



Sleeping Barber

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Principles of Software Development

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Outline

- Sleeping Barber

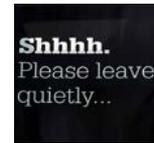
Sleeping Barber Overview



- The Sleeping Barber problem contains one barber and a number of customers

- There are a certain number of waiting seats

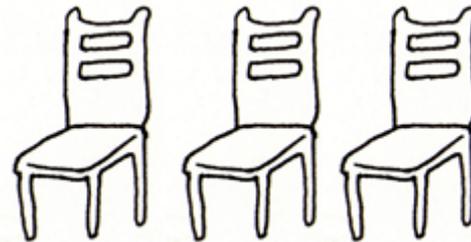
- › If a customer enters and there is a seat available, he will wait
- › If a customer enters and there is no seat available, he will leave



- When the barber isn't cutting someone's hair, he sits in his barber chair and sleeps



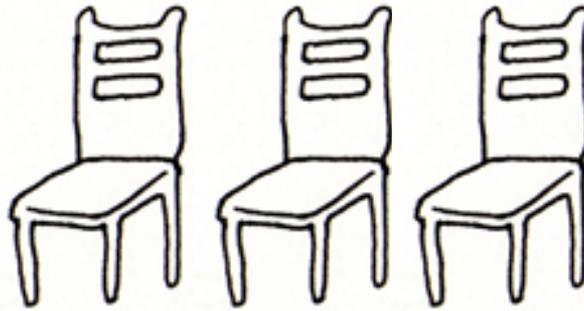
- › If the barber is sleeping when a customer enters, he must wake the barber up



Program



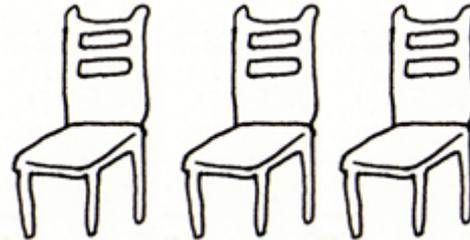
- Write a solution to the Sleeping Barber problem. You will need to utilize synchronization and conditions.



Program Steps – `main` Method



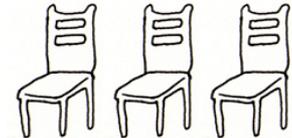
- The `SleepingBarber` will be the main class, so create the `SleepingBarber` class with a main method
 - › The `main` method will instantiate the `SleepingBarber`
 - › Then create a certain number of `Customer` threads that arrive at random times
 - Have the program sleep for a random amount of time between customer arrivals
 - › Have the main method wait to finish executing until all of the `Customer` threads have finished
 - › Print out that there are no more customers, then wake up the barber if he is sleeping so he can go home for the day



Program Steps – SleepingBarber



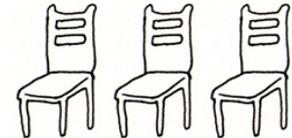
- The `SleepingBarber` constructor will initialize some member variables
 - › Total number of seats in the waiting room
 - › Total number of customers who will be coming into the barber shop
 - › A `boolean` variable indicating whether more customers will be coming into the barber shop
 - › An `ArrayList` of customers who are currently waiting to get their hair cut
 - › A lock on the barber with a condition to signify whether he is sleeping
- Start the `SleepingBarber` thread at the end of the constructor
- The `run()` method of the `SleepingBarber` will perform the hair cutting as follows
 - › Continue looping as long as more customer will be coming into the barber shop
 - › As long as there are any customers waiting
 - Get the customer who has been waiting the longest and cut his hair for a certain amount of time
 - Let the customer know when you have started and when you have finished cutting his hair
 - › If there are no customers waiting, go to sleep (i.e. get the lock and `await()` on the sleeping condition)
 - Don't forget to release the lock in a `finally` block
- Create a method to add a customer to the waiting list
 - › If the number of waiting customers equals the number of seats in the waiting room, have the customer leave
 - › Otherwise, add the customer to the waiting list
 - › Print out all of the customers currently waiting
 - › Make sure to synchronize this method so that customers cannot be added to the list while iterating through it
- Create a method customers can call to wake up the barber
 - › Acquire the lock, signal on the sleeping condition, then release the lock



Program Steps – Customer



- The **Customer** constructor will initialize some member variables
 - › A variable representing the customer name
 - › An instance of the **SleepingBarber**
 - › A lock on the customer with a condition to signify whether he is getting a haircut
- Create a method that allows the barber to get the customer's name
- Create a method the barber will call when he starts cutting the customer's hair
 - › This method should just print out that the customer is getting his hair cut
- Create a method the barber will call when he is done cutting the customer's hair
 - › This method will print out that the customer is done getting his hair cut
 - › It also should signal the condition signifying that he is getting his hair cut
- The **run()** method of the **Customer** will perform the following tasks
 - › Add the customer to the barber's waiting list
 - If there are no seats available in the waiting area, print out a message letting the user know the customer is leaving without getting his hair cut
 - › Wake up the barber if he is sleeping
 - Note: There is nothing wrong with signaling a condition even if no thread is waiting on it
 - › Get the customer lock and wait on the haircut condition
 - Even though the customer may not be getting a haircut yet, the barber will call the method above when he starts cutting his hair, then the barber will call the other method above when he is done
 - Don't forget to release the lock in the **finally** block
 - › Print out a message that the customer is leaving



Program Steps – Util



- The `Util` class will be used for printing
- Create a static method called `printMessage` that takes a `String` as parameter
 - › This method will print out a formatted date/time followed by a dash then the message
 - › To format a date/time, use the `java.util.Calendar` class
 - › Get an instance of the `Calendar`, then get the data out of the `Calendar` so that it can be formatted as follows
`yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.SSS`
 - › For example:
`2016-10-31 11:30:21.534`
 - › This method should be called from the `SleepingBarber` and `Customer` classes whenever something needs to be printed

