

Services

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Learning Goals

After the course, attendees will be able to:

- ▶ Understanding about Service component in Android
- ▶ Understanding how to implement services in Android



What is Service?

- Service is an Android component which runs in the same process as the application it is part of.
- Service used to execute tasks with no UI.
- Service can perform long-running operations in the background



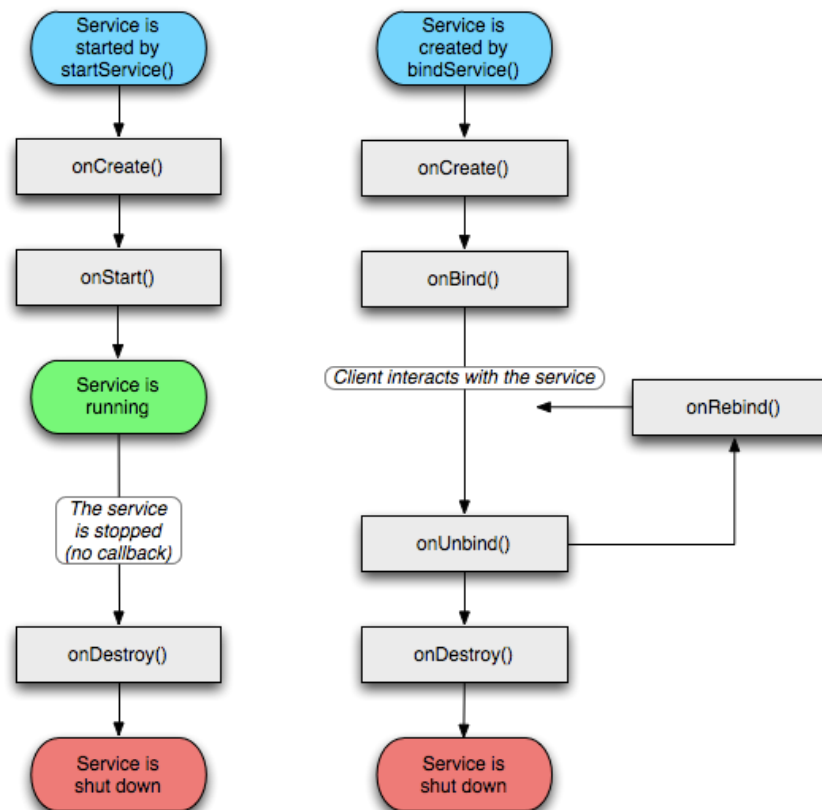
Service Types

There are 2 types of Service

- **Started service** : is "started" when an application component (such as an activity) starts it by calling [startService\(\)](#). run in the background indefinitely, even if the component that started it is destroyed.
- **Bound Service** : is "bound" when an application component binds to it by calling [bindService\(\)](#) run at the lifespan of the calling activities



Service Life cycle





Started Services

There are 2 ways to implement of Started Service

- **Extending the IntentService class** : uses a worker thread to handle all start requests, one at a time.
- **Extending the Service class** : uses caller's main thread, by default, need to create a new thread in which to do all the service's work.



Started Services - Extending IntentService

To make Intent Service work, all we need to do is implement [onHandleIntent\(\)](#)

```
public class SampleIntentService extends IntentService {
    @Override
    protected void onHandleIntent(Intent intent) {
        long endTime = System.currentTimeMillis() + 5*1000;
        while (System.currentTimeMillis() < endTime) {
            synchronized (this) {
                try {
                    wait(endTime - System.currentTimeMillis());
                    Toast.makeText(this, ""+ endTime+ " is over"+, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
                } catch (Exception e) {
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```



Started Services – Extending Service class

To make Service work, all we need to do is implement [onStartCommand\(\)](#)

@Override

```
public int onStartCommand(Intent intent, int flags, int startId) {  
    long endTime = System.currentTimeMillis() + 5*1000;  
    while (System.currentTimeMillis() < endTime) {  
        synchronized (this) {  
            try {  
                wait(endTime - System.currentTimeMillis());  
                Toast.makeText(this, ""+ endTime+ " is over"+, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
            } catch (Exception e) {  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    // If we get killed, after returning from here, restart  
    return START_STICKY;  
}
```




Bound Services

There are 3 ways to implement Bound Services

- **Extending the Binder class:** allow local application to access public methods of Service
- **Using a Messenger:** perform interprocess communication (IPC) to other applications by [Messenger](#) object and allow the service to handle one call at a time.
- **AIDL :** create an .aidl file that defines IPC to allow clients from different applications to access service and handle multithreading to service.



Bound Services - References

Here is some references of Bound Services

- **Extending the Binder class:**
- **Using a Messenger:**
<http://developer.android.com/guide/components/bound-services.html>
- **AIDL :** <http://developer.android.com/guide/components/aidl.html>



Exit Course

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