THREADS

Most programming languages are designed for single processor, sequential execution.

In Java, this corresponds to a single thread.

But Java can also handle multiple threads executing concurrently (sharing the processor).

You create a Thread using new

Thread myThread = new Thread();

After creation, you can configure it using methods such as

setName(String name)
setPriority(int Priority)

To run it, you invoke its start method, which spawns a new thread based on the data in the Thread object.

Once it is started, the Java virtual machine invokes its run method, which you write.

A Thread can be explicitly stopped with its stop method.
class PingPong extends Thread {
    String word;
    int delay;

    PingPong(String whatToSay, int delayTime) {
        word = whatToSay;
        delay = delayTime;
    }

    public void run() {
        try {
            for (;;) {
                System.out.print(word + " ");
                sleep(delay); // sleep CAN throw an exception
            }
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            return;
        }
    }

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Example:

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Things you can do with Threads

1. Create them, run them, stop them.
2. Assign them priorities for preference in running.
3. Suspend them and resume them.
4. Use them to execute synchronized methods or synchronized blocks of code for working with shared data.
5. Use the explicit methods wait and notify to have some threads wait for results to be produced by others.
RUNNABLES

• The Runnable interface abstracts the concept of something that will execute code while it is active.

• The Runnable interface declares a single method:

    public abstract void run()

• The Thread class implements the Runnable interface, but it has a lot of extra overhead, so it is often easier to just implement Runnable directly.

• If an object implementing Runnable is used to create a thread, then starting the thread will lead to the invocation of the object’s run method in that separately executing thread.

EXAMPLE: Graphics / Animation

import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Color;

public class check3 extends java.applet.Applet implements Runnable {
    /* This applet uses the concept of a thread to enable animation on its own without interfering with other system operations. It can be started and stopped and can run in parallel with other applets. */
    Thread runner;
    int xpos;
}
/* The start method creates a new thread and starts it running */

```java
public void start() {
    if (runner == null) {
        runner = new Thread(this);
        runner.start();
    }
}
/* The stop method suspends the execution of the thread when the reader leaves the page. */

public void stop() {
    if (runner != null) {
        runner.stop();
        runner = null;
    }
}
```

Why does run have to go to sleep?
The paint method specifies what to draw on the screen:

```java
public void paint(Graphics g) {
    /* Draw board squares */
    g.setColor(Color.yellow);
    g.fillRect(0,0,100,100);
    g.setColor(Color.black);
    g.fillRect(100,0,100,100);

    /* Draw checker */
    g.setColor(Color.red);
    g.fillOval(xpos,5,90,90);
}
```

This will have some flicker. There are methods for dealing with it such as:

1. Repainting only the changed part of the screen.
2. Double buffering
Making the figure and motion more complex

import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Color;
public class moreman extends java.applet.Applet
    implements Runnable {

    Thread runner;
    int xpos,ypos,ypos2;
    double dx, dy, dy2;

    public void run() {
        setBackground(Color.cyan);
        while (true) {
            /* FORWARD LOOP. */
            for (xpos = 5; xpos <=405; xpos +=4) {
                dx = (double) (xpos * .0078);
                dy = Math.sin(dx)/.0078;
                ypos = (int) dy;
                dy2 = Math.cos(dx)/.0078;
                ypos2 = (int) Math.abs(dy2);
                repaint();
                try {Thread.sleep(100); }
                catch (InterruptedException e) {}         
            }         /* REVERSE LOOP. */
            for (xpos = 405; xpos > 5; xpos -=4) {
                dx = (double) (xpos * .0078);
                dy = Math.sin(dx)/.0078;
                ypos = (int) dy;
                dy2 = Math.cos(dx)/.0078;
                ypos2 = (int) Math.abs(dy2);
                repaint();
                try {Thread.sleep(100); }
                catch (InterruptedException e) {}         
    }  

    }}
public void paint(Graphics g) {

    /* THIS MAN USES THE SINE FUNCTION */
    g.setColor(Color.red);
    g.fillOval(xpos+23,ypos+5,45,45);
    g.setColor(Color.blue);
    g.fillRect(xpos+23,ypos+50,45,45);
    g.setColor(Color.yellow);
    g.fillRect(xpos+2,ypos+50,21,21);
    g.fillRect(xpos+68,ypos+50,21,21);

    /* THIS MAN USES THE COSINE FUNCTION */
    g.setColor(Color.magenta);
    g.fillOval(xpos+23,ypos2+5,45,45);
    g.setColor(Color.black);
    g.fillRect(xpos+23,ypos2+50,45,45);
    g.setColor(Color.pink);
    g.fillRect(xpos+2,ypos2+50,21,21);
    g.fillRect(xpos+68,ypos2+50,21,21);

    }
    }
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Image;
import java.awt.Color;

public class MoveDog extends java.applet.Applet
    implements Runnable {
    Image dogpics[] = new Image[4];
    Image currentimg;
    Thread runner;
    int xpos;
    int ypos = 50;

    public void init() {
        String dogsrcl[] = {"right1.gif", "right2.gif", "stop.gif", "yawn.gif"};

        for (int i=0; i < dogpics.length; i++) {
            dogpics[i] = getImage(getCodeBase(), "images/" + dogsrcl[i]);
        }
    }

    public void run() {
        setBackground(Color.white);
        while (true) {
            /* run from one side of the screen to the middle */
            dogrun(0, this.size().width / 2);

            /* stop and pause */
            currentimg = dogpics[2];
            repaint();
            pause(1000);

            /* yawn */
            currentimg = dogpics[3];
            repaint();
            pause(1000);

            /* go back to plain old stop */
            currentimg = dogpics[2];
            repaint();
            pause(1000);

            /* wake up and run off */
            dogrun(xpos, this.size().width + 10);  }
    }
}
void dogrun(int start, int end) {
    for (int i = start; i < end; i+=10) {
        this.xpos = i;

        /* swap images */

        if (currentimg == dogpics[0]) currentimg = dogpics[1];
        else currentimg = dogpics[0];

        repaint();
        pause(150);
    }
}

void pause(int time) {
    try { Thread.sleep(time); }      
    catch (InterruptedException e) { }   
}

public void paint(Graphics g) {
    g.drawImage(currentimg, xpos, ypos, this);
}