





Multi-threading programming

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A single threaded program



```
class ABC
   public void main(..)
```

```
begin
body
end
```

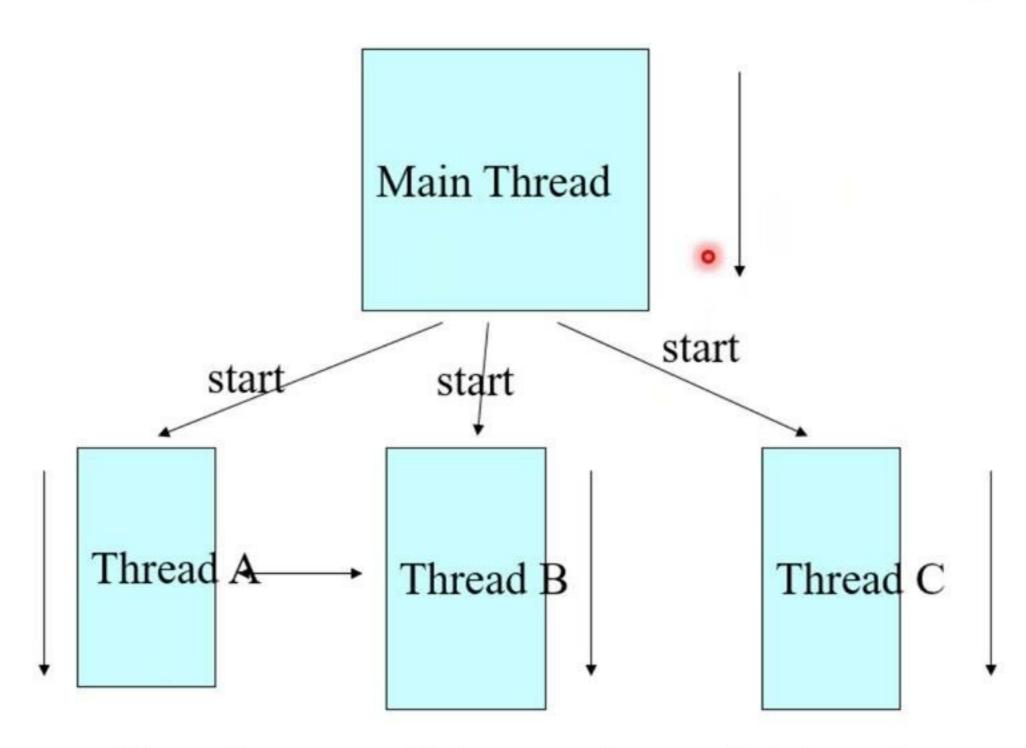
Multitasking Vs Multithreading



- Multitasking is the ability to run one or more programs concurrently.
- Operating system controls the way in which these programs run by scheduling them.
- Time elapsed between switching of programs is minuscule.
- Multithreading is the ability to execute different parts of a program, called threads, simultaneously.

A Multithreaded Program

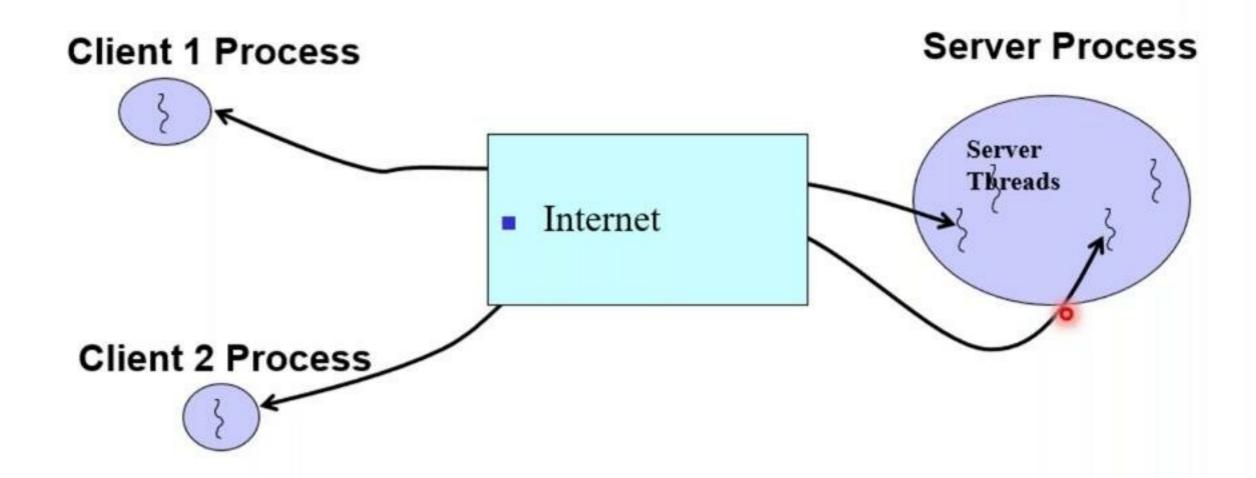




Threads may switch or exchange data/results

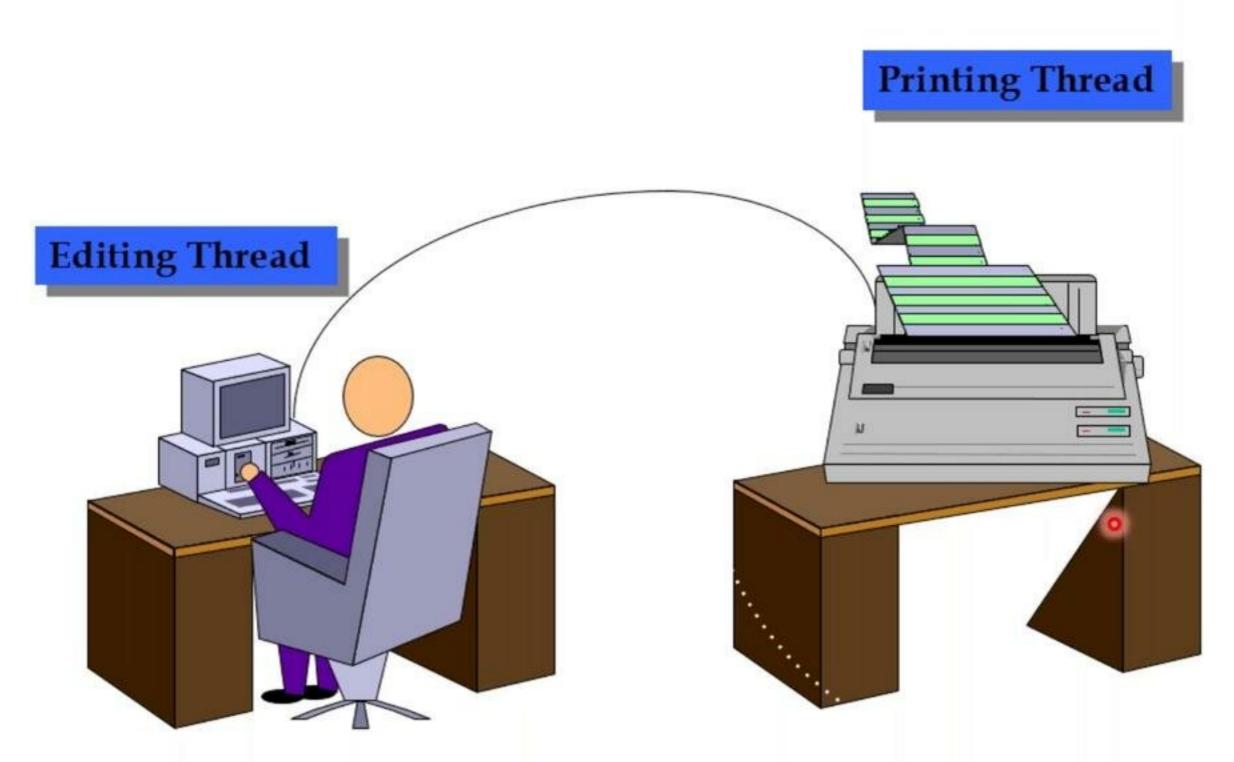
Multithreaded Server





Modern Applications need Threads





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- To enable cancellation of separable tasks

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Benefits of Multithreading







- Multithreading requires less overhead than multitasking.
 - In multitasking, processes run in their own different address space.
 - Tasks involved in multithreading can share the same address space.
- Inter-process calling involves more overhead than inter-thread communication.
- Multithreading allows us to write efficient programs that make maximum use of the CPU.
- Multithreading allows animation loops to sleep for a second between each frame without causing the whole system to pause.

The 'main' thread



■ When Java programs execute, there is always one thread running and that is the main thread.

- It is the thread from which child threads are created.
- Program is terminated when main thread stops execution.
- Main thread can be controlled through Thread objects.

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 - The JVM starts the thread
 - The thread executes the statements of the program one by one
 - After executing all the statements, the method returns and the thread dies

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Creating Threads



- There are two ways to create our own Thread object
 - Subclassing the Thread class and instantiating a new object of that class
 - Implementing the Runnable interface
- In both cases the run() method should be implemented.

Creating Threads by extending Thread class



Example 1 –

Creating a thread by extending the Thread class

```
class MyThread extends Thread
{
  public static void main(String args[])
  {
    MyThread Objex = new MyThread();
    Objex.create();
    System.out.println("This is the main thread");
  }
  public void create()
  {
    Thread Objth = new Thread(this);
    Objth.start();
  }
```

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Example 1 –

Creating a thread by extending the Thread class

```
public void run()
{
    while(true)
    {
        try
        {
            System.out.println("This is the child thread");
        Thread.sleep(500);
        }
        catch(InterruptedException e)
        {
        }
    }
}
```

Implementing Runnable



```
public class RunnableExample implements
 Runnable {
 public void run () {
     for (int i = 1; i \le 100; i++) {
               System.out.println ("***");
```

Starting the Threads



```
public class ThreadsStartExample {
      public static void main (String argv[])
      {
          new ThreadExample ().start ();
          new Thread(new RunnableExample
      ()).start ();
      }
}
```

Thread States 3-2





Running: Thread enters the running state when it starts executing.



■ Sleeping: Execution of a thread can be halted temporarily by using sleep() method. The thread becomes ready after sleep time expires.

Example







```
public class PrintThread1 extends Thread {
    String name;
    public PrintThread1(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    public void run() {
        for (int i=1; i<100; i++) {
            try {
                sleep((long)(Math.random() * 100));
            } catch (InterruptedException ie) { }
            System.out.print(name);
```







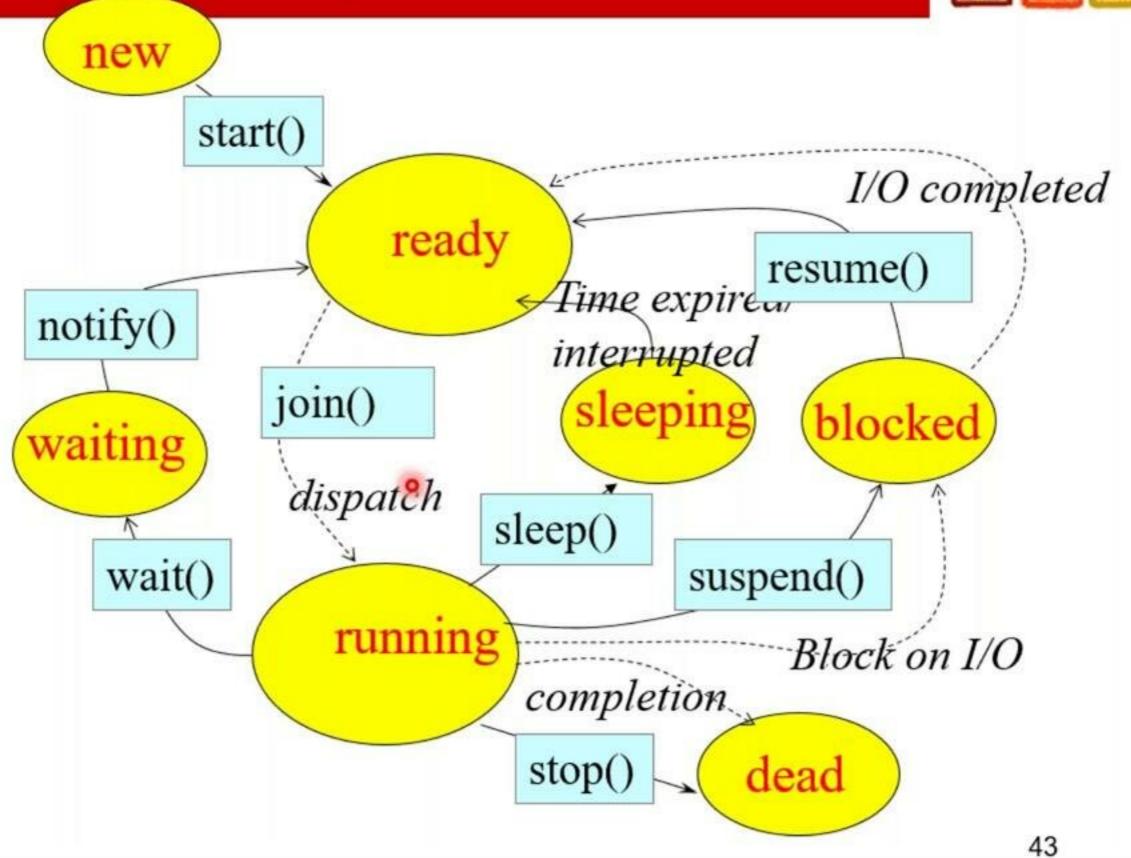
Demonstration: Example 3



Threads.java (Threads.java.JAV)

Life Cycle of Thread











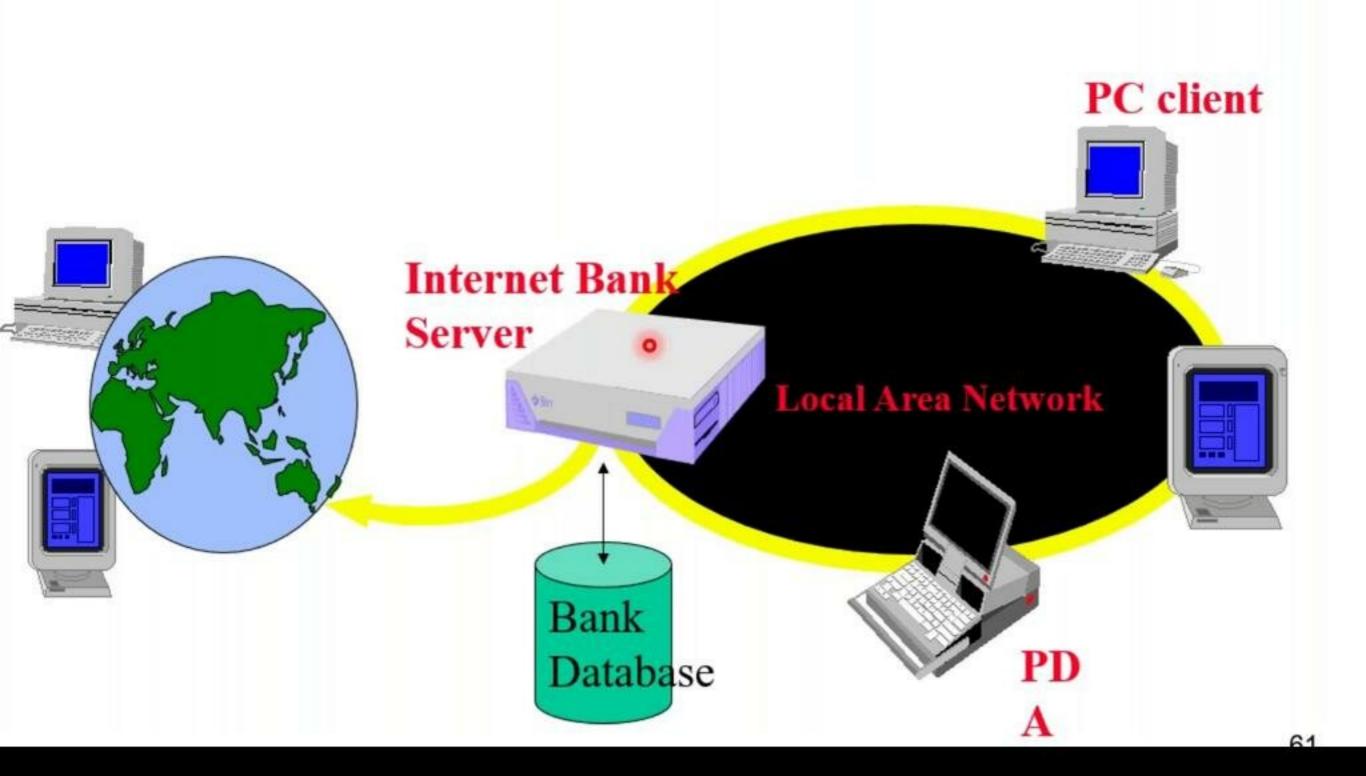
Thread Priority Example

Demonstration: Example 5



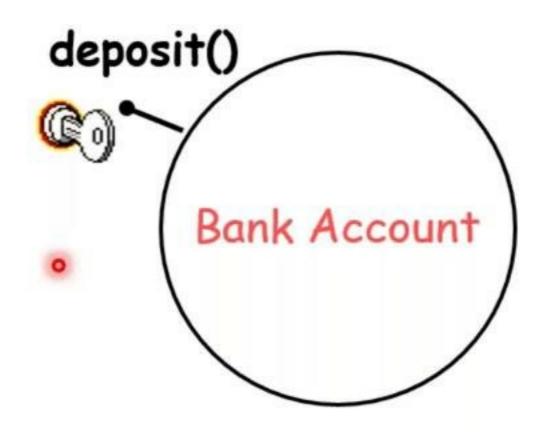
ThreadPriority.java (ThreadPriority.java.JAV)

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Critical Sections



Using 'wait-notify' mechanism



- Java provides a well-designed inter-thread communication mechanism using the wait(), notify() and notifyAll() methods.
- The methods are implemented as final methods in the class Object.
- wait(), notify() and notifyAll() can be called only from within a synchronized method.

wait()



- Points to remember while using the wait() method:
 - The calling thread gives up the CPU.
 - The calling thread gives up the lock.
 - The calling thread goes into the waiting pool of the monitor.

Consumer



```
synchronized (lock) {
    while (!resourceAvailable()) {
        lock.wait();
    }
    consumeResource();
}
```

