

Agenda

- Multi-Threading

Platform Independence

- Java is architecture neutral i.e. can work on various CPU architectures like x86, ARM, SPARC, PPC, etc (if JVM is available on those architectures).
- Java is NOT fully platform independent. It can work on various platforms like Windows, Linux, Mac, UNIX, etc (if JVM is available on those platforms).
- Few features of Java remains platform dependent.
 - Multi-threading (Scheduling, Priority)
 - File IO (Performance, File types, Paths)
 - AWT GUI (Look & Feel)
 - Networking (Socket connection)

Program

- Program is set of instructions given to the computer.
- Executable file is a program.
- Executable file contains text, data, rodata, symbol table, exe header.

Process

- Process is program in execution.
- Program (executable file) is loaded in RAM (from disk) for execution. Also OS keep information required for execution of the program in a struct called PCB (Process Control Block).
- Process contains text, data, rodata, stack, and heap section.

Thread

- Threads are used to do multiple tasks concurrently within a single process.
- Thread is a lightweight process.
- When a new thread is created, a new TCB is created along with a new stack. Remaining sections are shared with parent process.

Process vs Thread

- Process is a container that holds resources required for execution and thread is unit of execution/scheduling.
- Each process have one thread created by default -- called as main thread.

Process creation (Java)

- In Java, process can be created using Runtime object.
- Runtime object holds information of current runtime environment that includes number of processors, JVM memory usage, etc.
- Current runtime can be accessed using static `getRuntime()` method.

```
Runtime rt = Runtime.getRuntime();
```

- The process is created using `exec()` method, which returns the `Process` object. This object represents the OS process and its `waitFor()` method wait for the process termination (and returns exit status).

```
String[] args = { "/path/of/executable", "cmd-line arg1", ... };  
Process p = rt.exec(args);  
int exitStatus = p.waitFor();
```

Multi-threading (Java)

- Java applications are always multi-threaded.
- When any java application is executed, JVM creates (at least) two threads.
 - main thread -- executes the application `main()`
 - GC thread -- does garbage collection (release unreferenced objects)
- Programmer may create additional threads, if required.

Thread creation

- To create a thread
 - step 1: Implement a thread function (task to be done by the thread)
 - step 2: Create a thread (with above function)
- Method 1: extends `Thread`

```
class MyThread extends Thread {  
    @Override  
    public void run() {  
        // task to be done by the thread  
    }  
}
```

```
MyThread th = new MyThread();  
th.start();
```

- Method 2: implements `Runnable`

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {  
    @Override  
    public void run() {  
        // task to be done by the thread  
    }  
}
```

```
MyRunnable runnable = new MyRunnable();
Thread th = new Thread(runnable);
th.start();
```

- Java doesn't support multiple inheritance. If your class is already inherited from a super class, you cannot extend it from Thread class. Prefer Runnable in this case; otherwise you may choose any method.

```
// In Java GUI application is inherited from Frame class.
// to create run() in the same class, you must use Runnable
class MyGuiApplication extends Frame implements Runnable {
    // ...
    public void run() {
        // ...
    }
    // ...
}
```

start() vs run()

- run():
 - Programmer implemented code to be executed by the thread.
- start():
 - Pre-defined method in Thread class.
 - When called, the thread object is submitted to the (JVM/OS) scheduler. Then scheduler select the thread for execution and thread executes its run() method.

Thread methods

- static Thread currentThread()
 - Returns a reference to the currently executing thread object.
- static void sleep(long millis)
 - Causes the currently executing thread to sleep (temporarily cease execution) for the specified number of milliseconds, subject to the precision and accuracy of system timers and schedulers.
- static void yield()
 - A hint to the scheduler that the current thread is willing to yield its current use of a processor.
- Thread.State getState()
 - Returns the state of this thread.

- State can be NEW, RUNNABLE, BLOCKED, WAITING, TIMED_WAITING, TERMINATED
- void run()
 - If this thread was constructed using a separate Runnable run object, then that Runnable object's run method is called. If thread class extends from Thread class, this method should be overridden. The default implementation is empty.
- void start()
 - Causes this thread to begin execution; the Java Virtual Machine calls the run method of this thread.
- void join()
 - Waits for this thread to die/complete.
- boolean isAlive()
 - Tests if this thread is alive.
- void setDaemon(boolean daemon);
 - Marks this thread as either a daemon thread (true) or a user thread (false).
- boolean isDaemon()
 - Tests if this thread is a daemon thread.
- long getId()
 - Returns the identifier of this Thread.
- void setName(String name)
 - Changes the name of this thread to be equal to the argument name.
- String getName()
 - Returns this thread's name.
- void setPriority(int newPriority)
 - Changes the priority of this thread.
 - In Java thread priority can be 1 to 10.
 - May use predefined constants MIN_PRIORITY(1), NORM_PRIORITY(5), MAX_PRIORITY(10).
- int getPriority()
 - Returns this thread's priority.
- ThreadGroup getThreadGroup()
 - Returns the thread group to which this thread belongs.

- `void interrupt()`
 - Interrupts this thread -- will raise `InterruptedException` in the thread.
- `boolean isInterrupted()`
 - Tests whether this thread has been interrupted.

Daemon threads

- By default all threads are non-daemon threads (including main thread).
- We can make a thread as daemon by calling its `setDaemon(true)` method -- before starting the thread.
- Daemon threads are also called as background threads and they support/help the non-daemon threads.
- When all non-daemon threads are terminated, the Daemon threads get automatically terminated.

Thread life cycle

- `Thread.State state = th.getState();`
- `NEW`, `RUNNABLE`, `BLOCKED`, `WAITING`, `TIMED_WAITING`, `TERMINATED`
 - `NEW`: New thread object created (not yet started its execution).
 - `RUNNABLE`: Thread is running on CPU or ready for execution. Scheduler picks ready thread and dispatch it on CPU.
 - `BLOCKED`: Thread is waiting for lock to be released. Thread blocks due to synchronized block/method.
 - `WAITING`: Thread is waiting for the notification. Waiting thread release the acquired lock.
 - `TIMED_WAITING`: Thread is waiting for the notification or timeout duration. Waiting thread release the acquired lock.
 - `TERMINATED`: Thread terminates when `run()` method is completed, stopped explicitly using `stop()`, or an exception is raised while executing `run()`.

Synchronization

- When multiple threads try to access same resource at the same time, it is called as Race condition.
- Example: Same bank account undergo `deposit()` and `withdraw()` operations simultaneously.
- It may yield in unexpected/undesired results.
- This problem can be solved by Synchronization.
- The `synchronized` keyword in Java provides thread-safe access.
- Java synchronization internally use the Monitor object associated with any object. It provides lock/unlock mechanism.
- "`synchronized`" can be used for block or method.
- It acquires lock on associated object at the start of block/method and release at the end. If lock is already acquired by other thread, the current thread is blocked (until lock is released by the locking thread).

- "synchronized" non-static method acquires lock on the current object i.e. "this". Example:

```
class Account {  
    // ...  
    public synchronized void deposit(double amount) {  
        double newBalance = this.balance + amount;  
        this.balance = newBalance;  
    }  
    public synchronized void withdraw(double amount) {  
        double newBalance = this.balance - amount;  
        this.balance = newBalance;  
    }  
}
```

- "synchronized" static method acquires lock on metadata object of the class i.e. MyClass.class. Example:

```
class MyClass {  
    private static int field = 0;  
    // called by incThread  
    public synchronized static void incMethod() {  
        field++;  
    }  
    // called by decThread  
    public synchronized static void decMethod() {  
        field--;  
    }  
}
```

- "synchronized" block acquires lock on the given object.

```
// assuming that no method in Account class is synchronized.  
  
// thread1  
synchronized(acc) {  
    acc.deposit(1000.0);  
}  
  
// thread2  
synchronized(acc) {  
    acc.withdraw(1000.0);  
}
```

- Alternatively lock can be acquired using ReentrantLock since Java 5.0. Example code:

```
class Example {  
    private final ReentrantLock r1 = new ReentrantLock();  
}
```

```
public void method() {  
    r1.lock();  
    try {  
        // ...  
    }  
    finally {  
        r1.unlock();  
    }  
}
```

- Synchronized collections
 - Synchronized collections (e.g. Vector, Hashtable, ...) use synchronized keyword (block/method) to handle race conditions.

Inter-thread communication

- wait()
 - Causes the current thread to wait until another thread invokes the notify() method or the notifyAll() method for this object.
 - The current thread must own this object's monitor i.e. wait() must be called within synchronized block/method.
 - The thread releases ownership of this monitor and waits until another thread notifies.
 - The thread then waits until it can re-obtain ownership of the monitor and resumes execution.
- notify()
 - Wakes up a single thread that is waiting on this object's monitor.
 - If multiple threads are waiting on this object, one of them is chosen to be awakened arbitrarily.
 - The awakened thread will not be able to proceed until the current thread relinquishes the lock on this object.
 - This method should only be called by a thread that is the owner of this object's monitor.
- notifyAll()
 - Wakes up all threads that are waiting on this object's monitor.
 - The awakened threads will not be able to proceed until the current thread relinquishes the lock on this object.
 - This method should only be called by a thread that is the owner of this object's monitor.

Links for Executors and Thread Pools

<https://medium.com/@himani.prasad016/thread-pools-in-java-b19ea1af7c4c>

<https://pramodshehan.medium.com/executor-service-java-thread-pool-framework-d314b12ca043>