



# Safety-Critical Java

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- Certification for DO-178B level A
- Java Specification Request 302
  - Lead Dough Locke
- Restricted subset of RTSJ
  - More worst case analysis friendly
  - JSR 302 on-going work
- 3 different levels



# SCJ Levels

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- L0 Single threaded
  - Cyclic executive
- L1 Static threads
  - Initialization and mission phase
  - Ravenscar like
  - No wait/notify
- L2 Multiple missions



# SCJ Memory Model

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- No Garbage Collection
- RTSJ immortal memory
- RTSJ style scoped memories
  - Scopes are thread private
  - Communication via immortal
- Memory model still under discussion
  - Type system to avoid scope checks



# SCJ Execution Model

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- Initialization phase - not time critical
  - Class initializing
  - Setup of all data structures and threads
- Mission phase
  - Mission can be restarted
  - Level 2: nested missions
    - More dynamic systems
    - Mode change not (yet) well defined



# SCJ Tasks

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- No threads at level 0
- Static threads/event handlers, priorities
- Event handlers
  - Time-triggered periodic
  - Event-triggered aperiodic
- Single run method for all tasks
  - No `waitForNextX()`
  - No local state preserving



# Periodic Tasks

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- RTSJ
  - `waitForNextPeriod()`
  - Split of logic possible
- SCJ
  - Single `run()` method
  - Easier to analyze



# RTSJ Periodic Task

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```
public void run() {  
  
    State local = new State();  
    doSomeInit();  
    local.setA();  
    waitForNextPeriod();  
  
    for (;;) {  
        while (!switchToB()) {  
            doModeAwork();  
            waitForNextPeriod();  
        }  
        local.setB();  
        while (!switchToA()) {  
            doModeBWork();  
            waitForNextPeriod();  
        }  
        local.setA();  
    }  
}
```

- Possible abuse
  - Local state
  - Initialization
  - Split logic
- WCET analysis harder





# SCJ Periodic Task

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- `run()` *executed*
  - Periodic (time triggered)
  - Sporadic (event triggered)
- No local state
- Single method for WCET analysis

```
new PeriodicThread(  
    new RelativeTime(...)) {  
  
    public void run() {  
        doPeriodicWork();  
    }  
};
```



# SCJ Summary

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- Restricted Java/RTSJ
- Aiming for certifiable systems
- Specification is in final phase
- First implementations emerging
  - Could be your master project ;-)