

# Advanced Java 2018

## Assignment 2 (2 points)

**Deadline Tuesday, 21 August 23:59**

**Learning goals.** This assignment is about data sharing amongst threads and co-operative thread synchronization in Java. You are expected to learn the following skills by completing this assignment:

- Implement data sharing mechanisms among threads safely.
- Synchronize threads without wasting CPU cycles.
- Gain familiarity with `java.util.concurrent` library.
- Implement multi-threaded programs in Java and perform basic functional tests on these programs

**Format.** This assignment set consists of two parts:

1. A problem description on 3 numbered pages, including this page. Make sure you have them all, and read this page first.
2. A zip archive containing a stub implementation of the assignment.

The implementation portion of the assignment text has four parts. Each part contains a number of questions which you must solve by filling out the missing parts of the stub implementation. Your only deliverable is the solution code, no report is required. *Please make sure to comment your code appropriately.* This is a pass/fail assignment. You are allowed to work in groups (max group size is 3). *Remember that the instructors are there to help you during the session, ask questions/clarifications if you need it.*

**Hand in.** You must submit your solution via the Absalon course page under the appropriate assignment page. Your submission must adhere to the following requirements:

- It must consist of a single zip file containing your solution code. You can omit submitting the `lib/` directory handed out in the zip archive of the exam.
- All files must be able to compile (i.e., be accepted by the Java 10 compiler without errors), and any code required for building must be included in the submission. You are only allowed to use the jars handed out in the exam zip archive.
- You are not allowed to change the handed out interfaces. You are free to add new classes and methods as you require without violating the interfaces.

The deadline at the top of this page is strict. You may submit multiple times, the *last* submission counts and the previous will be ignored.

**Happy hacking!**

## Sensor Network

A *Sensor* is an object that measures humidity and temperature readings at certain time intervals and then sends that reading to one or many *Monitors*. The *Monitor* computes the discomfort level based on the running averages<sup>1</sup> computed from the sensor input. A *Subscriber* is an object that has subscribed to one or many *Monitors* and is notified when subscribed discomfort levels are detected or exceeded. Each of these components can run independently in separate threads and interact as indicated in the diagram in Figure 0.1.

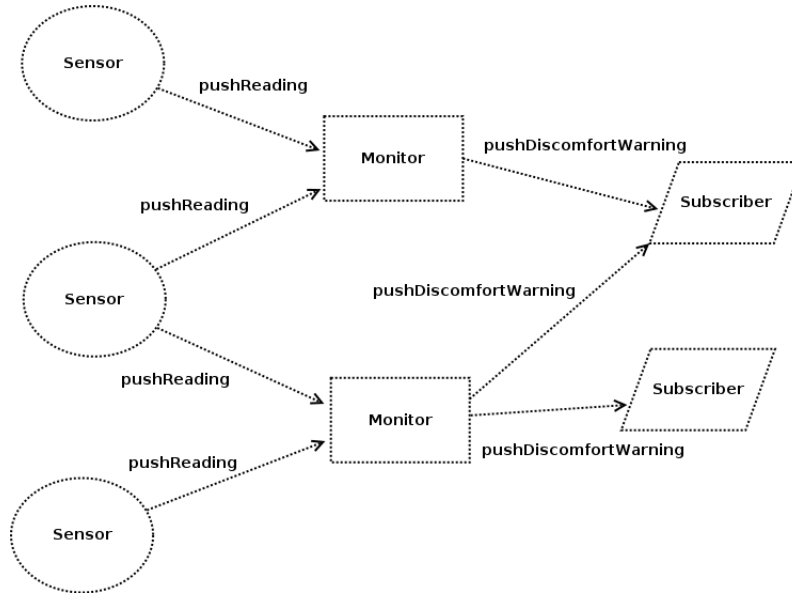


Figure 0.1: Sensor network architecture

In order to compute the discomfort levels, use Table 1. The discomfort level for a pair of temperature and humidity readings is computed by looking up the discomfort levels for both readings in the table and returning the maximum. For example, if the temperature is 12 and the humidity is 75, the discomfort level is  $3 = \max(1, 3)$ .

Read the supplied interfaces of `assignment2.Sensor` and `assignment2.Monitor` and `assignment2.Subscriber` which need to be implemented in this assignment.

Temperature	Humidity	Discomfort Level
$(-\infty, 10)$	$(-\infty, 50)$	0
$[10, 20)$	$[50, 60)$	1
$[20, 30)$	$[60, 70)$	2
$[30, 40)$	$[70, 80)$	3
$[40, 50)$	$[80, 90)$	4
$[50, \infty)$	$[90, \infty)$	5

Table 1: Discomfort level lookup table

## Implementing the sensor network model

### Implement the sensor

- The sensor continuously generates sensor readings and then pushes the readings to the Monitor using `assignment2.Monitor.pushReading` method.

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<sup>1</sup>You can either compute the average of all readings or compute the average over the latest readings in a window of pre-defined size.

- Implement the `assignment2.Sensor` interface by filling out the following stubbed out methods in `assignment2.ASensor` *AND* making them thread-safe.
  - a. `generateSensorReading`: Generate a `SensorReading` object which represents a sensor reading. This method should not push readings. It is meant to be used as a sensor reading generator. For extra brownie points, generate probabilistically well spread out inputs.
  - b. `registerMonitor`: Adds the list of monitors to which a sensor reading would be sent to.
  - c. `run`: Runs the sensor by continuously performing a sensor reading and pushing it to the monitors. Change the given implementation to make it thread-safe.

## Implement the Monitor

- A Monitor continuously reads the sensor readings pushed to it. It computes the discomfort level based on the running averages of the readings and then pushes the discomfort level computed to the subscribers subscribed to the computed discomfort level or higher.
- Implement the `assignment2.Monitor` interface by filling out the following stubbed out methods in `assignment2.AMonitor` *AND* making them thread-safe.
  - a. `pushReading`: Push the sensor reading from the sensor to the monitor. Can be blocking (e.g., by enqueueing to a bounded buffer) or non-blocking (e.g., by dropping readings if no buffer space is available). The latter non-blocking implementation is preferred. This method is invoked by the sensor thread to push sensor readings.
  - b. `getSensorReading`: Pull the earliest pushed sensor reading from the available sensor readings that have been pushed by sensors. It should block if there are no readings available.
  - c. `processReading`: Process the sensor reading by first computing the running average of the humidity and temperature and then computing the discomfort level of the running average. Once the discomfort level is computed, push the discomfort level reading to the subscribers subscribed for the same discomfort level or higher using `assignment2.Subscriber.pushDiscomfortWarning` method.
  - d. `registerSubscriber`: Registers a subscriber for discomfort level events.

## Implement the Subscriber

- A subscriber runs continuously to read the discomfort level readings pushed to it and processes them.
- Implement the `assignment2.Subscriber` interface by filling out the stubbed out methods in `assignment2.ASubscriber` *AND* making them thread-safe.
  - a. `pushDiscomfortWarning`: Push the discomfort level reading from the monitor to the subscriber. Can be blocking (e.g., by enqueueing to a bounded buffer) or non-blocking (e.g., by dropping readings if no buffer space is available). The latter non-blocking implementation is preferred. This method is invoked by the Monitor thread.
  - b. `getDiscomfortWarning`: Pull the oldest pushed discomfort level reading from the pushed readings. It should block if there are no readings available.
  - c. `processDiscomfortWarning`: Process the reading by just printing it :-). You are free to be creative if you want.

## Run the sensor network

- Implement the stubbed out `main` function in `assignment2.SensorNetworkHarness` class which creates multiple Sensor threads and multiple Subscriber threads and one or many (if you want to) Monitor threads and demonstrates the implemented interfaces. Make sure you test various possible inter-connections among sensors, monitors and subscribers.