

Java ReentrantLock

(Part 4)



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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand how the concept of mutual exclusion in concurrent programs
- Recognize how Java ReentrantLock provides mutual exclusion to concurrent programs
- Know the key methods defined by the Java ReentrantLock class
- Learn how to use ReentrantLock in Java programs

Class ArrayBlockingQueue<E>

```
java.lang.Object
  java.util.AbstractCollection<E>
    java.util.AbstractQueue<E>
      java.util.concurrent.ArrayBlockingQueue<E>
```

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All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable, Iterable<E>, Collection<E>, BlockingQueue<E>, Queue<E>

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  extends AbstractQueue<E>
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A bounded blocking queue backed by an array. This queue orders elements FIFO (first-in-first-out). The *head* of the queue is that element that has been on the queue the longest time. The *tail* of the queue is that element that has been on the queue the shortest time. New elements are inserted at the tail of the queue, and the queue retrieval operations obtain elements at the head of the queue.

This is a classic "bounded buffer", in which a fixed-sized array holds elements inserted by producers and extracted by consumers. Once created, the capacity cannot be changed. Attempts to **put** an element into a full queue will result in the operation blocking; attempts to **take** an element from an empty queue will similarly block.

This class supports an optional fairness policy for ordering waiting producer and consumer threads. By default, this ordering is not guaranteed. However, a queue constructed with fairness set to **true** grants threads access in FIFO order. Fairness generally decreases throughput but reduces variability and avoids starvation.

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Class AbstractQueue<E>

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java.lang.Object  
    java.util.AbstractCollection<E>  
        java.util.AbstractQueue<E>
```

Type Parameters:

E - the type of elements held in this collection

All Implemented Interfaces:

Iterable<E>, Collection<E>, Queue<E>

Direct Known Subclasses:

ArrayBlockingQueue, ConcurrentLinkedQueue, DelayQueue, LinkedBlockingDeque, LinkedBlockingQueue, LinkedTransferQueue, PriorityBlockingQueue, PriorityQueue, SynchronousQueue

```
public abstract class AbstractQueue<E>  
    extends AbstractCollection<E>  
    implements Queue<E>
```

This class provides skeletal implementations of some `Queue` operations. The implementations in this class are appropriate when the base implementation does *not* allow null elements. Methods `add`, `remove`, and `element` are based on `offer`, `poll`, and `peek`, respectively, but throw exceptions instead of indicating failure via `false` or `null` returns.

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

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Interface BlockingQueue<E>

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All Superinterfaces:

Collection<E>, Iterable<E>, Queue<E>

All Known Subinterfaces:

BlockingDeque<E>, TransferQueue<E>

All Known Implementing Classes:

ArrayBlockingQueue, DelayQueue, LinkedBlockingDeque, LinkedBlockingQueue, LinkedTransferQueue, PriorityBlockingQueue, SynchronousQueue

```
public interface BlockingQueue<E>  
    extends Queue<E>
```

A `Queue` that additionally supports operations that wait for the queue to become non-empty when retrieving an element, and wait for space to become available in the queue when storing an element.

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

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We'll consider both the interface & implementation of ArrayBlockingQueue

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ReentrantLock used in lieu of Java's built-in monitor objects due to their limitations

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public class ArrayBlockingQueue<E>
    extends AbstractQueue<E>
    implements BlockingQueue<E>,
        java.io.Serializable {
    ...
    // Main lock guarding all access
    final ReentrantLock lock;
    ...
    // The queued items
    final Object[] items;

    // items indices for next take
    // or put calls
    int takeIndex;
    int putIndex;

    // Number of elements in the queue
    int count;
```

See www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/C++2java.html#concurrency

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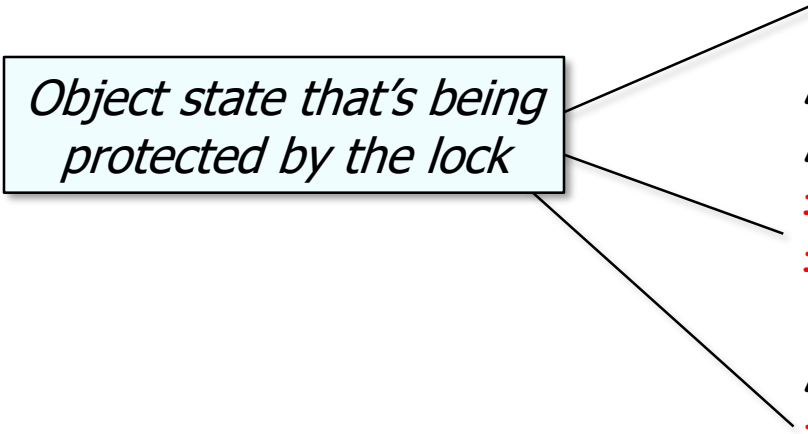
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*Object state that's being
protected by the lock*



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Fields needn't be defined as volatile since ReentrantLock handles all of the atomicity, visibility, & ordering issues

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```
ArrayBlockingQueue<String> q = new  
    ArrayBlockingQueue<String>(10);
```

```
...  
// Called by thread T1  
String s = q.take();  
...
```

ArrayBlockingQueue

unlocked
(holdCount = 0)



Critical Section

*Thread T_1 acquires the lock
& enters the critical section*

T_1

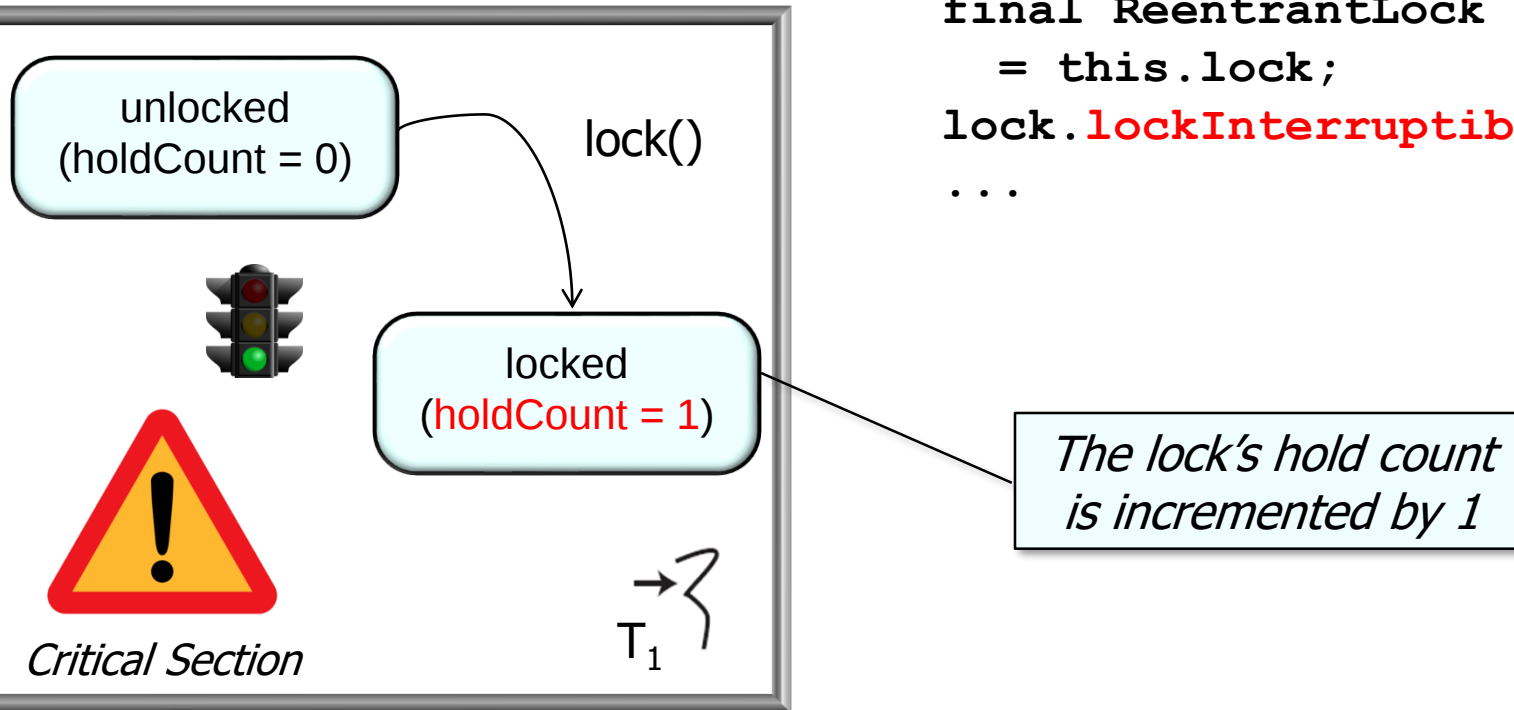
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    final ReentrantLock lock  
        = this.lock;  
    lock.lockInterruptibly();  
    ...
```

ArrayBlockingQueue



Using ReentrantLock in Java

- ArrayBlockingQueue is a blocking bounded FIFO queue

```
...  
// Called by thread T2  
String s = q.take();  
...
```

ArrayBlockingQueue

unlocked
(holdCount = 0)



locked
(holdCount = 1)



Critical Section

T_1

A call to take() from thread T_2 will block until thread T_1 is finished

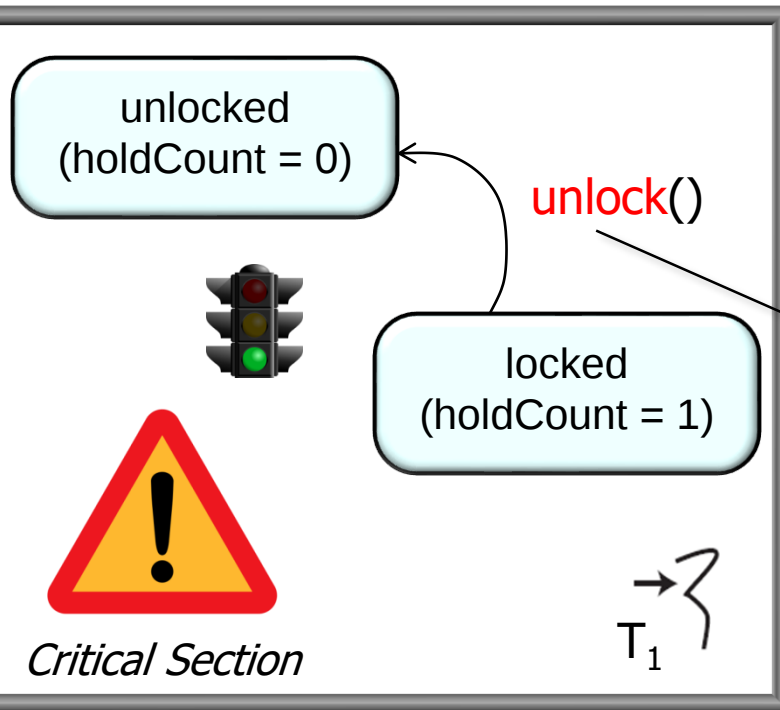


T_2

Using ReentrantLock in Java

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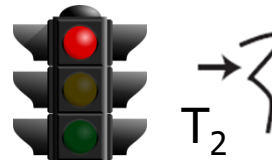
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        lock.unlock();
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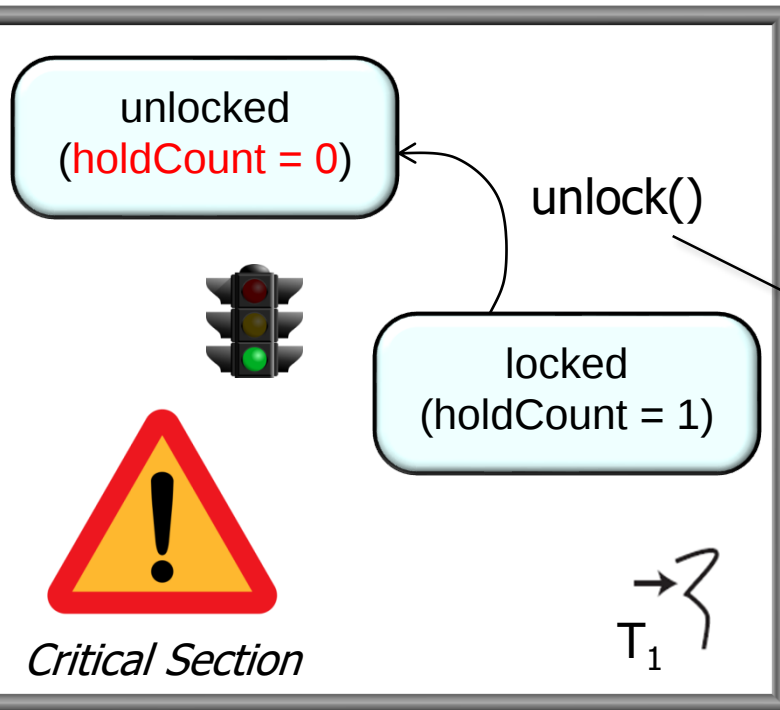
When thread T_1 finishes in `take()` it unlocks the lock



Using ReentrantLock in Java

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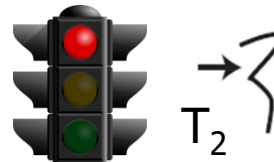
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        lock.unlock();
    }
    ...
```

*At this point holdCount
reverts back to 0*



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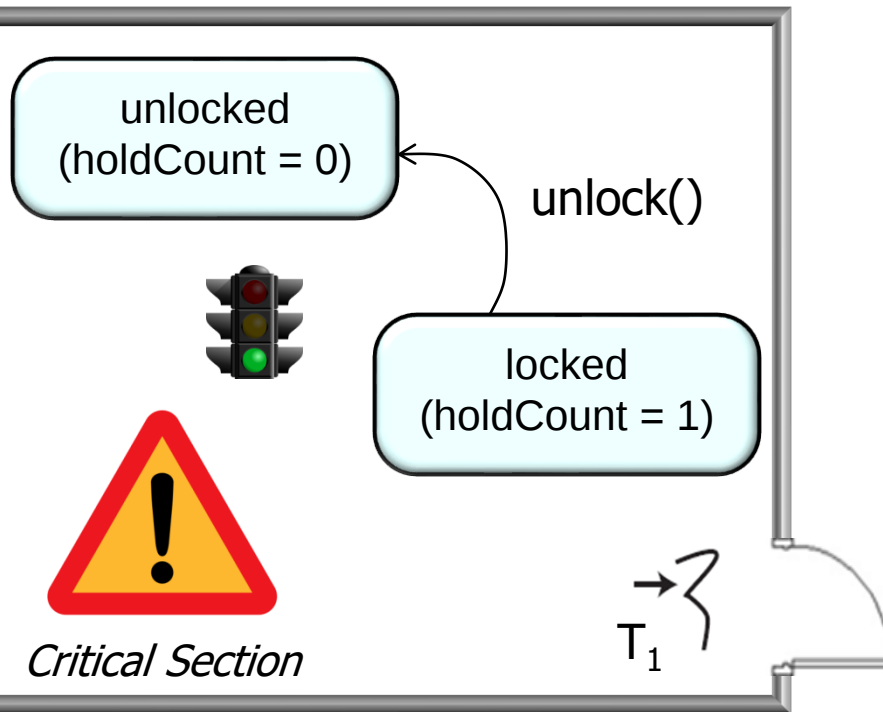
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Ensure lock is always released when T_1 exits the critical section

ArrayBlockingQueue



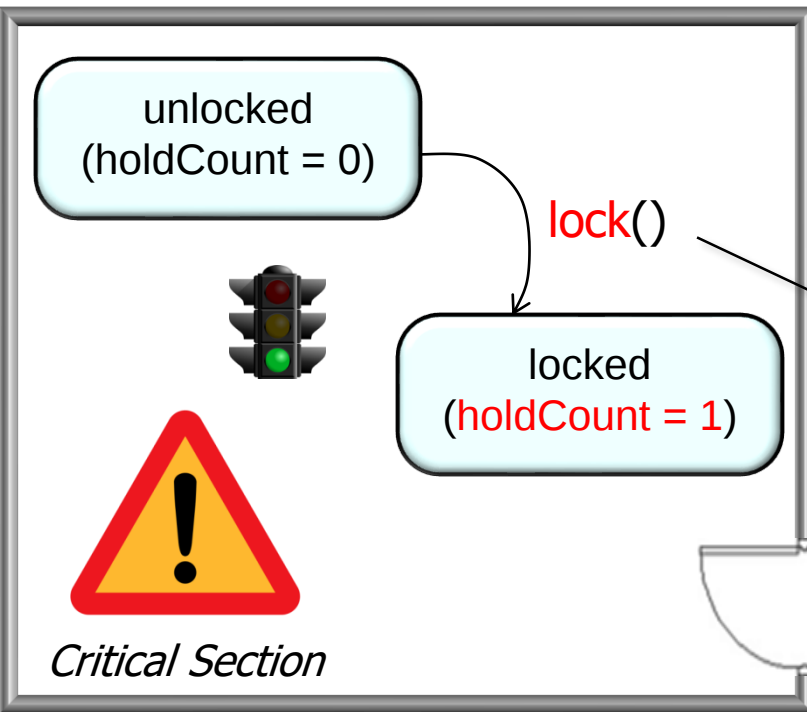
See tutorials.jenkov.com/java-concurrency/locks.html#finally

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Thread T_2 can now enter the critical section of take() & start running

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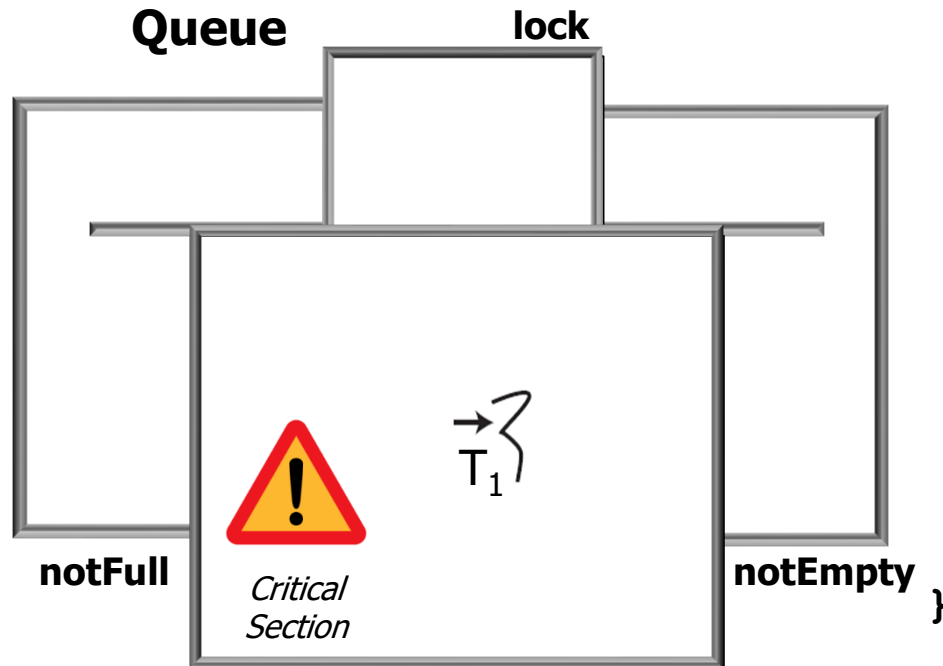
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    lock.lockInterruptibly();
    try {
        while (count == 0)
            notEmpty.await();
        return extract();
    } finally {
        lock.unlock();
    }
}
```

A Java ConditionObject is used to coordinate multiple threads

ArrayBlockingQueue



Upcoming lesson on "*Java ConditionObject*" shows more on ArrayBlockingQueue

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These mechanisms implement Guarded Suspension & Monitor Object patterns

ArrayBlocking Queue

lock

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Critical Section

notFull

notEmpty

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guarded_suspension &
www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/PDF/monitor.pdf

End of Java ReentrantLock (Part 4)