

# Java Thread APIs (THI)

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# Do not invoke Thread.run()

- ✗ The method will be called by the current thread
- ✓ Use `start()`
- ✓ Exception: you may call `run()` for debugging

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# Do not use Thread.stop() to terminate threads

- ✗ Invariants cannot be preserved by abrupt termination
- ✓ Use a boolean volatile flag in a loop
- ✓ Call `interrupt()`

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# Ensure that threads performing blocking operations can be terminated

- ✗ Some I/O operations may block your program
- ✓ Use I/O operations that can be interrupted

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# Notify all waiting threads rather than a single thread

- ✗ **Avoid** `notify()` **and** `signal()`
- ✓ **Prefer** `notifyAll()` **and** `signalAll()`

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# Always invoke wait() and await() methods inside a loop

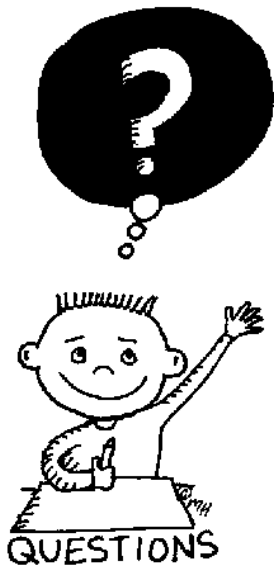
- ✗ You are waiting for something, don't trust external notification
- ✓ The resource may become busy again
- ✓ Avoid time-of-check, time-of-use (TOCTOU) vulnerabilities

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# Do not invoke ThreadGroup methods

**X** They are not thread-safe

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