

# Running Tests in Parallel

In this topic, we will see how to run tests in parallel and how to control the thread count.

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## How to control parallelism? #

TestNG provides features to run tests in parallel. This parallelism and the thread count can be controlled from *testng.xml*.

Parallelism and thread count can be set at **suite** level or **test** level like below.

```
<suite name="Sample Test Suite" parallel="tests" thread-count="5">
```

```
<test name="Sample Test" parallel="tests" thread-count="5">
```

## Types of parallelism #

TestNG supports the following parallelism:

- **methods** run test methods in parallel in different threads. All dependent methods will be run in different threads, respecting the priority of tests.
- **tests** run `<test>` tags in parallel in separate threads.
- **classes** run test classes in parallel in separate threads, but test methods in those test classes will run in the same thread.
- **instances** run instances of test methods/classes in parallel in different threads.

In the case of **@DataProvider**, the parallelism can be controlled using the

attribute `@DataProvider(parallel = true)`. By default, it is set to *false* and

default dataprovider thread count is **10** which is considered only when parallel is enabled.

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Now that you are familiar with running tests in parallel, in the next lesson, you will learn about grouping the tests.