ECE 462
Object-Oriented Programming using C++ and Java

Design Parallel Programs

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Compare Java and C++ (Qt) Threads

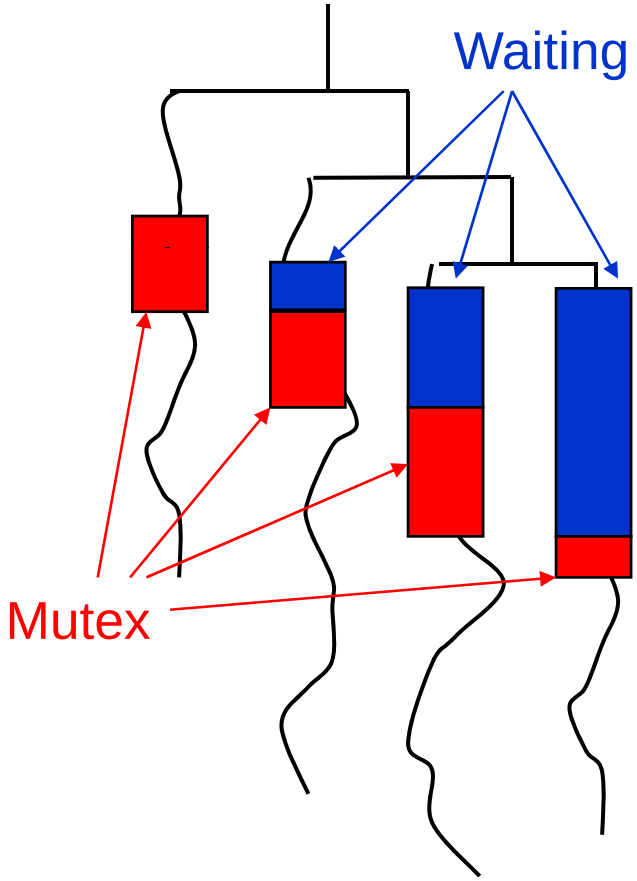
Java	C++
extends Thread or **implements Runnable**	public QThread
public void run()	public: void run()
thread1.start();	thread1.start();
synchronized	mutex.lock() … mutex.unlock()
try { wait (); } catch …	cond.wait(&mutex);

Design Principles

- separate data and threads
  - data: such as bank account, shared among threads, need protected by synchronized (Java) or mutex (Qt)
  - threads: such as depositor, extends Threads (Java) or : public QThread (C++). modify data
- choose the granularity of data
  - too coarse: most threads are serialized
  - too fine: mutex overhead dominant

Serialization

- If all threads need to access one shared object often, the program essentially becomes a serial program.
- The program may actually run more slowly due to mutex and thread overhead.
- solution: reduce the "coupling" among threads.

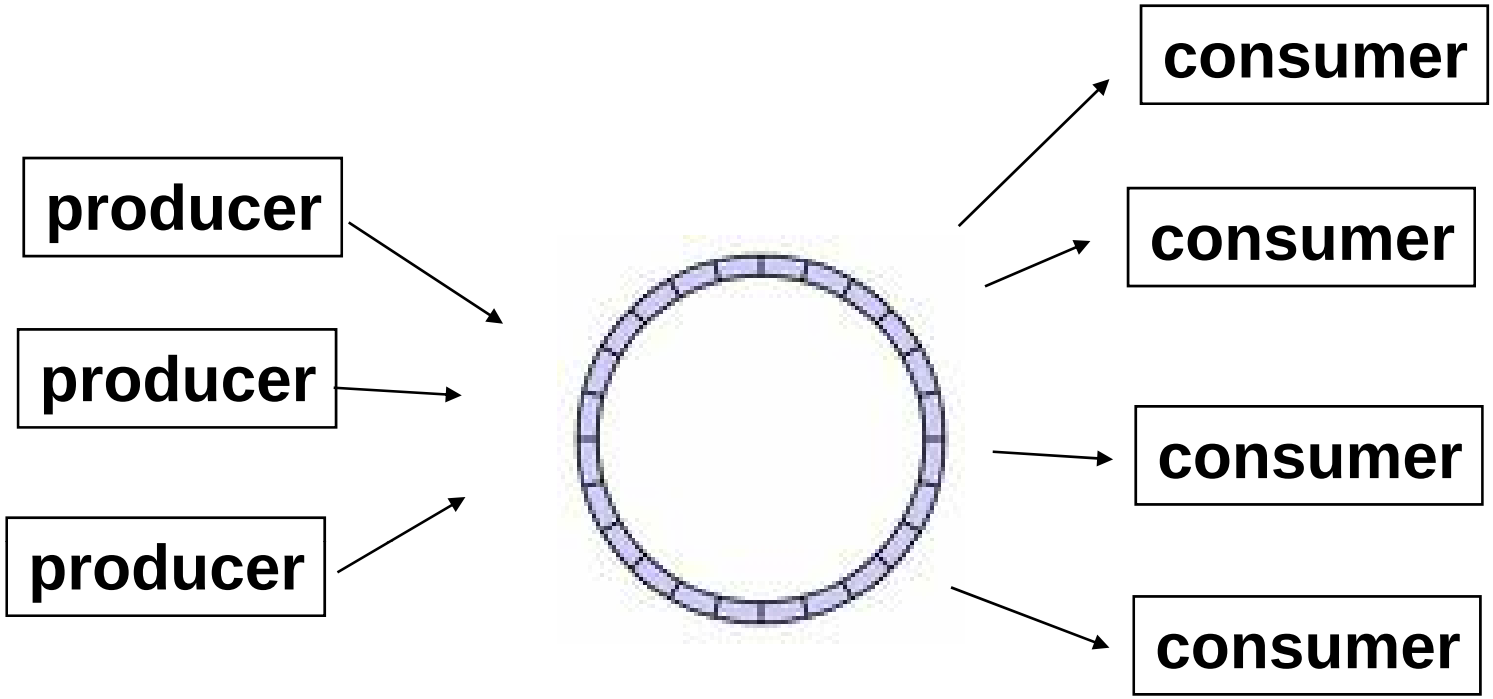


Improve Thread Efficiency

reduce the "coupling" among threads

- do not share objects
- do not execute concurrently when objects are shared
- shrink the granularity of shared object. e.g. all bank accounts $\Rightarrow$ individual customer's account
- shrink critical sections $\Rightarrow$ only the operations that are related to the shared objects are in mutex
- use private (not shared) data for short-term storage
- do not guarantee correctness, remedy later

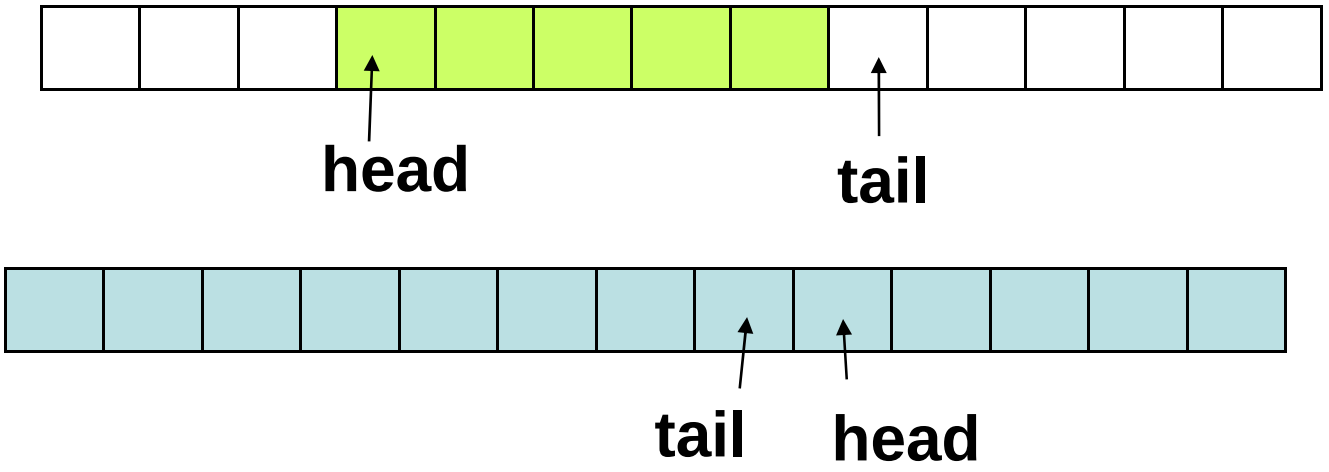
Producers and Consumers with a Finite Buffer



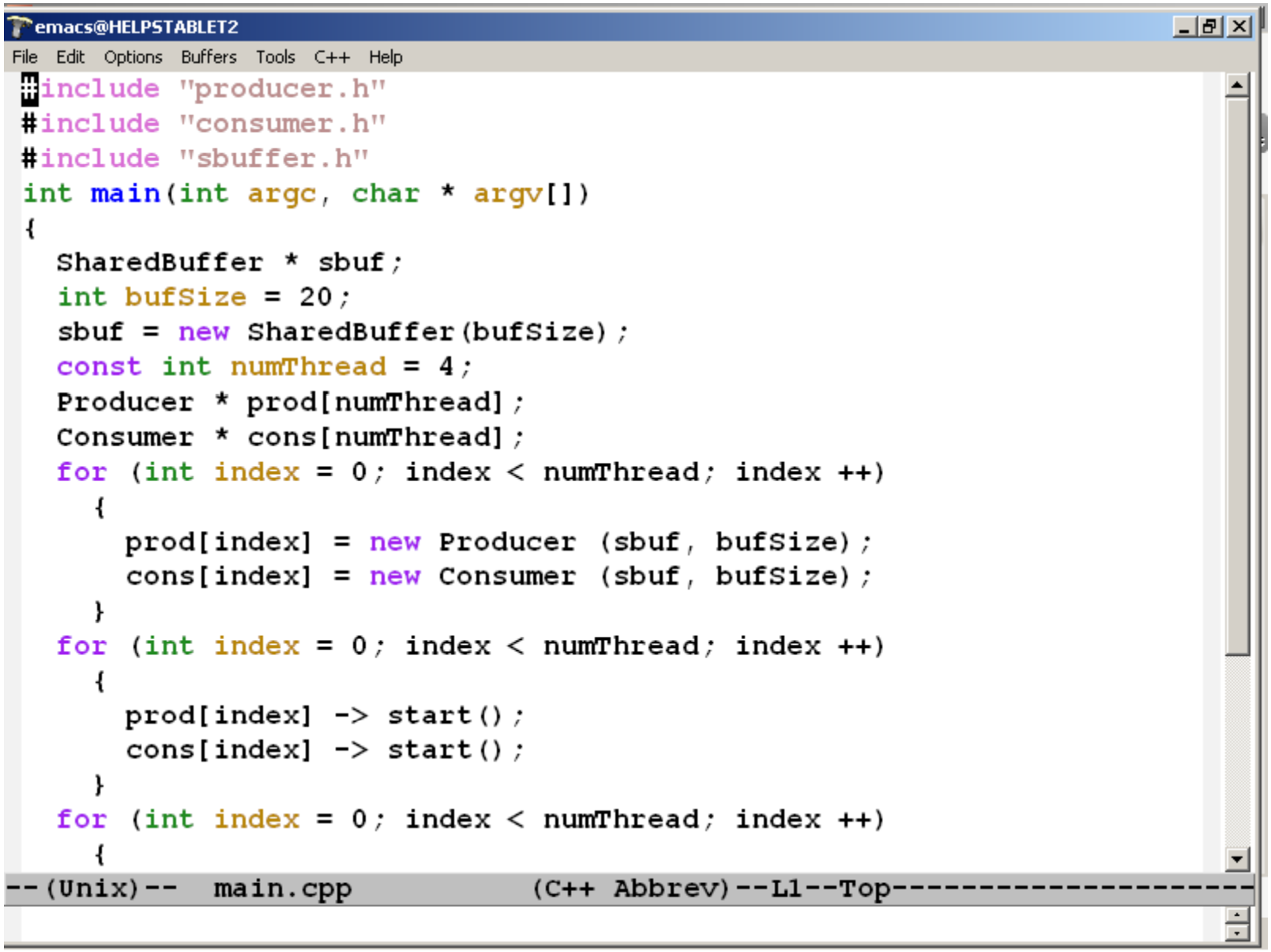
circular buffer (FIFO)

A producer can put an element in the buffer if it is not full. A consumer can get an element the buffer if it is not empty.

Circular Buffer



- head = tail $\Rightarrow$ buffer empty
- tail > head and (tail – head) == size – 1 $\Rightarrow$ buffer full
- head > tail and (head – tail) == 1 $\Rightarrow$ buffer full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#include "producer.h"
#include "consumer.h"
#include "sbuffer.h"
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
SharedBuffer * sbuf;
int bufSize = 20;
sbuf = new SharedBuffer(bufSize);
const int numThread = 4;
Producer * prod[numThread];
Consumer * cons[numThread];
for (int index = 0; index < numThread; index ++)
{
prod[index] = new Producer (sbuf, bufSize);
cons[index] = new Consumer (sbuf, bufSize);
}
for (int index = 0; index < numThread; index ++)
{
prod[index] -> start();
cons[index] -> start();
}
for (int index = 0; index < numThread; index ++)
{
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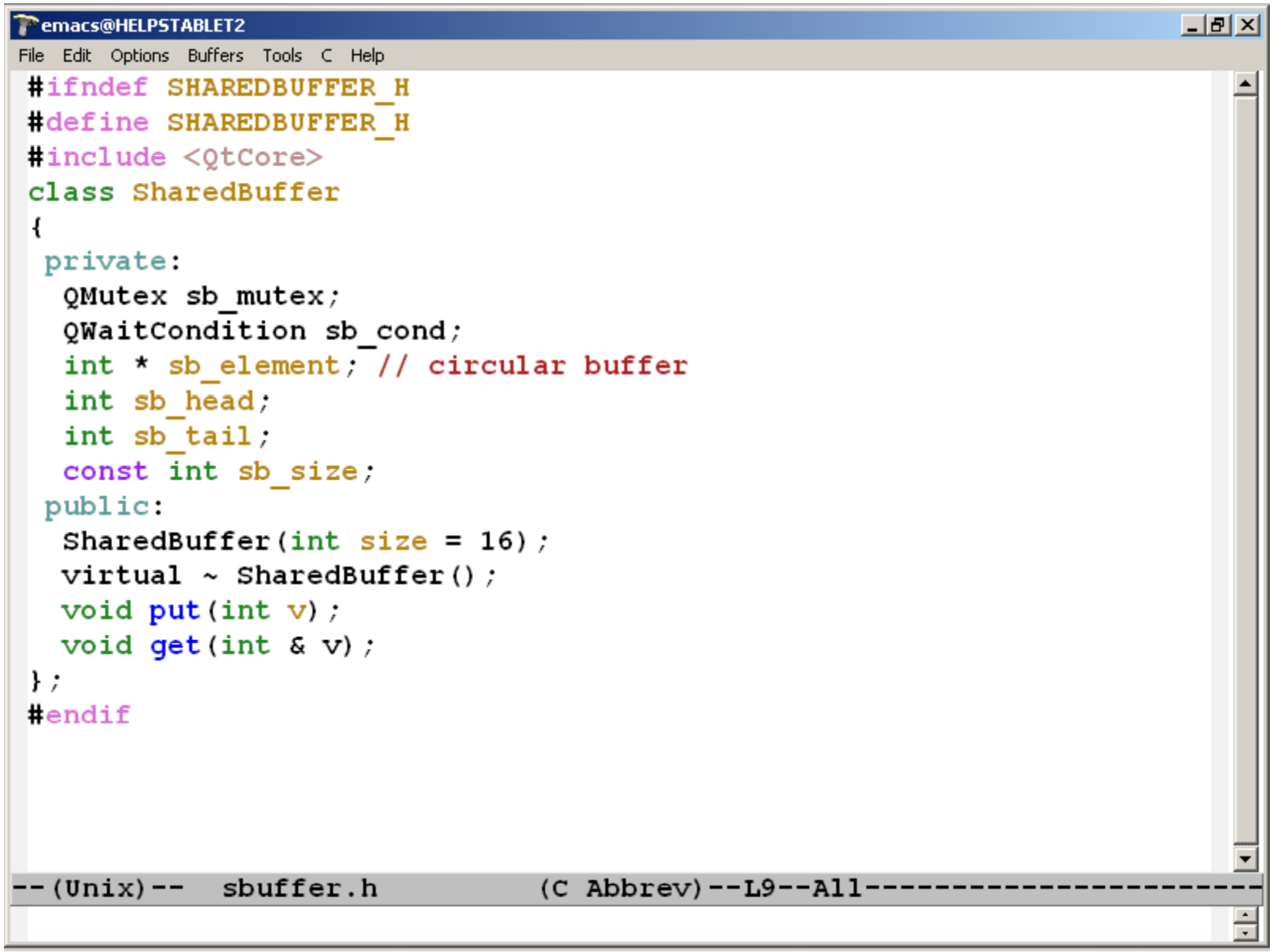
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#ifndef SHAREDBUFFER_H
#define SHAREDBUFFER_H
#include <QtCore>
class SharedBuffer
{
private:
QMutex sb_mutex;
QWaitCondition sb_cond;
int * sb_element; // circular buffer
int sb_head;
int sb_tail;
const int sb_size;
public:
SharedBuffer(int size = 16);
virtual ~ SharedBuffer();
void put(int v);
void get(int & v);
};
#endif
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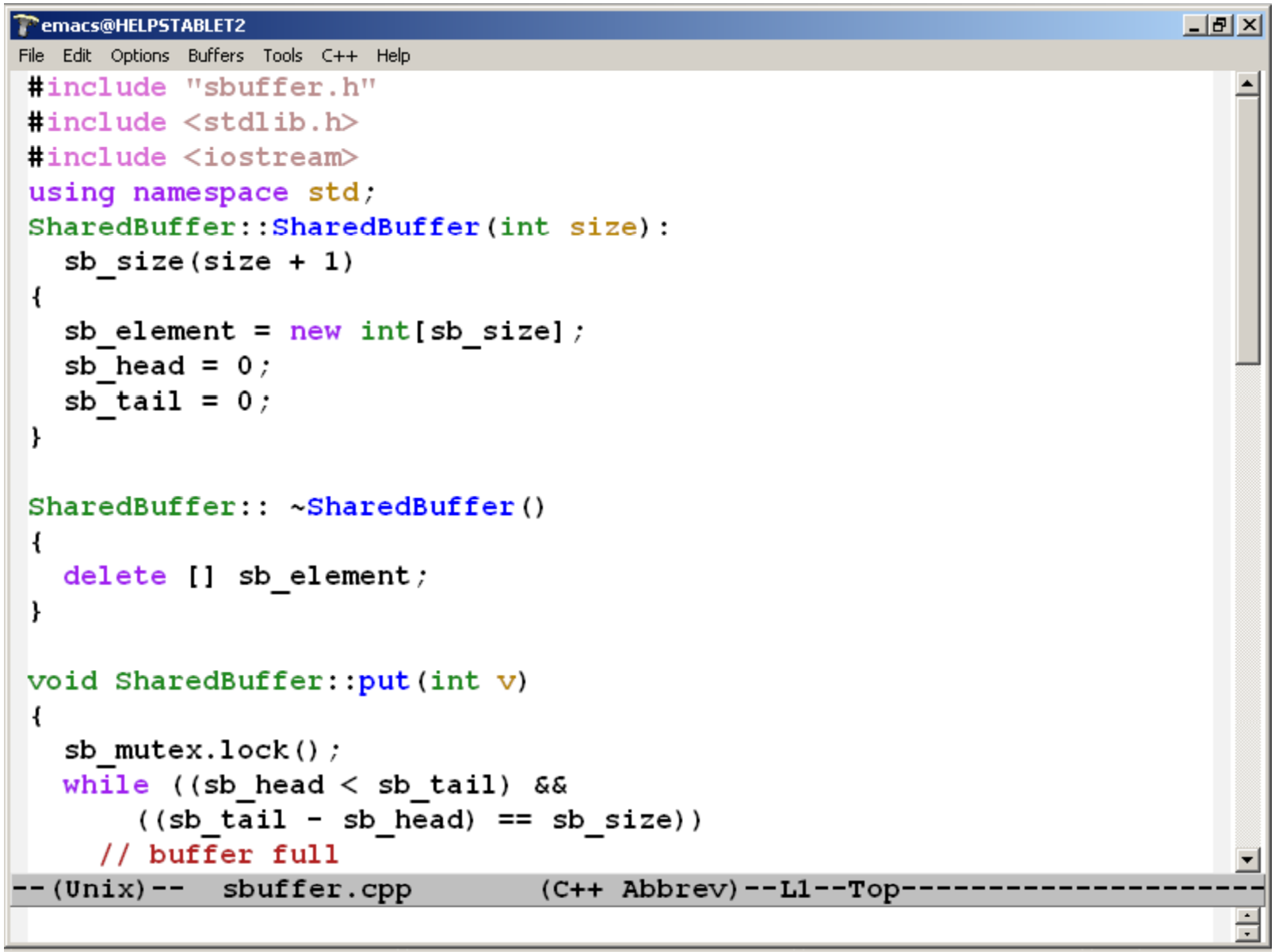
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#include "sbuffer.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
SharedBuffer::SharedBuffer(int size):
sb_size(size + 1)
{
sb_element = new int[sb_size];
sb_head = 0;
sb_tail = 0;
}
SharedBuffer:: ~SharedBuffer()
{
delete [] sb_element;
}
void SharedBuffer::put(int v)
{
sb_mutex.lock();
while ((sb_head < sb_tail) &&
((sb_tail - sb_head) == sb_size))
// buffer full
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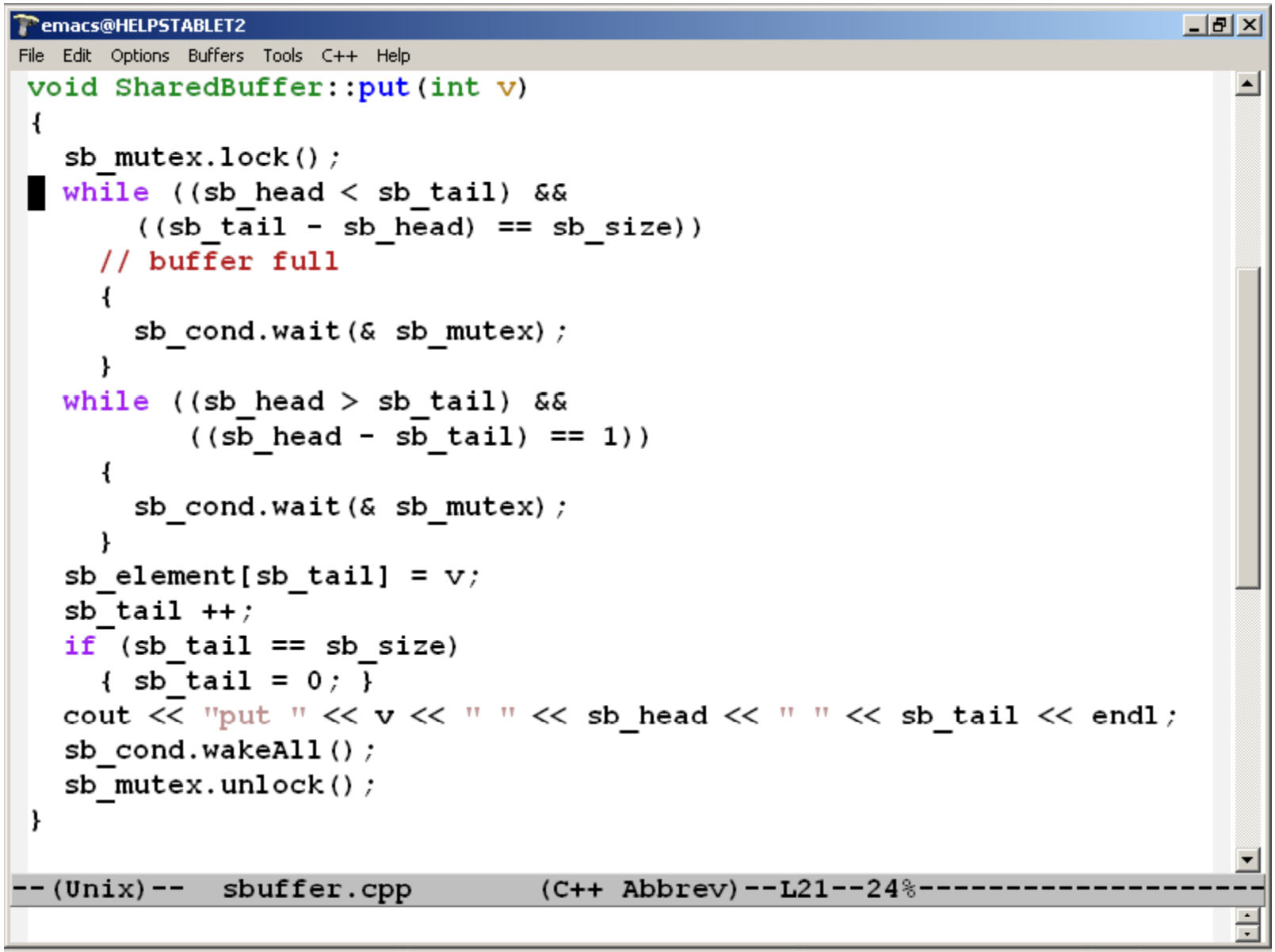
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void SharedBuffer::put(int v)
{
sb_mutex.lock();
while ((sb_head < sb_tail) &&
((sb_tail - sb_head) == sb_size))
// buffer full
{
sb_cond.wait(& sb_mutex);
}
while ((sb_head > sb_tail) &&
((sb_head - sb_tail) == 1))
{
sb_cond.wait(& sb_mutex);
}
sb_element[sb_tail] = v;
sb_tail ++;
if (sb_tail == sb_size)
{ sb_tail = 0; }
cout << "put " << v << " " << sb_head << " " << sb_tail << endl;
sb_cond.wakeAll();
sb_mutex.unlock();
}
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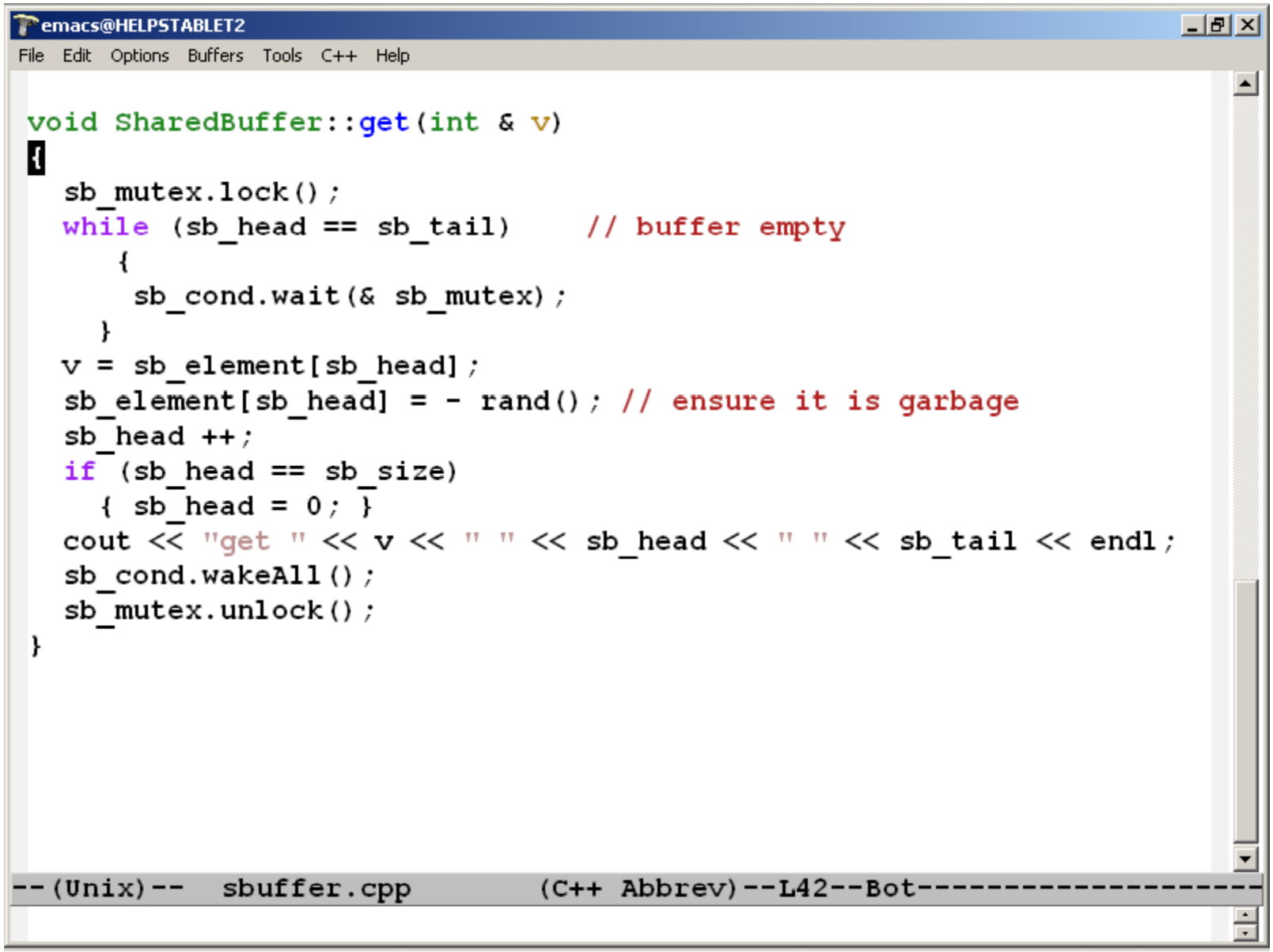
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void SharedBuffer::get(int & v)
{
sb_mutex.lock();
while (sb_head == sb_tail) // buffer empty
{
sb_cond.wait(& sb_mutex);
}
v = sb_element[sb_head];
sb_element[sb_head] = - rand(); // ensure it is garbage
sb_head ++;
if (sb_head == sb_size)
{ sb_head = 0; }
cout << "get " << v << " " << sb_head << " " << sb_tail << endl;
sb_cond.wakeAll();
sb_mutex.unlock();
}
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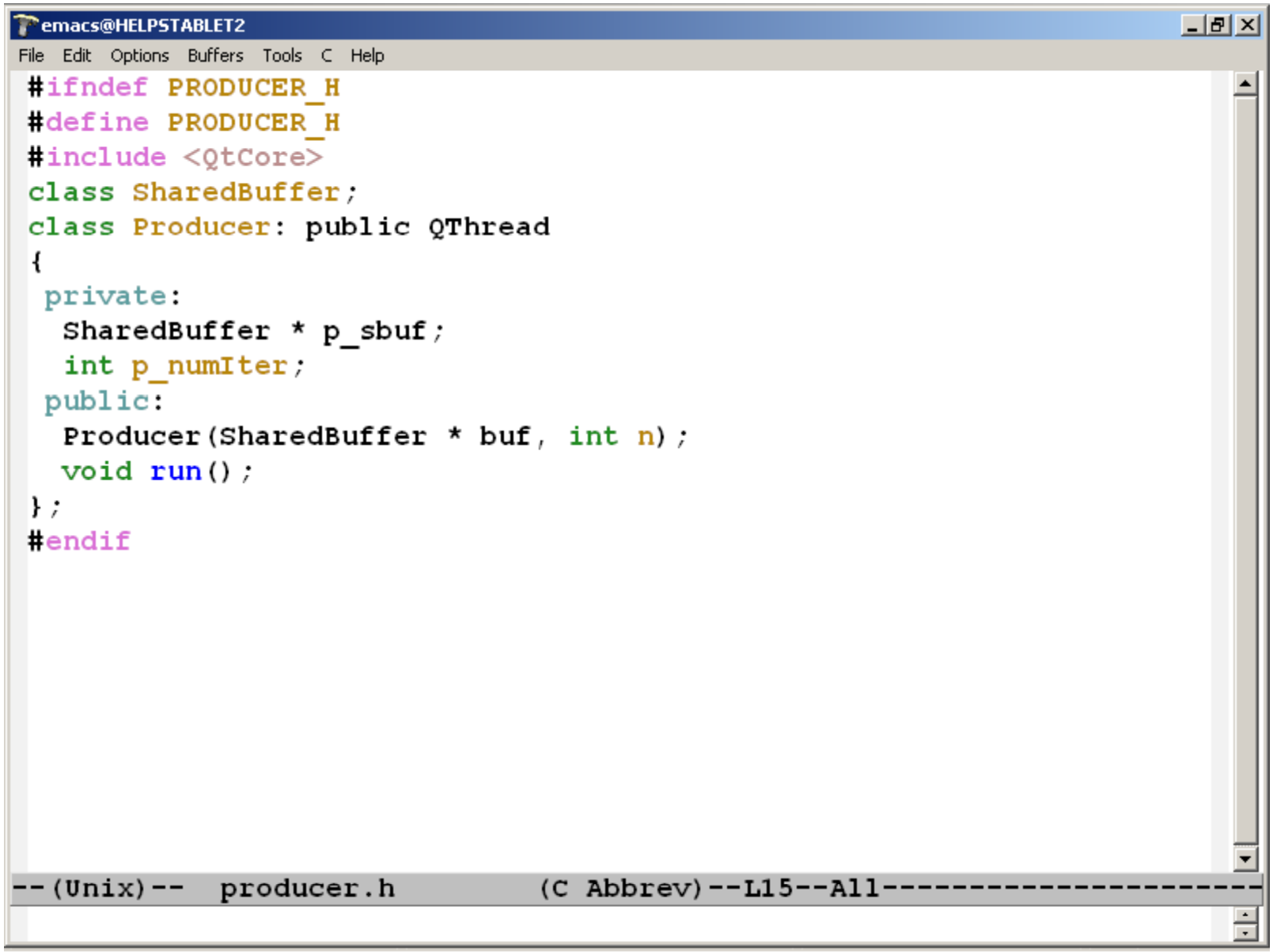
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#ifndef PRODUCER_H
#define PRODUCER_H
#include <QtCore>
class SharedBuffer;
class Producer: public QThread
{
private:
SharedBuffer * p_sbuf;
int p_numIter;
public:
Producer(SharedBuffer * buf, int n);
void run();
};
#endif
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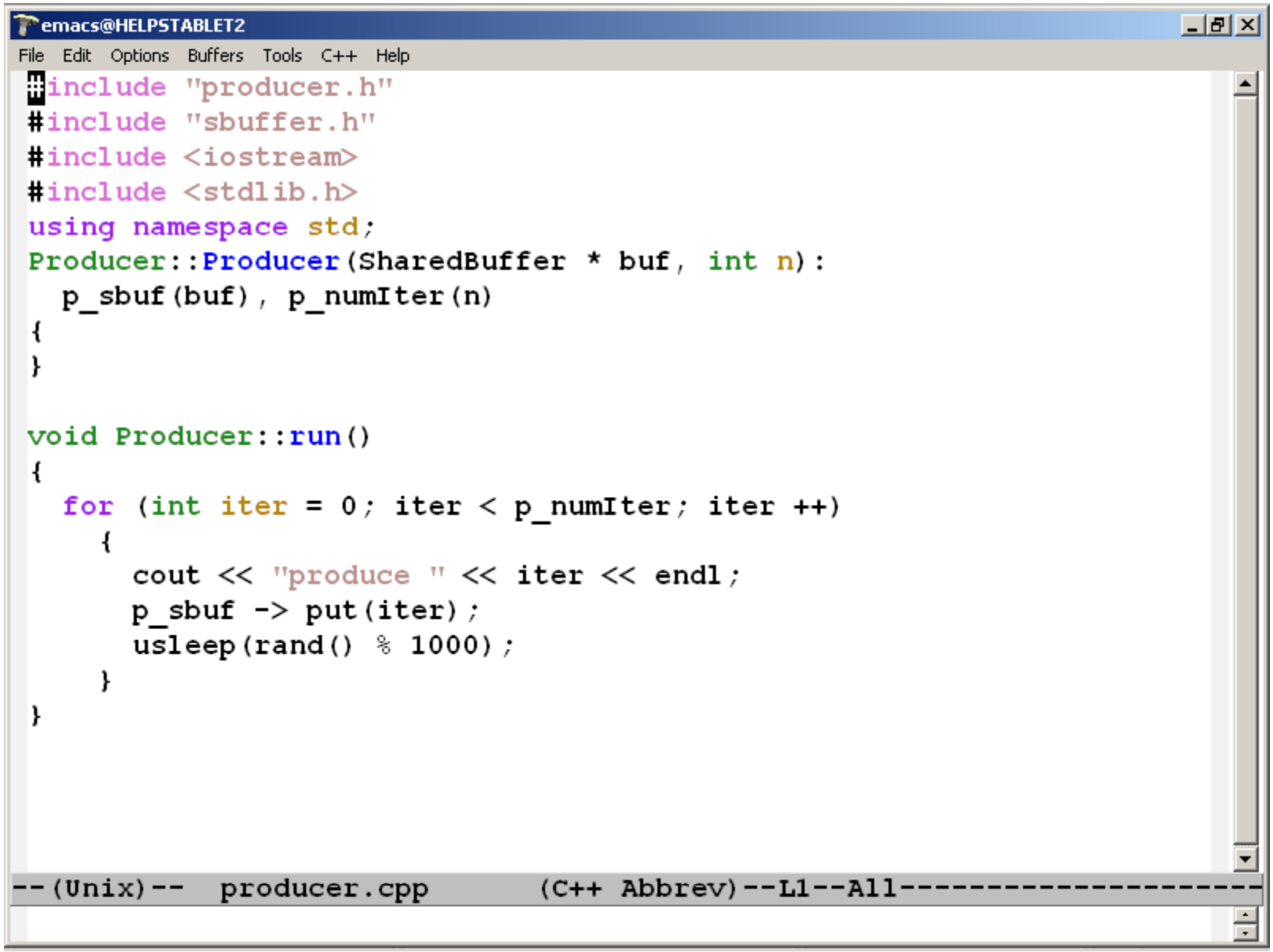
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#include "producer.h"
#include "sbuffer.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
using namespace std;
Producer::Producer(SharedBuffer * buf, int n):
p_sbuf(buf), p_numIter(n)
{
}
void Producer::run()
{
for (int iter = 0; iter < p_numIter; iter ++)
{
cout << "produce " << iter << endl;
p_sbuf -> put(iter);
usleep(rand() % 1000);
}
}
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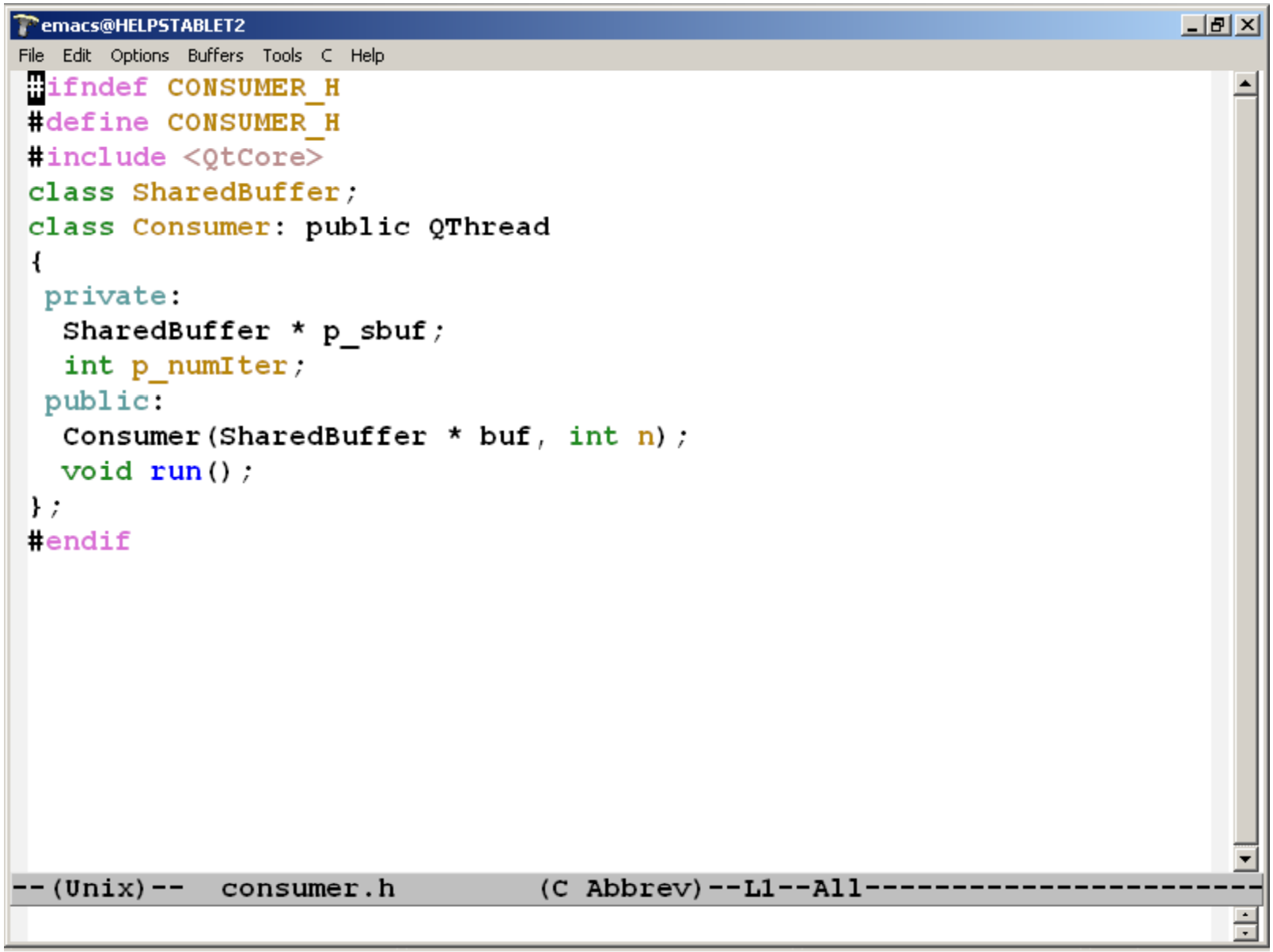
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#ifndef CONSUMER_H
#define CONSUMER_H
#include <QtCore>
class SharedBuffer;
class Consumer: public QThread
{
private:
SharedBuffer * p_sbuf;
int p_numIter;
public:
Consumer(SharedBuffer * buf, int n);
void run();
};
#endif
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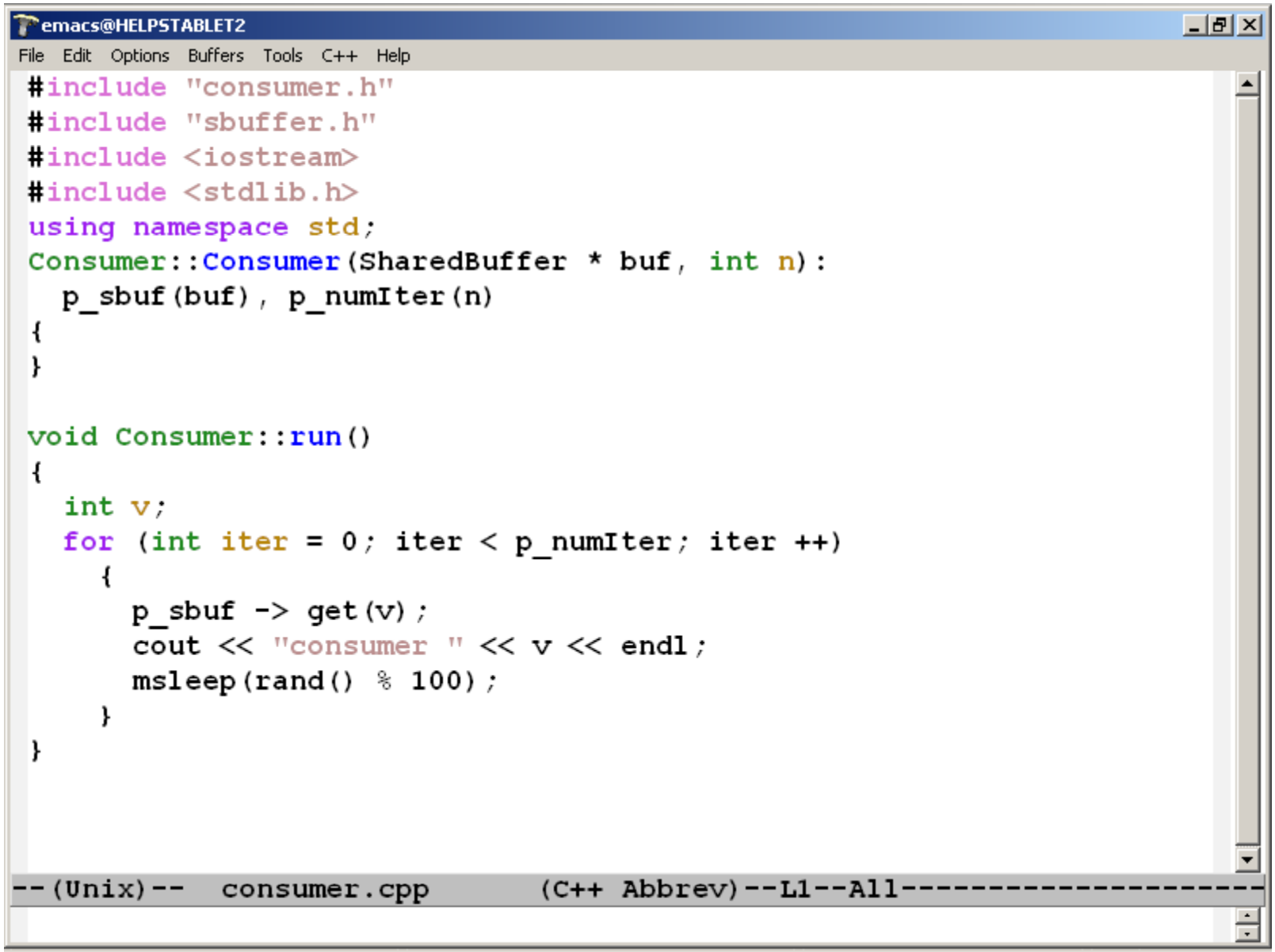
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#include "consumer.h"
#include "sbuffer.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
using namespace std;
Consumer::Consumer(SharedBuffer * buf, int n):
p_sbuf(buf), p_numIter(n)
{
}
void Consumer::run()
{
int v;
for (int iter = 0; iter < p_numIter; iter ++)
{
p_sbuf -> get(v);
cout << "consumer " << v << endl;
msleep(rand() % 100);
}
}
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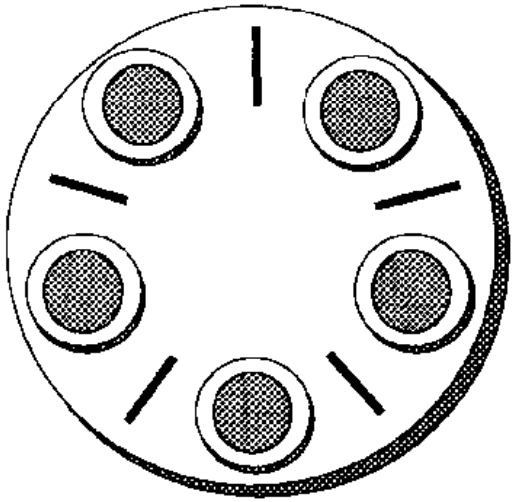
Check Correctness

- wrong result $\Rightarrow$ the program has bugs
- correct result $\Rightarrow$ maybe you are lucky
- know the correct results, even though the interleaving may be different
- head $\neq$ tail after adding an element
- randomize interleaving if possible
- assign invalid values to data that should not appear

Deadlock and Livelock

- deadlock: none of the participating threads can execute any more code
- livelock: some (or all) of the participating threads can execute some more code, but no progress is made. for example, dinning philosophers



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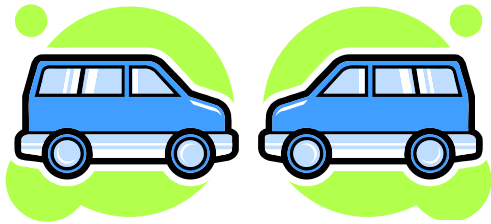
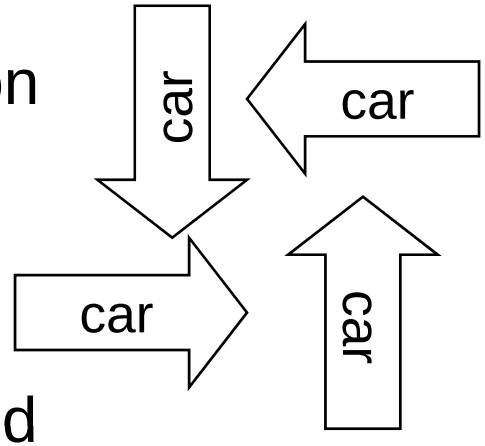
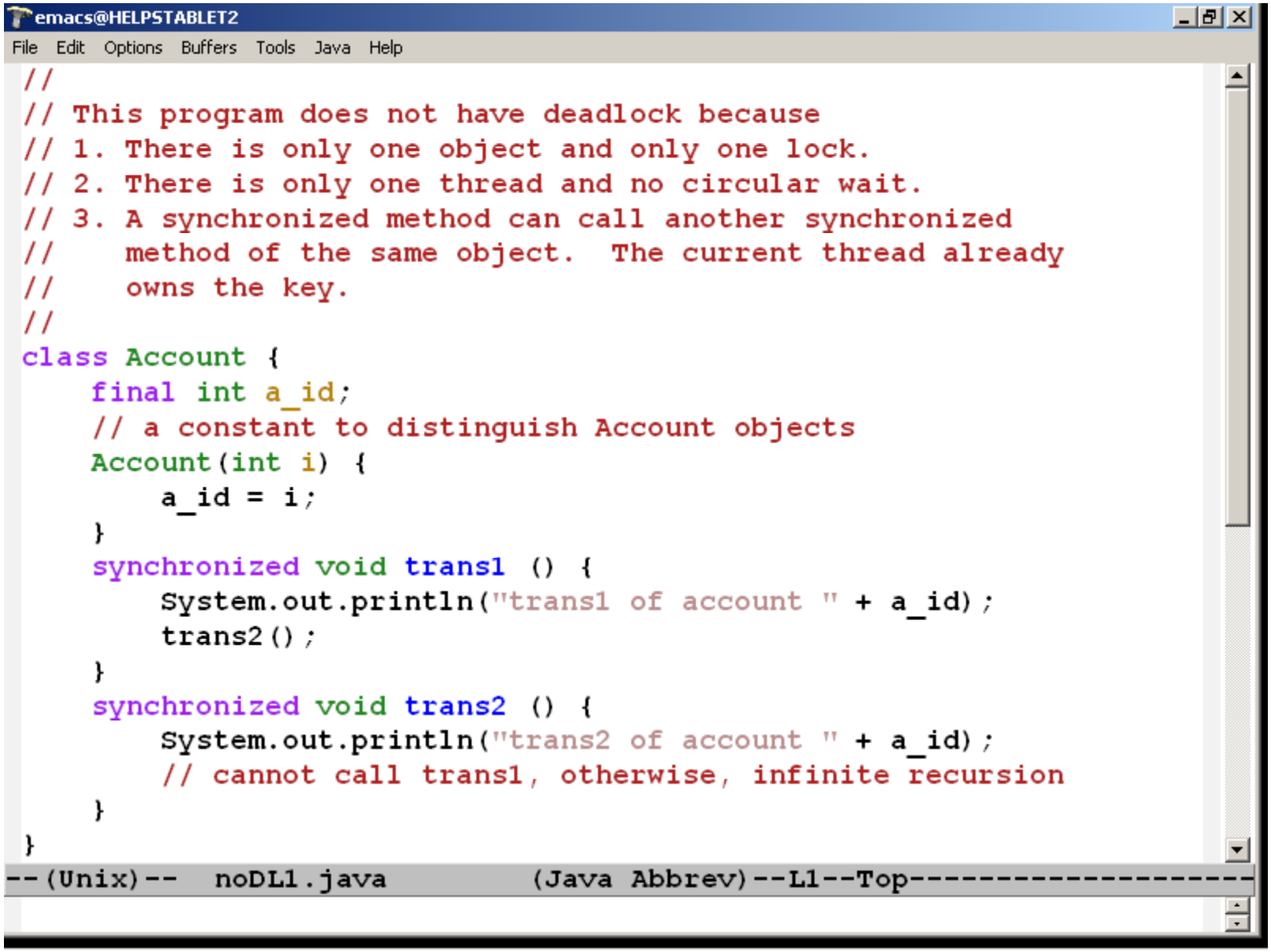


four necessary conditions for deadlock

- mutual exclusion: a car's current location cannot be occupied by another car
- hold and wait: a car must "hold" the current location while waiting
- no preemption: a car cannot be removed by a scheduler
- circular wait: a car can move if another car moves but another car is waiting for this car



Programs without Deadlock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//
// This program does not have deadlock because
// 1. There is only one object and only one lock.
// 2. There is only one thread and no circular wait.
// 3. A synchronized method can call another synchronized
//   method of the same object. The current thread already
//   owns the key.
//
class Account {
    final int a_id;
    // a constant to distinguish Account objects
    Account(int i) {
        a_id = i;
    }
    synchronized void trans1 () {
        System.out.println("trans1 of account " + a_id);
        trans2();
    }
    synchronized void trans2 () {
        System.out.println("trans2 of account " + a_id);
        // cannot call trans1, otherwise, infinite recursion
    }
}
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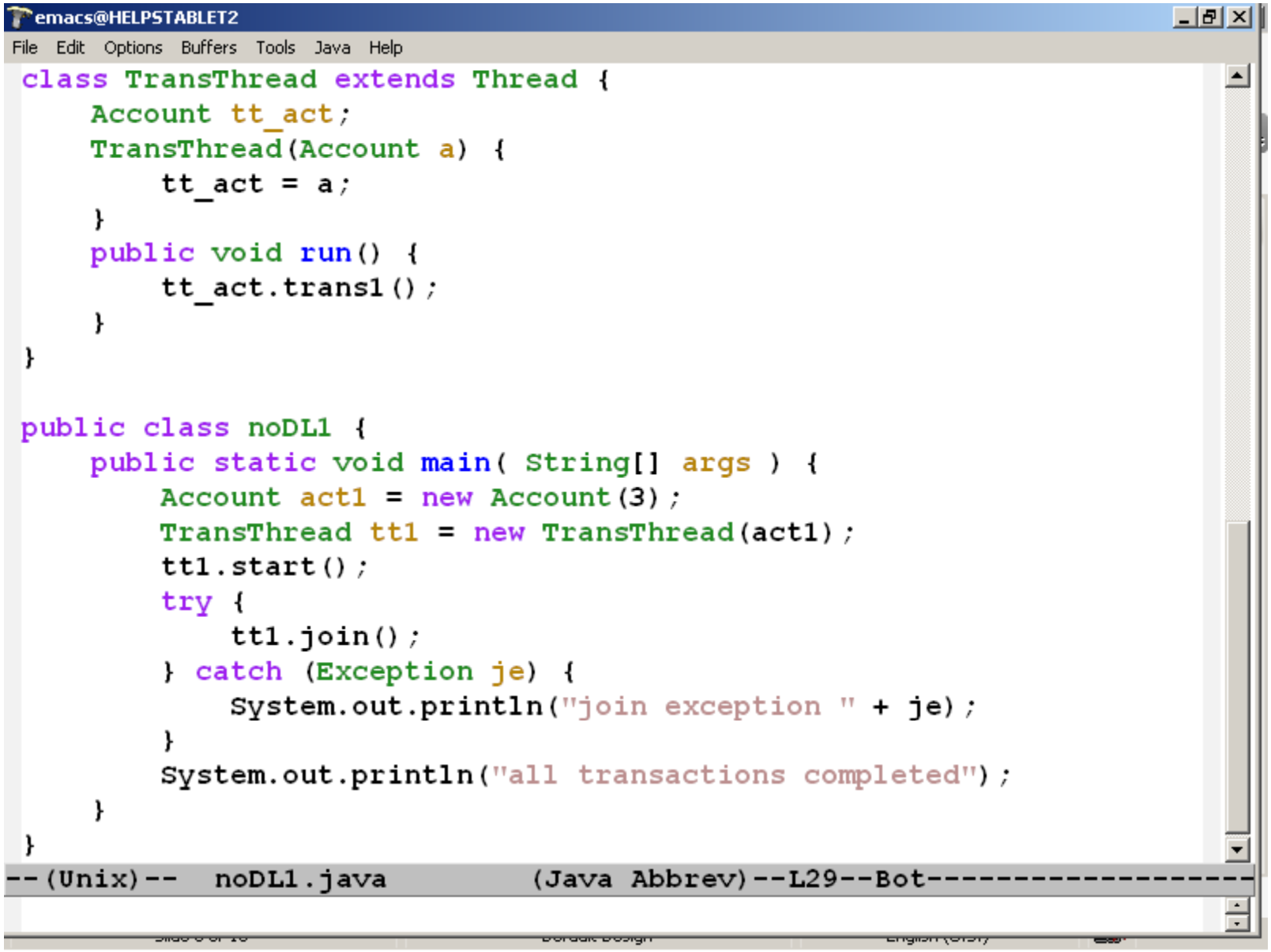
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class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act;
TransThread(Account a) {
tt_act = a;
}
public void run() {
tt_act.trans1();
}
}
public class noDL1 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account(3);
TransThread tt1 = new TransThread(act1);
tt1.start();
try {
tt1.join();
} catch (Exception je) {
System.out.println("join exception " + je);
}
System.out.println("all transactions completed");
}
}
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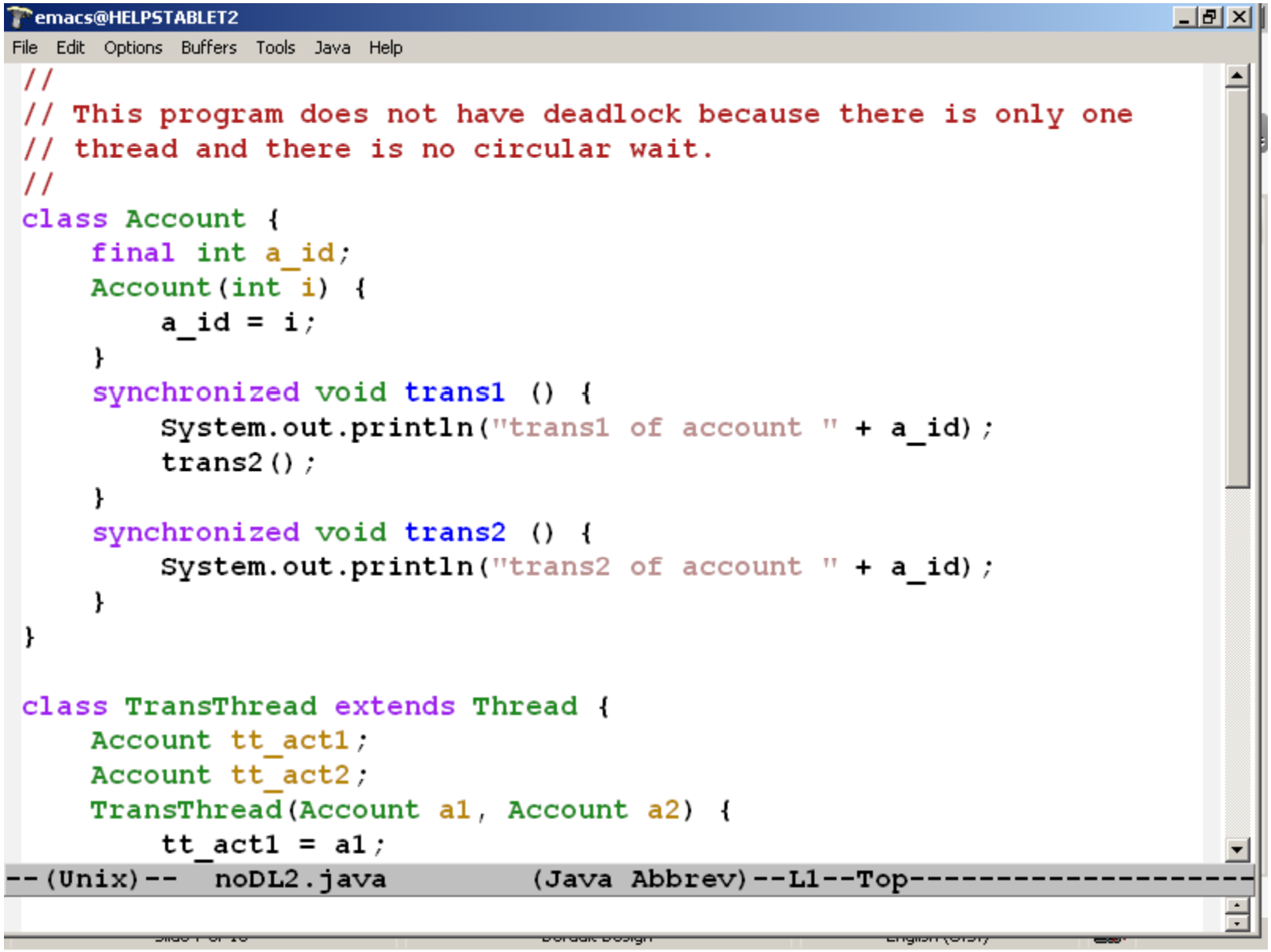
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//
// This program does not have deadlock because there is only one
// thread and there is no circular wait.
//
class Account {
final int a_id;
Account(int i) {
a_id = i;
}
synchronized void trans1 () {
System.out.println("trans1 of account " + a_id);
trans2();
}
synchronized void trans2 () {
System.out.println("trans2 of account " + a_id);
}
}
class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act1;
Account tt_act2;
TransThread(Account a1, Account a2) {
tt_act1 = a1;
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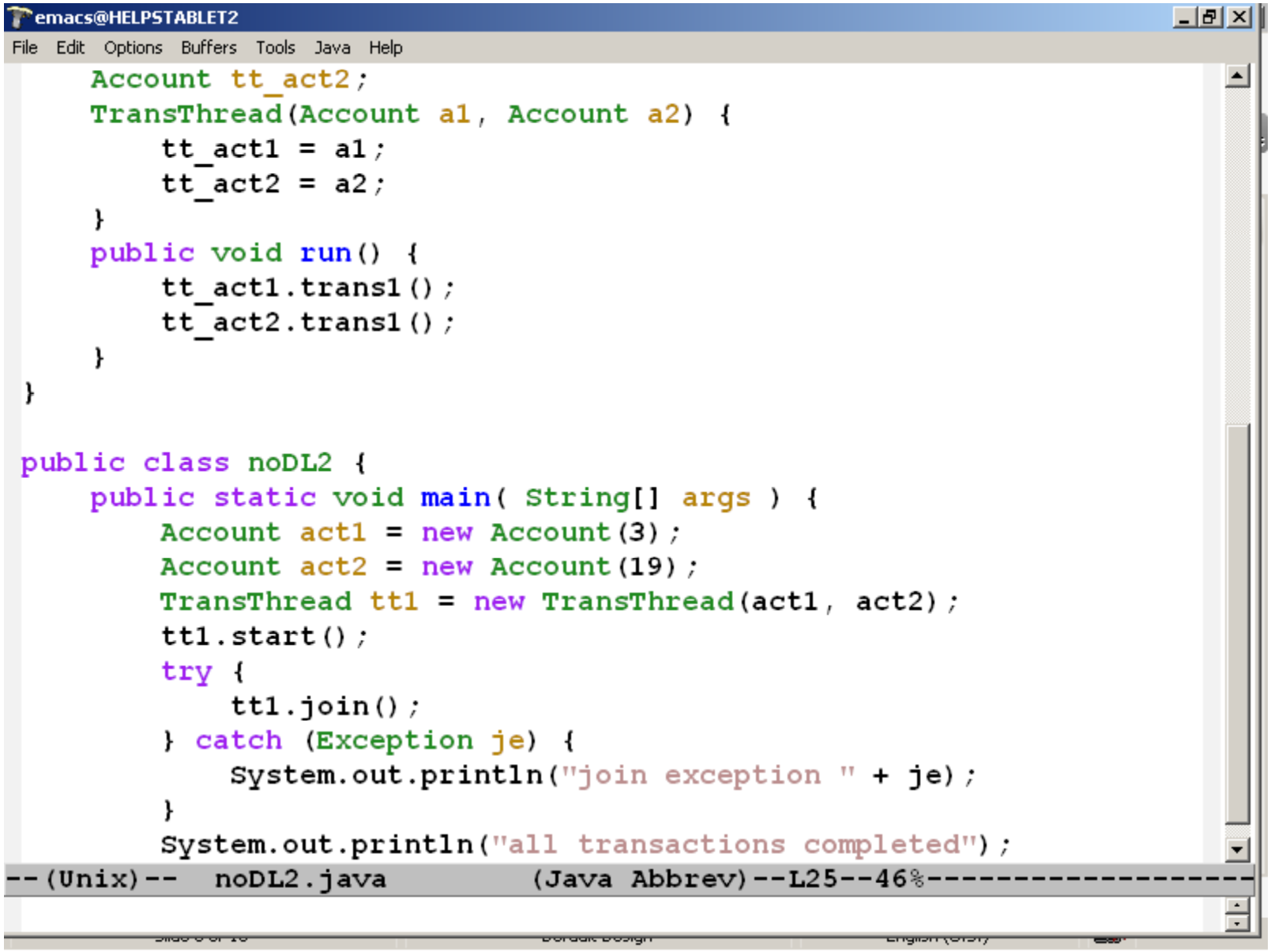
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Account tt_act2;
TransThread(Account a1, Account a2) {
tt_act1 = a1;
tt_act2 = a2;
}
public void run() {
tt_act1.trans1();
tt_act2.trans1();
}
}
public class noDL2 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account(3);
Account act2 = new Account(19);
TransThread tt1 = new TransThread(act1, act2);
tt1.start();
try {
tt1.join();
} catch (Exception je) {
System.out.println("join exception " + je);
}
System.out.println("all transactions completed");
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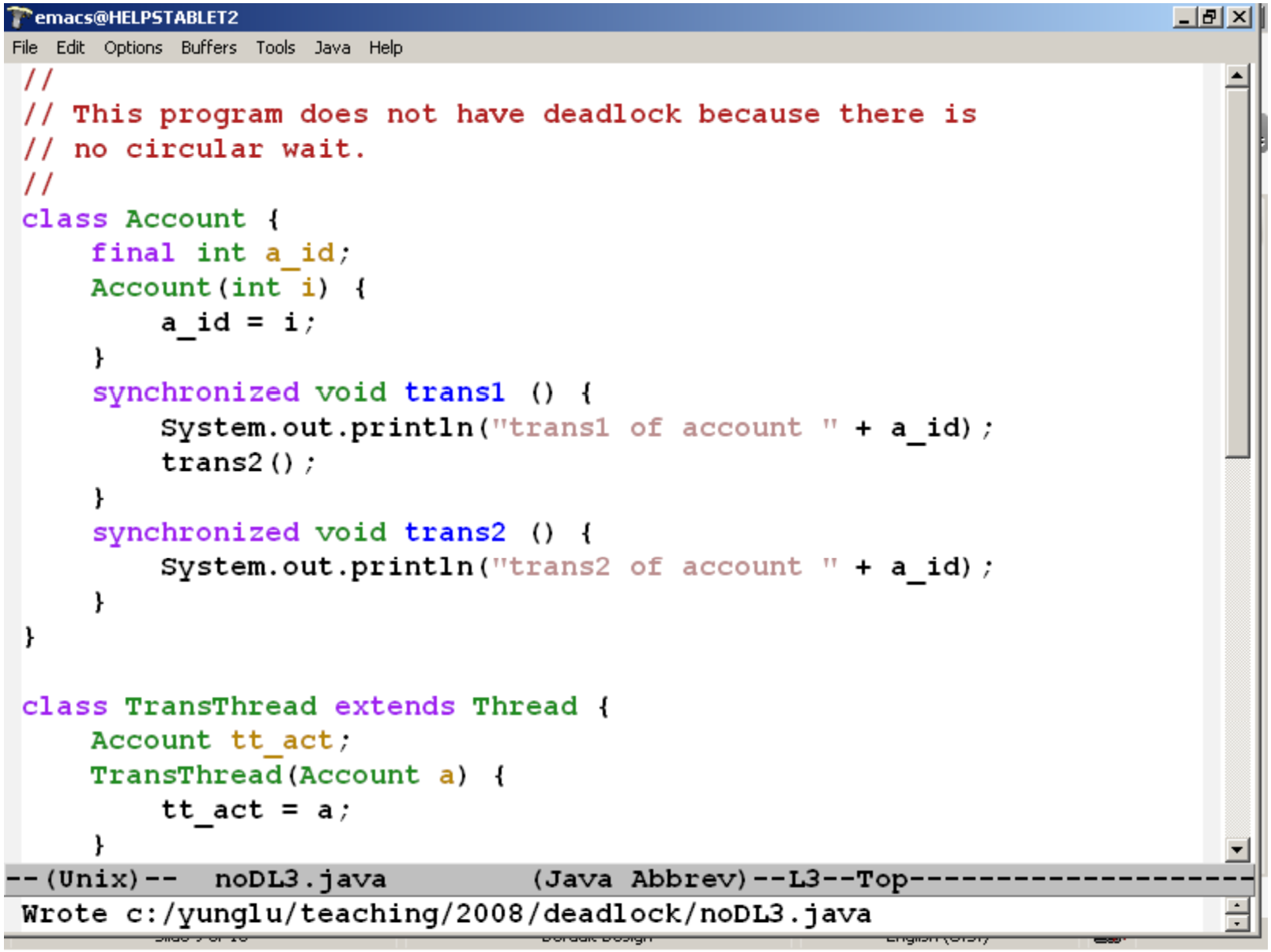
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//
// This program does not have deadlock because there is
// no circular wait.
//
class Account {
final int a_id;
Account(int i) {
a_id = i;
}
synchronized void trans1 () {
System.out.println("trans1 of account " + a_id);
trans2();
}
synchronized void trans2 () {
System.out.println("trans2 of account " + a_id);
}
}
class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act;
TransThread(Account a) {
tt_act = a;
}
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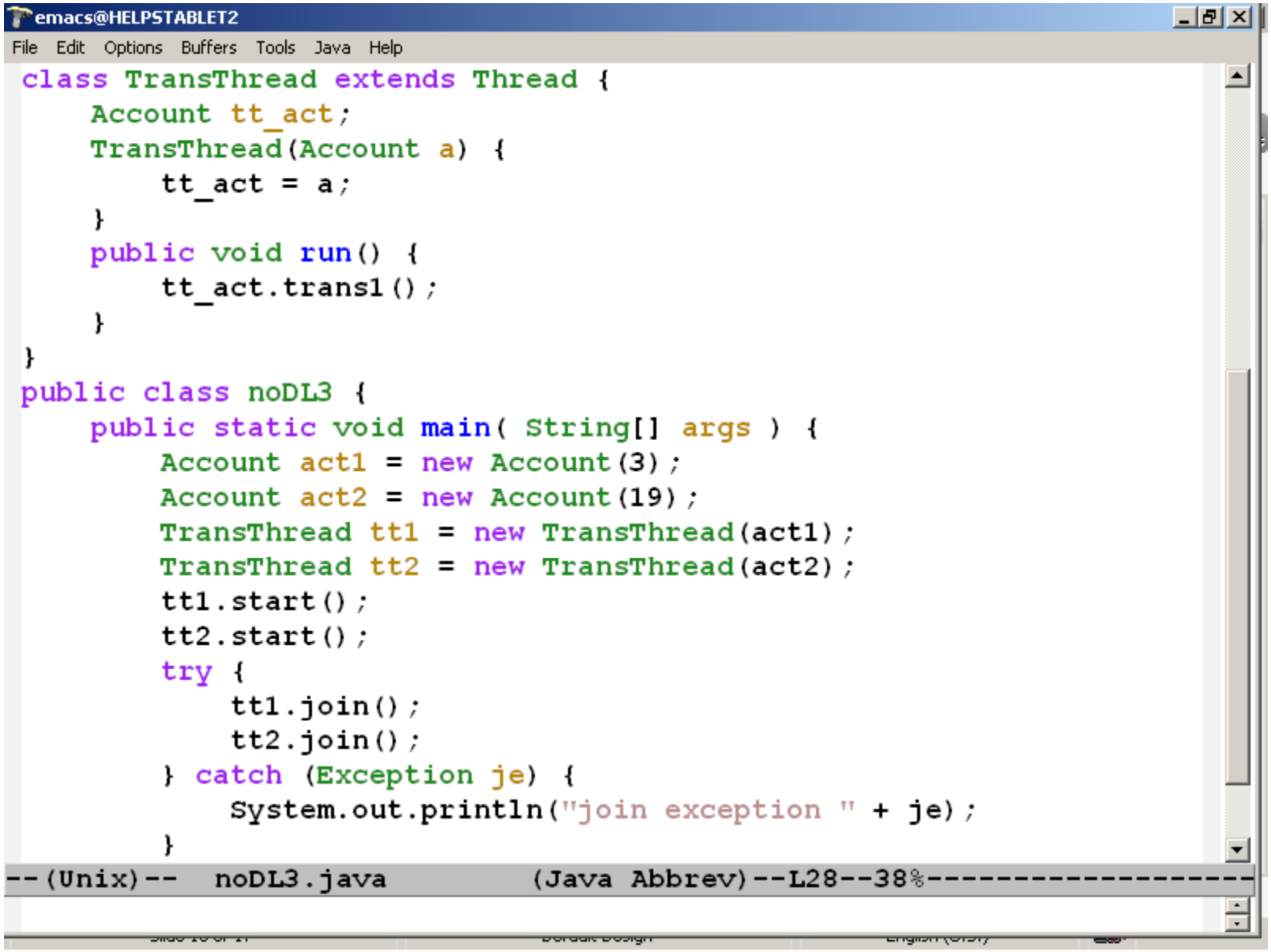
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class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act;
TransThread(Account a) {
tt_act = a;
}
public void run() {
tt_act.trans1();
}
}
public class noDL3 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account(3);
Account act2 = new Account(19);
TransThread tt1 = new TransThread(act1);
TransThread tt2 = new TransThread(act2);
tt1.start();
tt2.start();
try {
tt1.join();
tt2.join();
} catch (Exception je) {
System.out.println("join exception " + je);
}
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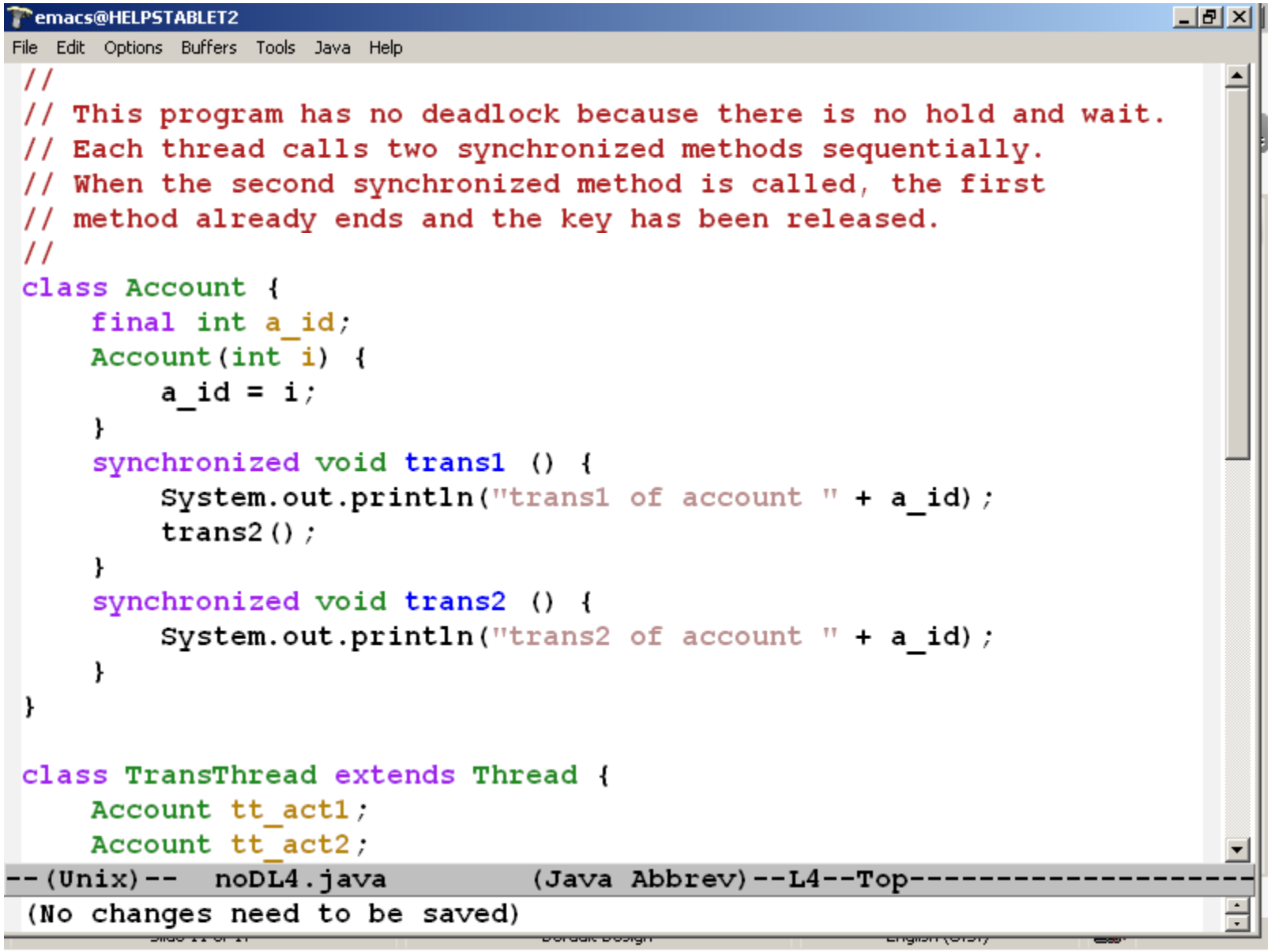
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//
// This program has no deadlock because there is no hold and wait.
// Each thread calls two synchronized methods sequentially.
// When the second synchronized method is called, the first
// method already ends and the key has been released.
//
class Account {
final int a_id;
Account(int i) {
a_id = i;
}
synchronized void trans1 () {
System.out.println("trans1 of account " + a_id);
trans2();
}
synchronized void trans2 () {
System.out.println("trans2 of account " + a_id);
}
}
class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act1;
Account tt_act2;
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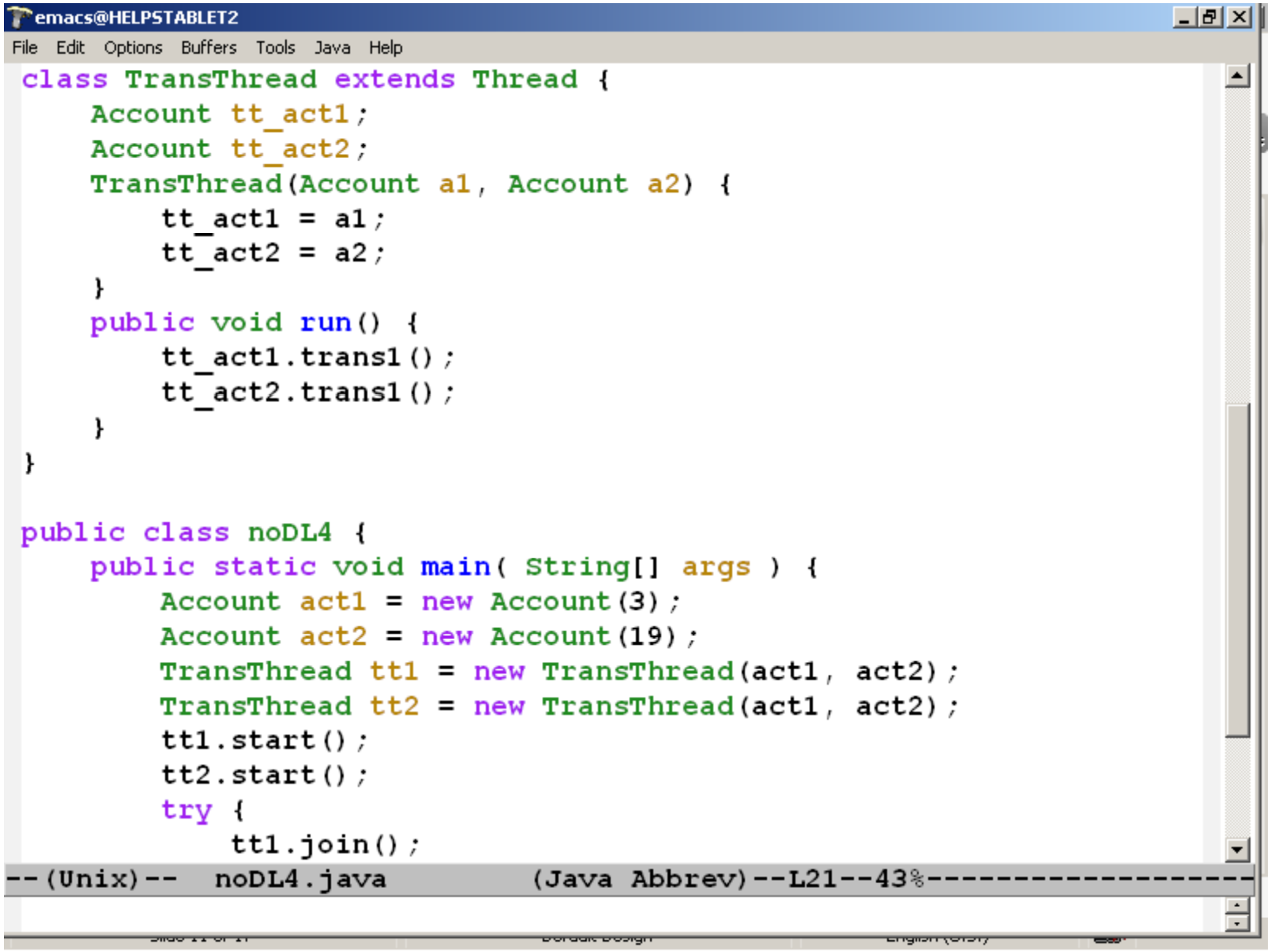
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class TransThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act1;
Account tt_act2;
TransThread(Account a1, Account a2) {
tt_act1 = a1;
tt_act2 = a2;
}
public void run() {
tt_act1.trans1();
tt_act2.trans1();
}
}
public class noDL4 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account(3);
Account act2 = new Account(19);
TransThread tt1 = new TransThread(act1, act2);
TransThread tt2 = new TransThread(act1, act2);
tt1.start();
tt2.start();
try {
tt1.join();
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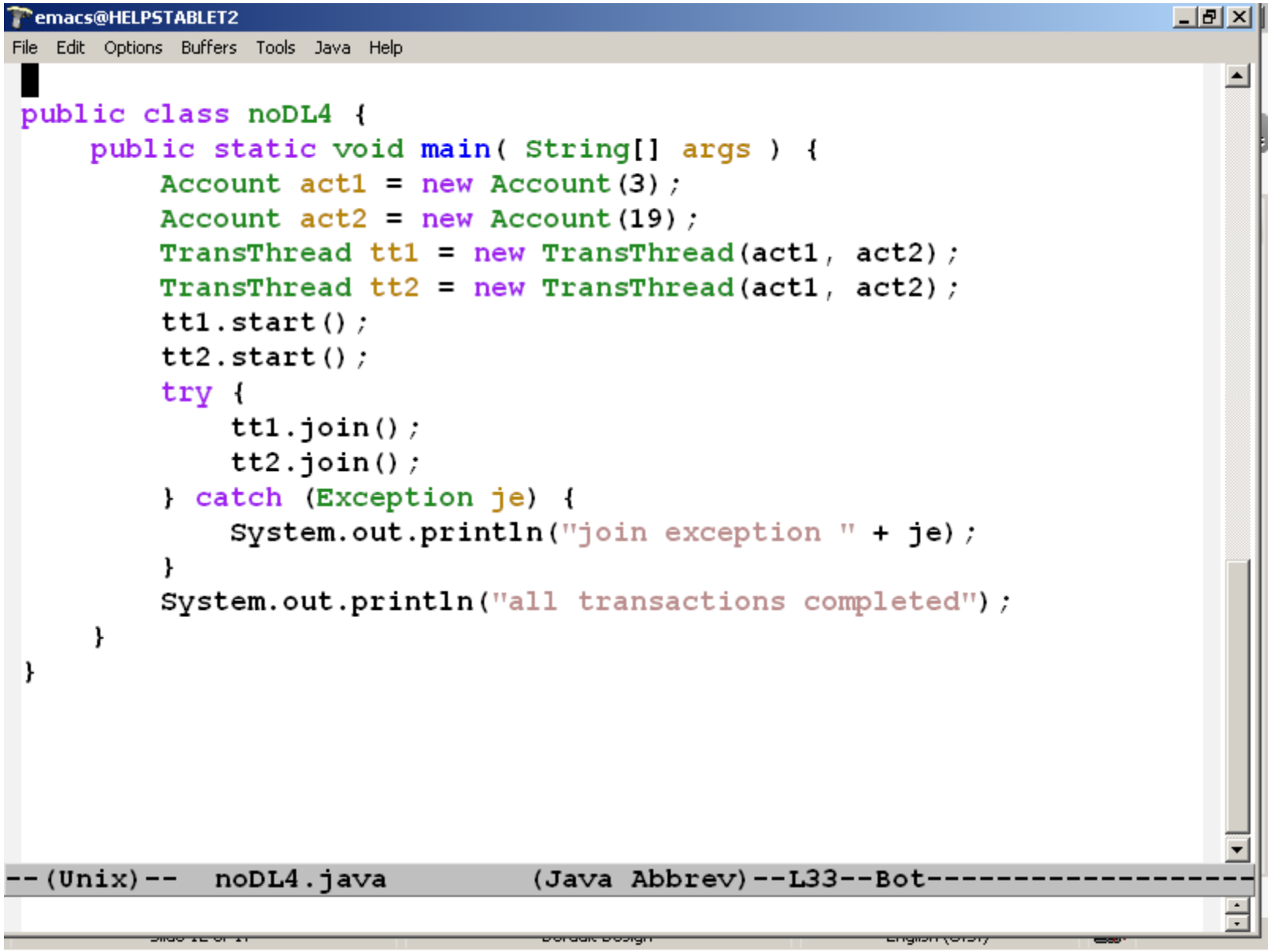
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public class noDL4 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account(3);
Account act2 = new Account(19);
TransThread tt1 = new TransThread(act1, act2);
TransThread tt2 = new TransThread(act1, act2);
tt1.start();
tt2.start();
try {
tt1.join();
tt2.join();
} catch (Exception je) {
System.out.println("join exception " + je);
}
System.out.println("all transactions completed");
}
}
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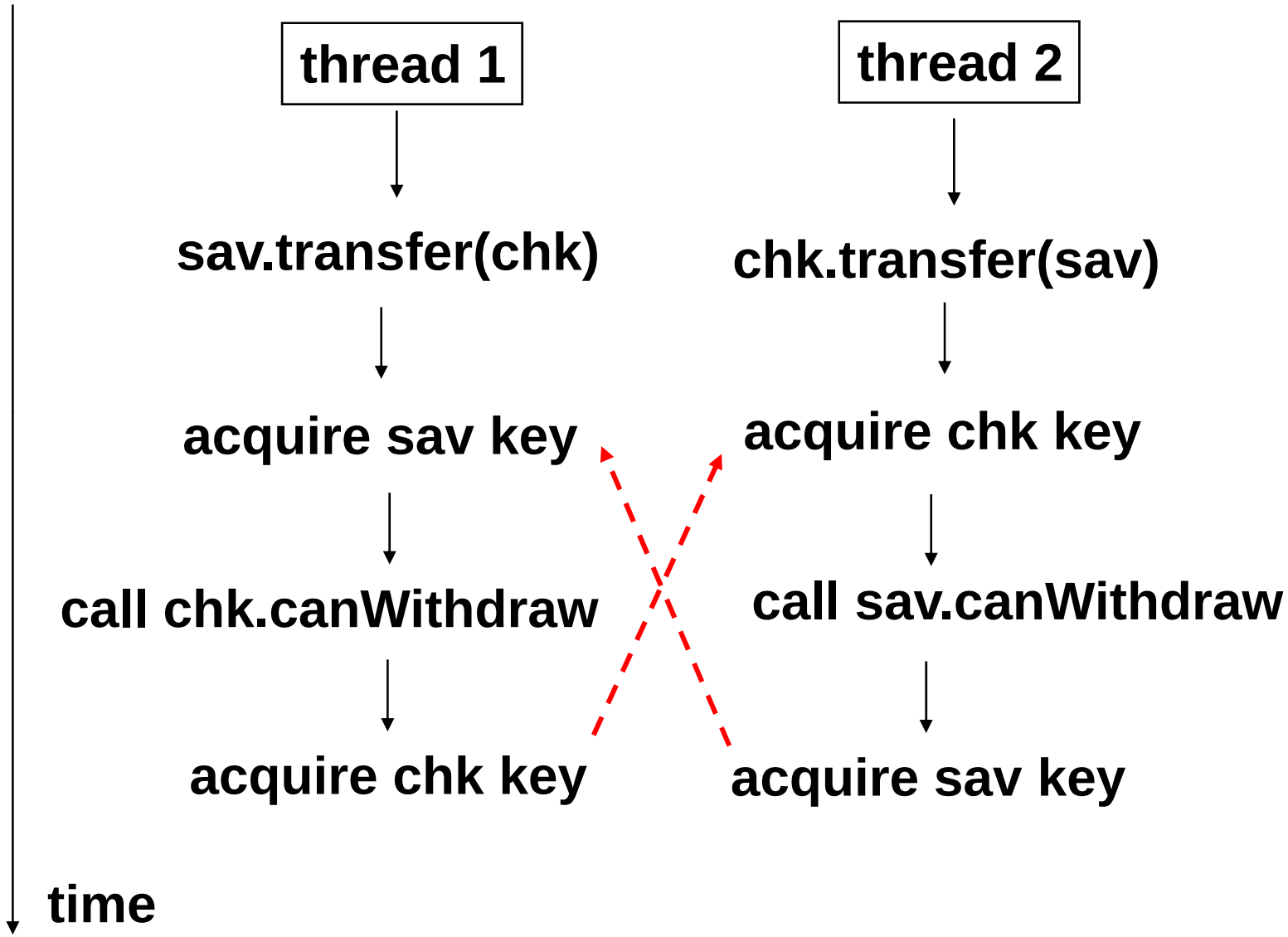
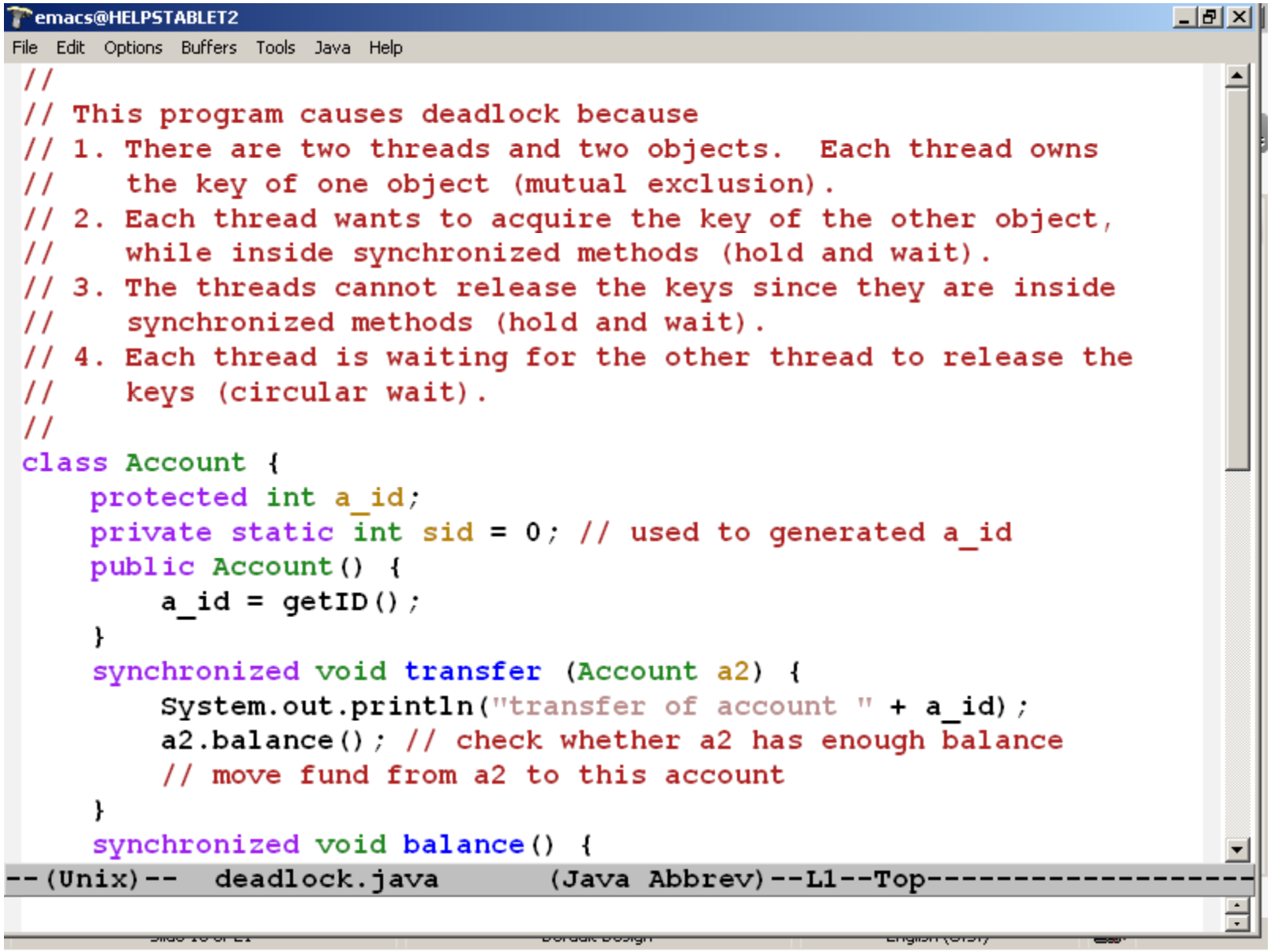
Java Example of Deadlock

John has a check and a saving accounts with a bank. He transferred $500 from the check account to the saving account for a high interest rate. Later in the day, he wrote a check and transferred $200 from the saving account back to the checking account. In the evening, he went to an ATM to withdraw cash. The ATM said, “Account not Found.” What happened?

```
class Account {
    private int balance;
    synchronized void transfer (Account source, int amount) {
        if (source.canWithdraw(amount)) {
            source.withdraw(amount);
            balance += amount;
        }
    }
    synchronized boolean canWithdraw(amount) {
        if (balance >= amount) { return true; }
        return false;
    }
}
```


thread 1
thread 2
sav.transfer(chk)
chk.transfer(sav)
acquire sav key
acquire chk key
call chk.canWithdraw
call sav.canWithdraw
acquire chk key
acquire sav key
time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//
// This program causes deadlock because
// 1. There are two threads and two objects. Each thread owns
// the key of one object (mutual exclusion).
// 2. Each thread wants to acquire the key of the other object,
// while inside synchronized methods (hold and wait).
// 3. The threads cannot release the keys since they are inside
// synchronized methods (hold and wait).
// 4. Each thread is waiting for the other thread to release the
// keys (circular wait).
//
class Account {
protected int a_id;
private static int sid = 0; // used to generated a_id
public Account() {
a_id = getID();
}
synchronized void transfer (Account a2) {
System.out.println("transfer of account " + a_id);
a2.balance(); // check whether a2 has enough balance
// move fund from a2 to this account
}
synchronized void balance() {
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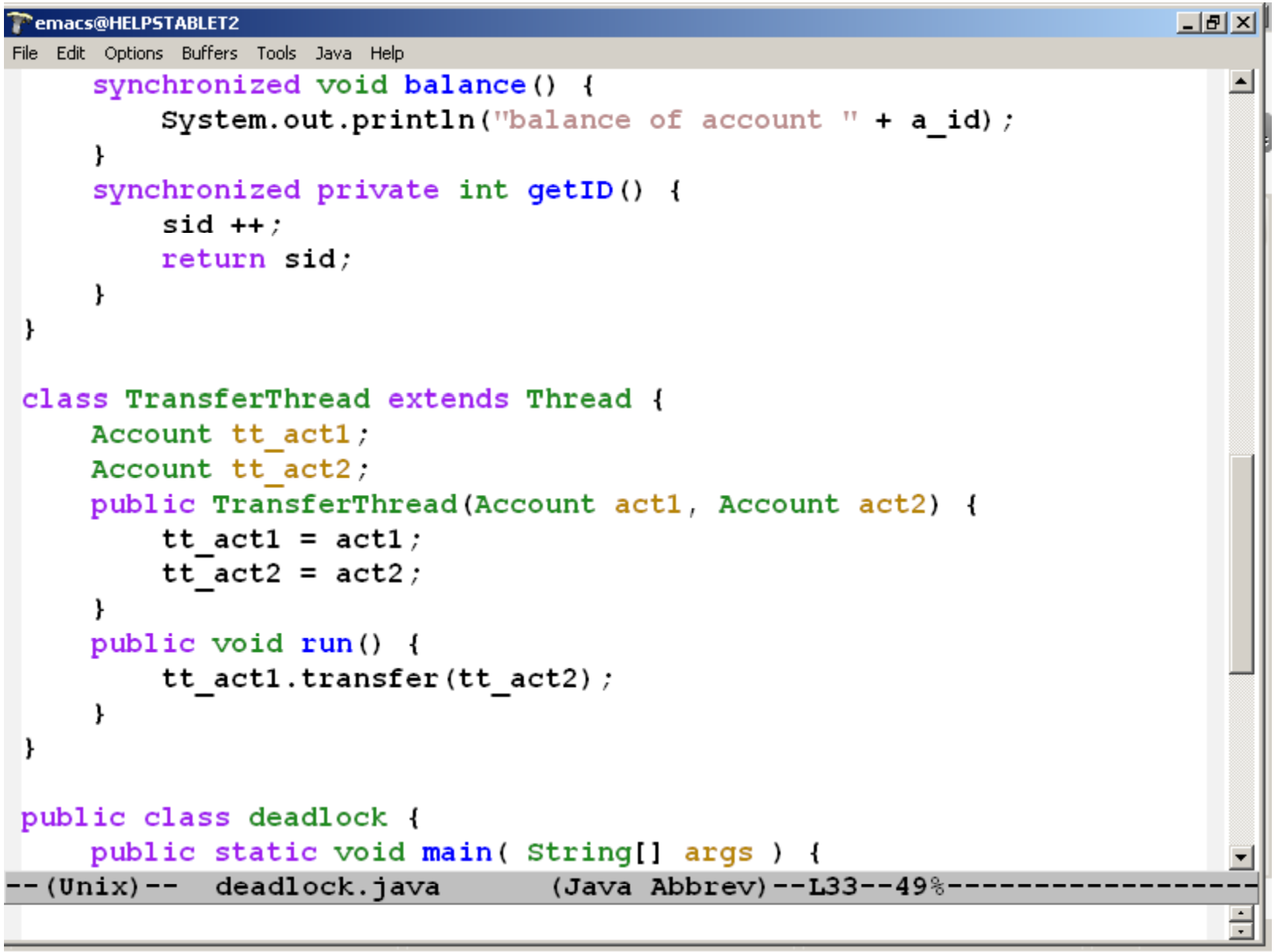
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synchronized void balance() {
System.out.println("balance of account " + a_id);
}
synchronized private int getID() {
sid ++;
return sid;
}
}
class TransferThread extends Thread {
Account tt_act1;
Account tt_act2;
public TransferThread(Account act1, Account act2) {
tt_act1 = act1;
tt_act2 = act2;
}
public void run() {
tt_act1.transfer(tt_act2);
}
}
public class deadlock {
public static void main(String[] args) {
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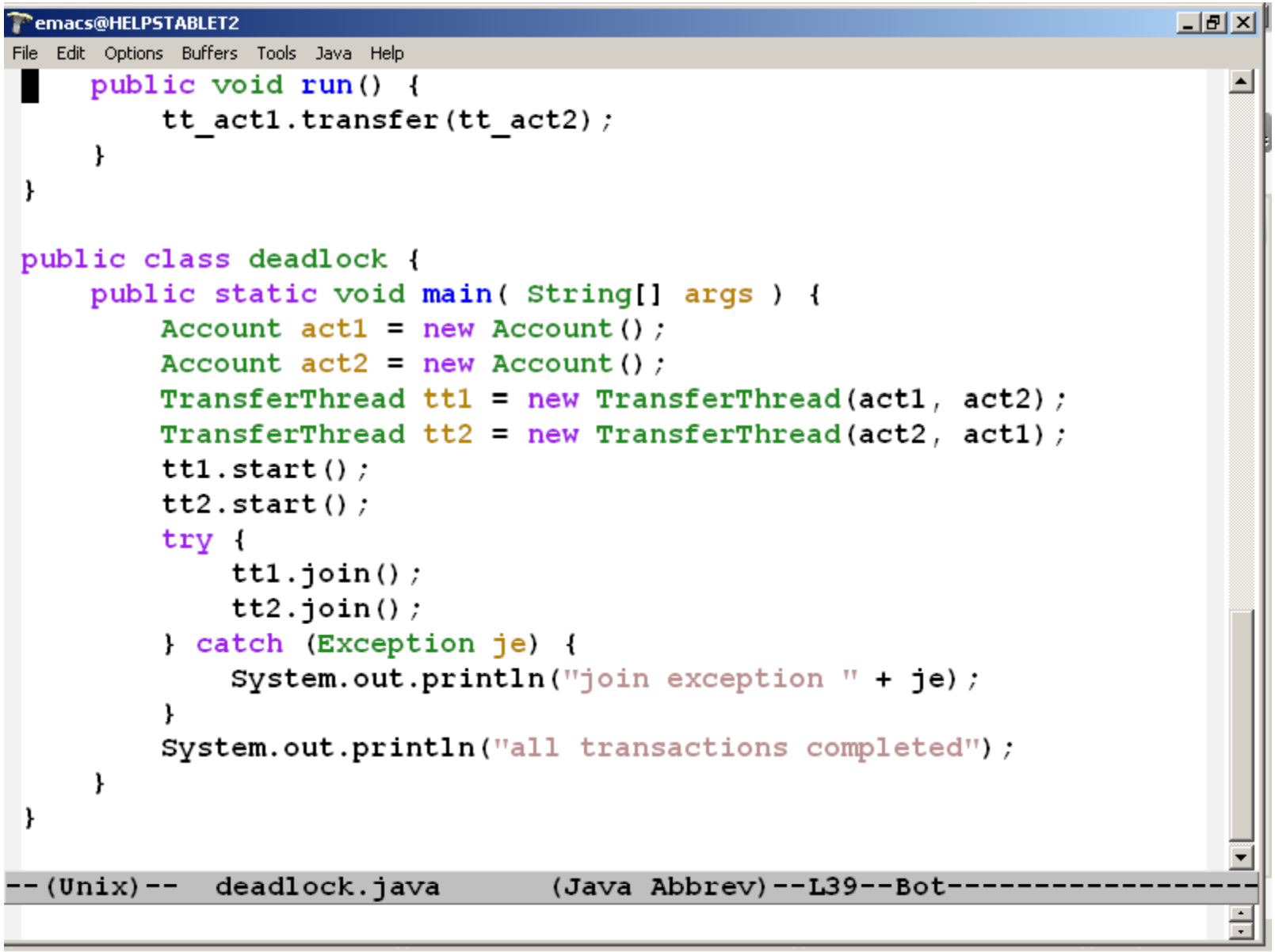
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public void run() {
tt_act1.transfer(tt_act2);
}
}
public class deadlock {
public static void main(String[] args) {
Account act1 = new Account();
Account act2 = new Account();
TransferThread tt1 = new TransferThread(act1, act2);
TransferThread tt2 = new TransferThread(act2, act1);
tt1.start();
tt2.start();
try {
tt1.join();
tt2.join();
} catch (Exception je) {
System.out.println("join exception " + je);
}
System.out.println("all transactions completed");
}
}
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Thread Performance

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Performance Measurement

ts1 = current time;

    execute the program without creating threads;

ts2 = current time;

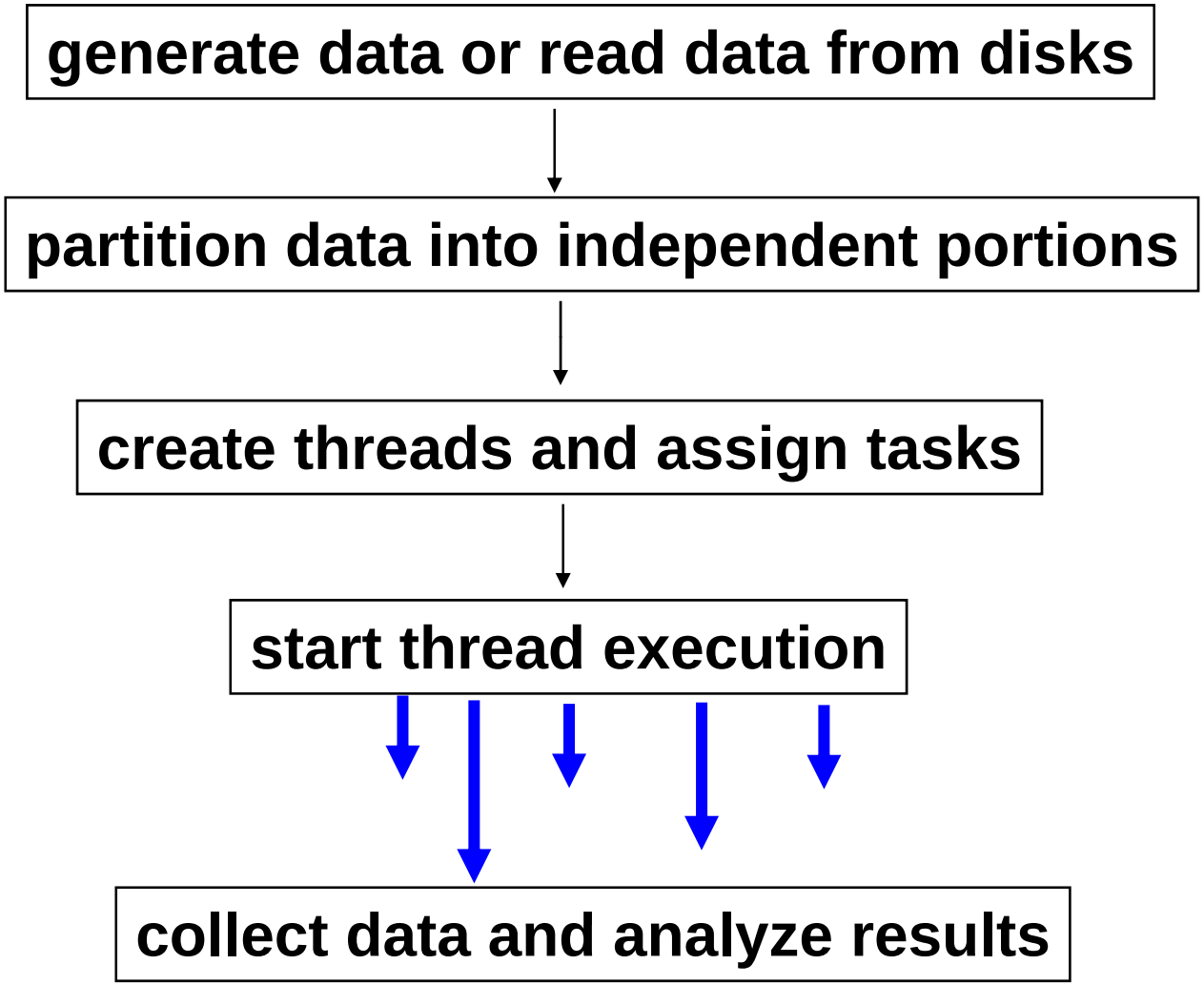
tp1 = current time;

    execute the program with multiple threads

tp2 = current time;

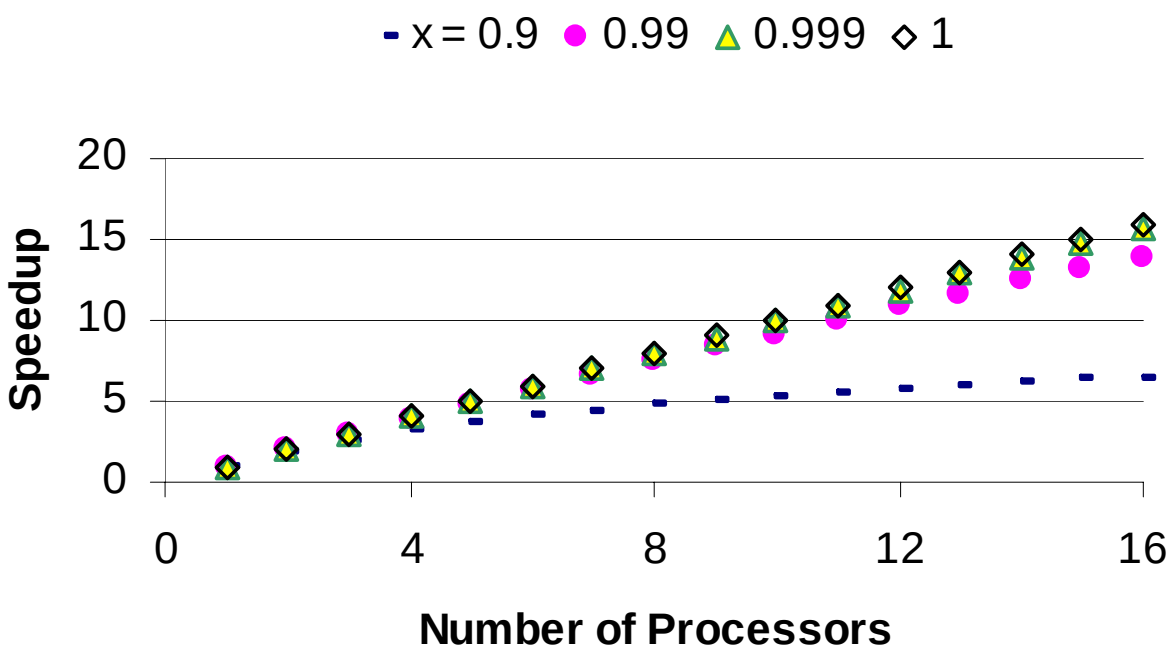
$$\text{improvement} = \frac{\text{ts2 - ts1}}{\text{tp2} - \text{tp1}}$$

Structure of Multithread Programs



Amdahl's Law

- If a program has x (%) parallel code, 1-x sequential code
- the speedup of using n threads (no sync) is $\frac{1}{1-x+\frac{x}{n}}$
- if x = 0.9 and n $\rightarrow\infty$, speedup = 10



Multi-Thread = High Performance?

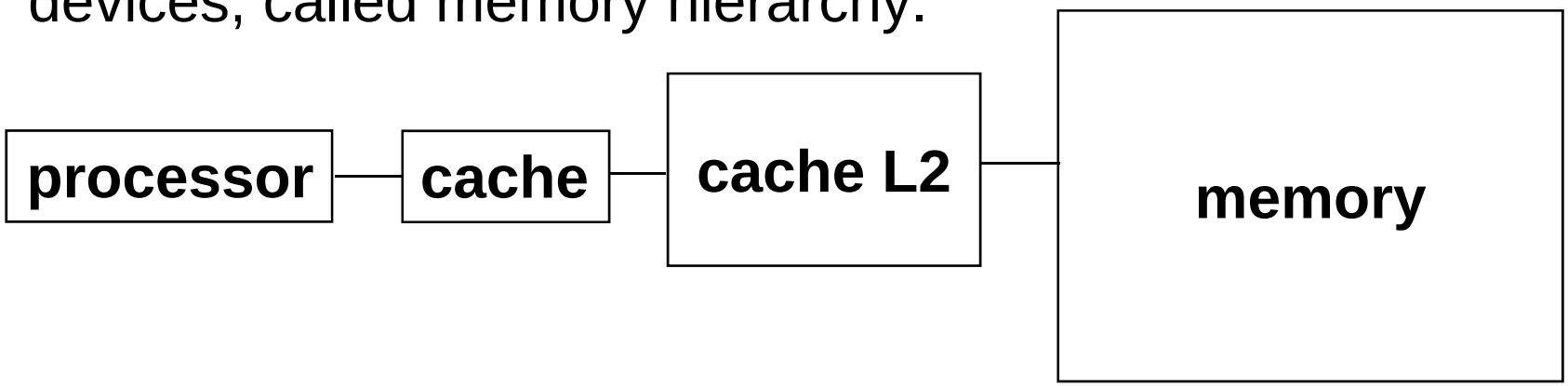
- multi-thread $\neq$ high performance (faster)
- If a program is IO-bounded, multi-thread (or multi-core) does not really help.
- Finding sufficient parallelism (make x closer to 1) can be difficulty.
- Reduce the sequential parts as much as possible
  - read data from multiple, parallel sources
  - partition data as they arrive
  - create long-living threads and reuse them
  - reduce competitions of mutex keys

Superlinear Speedup

- Sometimes, a multithread program's performance exceeds the number of processors.

$$\frac{\text{execution time of single thread}}{\text{execution time of multiple thread}} > \text{number of processors}$$

- All modern processors are built upon a series of storage devices, called memory hierarchy.



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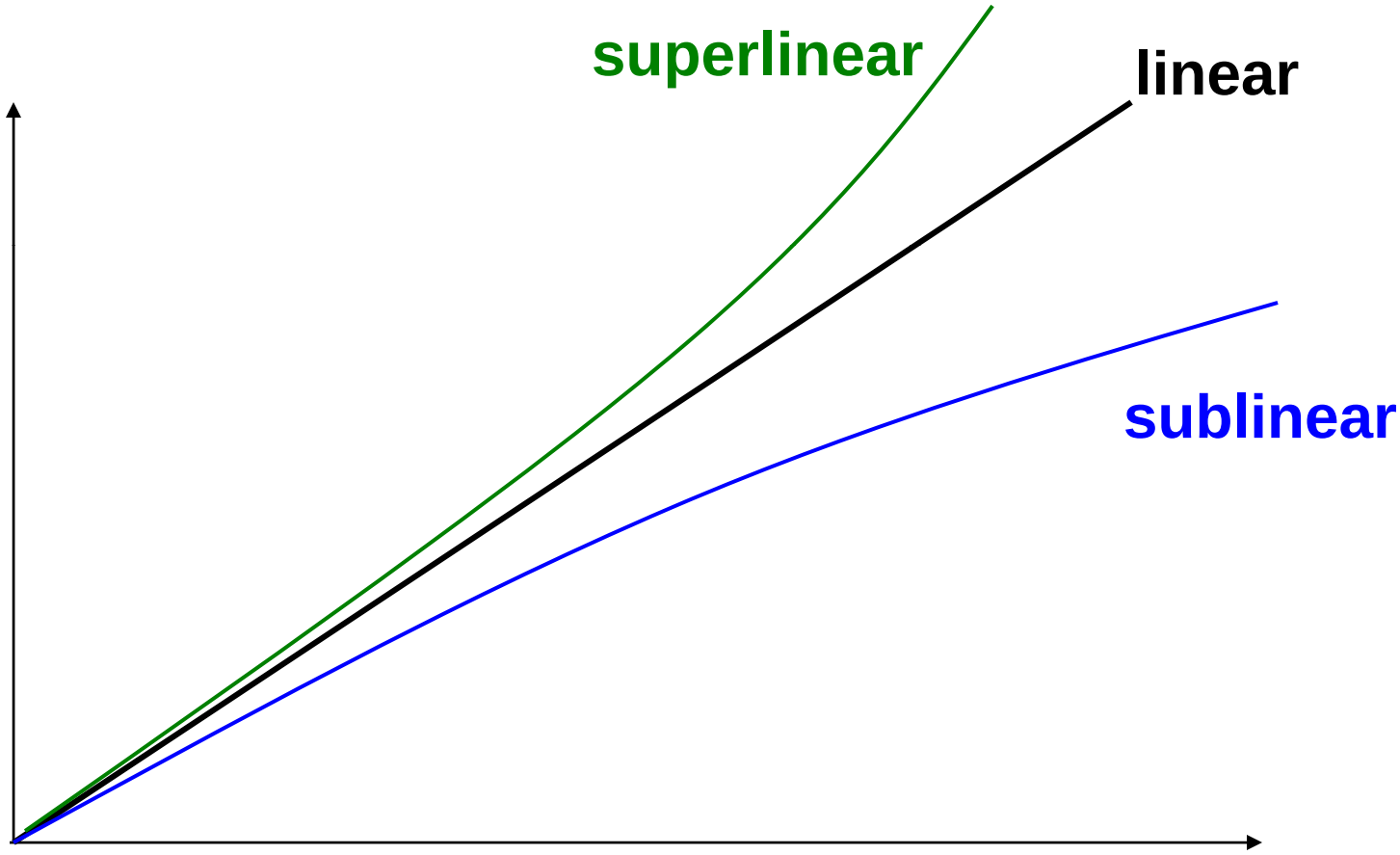

Memory Hierarchy

- Smaller and faster memory (cache) is installed closer to the processor. When data cannot fit into L1 cache, the data are stored in L2 cache, then memory.
- Multiple processors can have larger L1 cache collectively to accommodate more data for faster access. As a result, the program is faster.
- Multi-thread programs can also cause frequent data contention and trigger expensive (i.e. slow) consistency checking code. When this happens, the program can be much slower.

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Tile-Based Platform Game

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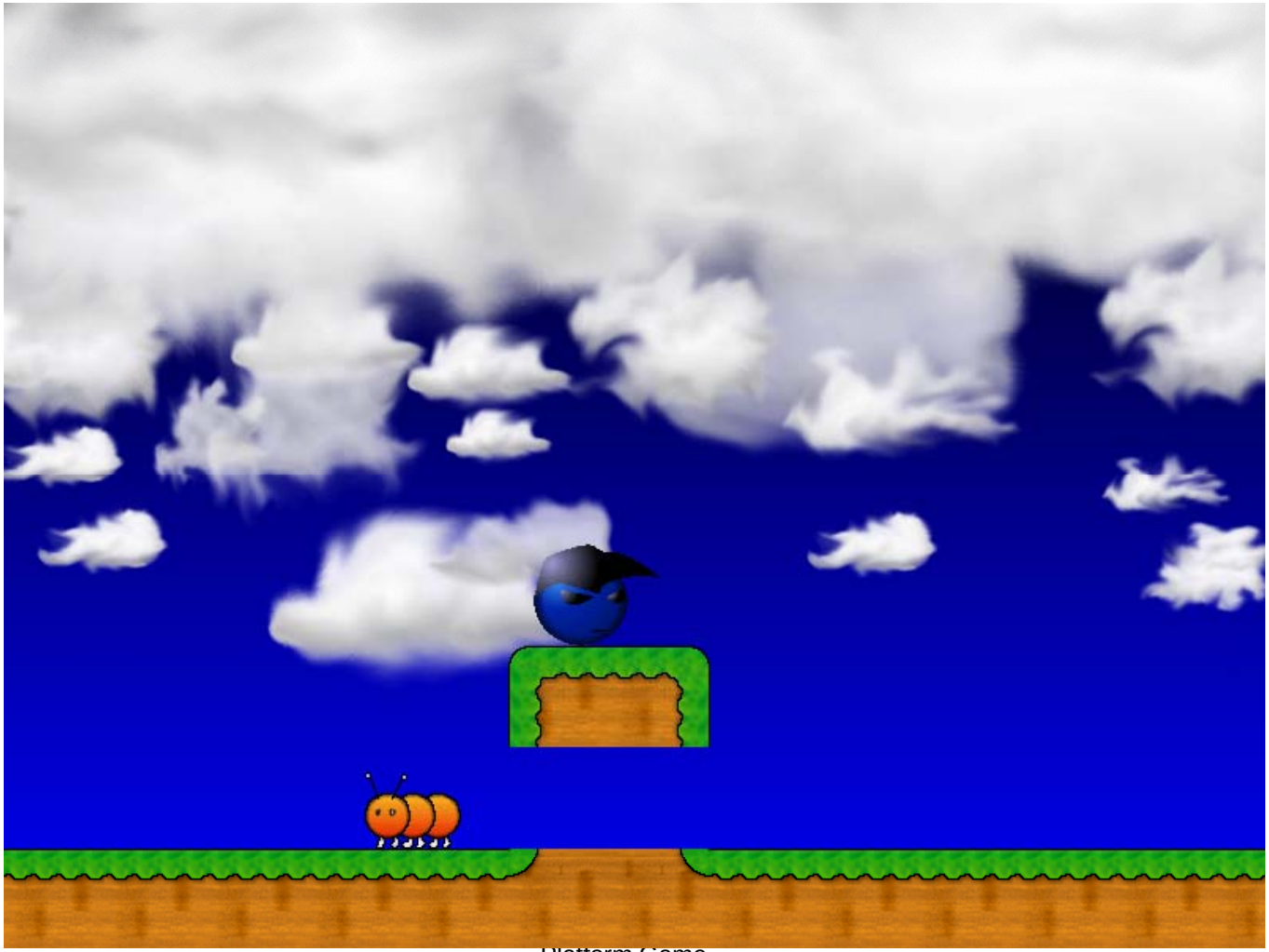

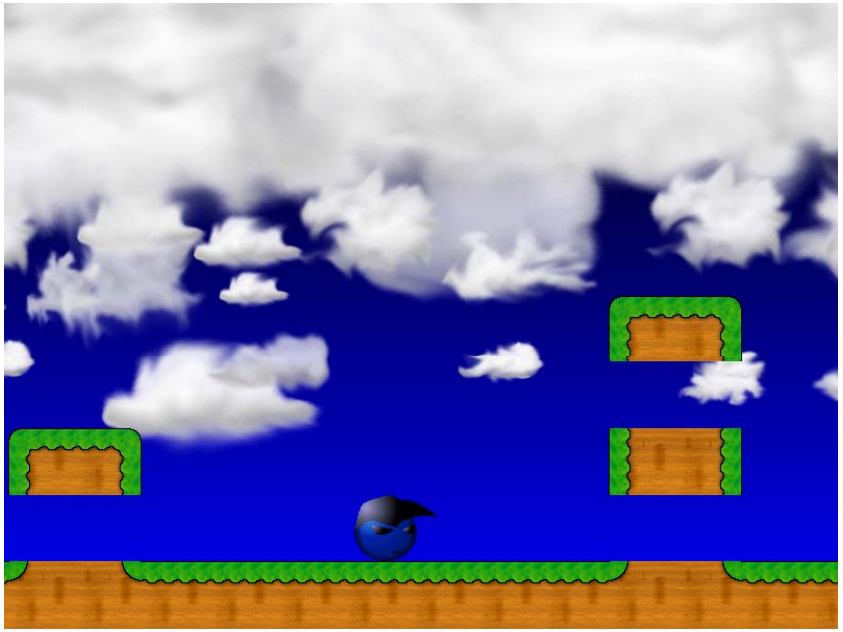

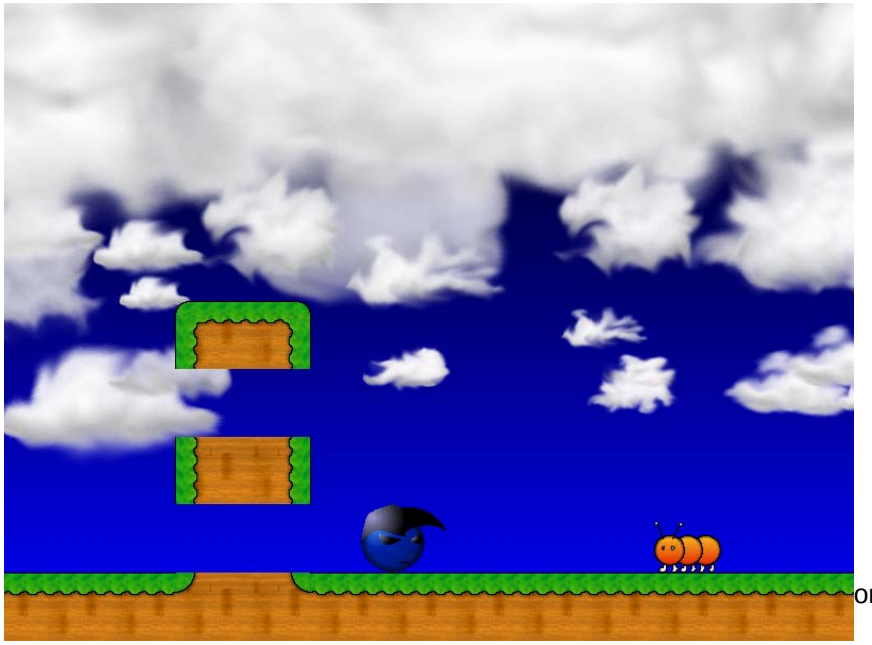

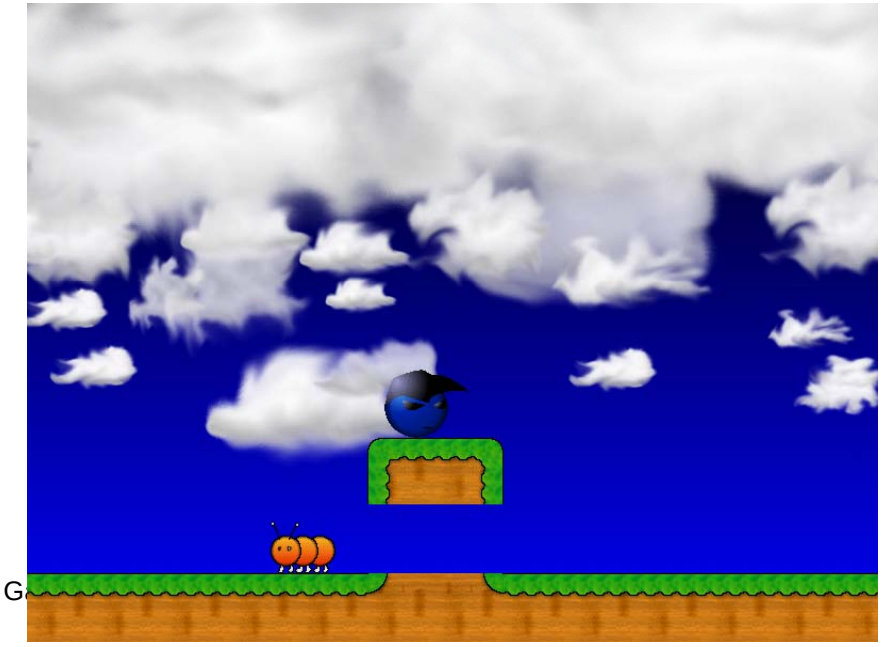

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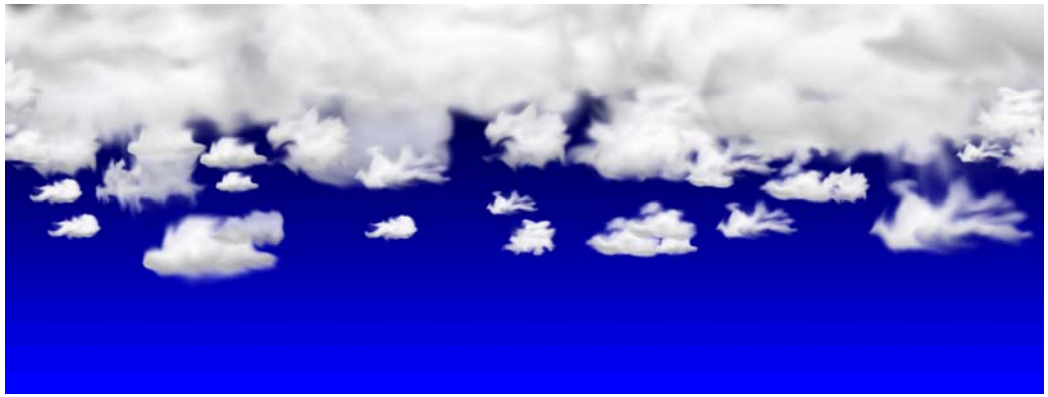
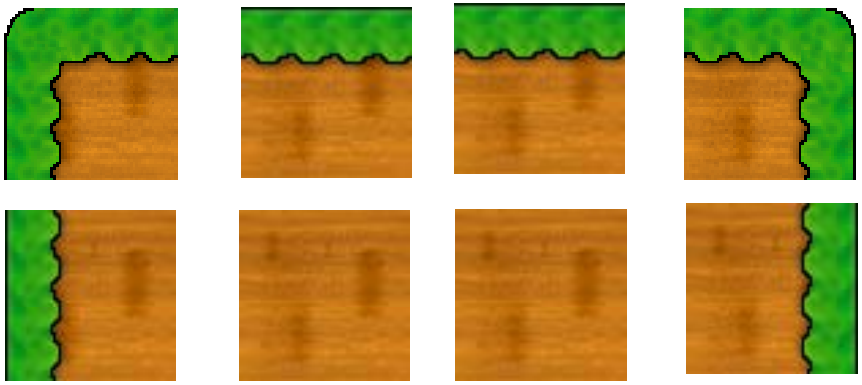
Changing Background

- background map: To provide a changing background without a very large actual background
- sky

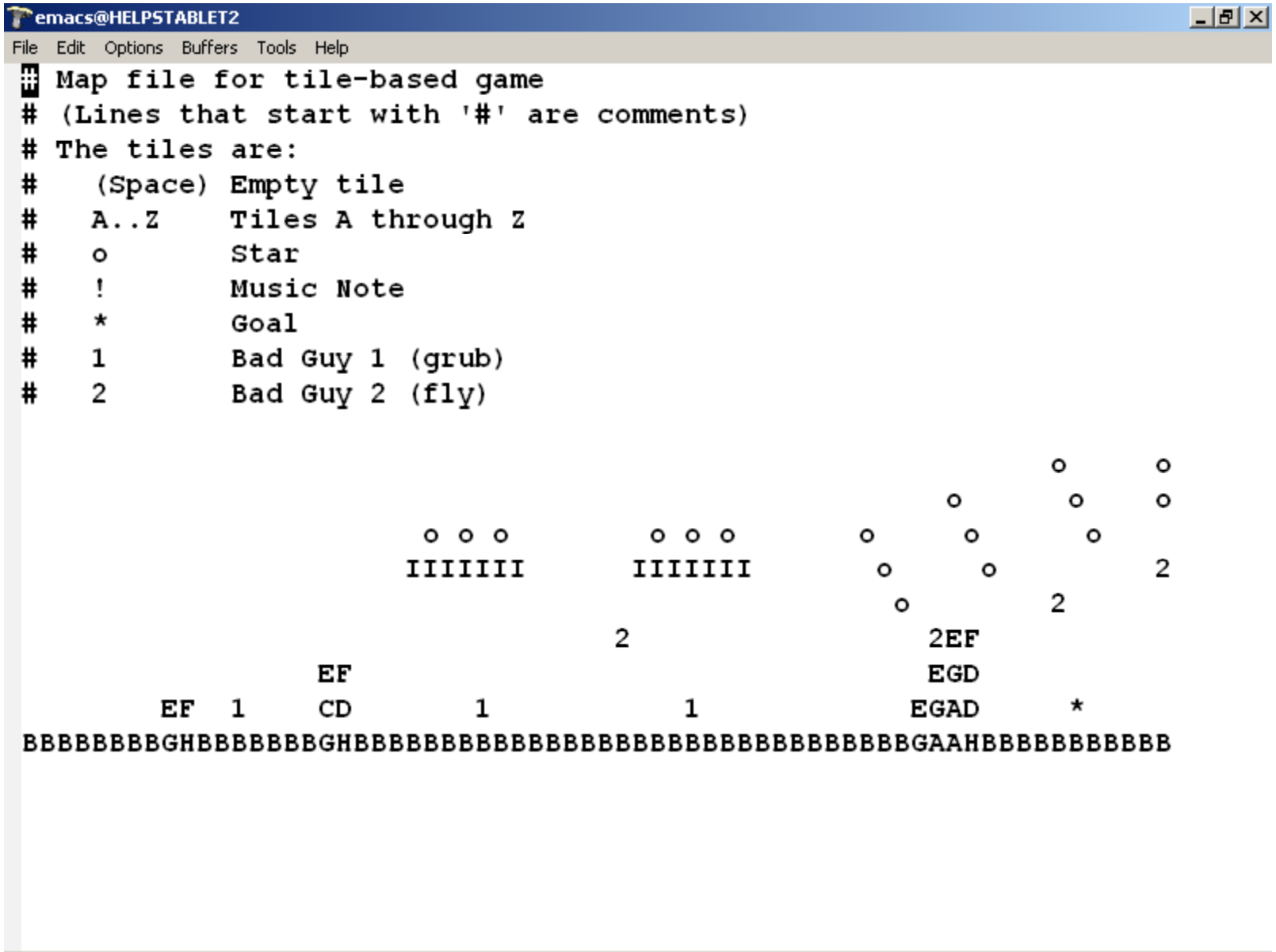


- tiles



Tile Map

- The titles do not need individual copies of the images
- collision detection based on the type of a tile
- complex map $\Rightarrow$ a special map editor
- simple map $\Rightarrow$ text editor sufficient
- Each object's location is relative to the map (not to the screen) so that a player can scroll left or right easily.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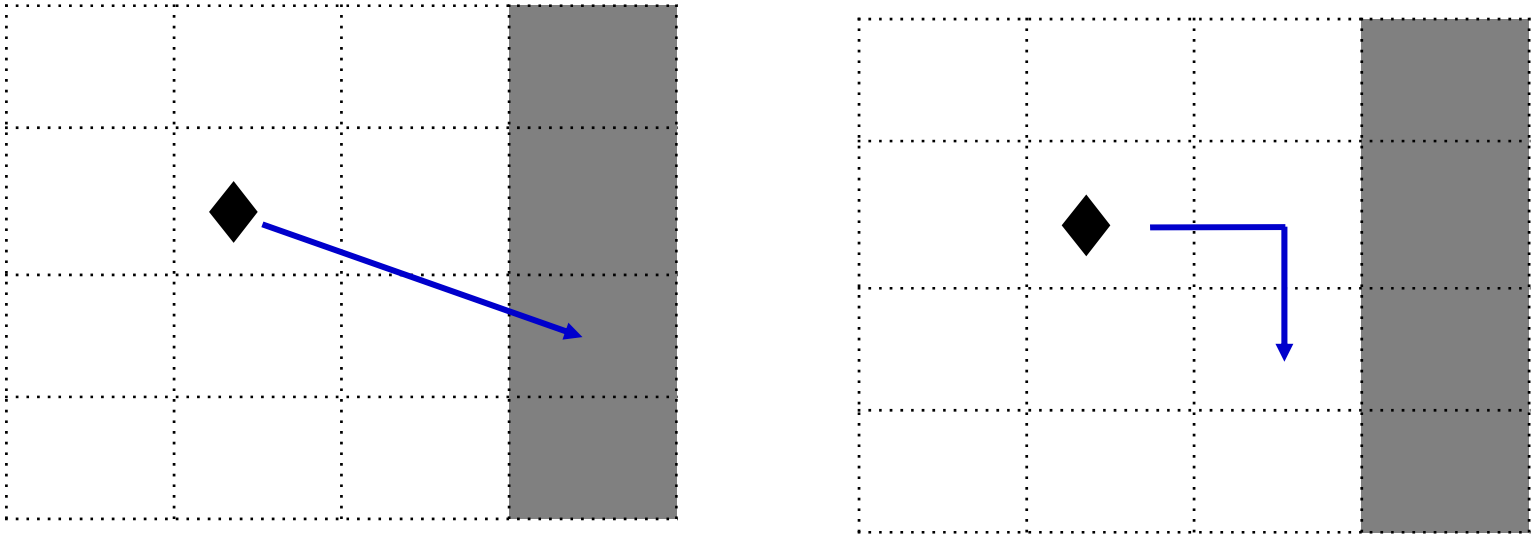
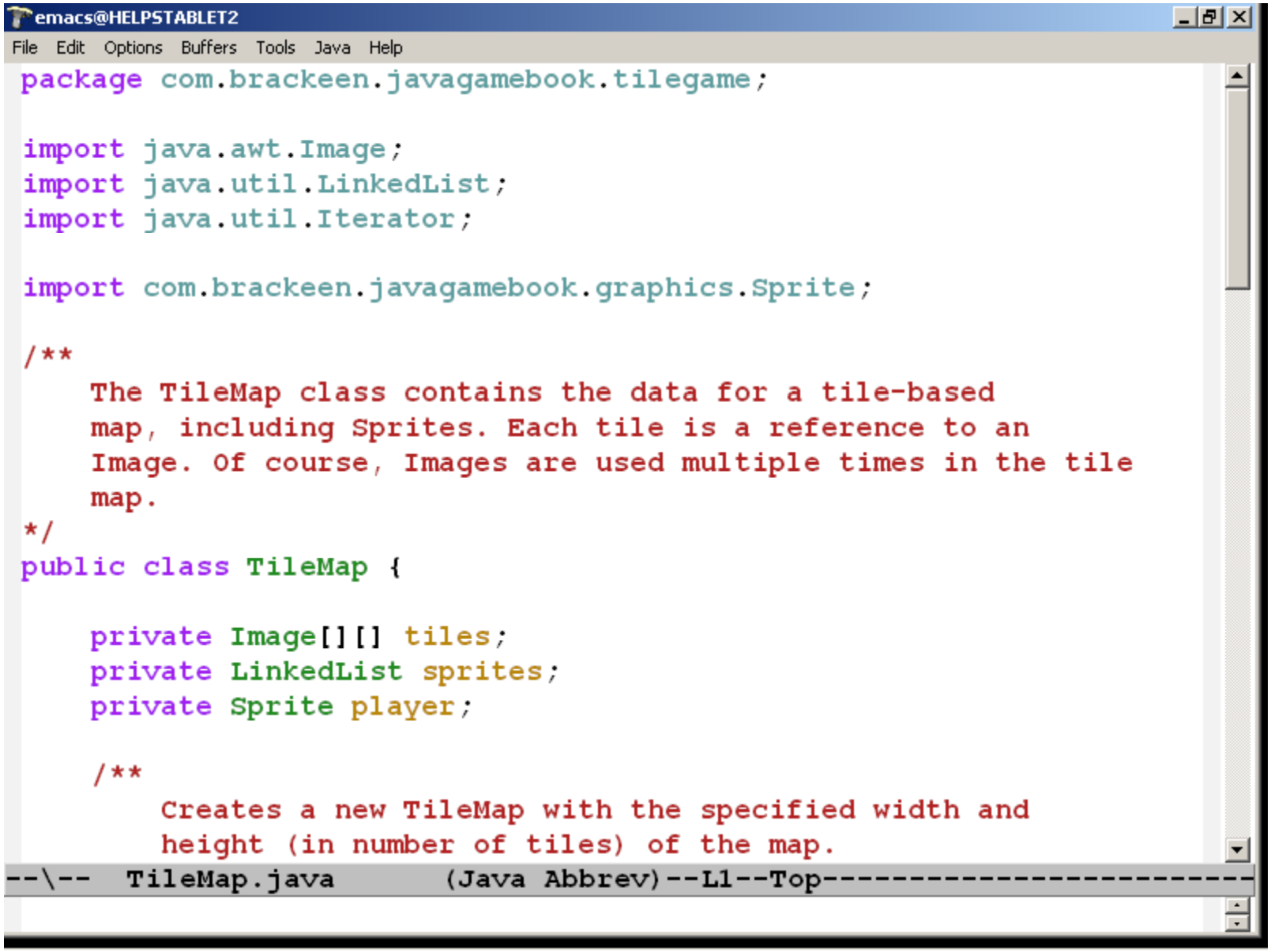
Map file for tile-based game
(Lines that start with '#' are comments)
The tiles are:
(Space) Empty tile
A..Z   Tiles A through Z
o   Star
!   Music Note
*   Goal
1   Bad Guy 1 (grub)
2   Bad Guy 2 (fly)
o o
o o o
o o o o o o
IIIIIII IIIIIII o o 2
o 2
2 2EF
EF EGD
EF 1 CD 1 1 EGAD *
BBBBBBBBGHBBBBBBBGHBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBGAAHBBBBBBBBBB

Tile-Based Collision Detection

If the sprite's next location is (x,y), checking whether collision occurs is easy:

tileMap.get(x,y) $\Rightarrow$ if a tile exists, collision

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package com.brackeen.javagamebook.tilegame;
import java.awt.Image;
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.Iterator;
import com.brackeen.javagamebook.graphics.Sprite;
/**
The TileMap class contains the data for a tile-based
map, including Sprites. Each tile is a reference to an
Image. Of course, Images are used multiple times in the tile
map.
*/
public class TileMap {
private Image[][] tiles;
private LinkedList sprites;
private Sprite player;
/**
Creates a new TileMap with the specified width and
height (in number of tiles) of the map.
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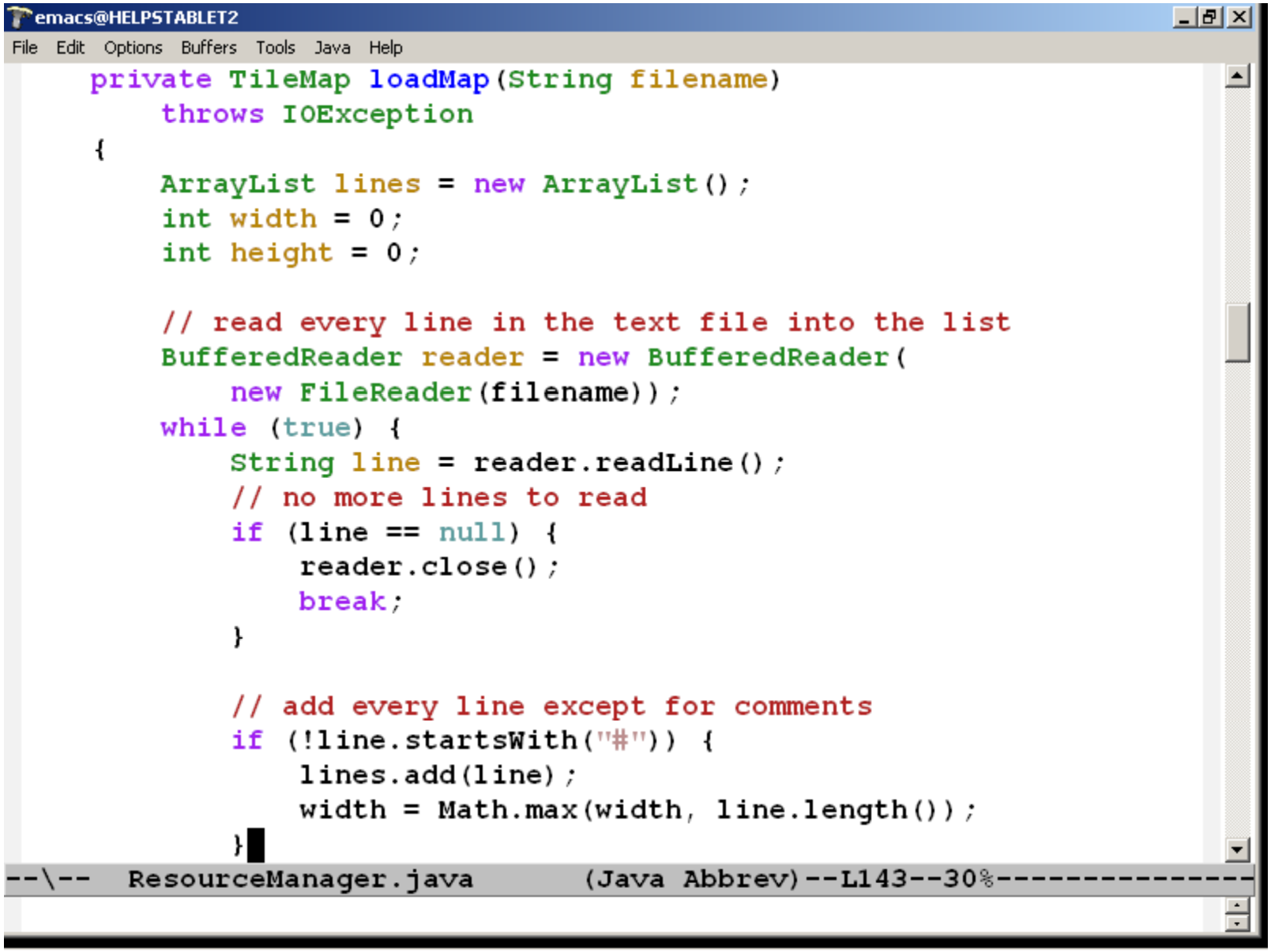
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private TileMap loadMap(String filename)
throws IOException
{
ArrayList lines = new ArrayList();
int width = 0;
int height = 0;
// read every line in the text file into the list
BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(
new FileReader(filename));
while (true) {
String line = reader.readLine();
// no more lines to read
if (line == null) {
reader.close();
break;
}
// add every line except for comments
if (!line.startsWith("#")) {
lines.add(line);
width = Math.max(width, line.length());
}
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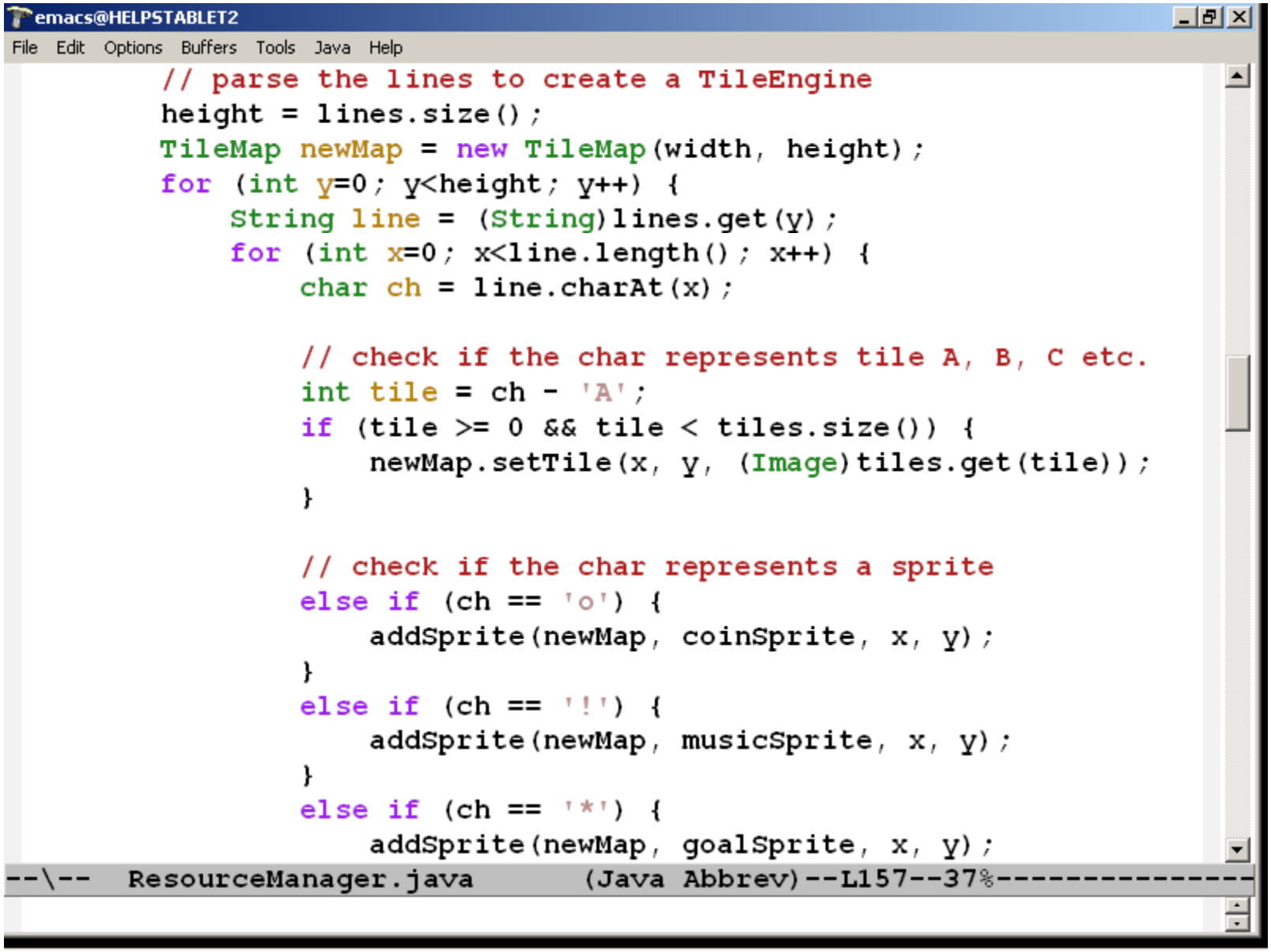
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// parse the lines to create a TileEngine
height = lines.size();
TileMap newMap = new TileMap(width, height);
for (int y=0; y<height; y++) {
String line = (String)lines.get(y);
for (int x=0; x<line.length(); x++) {
char ch = line.charAt(x);
// check if the char represents tile A, B, C etc.
int tile = ch - 'A';
if (tile >= 0 && tile < tiles.size()) {
newMap.setTile(x, y, (Image)tiles.get(tile));
}
// check if the char represents a sprite
else if (ch == 'o') {
addSprite(newMap, coinSprite, x, y);
}
else if (ch == '!') {
addSprite(newMap, musicSprite, x, y);
}
else if (ch == '*') {
addSprite(newMap, goalSprite, x, y);
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