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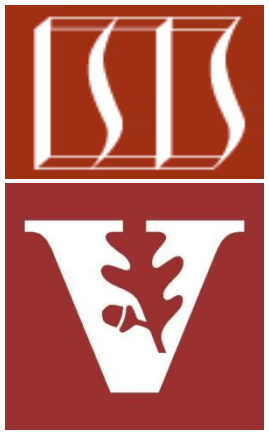

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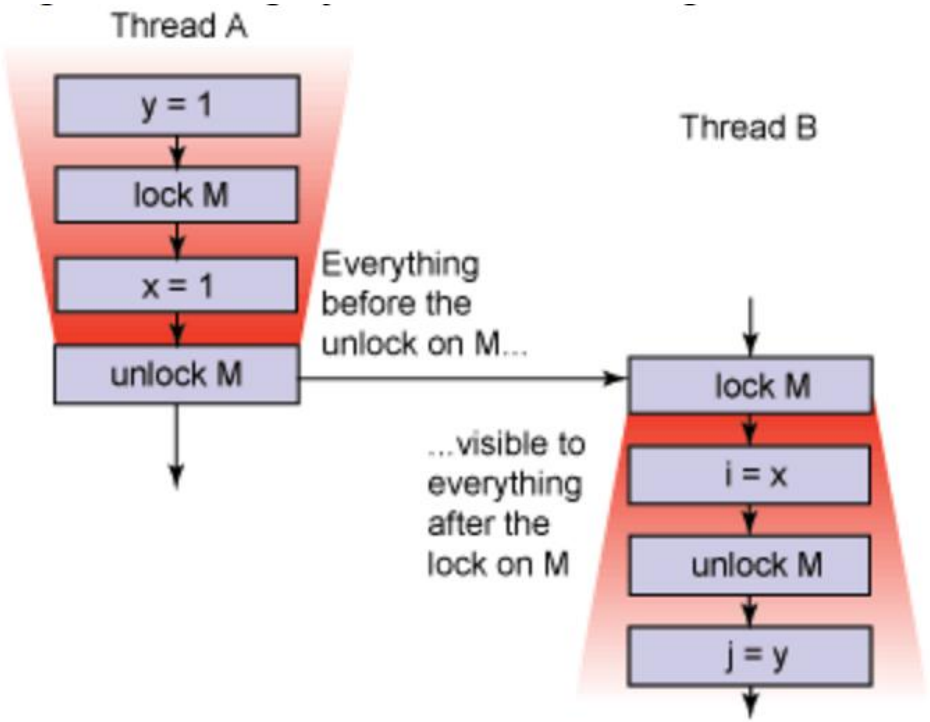

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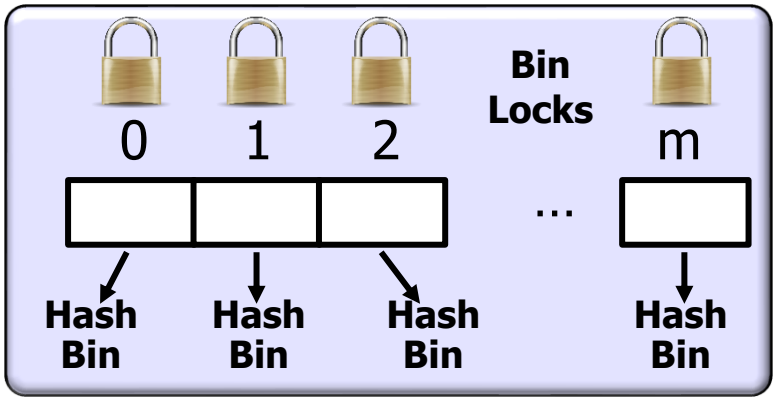

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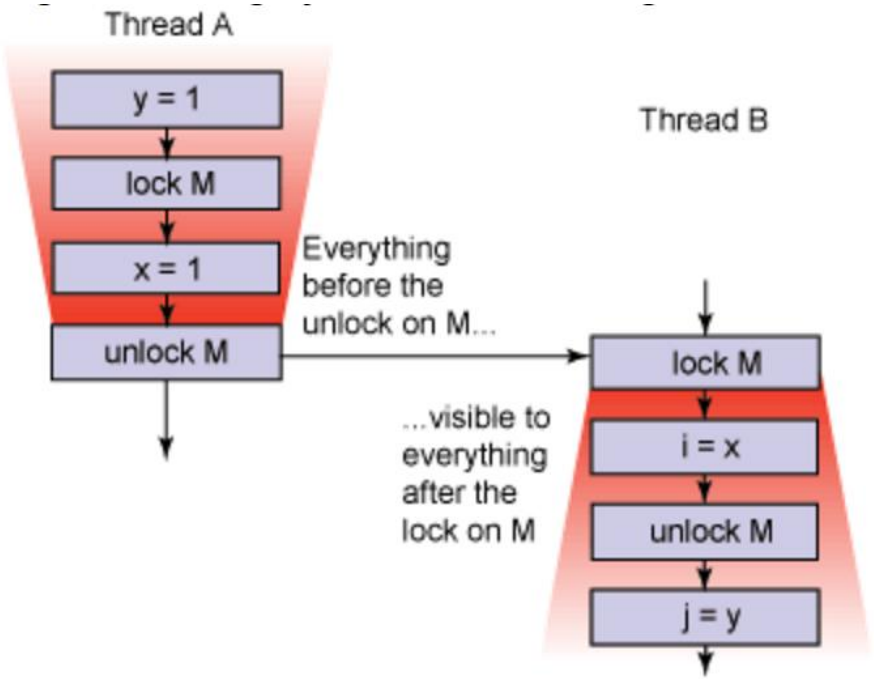

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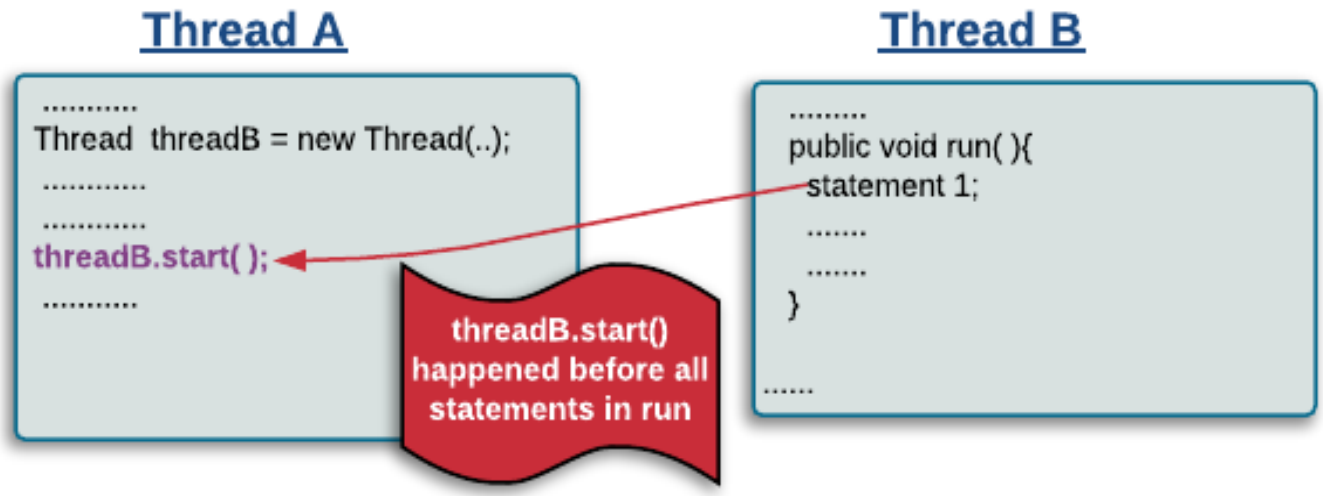

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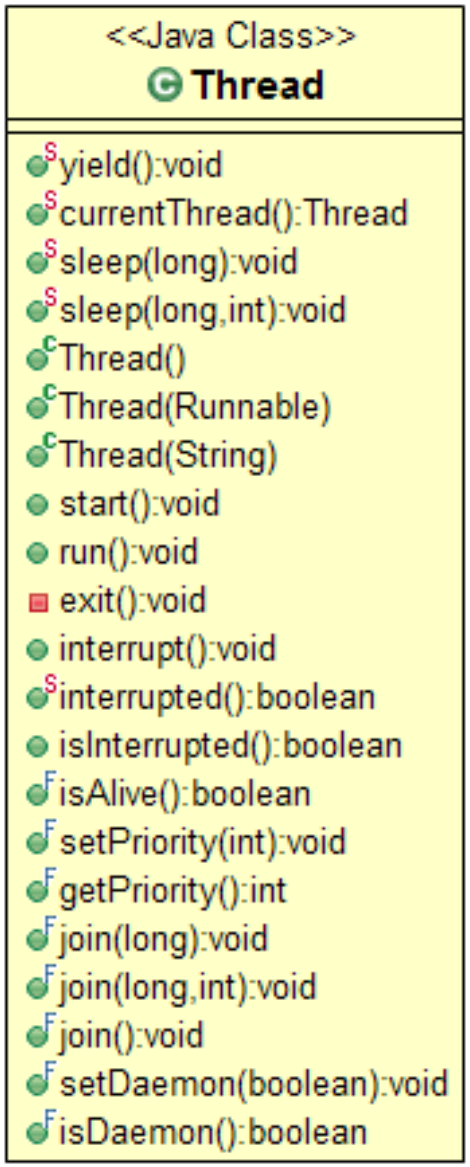

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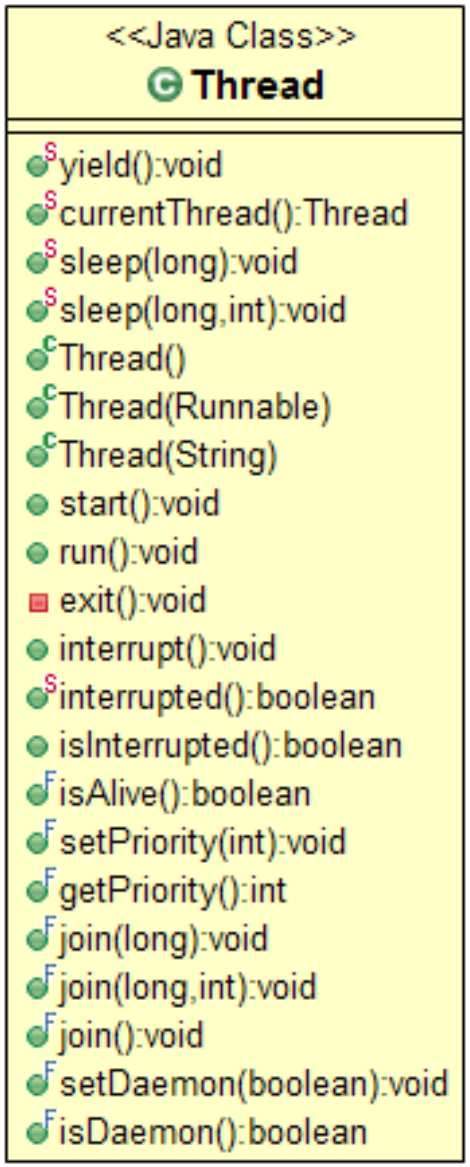

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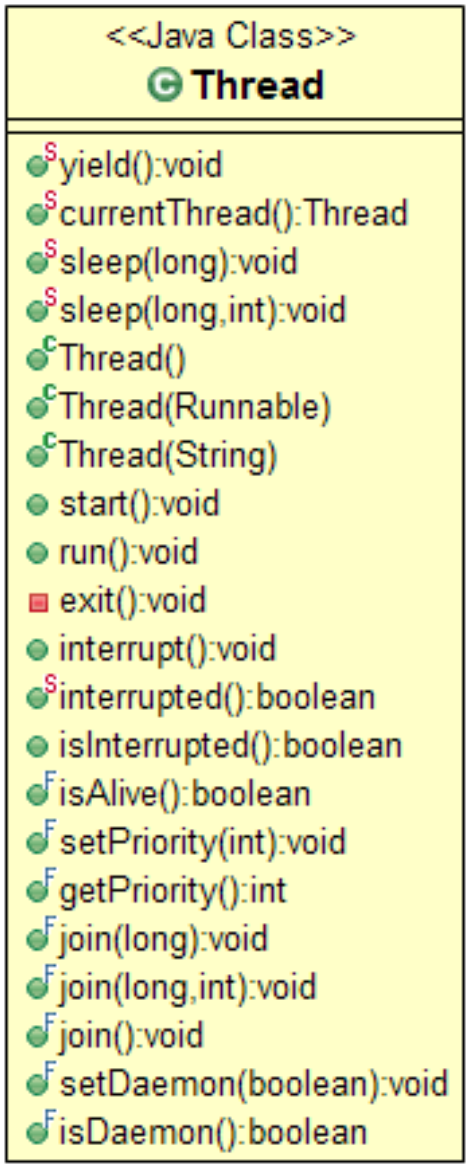

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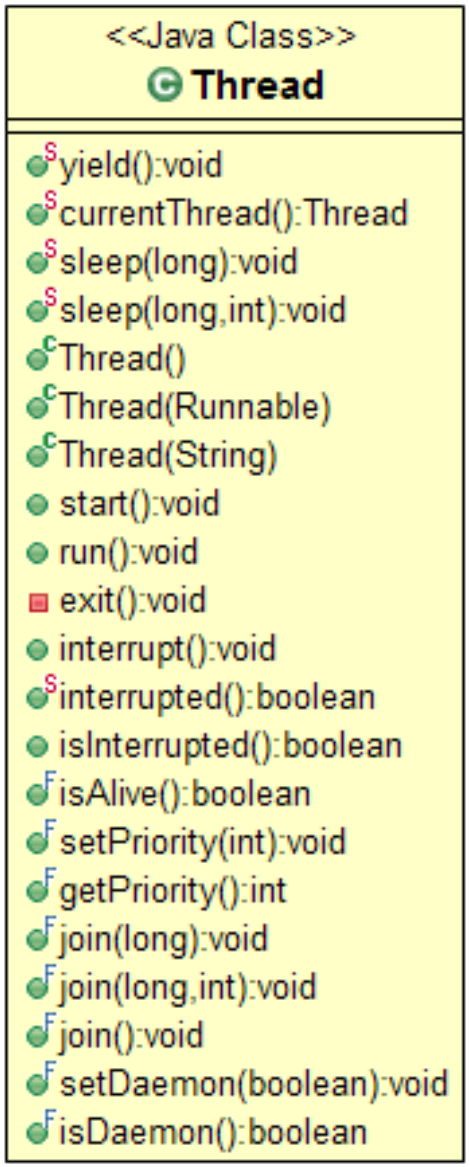
threadA's call to the threadB.start() method (& associated changes it made to any shared state) will "happen before" threadB's run() hook method is called



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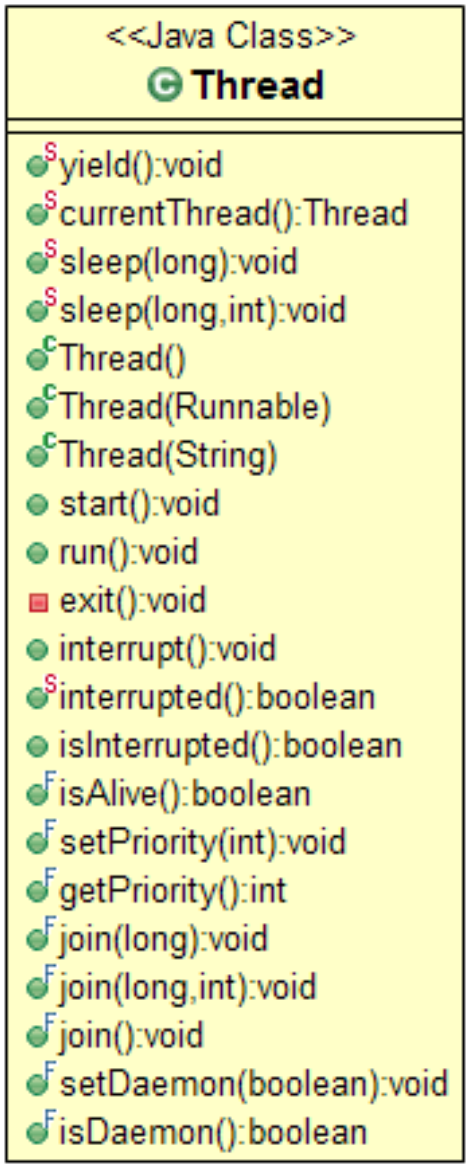

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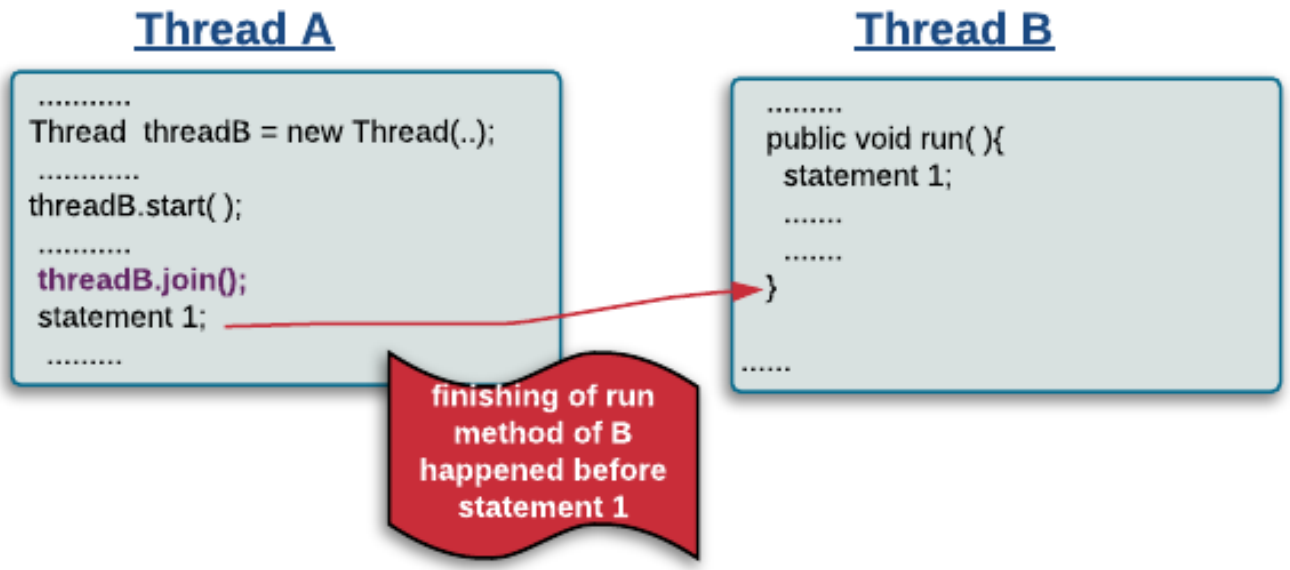

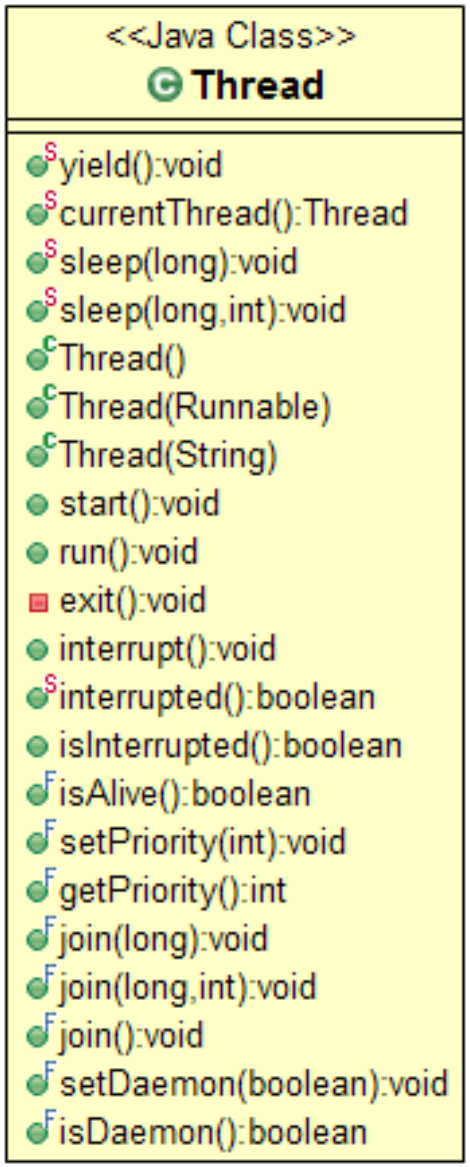

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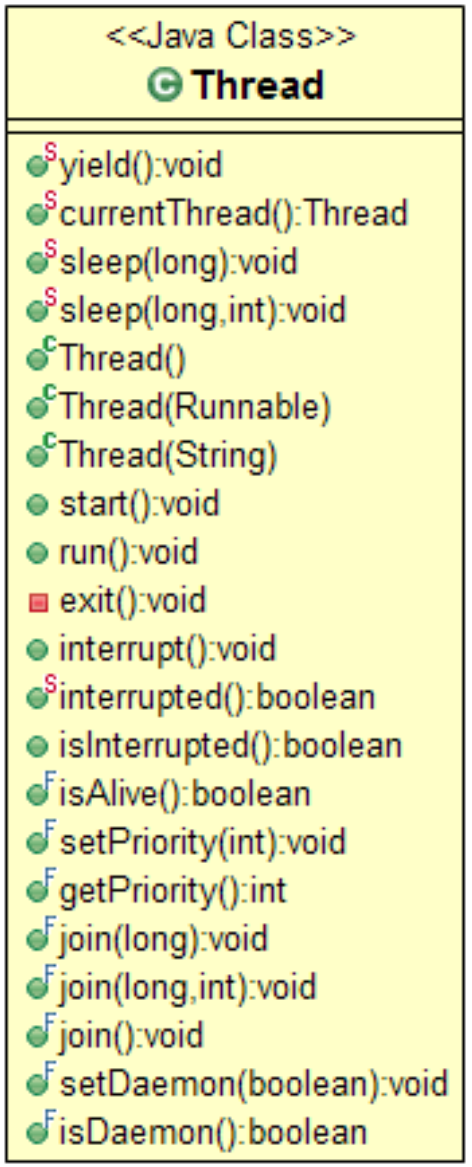

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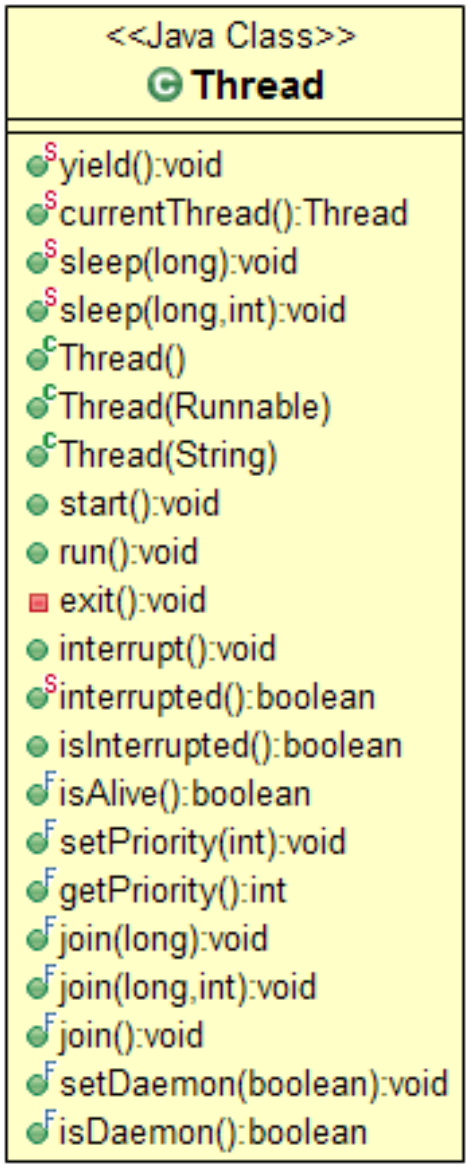

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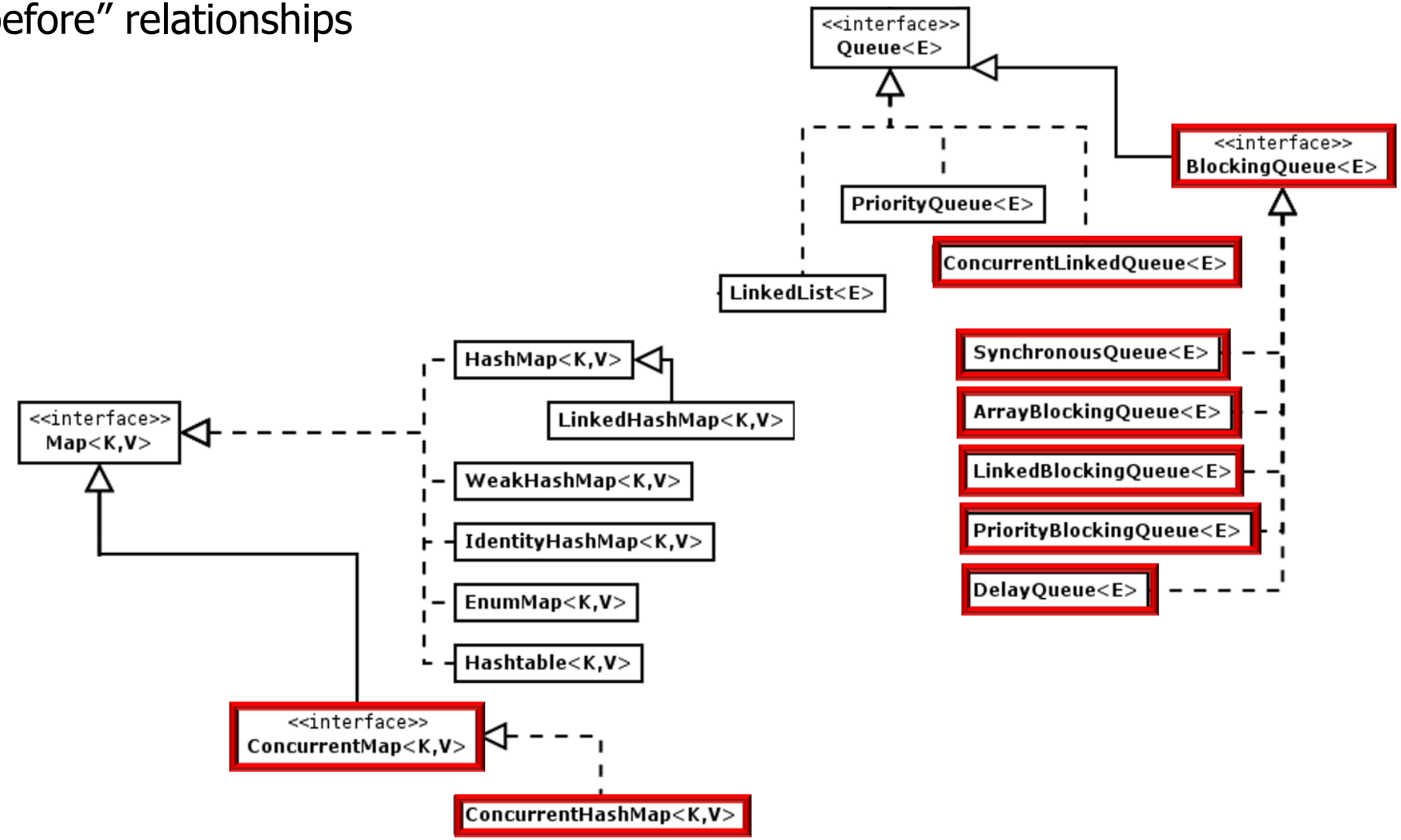

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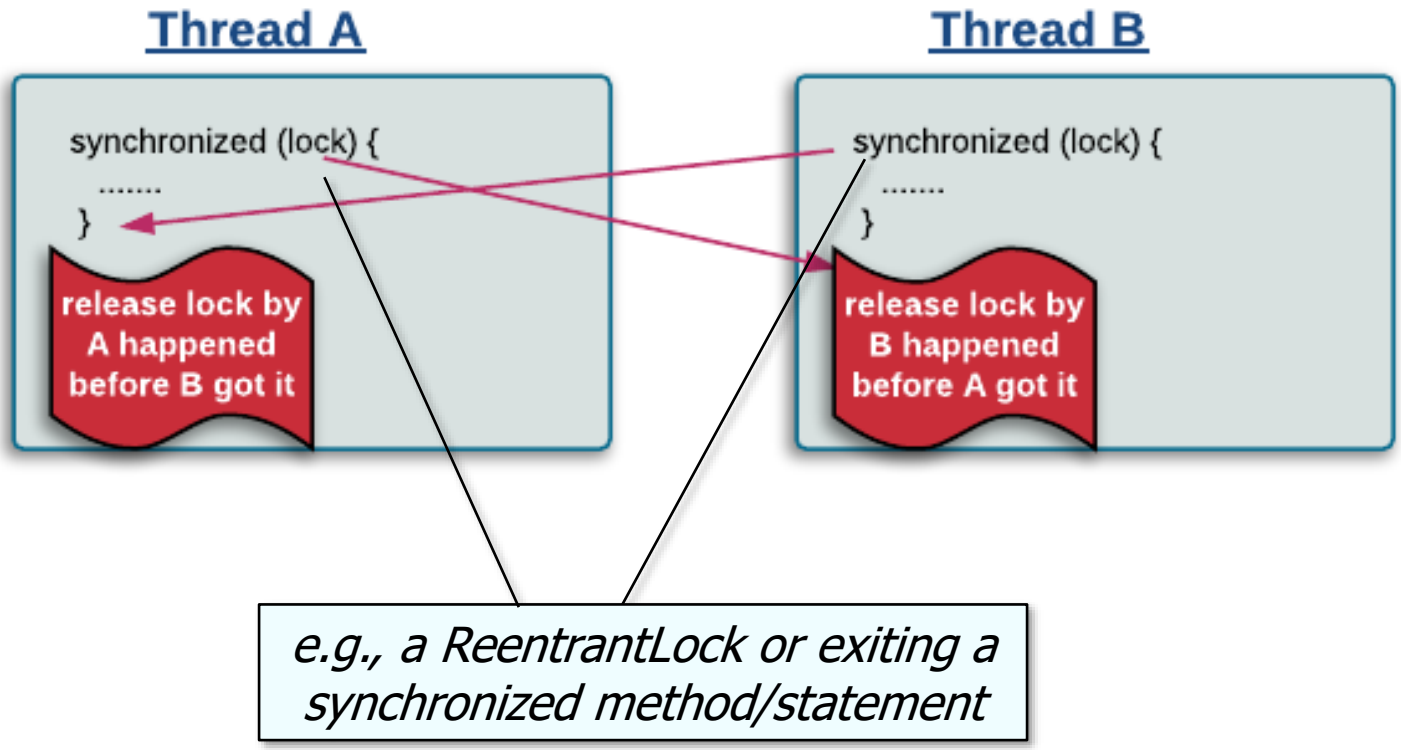

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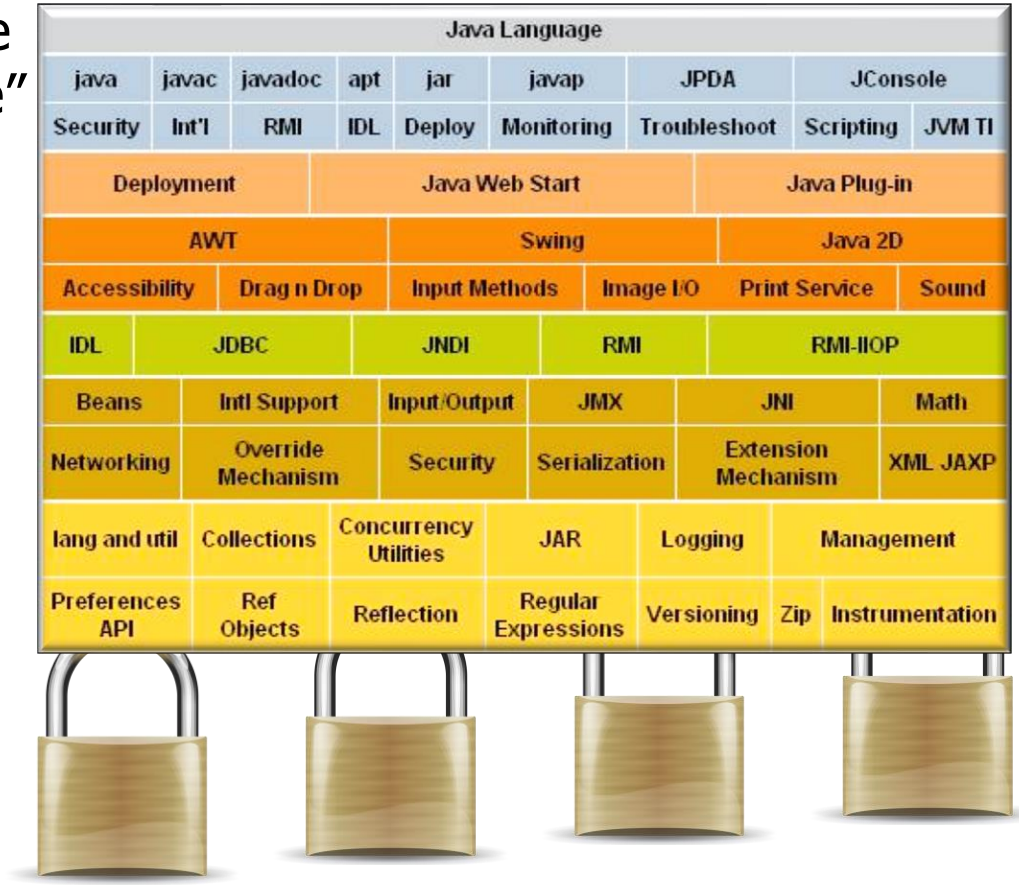

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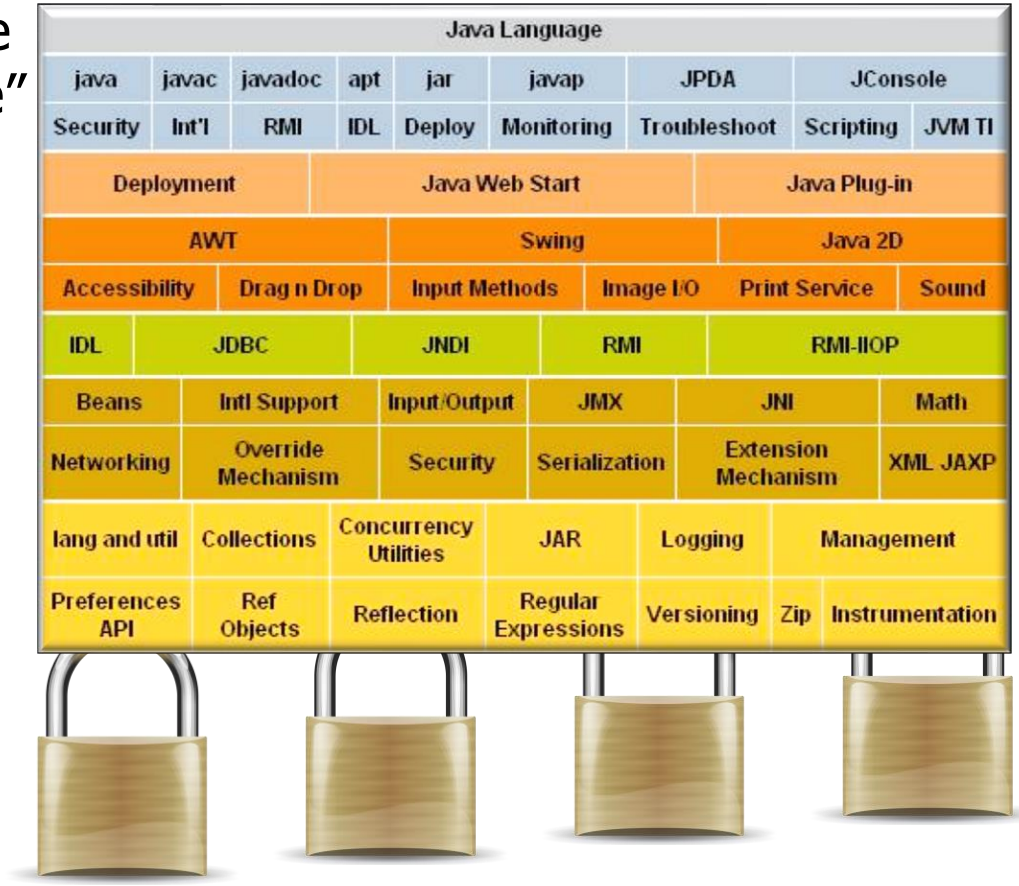

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