

Java Advanced Course

Challenge 40. Synchronization

Synchronization challenge

In this challenge, you'll be creating your own Producer Consumer example, for a Shoe Warehouse Fulfillment Center.

The producer code should generate orders and send them to the Shoe Warehouse to be processed.

The consumer code should fulfill or process the orders in a FIFO or first in, first out order.

You'll be creating, at a minimum, three types for this: an Order, a Shoe Warehouse, and a Main executable class.

The Order class

An Order should include an order id, a shoe type, and the quantity ordered.

A record might be a good fit for this type.

The Shoe Warehouse class

The shoe warehouse class:

- Should maintain a product list, as a public static field.
- It should also maintain a private list of orders.
- It should have two methods, receiveOrder and fulfillOrder.
- The receiveOrder gets called by a Producer thread. It should poll or loop indefinitely, checking the size of the list, but it should call wait if the list has reached some maximum capacity.
- The fulfillOrder gets called by a Consumer thread. It should also poll the list, but it needs to check if the list is empty, and wait in the loop, until an order is added.
- Both methods should invoke the wait and notifyAll methods appropriately.

The application's main class and method

Finally, you'll need a Main class with a main method, to execute.

- This method should create and start a single Producer thread. This should generate 10 sales orders, and call receiveOrder on the Shoe Warehouse, for each.
- In addition, you'll create and start two Consumer threads. Each thread needs to process 5 fulfillment orders, calling fulfillOrder on the Shoe Warehouse for each item.

You'll test your Producer Consumer application and confirm your application fulfills all the 10 orders it receives.