

Key Methods in Java ForkJoinTask Superclass

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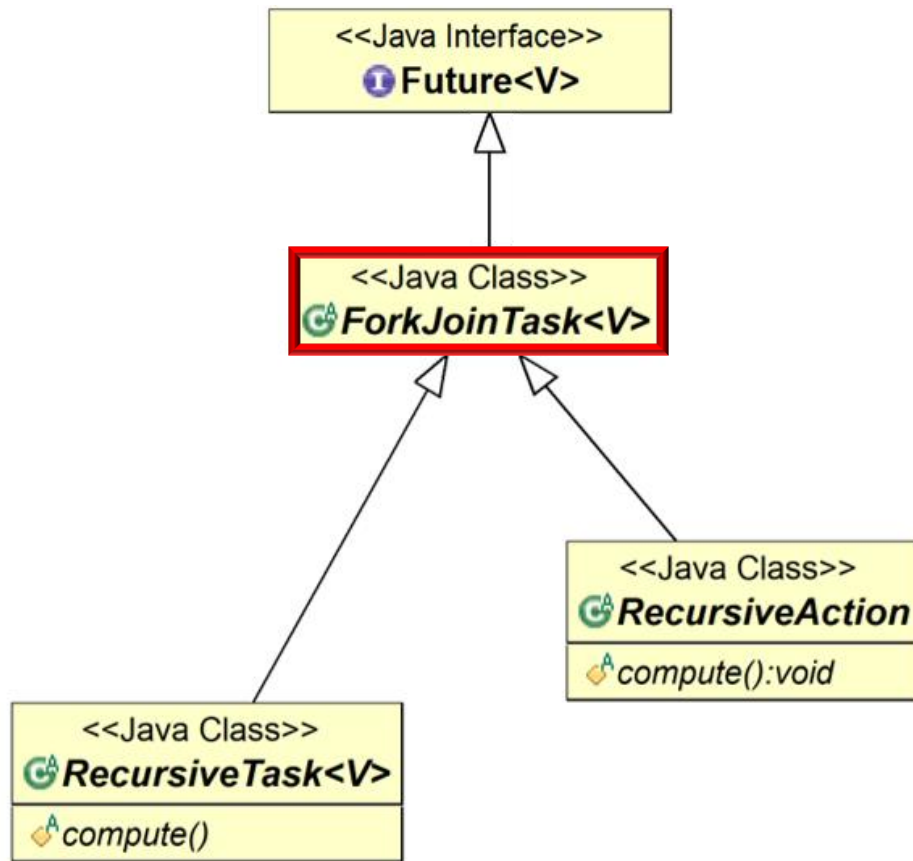
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the key methods in the ForkJoinPool class
- Recognize the key methods in the ForkJoinTask class

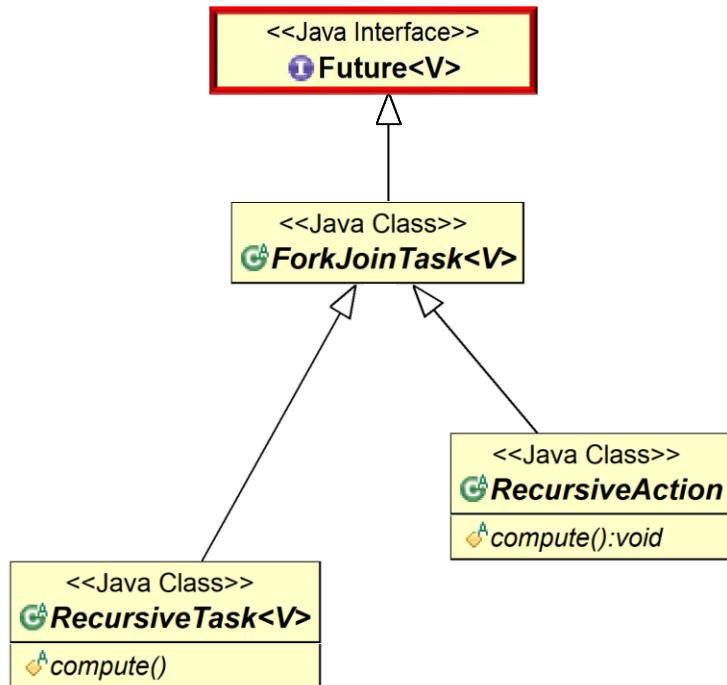


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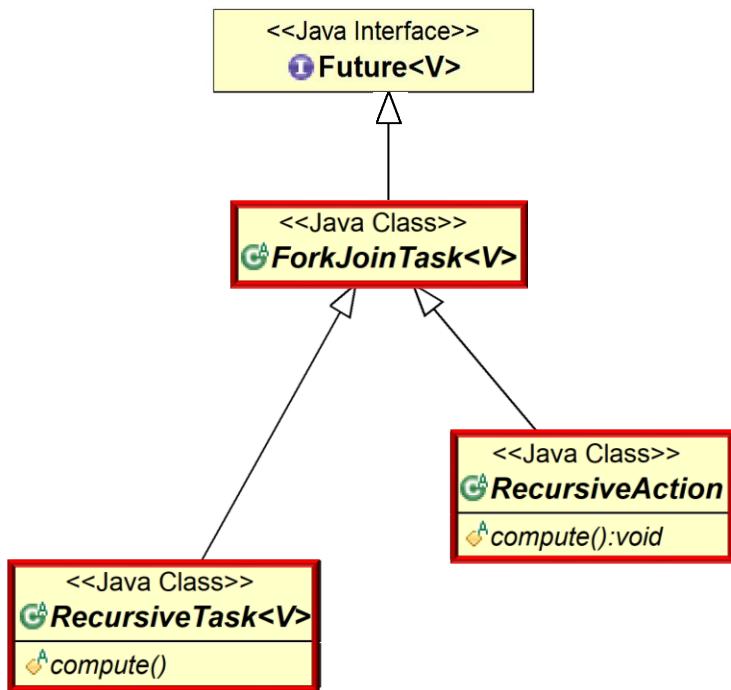


See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/ForkJoinTask.html

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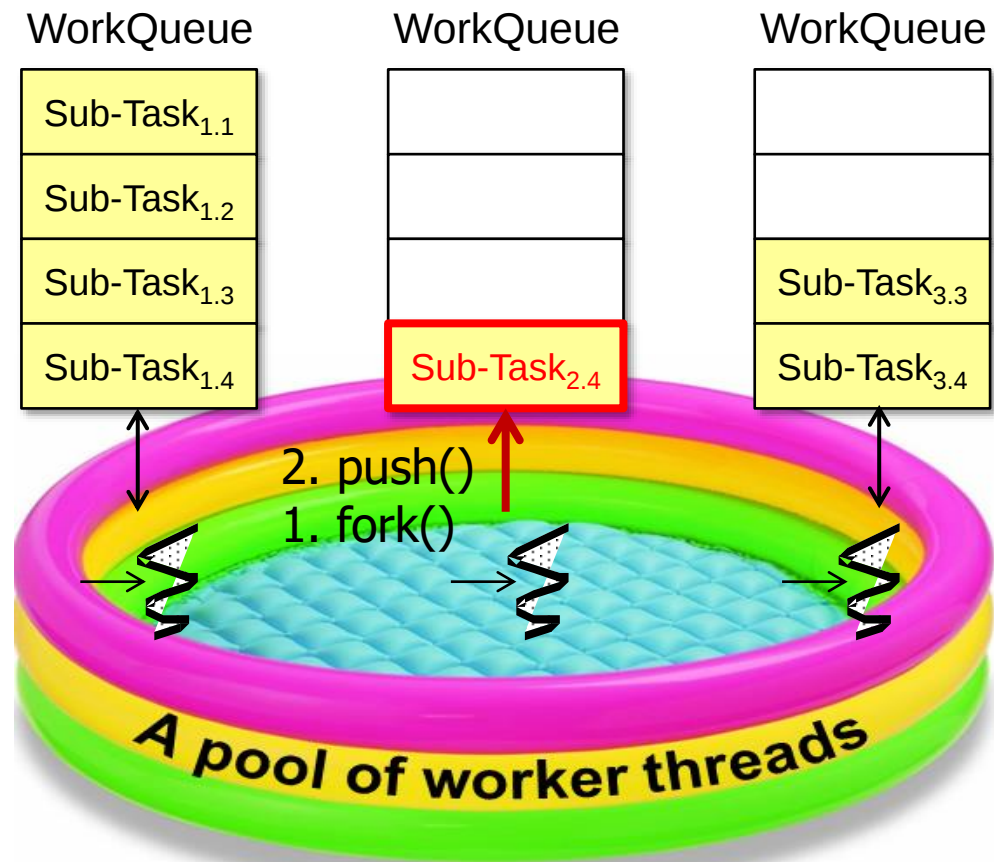


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*"Collaborative Jiffy Lube"
model of processing!*

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiffy_Lube

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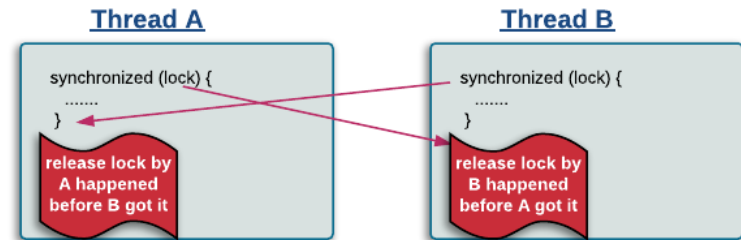
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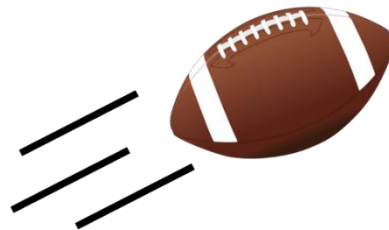
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End of Key Methods in the Java ForkJoinTask Superclass