

ReentrantLock class provides implementation of Lock's newCondition() method - description and solving producer consumer program using this method in java

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In previous thread concurrency tutorial we learned what is [Locks and ReentrantLocks in java](#) and in this thread concurrency tutorial we will learn about **Condition** interface, Condition interface **important methods**, Program to demonstrate usage of **newCondition()** method for solving Producer consumer problem, difference between **traditional synchronization** and **Condition** interface.

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1) About **Condition** interface in thread concurrency in java.

Condition interface is found in java.util.concurrent.locks package.
Condition instance are similar to using [Wait\(\), notify\(\) and notifyAll\(\)](#) methods on object.

In case of **traditional synchronization**, there is **only one object monitor** so we can have only **single wait-set per object**. But, Condition instance are used with Lock instance, **Condition factors out the Object monitor methods** (wait, notify and notifyAll) into distinct objects to give the **multiple wait-sets per object**.

Lock replaces the use of synchronized methods and blocks, & a **Condition** replaces the use of the Object monitor methods.

1.1) Condition interface **important methods** in java >

- void await()

method is **similar to** [wait\(\)](#) method of object class.

method causes the current thread to wait until one of the following thing happen >

- signal()/signalAll() method is called, or
- current thread is interrupted.

- boolean await(long time, TimeUnit unit)

method is **similar to** [wait\(long timeout\)](#) method of object class.

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- signal()/signalAll() method is called, or
- current thread is interrupted, or
- specified **time** elapses.

- void signal()

method is **similar to** [notify\(\)](#) method of object class.

Wakes up one waiting thread. Thread waits by calling await() method.

- void signalAll()

method is **similar to** [notifyAll\(\)](#) method of object class.

Wakes up all waiting thread. Thread waits by calling await() method.

2) **ReentrantLock** is a class which implements **Lock** interface. So, ReentrantLock class provides implementation of Lock's **newCondition()** method in java >

- **Condition newCondition()**

Method returns a Condition instance to be used with this Lock instance.

Condition instance are similar to using [Wait\(\)](#), [notify\(\)](#) and [notifyAll\(\)](#) methods.

- **IllegalMonitorStateException** is thrown if this lock is not held when any of the **Condition waiting** or **signalling methods** are called.
- **Lock is released** when the **condition waiting methods are called** and before they return, the lock is reacquired and the **lock hold count** restored to what it was when the method was called.
- If a **thread is interrupted while waiting** then **InterruptedException** will be thrown and following things will happen -
 - the **wait will be over**, and
 - **thread's interrupted status will be cleared**.
- Waiting threads are signalled in FIFO (first in first out order) order.
- When lock is **fair**, first lock is obtained by longest-waiting thread.
If lock is not **fair**, any waiting thread could get lock, at discretion of implementation.

3) Program/ Example to demonstrate usage of newCondition() method - solving Producer consumer problem in java >

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.concurrent.locks.Condition;
import java.util.concurrent.locks.Lock;
import java.util.concurrent.locks.ReentrantLock;

/** Copyright (c), AnkitMittal JavaMadeSoEasy.com */
public class ReentrantLockConditionTest {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        List<Integer> sharedQueue = new LinkedList<Integer>(); //Creating shared object

        Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();
        //producerCondition
        Condition producerCondition = lock.newCondition();
        //consumerCondition
        Condition consumerCondition = lock.newCondition();

        Producer producer=new Producer(sharedQueue,lock,producerCondition,consumerCondition);
        Consumer consumer=new Consumer(sharedQueue,lock,producerCondition,consumerCondition);

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

    }

}

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

    private List<Integer> sharedQueue;
    private int maxSize=2; //maximum number of products which sharedQueue can hold at a time.

    Lock lock;
    Condition producerCondition;
    Condition consumerCondition;

    public Producer(List<Integer> sharedQueue, Lock lock,
        Condition producerCondition, Condition consumerCondition) {
        this.sharedQueue = sharedQueue;
        this.lock=lock;
        this.producerCondition=producerCondition;
        this.consumerCondition=consumerCondition;
    }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) { //produce 10 products.
            try {
```

```

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

    public void produce(int i) throws InterruptedException {
        lock.lock();

        // if sharedQueue is full producer await until consumer consumes.
        if (sharedQueue.size() == maxSize) {
            producerCondition.await();
        }

        System.out.println("Produced : " + i);
        // as soon as producer produces (by adding in sharedQueue) it signals consumer.
        sharedQueue.add(i);
        consumerCondition.signal();

        lock.unlock();
    }
}

/**
 * Consumer Class.
 */
class Consumer implements Runnable {
    private List<Integer> sharedQueue;
    Lock lock;
    Condition producerCondition;
    Condition consumerCondition;

    public Consumer(List<Integer> sharedQueue, Lock lock,
        Condition producerCondition, Condition consumerCondition) {
        this.sharedQueue = sharedQueue;
        this.lock=lock;
        this.producerCondition=producerCondition;
        this.consumerCondition=consumerCondition;
    }

    @Override
    public void run() {
        for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) { //produce 10 products.
            try {
                consume();
            } catch (InterruptedException e) { e.printStackTrace(); }
        }
    }

    public void consume() throws InterruptedException {
        lock.lock();

        // if sharedQueue is empty consumer await until producer produces.
        if (sharedQueue.size() == 0) {
            consumerCondition.await();
        }

        /*If sharedQueue not empty consumer will consume
        * (by removing from sharedQueue) and signal the producer.
        */
        System.out.println("CONSUMED: " + sharedQueue.remove(0));
        producerCondition.signal();

        lock.unlock();
    }
}

}

/*OUTPUT
Produced : 1
Produced : 2
CONSUMED: 1
CONSUMED: 2
Produced : 3
Produced : 4
CONSUMED: 3
CONSUMED: 4
Produced : 5
Produced : 6
CONSUMED: 5
CONSUMED: 6

```

```

Produced : 7
Produced : 8
CONSUMED: 7
CONSUMED: 8
Produced : 9
Produced : 10
CONSUMED: 9
CONSUMED: 10
*/

```

3.1) Program and output analyzation >

We created following and shared them with both producer and consumer

- `sharedQueue`
- `Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();`
`//producerCondition`
- `Condition producerCondition = lock.newCondition();`
`//consumerCondition`
- `Condition consumerCondition = lock.newCondition();`

Below operations are performed by acquiring a lock [by calling `lock.lock()`].

`if sharedQueue is full producer await [by calling producerCondition.await()] until consumer consumes.`

`As soon as producer produces [by calling sharedQueue.add(i)], it signals consumer[by calling consumerCondition.signal()]. Once signalling has been release lock [by calling lock.unlock()]`

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`if sharedQueue is empty consumer await [by calling consumerCondition.await()] until producer produces.`

`If sharedQueue not empty consumer will consume [by calling sharedQueue.remove(0)] and signal the producer [by calling producerCondition.signal()]. Once signalling has been release lock [by calling lock.unlock()]`

4) Difference between traditional synchronization and Condition interface in thread concurrency in java.

- In case of **traditional synchronization**, there is **only one object monitor** so we can have only **single wait-set per object**. But, Condition instance are used with Lock instance, **Condition factors out the Object monitor methods** (wait, notify and notifyAll) into distinct objects to give the **multiple wait-sets per object**.
- **Example >** In the above program we we created `producerCondition` and `consumerCondition` from Lock. And thread rather than [acquiring and releasing lock on producer object as done in previous tutorials](#), acquired and released lock on `producerCondition` and `consumerCondition`. Hence, enabling **multiple wait-sets per object**.

Summary >

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