

Introduction to Java Threads



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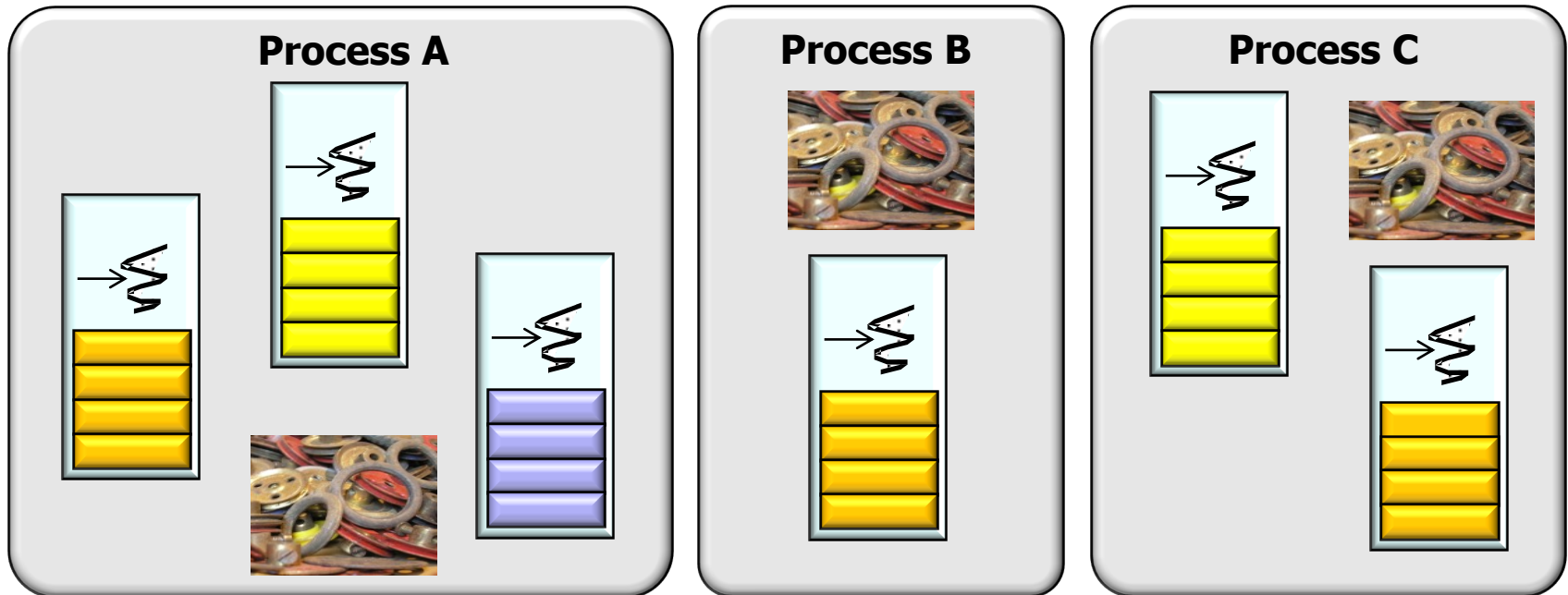
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand how Java threads support concurrency

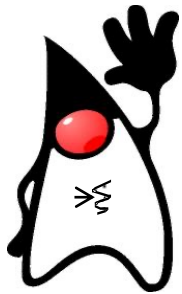
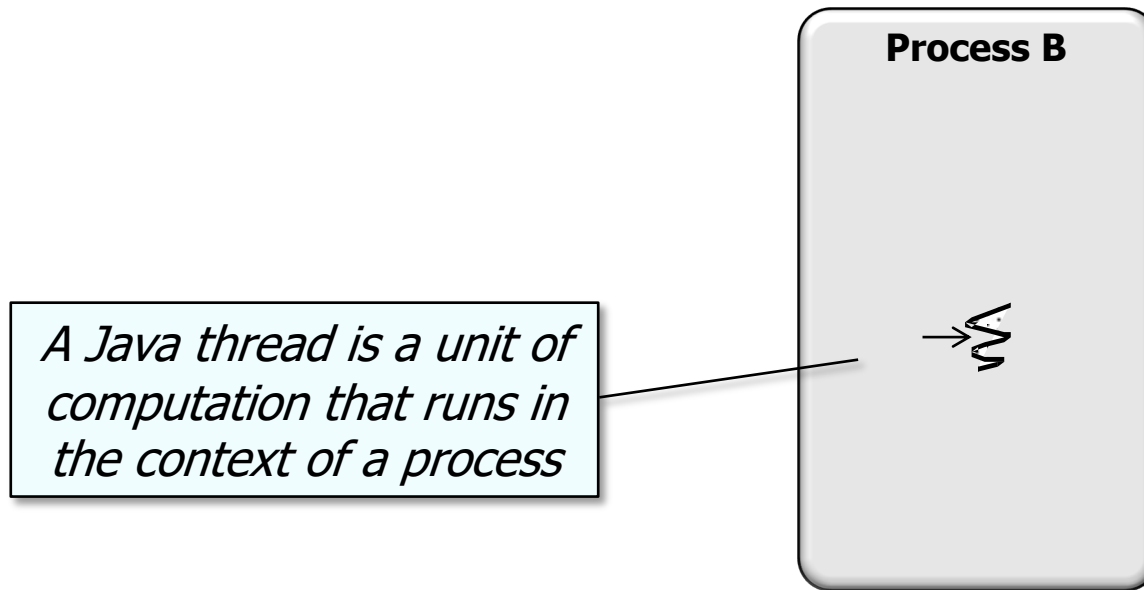


Concurrent apps use multiple threads to simultaneously run computations that often interact with each other

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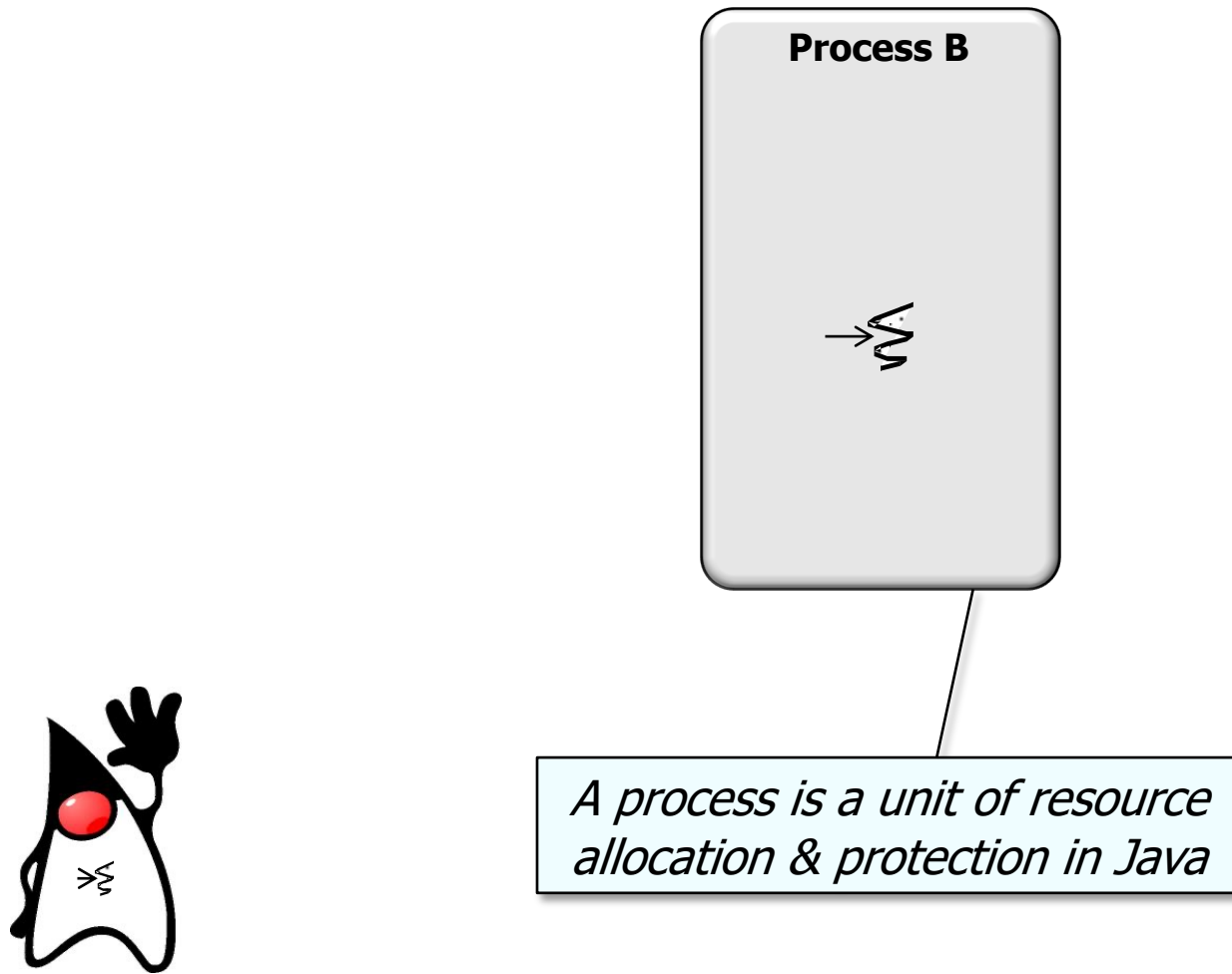
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See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thread_\(computing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thread_(computing))

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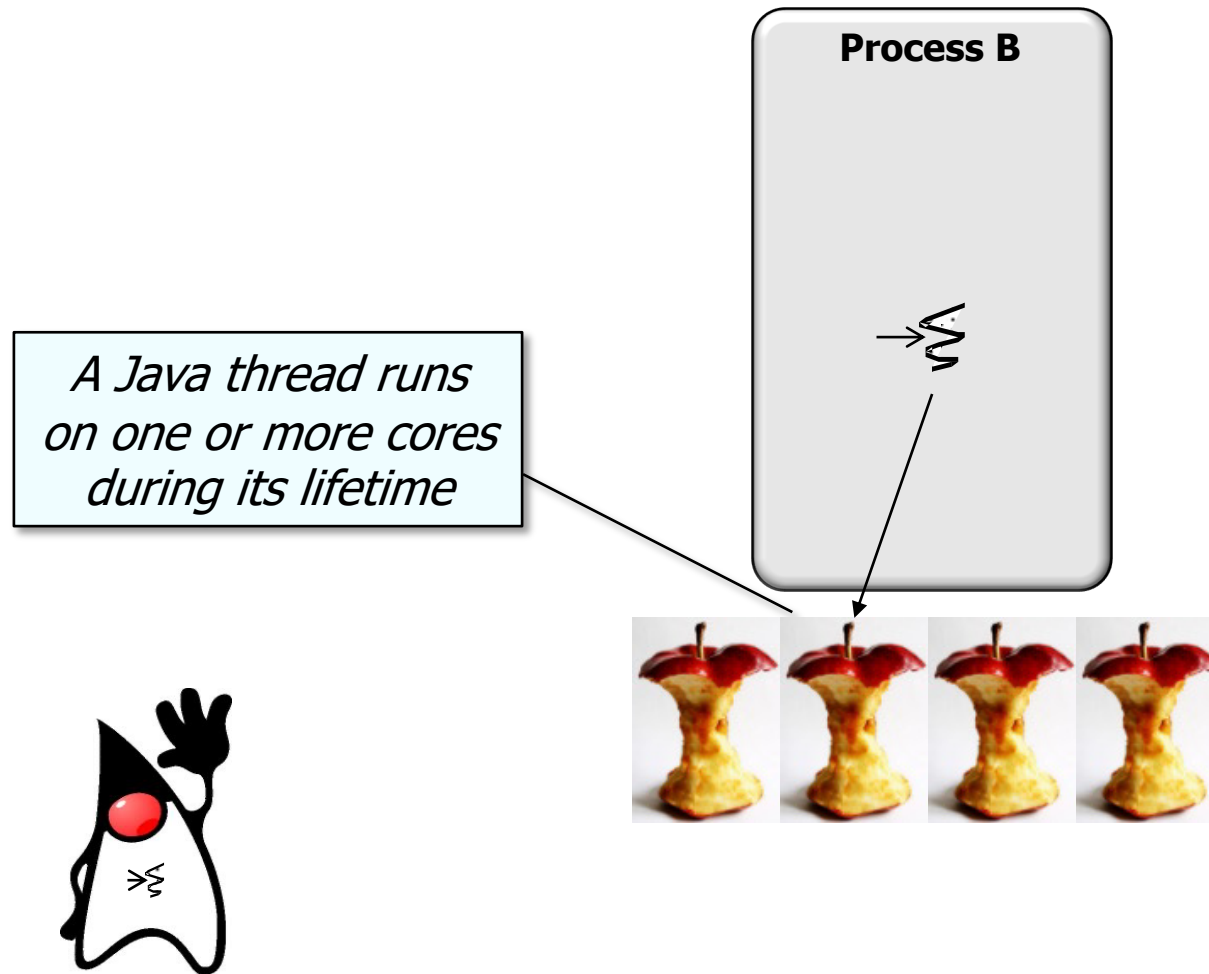
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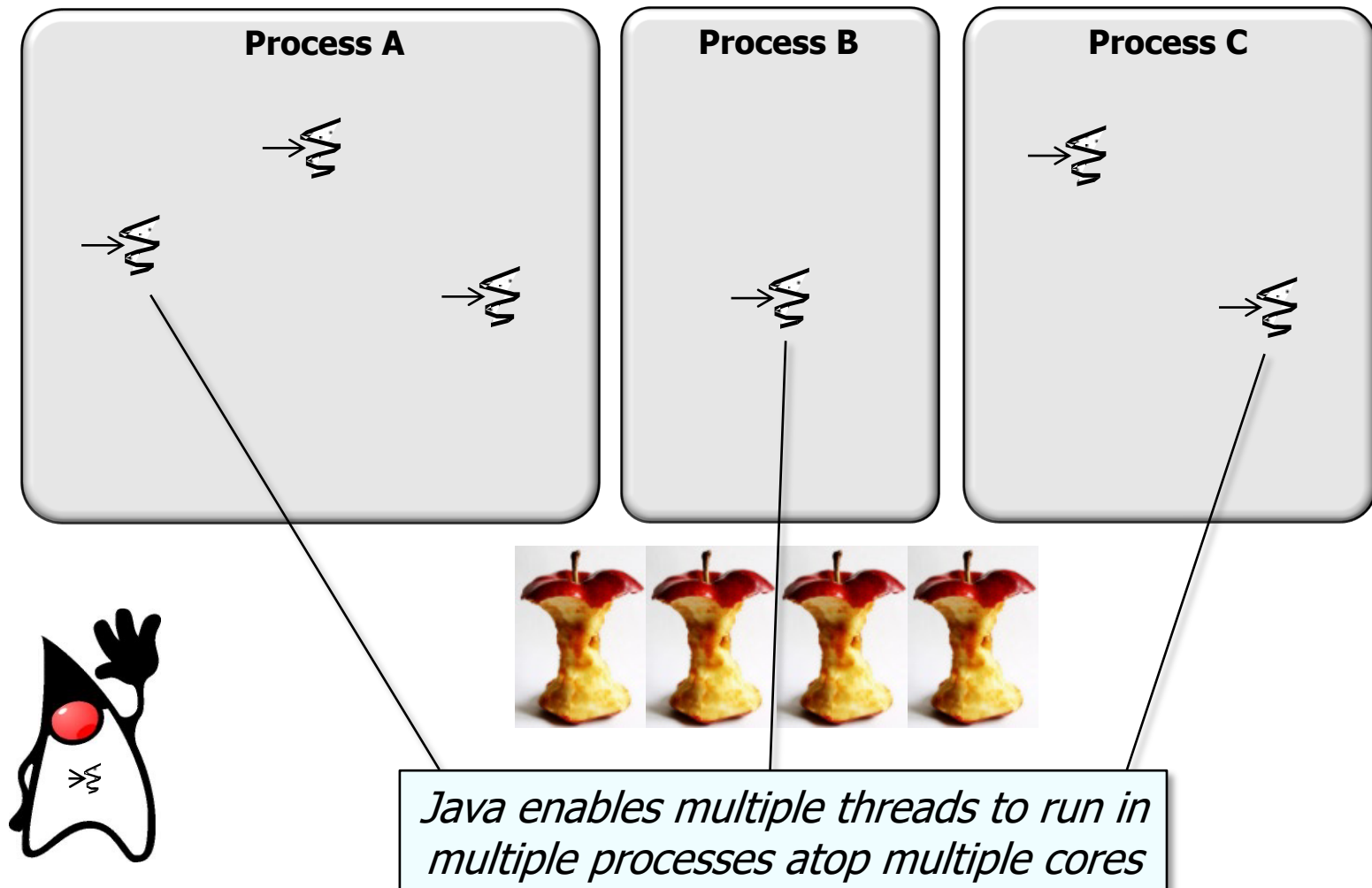
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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multi-core_processor

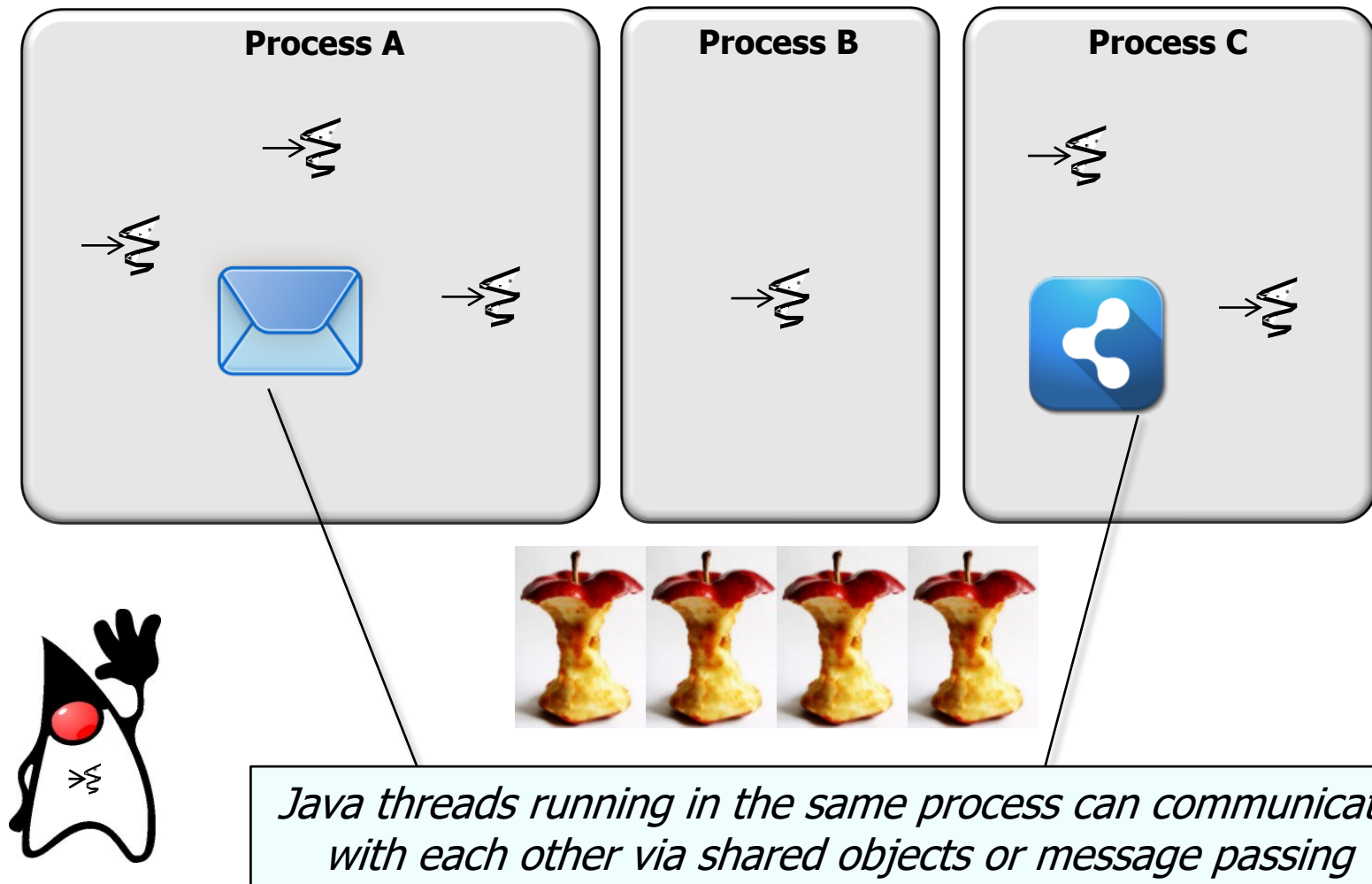
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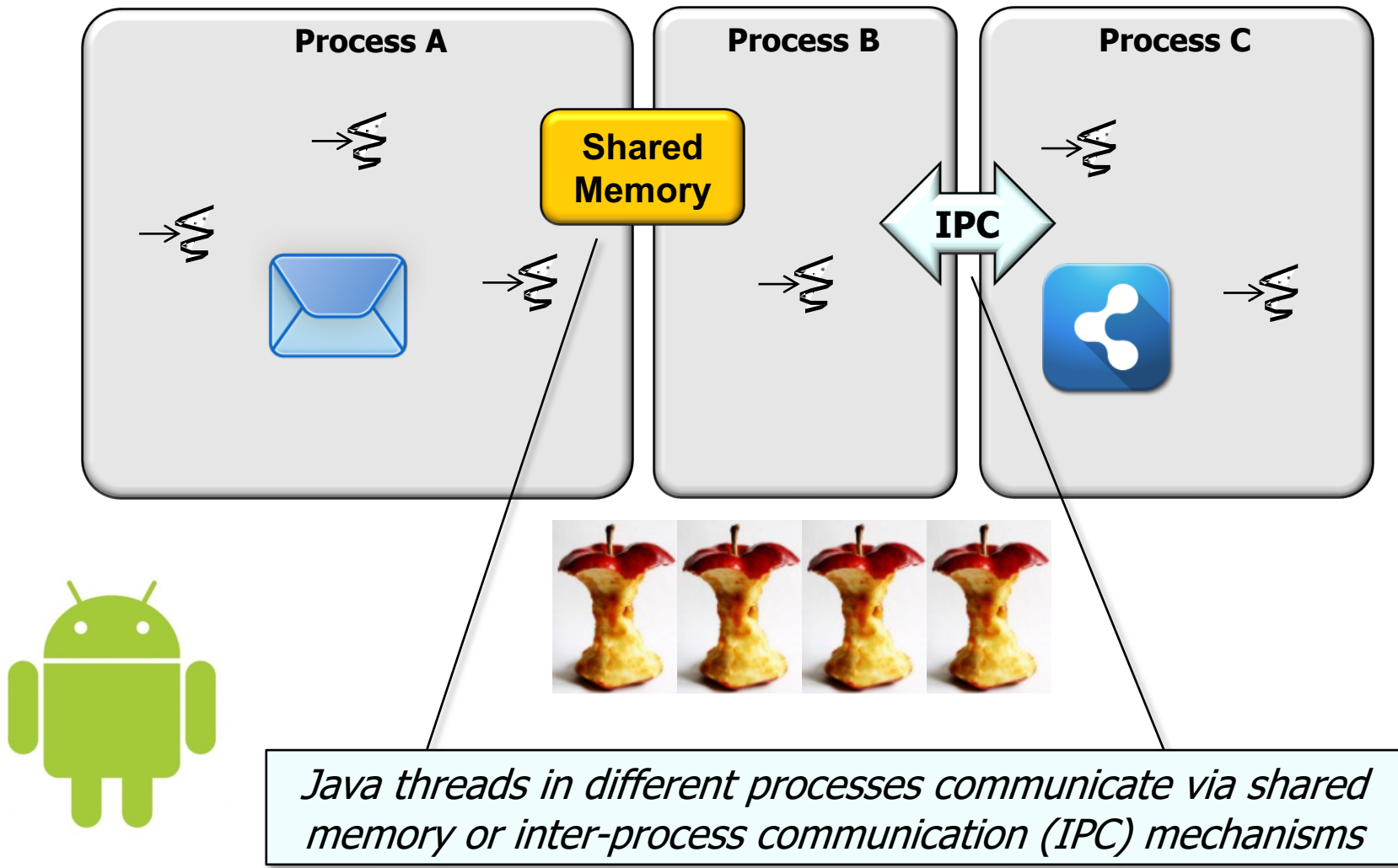
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See www.javatpoint.com/inter-thread-communication-example & web.mit.edu/6.005/www/fa14/classes/20-queues-locks/message-passing

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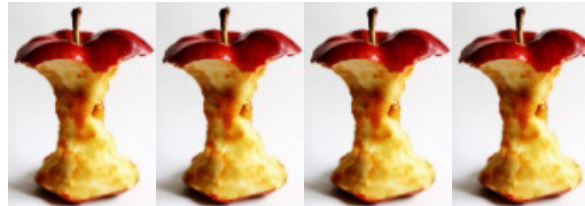
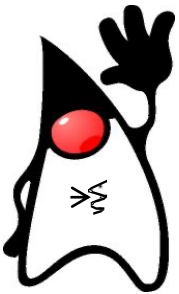
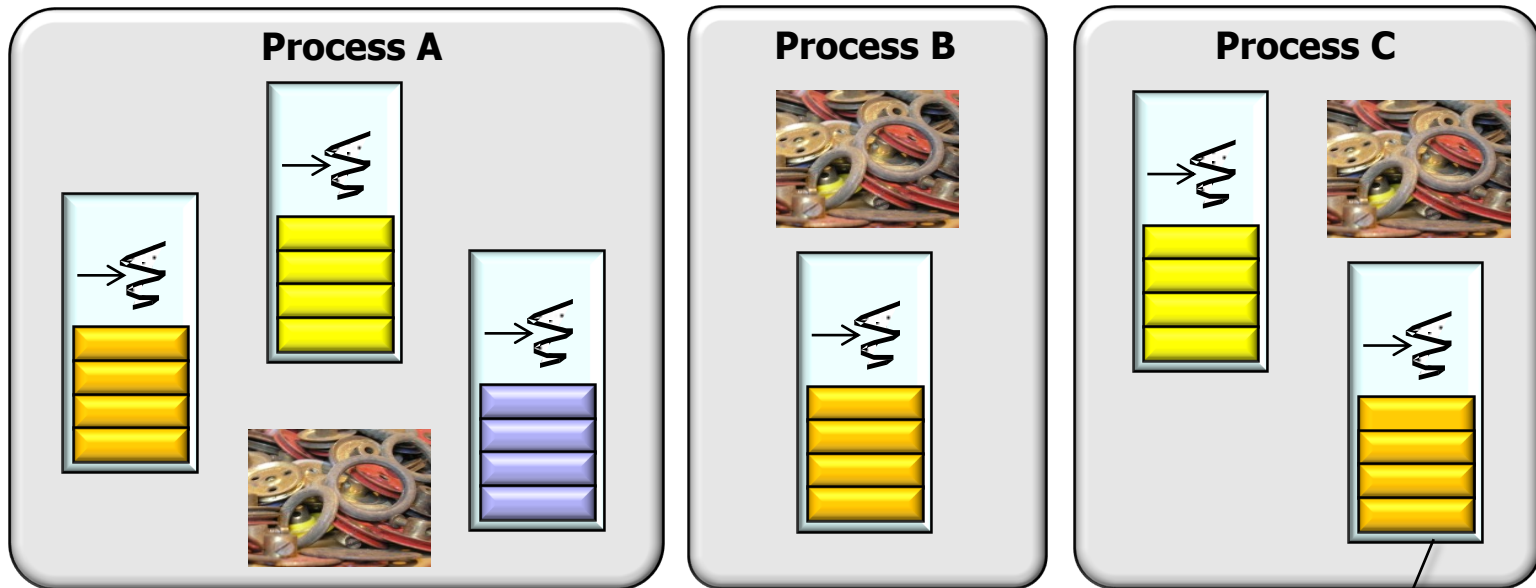
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See developer.android.com/guide/components/aidl

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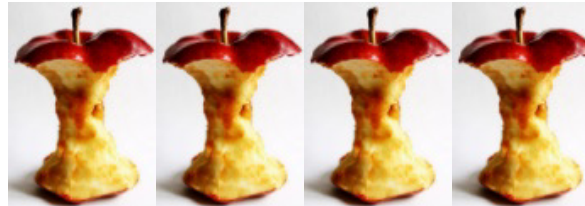
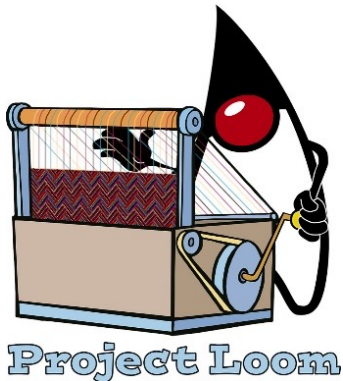
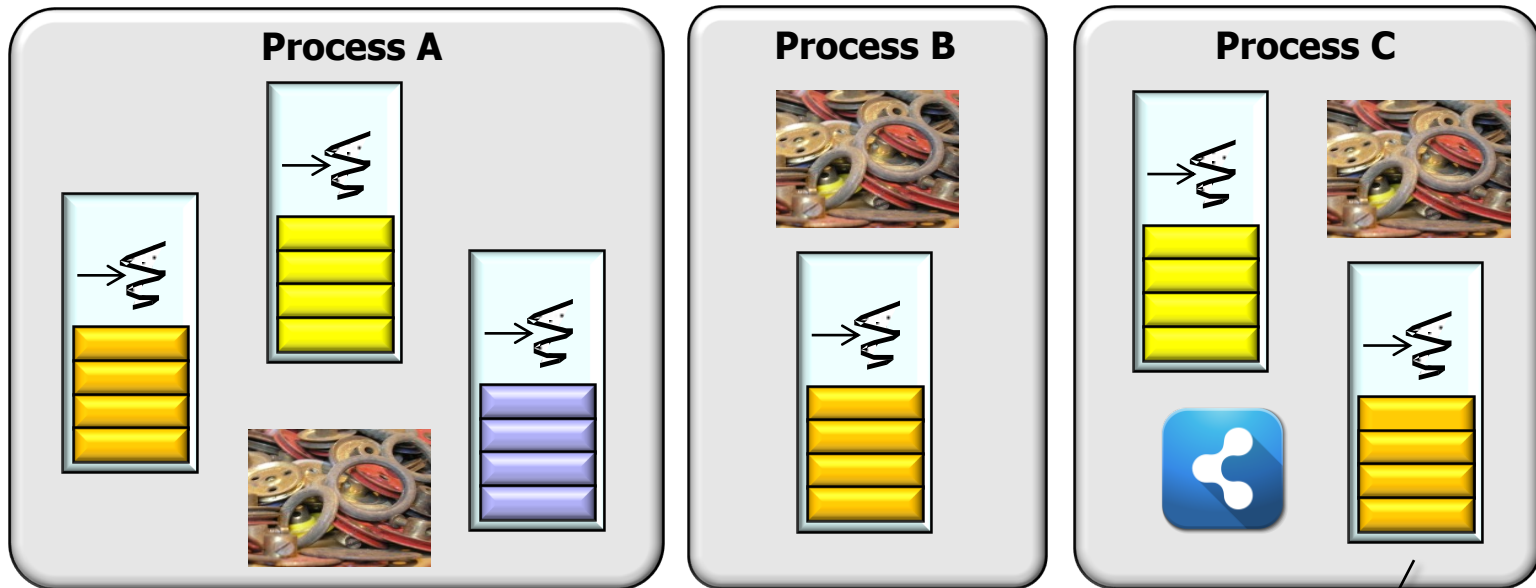


Traditionally a Java thread is associated with an OS kernel thread & contains unique "state," e.g., an id, name, stack, priority, current thread state, thread-local storage, instruction counter, & other registers

See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thread \(computing\)#Processes.2C kernel threads.2C user threads.2C and fibers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thread_(computing)#Processes.2C_kernel_threads.2C_user_threads.2C_and_fibers)

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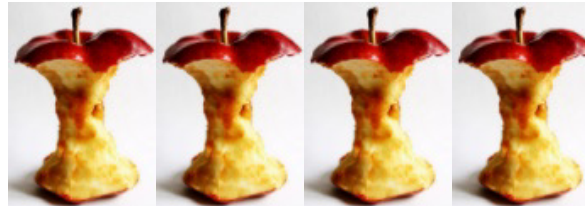
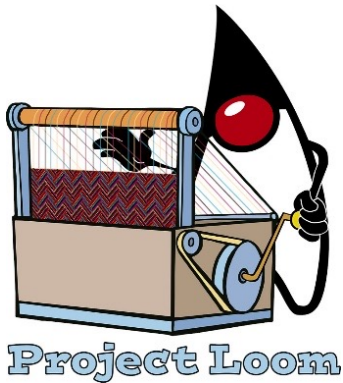
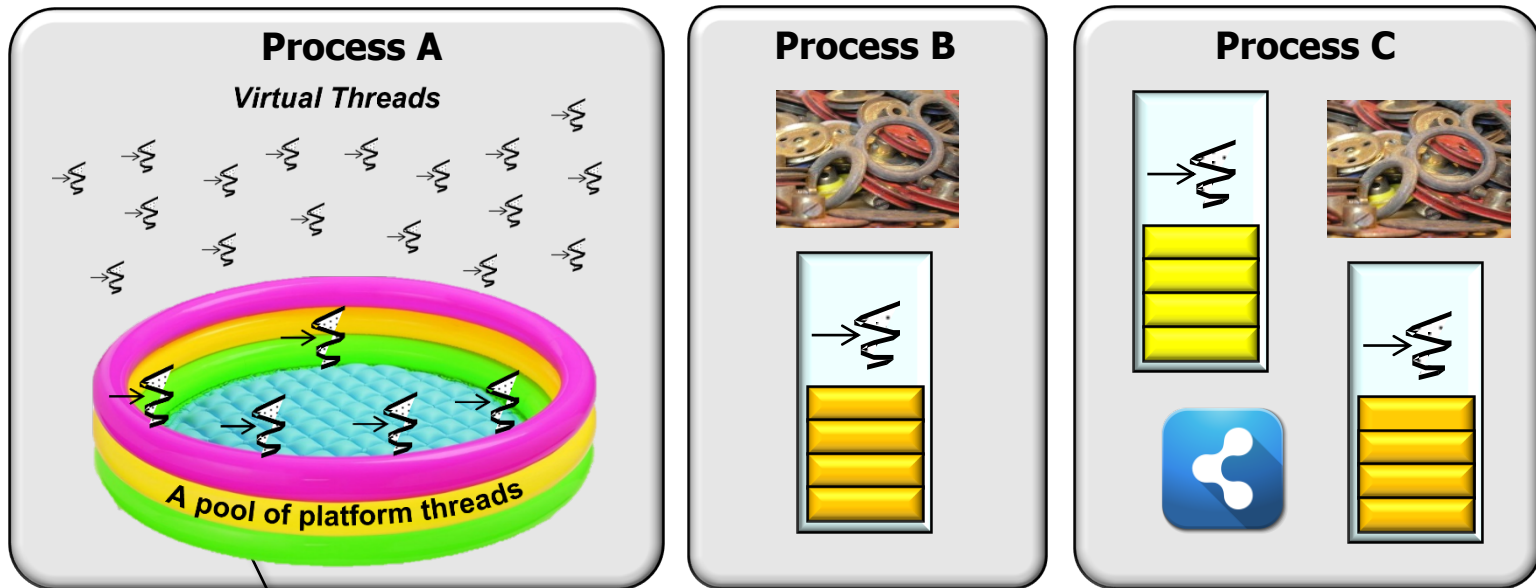


In Project Loom traditional Java Thread objects are now called "platform threads"

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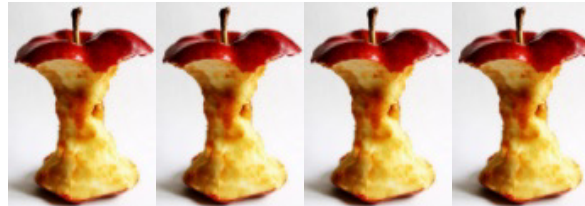
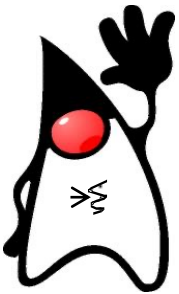
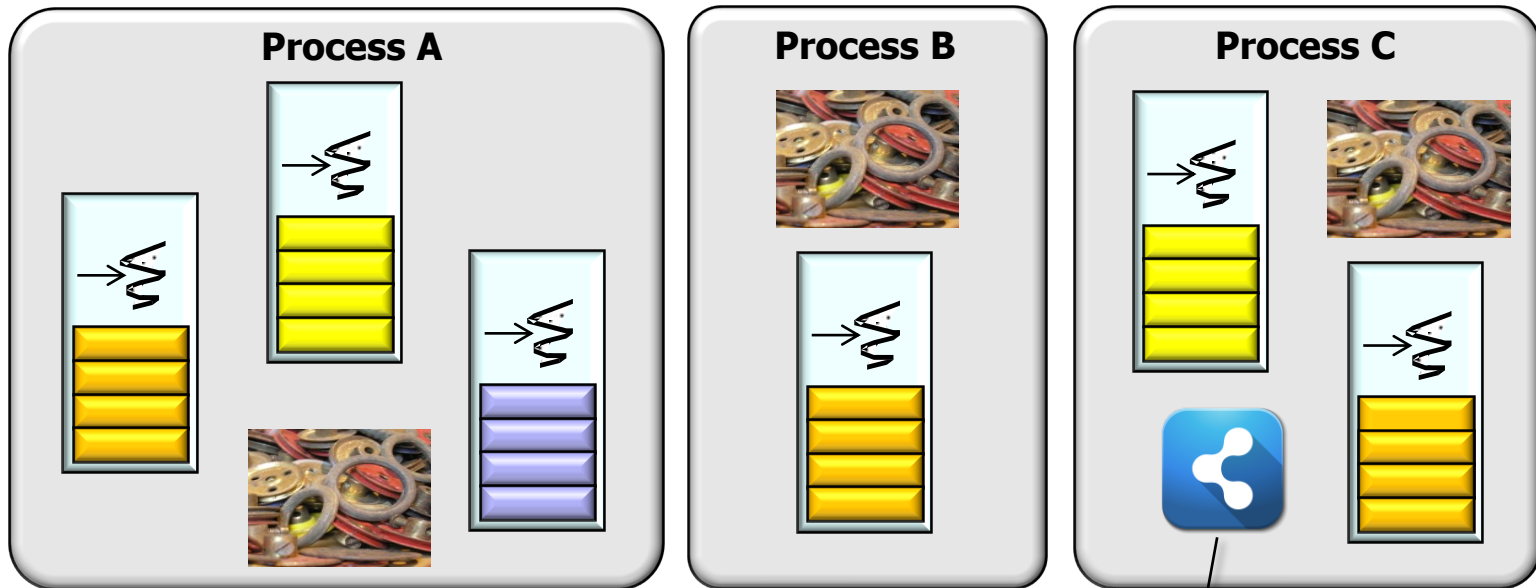


Conversely, Project Loom defines new "virtual threads" that are "lightweight" concurrency objects that can be multiplexed atop one or more platform threads

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Java dynamic & static objects can be shared across any type of Java threads (i.e., this "state" is common)

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