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# ASYNCHRONOUS CODE AND THREADING



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Respond to User Input

**Application Code** 

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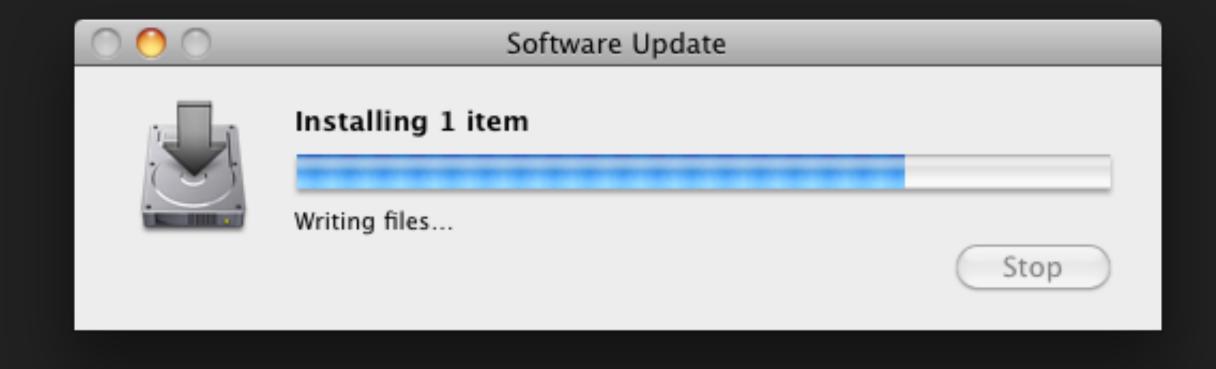
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The entire program is blocked while one piece of code is running!

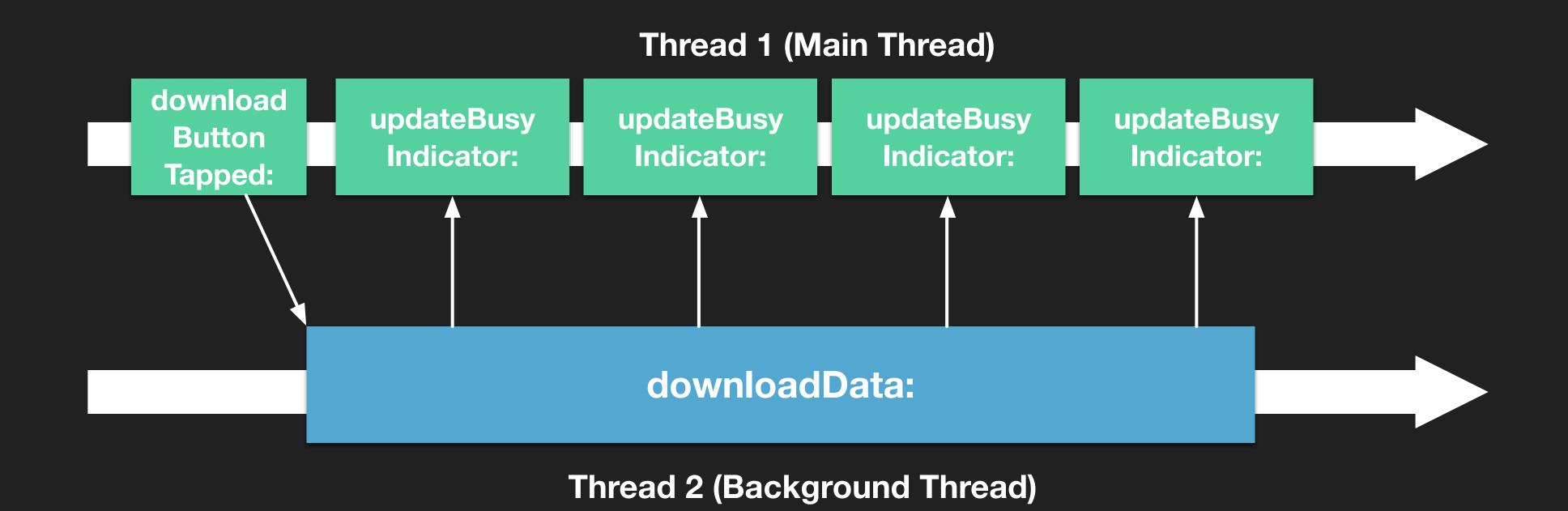


Long running tasks block our program. The UI freezes!

Threads allow us to run multiple tasks in parallel!



By using a background thread we can unblock the UI thread!





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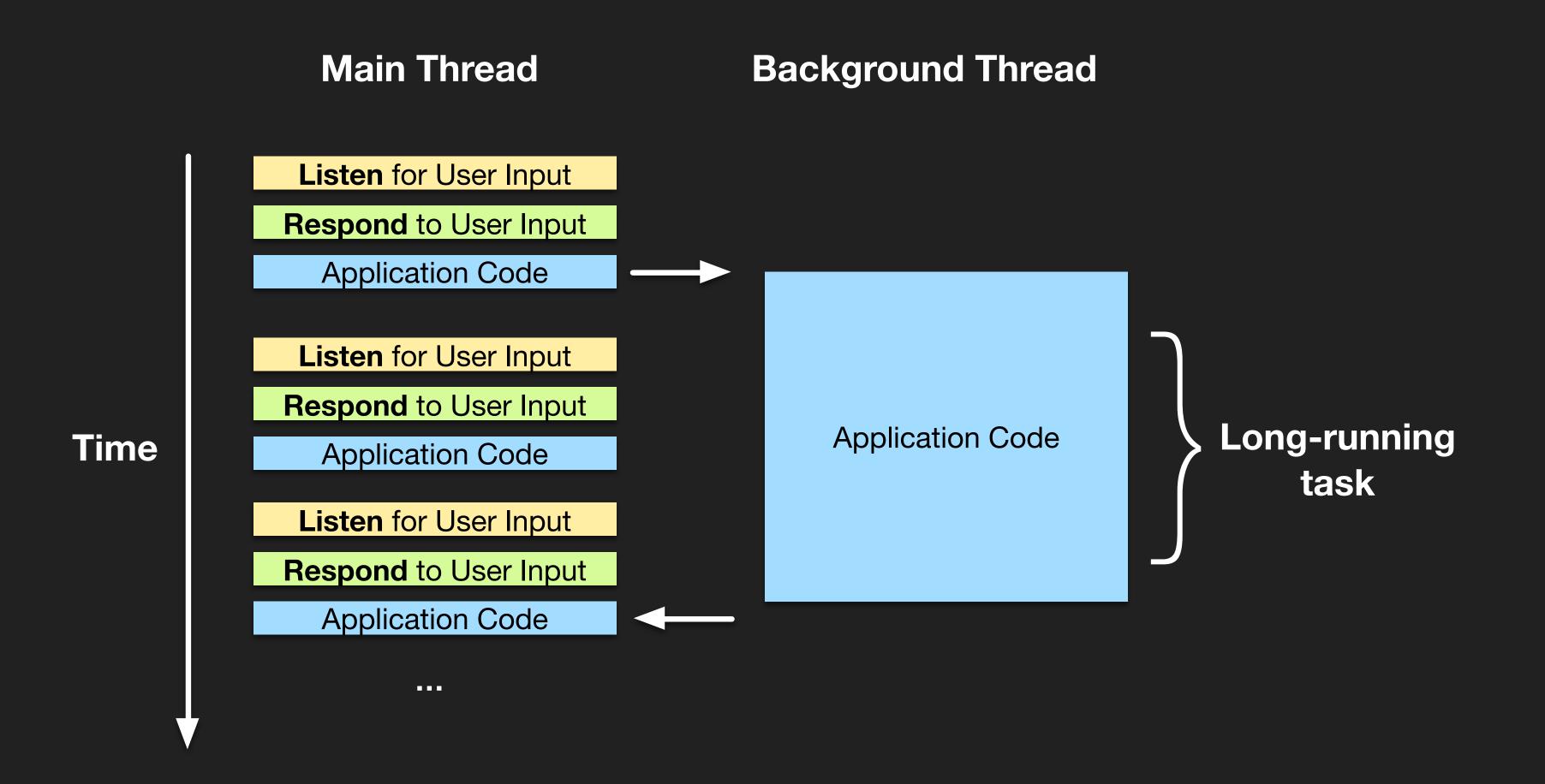
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# OUR CODE IS NO LONGER SYNCHRONOUS!



#### SYNCHRONOUS CODE

```
let image = downloadImage("test")
printImageDescription(image)
print("image displayed!")
```

- > Format: PNG, Size: 200x200
- > image displayed



#### ASYNCHRONOUS CODE

> Format: PNG, Size: 200x200

```
downloadImageAsync("test")
    (image: UIImage) -> () in
                                        CLOSURE /
    printImageDescription (image)
print ("image displayed!")
 image displayed
```



#### ASYNCHRONOUS CODE

```
downloadImageAsync("test")
    { (image: UIImage) -> () in
        printImageDescription(image)
        print("image displayed!")
}
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# THREADING WITH PARSE



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```
let query = PFQuery(className: ParseLikeClass)
query.whereKey(ParseLikeFromUser, equalTo: user)
query.whereKey(ParseLikeToPost, equalTo: post)
```

let likes = query.findObjects() BLOCKS

MAIN THREAD





#### THREADING WITH PARSE

```
let query = PFQuery(className: ParseLikeClass)
query.whereKey(ParseLikeFromUser, equalTo: user)
query.whereKey(ParseLikeToPost, equalTo: post)
query.findObjectsInBackgroundWithBlock( {
  (results: [PFObject]?, error: NSError?) -> Void in
```



# OBSERVABLES AND BONDS



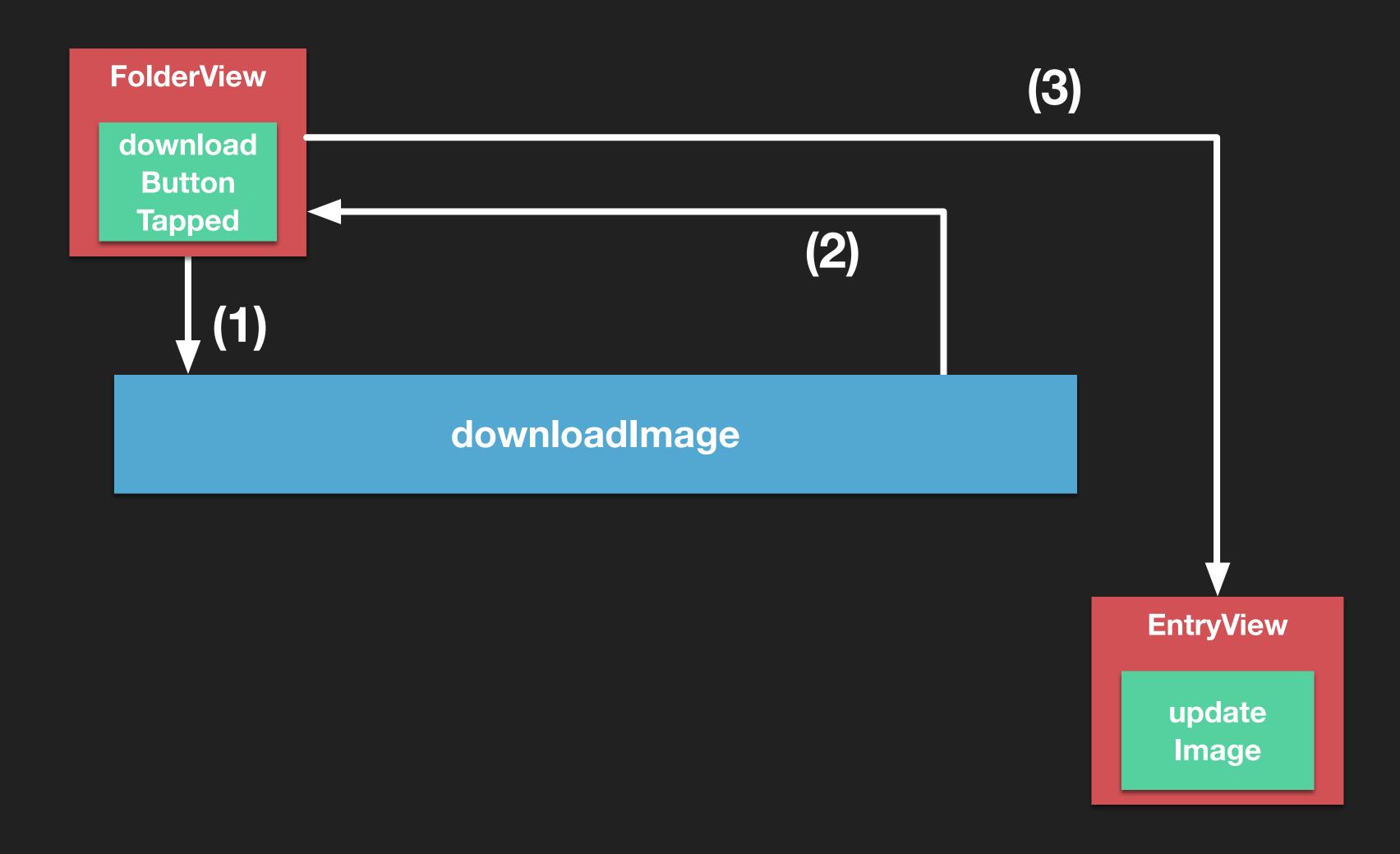
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Callbacks are a very useful tool, but they have limitations

What if the code that triggers the network request is not the code that is interested in the result?

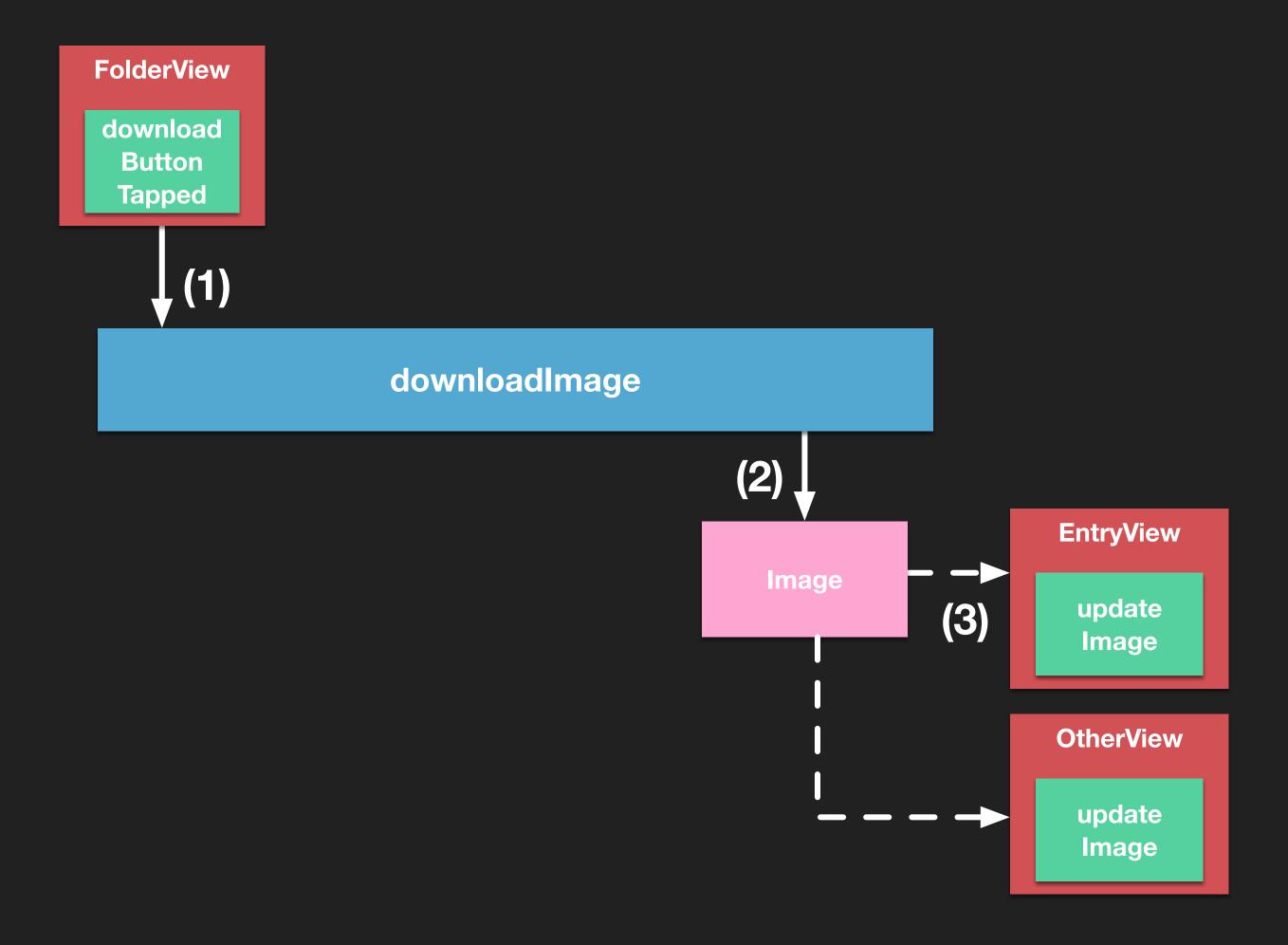


# CLASSIC CALLBACK





# OBSERVABLE AND BOND





#### OBSERVABLE PROPERTIES

```
// declaring Observable property
var image: Observable<UIImage?>
// Setting Observable property
image.value = UIImage()
```



### BONDS

```
post.likes.observe {
  (value: [PFUser]?) -> () in
    //...
}
```



### BONDS

post.image.bindTo(postImageView.bnd\_image)



#### SUMMARY

We perform code in the background to keep the UI Thread responsive

Performing code in the background leads to asynchronous program flow

Observables and Bonds are a great way to deal with asynchrony

