Applying Java Functional Programming Features: Starting & Joining Threads

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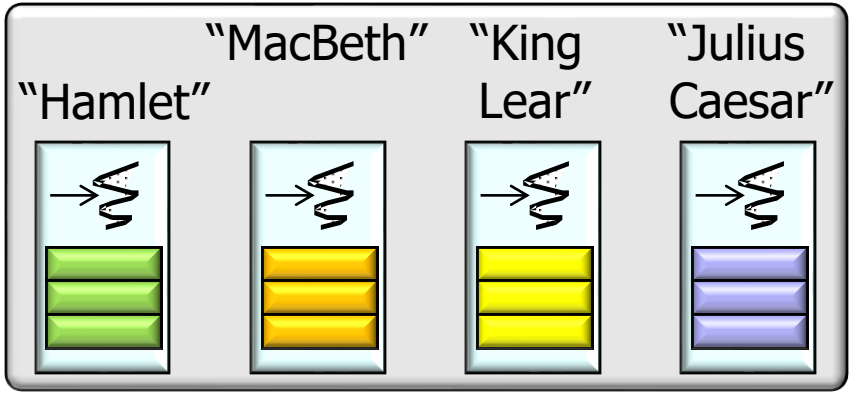
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand how Java functional programming features are applied in a simple parallel program
- Know how to start & join Java threads via functional programming features



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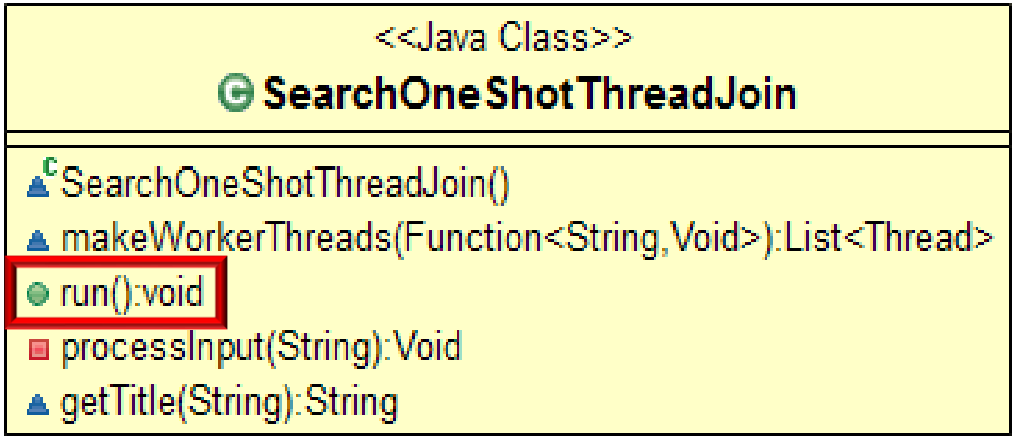

See ThreadJoinTest/updated/src/main/java/ThreadJoinTest.java

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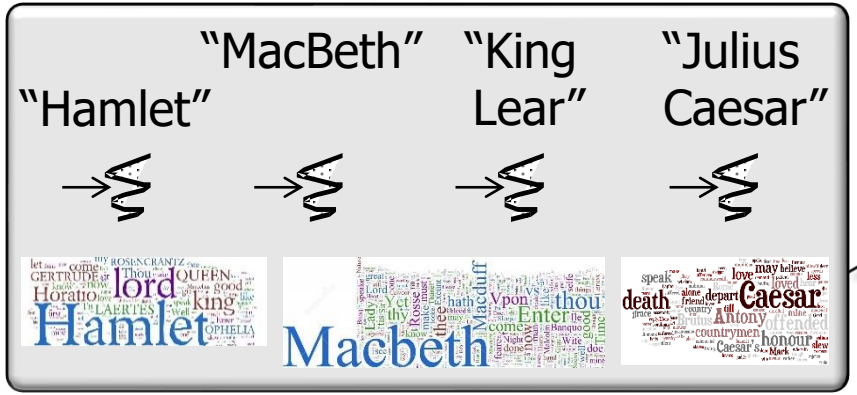

Start a group of threads that search for phrases in parallel

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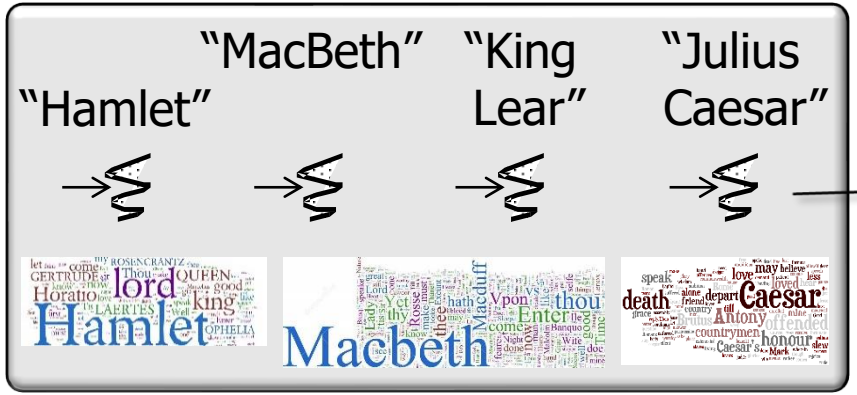

A Java thread is a unit of computation that runs in the context of a process

See docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/concurrency/runthread.html

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Factory method makes a list of worker threads

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This method searches for phrases in one work of Shakespeare

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This functional interface makes it easy to change the function passed to factory method

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This factory method creates a list of threads that will be joined when their processing is done

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Create an empty list of threads

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Create a thread for each input string to perform processing designated by the task parameter

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task.apply() creates a runnable that provides the computation for each of the threads

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Add each new thread to the list

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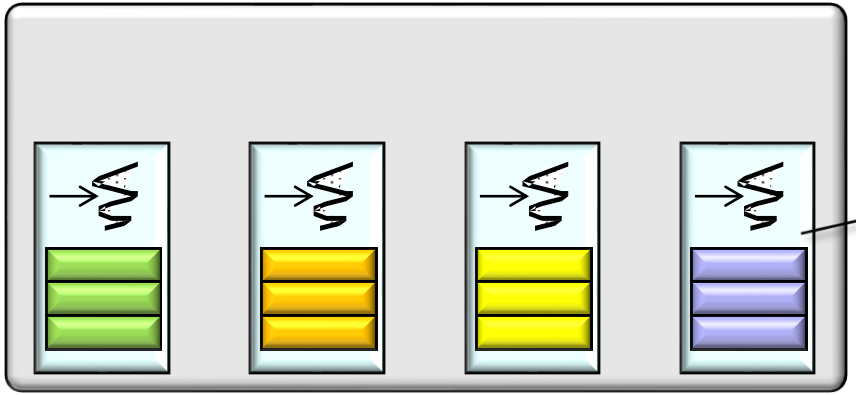

Each worker thread has its own runtime call stack

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Call_stack

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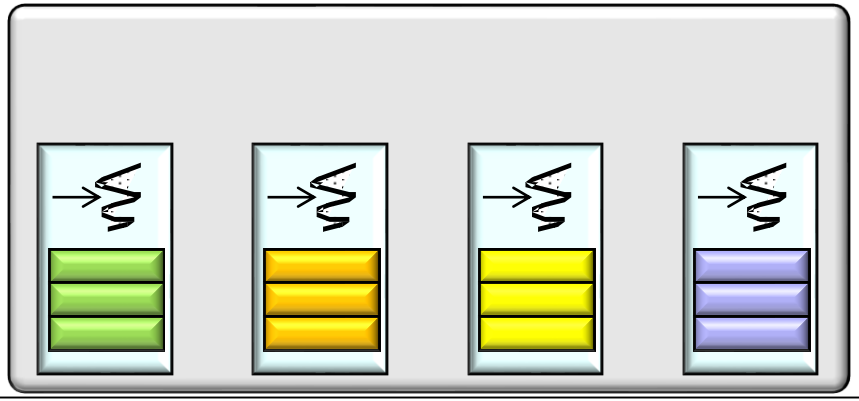
forEach() & method reference start each worker thread to search for phrases in works of Shakespeare



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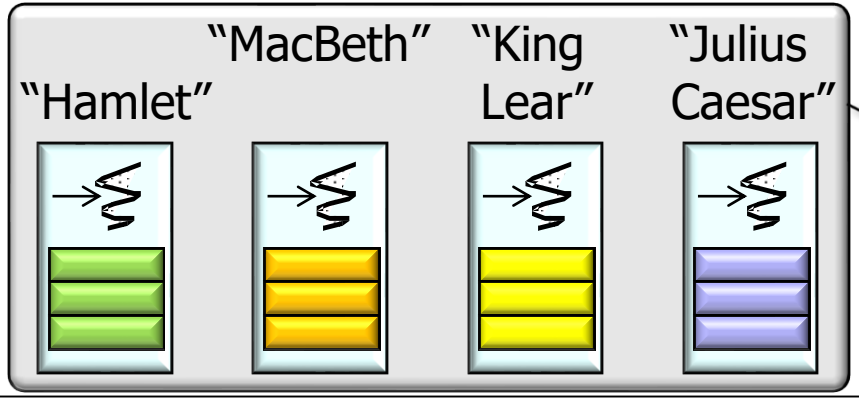

This program uses a "thread-per-work" parallelism model

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Uses forEach() & lambda expression

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Simple form of barrier synchronization

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barrier_(computer_science)

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No other Java synchronizers are needed!

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