

Mapping Java Completable Future Features Onto Reactive Programming Principles

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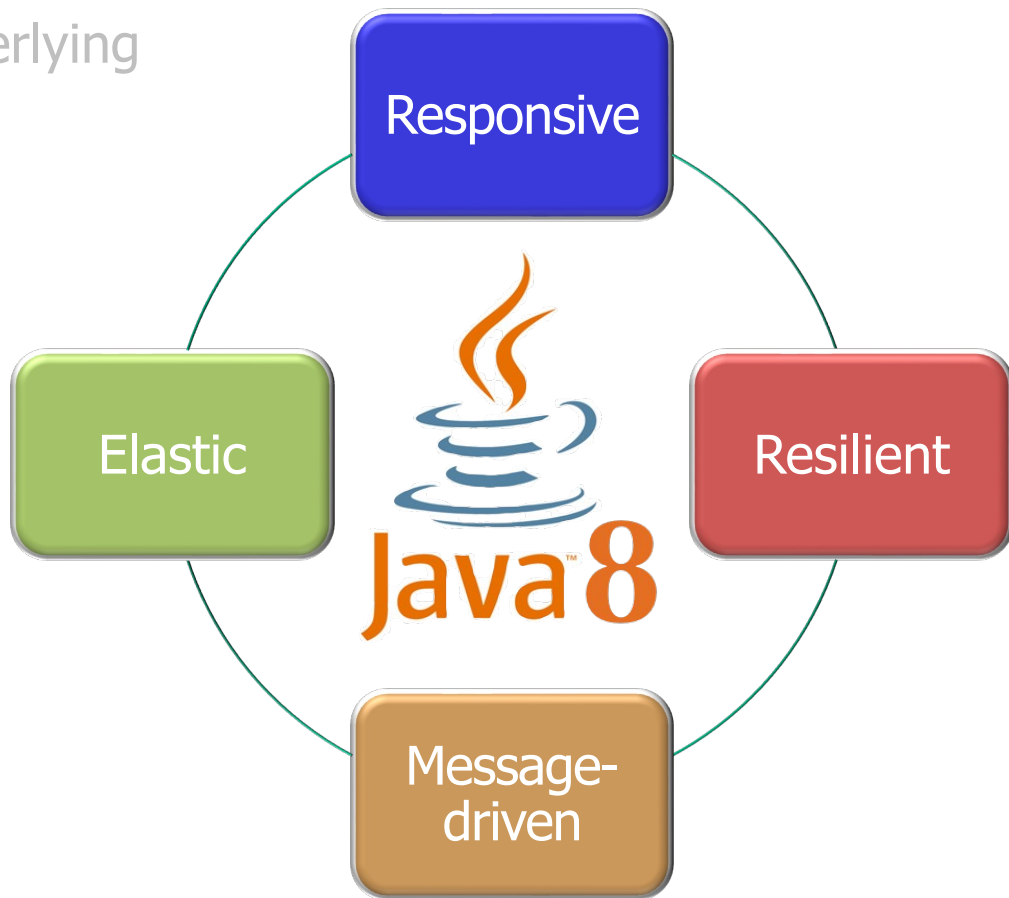
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- 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



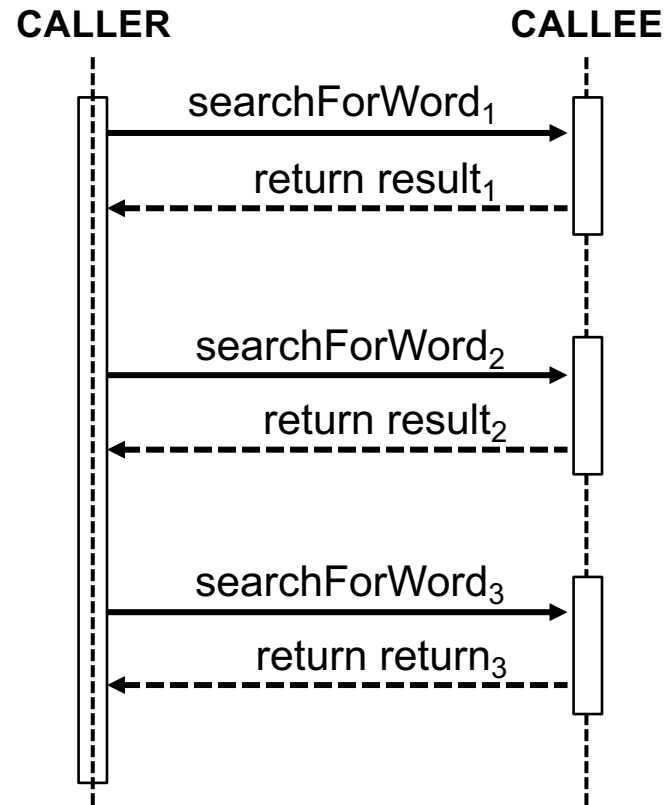
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See www.nastel.com/10-reasons-your-java-apps-are-slow

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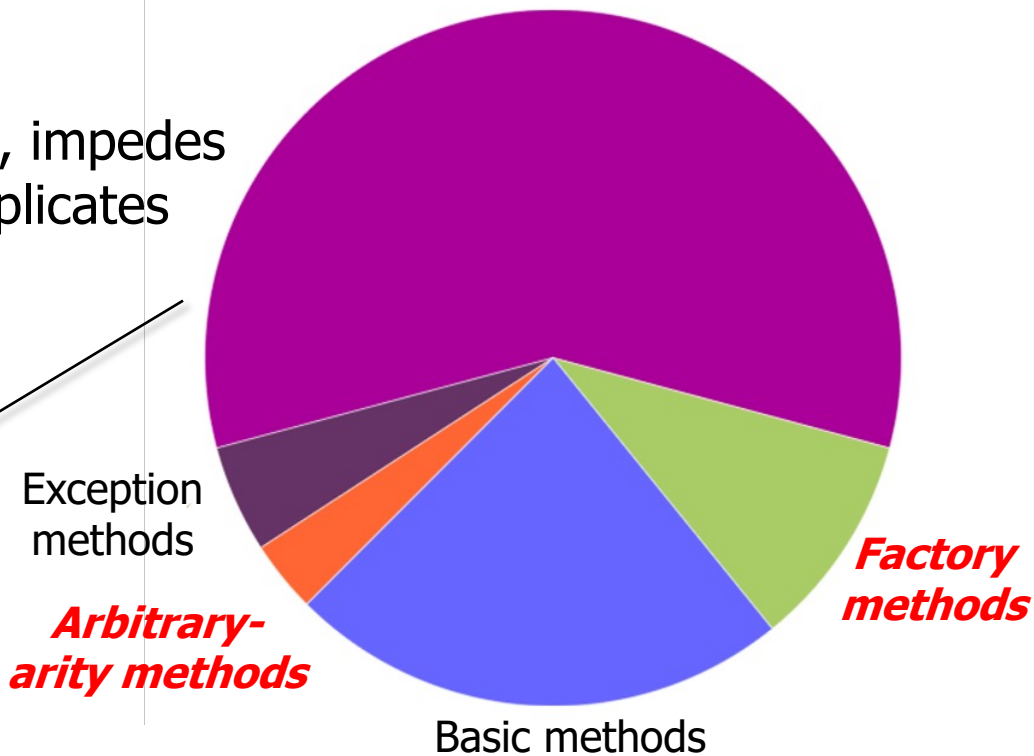
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Completion stage methods

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



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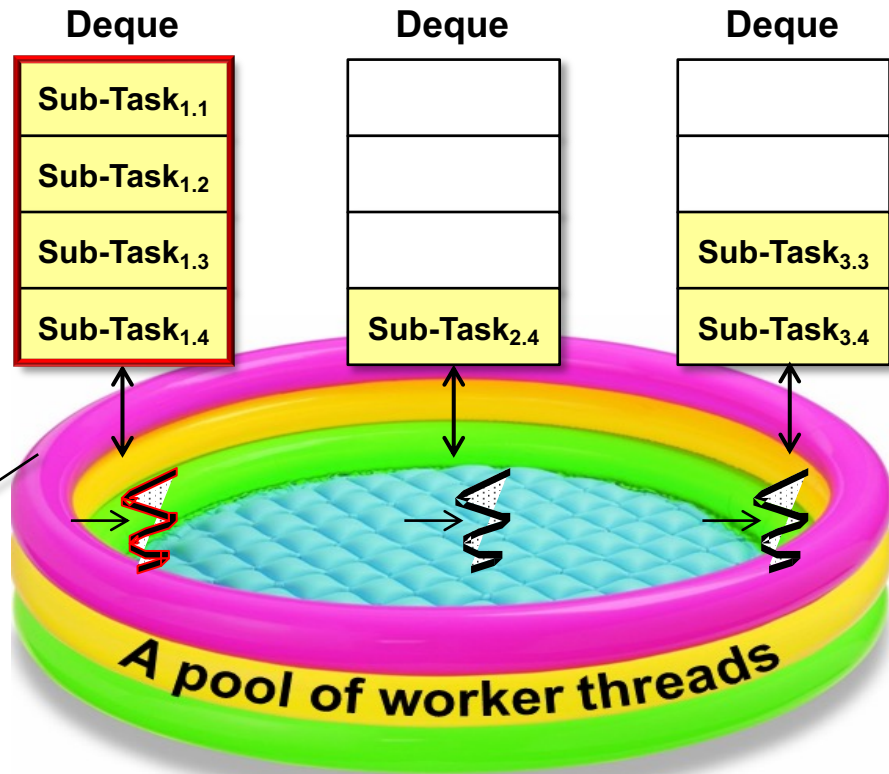
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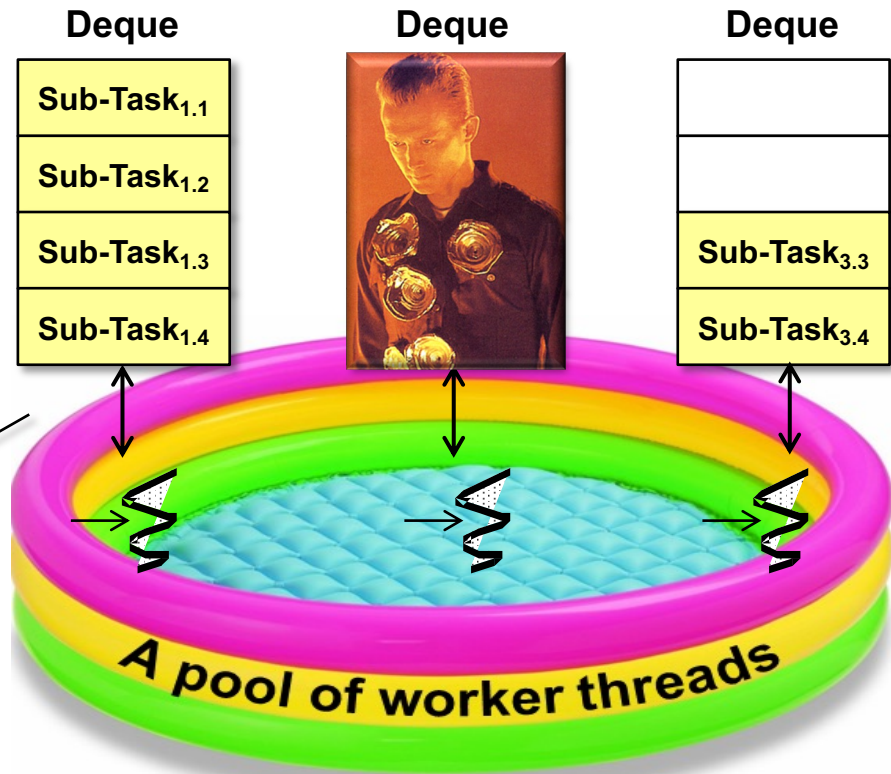
*The fork-join pool & non-`*Async()` methods avoid changing threads*



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 - **Resilient**
 - Exception methods make more programs resilient to failures

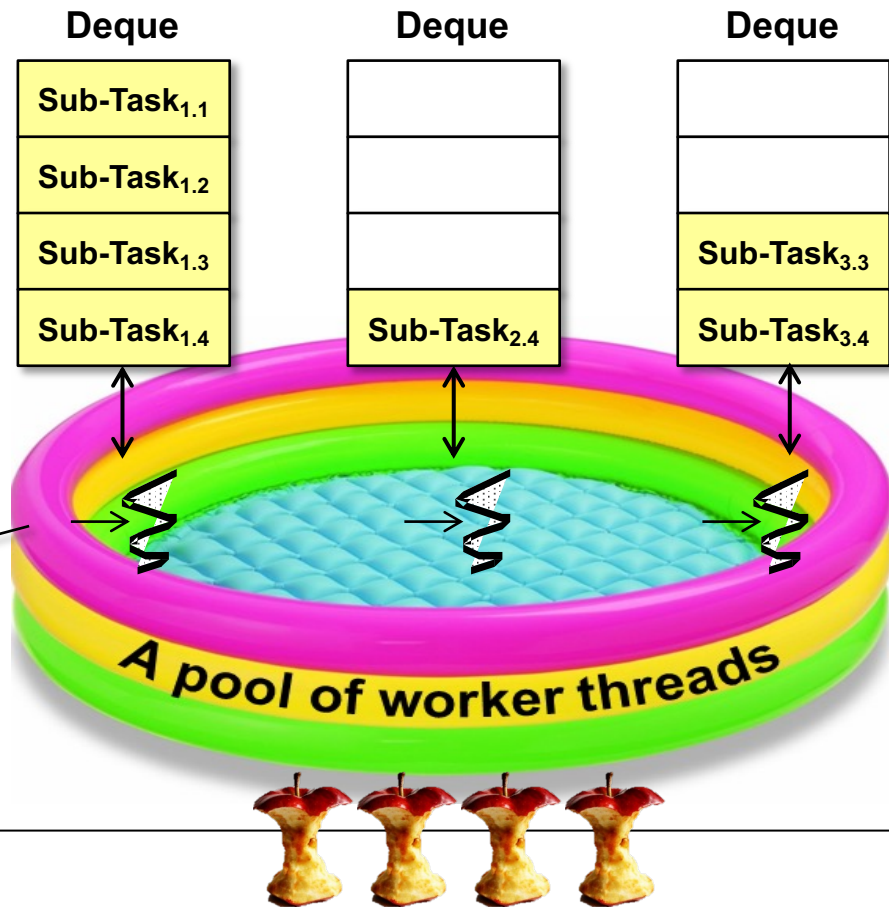
Exceptions decouple error processing from normal operations



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

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

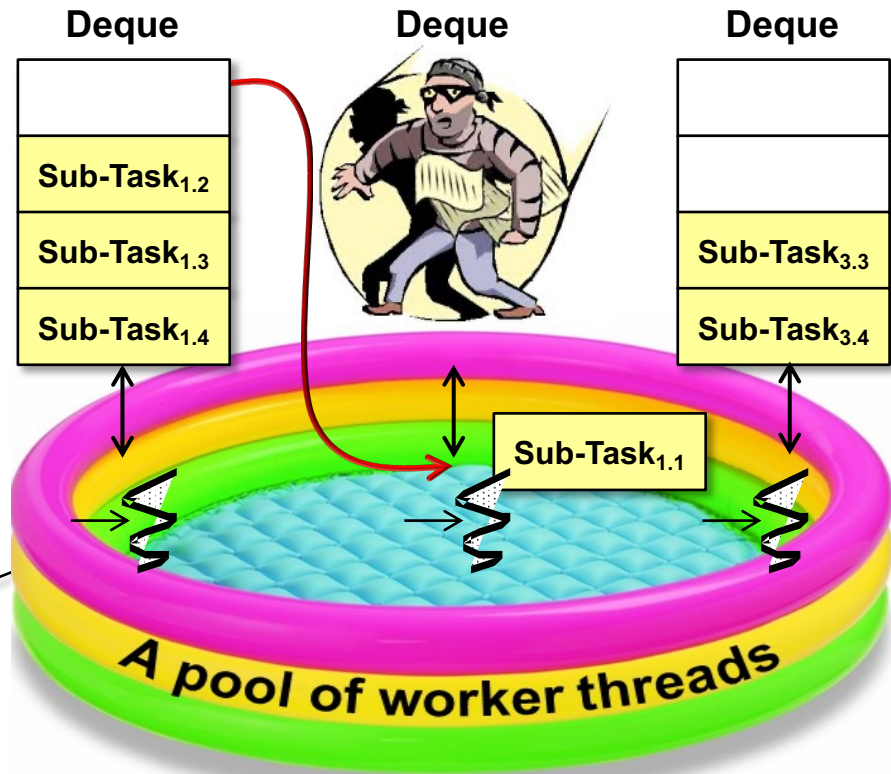


Can be a (common) fork-join pool or a pre- or user-defined thread pool

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 - **Responsive**
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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



See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work_stealing

End of Mapping Java
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