

# Photo Gallery

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# Photo Layout for Recycler View

- `list_item_gallery`
- `placeholder.jpg`

list\_item\_gallery

This layout will be used for items  
(images) in the recycler view

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ImageView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="120dp"
    android:layout_gravity="center"
    android:scaleType="centerCrop"/>
```

Drag and drop a placeholder  
image (placeholder.jpg) into  
the drawables folder



# PhotoGalleryFragment

- PhotoHolder
- PhotoAdapter

```
private inner class PhotoHolder(itemImageView: ImageView)
    : RecyclerView.ViewHolder(itemImageView) {
    val bindDrawable: (Drawable) -> Unit = itemImageView::setImageDrawable
}
```

```
private inner class PhotoAdapter(private val galleryItems: List<Gall
    : RecyclerView.Adapter<PhotoHolder>() {
```

```
    override fun onCreateViewHolder(
        parent: ViewGroup,
        viewType: Int
    ): PhotoHolder {
        val view = LayoutInflater.inflate(
            R.layout.list_item_gallery,
            parent,
            false
        ) as ImageView
        return PhotoHolder(view)
    }
```

```
    override fun getItemCount(): Int = galleryItems.size
```

```
    override fun onBindViewHolder(holder: PhotoHolder, position: Int) {
        val galleryItem = galleryItems[position]
        val placeholder: Drawable = ContextCompat.getDrawable(
            requireContext(),
            R.drawable.placeholder
        ) ?: ColorDrawable()
        holder.bindDrawable(placeholder)
        // thumbnailDownloader.queueThumbnail(holder, galleryItem.url)
    }
}
```

Replace the text-view  
code formerly in the holder  
with image-view code

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```

Instead of a text-view,  
create an image-view and  
pass that into the photo-  
holder's constructor

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```

Instead of binding text to the holder, create a drawable from your placeholder image and bind that

The placeholder binding is temporary. Eventually, we want to fetch an image from the network and bind that

For now, we keep the call to the network commented out



# Flickr API

- FlickrApi

```
interface FlickrApi {  
    @GET(  
        "services/rest/?method=flickr.interestingness.getList" +  
        "&api_key=${FlickrKey.key}" +  
        "&format=json" +  
        "&nojsoncallback=1" +  
        "&extras=url_s"  
    )  
    fun fetchPhotos(): Call<FlickrResponse>  
  
    @GET  
    fun fetchUrlBytes(@Url url: String): Call<ResponseBody>  
}
```

fetch-URL-bytes retrieves the bytes from the JPG image at the specified URL

@GET does not need a string because @Url tells Retrofit to use the url string

ResponseBody is a type from the OkHttp library that holds the body of a raw HTTP response

# FlickrFetchr

- FlickrFetcher

Unlike in BNR, we're going to make flickr-fetchr an object (singleton)

If it was a class before, that will break things (like the call to fetchPhotos)

But that should be easy enough to fix

```
object FlickrFetchr {  
  
    ...  
  
    @WorkerThread  
    fun fetchPhoto(url: String): Bitmap? {  
        val response: Response<ResponseBody> = flickrApi.fetchUrlBytes(url).execute()  
        val bitmap = response.body()?.byteStream()?.use(BitmapFactory::decodeStream)  
        Log.i(TAG, "Decoded bitmap=$bitmap from Response=$response")  
        return bitmap  
    }  
}
```

The `@WorkerThread` annotation says that this function should only be called on a background thread

It does *\*not\** create a background thread for you – you have to do that yourself.

A worker thread and a background thread are the same thing -- any thread created separately from the main UI thread.

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FetchPhoto (singular) takes a URL and returns a bitmap image

We use `execute` (synchronous) instead of `enqueue` here because we are already working on a background thread.

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```

The type of `fetchUrlBytes` is `Call<ResponseBody>`

The type of `execute` is `Response<T>` where `T` is the type parameter of the `Call` object

# Thumbnail Downloader

- Thumbnail Downloader

# Message Handler Classes

- **Handler Thread** – starts a new thread with a looper
  - our handler thread will be **ThumbnailDownloader**
- **Looper** – runs the message loop for the thread
- **MessageQueue** – holds the list of messages
- **Message** – holds data to be sent to the handler
  - the fields of interest in our messages are **what**, **obj**, and **target**
- **Handler** – creates, schedules, and processes messages
  - Handler threads can have multiple handlers; ours only has one

Handler threads only have one **Looper** and one **MessageQueue**. In our code, we will not access these objects directly



# Anatomy of a Message

- **what** – an identifier for the kind of message
  - in our case, it will always be `MESSAGE_DOWNLOAD`
- **obj** – user specified object, sent to the message
  - in our case, it will be a `PhotoHolder` object
- **target** – the handler that will handle the message
  - in our case, it will always be `requestHandler`

*There are other fields,  
but these three are  
the ones we will use*

```
private const val TAG = "ThumbnailDownloader"  
private const val MESSAGE_DOWNLOAD = 0
```

```
class ThumbnailDownloader<in H: Any>(  
    private val responseHandler: Handler,  
    private val onThumbnailDownloaded: (H, Bitmap) -> Unit  
) : HandlerThread(TAG) {  
  
    ...  
}
```

The TAG will serve as an identifier for the handler thread

MESSAGE\_DOWNLOAD will be the "what" of all messages

```
private const val TAG =  
private const val MESSAGE
```

```
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    ...  
}
```

H is the generic type that identifies each download

The use of "Any" here ensures that H is non-nullable

For PGF, this will be the PhotoHolder, because the image will be bound to the holder

TD takes a Handler. PGF will pass in a handler for the UI thread

TD also takes a function (onThumbnailDownloaded)

PGF will pass in a function that binds the bitmap image to the holder. It will be run on the UI thread

The handler thread constructor *\*requires\** a name as an identifier

```
val fragmentLifecycleObserver: DefaultLifecycleObserver =  
    object : DefaultLifecycleObserver {
```

```
        override fun onCreate(owner: LifecycleOwner) {  
            Log.i(TAG, "Starting background thread")  
            start()  
            Looper  
        }  
    }
```

```
        override fun onDestroy(owner: LifecycleOwner) {  
            Log.i(TAG, "Destroying background thread")  
            quit()  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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}
```

PGF adds this observer during onCreate,  
and removes it during onDestroy

*start* starts the background thread,  
*looper* starts the looper, and  
*quit* quits the background thread

```
observer =
```

```
owner) {  
    om queue")  
    E_DOWNLOAD)
```

The use of annotation  
`@onLifecycleEvent` (as in  
BNR) is deprecated. Use  
`DefaultLifecycleObserver`  
instead (as shown here)

When the fragment's  
`onCreate` and `onDestroy`  
methods are called, these  
are also called,  
respectively

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            quit()
        }
    }

val viewLifecycleObserver: DefaultLifecycleObserver =
    object : DefaultLifecycleObserver {

        override fun onDestroy(owner: LifecycleOwner) {
            Log.i(TAG, "Clearing all requests from queue")
            requestHandler.removeMessages(MESSAGE_DOWNLOAD)
            requestMap.clear()
        }
    }

```

This property will be added to the *\*view\** lifecycle

Therefore, when the fragment's *\*onDestroyView\** is called, this is also called

When the view is destroyed (ex: on rotation) messages are removed from the handler and the request map is cleared

```
private var hasQuit = false
private lateinit var requestHandler: Handler
private val requestMap = ConcurrentHashMap<H, String>()
```

```
@Suppress("UNCHECKED_CAST")
@SuppressLint("HandlerLeak")
override fun onLooperPrepared() {
    requestHandler = object : Handler(Looper.myLooper()!!) {
        override fun handleMessage(msg: Message) {
            if (msg.what == MESSAGE_DOWNLOAD) {
                val holder = msg.obj as H
                Log.i(TAG, "Got a request for URL: ${requestMap[holder]}")
                handleRequest(holder)
            }
        }
    }
}

override fun quit(): Boolean {
    hasQuit = true
    return super.quit()
}
```

The requestHandler is the only handler for this thread

The requestMap holds the URL's associated with a specific photo holder

onLooperPrepared is called once before the looper starts, so it's a good place to setup the request handler

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                handleRequest(holder)
            }
        }
    }
}
```

handleMessage gets the photo holder and calls handleRequest

over  
}

The requestHandler runs on the background thread and handles messages (requests) sent from PGF

The responseHandler runs on the UI thread and handles tasks requested by the requestHandler

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                handleRequest(holder)
            }
        }
    }
}

override fun quit(): Boolean {
    hasQuit = true
    return super.quit()
}

```

hasQuit (declared above)  
keeps track of whether  
the thread has stopped



```

fun queueThumbnail(holder: H, url: String) {
    Log.i(TAG, "Got a URL: $url")
    requestMap[holder] = url
    requestHandler.obtainMessage(MESSAGE_DOWNLOAD, holder)
        .sendToTarget()
}

```

Put the (photo-holder, url) pair into the request map, then create the message and send it to the queue

```

private fun handleRequest(holder: H) {
    val url = requestMap[holder] ?: return
    val bitmap = FlickrFetchr.fetchPhoto(url) ?: return

    responseHandler.post(Runnable {
        if (requestMap[holder] != url || hasQuit) {
            return@Runnable
        }

        requestMap.remove(holder)
        onThumbnailDownloaded(holder, bitmap)
    })
}
}

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```

Get url from the request-map

Get image from Flickr-fetcher

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    })
}

```

If something is wrong, return

Otherwise, remove the (photo-holder, url) pair from the request-map and execute on-thumbnail-downloaded function on the UI thread

# Photo Gallery Fragment

- PhotoGalleryFragment

```

class PhotoGalleryFragment : Fragment() {

    private var _binding: FragmentPhotoGalleryBinding? = null
    private val binding get() = _binding!!
    private val viewModel: PhotoGalleryViewModel by viewModels()
    private lateinit var thumbnailDownloader: ThumbnailDownloader<PhotoHolder>

    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

        val responseHandler = Handler(Looper.getMainLooper())
        thumbnailDownloader =
            ThumbnailDownloader(responseHandler) { photoHolder, bitmap ->
                val drawable = BitmapDrawable(resources, bitmap)
                photoHolder.bindDrawable(drawable)
            }

        lifecycle.addObserver(thumbnailDownloader.fragmentLifecycleObserver)
    }

    ...
}

```

Declare a  
thumbnail  
downloader

It takes a  
Photo Holder  
as a type  
parameter

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    ...

```

Override the  
onCreate  
function

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    }

    ...
}

```

Declare and initialize the response handler

getMainLooper gets the looper for the UI thread

This ensures that the response handler is a handler for the main UI thread

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    }

    ...
}

```

Initialize TD

Pass in the  
response handler  
and a lambda  
function

The lambda  
becomes on-  
thumbnail-  
downloaded  
inside of TD



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    }

    ...

```

Add the TD's FLO property as an observer of the fragment's lifecycle

```

override fun onCreateView(
    inflater: LayoutInflater,
    container: ViewGroup?,
    savedInstanceState: Bundle?
): View {
    viewLifecycleOwner.Lifecycle.addObserver(
        thumbnailDownloader.viewLifecycleObserver
    )
    _binding = FragmentPhotoGalleryBinding.inflate(inflater, container, false)
    val view = binding.root
    binding.photoRecyclerView.layoutManager = GridLayoutManager(context, 3)
    return view
}

override fun onViewCreated(view: View, savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onViewCreated(view, savedInstanceState)
    viewModel.galleryItemLiveData.observe(
        viewLifecycleOwner
    ) { galleryItems ->
        binding.photoRecyclerView.adapter = PhotoAdapter(galleryItems)
    }
}

```

Add the TD's VLO  
property as an  
observer of the  
fragment's  
\*view\* lifecycle

No changes to  
on-view-created

```
override fun onDestroyView() {  
    super.onDestroyView()  
    viewLifecycleOwner.lifecycle.removeObserver(  
        thumbnailDownloader.viewLifecycleObserver  
    )  
}
```

Remove the TD's  
VLO as a view  
lifecycle observer

```
override fun onDestroy() {  
    super.onDestroy()  
    lifecycle.removeObserver(  
        thumbnailDownloader.fragmentLifecycleObserver  
    )  
}
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        ) ?: ColorDrawable()
        holder.bindDrawable(placeholder)
        thumbnailDownloader.queueThumbnail(holder, galleryItem.url)
    }
}

companion object {
    fun newInstance() = PhotoGalleryFragment()
}
}

```

Finally, comment in the code  
to queue the image URL