

Learn How Java Completable Futures Map Onto Reactive Programming Principles

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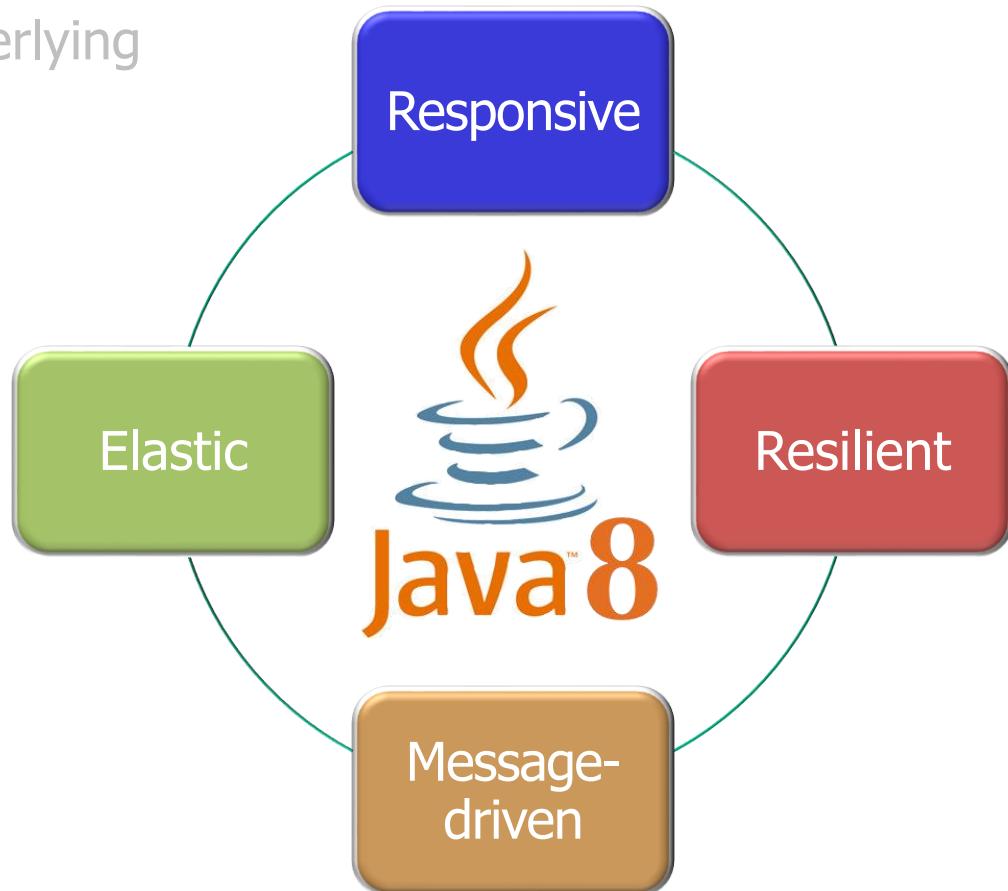
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

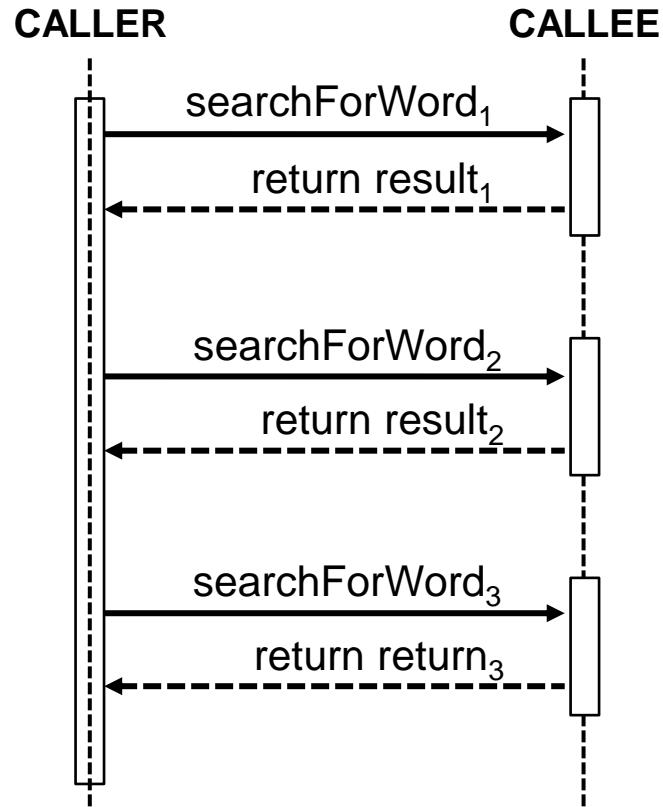
- Understand the key principles underlying reactive programming
- Recognize the Java completable futures framework's structure & functionality
- Learn how the Java completable futures framework maps to key reactive programming principles



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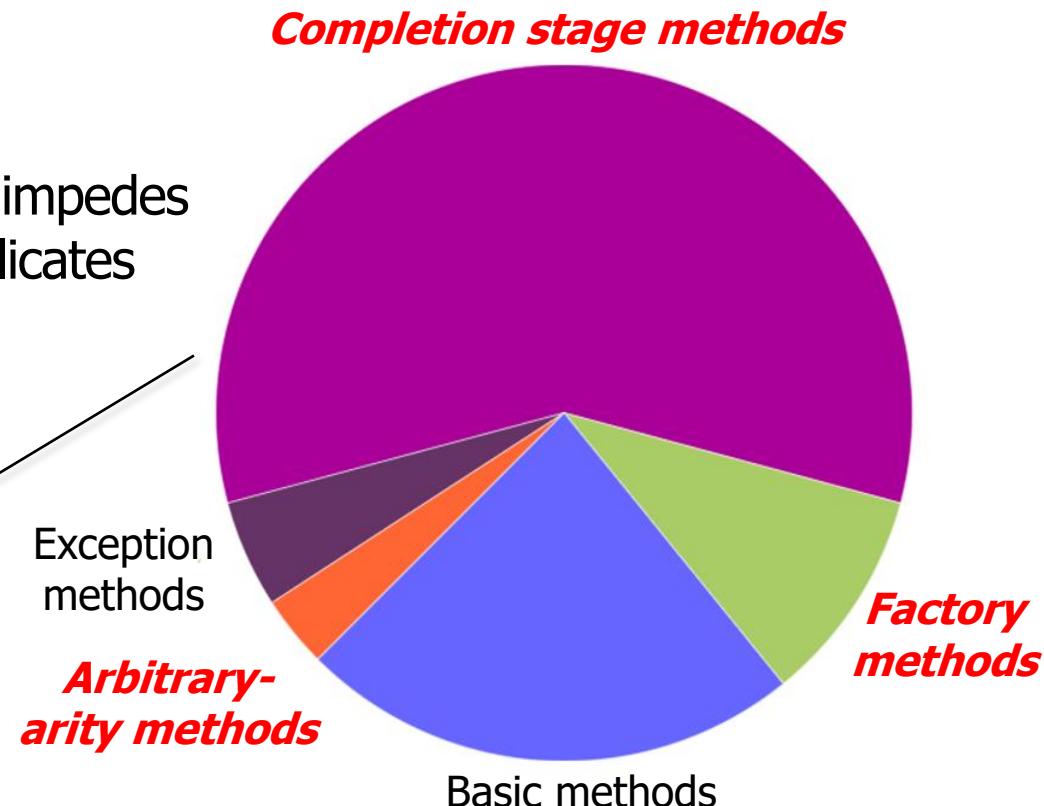
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Factory, completion stage, & arbitrary-arity methods avoid blocking threads



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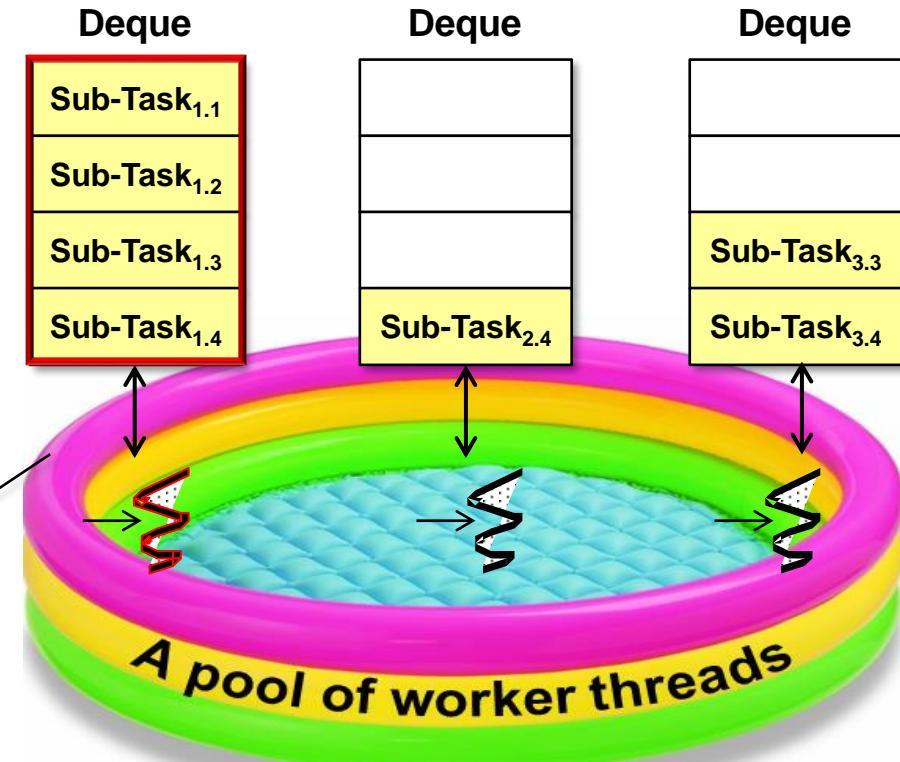
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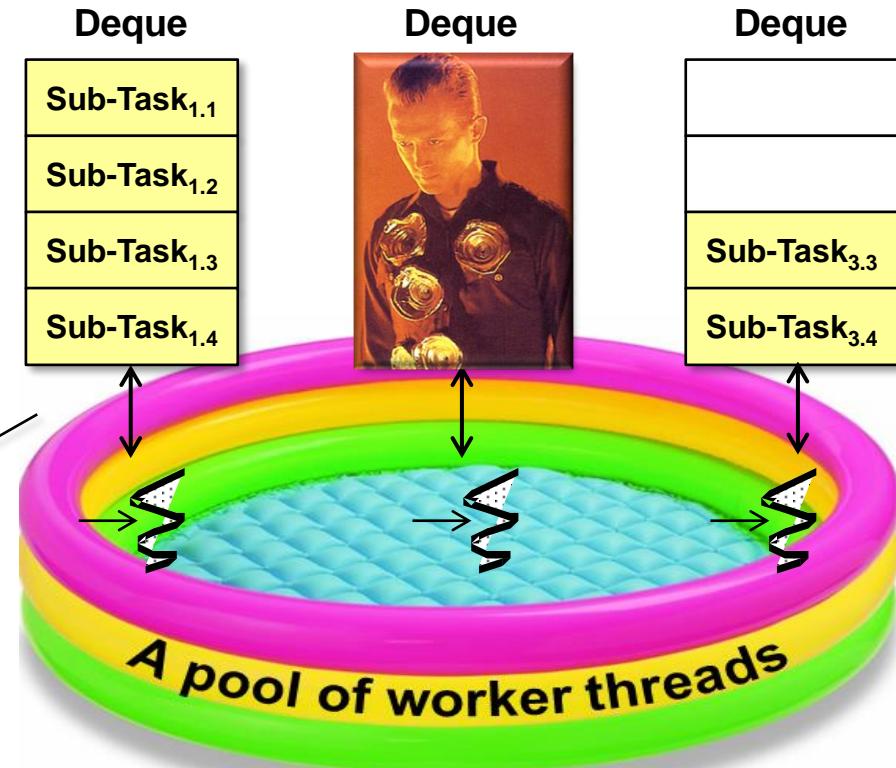
*The fork-join pool & non-*Async() methods avoid changing threads*



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 - Exception methods make more programs resilient to failures

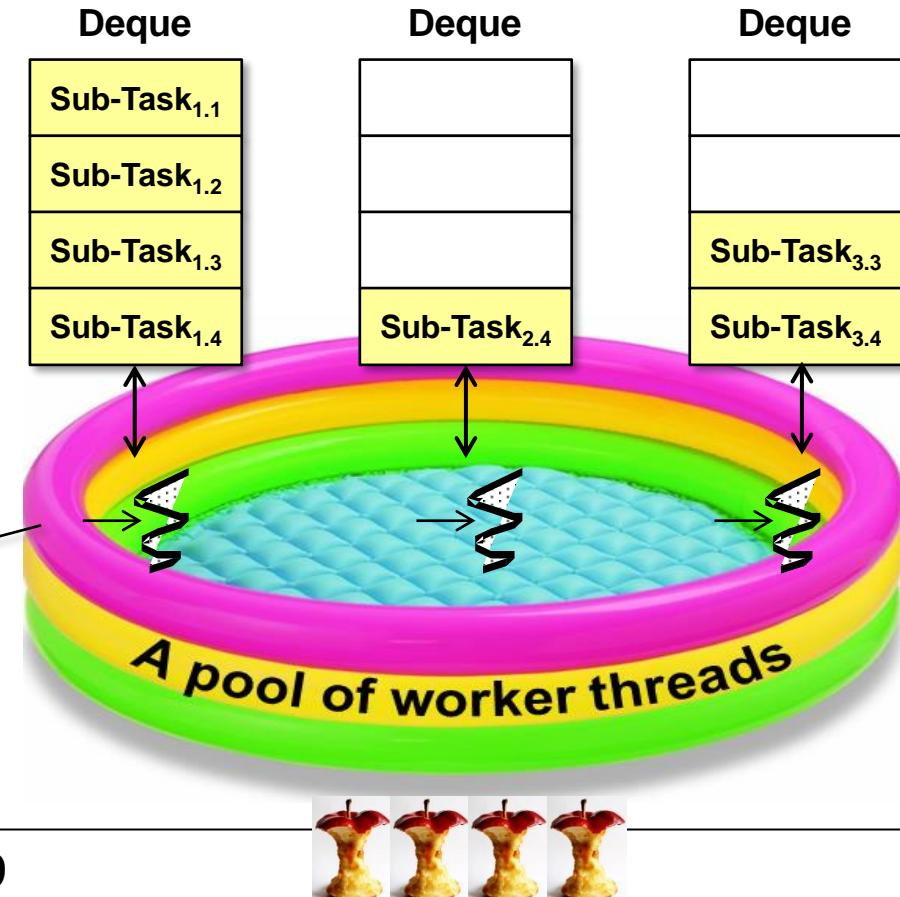
Exceptions decouple error processing from normal operations



Completable futures are localized to a single process, *not* a cluster!

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 - Elastic**
 - Async computations can run scalably in a pool of threads atop a set of cores



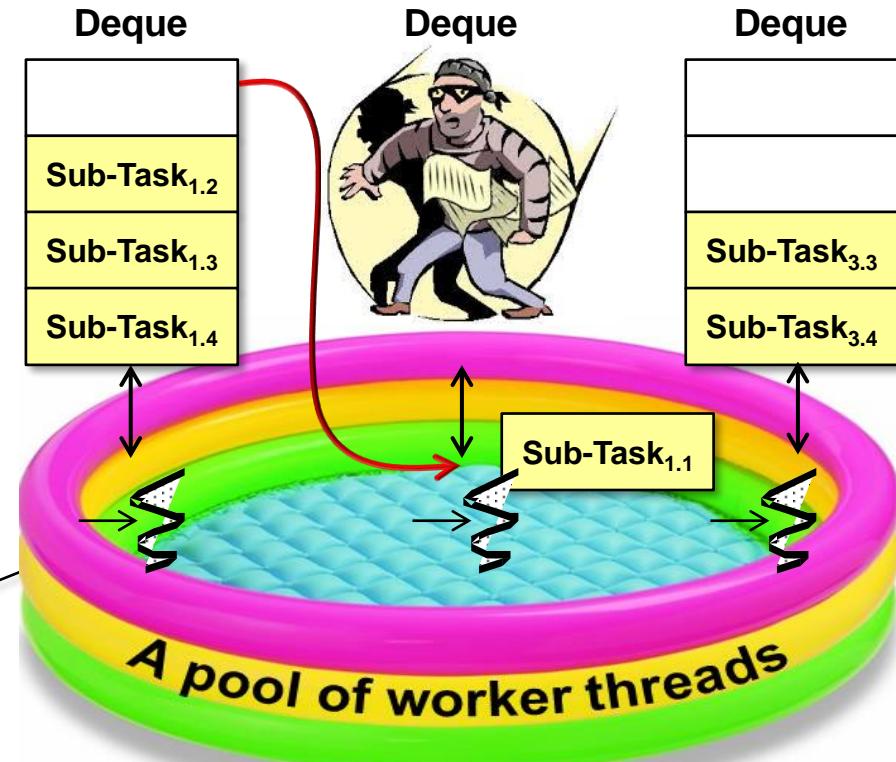
*Can be a (common) fork-join pool or
a pre- or user-defined thread pool*



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 - Message-driven**
 - Java's thread pools pass messages between threads in the pool internally

e.g., the Java completable futures & fork-join frameworks both use async message passing



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