CSSE 220 Day 28

Multithreading

Questions

The World is Concurrent

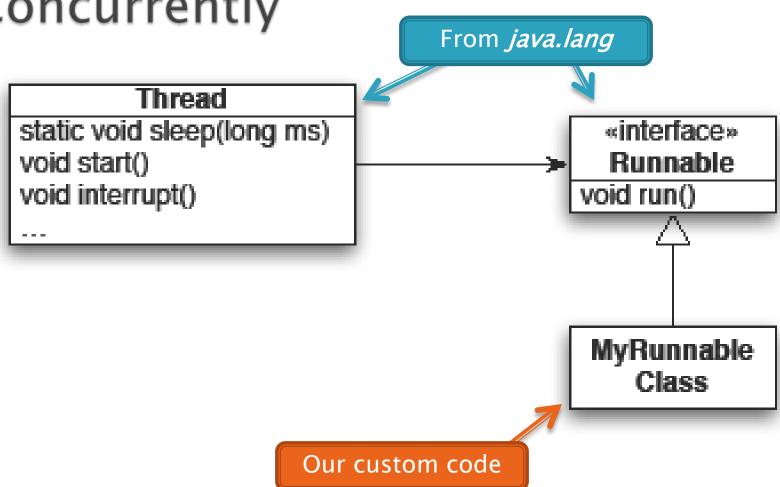
Joe Armstrong, *Programming in Erlang*

Multithreading

- A technique to:
 - Run multiple pieces of code "simultaneously" on a single machine
 - Run different parts of a program on different processor cores

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running thread 1														
running thread 2														

Running Our Own Code Concurrently



Animation with Threads

- Use separate thread for each object's "brain"
- Another thread asks Java to update the GUI



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Other Uses for Threads

- Web servers: many users connecting
- Desktop applications:
 - layout, spellchecking, auto-save, ...
- Scientific computing
- Weather forecasting
- . . .

Next Time

- Vector Graphics team presentations
- Using threads for game programming

Markov Chaining

>>> Work time