

Concurrency:

Concurrency is the ability of a database to allow multiple users to affect multiple transactions. This is one of the main properties that separates a database from other forms of data storage like spreadsheets. The ability to offer **concurrency** is unique to databases .

Concurrency JAVA API:

Java 5 added a new Java package to the Java platform, the **java.util.concurrent** package. This package contains a set of classes that makes it easier to develop concurrent (multithreaded) **applications** in Java. Before this package was added, you would have to program your utility classes yourself.

What is concurrency and parallelism?

Concurrency means multiple tasks which start, run, and complete in overlapping time periods, in no specific order. **Parallelism** is when multiple tasks OR several part of a unique task literally run at the same time, e.g. on a multi-core processor. Remember that **Concurrency and parallelism** are NOT the same thing.

It is not **parallelism**. **Concurrency** is not **parallelism**, although it enables **parallelism**. If you have only one processor, your **program** can still be **concurrent** but it cannot be **parallel**. **parallel programming** happens when code is being executed at the same time and each execution is independent of the other.

What is a concurrent system?

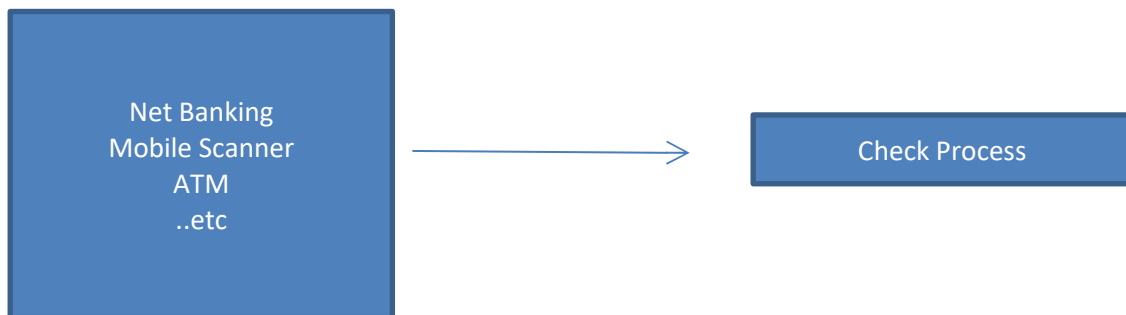
Concurrent processing is a computing model in which multiple processors execute instructions simultaneously for better performance. **Concurrent** means something that happens at the same time as something else.

Thread Pool OR Executor Framework :

Traditional Framework :

- 1- Not Robust
- 2- Expensive
- 3- Not proper resource utilization

Assume a Producer Consumer Environment :



main thread

create pool

for i = 1 .. 1000 {
submit-tasks
}

Fixed number of threads

t0

t1

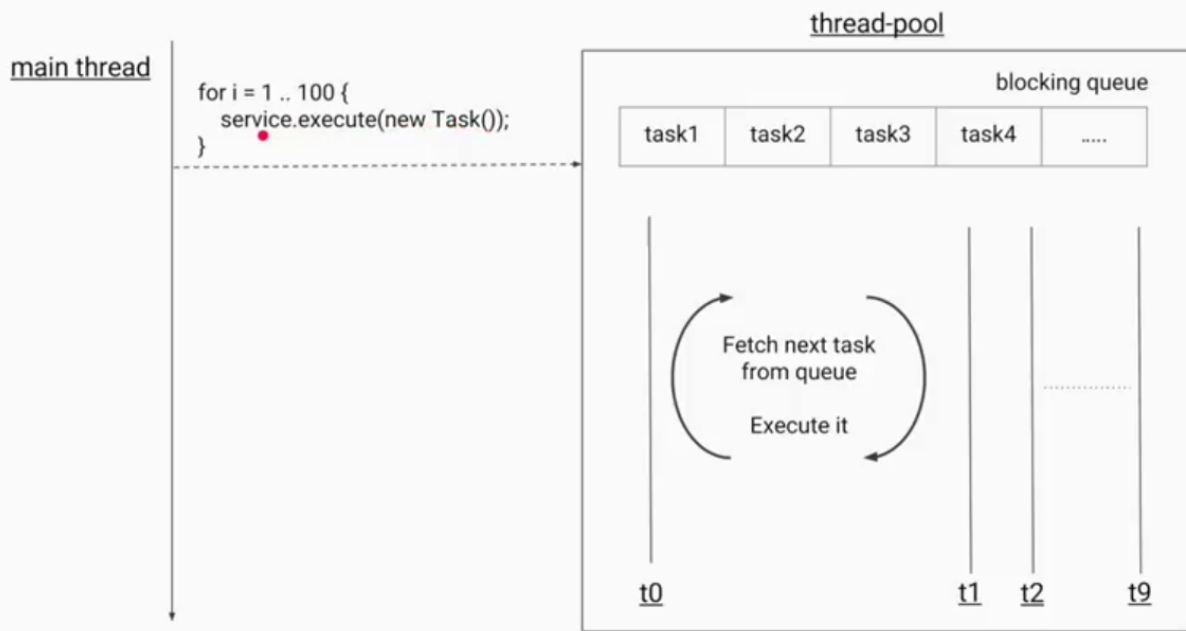
t2

t9

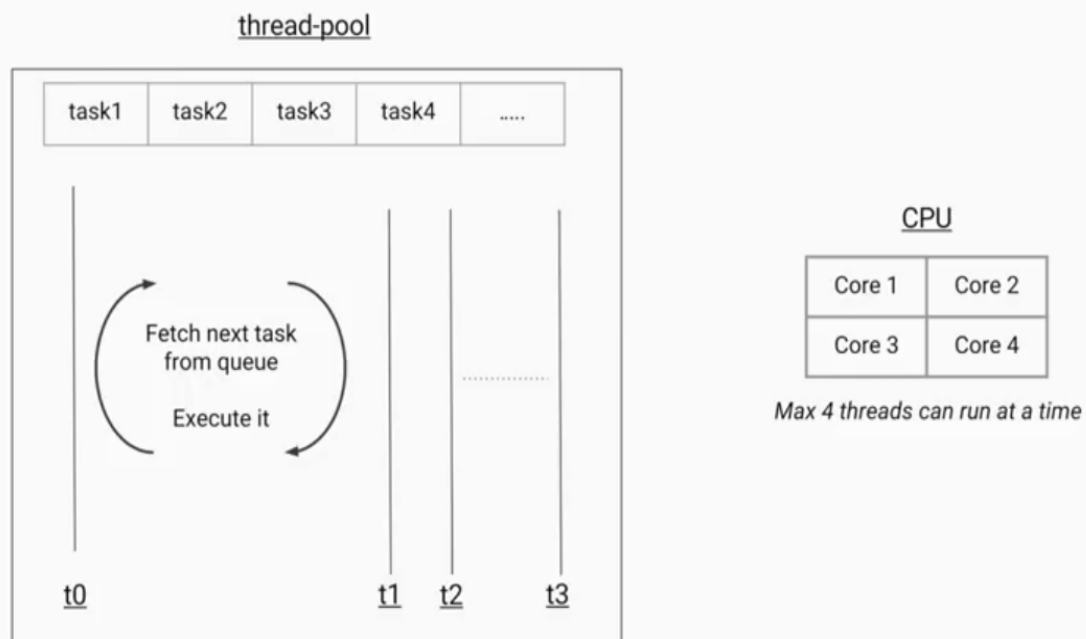
Thread pool

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // create the pool  
    ExecutorService service = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 10);  
  
    // submit the tasks for execution  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        service.execute(new Task());  
    }  
    System.out.println("Thread Name: " + Thread.currentThread().getName());  
}  
  
static class Task implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("Thread Name: " + Thread.currentThread().getName());  
    }  
}
```

Submit tasks using ThreadPool



How thread pool internally works



CPU intensive operations

```

public static void main(String[] args) {

    // get count of available cores
    int coreCount = Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors();
    ExecutorService service = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(coreCount);

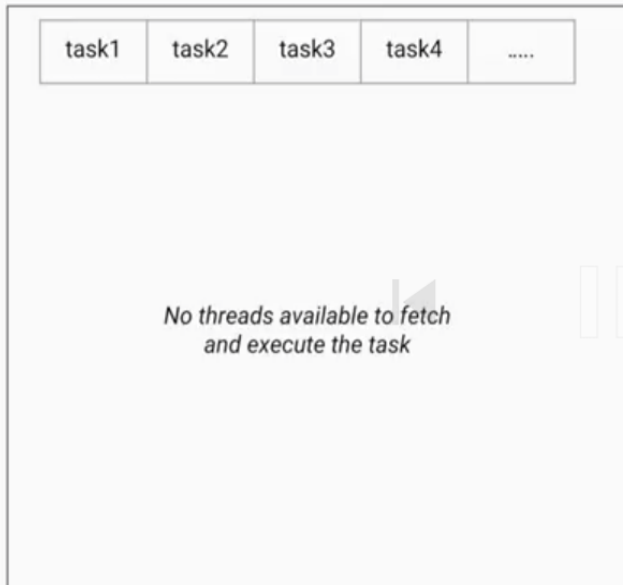
    // submit the tasks for execution
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
        service.execute(new CpuIntensiveTask());
    }
}

static class CpuIntensiveTask implements Runnable {
    public void run() {
        // some CPU intensive operations
    }
}

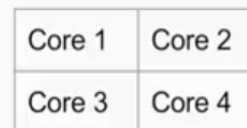
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Pool size for CPU intensive Tasks

thread-pool



CPU



Max 4 threads can run at a time

Waiting threads



Threads waiting for IO operation
response from the OS

IO intensive operations



thread-pool



CPU

| | |
|--------|--------|
| Core 1 | Core 2 |
| Core 3 | Core 4 |

Max 4 threads can run at a time

Waiting threads

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|----|----|----|----|------|
| t3 | t5 | t6 | t7 | |
|----|----|----|----|------|

Threads waiting for IO operation
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IO intensive operations

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // much higher count for IO tasks  
    ExecutorService service = Executors.newFixedThreadPool( nThreads: 100);  
  
    // submit the tasks for execution  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        service.execute(new IOTask());  
    }  
}  
  
static class IOTask implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        // some IO operations which will cause thread to block/wait  
    }  
}
```

Pool size for IO intensive Tasks

| Task Type | Ideal pool size | Considerations |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| CPU intensive | CPU Core count | How many other applications (or other executors/threads) are running on the same CPU. |
| IO intensive | High | Exact number will depend on rate of task submissions and average task wait time. Too many threads will increase memory consumption too. |

Pool size depends on the task type