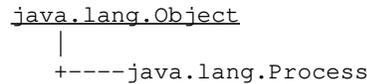


# Class `java.lang.Process`



public class **Process**  
extends [Object](#)

An instance of class `Process` is returned by variants of the `exec` method in class `System`. From the `Process` instance, it is possible to: get the `stdin` and/or `stdout` of the subprocess, kill the subprocess, wait for it to terminate, and to retrieve the final exit value of the process.

Dropping the last reference to a `Process` instance does *not* kill the subprocess. There is no requirement that the subprocess execute asynchronously with the existing Java process.

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# Constructors

## o Process

```
public Process()
```

# Methods

## o getOutputStream

```
public abstract OutputStream getOutputStream()
```

Returns a Stream connected to the input of the child process. This stream is traditionally buffered.

## o getInputStream

```
public abstract InputStream getInputStream()
```

Returns a Stream connected to the output of the child process. This stream is traditionally buffered.

## o getErrorStream

```
public abstract InputStream getErrorStream()
```

Returns the an InputStream connected to the error stream of the child process. This stream is traditionally unbuffered.

## o waitFor

```
public abstract int waitFor() throws InterruptedException
```

Waits for the subprocess to complete. If the subprocess has already terminated the exit value is simply returned. If the subprocess has not yet terminated the calling thread will be blocked until the subprocess exits. Should this be called join()?

## o exitValue

```
public abstract int exitValue()
```

Returns the exit value for the subprocess.  
**Throws:** IllegalThreadStateException  
If the subprocess has not yet terminated.

## o destroy

```
public abstract void destroy()
```

Kills the subprocess.

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