

# Custom Semaphore used for implementing Producer Consumer pattern in java

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In previous thread concurrency tutorial we learned how to implement [your own/custom Semaphore](#) in java. Now we will learn **Application of custom/own Semaphore in real world (for solving Producer Consumer problem in java)**.

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In previous posts we learned how to use [Semaphores](#) in java, and also implemented [custom Semaphore](#). Now, let's use Semaphore for implementing Producer Consumer pattern.

## 1) Logic behind using Custom Semaphore for implementing Producer Consumer pattern in java >

[Semaphore](#) on producer is created with permit =1. So, that producer can get the permit to produce.

Semaphore on consumer is created with permit =0. So, that consumer could wait for permit to consume. [because initially producer hasn't produced any product]

Producer gets permit by calling `semaphoreProducer.acquire()` and starts producing, after producing it calls `semaphoreConsumer.release()`. So, that consumer could get the permit to consume.

```
semaphoreProducer.acquire();
System.out.println("Produced : "+i);
semaphoreConsumer.release();
```

Consumer gets permit by calling `semaphoreConsumer.acquire()` and starts consuming, after consuming it calls `semaphoreProducer.release()`. So, that producer could get the permit to produce.

```
semaphoreConsumer.acquire();
System.out.println("Consumed : "+i);
semaphoreProducer.release();
```

## 2) Program to demonstrate usage of Custom Semaphore for implementing Producer Consumer pattern in java >

```
/** Copyright (c), AnkitMittal JavaMadeSoEasy.com */
/**
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 * All Contents are copyrighted and must not be reproduced in any form.
 * A semaphore controls access to a shared resource by using permits.
 *   - If permits are greater than zero, then semaphore
 *     allow access to shared resource.
 *   - If permits are zero or less than zero, then semaphore
 *     does not allow access to shared resource.
 */
class SemaphoreCustom{

    private int permits;

    /** permits is the initial number of permits available.
     * This value can be negative, in which case releases must occur
     * before any acquires will be granted, permits is number of threads
     * that can access shared resource at a time.
     * If permits is 1, then only one threads that can access shared
     * resource at a time.
     */
    public SemaphoreCustom(int permits) {
        this.permits=permits;
    }

    /**Acquires a permit if one is available and decrements the
     * number of available permits by 1.
     * If no permit is available then the current thread waits
     */
}
```

until one of the following things happen >  
>some other thread calls release() method on this semaphore or,  
>some other thread interrupts the current thread.

```
*/
public synchronized void acquire() throws InterruptedException {
    //Acquires a permit, if permits is greater than 0 decrements
    //the number of available permits by 1.
    if(permits > 0){
        permits--;
    }
    //permit is not available wait, when thread
    //is notified it decrements the permits by 1
    else{
        this.wait();
        permits--;
    }
}

/** Releases a permit and increases the number of available permits by 1.
    For releasing lock by calling release() method it's not mandatory
    that thread must have acquired permit by calling acquire() method.
*/
public synchronized void release() {
    //increases the number of available permits by 1.
    permits++;

    //If permits are greater than 0, notify waiting threads.
    if(permits > 0)
        this.notify();
}
}

/**
 * Main class, for testing SemaphoreCustom
 */
public class SemaphoreCustomConsumerProducer{

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        SemaphoreCustom semaphoreProducer=new SemaphoreCustom(1);
        SemaphoreCustom semaphoreConsumer=new SemaphoreCustom(0);
        System.out.println("semaphoreProducer permit=1 | semaphoreConsumer permit=0");

        Producer producer=new Producer(semaphoreProducer,semaphoreConsumer);
        Consumer consumer=new Consumer(semaphoreConsumer,semaphoreProducer);

        Thread producerThread = new Thread(producer, "ProducerThread");
        Thread consumerThread = new Thread(consumer, "ConsumerThread");

        producerThread.start();
        consumerThread.start();

    }
}

/**
 * Producer Class.
 */
class Producer implements Runnable{

    SemaphoreCustom semaphoreProducer;
    SemaphoreCustom semaphoreConsumer;

    public Producer(SemaphoreCustom semaphoreProducer,SemaphoreCustom semaphoreConsumer) {
        this.semaphoreProducer=semaphoreProducer;
        this.semaphoreConsumer=semaphoreConsumer;
    }

    public void run() {
        for(int i=1;i<=5;i++){
            try {
                semaphoreProducer.acquire();
                System.out.println("Produced : "+i);
                semaphoreConsumer.release();

            } catch (InterruptedException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
    }
}

/**
```

```

/* Consumer Class.
*/
class Consumer implements Runnable{

    SemaphoreCustom semaphoreConsumer;
    SemaphoreCustom semaphoreProducer;

    public Consumer(SemaphoreCustom semaphoreConsumer, SemaphoreCustom semaphoreProducer) {
        this.semaphoreConsumer=semaphoreConsumer;
        this.semaphoreProducer=semaphoreProducer;
    }

    public void run() {

        for(int i=1;i<=5;i++){
            try {
                semaphoreConsumer.acquire();
                System.out.println("Consumed : "+i);
                semaphoreProducer.release();
            } catch (InterruptedException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
    }
}

/*OUTPUT

semaphoreProducer permit=1 | semaphoreConsumer permit=0
Produced : 1
Consumed : 1
Produced : 2
Consumed : 2
Produced : 3
Consumed : 3
Produced : 4
Consumed : 4
Produced : 5
Consumed : 5

*/

```

*Let's discuss output in detail, to get better understanding of how we have used **Cus**  
**Semaphore** for implementing Producer Consumer pattern in java >*

**Note** : (I have mentioned output in **green** text and it's explanation is given in line immediately followed by it)

```

semaphoreProducer permit=1 | semaphoreConsumer permit=0
semaphoreProducer created with permit=1. So, that producer can get the permit to produce |
semaphoreConsumer created with permit=0. So, that consumer could wait for permit to consume.

```

semaphoreProducer.acquire() is called, Producer has got the permit and it can produce [Now, semaphoreProducer permit=0]

**Produced : 1** [as producer has got permit, it is producing]

semaphoreConsumer.release() is called, Permit has been released on semaphoreConsumer means consumer can consume [Now, semaphoreConsumer permit=1]

semaphoreConsumer.acquire() is called, Consumere has got the permit and it can consume [Now, semaphoreConsumer permit=0]

**Consumed : 1** [as consumer has got permit, it is consuming]

semaphoreProducer.release() is called, Permit has been released on semaphoreProducer means producer can produce [Now, semaphoreProducer permit=1]

```

Produced : 2
Consumed : 2
Produced : 3
Consumed : 3
Produced : 4
Consumed : 4
Produced : 5
Consumed : 5

```