

Overview of Java Futures (Part 1)

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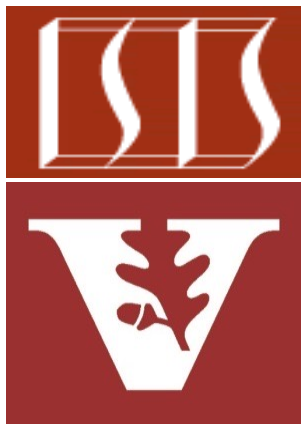
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Motivate the need for Java futures by understanding the pros & cons of synchrony & asynchrony
- Understand that Java futures provide the foundation for Java completable futures



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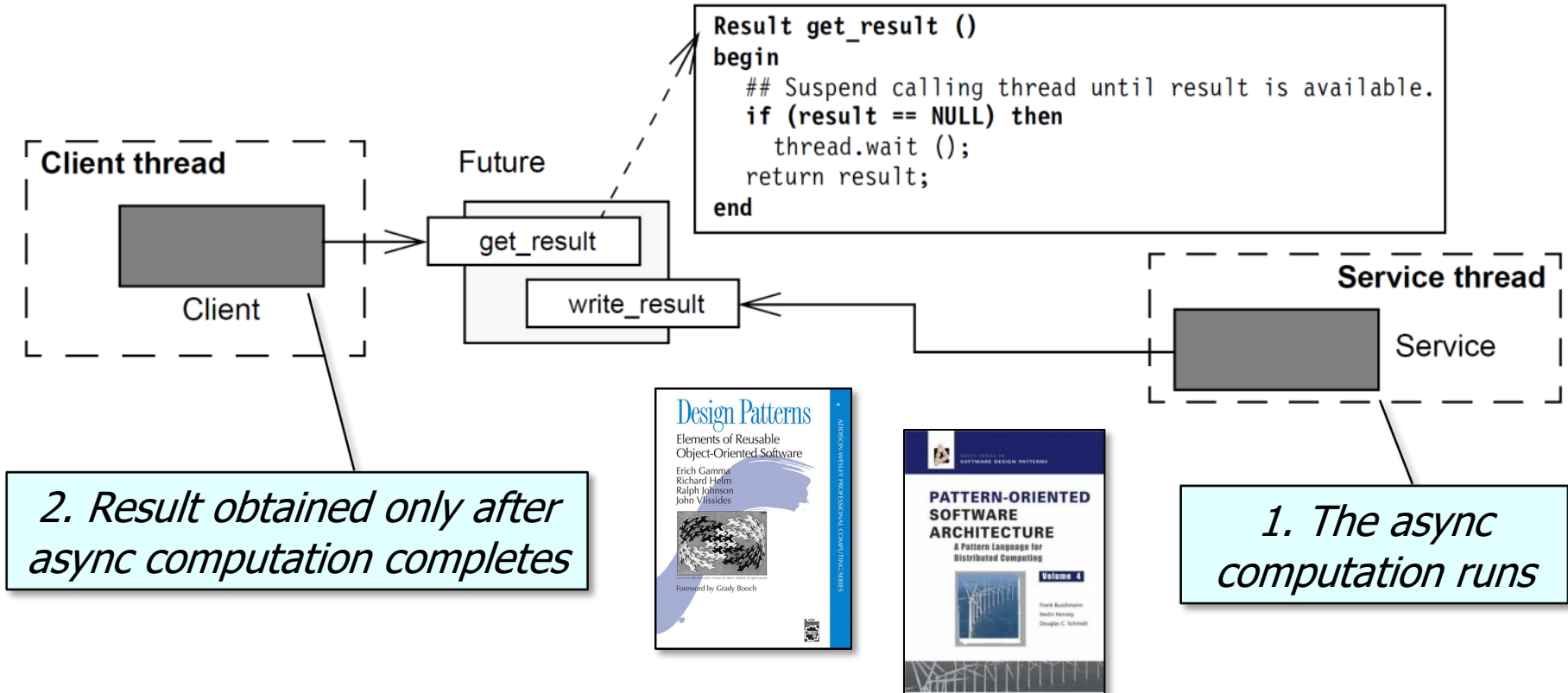
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A Human Known Use of Java Futures

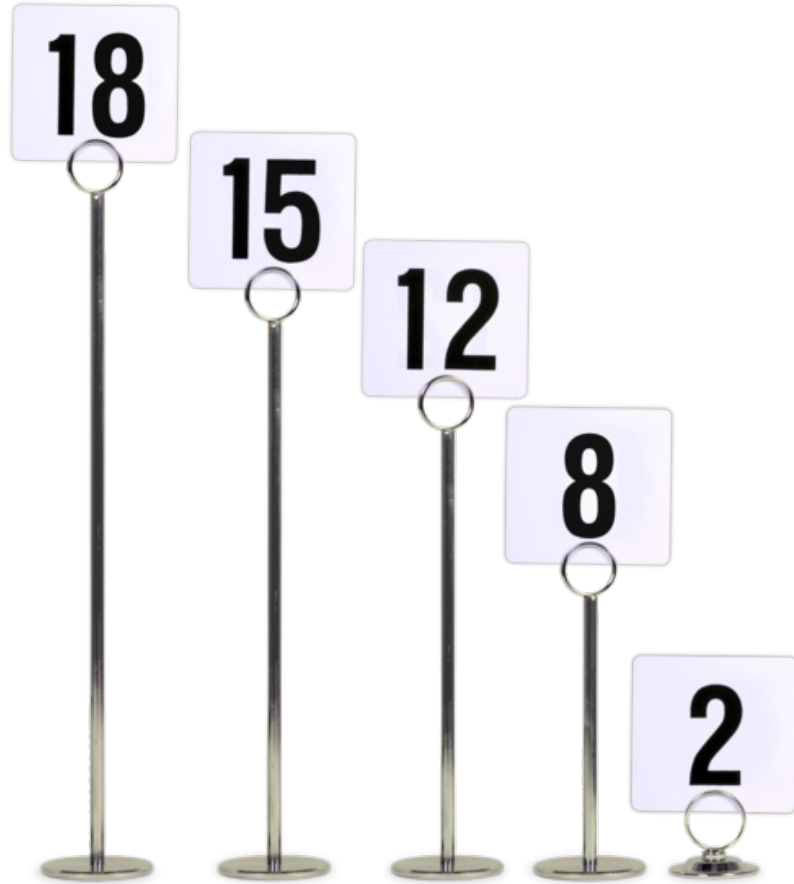
A Human Known Use of Java Futures

- A future is essentially a proxy that represents the result(s) of an async call



A Human Known Use of Java Futures

- Table tent #'s & table # stands a human-known-use of futures in restaurants!



See www.citygrafx.com/table-numbers-table-markers

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Wendy's historically cooked food to order & performed "asynchronous" transactions with various futures

See www.wendys.com/csr-what-we-value/food/quality/fresh

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Overview of Java Futures (Part 2)

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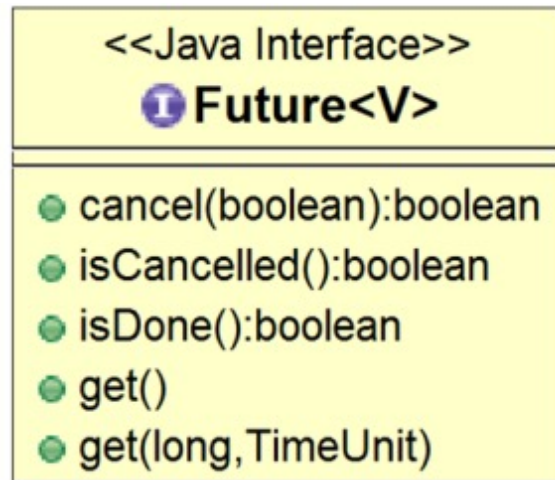
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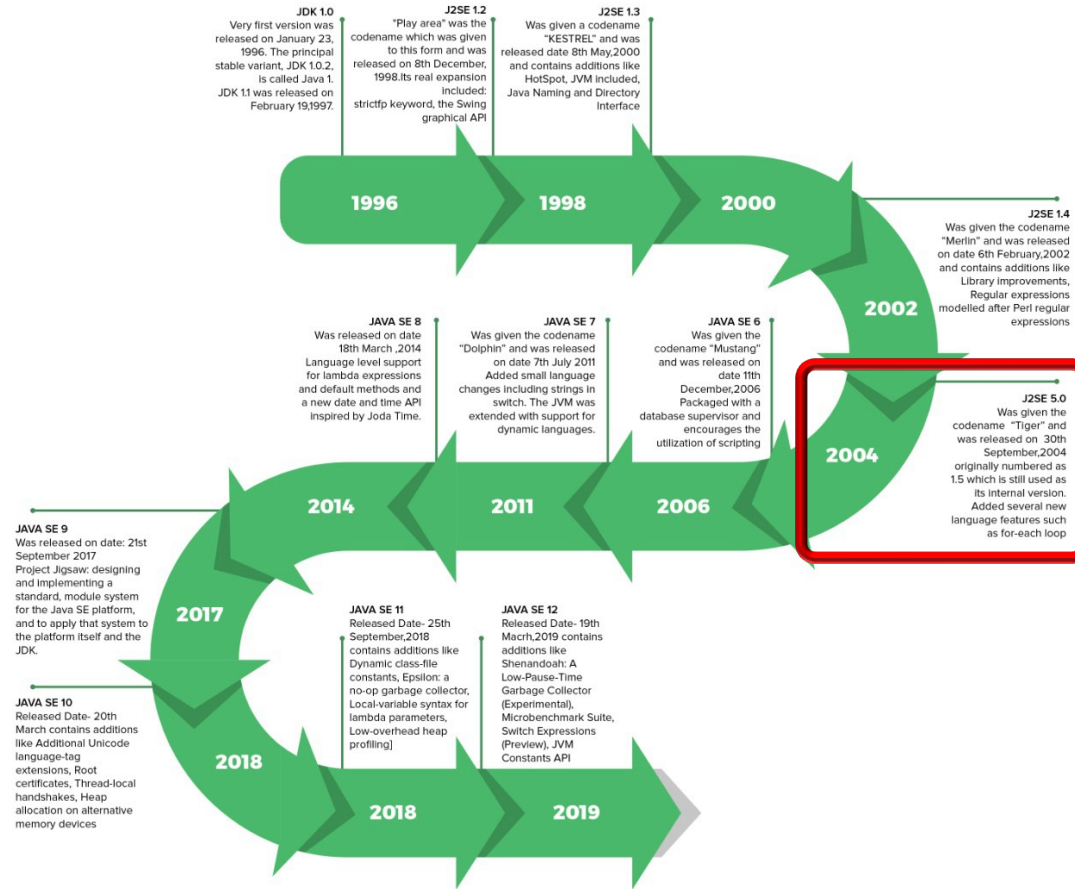
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 - Recognize a human known use of Java futures
 - Know all the methods in the Future interface



Overview of the Java Future API

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- Java 5 added async call support via the Java Future interface



See www.geeksforgeeks.org/the-complete-history-of-java-programming-language

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- A Future represents the result of an asynchronous computation

Methods are provided to check if the computation is complete, to wait for its completion, & to retrieve the result

<<Java Interface>>

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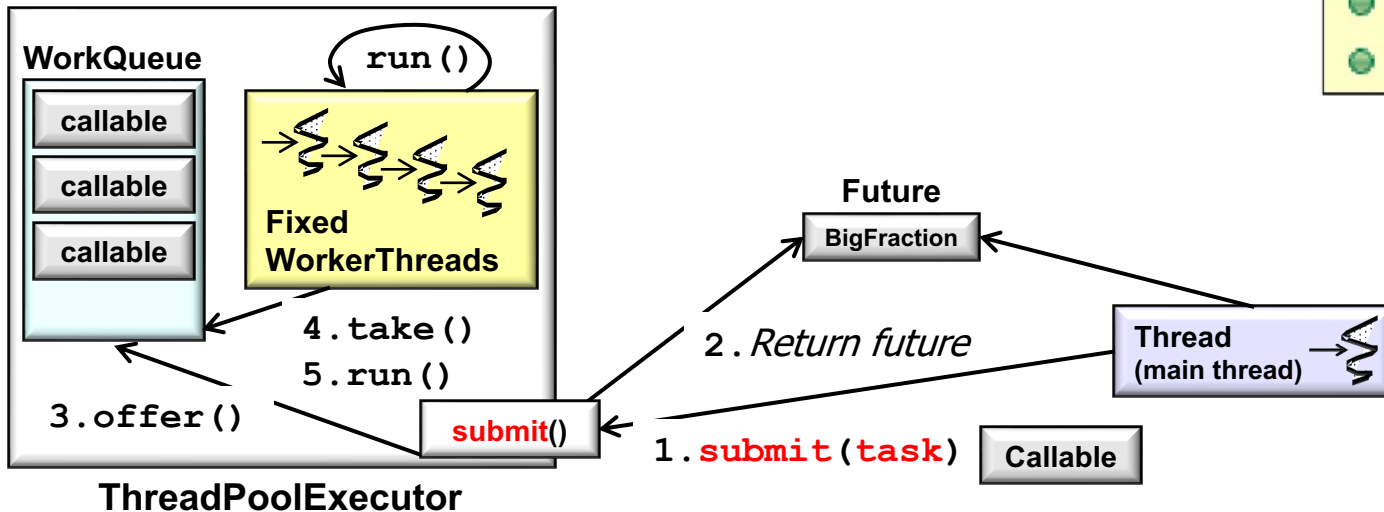
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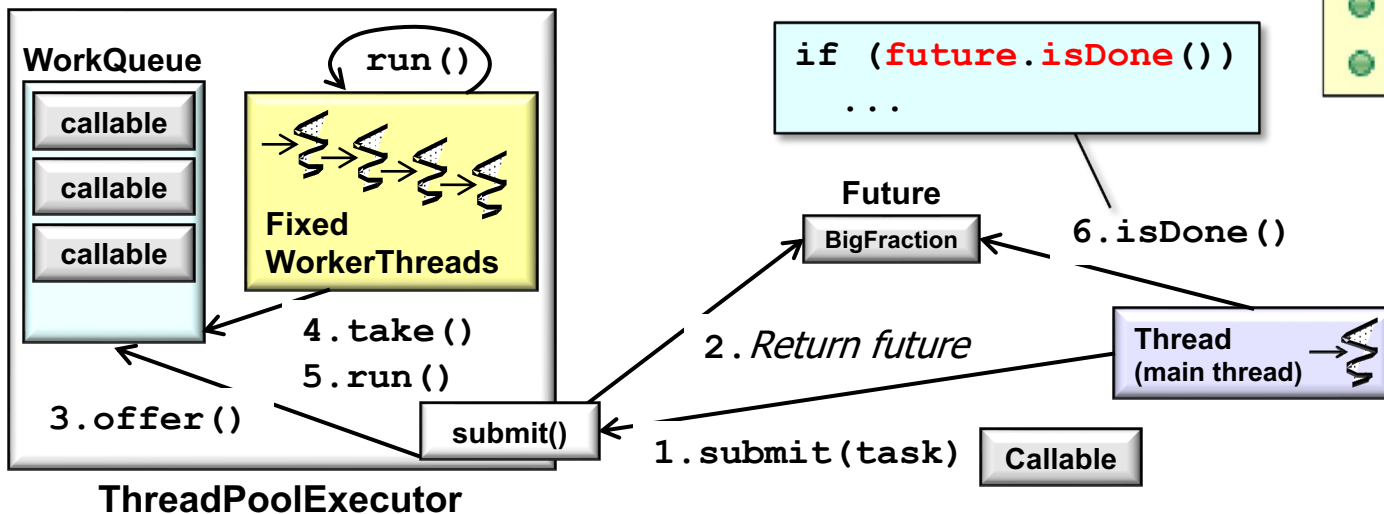
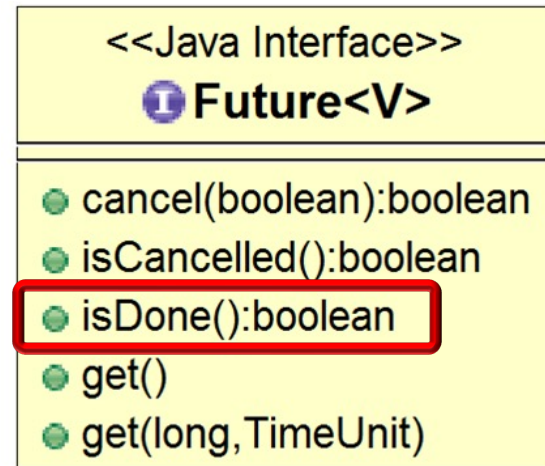
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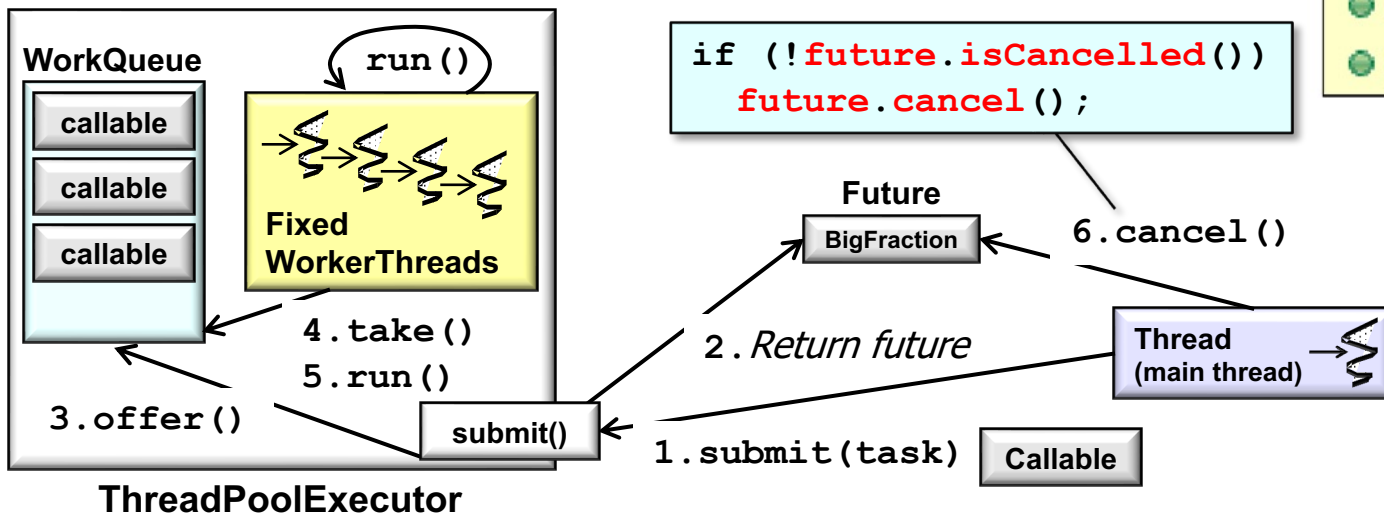
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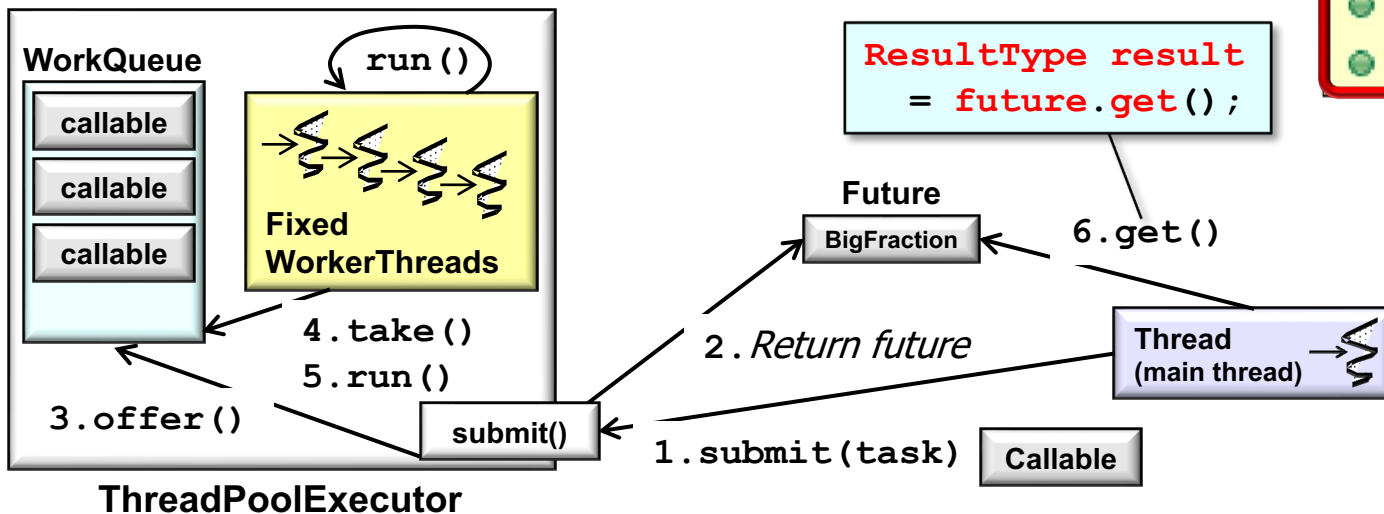
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 - A future can retrieve a two-way task's result

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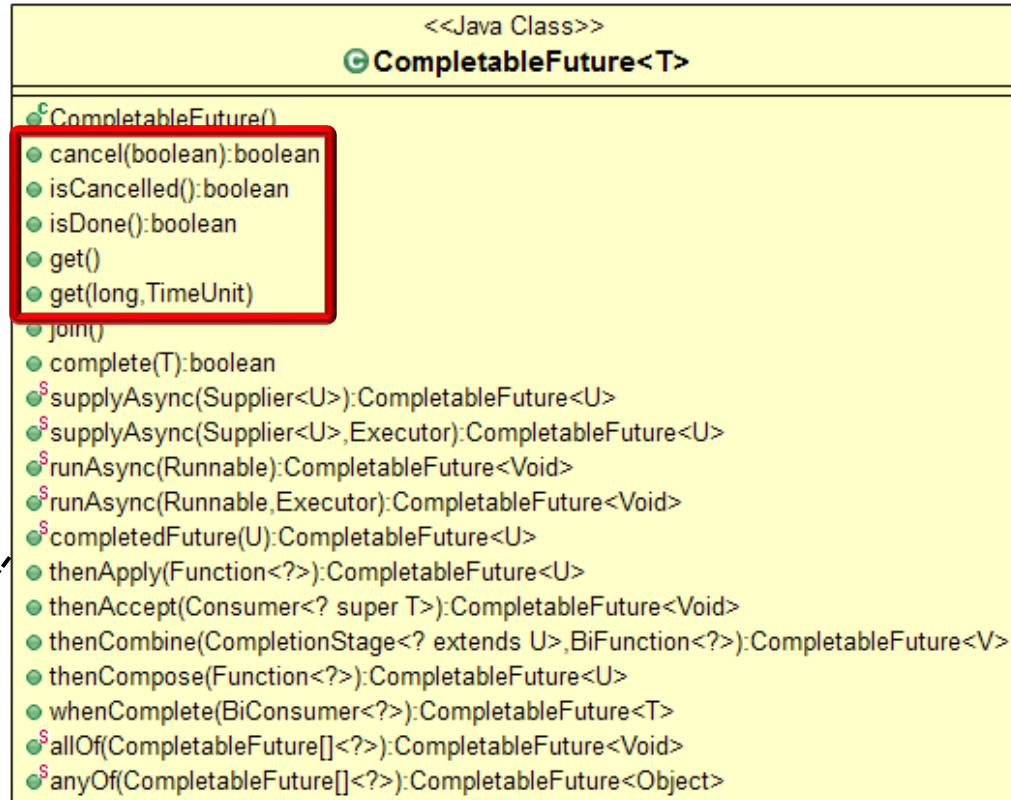
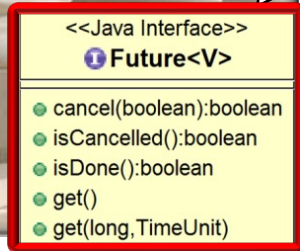
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See upcoming lessons on the completable futures framework

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