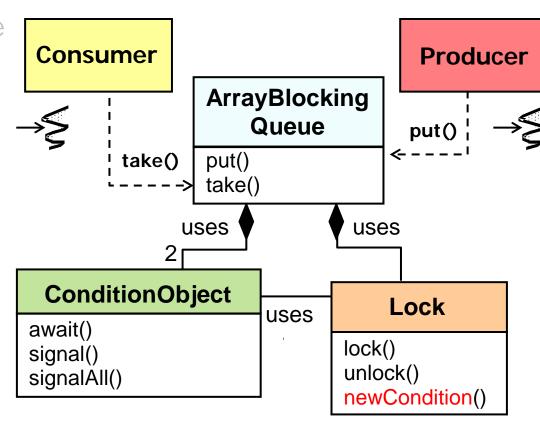
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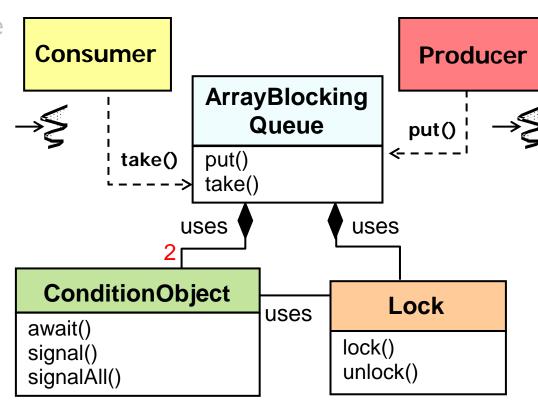
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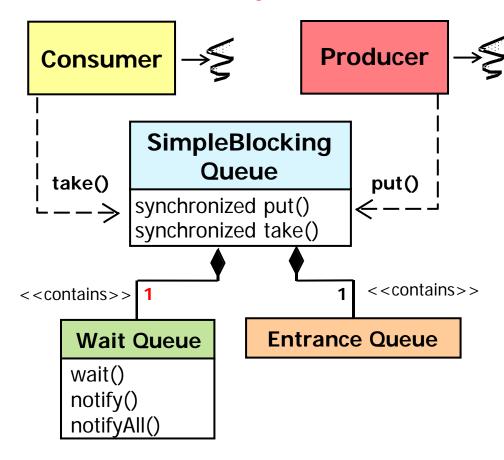
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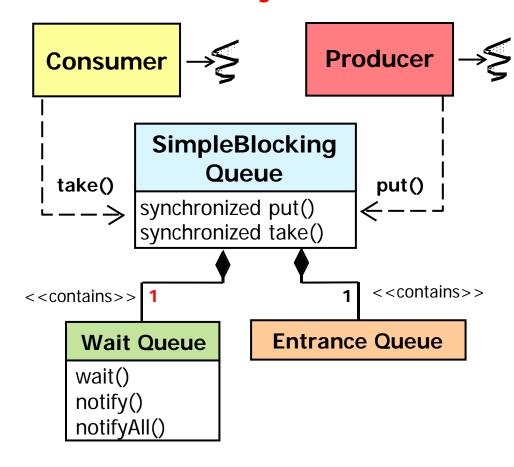
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java.lang.Object

Ljava.util.AbstractCollection<E>

Liava.util.AbstractQueue<E>

Ljava.util.concurrent.ArrayBlockingQueue<E>

#### Class Overview

A bounded blocking queue backed by an array. This queue orders elements FIFO (first-in-first-out). The *head* of the queue is that element that has been on the queue the longest time. The *tail* of the queue is that element that has been on the queue the shortest time. New elements are inserted at the tail of the queue, and the queue retrieval operations obtain elements at the head of the queue.

This is a classic "bounded buffer", in which a fixed-sized array holds elements inserted by producers and extracted by consumers. Once created, the capacity cannot be changed. Attempts to put an element into a full queue will result in the operation blocking; attempts to take an element from an empty queue will similarly block.

This class supports an optional fairness policy for ordering waiting producer and consumer threads. By default, this ordering is not guaranteed. However, a queue constructed with fairness set to true grants threads access in FIFO order. Fairness generally decreases throughput but reduces variability and avoids starvation.

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See <u>libcore/luni/src/main/java/java/util/concurrent/ArrayBlockingQueue.java</u>

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See earlier part on "Java ReentrantLock"

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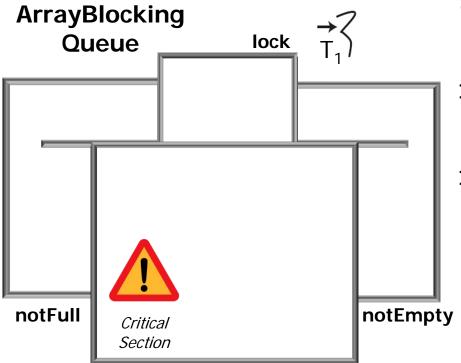
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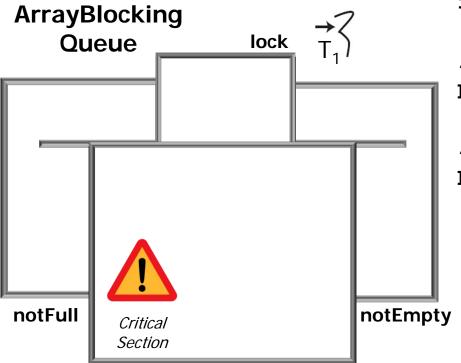
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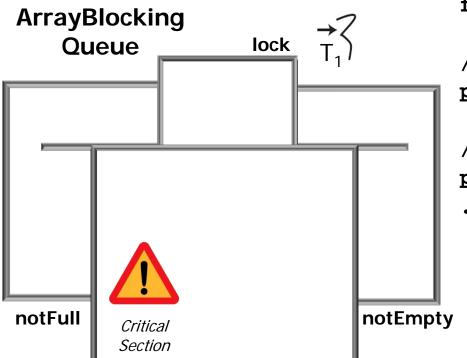
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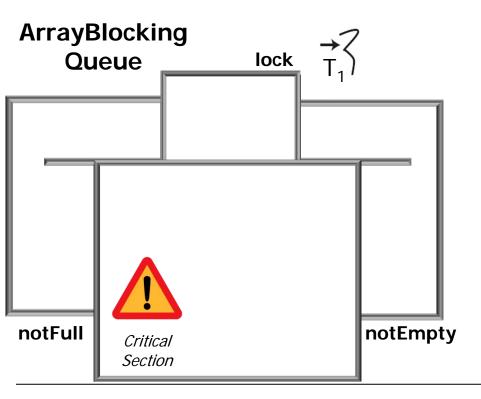
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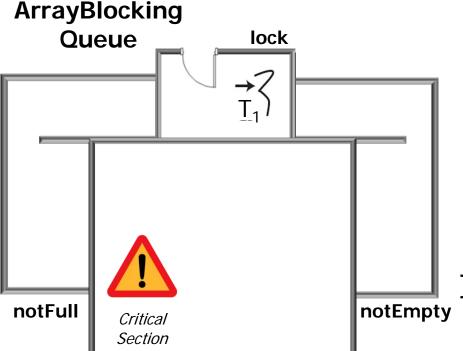
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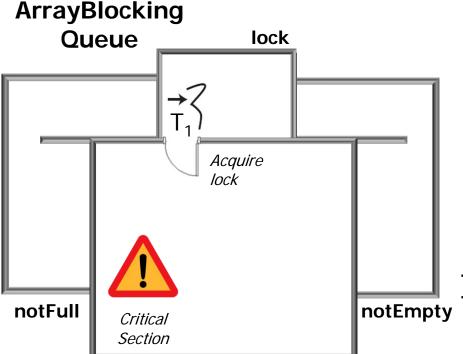
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    lock.lockInterruptibly();
    try {
      while (count == 0)
        notEmpty.await();
      return extract();
      finally {
      lock.unlock();
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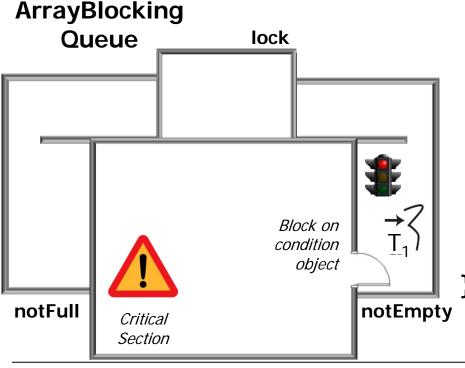
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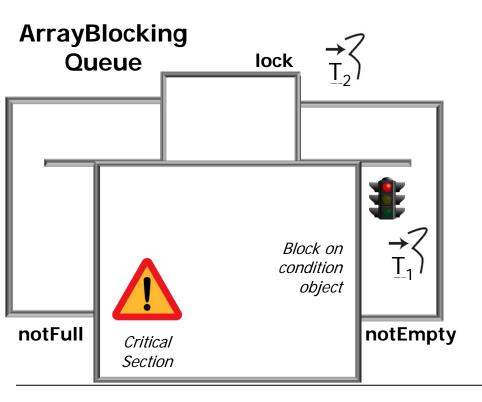
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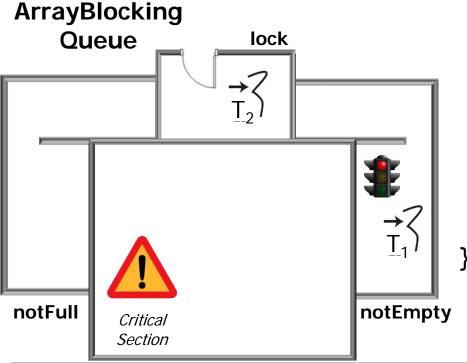
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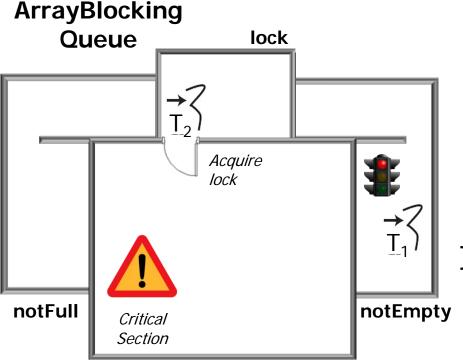
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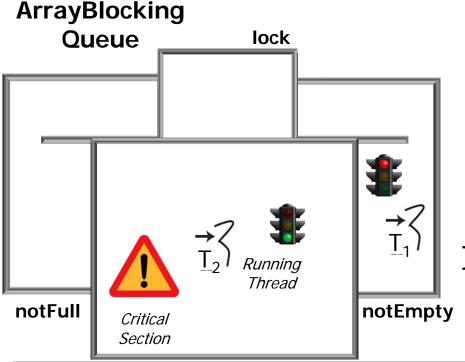
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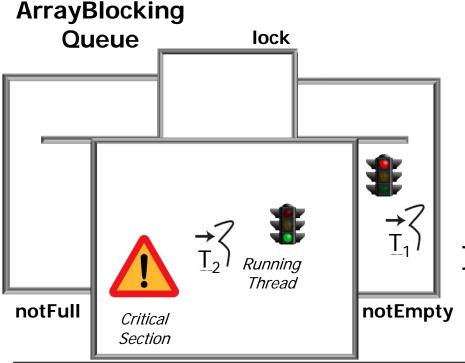
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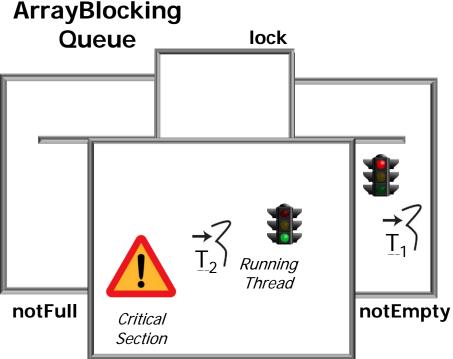
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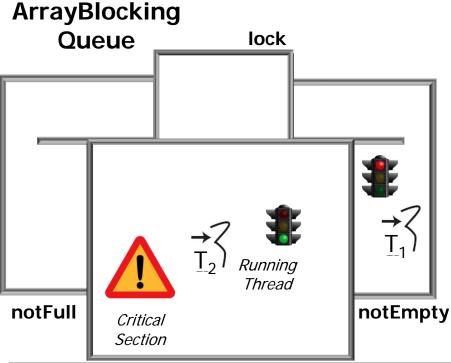
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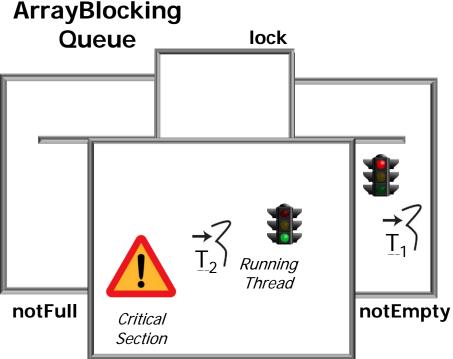
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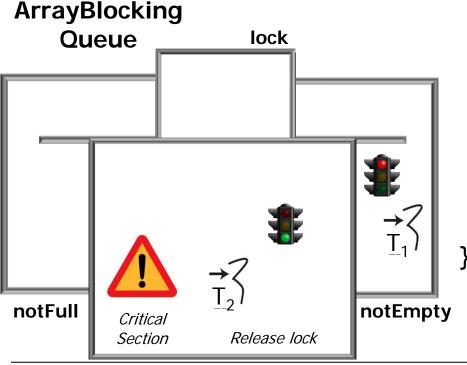
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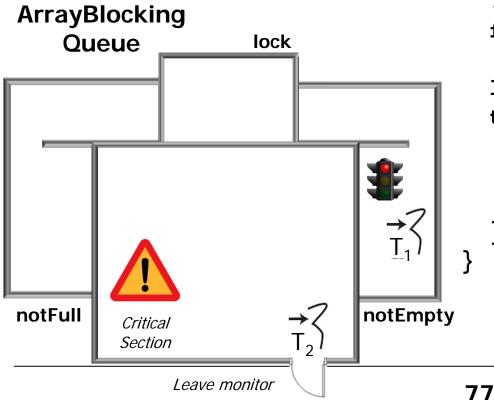
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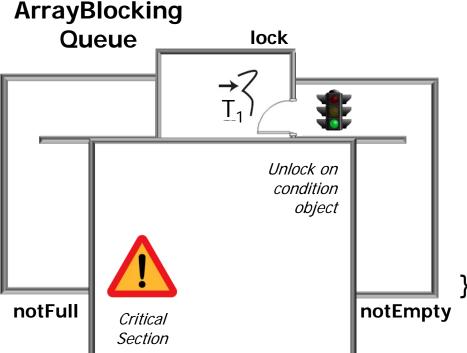
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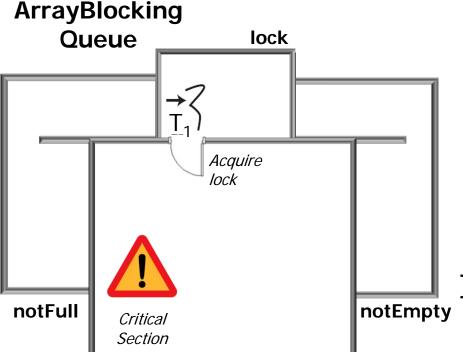
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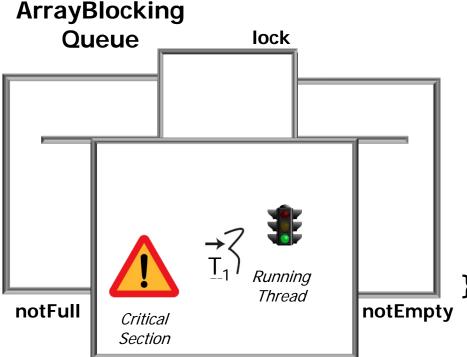
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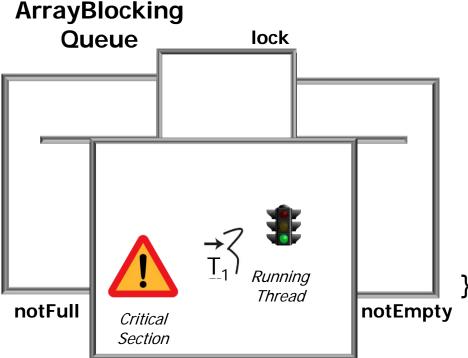
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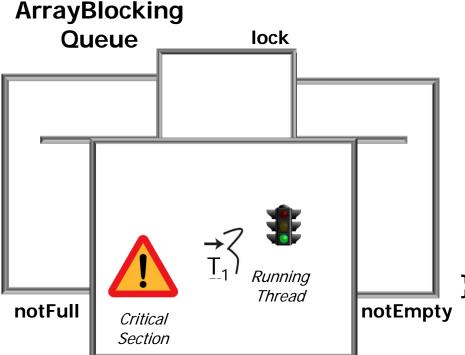
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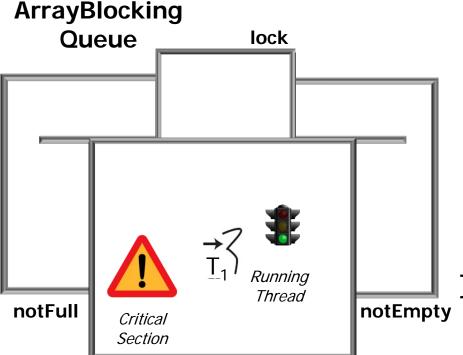
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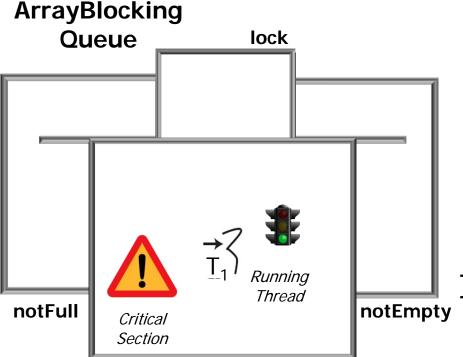
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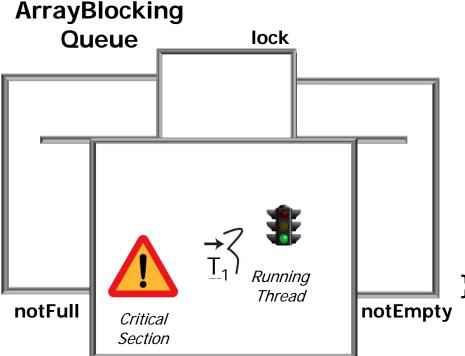
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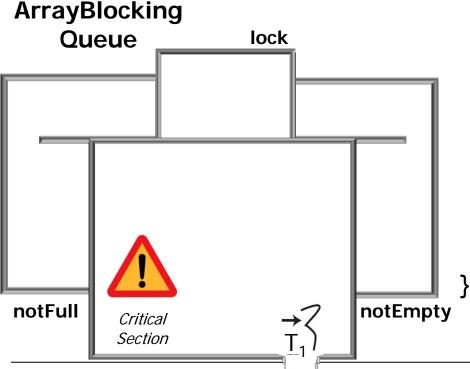
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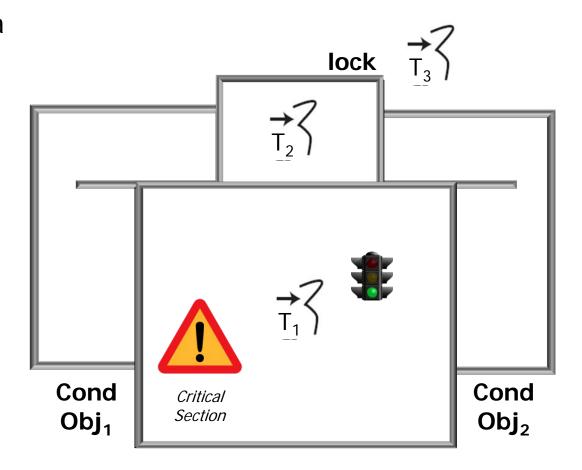


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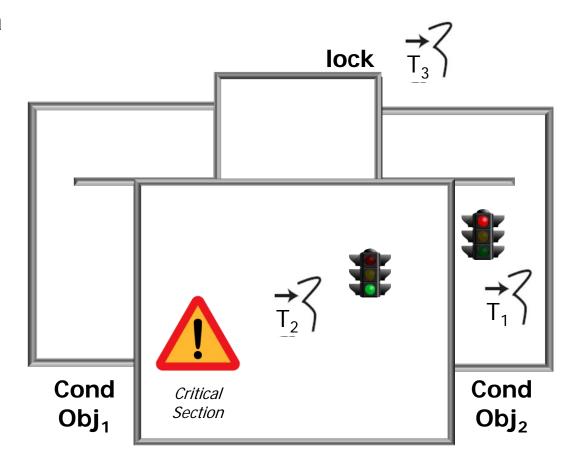
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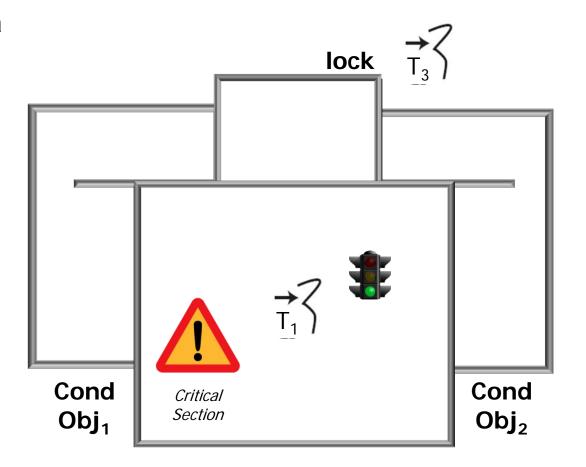
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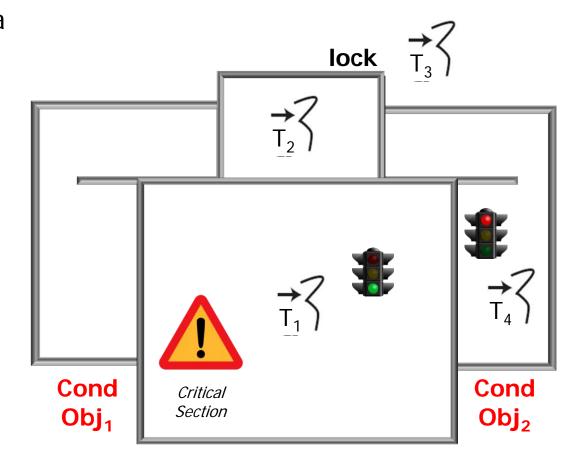
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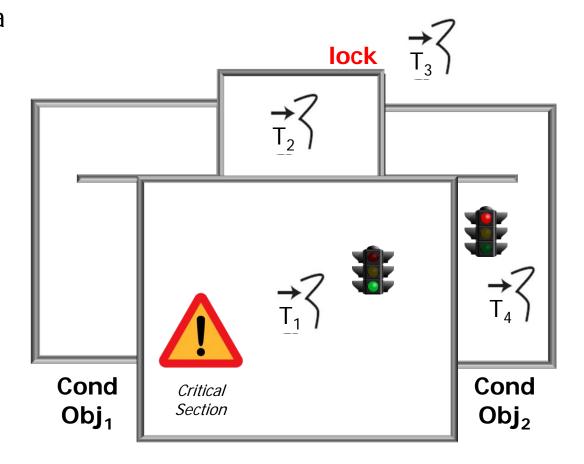
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#### java.util.concurrent.locks

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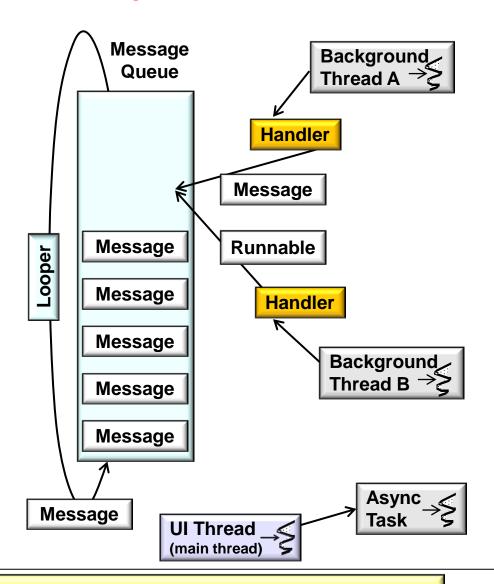
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### java.util.concurrent

Utility classes commonly useful in concurrent programming. This package includes a few small standardized extensible frameworks, as well as some classes that provide useful functionality and are otherwise tedious or difficult to implement. Here are brief descriptions of the main components. See also the java.util.concurrent.locks and java.util.concurrent.atomic packages.

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See upcoming module on "Android Concurrency Frameworks"