

Example Application of Java Phaser



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- Know how to program with Java Phaser in practice

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This program expands on the pithy examples in the Java documentation at docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/Phaser.html

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Showcases Phasers used as entry & exit barriers,
in addition to one-shot & cyclic barriers

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}  
  
static void main(String[] argv) {  
  
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}
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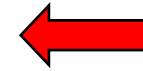
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A factory method
that makes a list
of MyTask objects



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```

```
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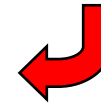
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Create a stream from 1
to sNUMBER_OF_TASKS



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Create a new MyTask object
for each number in the stream

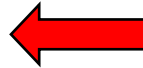
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Convert the stream into
a list of MyTask objects



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    runOneShotTasks(makeTasks()) ;
```



Run a test showcasing one-shot Phasers used to run a list of tasks that all start at the same time

```
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```

```
}
```

This method uses Phasers as an "entry barrier" & "exit barrier"

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**Run a test that showcases a cyclic
Phaser that repeatedly performs
actions for a given # of iterations**

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Entry barrier w/a
"parties" value of 1
to register itself



This "entry barrier" Phaser is similar to a CyclicBarrier (but more flexible)

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Exit barrier w/a
"parties" value for
all the tasks

This "exit barrier" Phaser is similar to a CountDownLatch (but more flexible)

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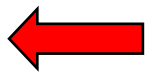
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**Iterate thru
all the tasks** 

A for-each loop also works, though the `forEach()` method is more “modern”

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    tasks.forEach(task -> {  
        entryPhaser.register();  Dynamically add a  
new party to the  
entry barrier  
  
        new Thread(() -> {  
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This capability is not available with a CyclicBarrier

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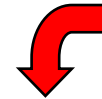
Create/start a new worker thread that runs the task once other threads arrive 

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Block until all worker threads have started



Phaser.arriveAndAwaitAdvance() is similar to CyclicBarrier.await()

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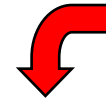
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            task.run();  
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```

```
    });
```

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This code uses entryPhaser as a one-shot "entry barrier"

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Indicate the task/
thread is done



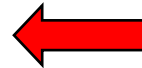
Phaser.arrive() is used similarly to CountdownLatch.countdown() here

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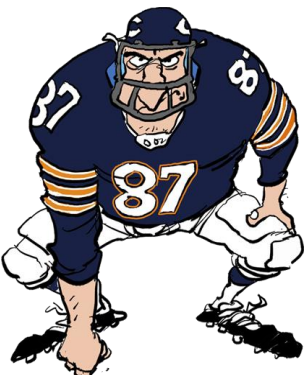
**Allow worker threads to
start running their tasks**



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Block until all worker threads have finished

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        }  
    };  
  
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 **Determines when to terminate phaser**

onAdvance() is a hook method

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 **Terminates when all iterations have completed or all parties are done**

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    };
    Bulk register calling thread & all the tasks!
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Phaser.bulkRegister() is used in lieu of registering each task in forEach()

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Create/start a worker thread

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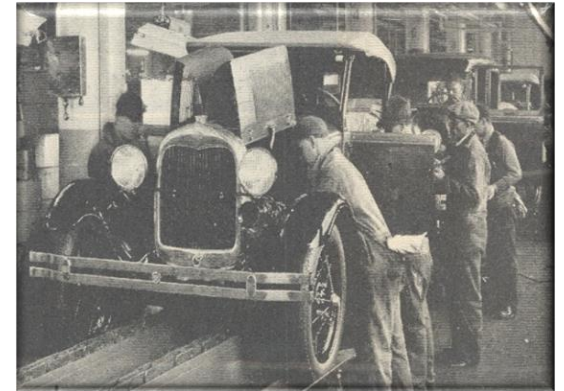
Block until all the other threads/tasks complete this phase



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This code is using the phaser as a “cyclic exit barrier”

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 **The last thread to arrive at the end of a phase triggers a call to the onAdvance() hook method**



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                                    int regParties) {
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        do {
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            phaser.arriveAndAwaitAdvance();
        } while (!phaser.isTerminated());
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 **Terminate when the phase # + 1 == iterations**

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 **Threads loop until they are terminated by onAdvance()**

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Calling thread loops until terminated by onAdvance() 



arriveAndAwaitAdvance() blocks waiting the end of each phase, so this loop does not "busy wait"

End of Example Application of Java Phaser