

Threads

Overview

- support for multi-threaded applications in the language
- "main" thread of an application the main() method
- in JVM there are always a number of threads
 depends on the implementation
- JVM terminates after termination of all threads (which are not daemon threads)
- threads and thread groups
- support for synchronization
 - synchronized

Thread creation

- thread implementation

 1.extending the class java.lang.Thread
 2.implementing the interface java.lang.Runnable
- extending the Thread
 - redefining the method void run()
 - the thread is started by the method start()
- interface Runnable
 - the only method void run()
 - implemented by a class
 - the thread start new Thread (Runnable).start()

Example

```
public class SimpleThread extends Thread {
  public SimpleThread() {
    start();
  }
  public void run() {
    for (int i=0; i<5; i++)</pre>
      System.out.println(getName() + " : "+i);
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    for (int i=0; i<5; i++) {</pre>
      new SimpleThread();
```

yield

- method of the class Thread
 - temporarily suspending the thread in order another thread can run
 - it is only a recommendation
- static method
- update of the previous example

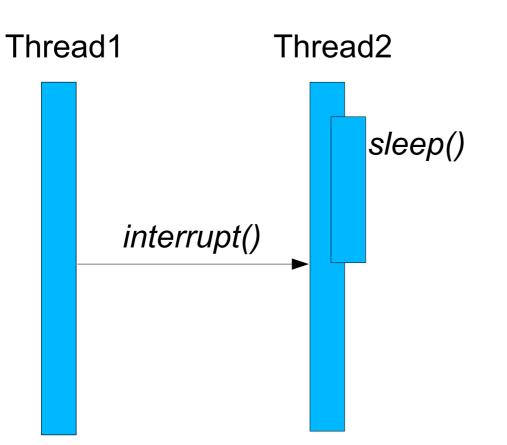
```
public void run() {
  for (int i=0; i<5; i++) {
    System.out.println(getName() + " : "+i);
    yield();
  }
}</pre>
```



- two methods of the Thread
 - sleep(int milis)
 - sleep(int milis, int nanos)
 - nanos within range 0-999999
- static method
- causes the currently executing thread to sleep for the given time
- can be interrupted (by the method interrupt())
 - throws the exception InterruptedException

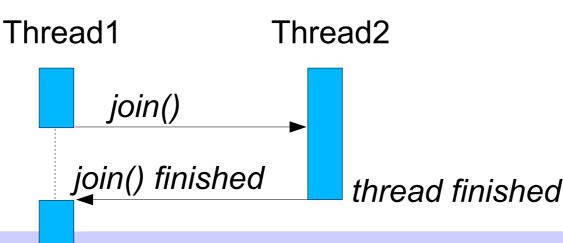
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• interrupts "waiting" of a thread



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- three methods of the class Thread
 - join()
 - waits for the given thread to terminates
 - join(int milis)
 - join(int milis, int nanos)
 - waits for the given thread to terminates but at most the given time (0..as join() without parameters)
- can be interrupted
 - exception InterruptedException



Priority

- each thread has the priority
- void setPriority(int newPriority)
- int getPriority()
- 10 levels
- constants
 - MAX_PRIORITY = 10
 - MIN_PRIORITY = 1
 - NORM_PRIORITY = 5
- groups of threads (ThreadGroup)
 - getMaxPriority()
 - setPriority()
 - it sets the priority only up to the max priority for the group to which the thread belongs

Daemon threads

- "management" threads
- runs "in background"
- they do not directly belong to an application
 e.g. the thread for garbage collector
- JVM terminates after termination of all non-daemon threads
- methods
 - void setDaemon(boolean daemon)
 - can be called on not-yet-started thread only
 - boolean isDaemon()

Synchronization

- there is a lock associated with each instance
- there is a lock associated with each class
- command/modifier synchronized
- command
 - synchronized (expression) Block
 - expression must evaluate to a reference
 - before the Block is to be executed, the thread must obtain the lock on the instance specified by the expression
 - after the Block is finished, the lock is released

Synchronization

- modifier of a method
 - synchronized in the signature of the method
 - behaves in the same manner like the command synchronized
 - the thread also before execution of the method must obtain the lock on the instance
 - after the method is finished, the lock is released
 - static synchronized methods manipulates the lock associated with the class
- mutually excluded are only synchronized methods and blocks
- if a thread has obtained the lock on an instance other threads can use fields of the instance and call non-synchronized methods of the instance

Wait & notify

- there is a queue of waiting threads associated with each instance
 - it is empty after creating the instance
- it is used by the methods wait, notify and notifyAll
 - defined in java.lang.Object
- void wait()
 - can be called only when the calling thread has obtained the lock on the given instance (i.e. in a synchronized section)
 - or throws the exception IllegalMonitorStateException
 - puts the thread to the queue of waiting threads, and
 - releases the lock on the instance
 - other threads can obtain the lock, i.e. enter synchronized sections

Wait & notify

- the thread is in the queue of waiting threads until the notify or notifyAll method is called
- void notify()
 - "wakes up" a thread from the queue (if the queue is not empty)
 - can be called only from synchronized sections
 - jinak výjimka IllegalMonitorStateException
 - the waked up thread continues after it obtains the lock (i.e. after the tread, which held the lock (and called notify) leaves the synchronized section)
- void notifyAll()
 - "wakes up" all threads from the queue
 - the threads can continue after they obtain the lock

wait & notify

- three wait methods
 - void wait()
 - void wait(int milis)
 - void wait(int milis, int nanos)
 - threads stay in the queue till waked up or the given time has elapsed
- waiting in the wait() can interrupted (the method interrupt())
 - the exception InterruptedException is thrown
- wait, notify, and notifyAll are final
- the method sleep() does not releases the lock

Simple lock via synchronized

```
public class SimpleLock {
```

```
private boolean locked;
public SimpleLock() {
  locked = false;
}
synchronized public boolean lock() {
  try {
   while (locked)
      wait();
    locked = true:
  } catch (InterruptedException e) {
    return false:
  }
  return true;
}
synchronized public void unlock() {
  locked = false;
 notify();
}
```

Stopping thread

- destroy()
- stop()
- stop(Throwable t)
- suspend()
- resume()
 - all of them **deprecated** (most since JDK 1.2)
 - dangerous
 - can cause an inconsistent state of an application or cause a deadlock
- destroy() and stop(Throwable)
 - removed since Java 11

Thread groups

- a thread can belong to a group of threads
- the ThreadGroup class
- a group can contain threads and other groups
 tree hierarchy
- can be obtained
 - all threads in the group
 - parent group in the hierarchy
 - active threads in the group

• can be ignored

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- each thread has a name
 - can be specified during creation
 - constructors
 - Thread(String name)
 - Thread(Runnable obj, String name)
 - after creation
 - setName(String name)
 - obtaining the name
 - String getName()
- if the name is not set, then it is assigned automatically
 - "Thread-"+n
 - n is sequence number

Other methods

- static Thread currentThread()
 - returns a reference to the currently executing thread
- boolean isAlive()
 - test if this thread is alive
 - false in case the thread is not yet started or already finished
- boolean isInterrupted()
 - test whether this tread has the flag *interrupted* assigned
- boolean interrupted()
 - as isInterrupted(), but clears the flag interrupted
- String toString()
 - the string contains
 - name
 - priority
 - group

java.util.concurrent

- java.util.concurrent
- java.util.concurrent.atomic
- java.util.concurrent.locks
 - since JDK 5
 - contain classes for concurrent access to data, locks, semaphores,...

java.util.concurrent

- Executor
 - interface
 - multiple implementations
 - ThreadPoolExecutor, ForkJoinPool,...
 - void execute(Runnable command)
 - executes the "command" at some time in future
- ExecutorService
 - interface, extends Executor
 - additional methods
 - Future<T> submit(Callable<T> task)
 - List<Future<T>> invokeAll(Collection<? extends Callable<T>> tasks)
 - ...

java.util.concurrent

- Callable<T>
 - interface
 - T call() throws Exception
 - equivalent to Runnable, but returns a value and can throw an exception
- Future<T>
 - interface
 - a result of an asynchronous operation
 - T get()
 - returns the result
 - waits if the result is not yet available

ForkJoinPool

- od Java 7
- implements ExecutorService
- intended for "divide and conquer"
- supports "work-stealing"
- ForkJoinTask<V>
 - a task for ForkJoinPool, an abstract class
 - children
 - RecursiveAction
 - abstract void compute()
 - RecursiveTask<V>
 - abstract V compute()

ForkJoinPool

- methods for executing tasks
 - execute()
 - asynchronous execution
 - submit(), submitAll()
 - asynchronous execution + returns a Future
 - invoke(), invokeAll()
 - execution and waiting for a result
- similar methods are also in ForkJoinTask
 - execution of "subtasks"
- obtaining the pool
 - constructors, or
 - ForkJoinPool.commonPool()

ForkJoinPool

class CustomRecursiveAction extends RecursiveAction {

```
@Override
protected void compute() {
  if (...) {
    ForkJoinTask.invokeAll(createSubtasks());
  }
}
public static void main() {
  CustomRecursiveAction cra =
                            new CustomRecursiveAction()
  ForkJoinPool.commonPool().invoke(cra);
}
```

}

Executors

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- a class
- only static utility methods
 - converting Runnable into Callable
 - obtaining different thread-pools
 - newFixedThreadPool()
 - newSingleThreadPool()

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java.lang.System

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- · contains static elements only
- no instance can be created
- fields
 - java.io.InputStream in
 - standard input
 - java.io.PrintStream out
 - standard output
 - java.io.PrintStream err
 - standard error output

Metods

- void arraycopy(Object src, int srcPos, Object dest, int destPos, int length)
 - copies arrays
 - works even if src==dest
- long currentTimeMillis()
 - current time in milliseconds since 1.1.1970
 - precision depends on OS
- long nanoTime()
 - value of a system timer in nanoseconds
 - nanoseconds since some fixed but arbitrary time
 - can even in future, i.e. the returned value can negative
 - used for measurements of time intervals
 - since Java 5

Metods

- void exit(int status)
 terminates JVM
- void gc()
 - recommendation for JVM to run garbage collector
- void setIn(InputStream s)
 void setOut(PrintStream s)
 void setErr(PrintStream s)
 sets the particular input/output
- int identityHashCode(Object x)
 - returns default hash code of the object

Properties

- tuples
 - key value
 - String (both keys and values)
- system and user-defined
- Properties getProperties()
 - returns all set properties
 - java.util.Properties extends java.util.Hashtable
- String getProperty(String key)
 - returns the value
 - if the key is not set, returns null
- String getProperty(String key, String def)
 - returns the value
 - if the key is not set, returns ${\tt def}$

Properties

- void setProperties (Properties props)
 sets properties in props
- String setProperty(String key, String val)
 - sets the given property property
 - returns its previous value or null
- String clearProperty(String key)
 - clears the given property
- setting properties at JVM start
 - parameter Dkey=value
 - **ex**.java -DdefaultDir=/usr Program
- typically, hierarchical names (separated by dots) are used as the keys

Always set properties

- java.version
- java.home
 - directory where the Java is installed
- java.class.path
- java.io.tmpdir
 - directory for temporary files
- os.name, os.architecture, os.version
 - identification of an operating system
- file.separator
 - the separator of names in a path (unix "/", win "\")
- path.separator
 - the path separator (unix ":", win ";")
- line.separator
 - the line separator (unix "LF", win "CR LF")

Always set properties

- user.name
 - name of the current user
- user.home
 - user's home dir
- user.dir
 - current directory
- plus several properties that identifies VM

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- Map<String, String> getenv()
 - all set environment variables
 - unmodifiable collection
- String getenv(String name)
 - variable with the given name



java.lang.Runtime

Runtime

- there is always a single instance
 - no other instances can be created
- Runtime getRuntime()
 - static method
 - returns the instance of the Runtime
- int availableProcessors()
 - depends on the implementation
 - returned value may change during a program execution
- long freeMemory()
 - free memory available for JVM
- long maxMemory()
 - maximal available memory for JVM
- void halt(int status)
 - immediately terminates JVM, does not wait for anything

Runtime

- void addShutdownHook(Thread hook)
 - sets a thread to be run during JVM termination
 - hook created but not started thread
 - there can be several set hooks
 - they will start in some unspecified order
 - daemon threads run even during JVM termination
 - hooks are not executed if JVM was terminated using halt()
- boolean removeShutdownHook(Thread hook)
 - removes the set hook
 - return false if the given thread has not been set

Runtime

- Process exec(String command)
 - launches an external process
 - several variants (with different parameters)
 - may not always work correctly
- the class Process
 - represents an external process
 - methods
 - void destroy()
 - kills the process
 - int exitValue()
 - return value of the process
 - int waitFor()
 - waits until the process terminates
 - returns the return value
 - can be interrupted



java.lang.Math

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- static fields and methods for basic mathematic constants and operations
- fields
 - PI, E
- methods
 - abs, ceil, floor, round, min, max,...
 - pow, sqrt,...
 - sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan,...
 - toDegrees, toRadians,...

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