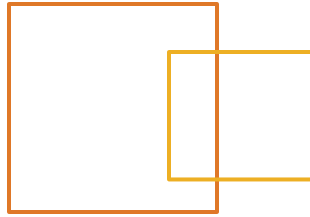
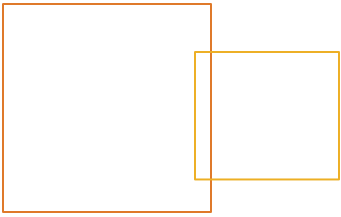


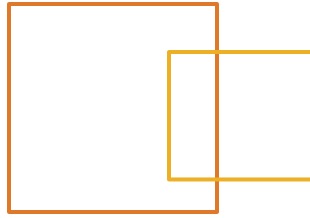
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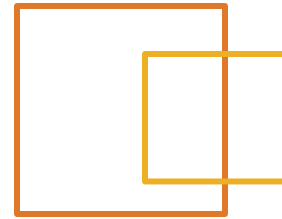
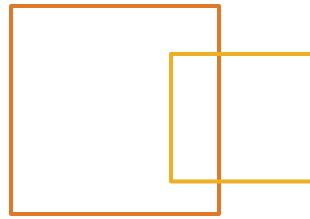
Multi-Threading

Objectives

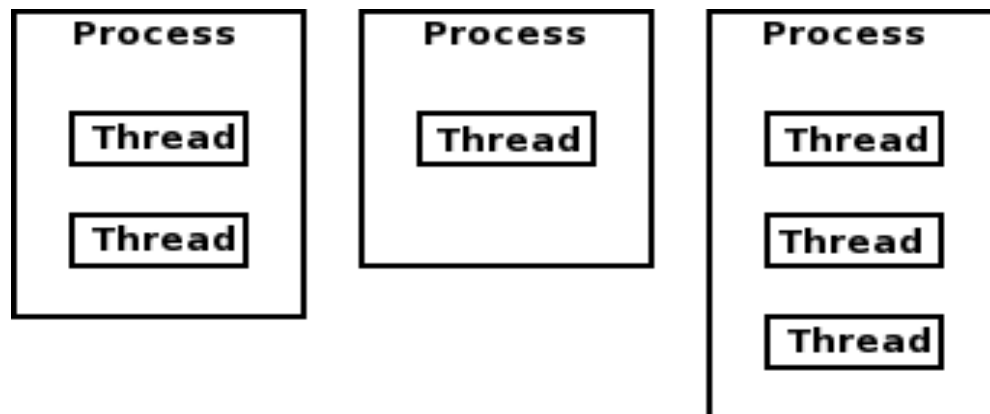


At the end of this module you should be able to:

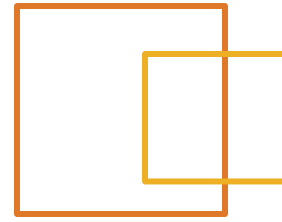
- ◉ Understand concurrency and threads, and why they are used
- ◉ Create and run a thread using the Thread class
- ◉ Understand thread priorities and scheduling
- ◉ Describe what a daemon thread is
- ◉ Use the Runnable interface
- ◉ Use thread synchronization
- ◉ Understand how threads are coordinated



- ◉ Process: A flow of control running with its own address space, stack, etc.
- ◉ Thread: A flow of control sharing an address space with another thread, but with its own stack, registers, etc.
- ◉ Concurrency: Processes that are running at the same time



Threads in the Language



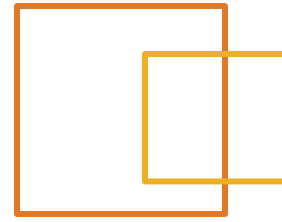
- ◉ Threading is built into Java There two primary classes used in threaded programming
 - ◉ `java.lang.Thread`
 - ◉ Class that represents a thread
 - ◉ Two main lifecycle methods
 - ◉ `start` – prepares the thread for execution
 - ◉ `run` – main body of execution
 - ◉ In this class, `run` has no useful implementation
 - ◉ `java.lang.Runnable`
 - ◉ Interface for creating a body of execution for a thread
 - ◉ Has one method – `run`
 - ◉ Threads delegate execution to `Runnable`'s `run`

Threads in the Language (cont.)



- ◉ There are two ways to utilize threads
- ◉ `extend java.lang.Thread`
 - ◉ Over-ride `run` method to do something useful
 - ◉ Consider supplying application specific constructors
 - ◉ Once a `Thread` instance finishes, it can not be reused
- ◉ `implement java.lang.Runnable`
 - ◉ Any `Runnable` can be the code for execution by a `Thread`
 - ◉ More flexible
 - ◉ A `Runnable` instance can be reused—even concurrently

Threads in the Platform



- ◉ The virtual machine has its own thread scheduler
 - ◉ Provides platform independent thread scheduling
 - ◉ Usually maps down to or interacts with underlying OS scheduler
- ◉ Scheduling is not defined
 - ◉ Pre-emption is possible
 - ◉ Time-sharing is possible
 - ◉ Combination is possible too
 - ◉ Thread priority is a hint
- ◉ RTSJ demands priority preemptive schedule

Extending Thread Example



```
public class Threadsl extends Thread {
    private int iterations = 0;  // loop counter
    private int id;              // number of thread
    private static int threadNumber = 1;
    public Ex12_1 () {
        id = threadNumber++;
        start();
    }
    public void run() {
        while (iterations++ <3) {
            try {
                sleep(5);
            } catch (InterruptedException e) {}
            System.out.println("Thread "+id+": iteration "+iterations );}
        }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++){
            new Threadsl();
        }
    }
}
```


Extending Thread Example Output



```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Work>java Ex12_1
Thread 1: iteration 1
Thread 2: iteration 1
Thread 3: iteration 1
Thread 1: iteration 2
Thread 2: iteration 2
Thread 3: iteration 2
Thread 4: iteration 1
Thread 1: iteration 3
Thread 2: iteration 3
Thread 3: iteration 3
Thread 4: iteration 2
Thread 4: iteration 3

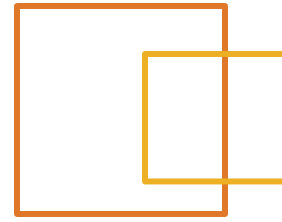
C:\Work>_
```

Thread Control



- ◉ Since Java might be pre-emptive, you might need to do some work to avoid thread starvation
- ◉ `java.lang.Thread` has methods that can help
 - ◉ `sleep`
 - ◉ `yield`
- ◉ To stop a thread, write code in the thread that polls a “stop flag”, and have the thread shut itself down cleanly
 - ◉ Methods to stop, suspend, or resume a `Thread`'s execution have all been deprecated

Thread Control (cont.)



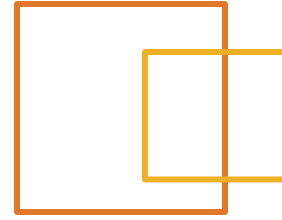
- Adjusting priority might also be useful to prevent starvation
 - Implementation is not guaranteed
 - Integral values that range between the values provided in the Thread class
 - Range represented as constants
 - MIN_PRIORITY
 - MAX_PRIORITY
 - Range usually falls between 1 and 10 with default value of 5
 - Numeric range of priorities is platform independent

Daemon Threads



- ◉ Consider creating daemon threads
 - ◉ Like daemon processes in an operating system
 - ◉ Run continuously in the background
 - ◉ Method `setDaemon()` is called before the `start()`
 - ◉ Cannot start any non-daemon threads
 - ◉ Do not keep JVM alive—VM quits when all non-daemon threads have quit

Thread Yielding Example



```
public class Yielding extends Thread {  
    private int iterations = 0;  // loop counter  
    public void run() {  
        while (iterations++ < 3) {  
            System.out.println("Thread "  
                + Thread.currentThread().getName()  
                + ": iteration " + iterations );  
            yield();  
        }  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++){  
            new Yielding().start();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

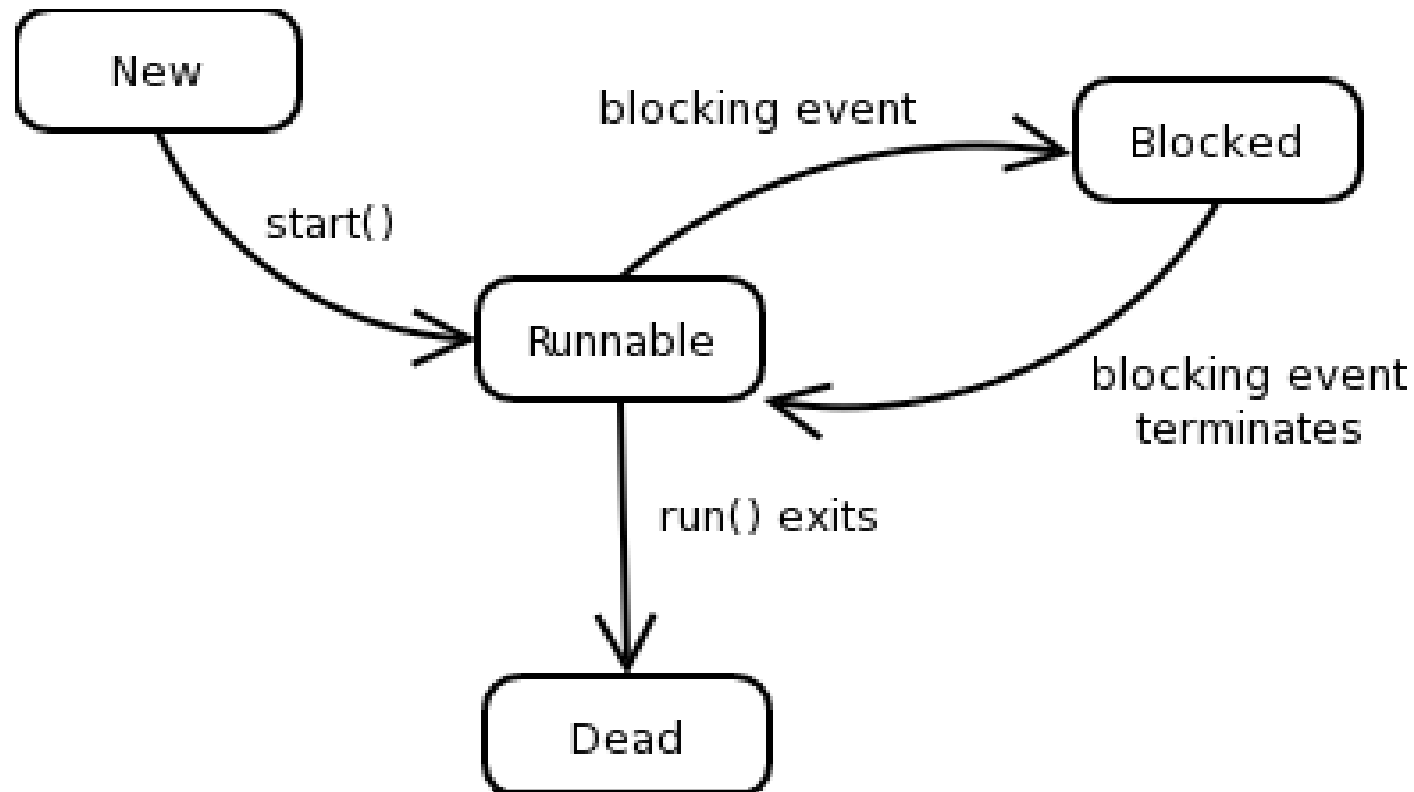
Thread Yielding



```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Work>java Ex12_2
Thread 1: iteration 1
Thread 2: iteration 1
Thread 3: iteration 1
Thread 4: iteration 1
Thread 1: iteration 2
Thread 2: iteration 2
Thread 3: iteration 2
Thread 4: iteration 2
Thread 1: iteration 3
Thread 2: iteration 3
Thread 3: iteration 3
Thread 4: iteration 3
```

Thread State Transitions



Interrupting Threads Example



```
class BlockedThread extends Thread {  
    public BlockedThread() { start(); }  
  
    public void run() {  
        try {  
            System.out.println("BlockedTread running...");  
            synchronized(this) {  
                System.out.println("BlockedTread blocking...");  
                wait();  
            }  
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {  
            System.out.println("BlockedTread Interrupted");  
        }  
    }  
}
```


Interrupting Threads Example (cont.)



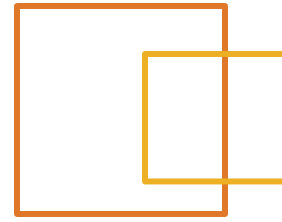
```
public class RudeThread extends Thread{
    static BlockedThread blocked = new BlockedThread();
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        RudeThread c = new RudeThread();
        c.start();
    }
    public void run() {
        try {
            sleep(5000);
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {}
        System.out.println("Preparing to interrupt ");
        blocked.interrupt();
        blocked = null;
    }
}
```

Runnable Interface Example



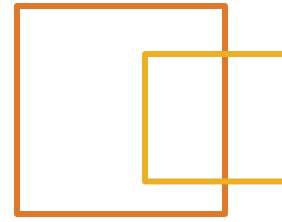
```
public class Threads2 implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("In Runnable " + this);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Thread t1 = new Thread(new Threads2());  
        t1.start();  
        System.out.println(" Thread Object " + t1);  
    }  
}
```

Thread Access Control



- ◉ Deals with synchronization of threads
 - ◉ Prevents corrupted data
 - ◉ Ensured intermediate results are ready before use
- ◉ There are two ways to create thread synchronization
 - ◉ synchronized methods
 - ◉ synchronized blocks
- ◉ Synchronization relies on obtaining and freeing object locks
- ◉ Object locks are obtained when a thread executes synchronized code

Thread Access Control



- ◉ `java.lang.Object` has built-in mechanisms for notifying other Thread about lock status
 - ◉ `wait`
 - ◉ `notify`
 - ◉ `notifyAll`

Synchronized Method Example



```
class Account {  
    private PrintWriter out;  
    Account(PrintWriter p) { out = p; }  
    synchronized void deposit(int amount, String name){  
        out.println(name + " deposit " + amount);  
        int balance = getBalance();  
        balance += amount;  
        setBalance(balance);  
    }  
}
```

```
// Output of this code is  
#1 trying to deposit 1000  
#2 trying to deposit 1000  
*** Final balance is 2000
```

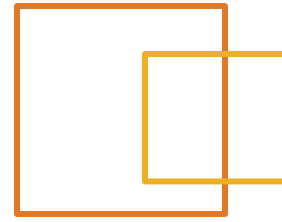
Synchronized Block Example



```
// Alternative deposit method in Account class
void deposit(int amount, String name) {
    int balance; // local copy of balance
    out.println(name + " deposit " + amount);
    synchronized(this) {
        balance = getBalance();
        balance += amount;
        setBalance(balance);
    }
}
```

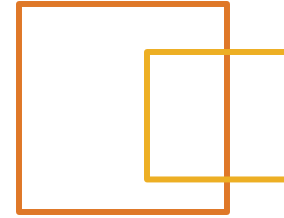
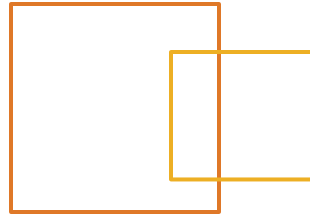
```
// Output of this code is
#1 trying to deposit 1000
#2 trying to deposit 1000
*** Final balance is 2000
```

Thread Cooperation



```
first.start();
second.start();
// wait here until both threads complete
try {
    first.join();
    second.join();
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
// Print the final result
out.println("Final balance is " + remoteBalance);
```

Summary



In this module, we covered:

- ◉ Concurrency and threads, and why they are used
- ◉ Creating and running a thread using the Thread class
- ◉ Thread priorities and scheduling
- ◉ What a daemon thread is
- ◉ Using the Runnable interface
- ◉ Using thread synchronization
- ◉ How threads are coordinated