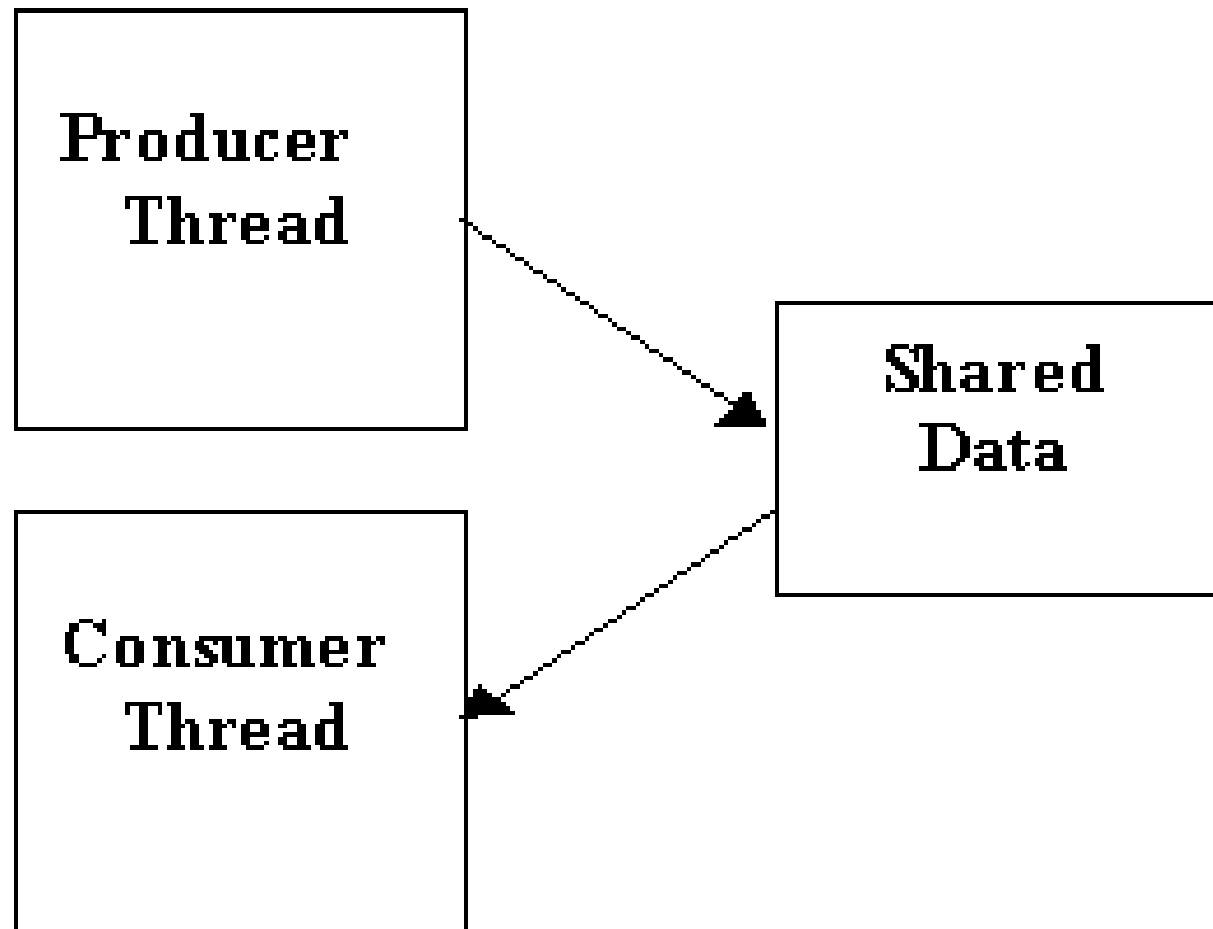


6. Java Threads





Thread Synchronization





Inter Thread Communication

- Java includes an elegant inter-process communication mechanism via the `wait()`, `notify()`, and `notifyAll()` methods. Also they can share data between each other for communication purpose



Thread Control Methods

- `wait()` tells the calling thread to give up the monitor and go to sleep until some other thread enters the same monitor and calls `notify()`.
- `notify()` wakes up the one thread that called `wait()` on the same object (if there are more than one thread in wait state then it is not known that which thread will wake up).
- `notifyAll()` wakes up all the threads that called `wait()` on the same object.



Thread Control Methods

- Defined in the Object class
- Should compulsorily be defined within a synchronized block
- Replace **notify()** with **notifyAll()** to notify all the waiting threads on this monitor



wait() and notify()

```
public synchronized String retrieveMessage() {  
    while(request == false) {  
        try{  
            wait();  
        } catch(InterruptedException e){}  
    }  
    request = false;  
    notify()  
    return message;  
}
```

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