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public abstract class AsyncTask

extends [Object](#) (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html>)

[java.lang.Object](#) (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html>)

↳ android.os.AsyncTask<Params, Progress, Result>

AsyncTask enables proper and easy use of the UI thread. This class allows you to perform background operations and publish results on the UI thread without having to manipulate threads and/or handlers.

AsyncTask is designed to be a helper class around [Thread](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Thread.html>) and [Handler](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Handler.html>) and does not constitute a

generic threading framework. AsyncTask should ideally be used for short operations (a few seconds at the most.) If you need to keep threads running for long periods of time, it is highly recommended you use the various APIs provided by the `java.util.concurrent` package such as [Executor](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html>), [ThreadPoolExecutor](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/ThreadPoolExecutor.html>) and

[FutureTask](#) (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/FutureTask.html>).

An asynchronous task is defined by a computation that runs on a background thread and whose result is published on the UI thread. An asynchronous task is defined by 3 generic

types, called Params, Progress and Result, and 4 steps, called onPreExecute,

doInBackground, onProgressUpdate and onPostExecute.

Developer Guides

For more information about using tasks and threads, read the [Processes and Threads](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/components/processes-and-threads.html>) developer guide.

Usage

AsyncTask must be subclassed to be used. The subclass will override at least one method (`doInBackground(Params...)`).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))),

and most often will override a second one (`onPostExecute(Result)`).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result))).

Here is an example of subclassing:

```
private class DownloadFilesTask extends AsyncTask<URL, Integer, Long> {  
    protected Long doInBackground(URL... urls) {  
        int count = urls.length;  
        long totalSize = 0;  
        for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {  
            totalSize += Downloader.downloadFile(urls[i]);  
            publishProgress((int) ((i / (float) count) * 100));  
            // 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");  
    }  
}
```

Once created, a task is executed very simply:

```
new DownloadFilesTask().execute(url1, url2, url3);
```

AsyncTask's generic types

The three types used by an asynchronous task are the following:

1. **Params**, the type of the parameters sent to the task upon execution.
2. **Progress**, the type of the progress units published during the background computation.

3. **Result**, the type of the result of the background computation.

Not all types are always used by an asynchronous task. To mark a type as unused, simply use the type **Void** (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Void.html>):

```
private class MyTask extends AsyncTask<Void, Void, Void> { ... }
```



The 4 steps

When an asynchronous task is executed, the task goes through 4 steps:

1. **onPreExecute()**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute())),
invoked on the UI thread before the task is executed. This step is normally used to setup the task, for instance by showing a progress bar in the user interface.
2. **doInBackground(Params...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))
, invoked on the background thread immediately after **onPreExecute()**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute())) finishes
executing. This step is used to perform background computation that can take a long
time. The parameters of the asynchronous task are passed to this step. The result of
the computation must be returned by this step and will be passed back to the last
step. This step can also use **publishProgress(Progress...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...)))
to publish one or more units of progress. These values are published on the UI thread,
in the **onProgressUpdate(Progress...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...)))
step.
3. **onProgressUpdate(Progress...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...)))
, invoked on the UI thread after a call to **publishProgress(Progress...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...)))
. The timing of the execution is undefined. This method is used to display any form of
progress in the user interface while the background computation is still executing. For
instance, it can be used to animate a progress bar or show logs in a text field.

4. onPostExecute(Result).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result)))), invoked on the UI thread after the background computation finishes. The result of the background computation is passed to this step as a parameter.

Cancelling a task

A task can be cancelled at any time by invoking cancel(boolean).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)))). Invoking this method will cause subsequent calls to isCancelled().

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled())) to return true.

After invoking this method, onCancelled(Object).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))), instead of onPostExecute(Object).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result)))) will be invoked after doInBackground(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

returns. To ensure that a task is cancelled as quickly as possible, you should always check the return value of isCancelled().

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled())) periodically from doInBackground(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))), if possible (inside a loop for instance.)

Threading rules

There are a few threading rules that must be followed for this class to work properly:

- The AsyncTask class must be loaded on the UI thread. This is done automatically as of Build.VERSION_CODES.JELLY_BEAN
(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Build.VERSION_CODES.html#JELLY_BEAN)
.
- The task instance must be created on the UI thread.
- execute(Params...)
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...))) must be invoked on the UI thread.
- Do not call onPreExecute().
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute())),

onPostExecute(Result).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result))),

doInBackground(Params...).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

, onProgressUpdate(Progress...).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...)))

manually.

- The task can be executed only once (an exception will be thrown if a second execution is attempted.)

Memory observability

AsyncTask guarantees that all callback calls are synchronized in such a way that the following operations are safe without explicit synchronizations.

- Set member fields in the constructor or onPreExecute().
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute())), and refer to them in doInBackground(Params...).
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))
.
- Set member fields in doInBackground(Params...).
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))
, and refer to them in onProgressUpdate(Progress...).
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...)))
and onPostExecute(Result).
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result)))).

Order of execution

When first introduced, AsyncTasks were executed serially on a single background thread.

Starting with Build.VERSION_CODES.DONUT

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Build.VERSION_CODES.html#DONUT), this was changed to a pool of threads allowing multiple tasks to operate in parallel. Starting with

Build.VERSION_CODES.HONEYCOMB

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Build.VERSION_CODES.html#HONEYCOMB), tasks are executed on a single thread to avoid common application errors caused by parallel execution.

If you truly want parallel execution, you can invoke

`executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor, Object[])`

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor\(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...)))

with **`THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR`**

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR).

Summary

Nested classes

enum	<u><code>AsyncTask.Status</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html) Indicates the current status of the task.
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Fields

public static final <u><code>Executor</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html)	<u><code>SERIAL_EXECUTOR</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#SERIAL_EXECUTOR) An <u><code>Executor</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html) that executes tasks one at a time in serial order.
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public static final <u><code>Executor</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html)	<u><code>THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR) An <u><code>Executor</code></u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html) that can be used to execute tasks in parallel.
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Public constructors

AsyncTask ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#AsyncTask\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#AsyncTask())) ()

Creates a new asynchronous task.

Public methods

final boolean	<u>cancel</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)) (boolean mayInterruptIfRunning) Attempts to cancel execution of this task.
final <u>AsyncTask</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...)) ml) <Params, Progress, Result>	<u>execute</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...)) (Params... params) Executes the task with the specified parameters.
static void	<u>execute</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(java.lang.Runnable)) (<u>Runnable</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Runnable.html) runnable) Convenience version of <u>execute(Object)</u> . (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...)) for use with a simple Runnable object.
final <u>AsyncTask</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,Params...)) ml) <Params, Progress, Result>	<u>executeOnExecutor</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,Params...)) (<u>Executor</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html) exec, Params... params) Executes the task with the specified parameters.
final Result	<u>get</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#get(long,java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit)) (long timeout, <u>TimeUnit</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/TimeUnit.html) unit)

Waits if necessary for at most the given time for the computation to complete, and then retrieves its result.

final Result

get

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#get\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#get()))
()

Waits if necessary for the computation to complete, and then retrieves its result.

final AsyncTask.Status

getStatus

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus()))
()

Returns the current status of this task.

final boolean

isCancelled

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled()))
()

Returns true if this task was cancelled before it completed normally.

Protected methods

abstract doInBackground ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params... params\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

Override this method to perform a computation on a background thread.

void onCancelled ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled()))

Applications should preferably override **onCancelled(Object)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result))).

void onCancelled ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))

Runs on the UI thread after **cancel(boolean)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean))) is in **doInBackground(Object[])**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

void onPostExecute ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result)))

Runs on the UI thread after **doInBackground(Params...)**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

void	<u>onPostExecute</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute) Runs on the UI thread before <u>doInBackground(Params...)</u> . (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))
void	<u>onProgressUpdate</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate) (Progress... values) Runs on the UI thread after <u>publishProgress(Progress...)</u> . (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))
final void	<u>publishProgress</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress) (Progress... values) This method can be invoked from <u>doInBackground(Params...)</u> . (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)) the UI thread while the background computation is still running.

Inherited methods

From class **java.lang.Object** (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html>)

<u>Object</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)	<u>clone</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html#clone()) () Creates and returns a copy of this object.
boolean	<u>equals</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html#equals(java.lang.Object)) (<u>Object</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)) Indicates whether this object is "equal to" another object.
void	<u>finalize</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html#finalize()) ()

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an object wher
determines the
references to t

final Class (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Class.html>)<?> **getClass**
([https://develc](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Class.html)
[ference/java/l](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Class.html)
[a](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Class.html)
[tClass\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Class.html)
()

Returns the run
Object.

int **hashCode**
([https://develc](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[ference/java/l](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[a](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[shCode\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
()

Returns a hash
object.

final void **notify**
([https://develc](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[ference/java/l](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[a](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[tify\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
()

Wakes up a sir
waiting on this

final void **notifyAll**
([https://develc](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[ference/java/l](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[a](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
[tifyAll\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/Object.html)
()

Wakes up all th
waiting on this

String (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/String.html>) **toString**
([https://develc](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/String.html)
[ference/java/l](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/String.html)
[a](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/String.html)
[String\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/String.html)
()

Returns a strin
the object.

final void **wait**

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait\(long,%20int\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait(long,%20int)))
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Causes the current thread to wait until another thread has invoked the **notify()**.

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait\(\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait()))

method or the

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#waitAll\(\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#waitAll()))

method for this thread, or a certain amount of time has elapsed.

final void

wait

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait\(long\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait(long)))

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Causes the current thread to wait until either another thread has invoked the **notify()**.

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait\(long\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait(long)))

method or the

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#waitAll\(long\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#waitAll(long)))

method for this thread, or a certain amount of time has elapsed.

final void

wait

([https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait\(\)](https://developer.java.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Thread.html#wait()))

()

Causes the current thread to wait until another thread has invoked the **notify()**.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor>)
method or the
(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor>)
method for th

Fields

SERIAL_EXECUTOR

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(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

An **Executor** (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html>) that executes tasks one at a time in serial order. This serialization is global to a particular process.

THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR

added in [API Level 3](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

An **Executor** (<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html>) that can be used to execute tasks in parallel.

Public constructors

AsyncTask

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(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Creates a new asynchronous task. This constructor must be invoked on the UI thread.

Public methods

cancel

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Attempts to cancel execution of this task. This attempt will fail if the task has already completed, already been cancelled, or could not be cancelled for some other reason. If successful, and this task has not started when `cancel` is called, this task should never run. If the task has already started, then the `mayInterruptIfRunning` parameter determines whether the thread executing this task should be interrupted in an attempt to stop the task.

Calling this method will result in `onCancelled(Object)`.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result))) being invoked on the UI thread after `doInBackground(Object[])`.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))) returns. Calling this method guarantees that `onPostExecute(Object)`.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result))) is never invoked. After invoking this method, you should check the value returned by `isCancelled()`. ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled())) periodically from `doInBackground(Object[])`.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))) to finish the task as early as possible.

Parameters

<code>mayInterruptIfRunning</code>	boolean: <code>true</code> if the thread executing this task should be interrupted; otherwise, in-progress tasks are allowed to complete.
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Returns

boolean	<code>false</code> if the task could not be cancelled, typically because it has already completed normally; <code>true</code> otherwise
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See also:

`isCancelled()`. ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled()))

`onCancelled(Object)`.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))

execute

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Executes the task with the specified parameters. The task returns itself (this) so that the caller can keep a reference to it.

Note: this function schedules the task on a queue for a single background thread or pool of threads depending on the platform version. When first introduced, AsyncTasks were executed serially on a single background thread. Starting with

Build.VERSION_CODES.DONUT

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Build.VERSION_CODES.html#DONUT), this was changed to a pool of threads allowing multiple tasks to operate in parallel. Starting

Build.VERSION_CODES.HONEYCOMB

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Build.VERSION_CODES.html#HONEYCOMB), tasks are back to being executed on a single thread to avoid common application errors caused by parallel execution. If you truly want parallel execution, you can use the

executeOnExecutor(Executor, Params...)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor\(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...)))

version of this method with THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR); however, see commentary there for warnings on its use.

This method must be invoked on the UI thread.

This method must be called from the main thread

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

params	Params: The parameters of the task.
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Returns

<u>AsyncTask</u>	This instance of AsyncTask.
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(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html>)

<Params, Progress, Result>

Throws

IllegalStateException

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/IllegalStateException.html>)

If **getStatus()**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus()))

returns either **AsyncTask.Status.RUNNING**

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html#RUNNING>)

or **AsyncTask.Status.FINISHED**

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html#FINISHED>)

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See also:

executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor, Object[])

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor\(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...)))

execute(Runnable)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(java.lang.Runnable\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(java.lang.Runnable)))

execute

API level 11

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Convenience version of **execute(Object)**.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...))) for use with a simple Runnable object. See **execute(Object[])**.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...))) for more information on the order of execution.

This method must be called from the **main thread**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

runnable

Runnable

See also:

execute(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...)))

executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor, Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor\(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#executeOnExecutor(java.util.concurrent.Executor,%20Params...)))

executeOnExecutor

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Executes the task with the specified parameters. The task returns itself (this) so that the caller can keep a reference to it.

This method is typically used with THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR) to allow multiple tasks to run in parallel on a pool of threads managed by AsyncTask, however you can also use your own Executor

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/Executor.html>) for custom behavior.

Warning: Allowing multiple tasks to run in parallel from a thread pool is generally *not* what one wants, because the order of their operation is not defined. For example, if these tasks are used to modify any state in common (such as writing a file due to a button click), there are no guarantees on the order of the modifications. Without careful work it is possible in rare cases for the newer version of the data to be over-written by an older one, leading to obscure data loss and stability issues. Such changes are best executed in serial; to guarantee such work is serialized regardless of platform version you can use this function with SERIAL_EXECUTOR

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#SERIAL_EXECUTOR).

This method must be invoked on the UI thread.

This method must be called from the main thread

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

exec

Executor: The executor to use. THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR

(https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#THREAD_POOL_EXECUTOR)

is available as a convenient process-wide thread pool for tasks that are loosely coupled.

params

Params: The parameters of the task.

Returns

AsyncTask

This instance of AsyncTask.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html>)

<Params, Progress, Result>

Throws

IllegalStateException

If **getStatus()**.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/IllegalStateException.html>)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#getStatus()))

returns either **AsyncTask.Status.RUNNING**

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html#RUNNING>)

or **AsyncTask.Status.FINISHED**

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html#FINISHED>)

See also:

execute(Object[])

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...)))

get added in [API level 3](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Waits if necessary for at most the given time for the computation to complete, and then retrieves its result.

Parameters

timeout	long: Time to wait before cancelling the operation.
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unit	TimeUnit: The time unit for the timeout.
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Returns

Result	The computed result.
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Throws

<u>CancellationException</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/CancellationException.html)	If the computation was cancelled.
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<u>ExecutionException</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/ExecutionException.html)	If the computation threw an exception.
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<u>InterruptedException</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/InterruptedException.html)	If the current thread was interrupted while waiting.
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<u>TimeoutException</u> (https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/TimeoutException.html)	If the wait timed out.
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get added in API level 3

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Waits if necessary for the computation to complete, and then retrieves its result.

Returns

Result	The computed result.
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Throws

CancellationException If the computation was cancelled.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/CancellationException.html>)

ExecutionException If the computation threw an exception.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/util/concurrent/ExecutionException.html>)

InterruptedException If the current thread was interrupted while waiting.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/InterruptedException.html>)

getStatus

Added in API level 3

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Returns the current status of this task.

Returns

AsyncTask.Status The current status.

(<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.Status.html>)

isCancelled

Added in API level 3

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Returns true if this task was cancelled before it completed normally. If you are calling

cancel(boolean).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean))) on the task, the value returned by this method should be checked periodically from

doInBackground(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))) to end the task as soon as possible.

Returns

<code>boolean</code>	true if task was cancelled before it completed
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See also:

[cancel\(boolean\)](#)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)))

Protected methods

~~doInBackground~~

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Override this method to perform a computation on a background thread. The specified parameters are the parameters passed to [execute\(Params...\)](#).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#execute(Params...))) by the caller of this task. This method can call [publishProgress\(Progress...\)](#).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))) to publish updates on the UI thread.

This method may take several seconds to complete, so it should only be called from a worker thread.

Parameters

<code>params</code>	Params: The parameters of the task.
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Returns

<code>Result</code>	A result, defined by the subclass of this task.
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See also:

[onPreExecute\(\)](#)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPreExecute()))

onPostExecute(Result).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result))))

publishProgress(Progress...).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))))

onCancelled

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Applications should preferably override onCancelled(Object).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))). This method is invoked by the default implementation of onCancelled(Object).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))).

Runs on the UI thread after cancel(boolean).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)))) is invoked and doInBackground(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))) has finished.

This method must be called from the main thread

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper()))) of your app.

See also:

onCancelled(Object).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result))))

cancel(boolean).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean))))

isCancelled(). ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled())))

onCancelled

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Runs on the UI thread after cancel(boolean).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)))) is invoked and doInBackground(Object[]).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))) has finished.

The default implementation simply invokes [onCancelled\(\)](#).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled())) and ignores the result. If you write your own implementation, do not call `super.onCancelled(result)`.

This method must be called from the [main thread](#)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

result	Result: The result, if any, computed in <u>doInBackground(Object[])</u> . (https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)) , can be null
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See also:

[cancel\(boolean\)](#)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel\(boolean\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#cancel(boolean)))

[isCancelled\(\)](#) ([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#isCancelled()))

[onPostExecute\(\)](#)

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Runs on the UI thread after [doInBackground\(Params...\)](#).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))).

The specified result is the value returned by [doInBackground\(Params...\)](#).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))).

This method won't be invoked if the task was cancelled.

This method must be called from the [main thread](#)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

result	Result: The result of the operation computed by <u>doInBackground()</u> .
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Params...).

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

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See also:

onPostExecute()

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute()))

doInBackground(Params...)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

onCancelled(Object)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onCancelled(Result)))

~~onPreExecute~~

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Runs on the UI thread before **doInBackground(Params...)**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))).

This method must be called from the **main thread**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

See also:

onPostExecute(Result)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute\(Result\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onPostExecute(Result)))

doInBackground(Params...)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

~~onProgressUpdate~~

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

Runs on the UI thread after **publishProgress(Progress...)**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))) is

invoked. The specified values are the values passed to **[publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))**.
([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))).

This method must be called from the **[main thread](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())**

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/Looper.html#getMainLooper())) of your app.

Parameters

values	Progress: The values indicating progress.
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See also:

[publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...))

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#publishProgress(Progress...)))

[doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

[publishProgress](https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels)

(<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/uses-sdk-element.html#ApiLevels>)

This method can be invoked from **[doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))**.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...))) to publish updates on the UI thread while the background computation is still running. Each call to this method will trigger the execution of **[onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...))**.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...))) on the UI thread. **[onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...))**.

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...))) will not be called if the task has been canceled.

This method may take several seconds to complete, so it should only be called from a worker thread.

Parameters

values	Progress: The progress values to update the UI with.
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See also:

onProgressUpdate(Progress...)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate\(Progress...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#onProgressUpdate(Progress...)))

doInBackground(Params...)

([https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground\(Params...\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/os/AsyncTask.html#doInBackground(Params...)))

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