

Demo Prime Checker UI

Issue Description (Data Races, async/await)

- A first UI click event occurs and starts the TPL task for the long computation.
- During the await, a second UI click event may occur and be dispatched.
- The second UI click event also starts a TPL task for the computation, writing isPrime.
- A data race can therefore happen between both tasks
- Moreover, the first task may complete, such that the first await continues and isPrime is read in the subsequent if-condition. This can happen concurrently to the running task of the second UI call. This is also a possible data race.
- This happens in spite of the UI events and their await continuations being dispatched on the same thread.

```
await Task.Run(() => isPrime = IsPrime(number));  
if (isPrime)  
{  
    calculationResultLabel.Content = "Prime";  
}
```

Checker Output (2 Issues, 3 Locations)

Issue: #0 Data race on TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.isPrime caused by write at "isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by thread or task at "() => isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by call TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.StartCalculationButtonClick(object, System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs) caused by UI event at "StartCalculationButtonClick" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 16 caused by write at "isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by thread or task at "() => isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by call TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.StartCalculationButtonClick(object, System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs) caused by initial thread at "StartCalculationButtonClick" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 16
Issue: #1 Data race on TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.isPrime caused by write at "isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by thread or task at "() => isPrime = IsPrime(number)" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 21 caused by call TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.StartCalculationButtonClick(object, System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs) caused by UI event at "StartCalculationButtonClick" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 16 caused by read at "isPrime" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 22 caused by call TestAsyncUI.MainWindow.StartCalculationButtonClick(object, System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs) caused by initial thread at "StartCalculationButtonClick" in MainWindow.xaml.cs line 16

Problem Fixing

Change the task launch to return the calculated value and assign it after the await:

```
isPrime = await Task.Run(() => IsPrime(number));
```

Alternatively, one can prevent further click event handling while another click event is still being processed. This can be achieved e.g. with a flag.

```
private bool isRunning;

private async void StartCalculationButtonClick(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    if (isRunning)
    {
        return;
    }
    isRunning = true;
    calculationResultLabel.Content = "(computing)";
    if (long.TryParse(numberTextBox.Text, out long number))
    {
        await Task.Run(() => isPrime = IsPrime(number));
        if (isPrime)
        {
            calculationResultLabel.Content = "Prime";
        }
        else
        {
            calculationResultLabel.Content = "No prime";
        }
    }
    isRunning = false;
}
```