

Key Methods in the Java ForkJoinTask Superclass

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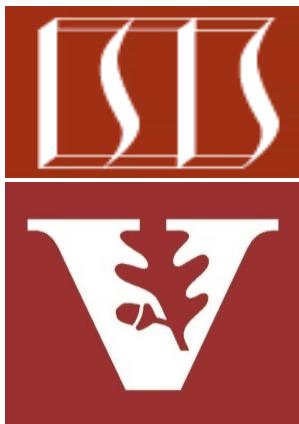
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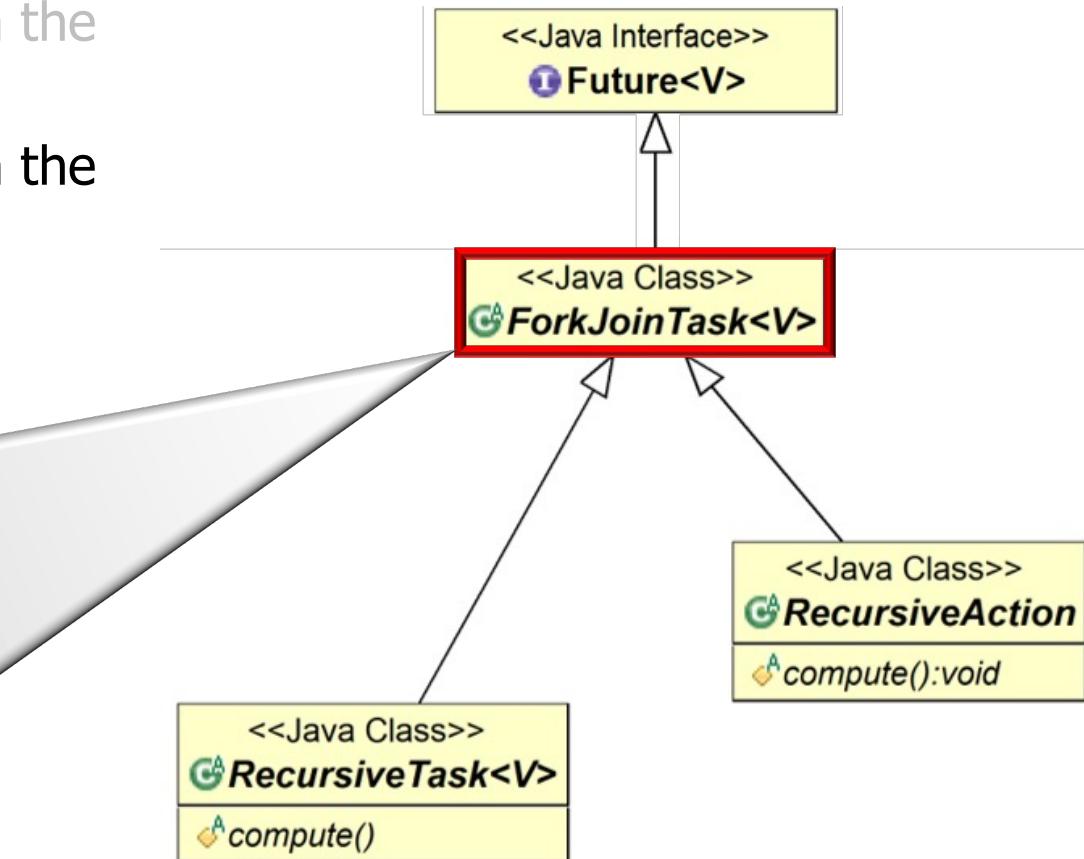
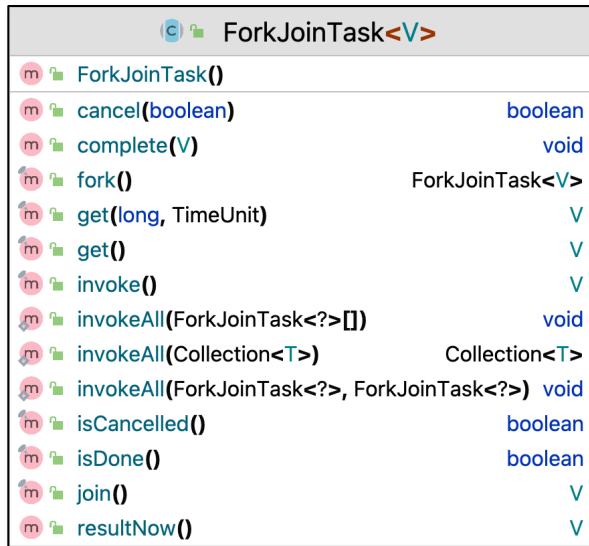
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the key methods in the ForkJoinPool class
- Recognize the key methods in the ForkJoinTask class

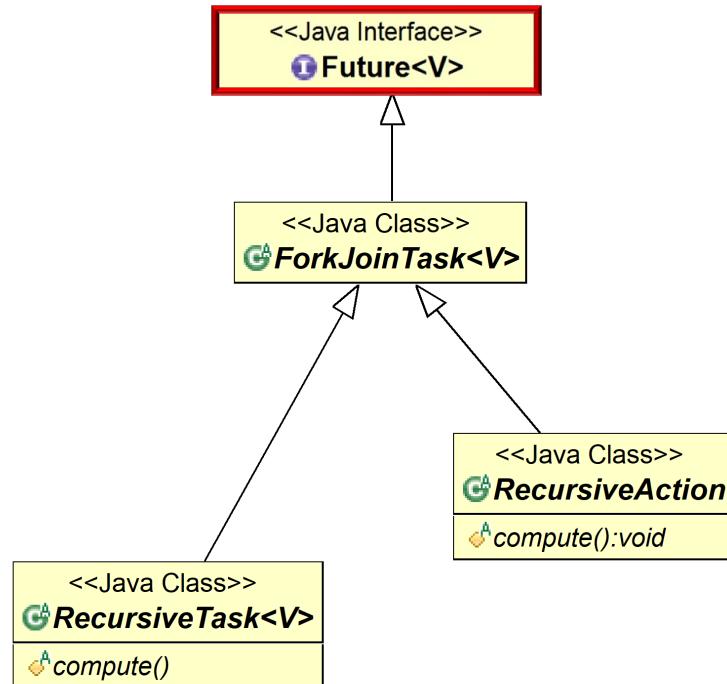


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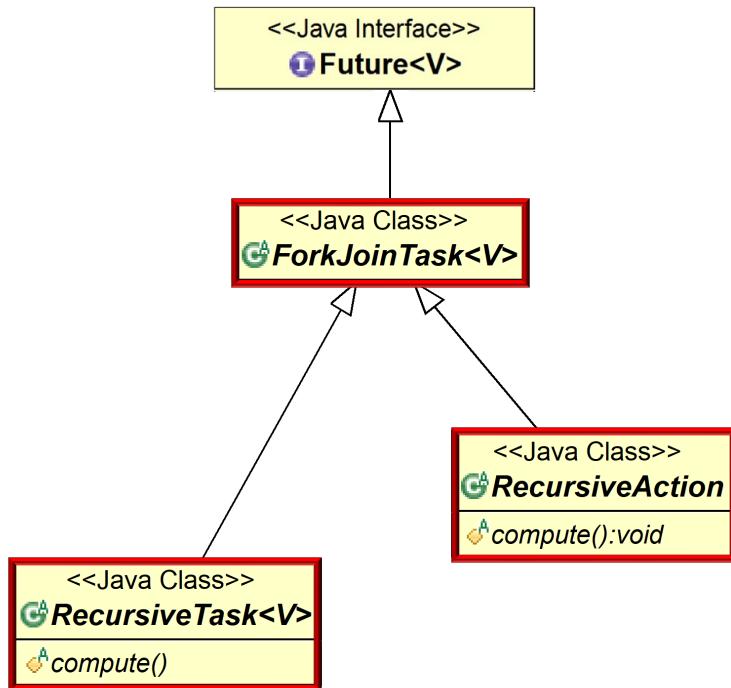
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It's uncommon to use these future methods, but rather use subclass methods

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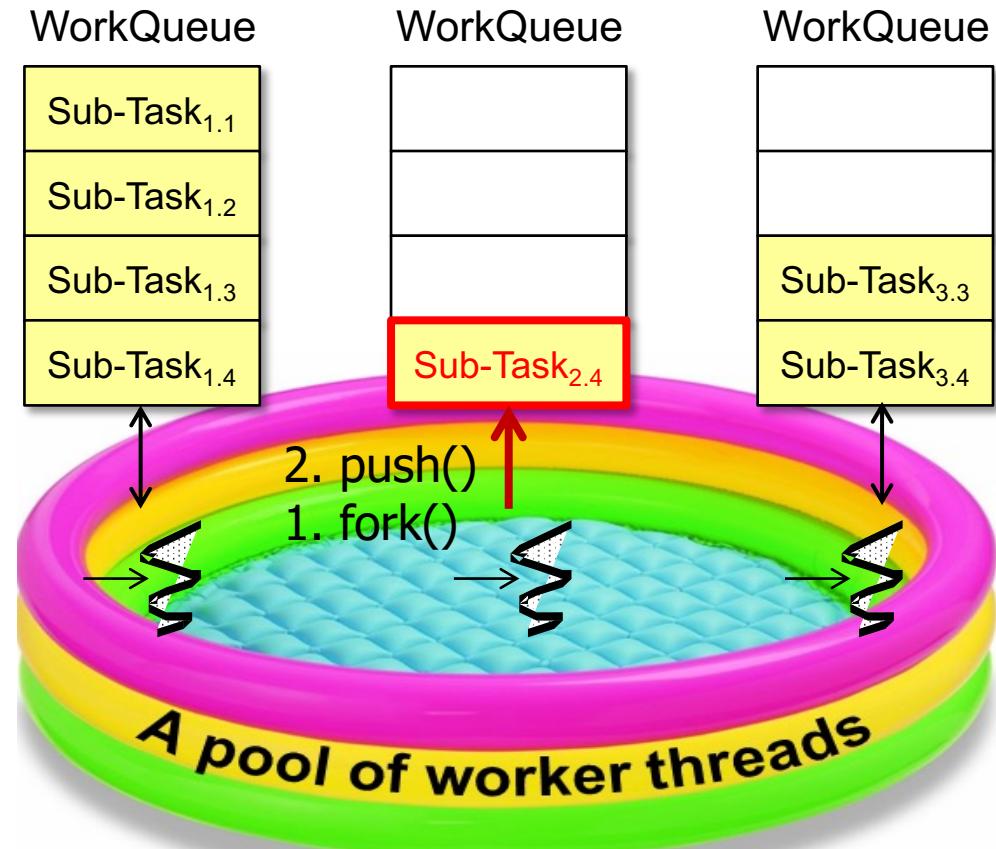
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*"Collaborative Jiffy Lube"
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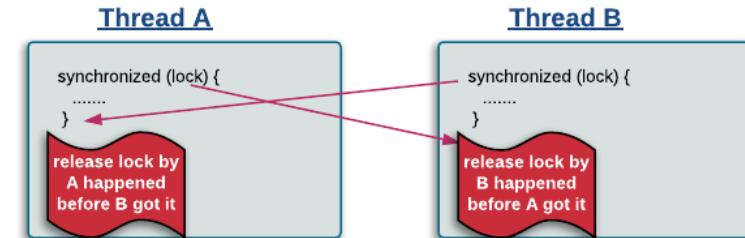
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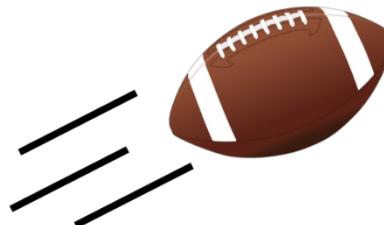
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