

ITSE322 Modern Programming Language: Advanced Java

Multithreaded Programming using Java Threads

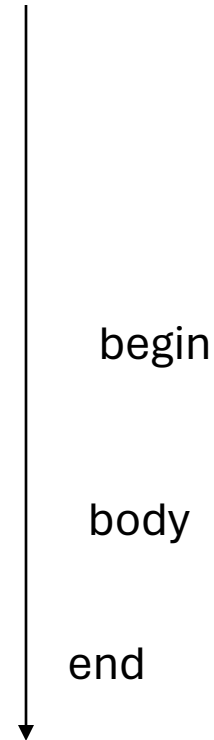
Lecture 5

Learning Objectives

- Understand the concept of multithreading
- Create programs with multi-threads
- Accessing Shared Resources
 - Synchronisation
- Understand Advanced Topics:
 - Concurrency Models: master/worker, pipeline, peer processing
 - Multithreading Vs multiprocessing

Java programs are single threaded

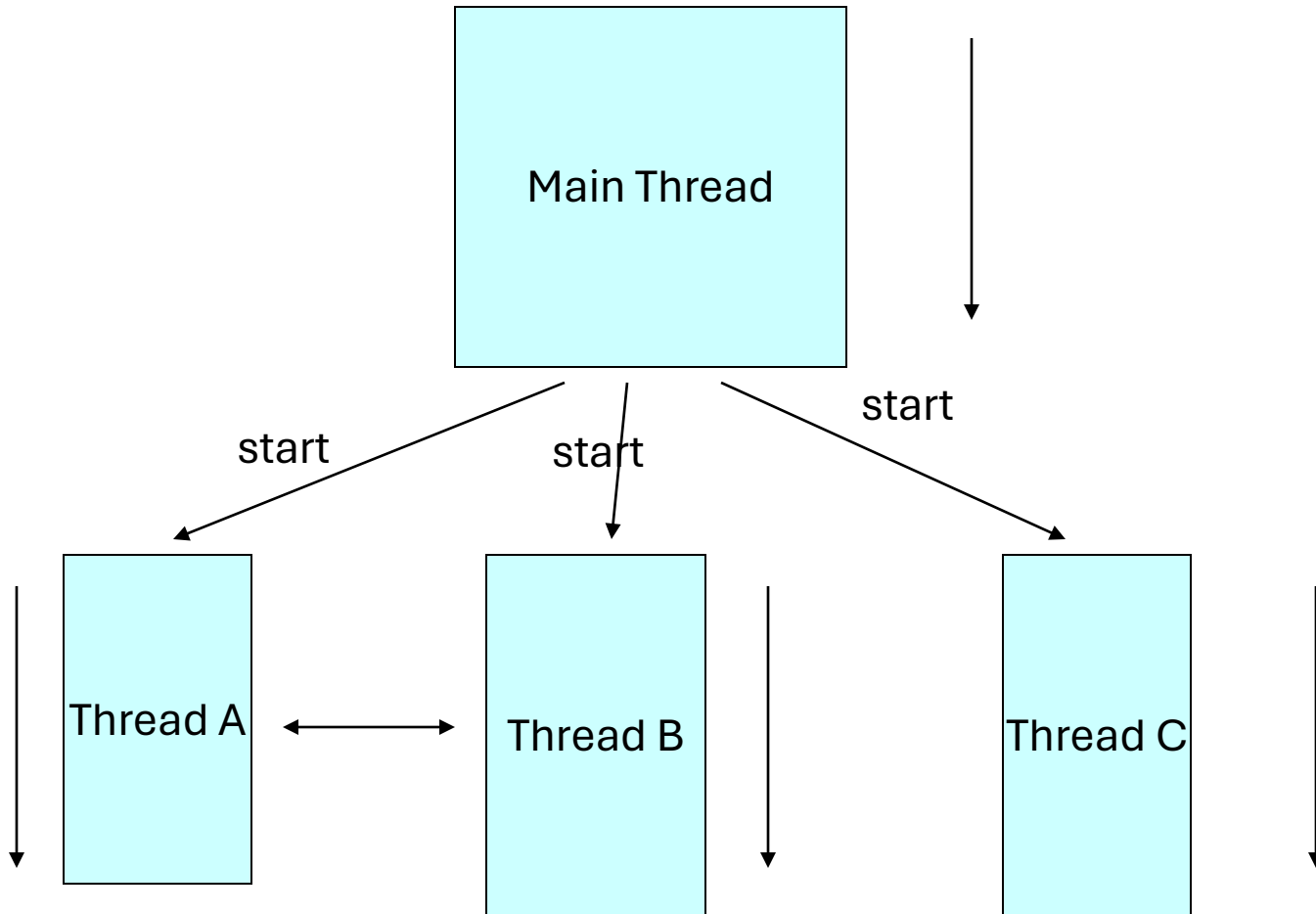
```
class ABC
{
....
    public void main(..)
    {
        ...
        ..
    }
}
```



What is a Thread?

- A piece of code that runs in concurrent with other threads.
- They are essential for performing background tasks like file downloads, data processing, or network communication without blocking the main program flow.
- Threads allow for better resource utilization by allowing different parts of a program to work independently without waiting for each other.
- They are essential for implementing concurrent data structures and synchronization mechanisms to ensure thread safety and avoid data inconsistency.

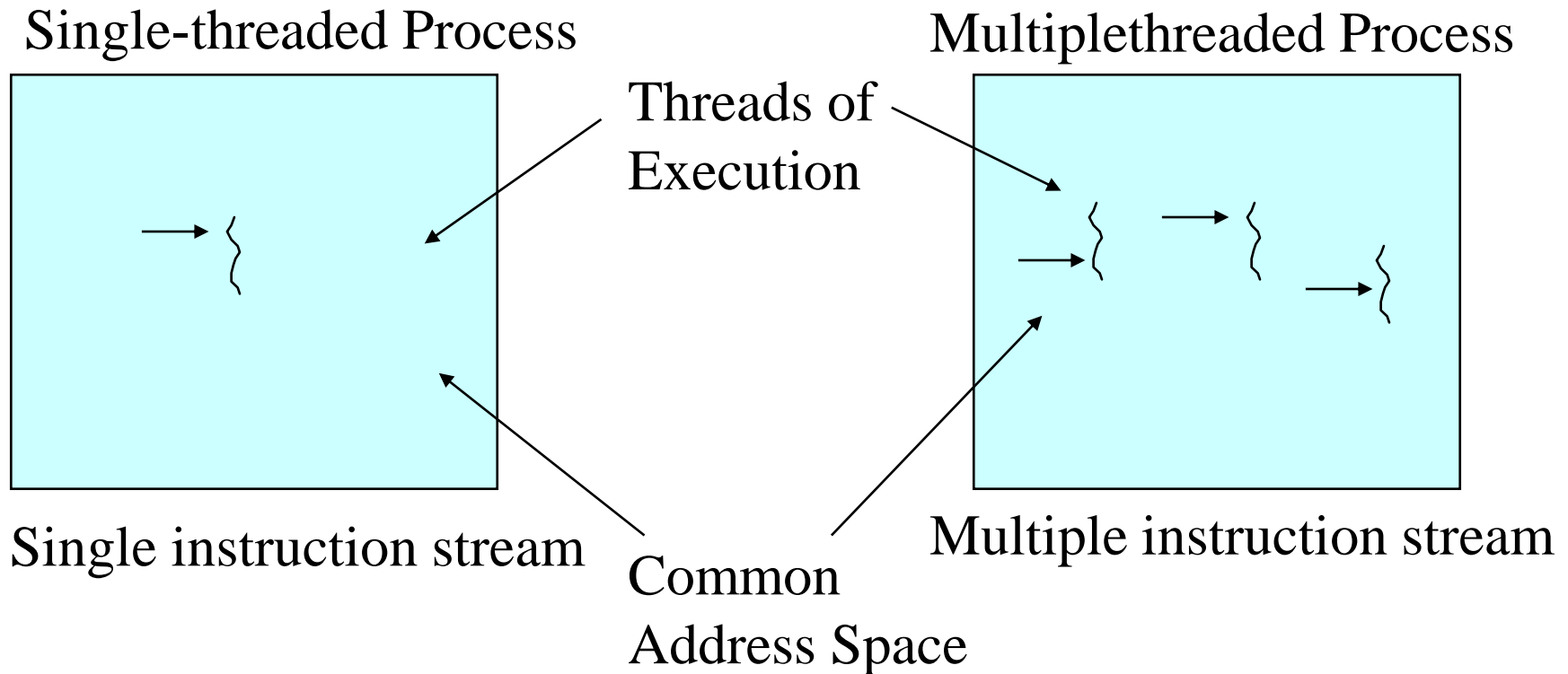
We can write Multithreaded Programs



Threads may switch or exchange data/results

Single and Multithreaded Processes

threads are light-weight processes within a process

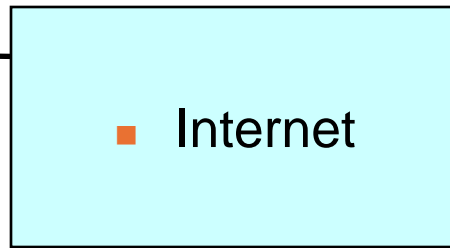


Multithreaded Server: For Serving Multiple Clients Concurrently

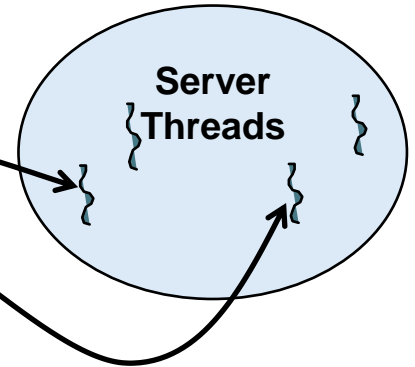
Client 1 Process



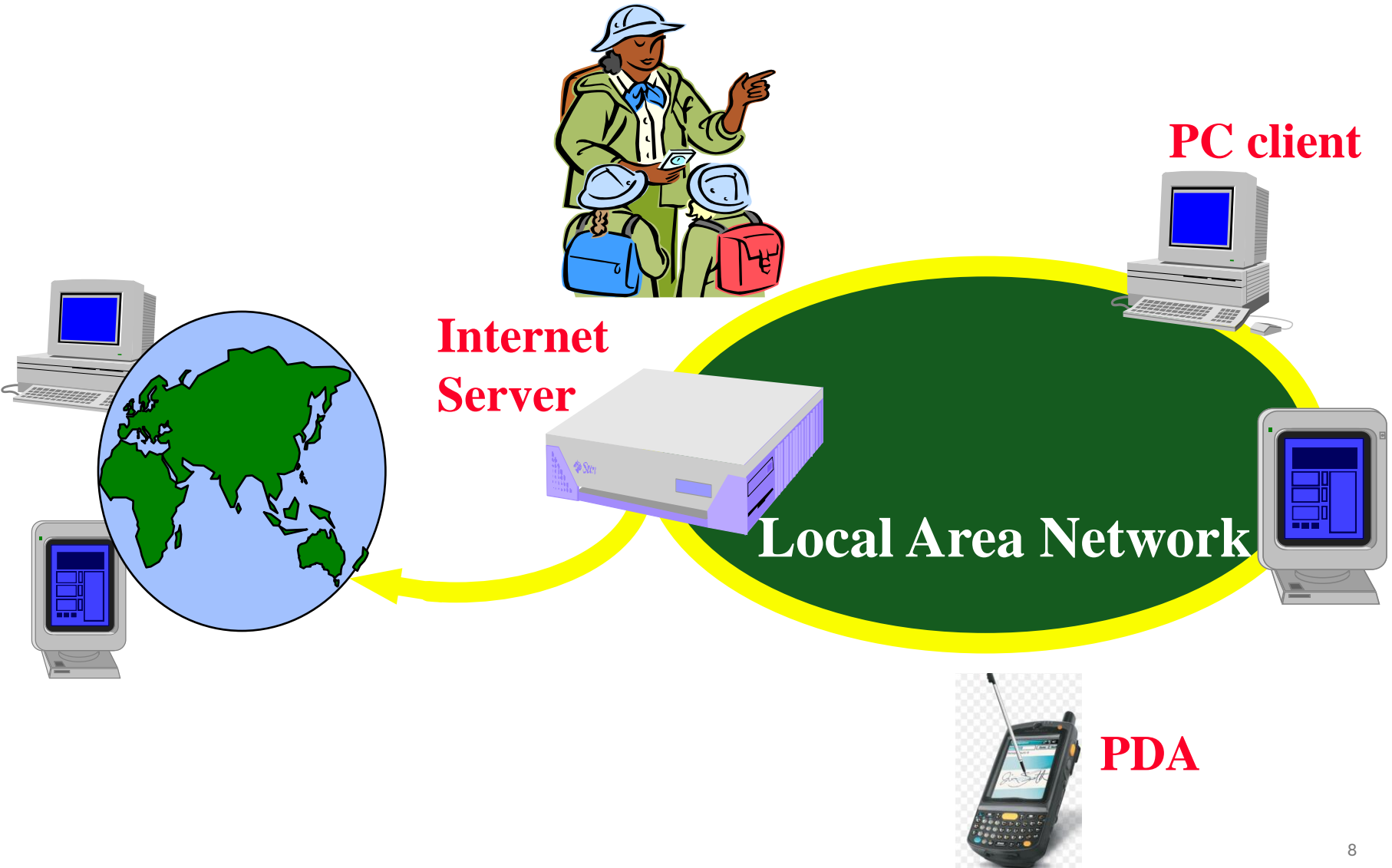
Client 2 Process



Server Process



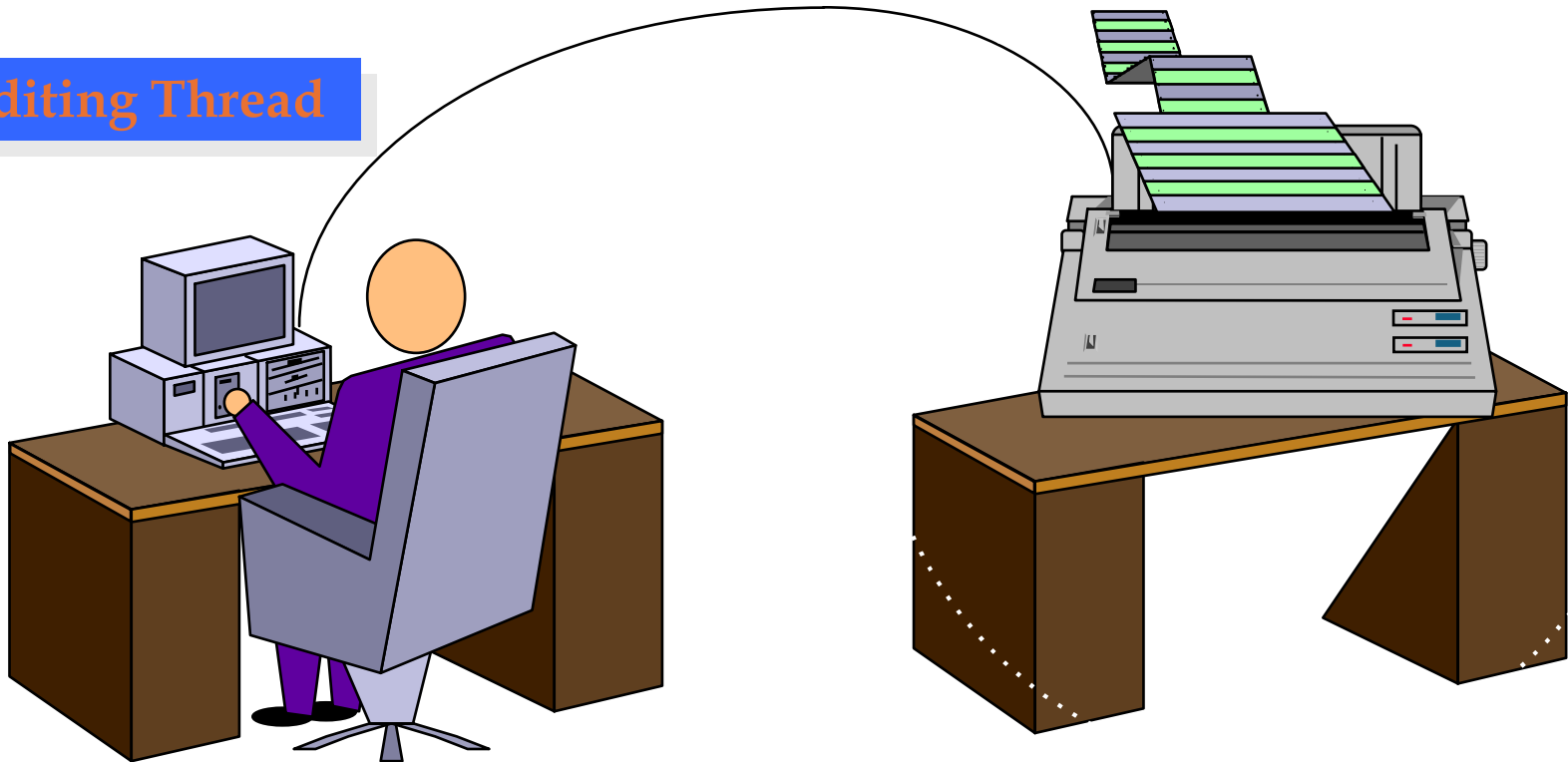
Web Applications: Serving Many Users Simultaneously



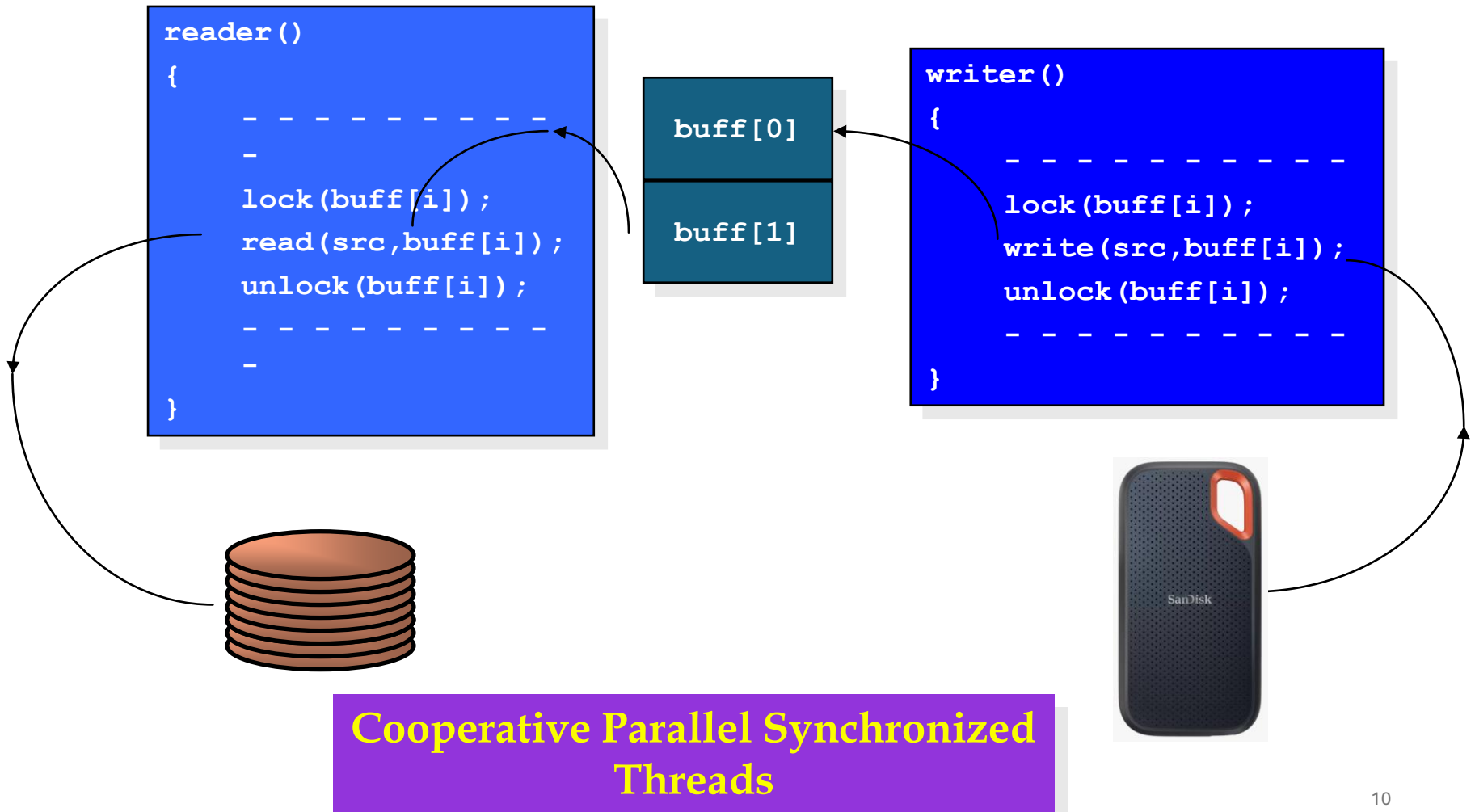
Modern Applications need Threads (ex1): Editing and Printing documents in background.

Editing Thread

Printing Thread



Multithreaded/Parallel File Copy



Benefits of Threads

1. **Concurrency:** Threads enable concurrent execution of multiple tasks, allowing programs to perform multiple operations simultaneously.
2. **Responsiveness:** By using threads, programs can remain responsive even while performing time-consuming tasks in the background.
3. **Efficiency:** Threads allow programs to make efficient use of system resources, such as CPU cores, by executing tasks concurrently.
4. **Parallelism:** Threads enable parallel processing, where multiple threads can execute different parts of a program in parallel, potentially speeding up execution.
5. **Asynchronous Operations:** Threads are useful for handling asynchronous operations, such as downloading files or making network requests, without blocking the main program flow.

Benefits of Threads

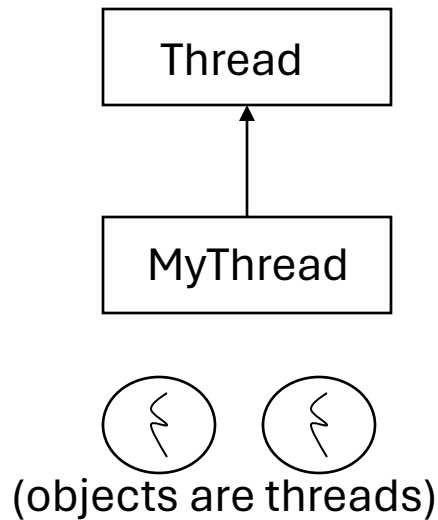
6. **User Interface:** Threads are essential in graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to keep the interface responsive while performing background tasks.
7. **Server Applications:** Threads are valuable in server applications to handle multiple client requests concurrently, ensuring efficient resource utilization.
8. **Background Processing:** Threads are used for running background tasks, such as data processing or periodic maintenance, without impacting the main execution flow.
9. **Multitasking:** Threads allow programs to perform multiple tasks at the same time, such as processing input while generating output or handling multiple events concurrently.
10. **Resource Sharing:** Threads facilitate sharing resources, such as data structures or files, between different parts of a program, enabling efficient collaboration and

Java Threads

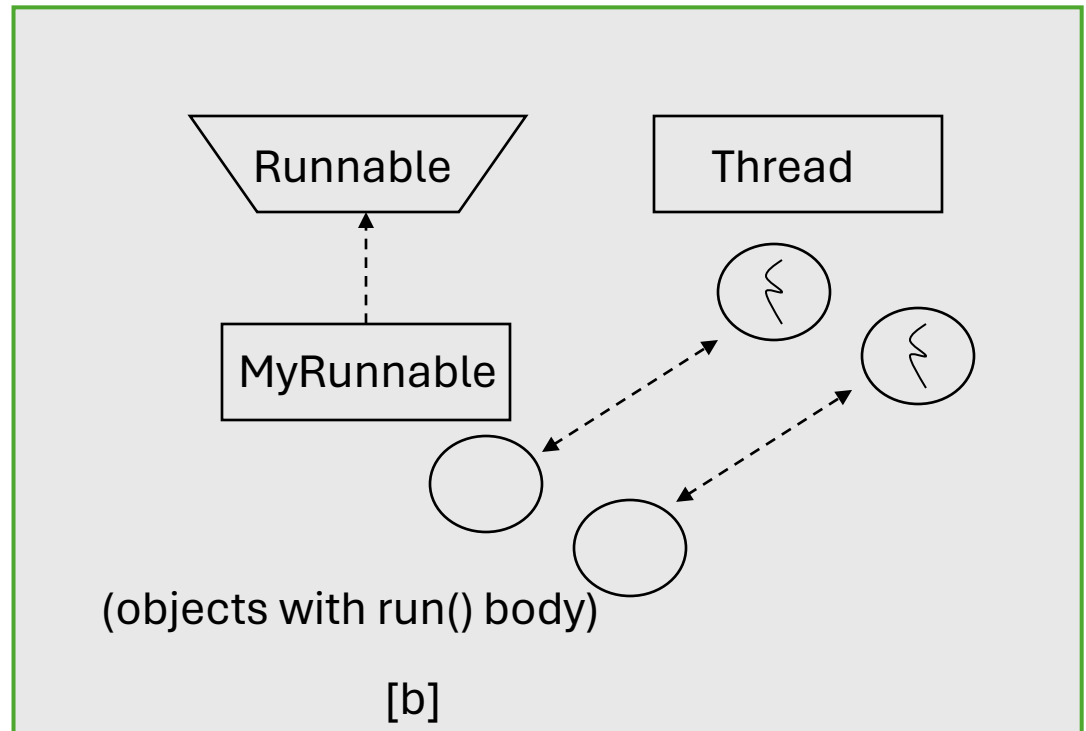
- Java has built in thread support for:
 - Multithreading
 - Synchronization
 - Thread Scheduling
 - Inter-Thread Communication:
 - `currentThread` `start` `setPriority`
 - `yield` `run` `getPriority`
 - `sleep` `stop` `suspend`
 - `resume`
- Java Garbage Collector is a low-priority thread.

Two Ways to Create Threads

- Create a class that extends the Thread class
- Create a class that implements the Runnable interface



[a]



[b]

1st method: Extending Thread class

- Create a class by extending Thread class and override run() method:

```
class MyThread extends Thread
```

```
{
```

```
    public void run()
```

```
    {
```

```
        // thread body of execution
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

- Create a thread:

```
MyThread thr1 = new MyThread();
```

- Start Execution of threads:

```
thr1.start();
```

- Create and Execute:

```
new MyThread().start();
```

An example

```
class MyThread extends Thread {  
    public void run() {  
        for(int i=1 ; i<11; i++)  
            System.out.println(" this thread is running ... ");  
    }  
}
```

```
class ThreadTest {  
    public static void main(String [] args ) {  
        MyThread thread1 = new MyThread();  
        thread1.start();  
    }  
}
```


2nd method: Threads by implementing Runnable interface

- Create a class that implements the interface Runnable and override run() method:

```
class MyThread implements Runnable
{
    .....
    public void run()
    {
        // thread body of execution
    }
}
```

- **Creating Object:**

```
MyThread myObject = new MyThread();
```

- **Creating Thread Object:**

```
Thread thr1 = new Thread( myObject );
```

- **Start Execution:**

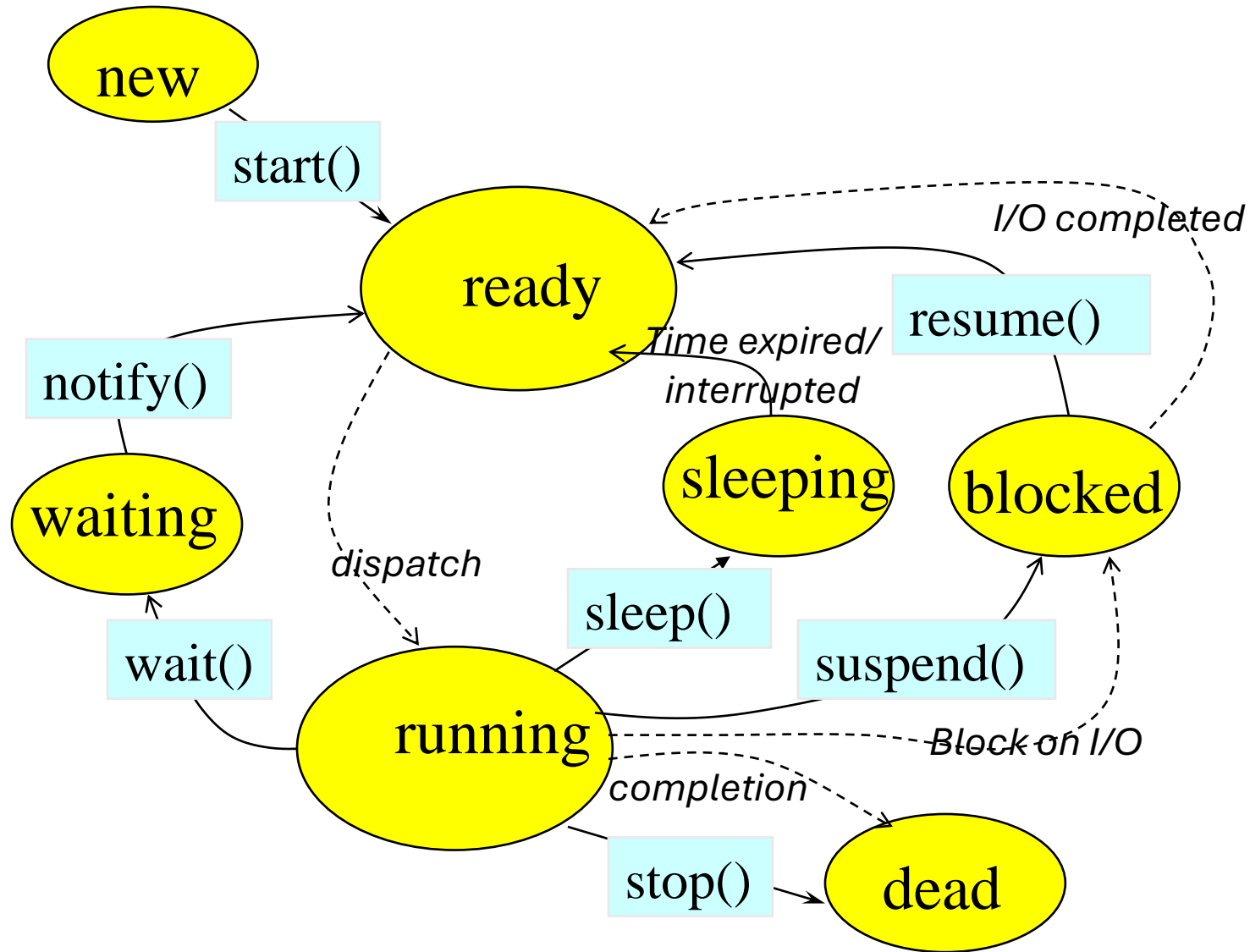
```
thr1.start();
```

An example

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        for(int i=1 ; i<11; i++)  
            System.out.println(" this thread is running ... ");  
    }  
}
```

```
class ThreadTest {  
    public static void main(String [] args ) {  
        MyRuinnable runnable1 = new MyRunnable();  
        Thread thread2 = new Thread(runnable1);  
        thread2.start();  
    }  
}
```

Life Cycle of Thread



Example

- Write a program that creates 3 threads

Three threads example

```
class MyThread1 extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        for(int i=1;i<=5;i++)
        { System.out.println("\t From Thread1: i= "+i);        }
        System.out.println("Exit from A");
    }
}

class MyThread2 extends Thread
{    public void run()
    {
        for(int j=1;j<=5;j++)
        {
            System.out.println("\t From Thread1: j= "+j);
        }
        System.out.println("Exit from B");
    }
}
```

```
public class MyThread3 extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        for(int k=1;k<=5;k++)
        {
            System.out.println("\t From Thread3: k= "+k);
        }
        System.out.println("Exit from C");
    }
}

public class ThreadTest
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        MyThread1 tr1 = new MyThread1();
        MyThread1 tr2 = new MyThread2();
        MyThread1 tr3 = new MyThread3();
        tr1.start();
        tr2.start();
        tr3.start();
    }
}
```

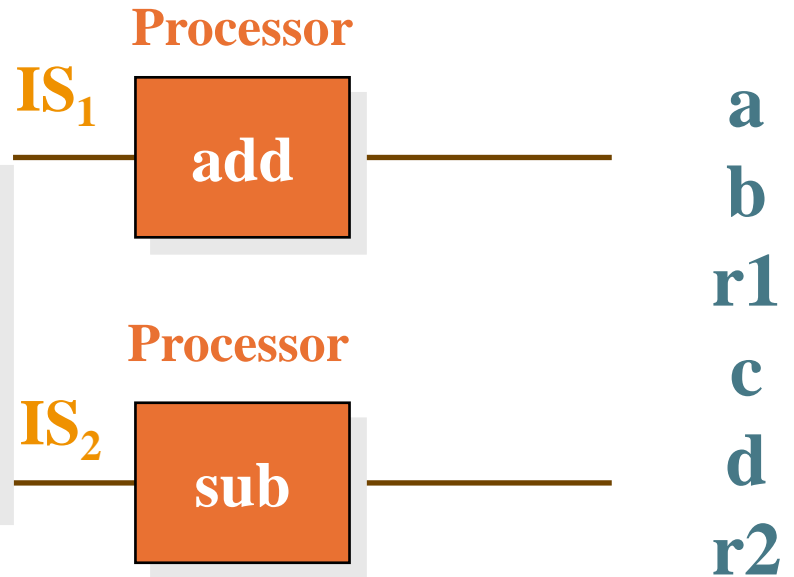
Run 1

Run2

Process Parallelism

- int add (int a, int b, int & result)
- // function stuff
- int sub(int a, int b, int & result)
- // function stuff

```
pthread t1, t2;  
pthread-create(&t1, add, a,b, & r1);  
pthread-create(&t2, sub, c,d, & r2);  
pthread-par (2, t1, t2);
```



MISD and MIMD Processing

Data Parallelism

- `sort(int *array, int count)`
- `//.....`
- `//.....`

Data

```
pthread-t, thread1, thread2;  
“  
“  
pthread-create(& thread1, sort, array, N/2);  
pthread-create(& thread2, sort, array, N/2);  
pthread-par(2, thread1, thread2);
```

IS

Processor

Sort

Processor

Sort

do

“

“

$d_{n/2}$

$d_{n/2+1}$

“

“

d_n

SIMD Processing

Thread Priority

- In Java, each thread is assigned priority, which affects the order in which it is scheduled for running. The threads so far had same default priority (NORM_PRIORITY) and they are served using FCFS policy.
 - Java allows users to change priority:
 - ThreadName.setPriority(intNumber)
 - MIN_PRIORITY = 1
 - NORM_PRIORITY=5
 - MAX_PRIORITY=10

Thread Priority Example

```
class A extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Thread A started");
        for(int i=1;i<=4;i++)
        {
            System.out.println("\t From ThreadA: i= "+i);
        }
        System.out.println("Exit from A");
    }
}

class B extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Thread B started");
        for(int j=1;j<=4;j++)
        {
            System.out.println("\t From ThreadB: j= "+j);
        }
        System.out.println("Exit from B");
    }
}
```

Thread Priority Example

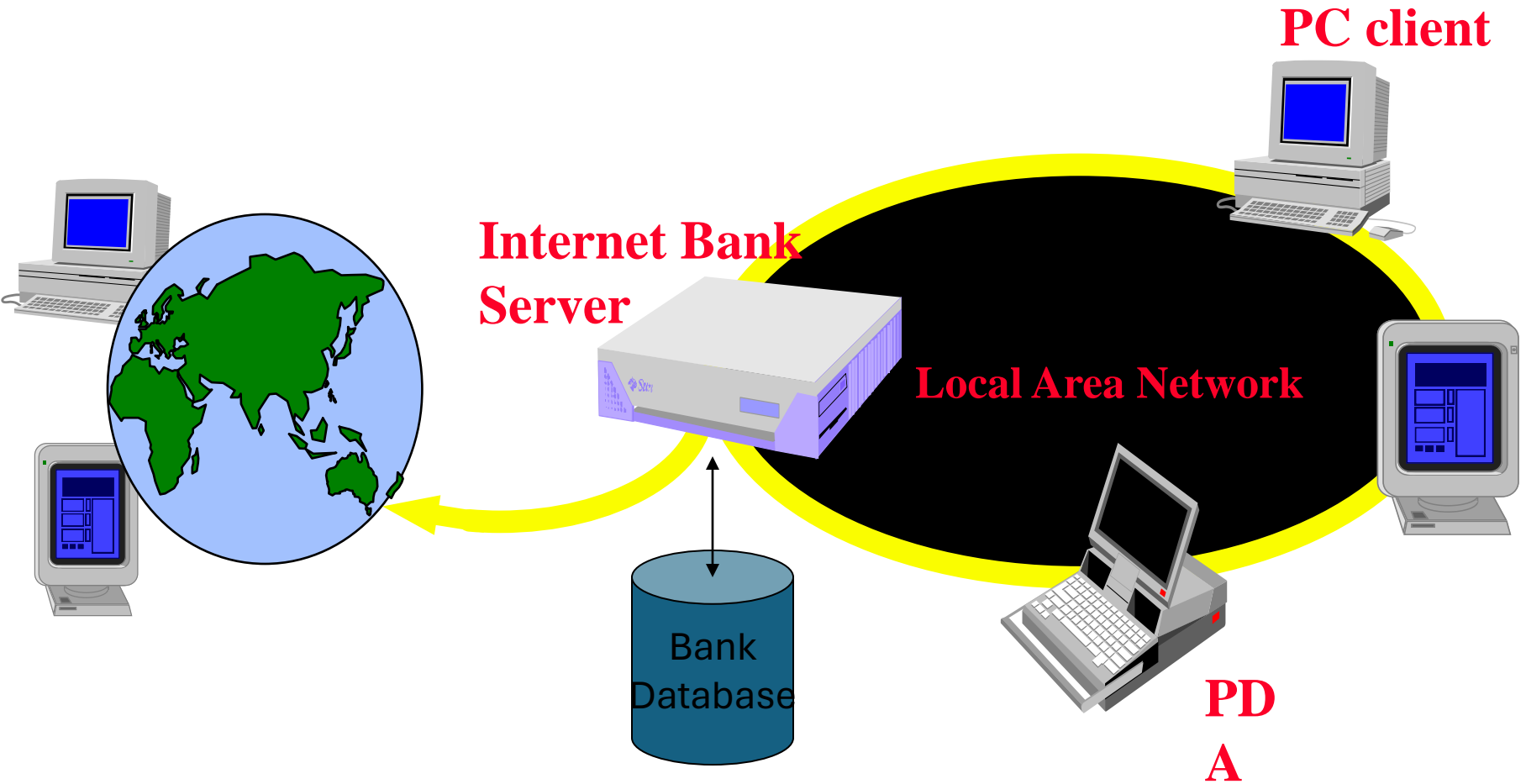
```
class C extends Thread
{
    public void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Thread C started");
        for(int k=1;k<=4;k++)
        {
            System.out.println("\t From ThreadC: k= "+k);
        }
        System.out.println("Exit from C");
    }
}

class ThreadPriority
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        A threadA=new A();
        B threadB=new B();
        C threadC=new C();
        threadC.setPriority(Thread.MAX_PRIORITY);
        threadB.setPriority(threadA.getPriority()+1);
        threadA.setPriority(Thread.MIN_PRIORITY);
        System.out.println("Started Thread A");
        threadA.start();
        System.out.println("Started Thread B");
        threadB.start();
        System.out.println("Started Thread C");
        threadC.start();
        System.out.println("End of main thread");
    }
}
```

Accessing Shared Resources

- Applications Access to Shared Resources need to be coordinated.
 - Printer (two person jobs cannot be printed at the same time)
 - Simultaneous operations on your bank account.
 - Can the following operations be done at the same time on the same account?
 - Deposit()
 - Withdraw()
 - Enquire()

Online Bank: Serving Many Customers and Operations





Shared Resources

- If one thread tries to read the data and other thread tries to update the same data, it leads to inconsistent state.
- This can be prevented by synchronising access to the data.
- Use “Synchronized” method:
 - public **synchronized** void update()
 - {
 - ...
 - }

the driver: 3rd Threads sharing the same object

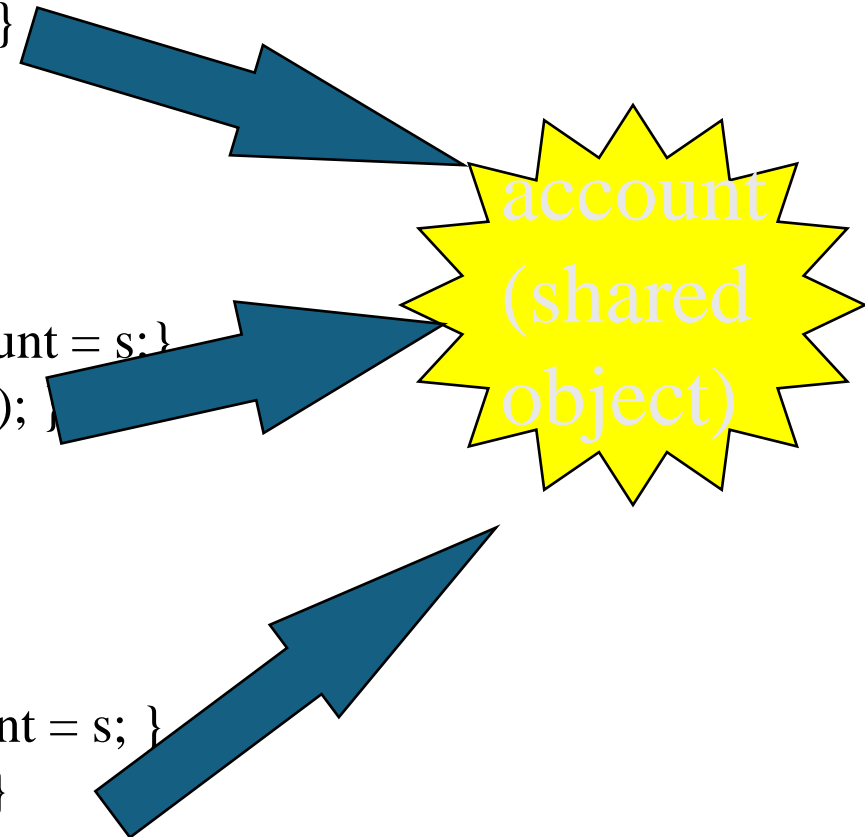
```
class InternetBankingSystem {
    public static void main(String [] args ) {
        Account accountObject = new Account ();
        Thread t1 = new Thread(new MyThread(accountObject));
        Thread t2 = new Thread(new YourThread(accountObject));
        Thread t3 = new Thread(new HerThread(accountObject));
        t1.start();
        t2.start();
        t3.start();
        // DO some other operation
    } // end main()
}
```

Shared account object between 3 threads

```
class MyThread implements Runnable {  
    Account account;  
    public MyThread (Account s) { account = s;}  
    public void run() { account.deposit(); }  
} // end class MyThread
```

```
class YourThread implements Runnable {  
    Account account;  
    public YourThread (Account s) { account = s;}  
    public void run() { account.withdraw(); }  
} // end class YourThread
```

```
class HerThread implements Runnable {  
    Account account;  
    public HerThread (Account s) { account = s; }  
    public void run() { account.enquire(); }  
} // end class HerThread
```



Monitor (shared object access): serializes operation on shared object

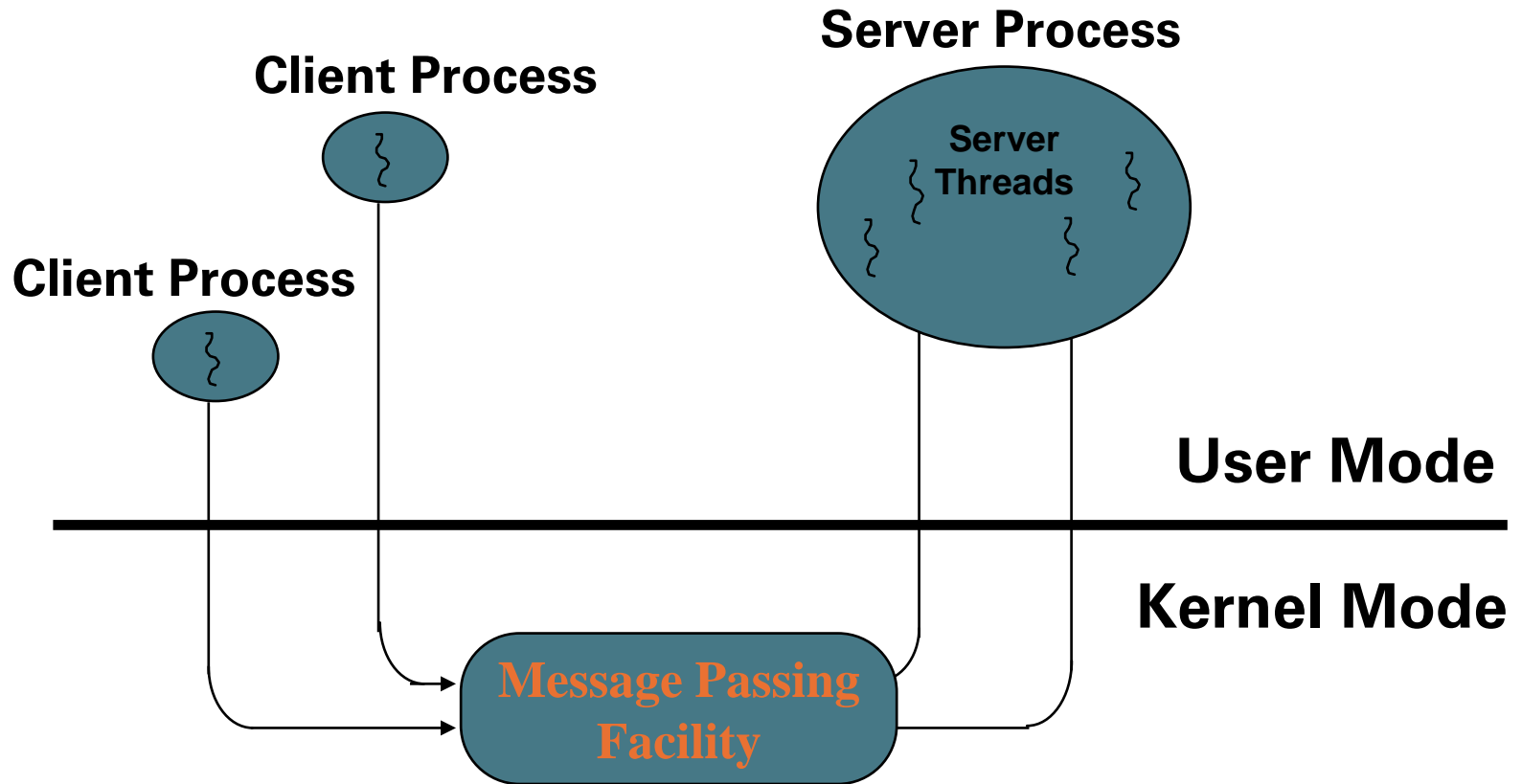
```
class Account { // the 'monitor'
    int balance;

    // if 'synchronized' is removed, the outcome is unpredictable
    public synchronized void deposit() {
        // METHOD BODY : balance += deposit_amount;
    }

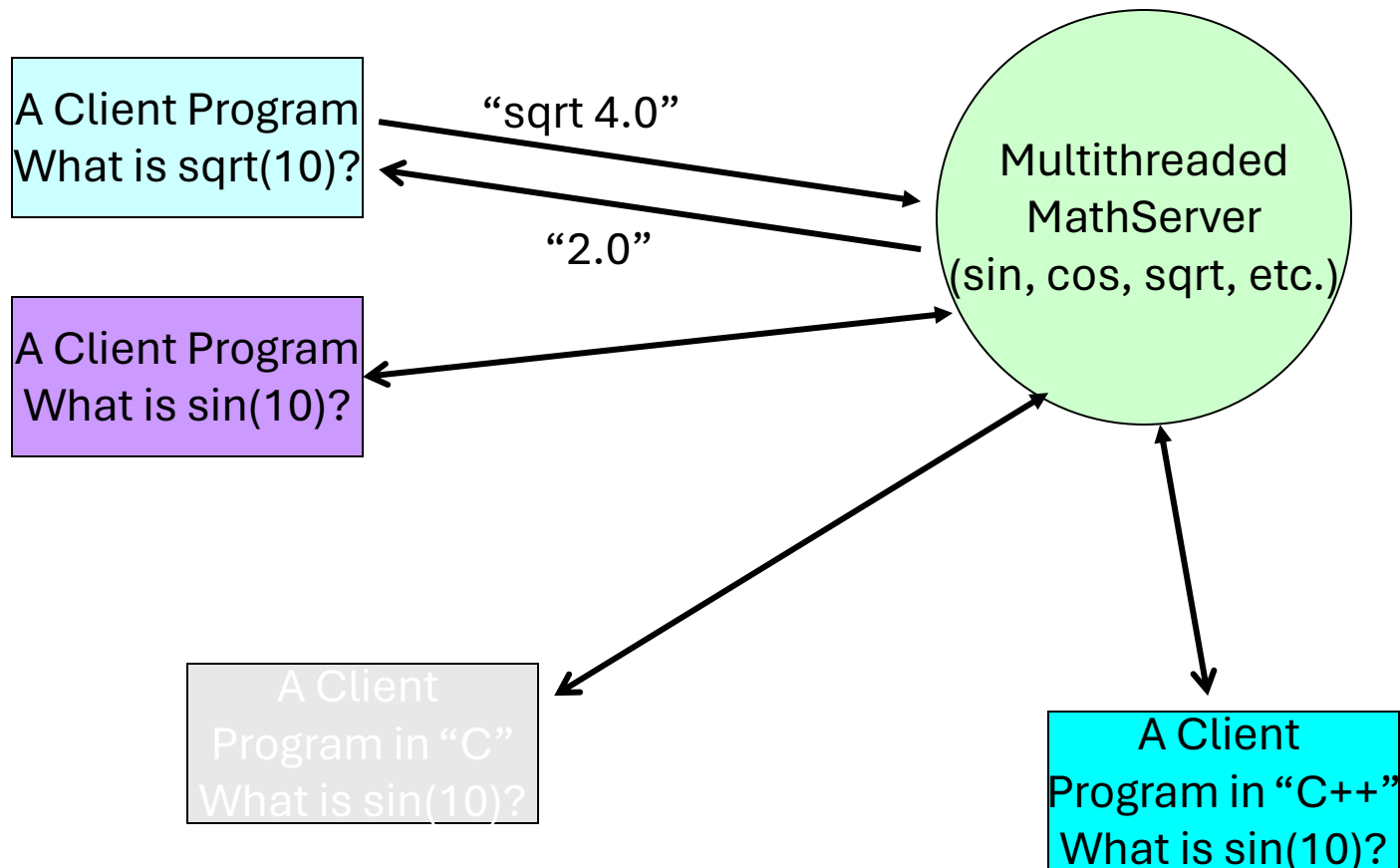
    public synchronized void withdraw() {
        // METHOD BODY: balance -= deposit_amount;
    }
    public synchronized void enquire() {
        // METHOD BODY: display balance.
    }
}
```

Multithreaded Server

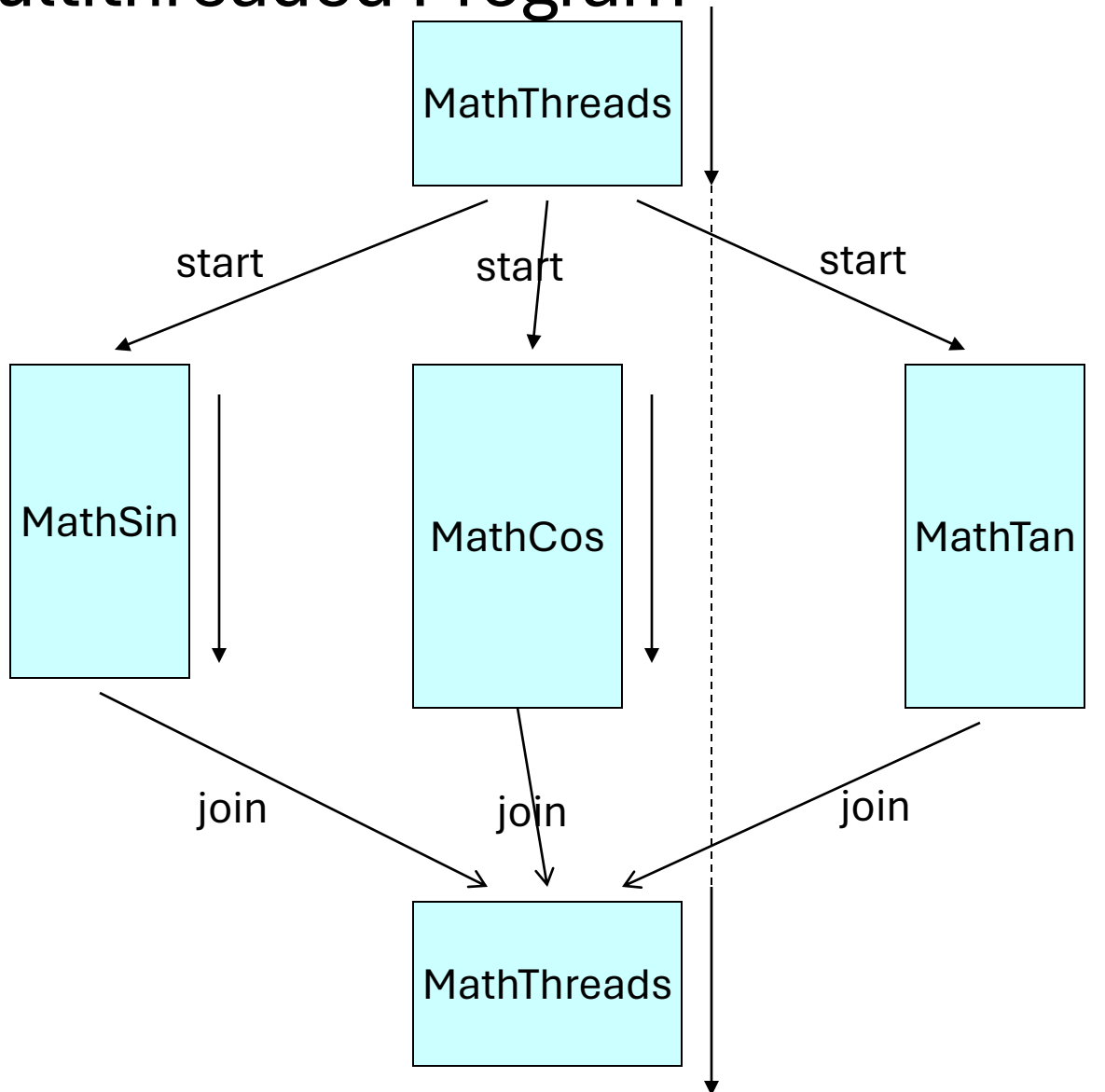
Multithreaded Server



Assignment 1: Multithreaded MathServer – Demonstrates the use of Sockets and Threads



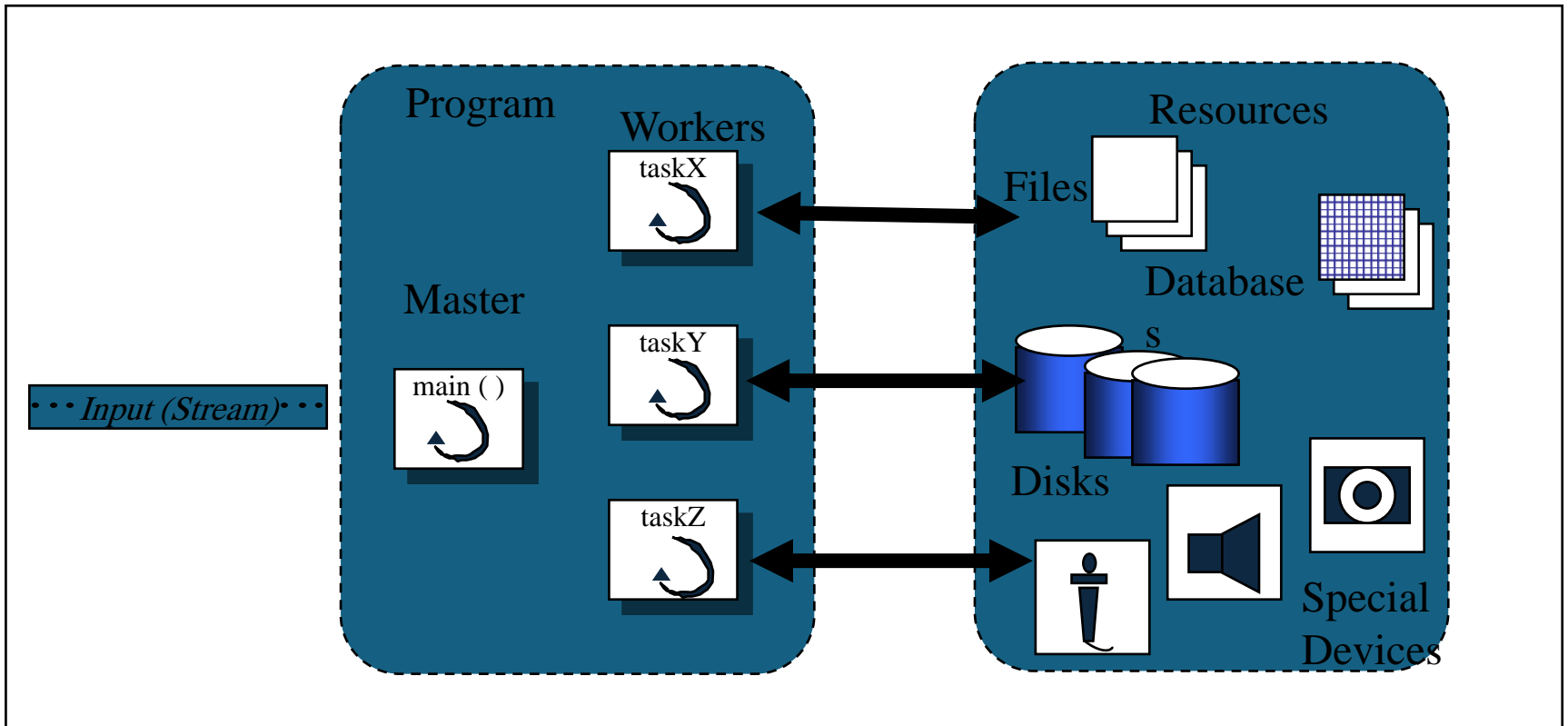
A Multithreaded Program



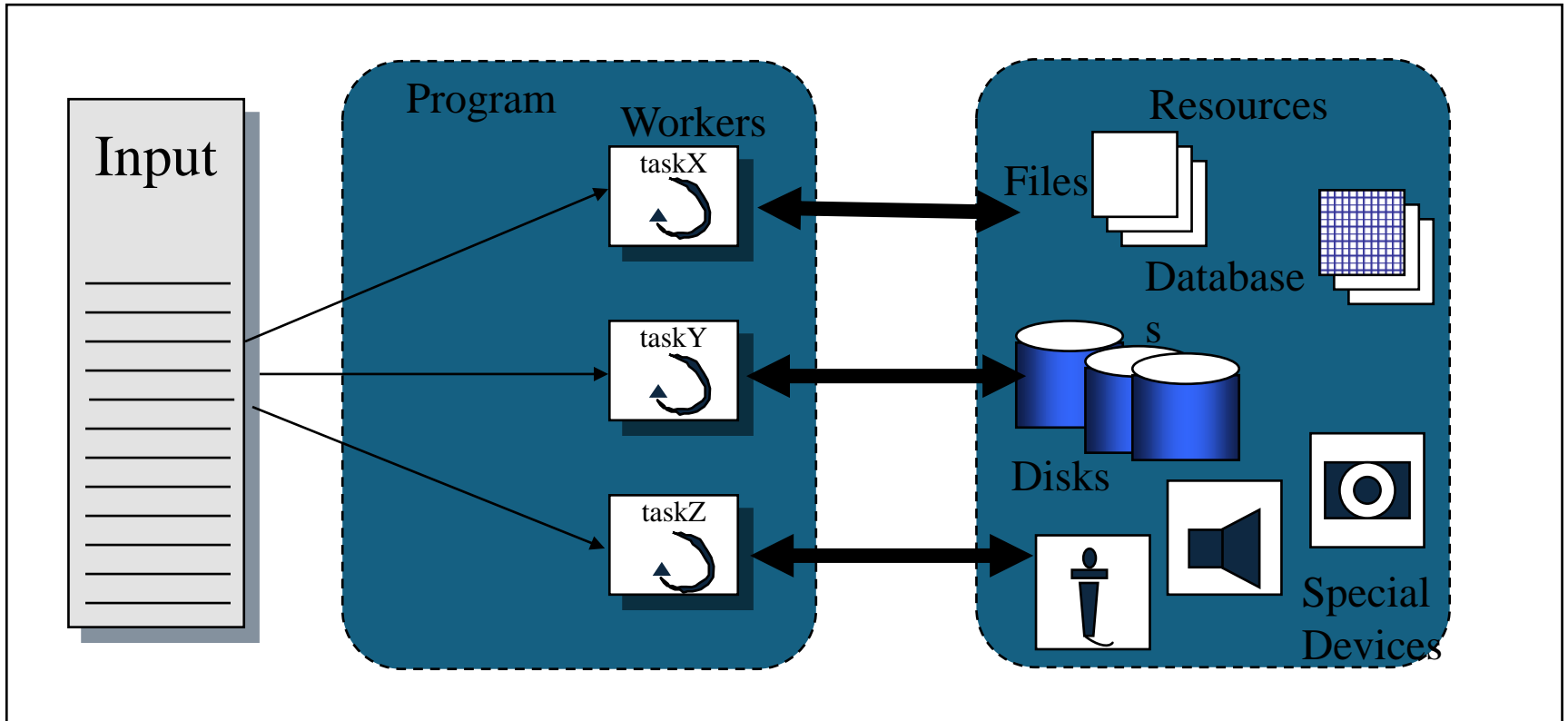
Thread concurrency/operation models

- The master/worker model
- The peer model
- A thread pipeline

The master/worker model

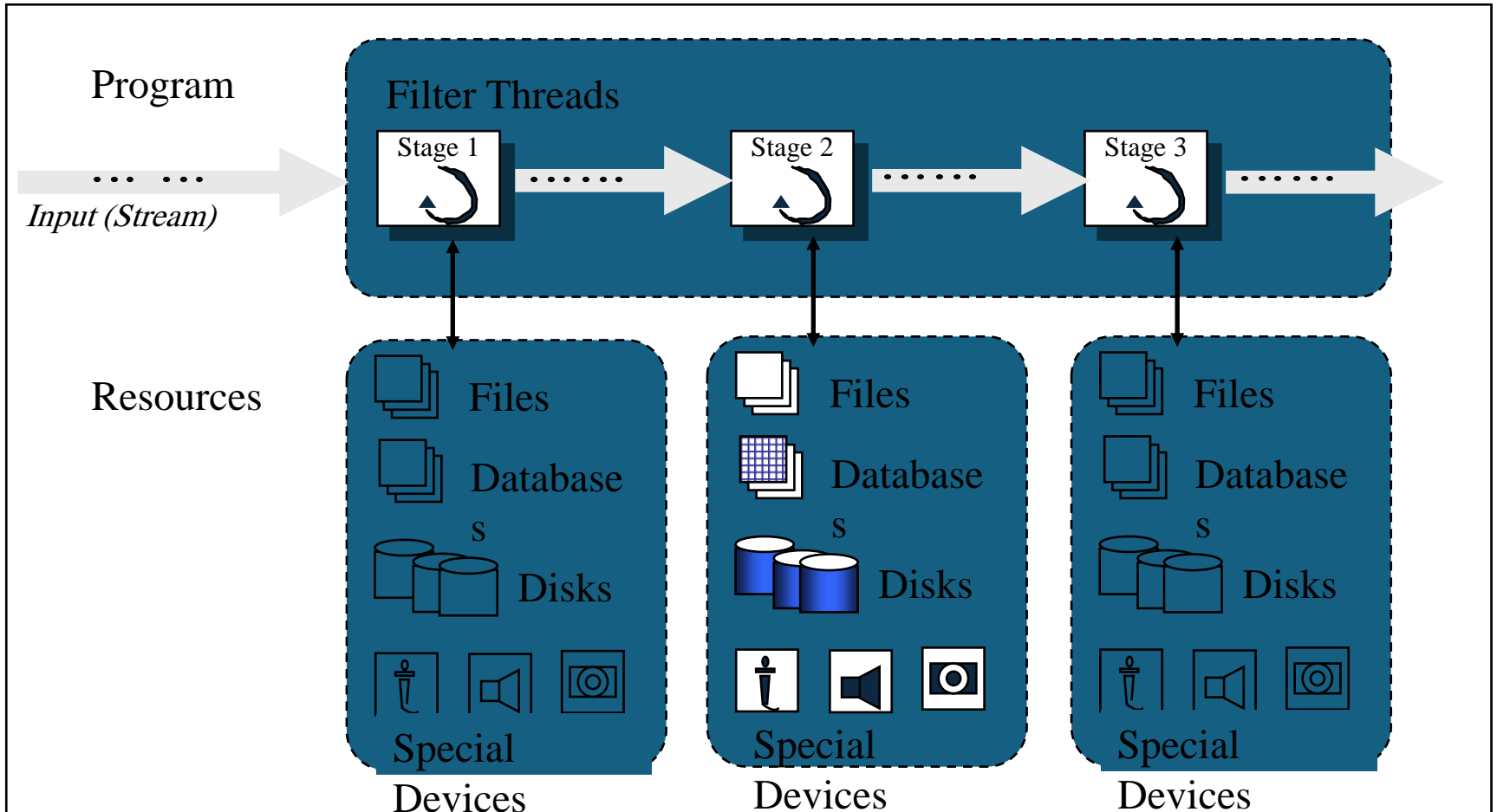


The peer model



A thread pipeline

A thread pipeline

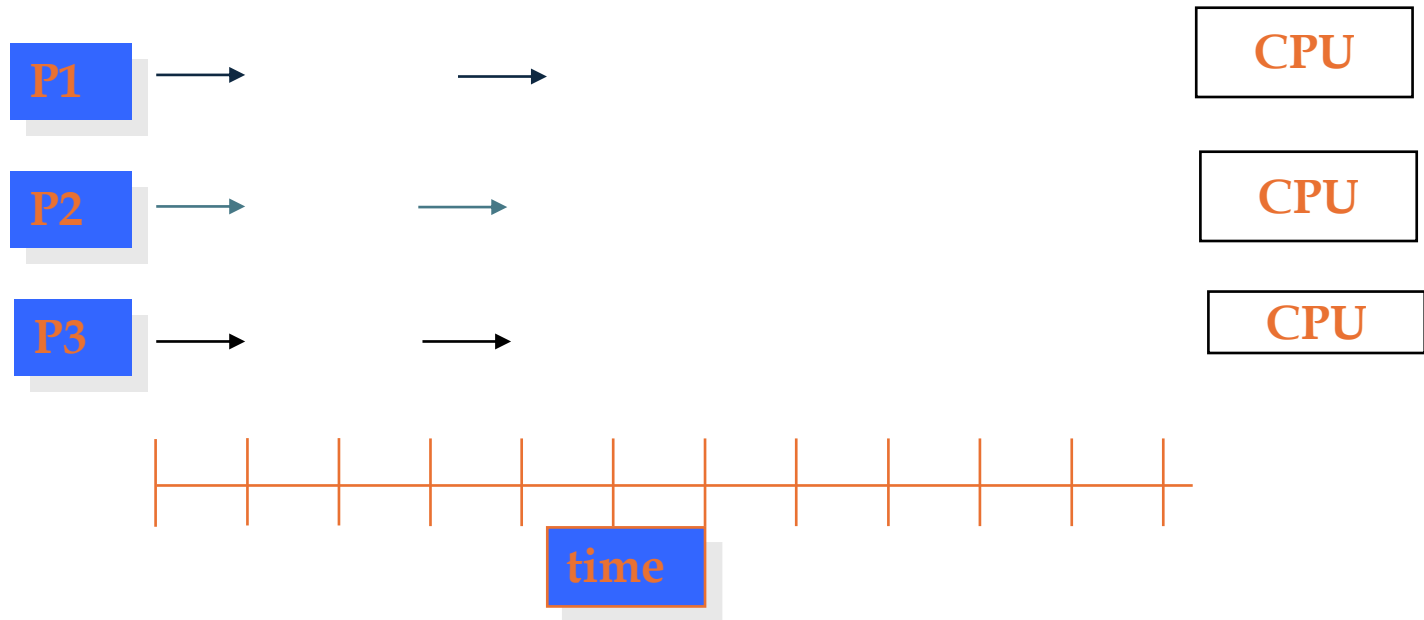


Multithreading and Multiprocessing Deployment issues

On Shared and distributed memory systems

Multithreading - Multiprocessors

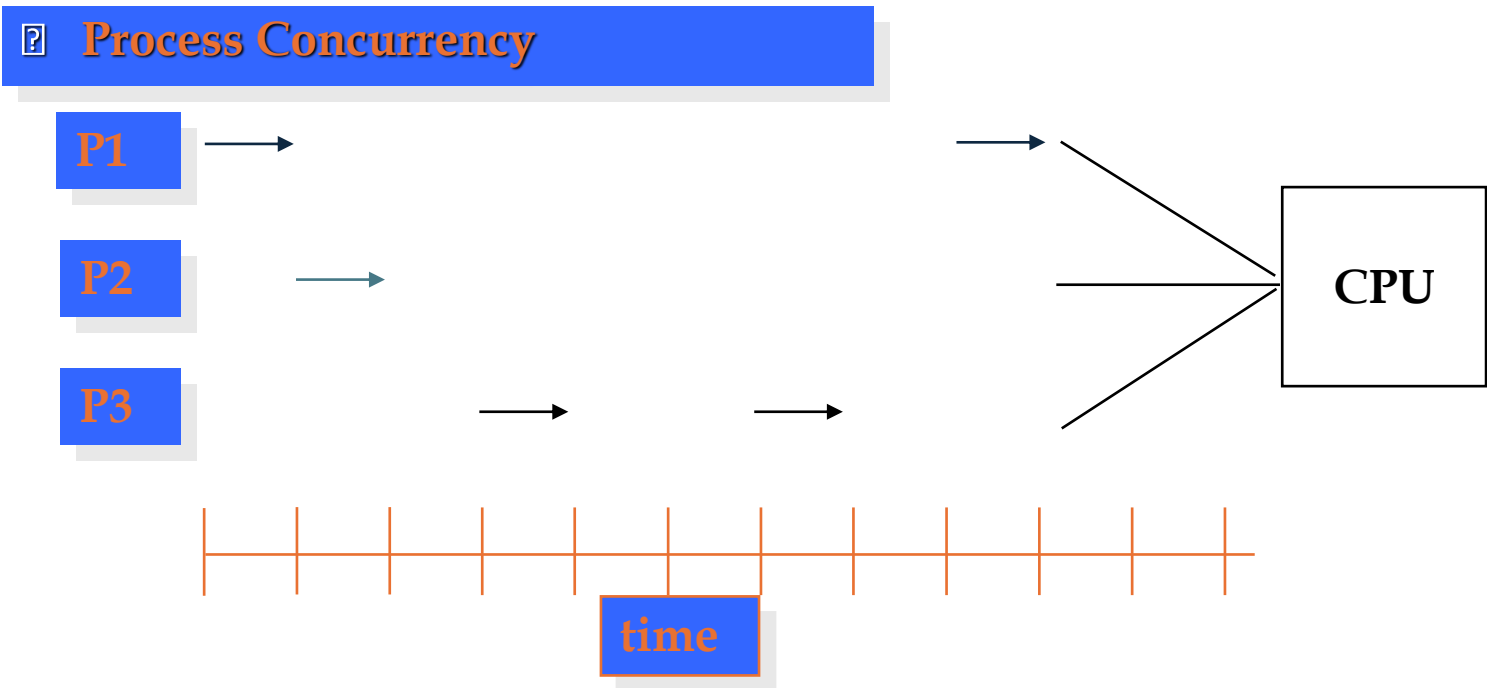
Process Parallelism



No of execution processes \leq the number of CPUs

Multithreading on Uni-processor

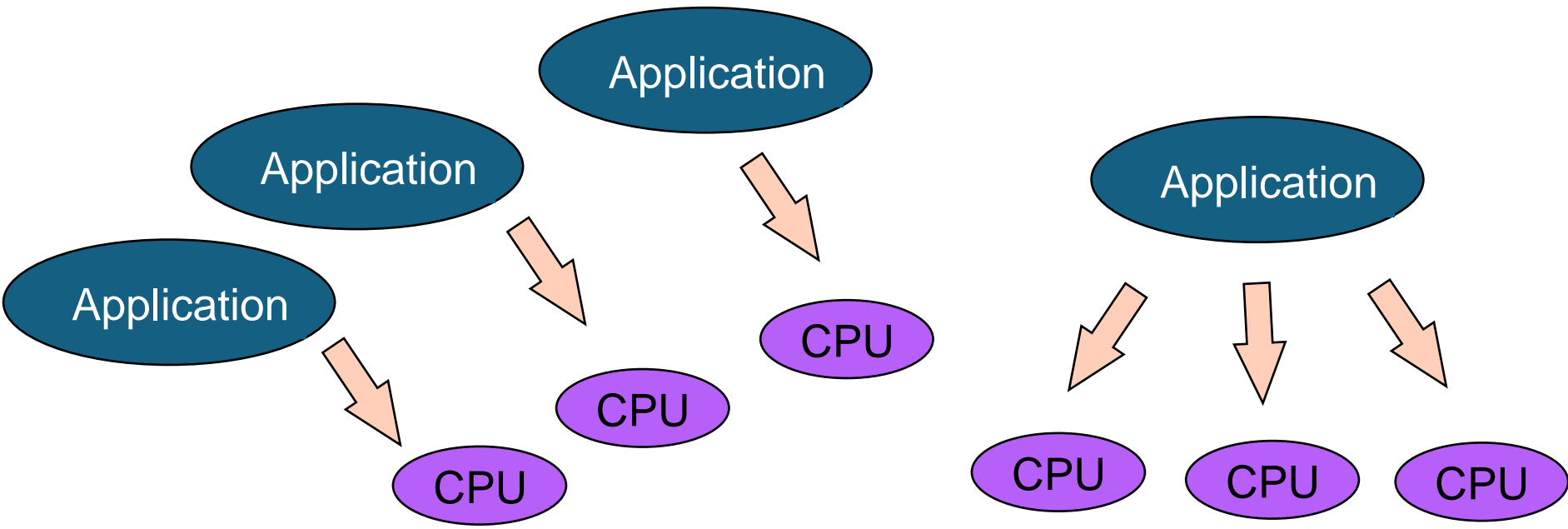
- Concurrency Vs Parallelism



Number of Simultaneous execution units > number of CPUs

Multi-Processing (clusters & grids) and Multi-Threaded Computing

Threaded Libraries, Multi-threaded I/O



*Better Response Times in
Multiple Application
Environments*

*Higher Throughput for
Parallelizeable Applications*

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