

## Runnable as a Functional Interface

- `java.lang.Runnable`: functional interface
  - Can pass a lambda expression (LE) to `Thread`'s constructor

- Traditional

```
- GreetingRunnable runnable =
    new GreetingRunnable("Hello World");
Thread thread = new Thread(runnable);
thread.start();
```

- LE-based

```
- Thread thread = new Thread( ()->{
    System.out.println("Goodbye World");} );
thread.start();
```

## Note that...

- It makes less/no sense to use a lambda expression when the code block is long and complex.
  - Lambda expressions are useful/powerful when their code blocks are reasonably short.

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## HW 5

- Define a lambda expression that computes prime numbers in a given range and pass it to `Thread`'s constructor
- DO NOT use a Runnable class; i.e., DO NOT use

`StreamBasedRunnablePrimeGenerator`, which you wrote for HW 4.

- Write `main()` of `PrimeGenerator`.

```
- PrimeGenerator gen = new PrimeGenerator(1, 100);
Thread thread = new Thread( ()->{
    gen.primes = LongStream.rangeClosed(gen.from, gen.to)
        .filter( ... )
        ... } );
thread.start();
```

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PrimeGenerator
#primes:List<Long>
# isPrime(): boolean + generatePrimes()

## Thread Termination

- *Implicit* termination

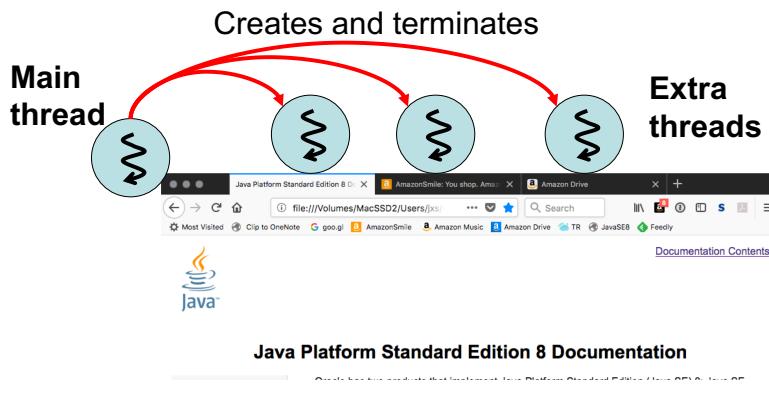
- A thread triggers its own death when `run()` returns.
  - Once a thread starts executing `run()`, it continues execution until `run()` returns.

- *Explicit* termination

- A thread terminates another thread.
  - when a certain condition is satisfied.
- Two ways
  - With a `flag`
  - With thread `interruption`

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## An Example of Explicit Termination



## Explicit Thread Termination with a Flag

- Define a flag in a Runnable class.

```
- public class MyRunnable implements Runnable{
    private boolean done = false;
    ...
    public void run() {
        while(!done){
            ...
        }
    }
    public setDone() { done=true; }
}
```

- Have a soon-to-be-killed thread periodically check the flag to determine if it should stop/die.
  - The thread let run() return to die.
- Stop the thread by flipping a flag to inform that the thread should die.

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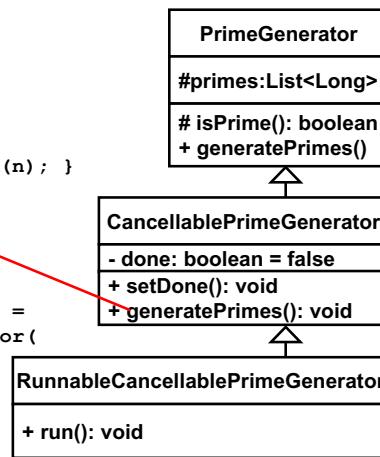
## CancellablePrimeGenerator

- Define and use a flag to stop generating prime numbers.

```
- for (long n = from; n <= to; n++) {
    if(done==true){
        System.out.println("Stopped");
        this.primes.clear();
        break;
    }
    if( isPrime(n) ){ this.primes.add(n); }
}
```

- Client code

```
• RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator gen =
    new RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator(
        1L,1000000L);
Thread t = new Thread(gen);
t.start();
gen.setDone();
t.join();
gen.getPrimes().forEach(...);
```



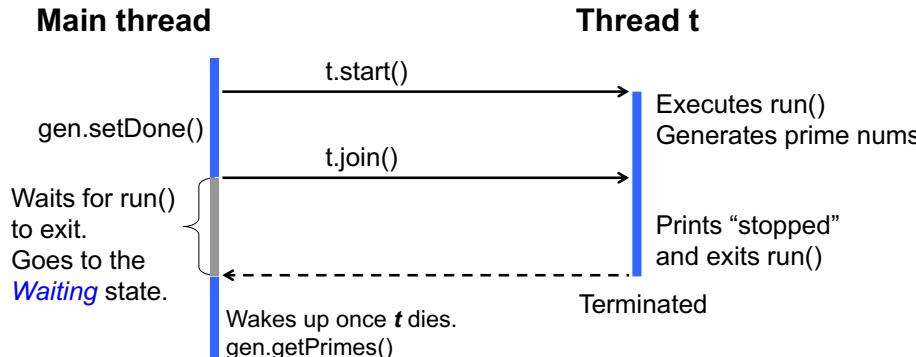
- Alternatively...

```
- long n = from;
  while (!done && n <= to){
    if( isPrime(n) ){ this.primes.add(n); }
    n++;
  }
  System.out.println("Stopped generating prime numbers.");
  this.primes.clear();
```

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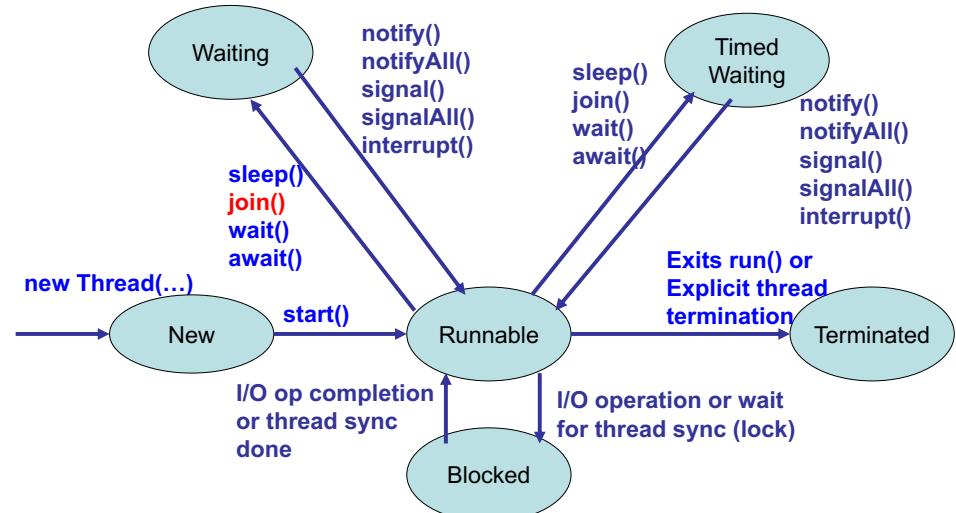
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# States of a Thread



```
RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator gen =
    new RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator(1L, 1000000L);
Thread t = new Thread(gen);
t.start();
gen.setDone();
t.join();
gen.getPrimes().forEach(...);
```

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## Explicit Thread Termination via Interruption

- **Thread.interrupt()**
  - Interrupts another thread.
  - Thread thread = new Thread(aRunnable);  
thread.start();  
thread.interrupt();
  - Let that thread know that it is notified via interruption.
- Have a soon-to-be-killed thread periodically detect an interruption to determine if it should stop/die.
  - Let run() return once an interruption is detected.

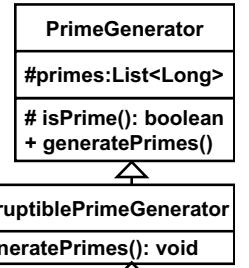
```
- public class MyRunnable implements Runnable{
    ...
    public void run(){
        while(!Thread.interrupted()){
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

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## InterruptiblePrimeGenerator

- Detect an interruption from another thread to stop generating prime numbers.

```
- for (long n = from; n <= to; n++) {
    if(Thread.interrupted()==true){
        System.out.println("Stopped");
        this.primes.clear();
        break;
    }
    if( isPrime(n) ){ this.primes.add(n); }
```



- Client code

```
RunnableInterruptiblePrimeGenerator gen =
    new InterruptiblePrimeNumberGenerator(1L, 1000000L);
Thread t = new Thread(gen); t.start();
t.interrupt();
t.join();
gen.getPrimes().forEach(...);
```

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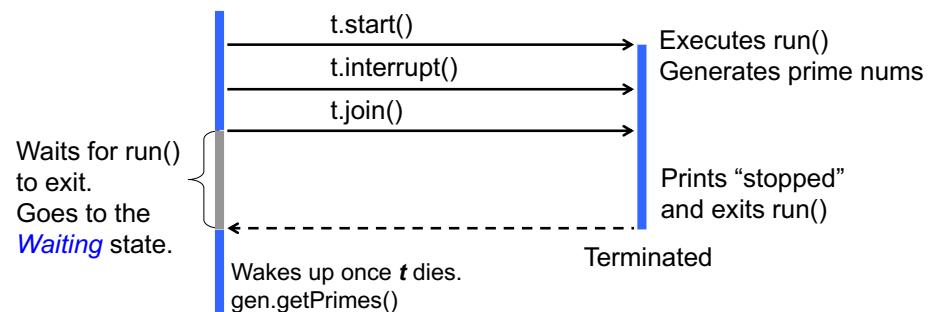
- Alternatively...

```

- long n = from;
  while(!Thread.interrupted() && n <= to) {
    if( isPrime(n) ) { this.primes.add(n); }
    n++;
  }
  System.out.println("Stopped generating prime numbers.");
  this.primes.clear();
}

```

## Main thread      Thread t



```

InterruptiblePrimeNumberGenerator gen =
  new InterruptiblePrimeNumberGenerator(1L, 1000000L);
Thread t= new Thread(gen);
t.start();
t.interrupt();
t.join();
gen.getPrimes().forEach(...);

```

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## Exercise

- Write a piece of code to run Cancellable and Interruptible versions of PrimeGenerator
  - The main thread
    - creates an extra thread.
      - The extra thread executes a cancellable/interruptible generator's run().
    - *explicitly terminates* the extra thread while it is generating prime numbers.
      - Flag-based and interruption-based termination
    - call getPrimes() after run() exits.
      - Make sure that getPrimes().size() returns 0.

## Which of the 2 Termination Schemes should We Use?

- Flag-based or interruption-based?
- Both work just fine when run() is simple.
  - Both cancellable and interruptible versions of prime number generators work just fine.
- Favor interruption-based scheme **if a soon-to-be-killed thread can be in the Waiting or Blocked state.**
  - `Thread.sleep()`
  - `Thread.join()`
  - I/O operations
  - These methods can be **long-running** and **interruptible**.

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## If Thread.sleep() is called in run() ...

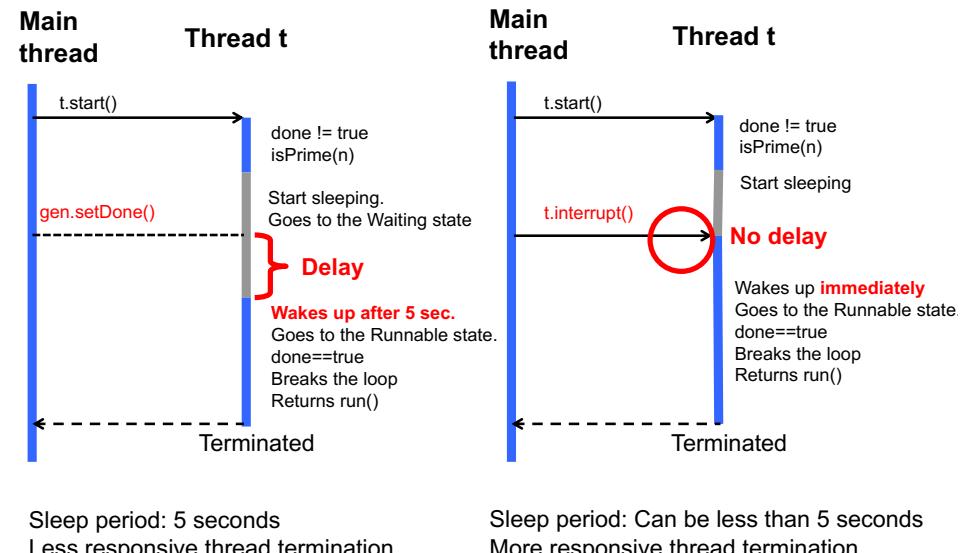
- RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator

```
- for (long n = from; n <= to; n++) {  
    if(done==true) {  
        System.out.println("Stopped");  
        this.primes.clear();  
        break;  
    }  
    if( isPrime(n) ){ this.primes.add(n); }  
    Thread.sleep(5000); }
```

- RunnableInterruptiblePrimeGenerator

```
- for (long n = from; n <= to; n++) {  
    if(Thread.interrupted()==true){  
        System.out.println("Stopped");  
        this.primes.clear();  
        break;  
    }  
    if( isPrime(n) ){ this.primes.add(n); }  
    Thread.sleep(5000); }
```

RunnableCancellablePrimeGenerator    RunnableInterruptiblePrimeGenerator



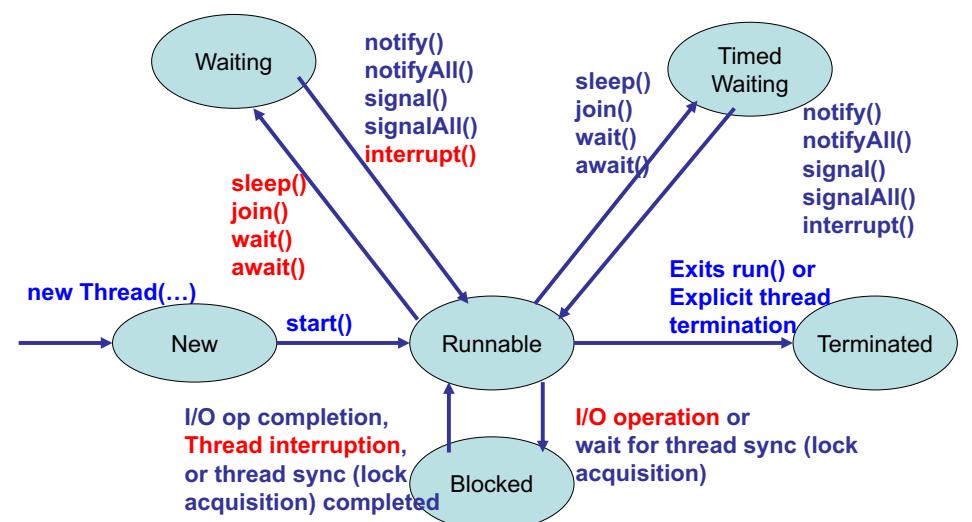
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## Thread Termination Requires Your Attention

- Thread creation is a no brainer.
- Thread termination requires your attention.
  - No methods available in `Thread` to directly terminate threads like `terminate()`.
    - Use:
      - Flag-based OR interruption-based scheme

## States of a Thread



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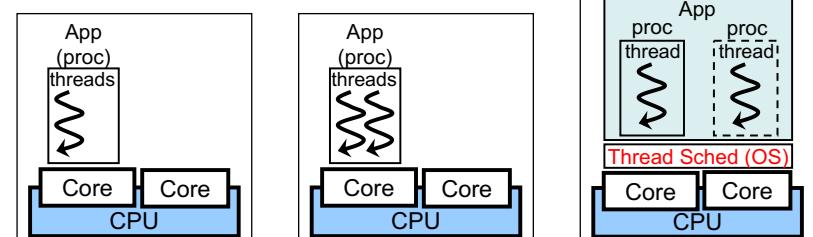
## Deprecated Methods for Thread Termination

- `Thread.stop()` and `Thread.suspend()`
  - Not thread-safe. **Never use them.**
  - c.f. “Why Are Thread.stop, Thread.suspend, Thread.resume and Runtime.runFinalizersOnExit Deprecated?”
    - <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/1.5.0/docs/guide/misc/threadPrimitiveDeprecation.html>

## Run MCTest.java if You have a Multicore CPU...

- MCTest.java
  - run() calculates  $25 \times 25$  10 billion times (on each thread)
  - With JDK 1.8 on Mac OS X (MacBook Pro)
    - Intel Core i7 2.8 GHz (dual core with hyper threading) and 8 GB RAM

# of threads	Time (sec)
• 1	10.55
• 2	10.55 (<< $10.55 \times 2$ . Two threads run in parallel!)
• 4	$17.35 > 10.55$ , but still << $10.55 \times 4$ )
• 8	36.29
• 16	62.05



## HW 6

- Modify MCTest.java to use a lambda expression.
  - MCTest.java currently uses an anonymous class to implement run().

```
Thread t = new Thread(  
    new Runnable(){  
        public void run(){  
            int n = 25;  
            for (long j = 0; j < nTimes; j++){  
                n *= 25;  
            }  
        }  
    } );
```

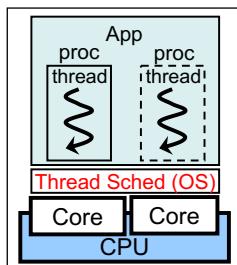
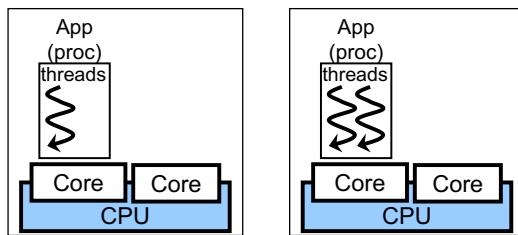
- Skip implementing a class that implements Runnable.

- Replace the anonymous class with a lambda expression.
  - Runnable is a functional interface.

- Run MCTest.java with multiple threads
  - e.g., > java edu.umb.cs.threads.basics.MCTest 1000000000 4
    - First param: # of  $25 \times 25$  multiplications
    - Second param: # of threads
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## HW 7

- Run RunnablePrimeGenerator with multiple threads just like MCTest.
- Measure the overhead for each thread to compute prime numbers to see how threads run.
  - # of threads      Time (sec)
  - 1                ???
  - 2                ??? (Two threads run in parallel?)
  - 4                ???
  - 8                ???
  - 16              ???



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