

Programming with Java

ThreadPoolExecutor

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand Java's structured concurrency model
- Recognize the classes used to program Java's structure concurrency model, e.g.
 - `ThreadPoolExecutor`

```
try (var executor = Executors
    .newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()) {
    IntStream
        .range(0, 1_000_000)

        .forEach(i -> executor
            .submit(() -> {
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                    .ofSeconds(1));
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            }));
}
```

Programming with Java ThreadPoolExecutor

Programming with Java ThreadPerTaskExecutor

- This feature adds two new factory methods in the Java Executors utility class & extends the ExecutorService interface

```
static ExecutorService    newThreadPerTaskExecutor  
                           (ThreadFactory threadFactory)
```

Preview.

Creates an Executor that starts a new Thread for each task.

```
static ExecutorService    newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()
```

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Creates an Executor that starts a new virtual Thread for each task.

```
public interface ExecutorService  
    extends Executor, AutoCloseable
```

An Executor that provides methods to manage termination and methods that can produce a Future for tracking progress of one or more asynchronous tasks.

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- The `newThreadPerTaskExecutor()` factory method starts a new Thread for each task
- The type of the Thread can be designated via a `ThreadFactory`

`newThreadPerTaskExecutor`

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Creates an `Executor` that starts a new Thread for each task. The number of threads created by the `Executor` is unbounded.

Invoking `cancel(true)` on a `Future` representing the pending result of a task submitted to the `Executor` will `interrupt` the thread executing the task.

Parameters:

`threadFactory` - the factory to use when creating new threads

Returns:

a new executor that creates a new Thread for each task

See [java/util/concurrent/Executors.html#newThreadPerTaskExecutor](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/Executors.html#newThreadPerTaskExecutor)

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- The `newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor()` starts a new Java virtual Thread for each task

`newVirtualThreadPerTaskExecutor`

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Creates an Executor that starts a new virtual Thread for each task. The number of threads created by the Executor is unbounded.

This method is equivalent to invoking `newThreadPerTaskExecutor(ThreadFactory)`^{PREVIEW} with a thread factory that creates virtual threads.

Returns:

a new executor that creates a new virtual Thread for each task

Throws:

`UnsupportedOperationException` - if preview features are not enabled

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Generate 10 million iterations

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Submit 10 million tasks, each of which is executed via a Java virtual Thread

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All these submitted virtual threads must complete by the end of the enclosing scope

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 - It lacks support for fine-grained exception handling, “invoke any” semantics, & automatic task cancellation
- However, it can serve as a “drop-in” replacement for common ExecutorService use-cases

```
@Bean (APPLICATION_TASK_
      EXECUTOR_BEAN_NAME) public
AsyncTaskExecutor asyncTaskExecutor () {
    return new TaskExecutorAdapter
        (Executors
         .newVirtualThreadPoolExecutor ()) ;
}
```

This Bean configures the Spring WebMVC platform so it will create a Java virtual thread to process each client request

See spring.io/blog/2022/10/11/embracing-virtual-threads

Programming with Java ThreadPerTaskExecutor

- These Executors are used with the Java try-with-resources feature
 - This mechanism is simple, but also limited
 - These limitations motivate the need for the new Java StructuredTaskScope

```
try (var scope = new
    StructuredTaskScope
    .ShutdownOnFailure()) {
    Supplier<String> user = scope
    .fork(() -> findUser());
    Supplier<Integer> order = scope
    .fork(() -> fetchOrder());

    scope.join();
    scope.throwIfFailed();

    return new Response
        (user.get(),
         order.get());
}
```

See upcoming lesson on “*Programming with Java StructuredTaskScope*”

End of Programming with Java TaskPerThreadExecutor