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UNIT IV - EXCEPTION AND MULTITHREADING

TOPIC 6 -Thread Creation



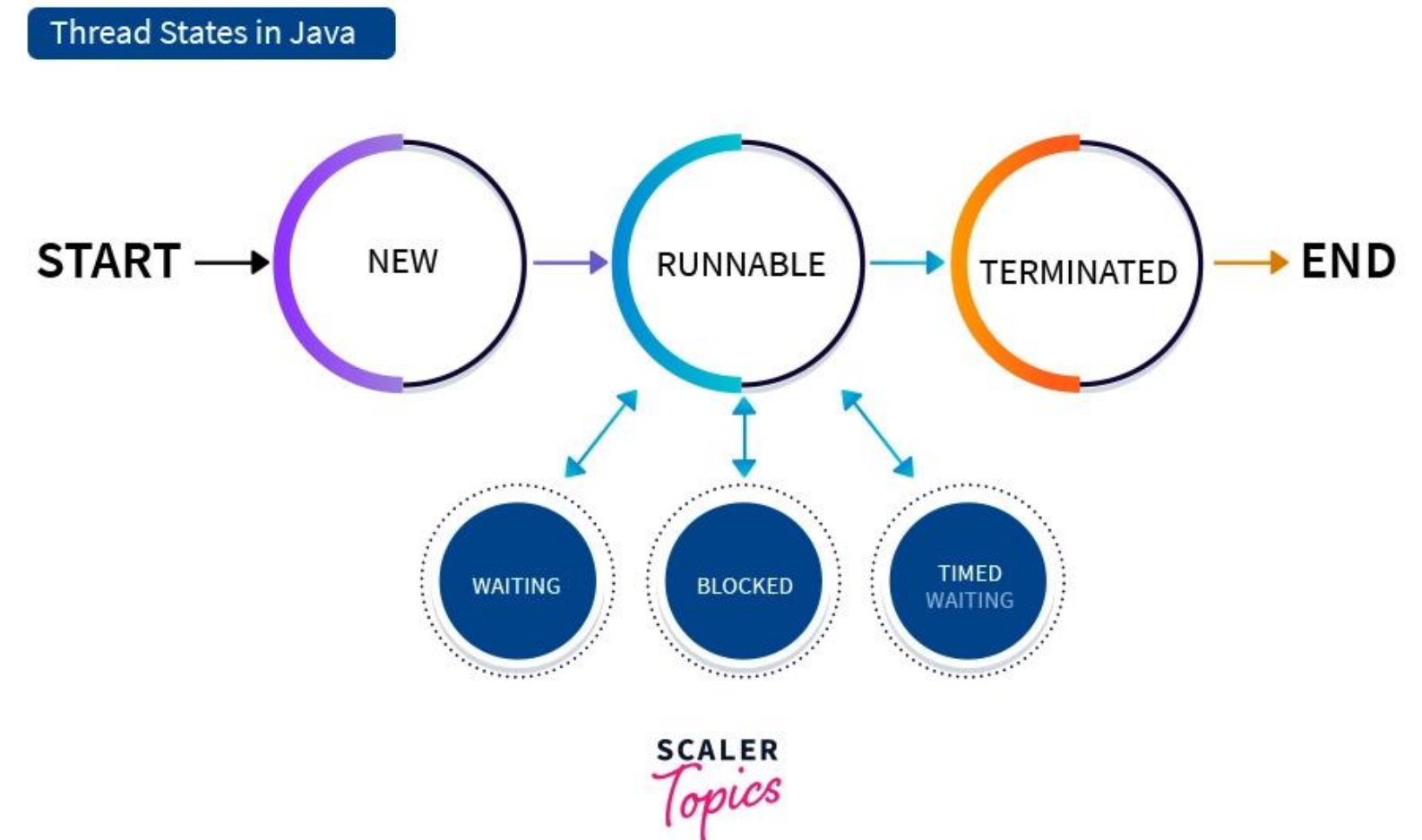
1. What is Thread Creation?

- **Thread creation** means creating a **new path of execution** in a program so that multiple tasks can run simultaneously.
- In Java, threads are created using the classes and interfaces from the **java.lang package**

2. Ways to Create Threads in Java

There are **two main ways**:

- ✓ **1. Extending the Thread class**
- ✓ **2. Implementing the Runnable interface**

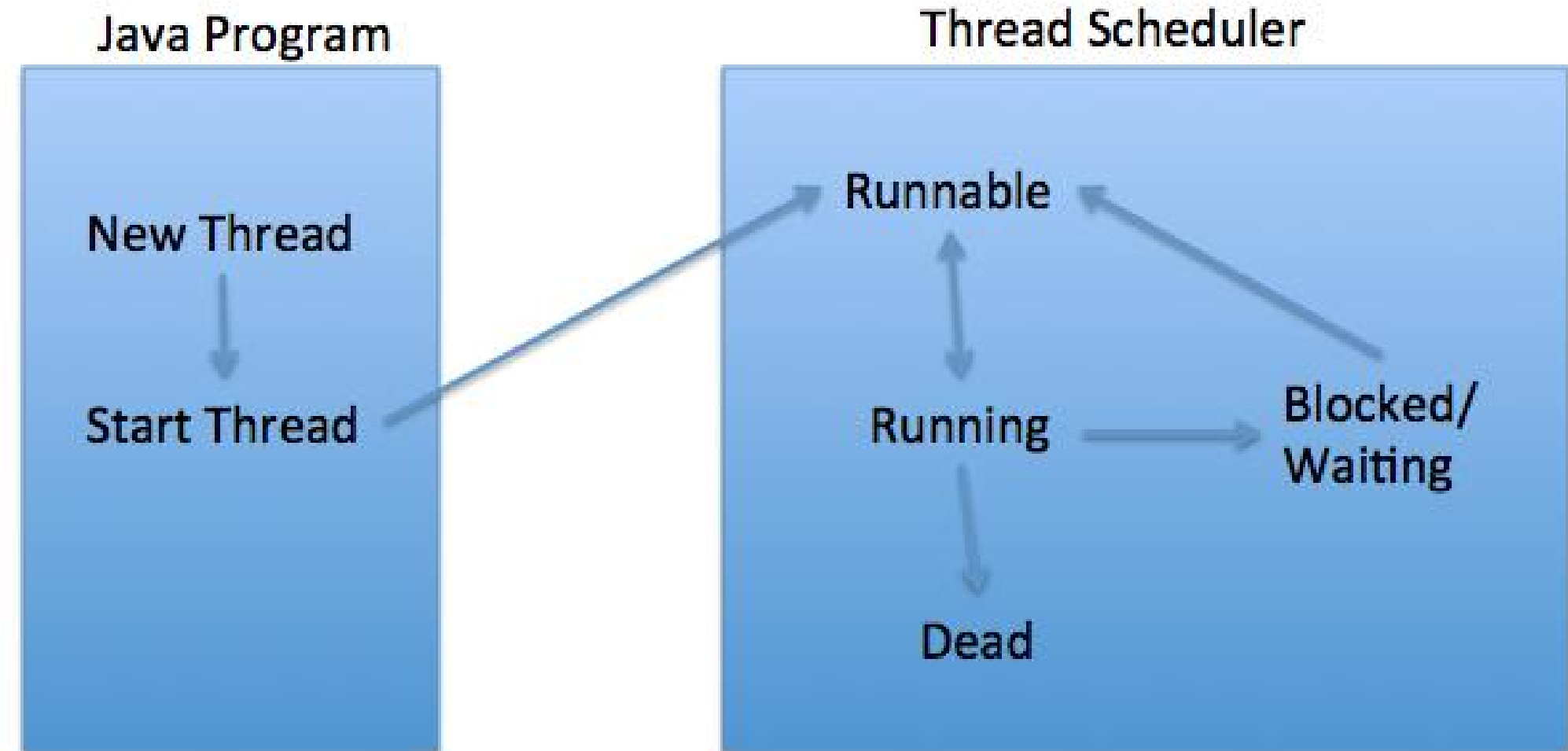


3. Method 1: Extending Thread Class

- In this method, you create a class that **extends the Thread class** and override the `run()` method.

Steps:

1. Extend Thread class
2. Override `run()` method
3. Create object of the class
4. Call `start()` method



Example:

```
class MyThread extends Thread {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("Thread is running...");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        MyThread t = new MyThread();  
        t.start(); // starts new thread  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Thread is running...

Important Note:

Do NOT call run() directly

t.run(); // wrong

✓ This will not create a new thread

✓ It behaves like a normal method call

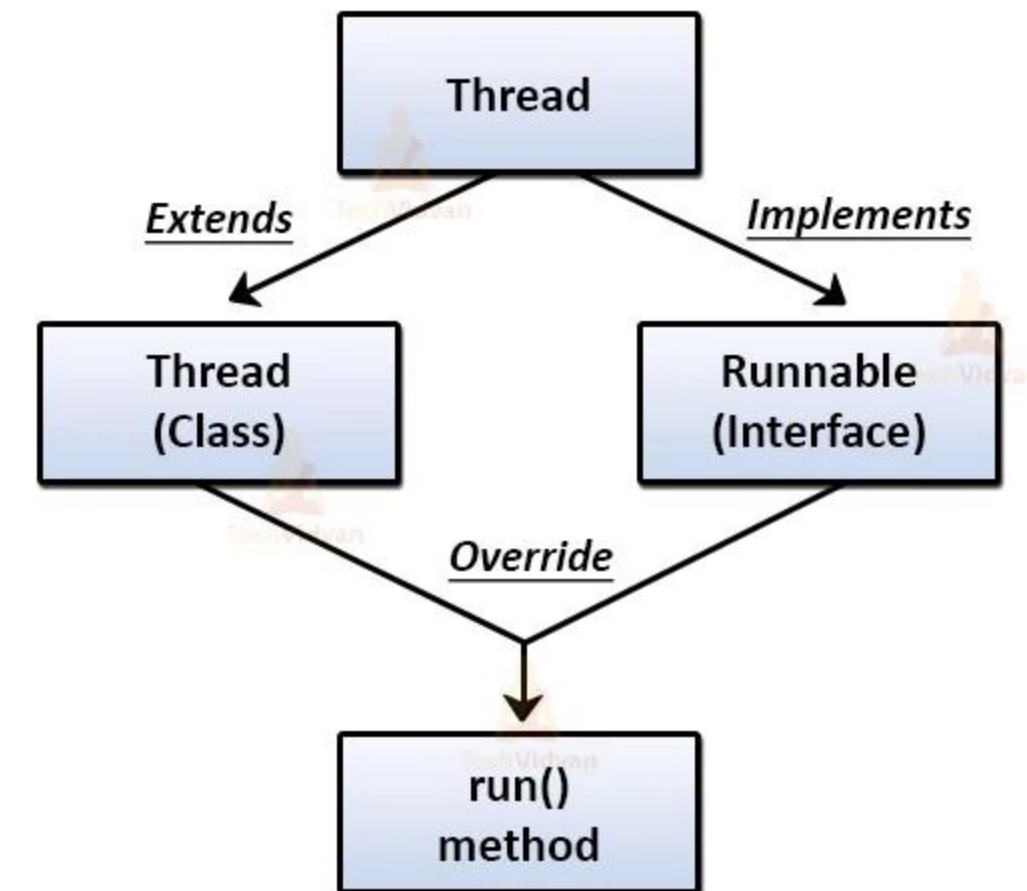
4. Method 2: Implementing Runnable Interface

This is the **most recommended method** in Java.

Steps:

1. Implement Runnable interface
2. Override run() method
3. Pass object to Thread class
4. Call start()

Thread class vs. Runnable interface in Java





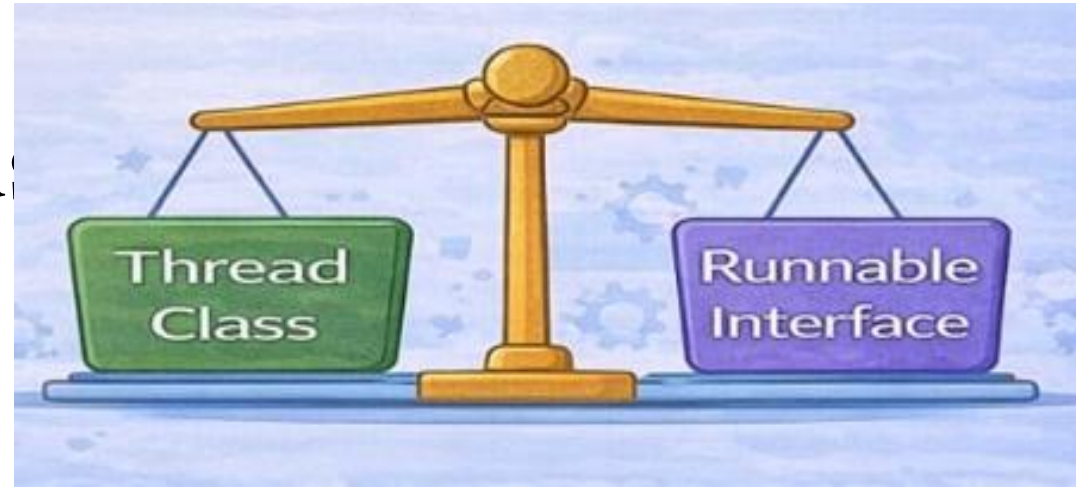
Example:

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("Thread is running...");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        MyRunnable obj = new MyRunnable();  
        Thread t = new Thread(obj);  
        t.start();  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Thread is running...

5. Difference Between Two Methods



Feature	Thread Class	Runnable Interface
Inheritance	Uses inheritance	Uses interface
Flexibility	Less flexible	More flexible
Multiple inheritance	Not possible	Possible
Recommended	✗ No	✓ Yes

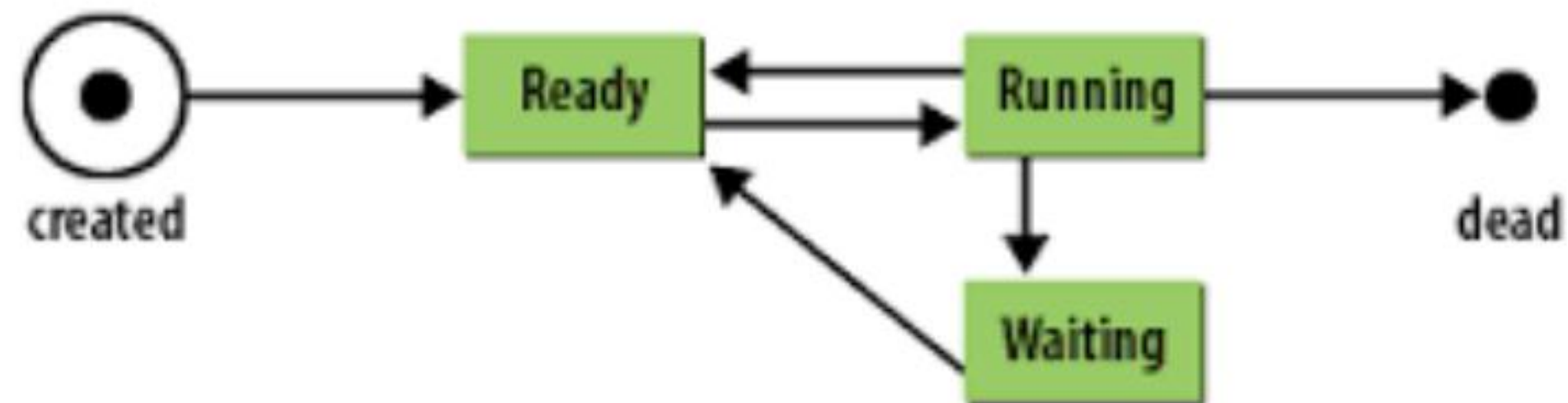
6. Thread Class vs Runnable (Concept)

Java does **not support multiple inheritance**

So if you **extend Thread**, you cannot extend any other class

But using Runnable, you can:

class A extends B imp.



7. Creating Multiple Threads

```
class MyThread extends Thread {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println(Thread.currentThread().getName());  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        MyThread t1 = new MyThread();  
        MyThread t2 = new MyThread();  
        t1.start();  
        t2.start();  
    }  
}
```

8. Thread Naming

```
t1.setName("Thread-1");
```

```
System.out.println(t1.getName());
```

9. Using Lambda (Modern Way - Java 8+)

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        Thread t = new Thread(() -> {
```

```
            System.out.println("Thread using lambda");
```

```
        });
```

```
        t.start();
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

10. Thread Life After Creation

After calling start():

- ➡ Thread goes to **Runnable state**
- ➡ Then scheduler moves it to **Running state**

11. Common Mistakes

- ✗ Calling run() instead of start()
- ✗ Not overriding run()
- ✗ Forgetting to handle exceptions

12. Real-Time Example

```
class Download extends Thread {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Downloading file...");
    }
}

class Music extends Thread {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Playing music...");
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Download d = new Download();
        Music m = new Music();
        d.start();
        m.start();
    }
}
```



13. Advantages of Thread Creation

- ✓ Parallel execution
- ✓ Faster processing
- ✓ Better CPU utilization
- ✓ Responsive applications

14. Summary

- Threads are created using **Thread class** or **Runnable interface**
- start() method is used to begin execution
- run() contains the logic
- Runnable is **preferred method**

MIND MAP



Assessment



1. What happens if you call `run()` instead of `start()`?
2. Can you start a thread twice?
3. What is a Daemon Thread?
4. What is the difference between `Runnable` and `Callable`?



THANK YOU

