The Java Executor Framework: The Java Executors Class

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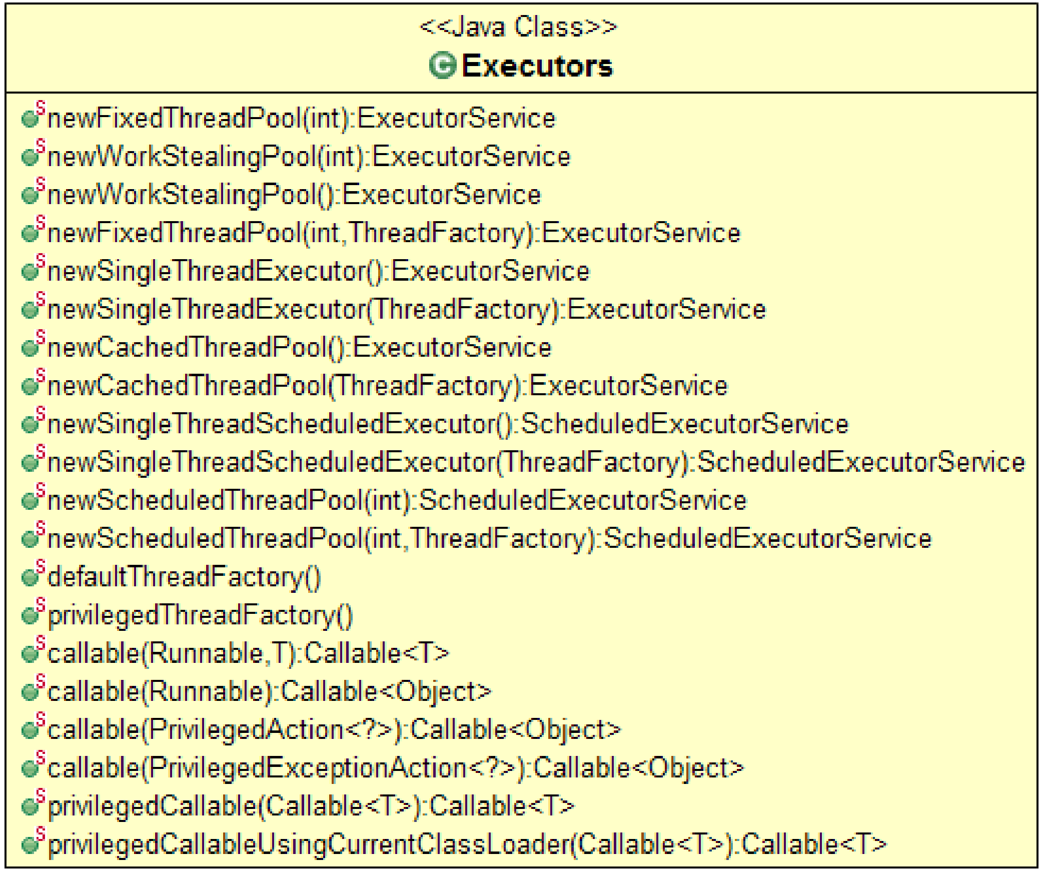
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand the purpose of the Java executor framework
- Recognize the features & benefits of thread pools
- Note a human known use of thread pools
- Know the Java Executor framework thread pools
- Learn the key interfaces the framework provides
- Appreciate the factory methods provided by the Java Executors class



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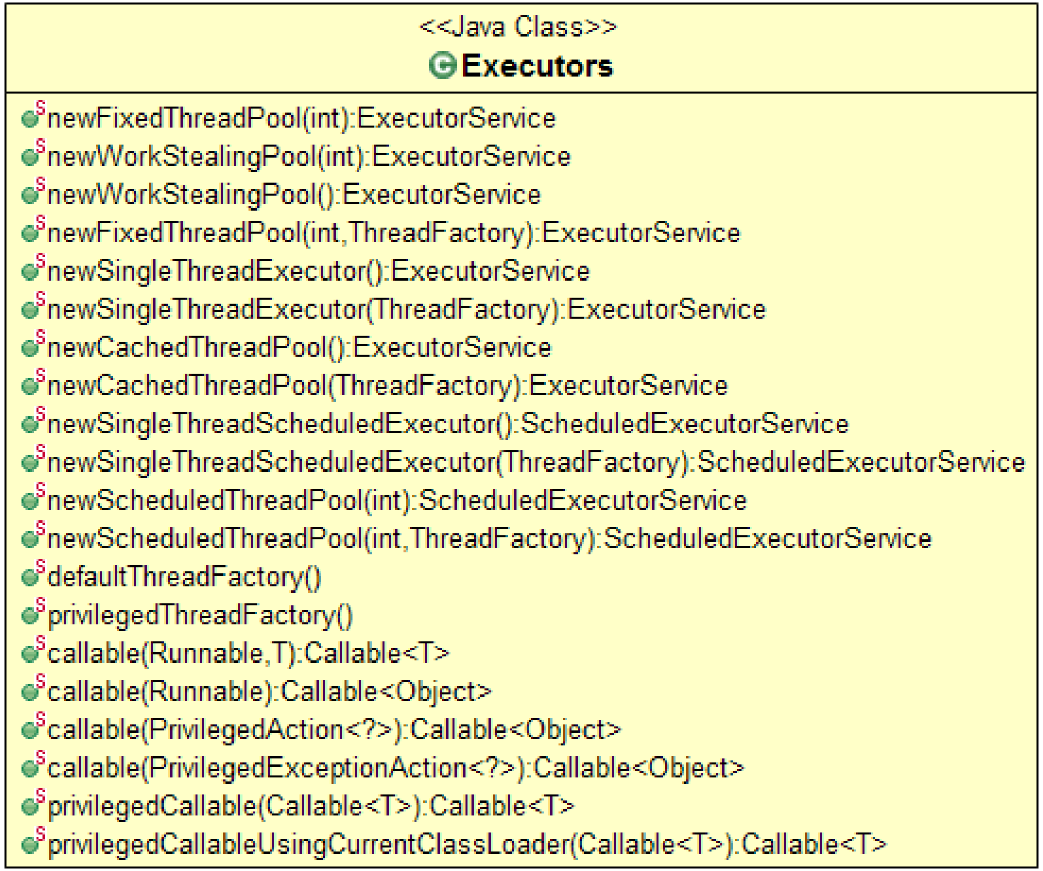
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See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/Executors.html

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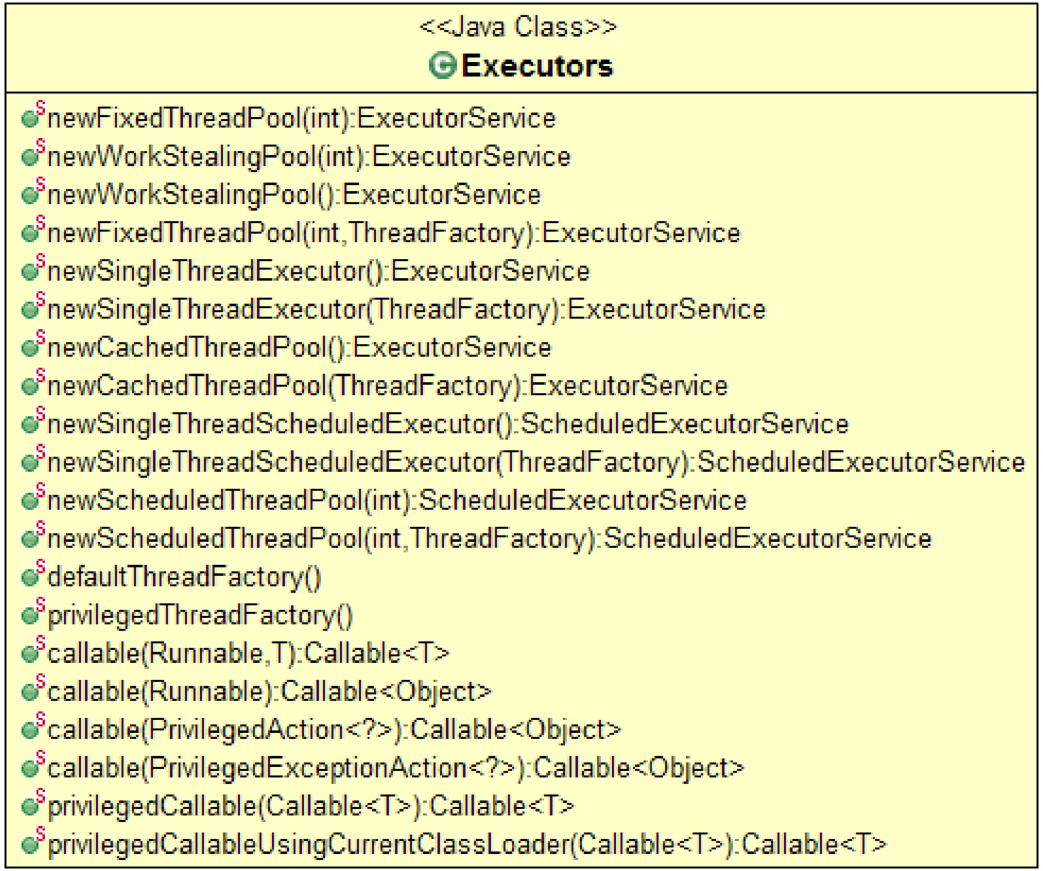
  - A utility class is a final class having only static methods, no state, & a private constructor



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See www.quora.com/What-is-the-best-way-to-write-utility-classes-in-Java/answer/Jon-Harley

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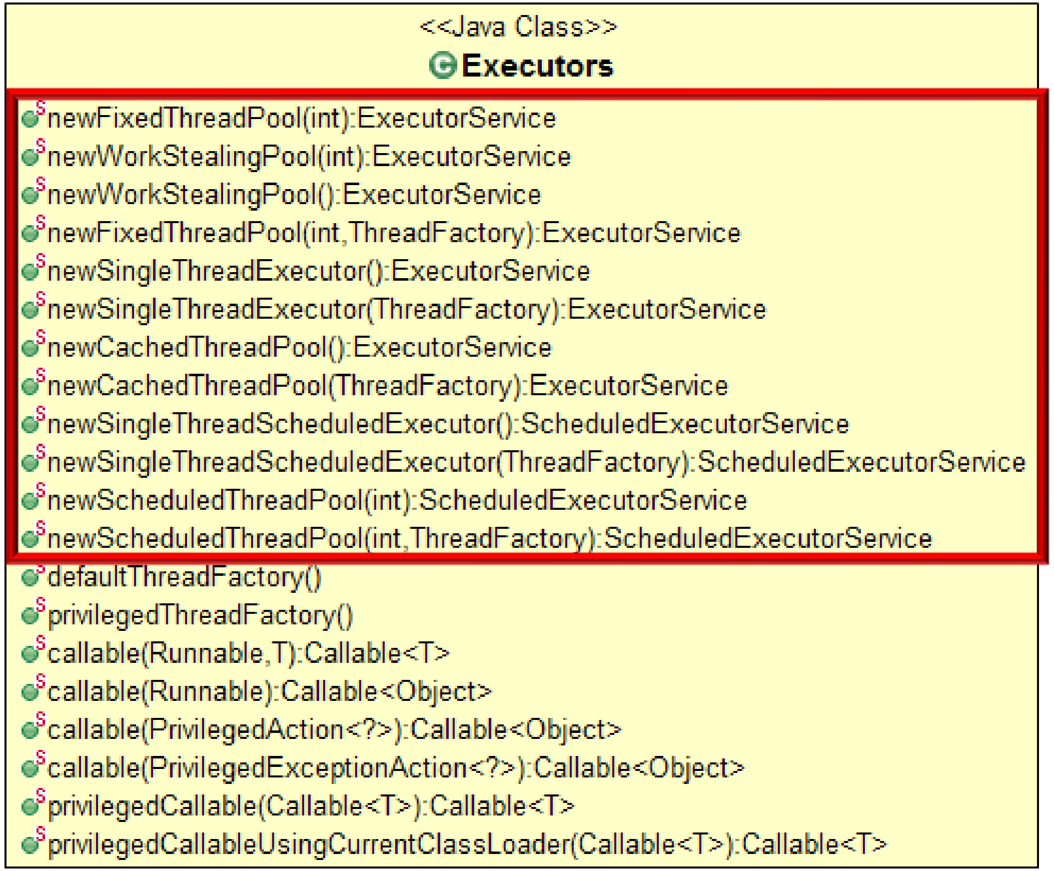

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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Factory_method_pattern

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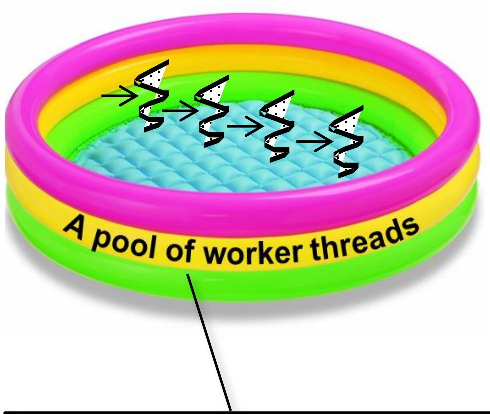
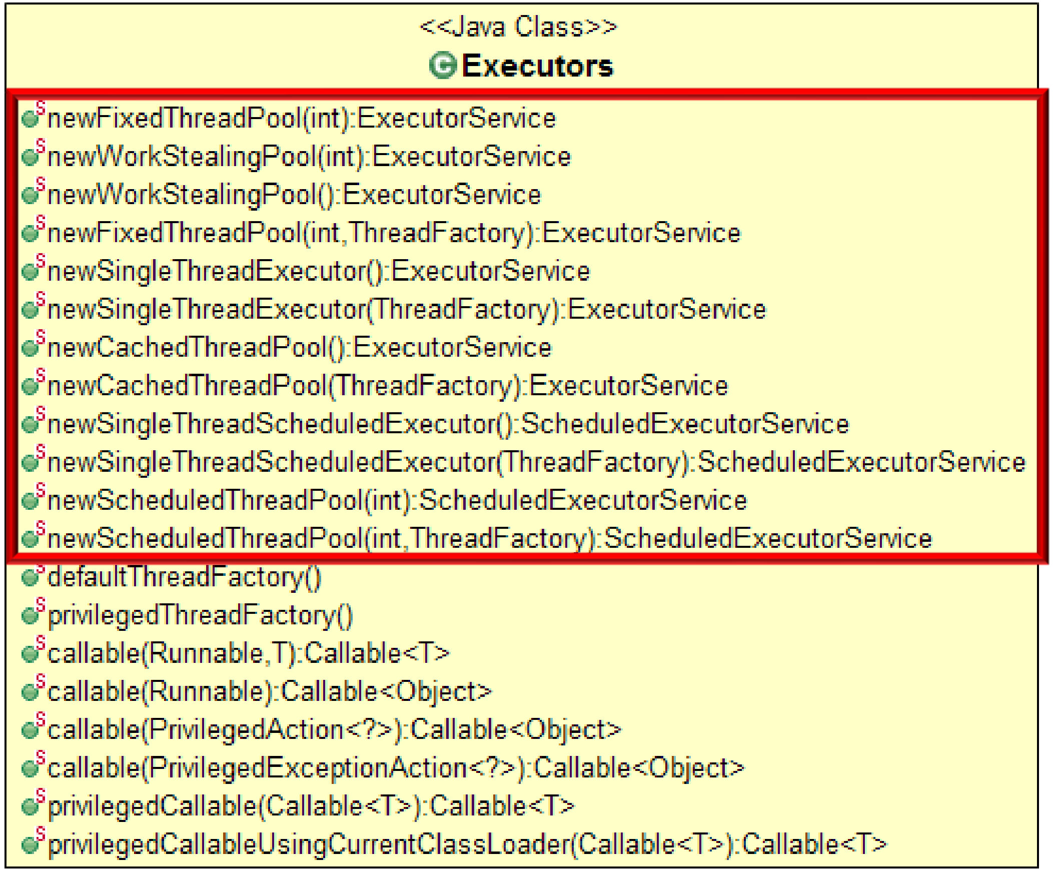


e.g., cached, fixed, work-stealing thread pools, etc.



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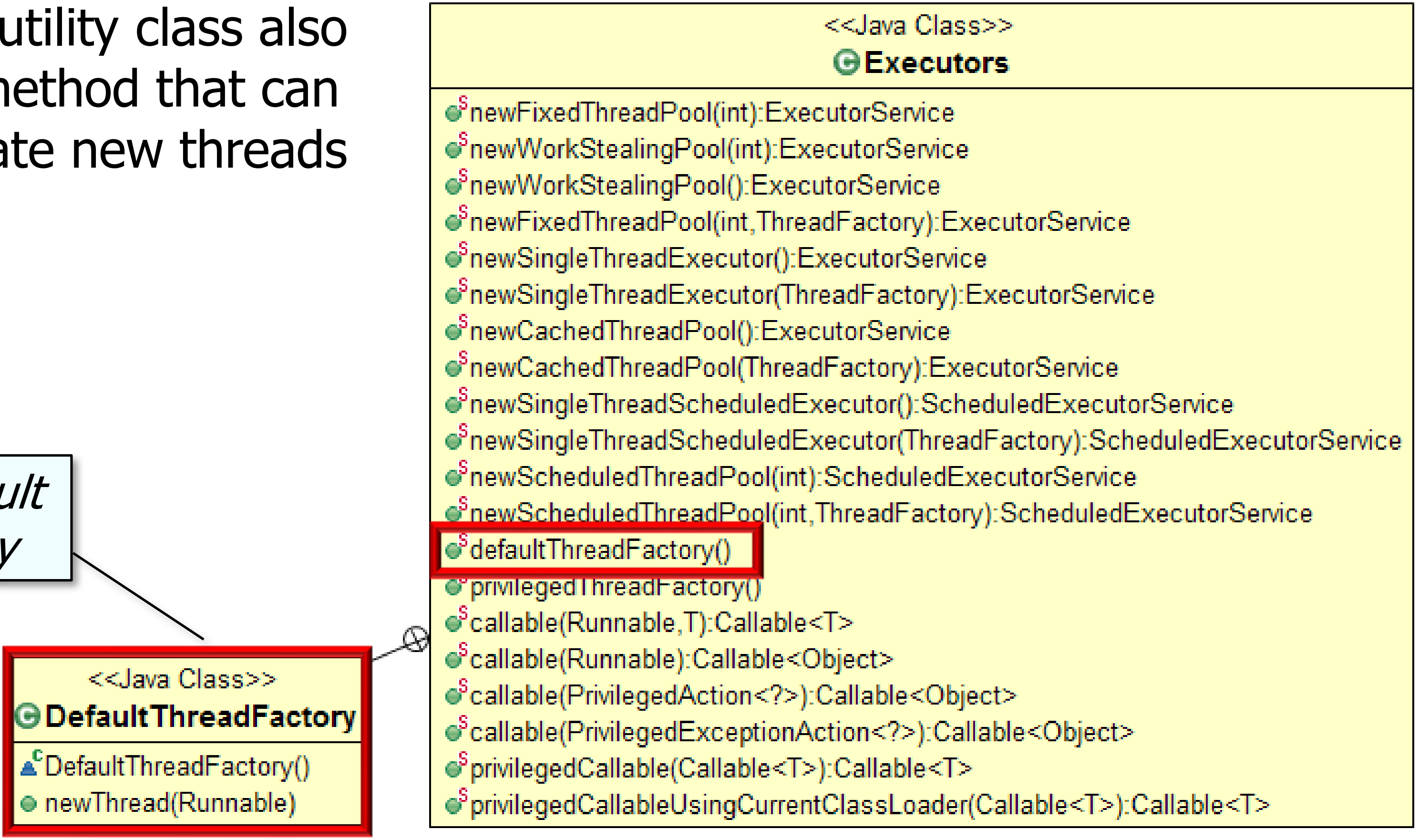

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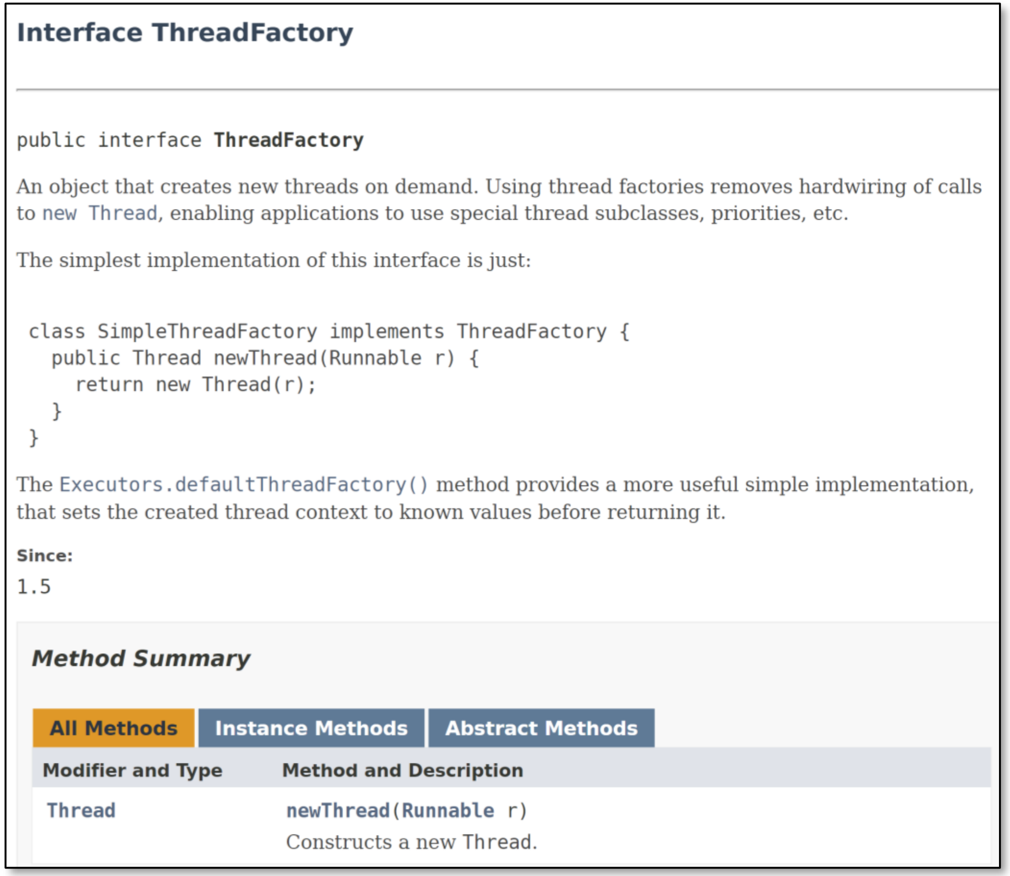

Interface ThreadFactory

`public interface ThreadFactory`

An object that creates new threads on demand. Using thread factories removes hardwiring of calls to `new Thread`, enabling applications to use special thread subclasses, priorities, etc.

The simplest implementation of this interface is just:

```
class SimpleThreadFactory implements ThreadFactory {
  public Thread newThread(Runnable r) {
    return new Thread(r);
  }
}
```

The `Executors.defaultThreadFactory()` method provides a more useful simple implementation, that sets the created thread context to known values before returning it.

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Method Summary

All Methods | Instance Methods | Abstract Methods

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
Thread	`newThread(Runnable r)` Constructs a new Thread.

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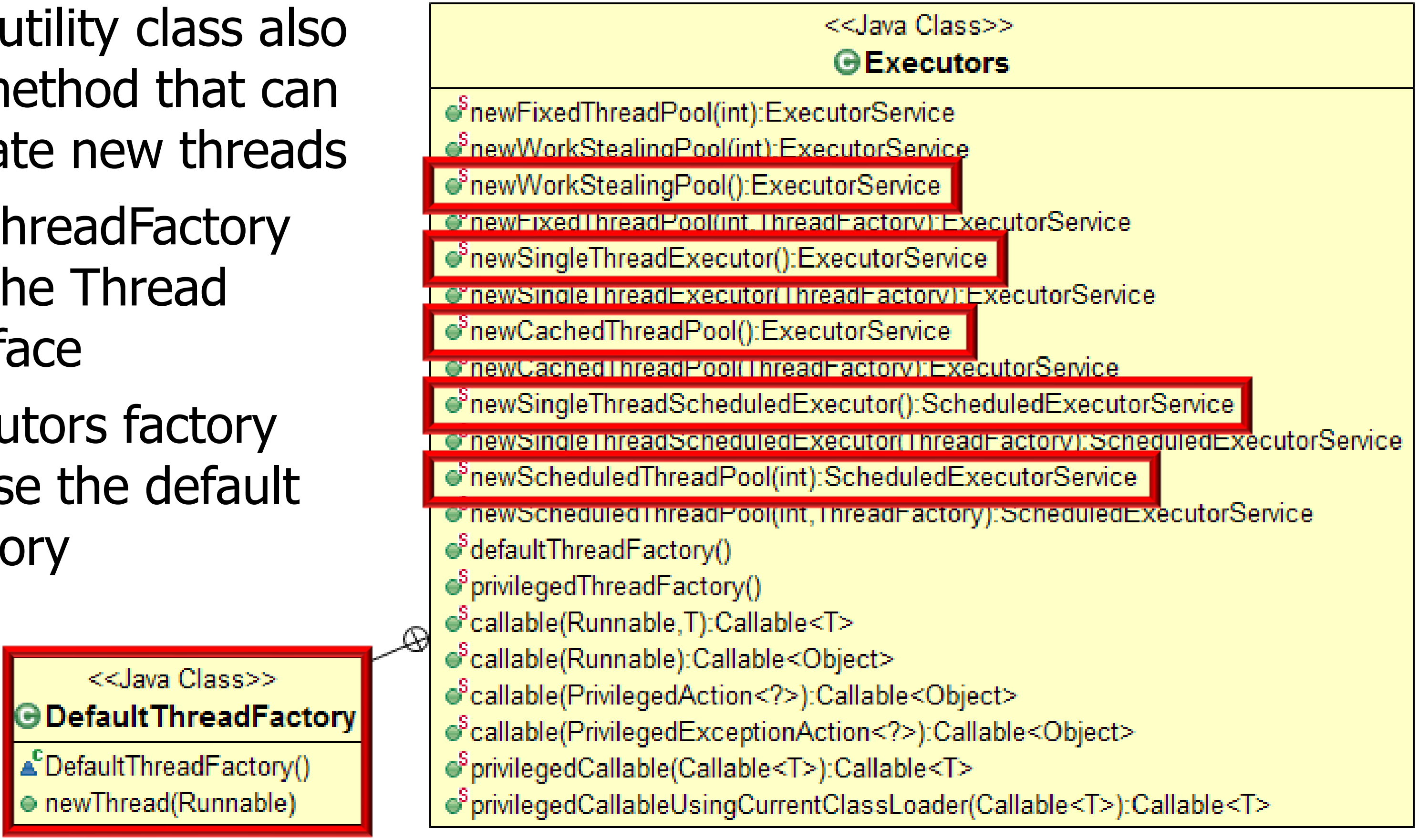
  - The DefaultThreadFactory implements the Thread Factory interface
    - Many Executors factory methods use the default thread factory



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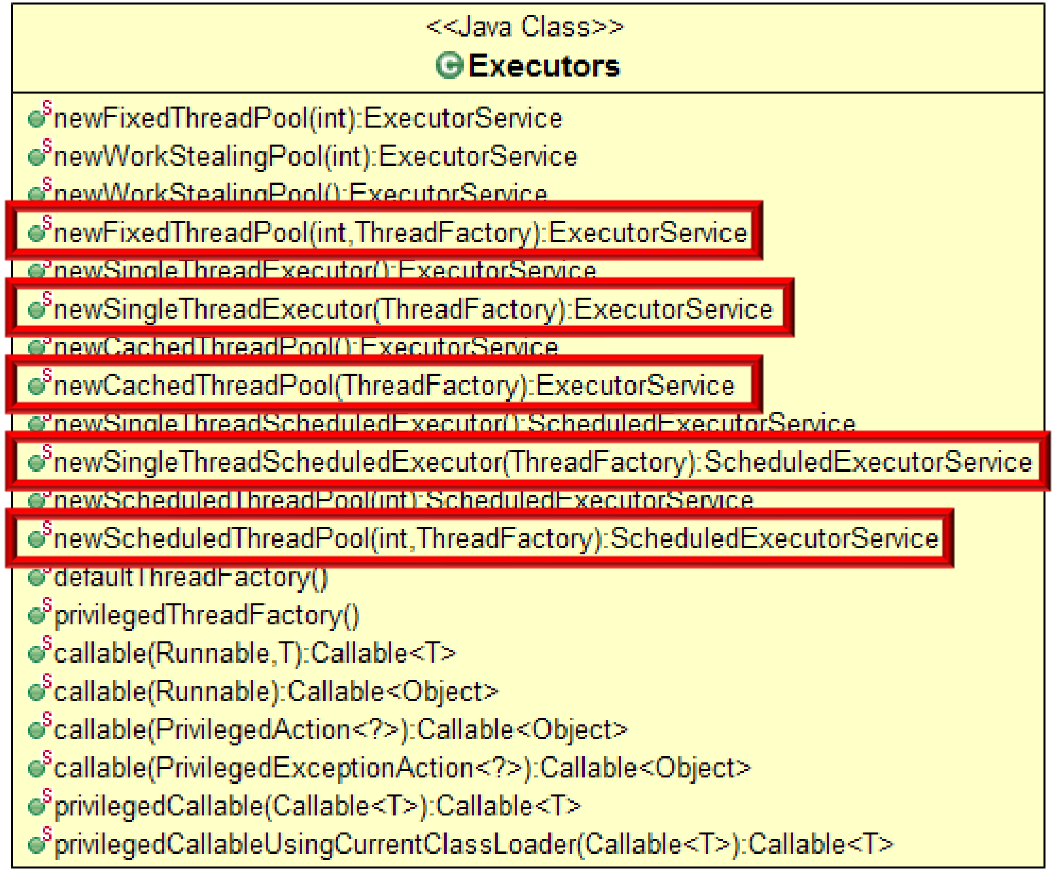
  - You can also define custom thread factories & pass them to factory methods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End of the Java Executors Framework: The Java Executors Interface