Android - Process & Threads

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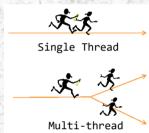
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Multi-tasking in Android

- ☐ Handling Tasks in the Computer → Running program (≈ process)
 - Process and Thread



- Process: independently executable unit on its own memory space
- Thread(≈ lightweight process): a series of control flows within a process
 - Reside inside of a process, every process has at least one thread.
 - Threads in the same process share the resources (memory, file, ...) of that process.
- Multi-tasking, Multi-processing, Parallel Processing, Multi-threading
 - 1. Multi-tasking: concurrent exec. of multiple tasks for a specific time period.
 - CPU time scheduling enables multiple tasks to be processed together.
 - Multi-tasking is possible even on a single CPU. ← time-sharing mechanism
 - 2. Multi-processing: Two or more CPUs work together to process tasks.
 - CPUs on multiple computers or on a single computer can work cooperatively.
 - 3. Parallel Processing: execute a task in parallel on two or more CPUs
 - Reduce the overall time by dividing and executing tasks using multi-core.
 - It is a concept in contrast to Serial Processing.
 - A. SIMD(Single Instruction Multiple Data) type
 - B. MIMD(Multiple Instruction Multiple Data) type
 - C. MISD(Multiple Instruction Single Data) type
 - 4. Multi-threading: run multiple threads within a process
 - Synchronization of tasks over the same resources (esp. data)!

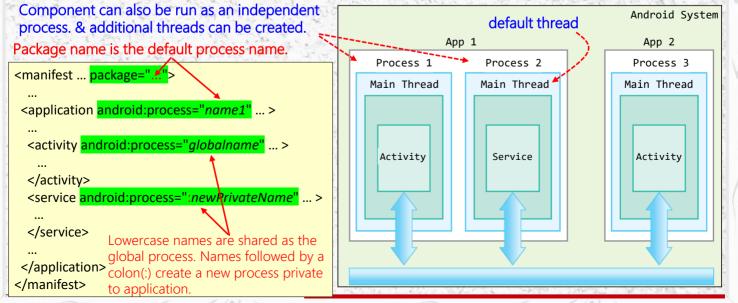


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Multi-tasking in Android

- ☐ Process & Thread in Android System
 - Utilizes multi-processing of Linux & multi-threading of Java language
 - Run multiple tasks in the foreground & background using the Activity Stack.
 - When an app starts, a corresponding new Linux process is created.
 - Basically, all components in an app run in the same thread in the same process. If another component of the app is already running as a process, a new component is started within that process and shares the default thread.



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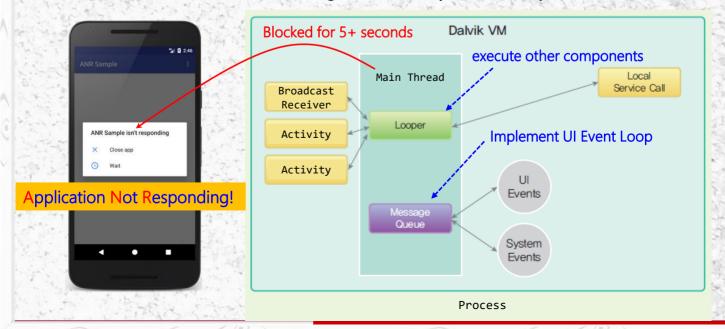
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- Process Lifecycle management in Android
 - Android removes processes based on priority to free up memory.
 - There are 5 level of importance hierarchy.
 - 1. foreground process: the process the user is currently working on.
 - Have an activity interacts with the user or have a service connected to it.
 - · Foreground service that is started by calling startForeground() method.
 - Having a service executing onCreate(), onStart(), onDestroy() method.
 - Having a broadcast receiver executing onReceive() method.
 - 2. visible process: a process that does not have a foreground component but still can affect what the user sees on the screen.
 - · Having an activity that is not in the foreground but affects the user.
 - e.g: previous activity visible at the back of the dialog window.
 - Having a service connected to a visible application
 - 3. service process: a process running a service started with startService().
 - · Though not visible, it's still handling something important to the user.
 - e.g.: play music at the background, download file at the background, ...
 - 4. background process: a process of invisible activity with a onStop() call.
 - 5. empty process: a process with no active component
 - · A process kept for the purpose of caching to quickly execute components

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Multi-tasking in Android

- Main Thread (≈ UI Thread): default thread of application execution
 - single thread model: main thread is responsible for event handling of UI components, UI drawing, and all system calls from the components.
 - Rule 1: prevent UI Thread from blocking ← can cause ANR exception!
 - Rule 2: never manipulate Android's UI toolkit outside of the UI Thread.
 - > Use worker thread for long tasks & manipulate UI only at the main thread.



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Using Thread in Java

- Creating threads in Java
 - 1. Inherit Thread class and provide run() method at the subclass.
 - Execute run() method by calling Thread.start() as a separate thread.
 - 2. Pass an object implementing Runnable interface to a Thread object.
 - · Usable when cannot inherit Thread by already inheriting another class.
 - · Mainly adopted as an anonymous inner-class for convenient use of thread
 - ❖ Directly calling run() is processing the work in an existing thread!

```
public class Worker extends Thread {
                                               public class Worker implements Runnable {
 public void run() {
                                                 public void run() {
   ... // Things to do in a new thread!
                                                   ... // Things to do in a new thread!
 public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                 public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                  Worker t = new Worker();
  Worker t = new Worker();
                                                  new Thread(t).start();
  t.start():
                                                   ... // Things to do in main thread!
   ... // Things to do in main thread!
                                Main Thread
                                                                                 Main Thread
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```

Using Thread in Java

- Using anonymous inner-class
 - Corresponds to the method of using the Runnable interface for thread.
 - Passing an anonymous object that implements Runnable to a Thread object.
 - Don't need to give it a name. used for a one-time task.
 - There's no need to reuse it because its closely connected to the UI.
 - It can access all the members of the enclosing outside class.

No need for external class to inherit(implement) Thread(Runnable).

```
public class Worker implements Runnable {
...

public void run() {
    ... // Things to do in a new thread!
}

worker Thread

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Worker t = new Worker();
    new Thread(t).start();
    ... // Things to do in main thread!
}

Main Thread
}
```

```
public class Worker {
...

public static void main(String[] args) {
  Worker t = new Worker();
  new Thread( new Runnable() {
    public void run() {
        ... // Things to do in a new thread!
    }
} ).start();
... // Things to do in main thread!
}
Main Thread
```

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Using Thread in Java

Use a separate worker thread (background thread) in Activity

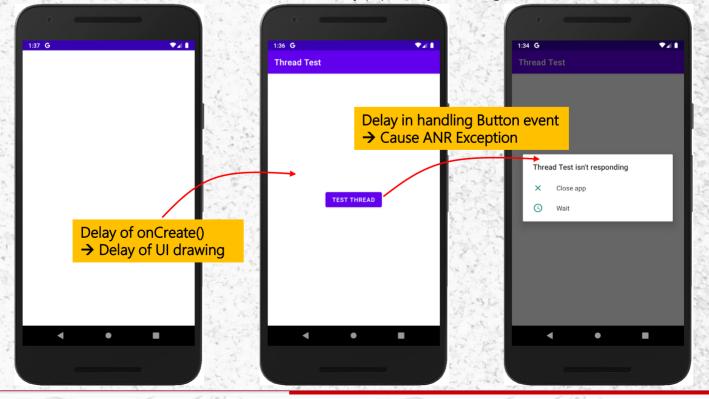
1. Create 'Thread Test Project'

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
                                                                                          activity main.xml
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout
 xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
 xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
                                                         public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
                                                            protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
 tools:context=".MainActivity">
                                                             super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                             setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
 <Button
                                                                                Delay the execution of a thread
   android:id="@+id/test"
                                                             for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
                                                                 Thread.sleep(6000);
   android:text="Test Thread"
                                                                 Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
   android:onClick="processClick"
                                                               } catch (Exception e) {}
   app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintLeft_toLeftOf="parent"
                                                             Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
   app:layout_constraintRight_toRightOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
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                                                           public void processClick(View v) {
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
                                                                                              MainActivity.java
                                                         }
```

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Using Thread in Java

- (Use a separate worker thread (background thread) in Activity)
 - 2. Run and Test the 'Thread Test Project'
 - Increase the time in Thread.sleep(...), keep clicking the Button!



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Using Thread in Java

- ☐ (Use a separate worker thread (background thread) in Activity)
 - 3. Modify and Run the 'Thread Test Project'
 - · Modify the code to use a separate Thread

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);

  for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        try {
          Thread.sleep(6000);
        Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
        } catch (Exception e) {}
    }
    Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
  }
    Copy & Paste
  public void processClick(View v) {
    ...
        MainActivity.java
}</pre>
```

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity
implements Runnable {
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    new Thread(this).start();
  public void processClick(View v) {
    new Thread(this).start();
  public void run() { <
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
       Thread.sleep(6000);
       Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
     } catch (Exception e) {}
    Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
                                      MainActivity.java
}
```

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Using Thread in Android

- (Use a separate worker thread (background thread) in Activity)
 - 4. Avoid creating Threads on every Button clicks → use run flag!

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity
implements Runnable {
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
   new Thread(this).start(); -
  public void processClick(View v) {
    new Thread(this).start(); --
  public void run() {
   for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
     try {
       Thread.sleep(6000);
       Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
     } catch (Exception e) {}
   Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
 }
                                      MainActivity.java
}
```

```
public class MainActivity ... {
                                             Add flag
  private boolean running = false;
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
  public void processClick(View v) {
    if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
  public void run() {
    running = true;
    for (int i = 0; i < 5 & running; i++) {
     try {
       Thread.sleep(6000);
       Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
     } catch (Exception e) {}
   Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
    running = false;
                                       MainActivity.java
```

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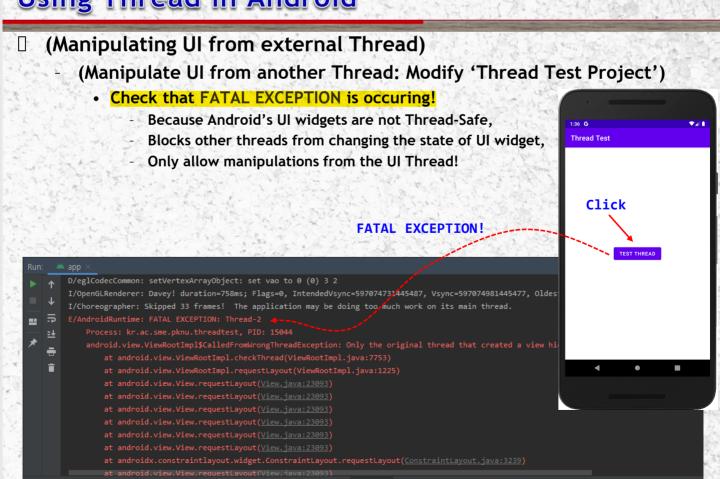
Manipulating UI from external Thread

- Manipulate UI from another Thread: Modify 'Thread Test Project'

```
public class MainActivity ... {
public class MainActivity ... {
  private boolean running = false;
                                                              private boolean running = false;
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                              protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                                super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                 delete
    if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                                setContentView(R, layout, activity_main);
                                                                // if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
  }
  public void processClick(View v) {
    if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                              public void processClick(View v) {
                                                                if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
  public void run() {
    running = true;
                                                              public void run() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 5 && running; i++) {
                                                                running = true;
      try {
       Thread.sleep(6000);
                                                                Button btn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.test);
                                                   replace
       Log.d("THREAD", "delays return: " + i);
                                                                btn.setText("Changed!");
      } catch (Exception e) {}
                                                                running = false;
    Log.d("THREAD", "all done.");
                                                              }
                                                                                                   MainActivity.java
    running = false;
                                                            }
                                       MainActivity.java
}
```

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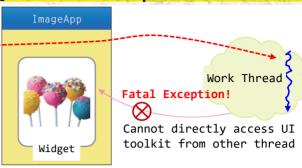
(Manipulating UI from external Thread)

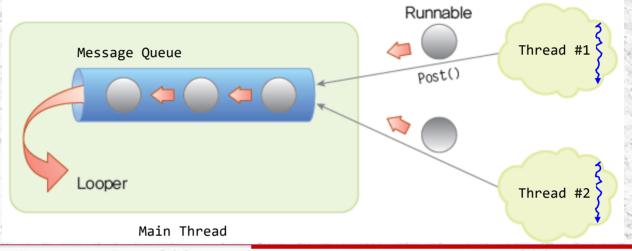
Delegate execution by using Event Queue of the Looper in Main Thread

Be careful not to manipulate the UI from the worker thread that is introduced to run the task that takes long time.

1. For View or Activity

- View.post(Runnable)
- View.postDelayed(Runnable, long)
- Activity.runOnUiThread(Runnable)





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Using Thread in Android

- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - (1. For View or Activity)
 - e.g.: downloading an image through Network & setting it in ImageView
 - Even if you use a separate thread to download the image, this thread cannot directly manipulate the ImageView. Use View.post(...) instead!

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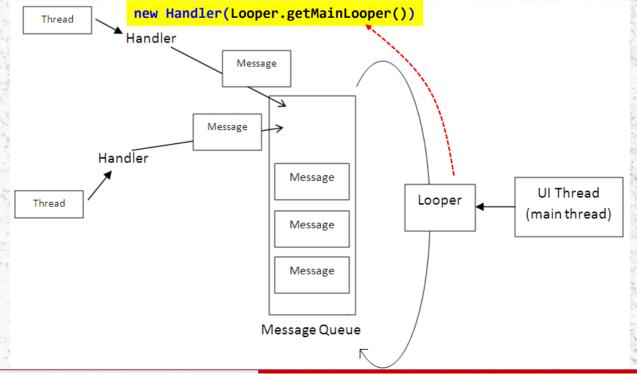
- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - e.g.: Correct the 'Thread Test Project'

```
public class MainActivity ... {
                                                            public class MainActivity ... {
 private boolean running = false;
                                                             private boolean running = false;
 protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                             protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                               super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
                                                               setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
   // if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                               // if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
 }
 public void processClick(View v) {
                                                             public void processClick(View v) {
    if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                                if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
 public void run() {
                                                             public void run() {
                                                               running = true;
   running = true;
                                                                Button btn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.test);
   Button btn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.test); replace
                                                               btn.post(new Runnable() {
   btn.setText("Changed!");
                                                                 public void run() {
                                                                   btn.setText("Changed!");
    running = false;
 }
                                      MainActivity.java
                                                               running = false;
                                                                                                   MainActivity.java
                                                           }
```

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Using Thread in Android

- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - 2. Delivering a task to Looper of UI Thread via android.os. Handler
 - A child thread of UI Thread uses Handler.post(Runnable) to deliver Runnable task to Message Queue managed by Looper of UI Thread.



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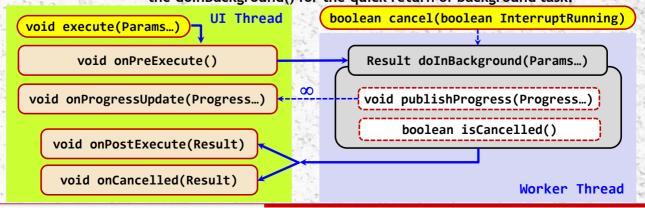
- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - (2. Delivering a task to Looper of UI Thread via android.os. Handler)
 - Use the Looper of the UI Thread, not the Looper of the Handler's thread!
 - new Handler(Looper.getMainLooper()) ← Runs at the UI Thread's Main Looper
 - new Handler(Looper.myLooper()) ← Runs at the current Thread's Looper
 - » If UI Thread and Handler's thread are different, FATAL EXCEPTION occurs!

```
public class MainActivity ... {
                                                           public class MainActivity ... {
 public void processClick(View v) {
                                                             public void processClick(View v) {
   if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                               if (!running) new Thread(this).start();
                                                                                   Looper.myLooper(); try!
 public void run() {
                                                             public void run() {
   running = true;
                                                               running = true;
   Button btn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.test);
                                                               Button btn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.test);
   btn.post(new Runnable() {
                                                               Looper aLooper = Looper.getMainLooper(); <-
                                                               new Handler(aLooper).post(new Runnable() {
     public void run() {
                                                     replace
       btn.setText("Changed!");
                                                                 public void run() {
                                                                   btn.setText("Changed!");
   running = false;
 }
                                                               running = false;
                                      MainActivity.java
}
                                                             }
                                                                                                  MainActivity.java
```

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Using Thread in Android

- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - 3. Asynchronous processing with AsyncTask ← deprecated (API Level 30)
 - Provides a dedicated method for simple background work & UI update
 - Inherit AsyncTask<Params, Progress, Result> and override doInBackground()
 - Start: execute({ Params... | Runnable }), executeOnExecutor(Executor, Params...)
 - Create and execute an AsyncTask within the UI Thread.
 - onPreExecute() → doInBackground() → { onPostExecute() | onCancelled() }
 - Inside of dolnBackground(): call publishProgress() to run onProgressUpdate()
 - All the other onXXX() methods except doInBackground() are run by UI Thread.
 - By calling cancel(), we can execute onCancelled() instead of onPostExecute().
 - » isCancelled() returns true for cancelled task → check isCancelled() within the doInBackground() for the quick return of background task.



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- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - (3. Asynchronous processing with AsyncTask)
 - Since HoneyComb(v3.0), single thread sequentially handles all AsyncTasks.
 - For parallel execution: use executeOnExecutor(Executor, Params...)
 - » Designate AsyncTask.THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR as an Executor
 - When no specific type is used for Params, Progress, Result -> use Void

```
private class DownloadFilesTask extends AsyncTask<URL, Integer, Long> {
                                                                              Run (UI Thread)
   protected Long doInBackground(URL... urls) {
       int count = urls.length;
                                            new DownloadFilesTask().execute(url1, url2, url3)
       long totalSize = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
            totalSize += Downloader.downloadFile(urls[i]);
                                                                         Finished AsyncTask object
           publishProgress((int) ((i / (float) count) * 100));
                                                                         cannot be executed again!
            // Escape early if cancel() is called
           if (isCancelled()) break;
        return totalSize;
    protected void onProgressUpdate(Integer... progress)
       setProgressPercent(progress[0]);
    protected void onPostExecute(Long result) {
       showDialog("Downloaded " + result + " bytes");
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```

Using Thread in Android

- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - Image File Download using AsyncTask
 - Modify 'Thread Test Project'

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
                                                                                        activity_main.xml
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout
 xmlns;android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
 xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
                                           <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
                                                                                         AndroidManifest.xml
 tools:context=".MainActivity">
                                           <manifest ... >
                            Modify
                                              <application android:allowBackup="true" ...
 <ImageView
                                              </application>
   android:id="@+id/test"
                                              <uses-permission android;name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
   android:layout_width="match_parent"
                                           </manifest>
   android:layout_height="match_parent"
   app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
                                                                                      Add Permission
   app:layout_constraintLeft_toLeftOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintRight_toRightOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

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```
gaon big.jpg
                                                                                            MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity implements Runnable {
 private final String data = "https://isis.pknu.ac.kr/gaon_small.jpg";
  private class ImageDownloadTask extends AsyncTask<String, Integer, Bitmap> {
    protected void onPostExecute(Bitmap bitmap) {
     lmageView iv = (lmageView) findViewByld(R.id.test);
     iv.setImageBitmap(bitmap);
     Toast.makeText(getBaseContext(), "Image Downloaded!", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
                                                          protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {
                                                            Bitmap image = null;
                                                            InputStream is = null;
                                                            try {
 protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                             URL url = new URL(urls[0]);
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                             HttpsURLConnection conn =
   setContentView(R.id.activity_main);
                                                                (HttpsURLConnection) url.openConnection();
    this.runOnUiThread(this);
                                                             conn.connect();
                                                             is = conn.getInputStream();
 public void run() {
                                                             image = BitmapFactory.decodeStream(is);
    new ImageDownloadTask().execute("data");
                                                            } catch(Exception e) {
 }
                                                              Log.d("THREAD", "Download Error: " + e.toString());
}
                                                            return image;
```

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Using Thread in Android

(Manipulating UI from external Thread)

(Image File Download using AsyncTask: showing progress)

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity implements Runnable {
                                                                                                  MainActivity.java
 private final String data = "https://isis.pknu.ac.kr/gaon_big.jpg";
 private ProgressDialog pDlg;
                                      add
 private class ImageDownloadTask extends AsyncTask<String, Integer, Bitmap> {
   protected void onCancelled(Bitmap bitmap) {
     Toast.makeText(getBaseContext(), "Download Cancelled!", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
                                                             protected void onPreExecute() {
   protected void onProgressUpdate(Integer... values) {
                                                               pDlg = new ProgressDialog(MainActivity.this);
     pDlg.setProgress(values[0]);
                                                              pDlg.setTitle("File Download");
                                                               pDlg.setMessage("Downloading Image...");
   protected void onPostExecute(Bitmap bitmap) {
                                                               pDlg.setProgressStyle(ProgressDialog.STYLE_HORIZONTAL);
     lmageView iv = (lmageView) findViewByld(R.id.test);
                                                              pDlg.setMax(100);
     iv.setImageBitmap(bitmap);
                                                               pDlg.setProgress(0);
     pDlg.dismiss();
                                                              pDlg.setCancelable(true);
                                                              pDlg.setOnCancelListener(
                                                                new DialogInterface.OnCancelListener() {
                                                                  public void onCancel(DialogInterface dialog) {
                                                                    ImageDownloadTask.this.cancel(true);
                                                              }):
                                                              pDlg.show();
      protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) { ... }
```

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- (Manipulating UI from external Thread)
 - (Image File Download using AsyncTask: showing progress)

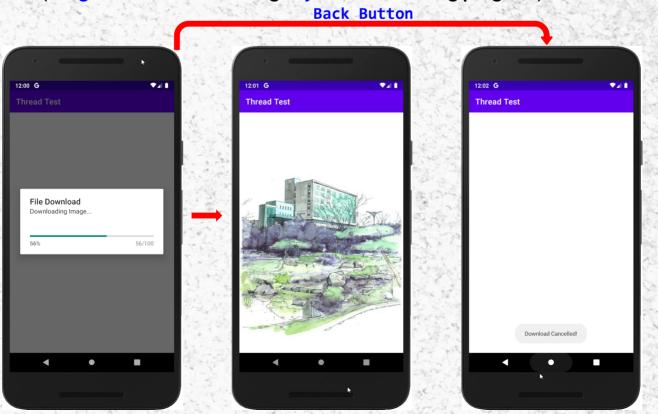
```
protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {
 Bitmap image = null;
                                              URL url = new URL(urls[0]);
 InputStream is = null;
                                              HttpsURLConnection conn = (HttpsURLConnection) url.openConnection();
 BufferedOutputStream os = null;
                                              conn.connect();
 int received = 0;
 try {
   int fileSize = conn.getContentLength();
   is = new BufferedInputStream(url.openStream(), 512);
   ByteArrayOutputStream dataStream = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
   os = new BufferedOutputStream(dataStream);
                                                      byte buffer[] = new byte[512];
                                                      long total = 0;
                                                      while ((received = is.read(buffer)) != -1) {
 } catch(Exception e) {
                                                        total += received;
   Log.d("THREAD", "Error: " + e.toString());
                                                        publishProgress((int) ((total * 100) / fileSize));
                                                        os.write(buffer, 0, received);
                                                        if (isCancelled())
 return image;
                                                          return null;
                                                      os.flush();
                                                      byte[] data = dataStream.toByteArray();
                                                      mage = BitmapFactory.decodeByteArray(data, 0, data,length);
```

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Using Thread in Android

☐ (Manipulating UI from external Thread)





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Async messaging with Handler & Looper

- Use Message Queue and Looper bound to the Handler's thread
 - · Can construct a processing mechanism like the Android System's UI Thread
 - Looper: schedule & dispatch Message or Runnable that enters the Queue.
 - Handler: Send Message to Queue, handle callback interface.
- In the Thread: Looper.prepare() → new Handler(...) → Looper.loop()
 - Pass Looper to Handler while creating, explicitly bind to target Thread
 new Handler(Looper.myLooper()) vs. new Handler(Looper.getMainLooper())
 - Call Looper.quit() to finish Looper Thread.
 - Looper handles Message via handleMessage() of bound Handler.

```
public class MyServiceHandler extends Handler {
                                                          public class MyServiceThread extends Thread {
  @Override
                                                            private Handler mHandler;
  public void handleMessage (Message msg) { ←--
                                                            @Override
                                                            public void run() {
   // TODO: handle message here!
                                                              Looper.prepare();
                                                              mHandler = new MyServiceHandler();
                                                             Looper.loop();
MyServiceThread server = new MyServiceThread();
                                                           }
server.start();
                                                            public Handler getHandler() {
server.getHandler().postDelayed(myRunnable, 1000);
                                                              return mHandler;
server.getHandler().sendMessage(myMessage);
                                                            }
server.getHandler().sendEmptyMessage(0);
```

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Using Thread in Android

(Async messaging with Handler & Looper)

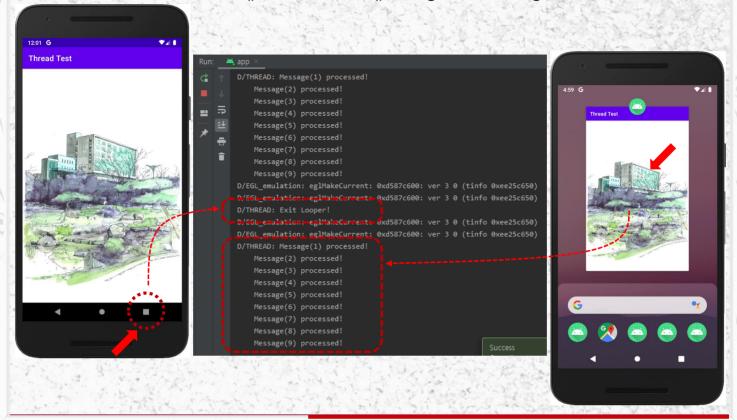
```
    Thread Test Project: Add inner-class & member to MainActivity class

public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity implements Runnable {
                                                               protected void onResume() {
 private class MyServiceThread extends Thread {
   private Handler myHandler;
                                                                 super.onResume();
                                                                 server = new MyServiceThread();
   public void run() {
     Looper.prepare();
                                                                 server.start();
                                                                 new Handler(Looper.getMainLooper()).postDelayed(
     myHandler = new Handler(Looper.myLooper()) {
                                                                   new Runnable() {
       public void handleMessage(Message msg) {
                                                                     public void run() {
         switch(msg.what) {
                                                                      for (int i = 1; i < 10; i++)
            Log.d("THREAD", "Exit Looper!");
                                                                       server.getHandler().sendEmptyMessage(i);
            Looper.myLooper().quit();
                                                                                 Send delayed message to
                                                                   }, 1000);
            break;
                                                                                 another Handler considering
                                                                                 server's start-up delay.
            Log.d("THREAD", "Message(" + msg.what + ") processed!");
                                                    protected void onPause() {
                                                      super.onPause();
                                                      server.getHandler().sendEmptyMessage(0);
                                                    }
   public Handler getHandler() { return myHandler; }
 private MyServiceThread server = null;
                                                                         add
```

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- Test: call onPause() & onResume() using Task Manager Button



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