

# Introduction: MOOC Prerequisites, Workload, & Learning Strategies

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# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Module

- Understand MOOC prerequisites, workload & how to complete it successfully

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## Programming Mobile Services for Android Handheld Systems: Concurrency

Part of the [Mobile Cloud Computing with Android Specialization](#) »

In this MOOC, we will learn how to apply patterns and frameworks to alleviate the complexity of developing concurrent applications on mobile devices running Android that connect to popular cloud computing platforms.



### About the Course

This MOOC describes by example how to apply patterns and frameworks to alleviate the complexity of developing concurrent software for mobile devices via the use of object-

### Sessions

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### 1. What are the course objectives?

Upon completing this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize the inherent and accidental complexities involved with developing concurrent and networked software that communicates securely between processes and threads within mobile devices and from mobile devices to clouds.
- Understand how pattern-oriented software architecture and framework techniques can and cannot help to alleviate these complexities.
- Apply patterns and frameworks to develop reusable and resilient concurrent applications and services using the Java object-oriented programming language and Android middleware.
- Know where to find additional sources of information on how to program mobile applications and services on Android handheld systems.

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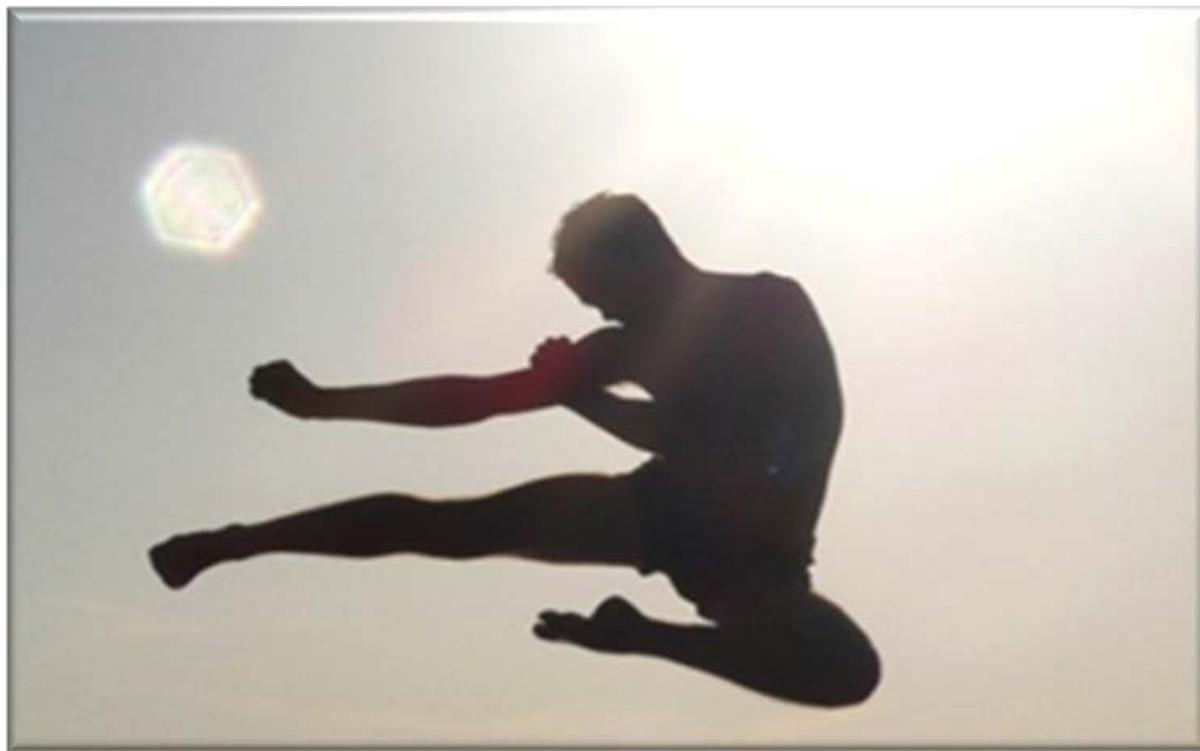
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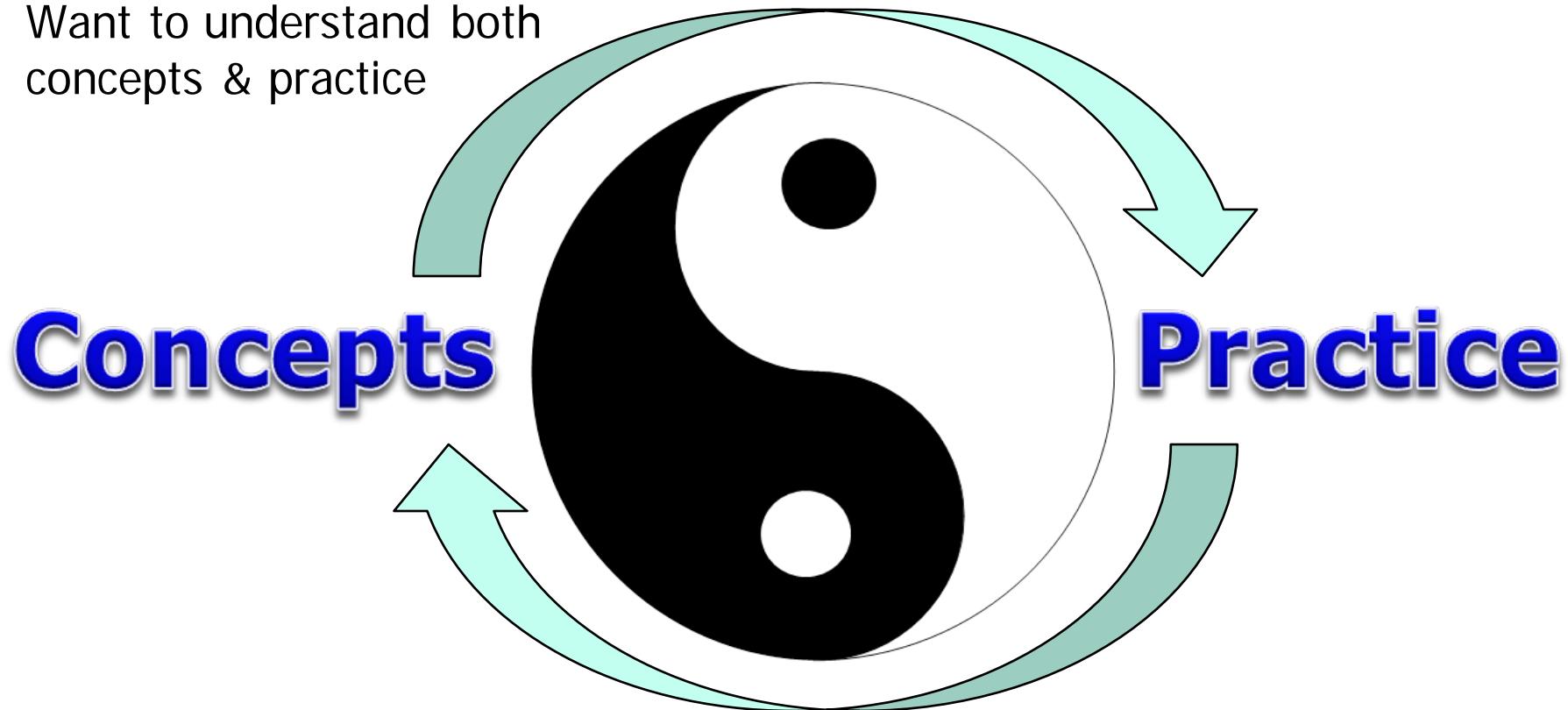
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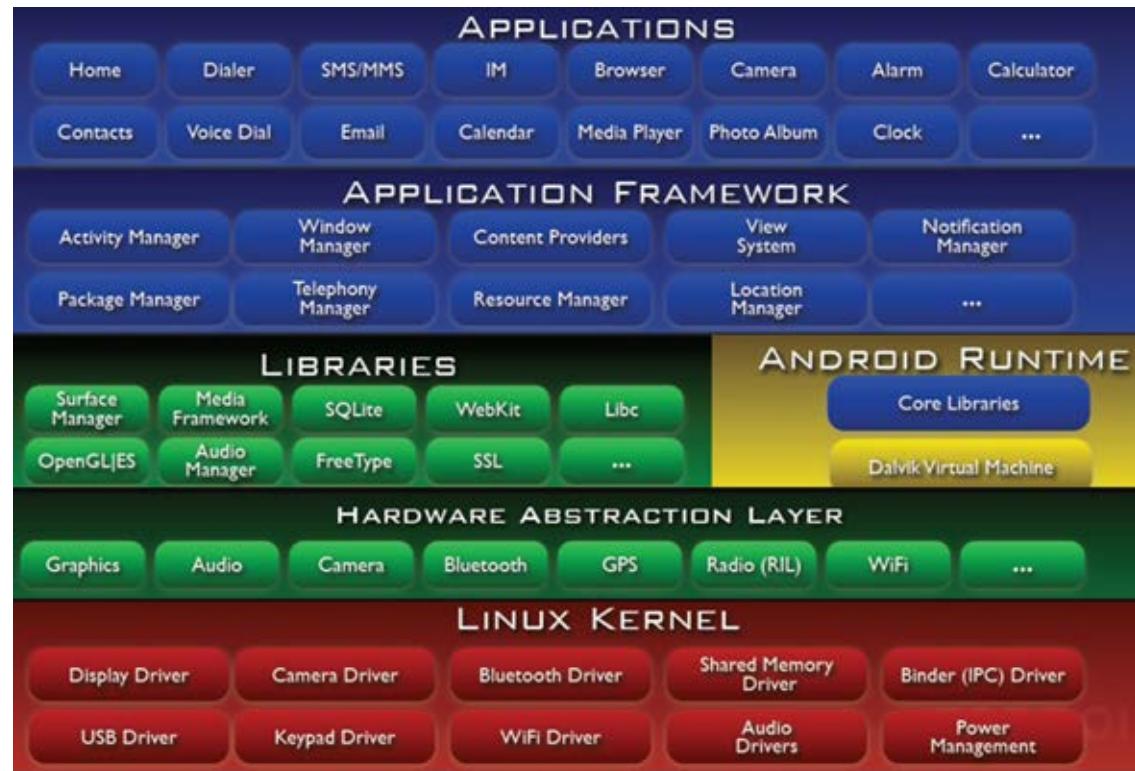
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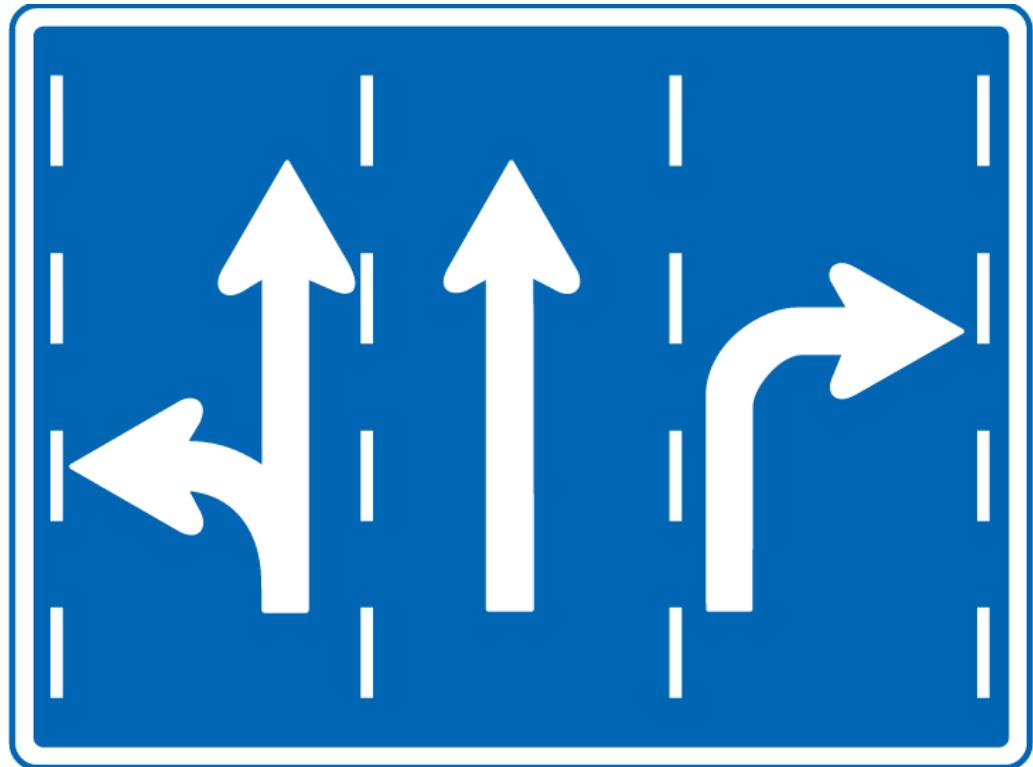
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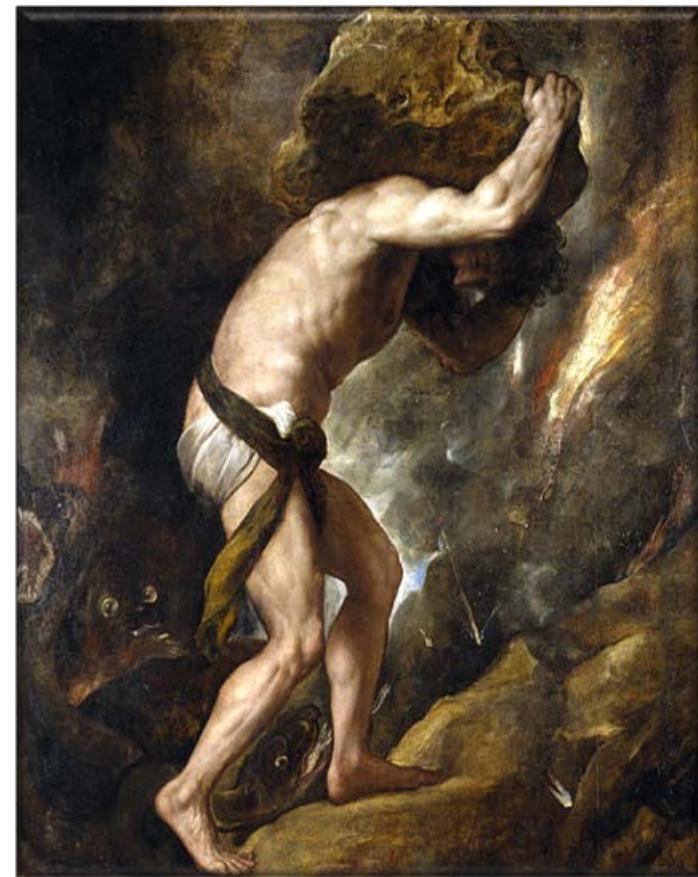
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- Concurrency is not an easy subject to master



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# What We'd Like Students to Know (Part 1)

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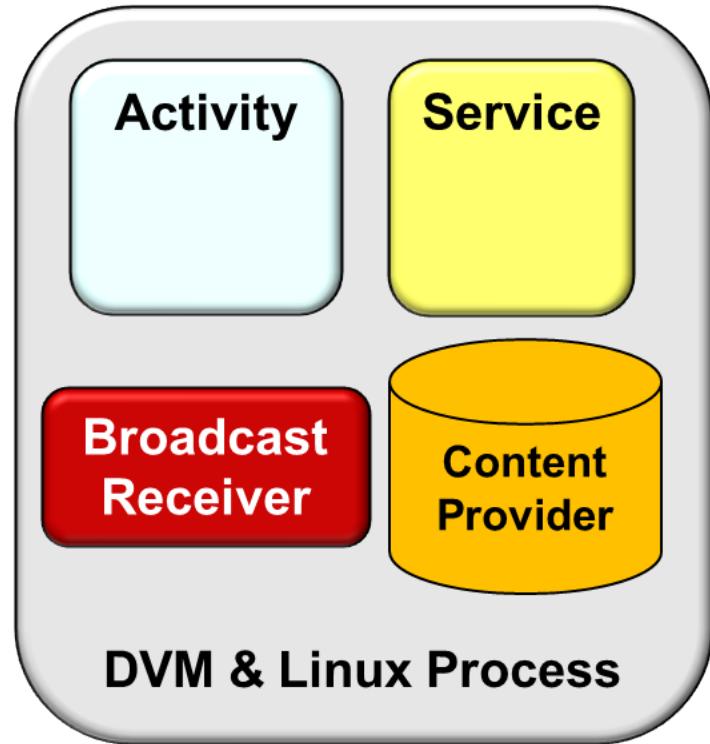
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- e.g., Java classes, inheritance, dynamic binding, generics, dynamic memory allocation, garbage collection, etc.

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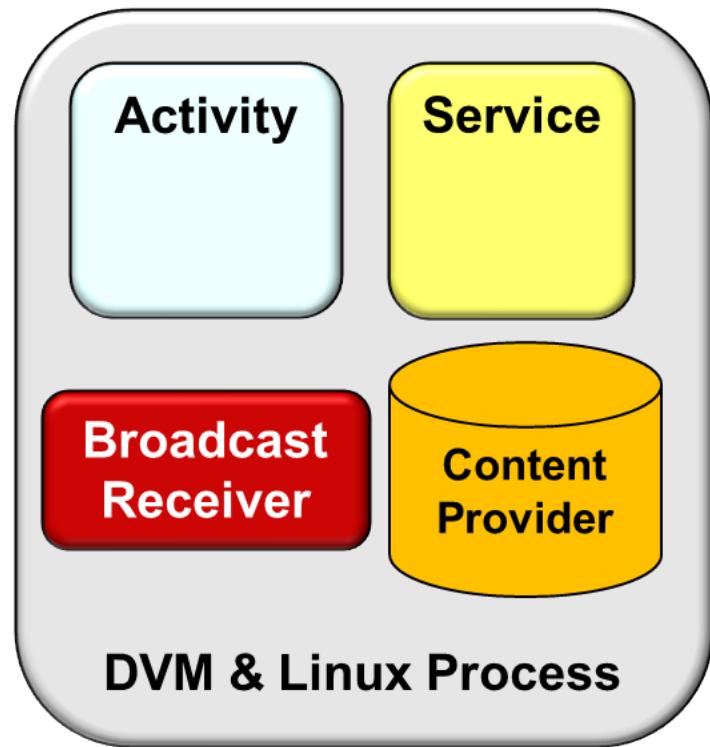
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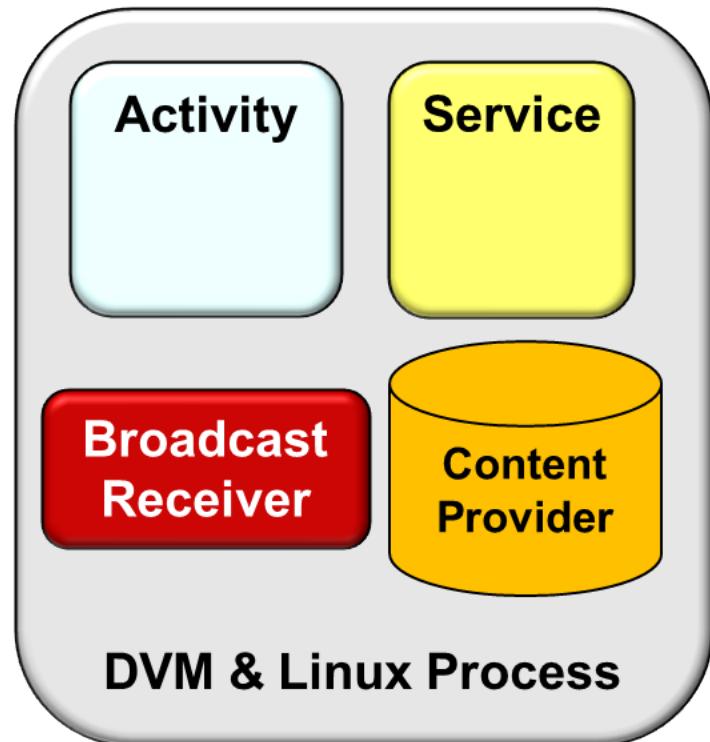
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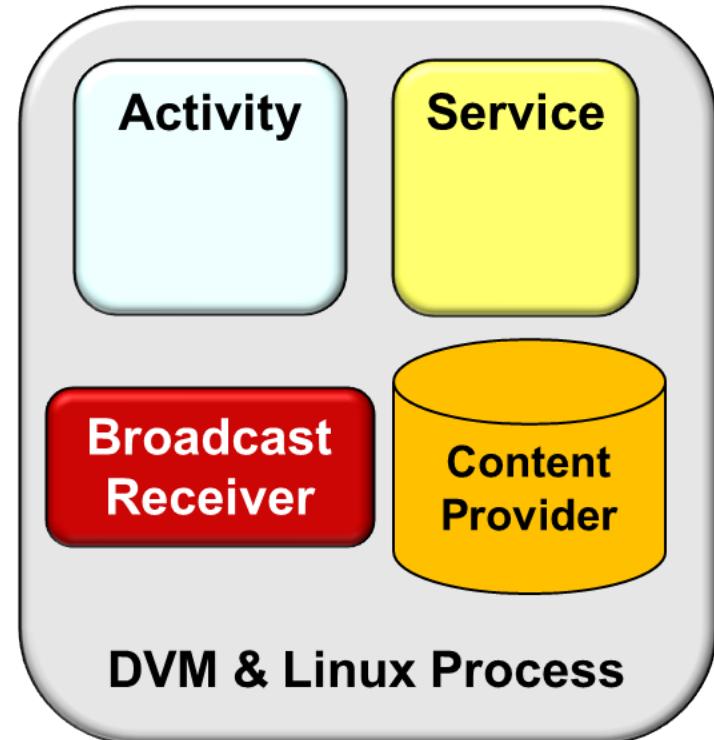
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Android Anatomy and Physiology



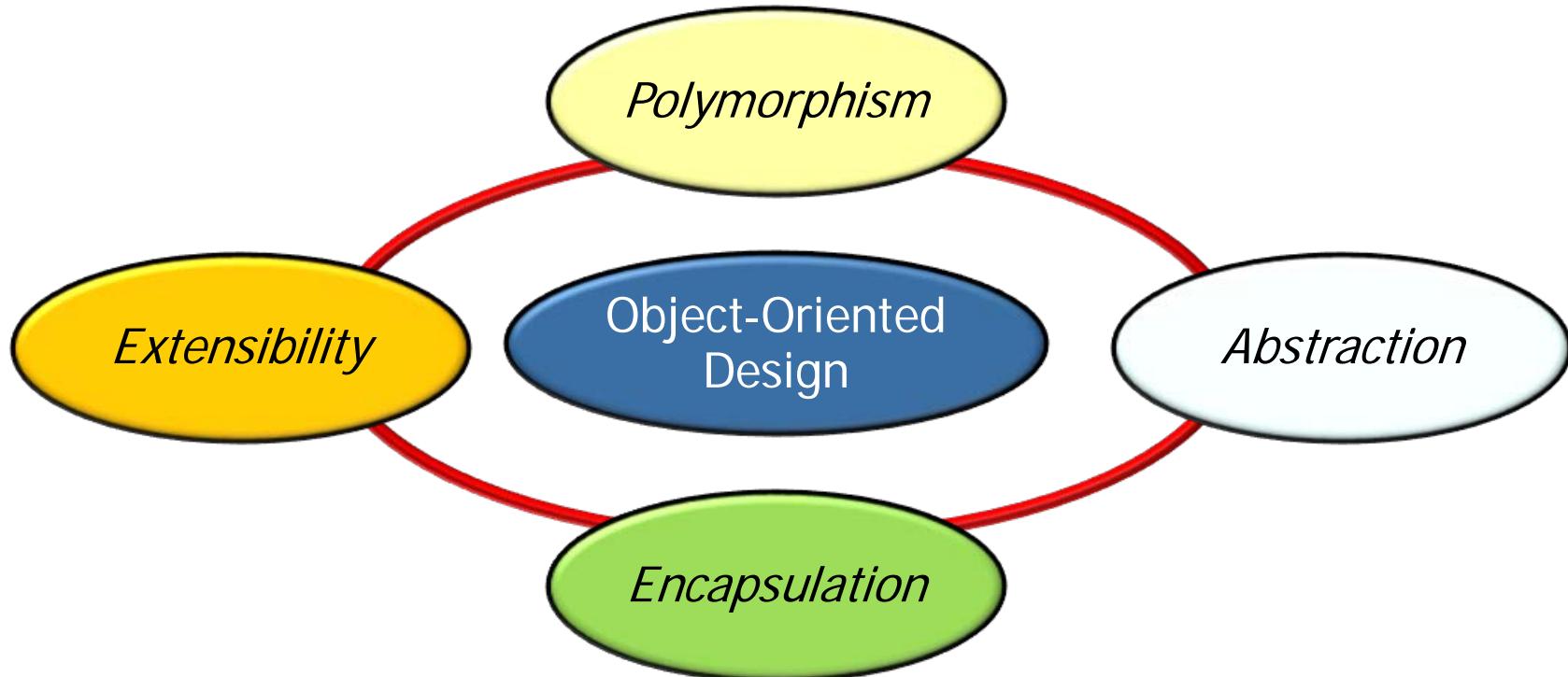
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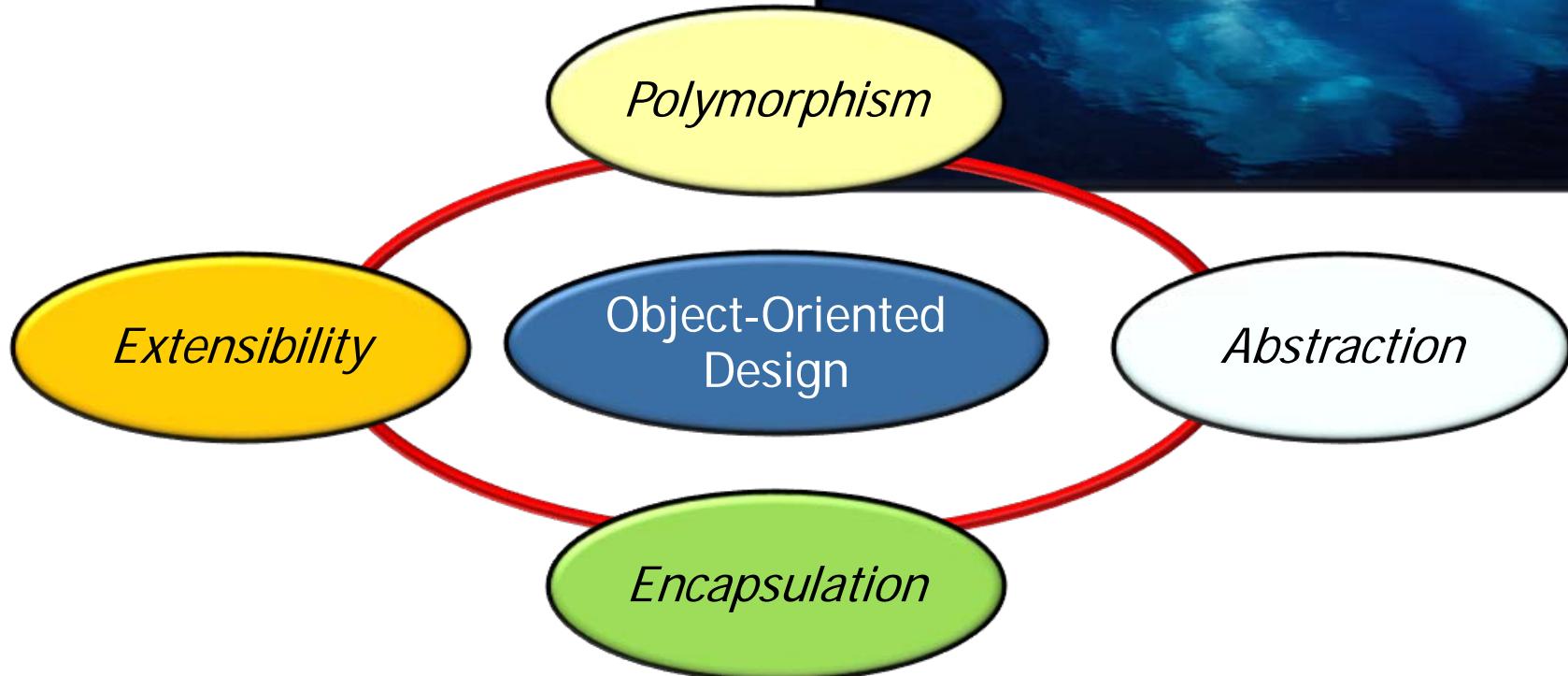
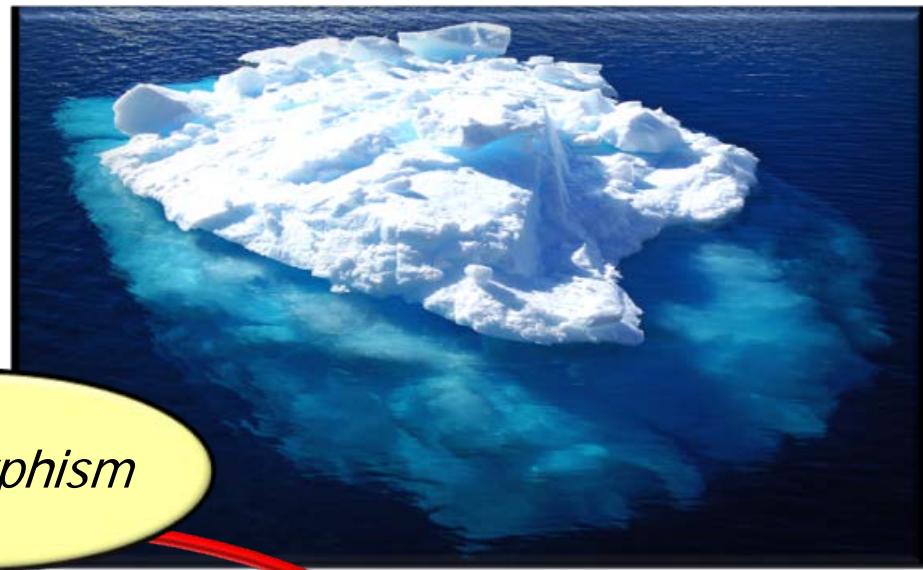
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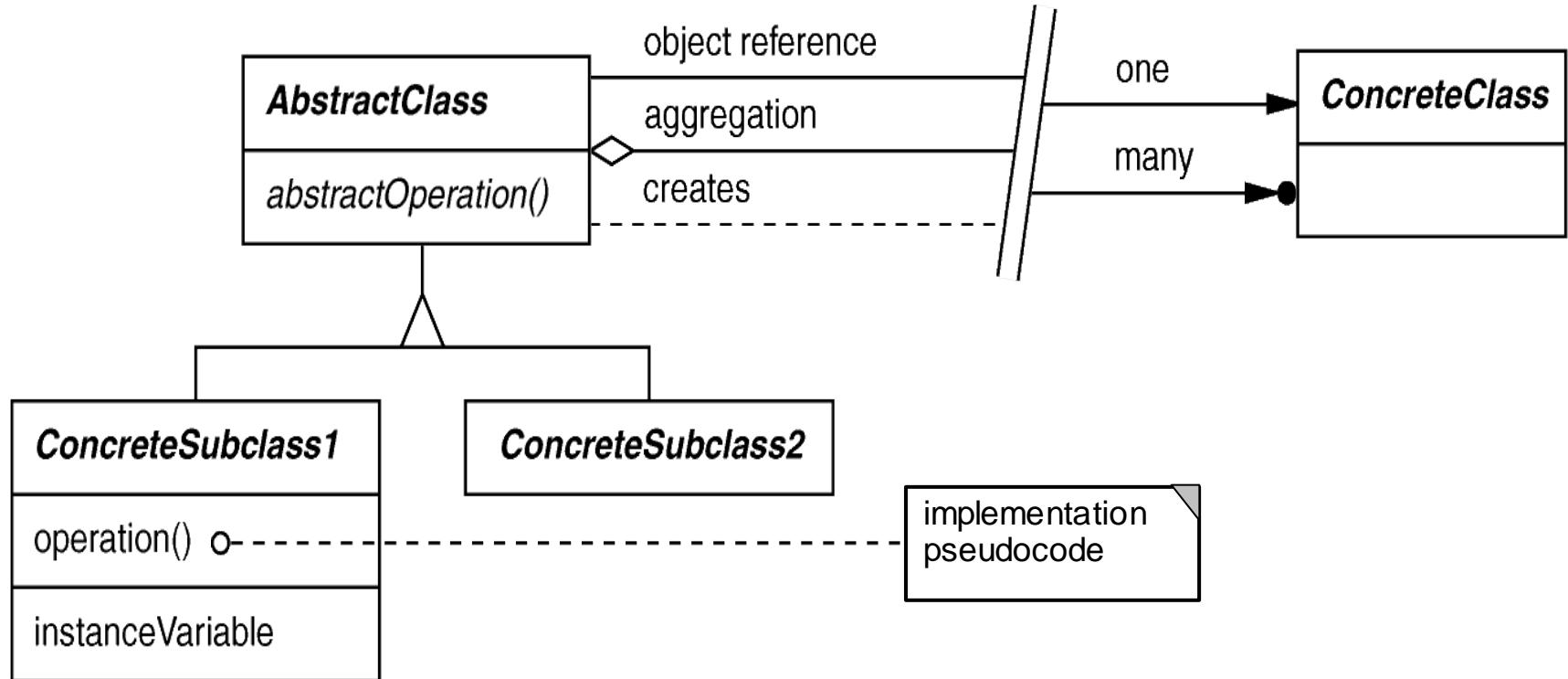
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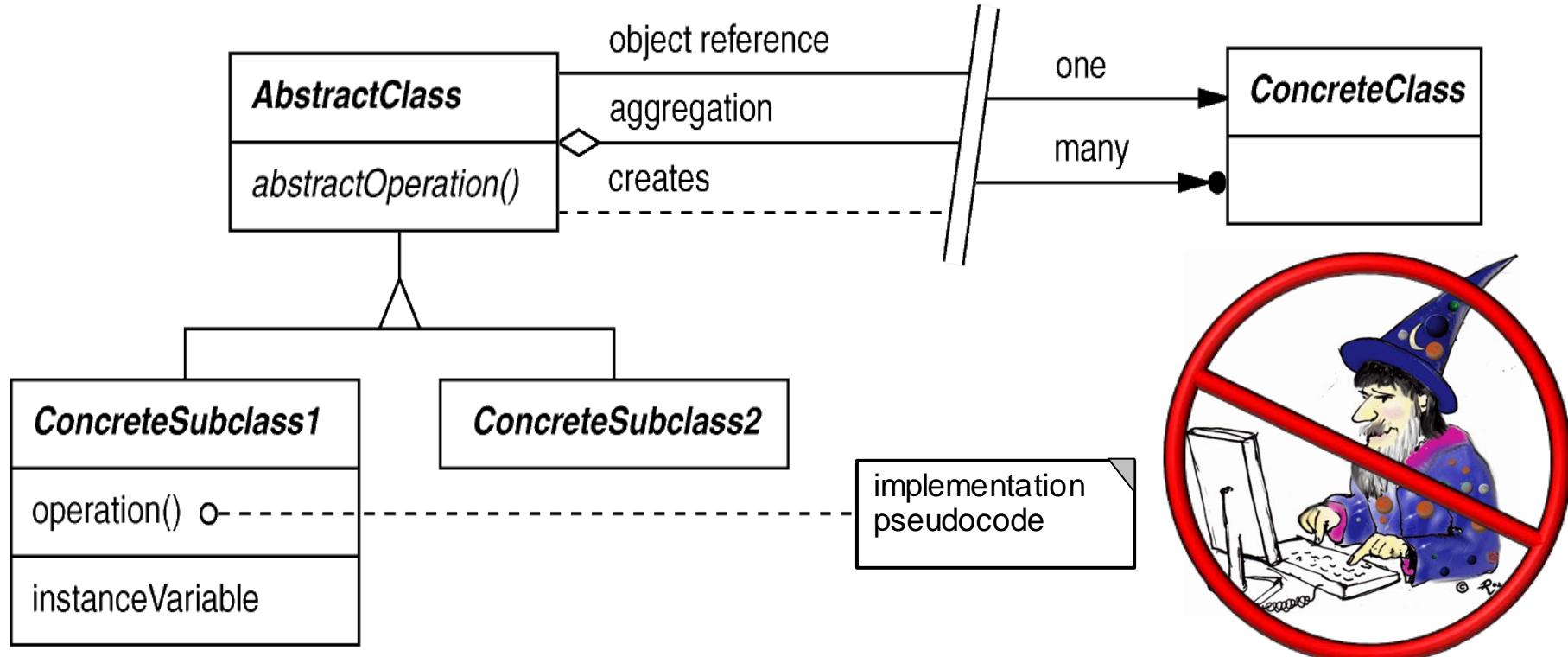
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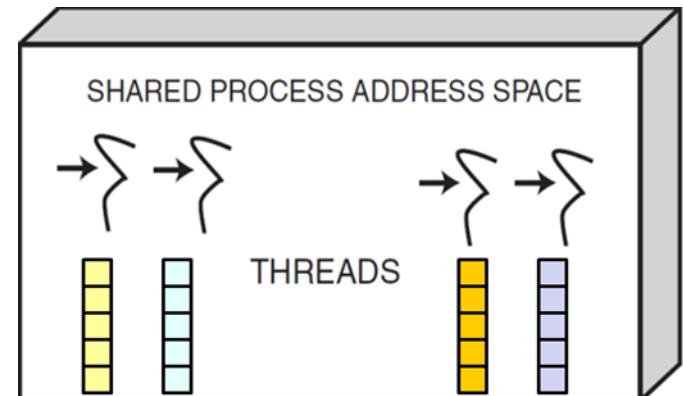
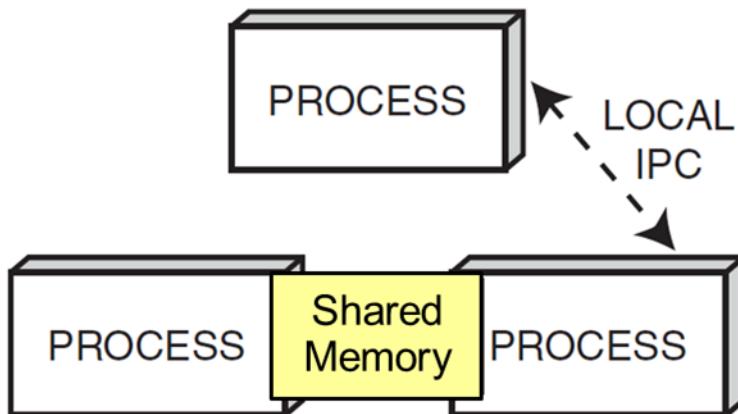
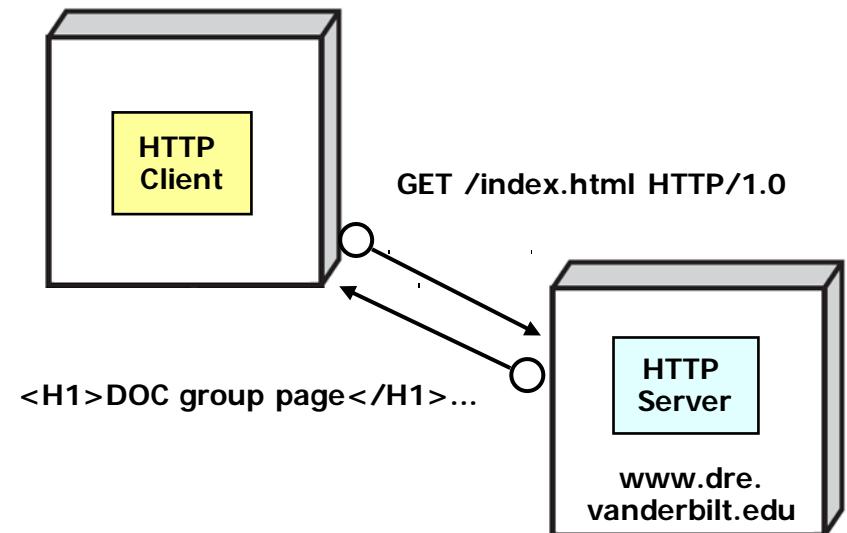
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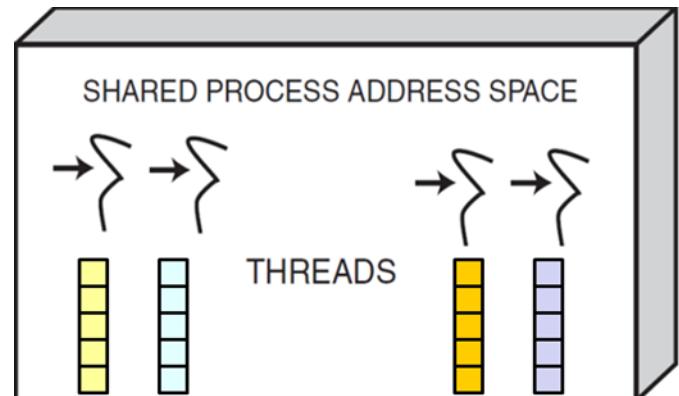
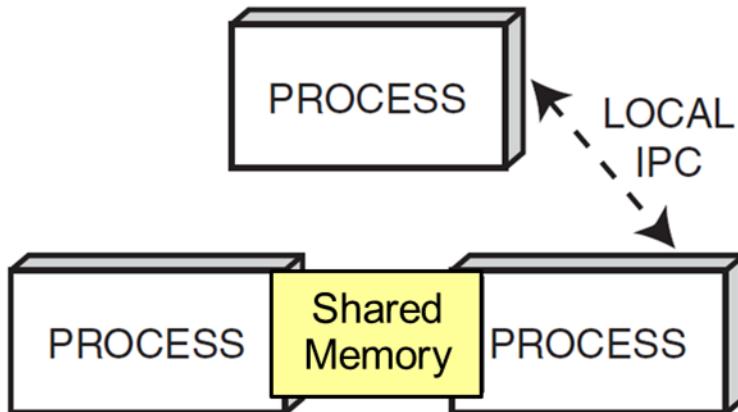
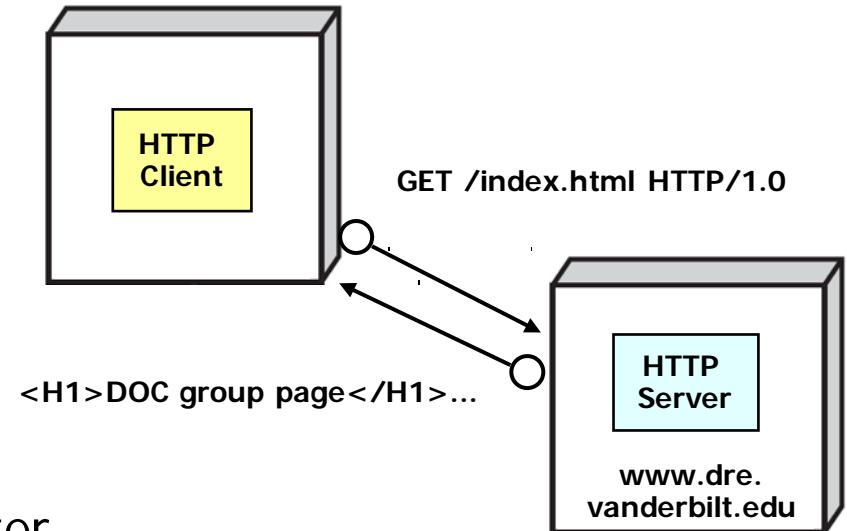
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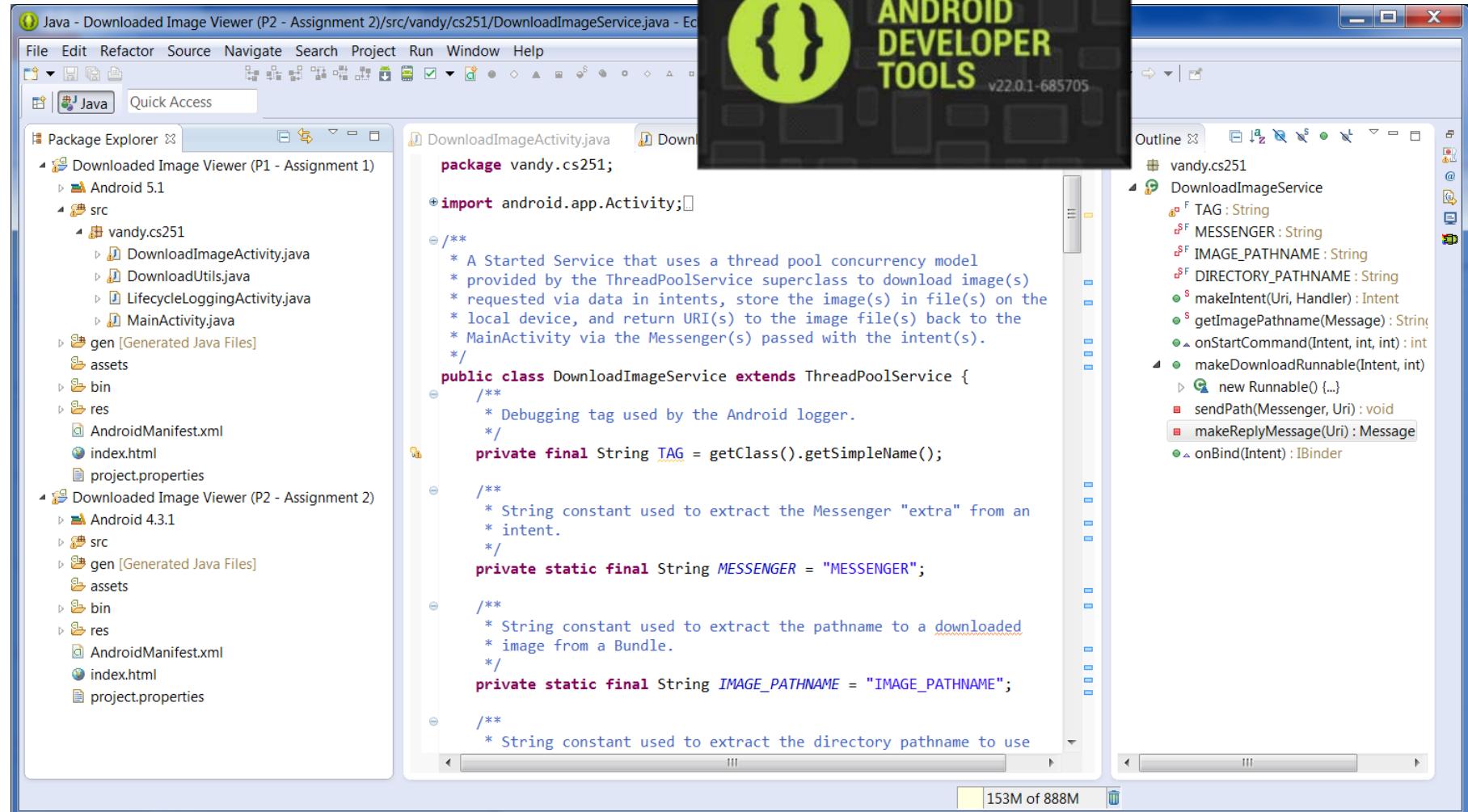
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## Obtaining Source Code

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We've created a GitHub repository for the 2015 POSA MOOC assignments and examples, which can be accessed [here](#). You can either install/use GitHub to access each folder in the repository (as described [here](#)) or you can download it in a single zip file. We *strongly* recommend you learn to use Git rather than downloading the zip file.

You can browse the latest/greatest Android source code online [here](#) or download it [here](#).

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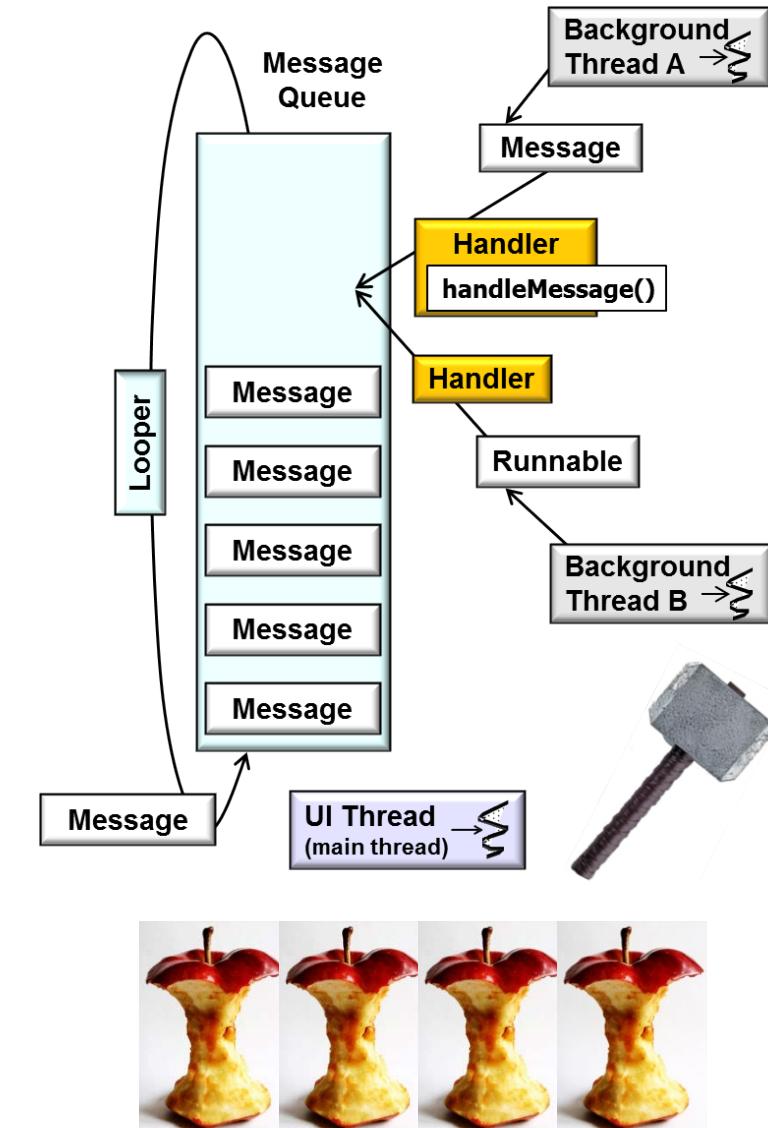
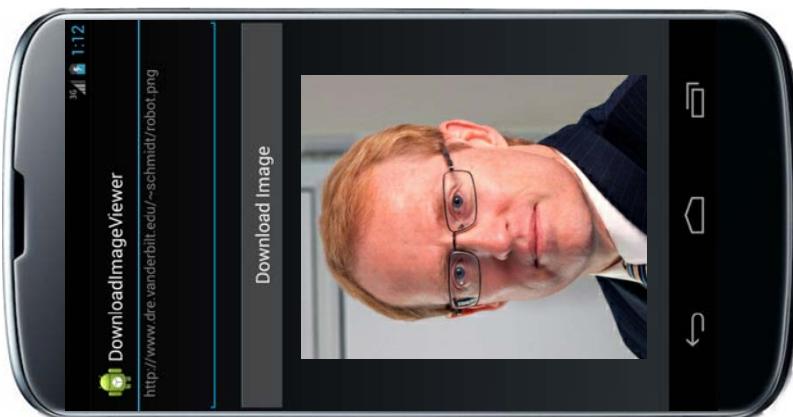
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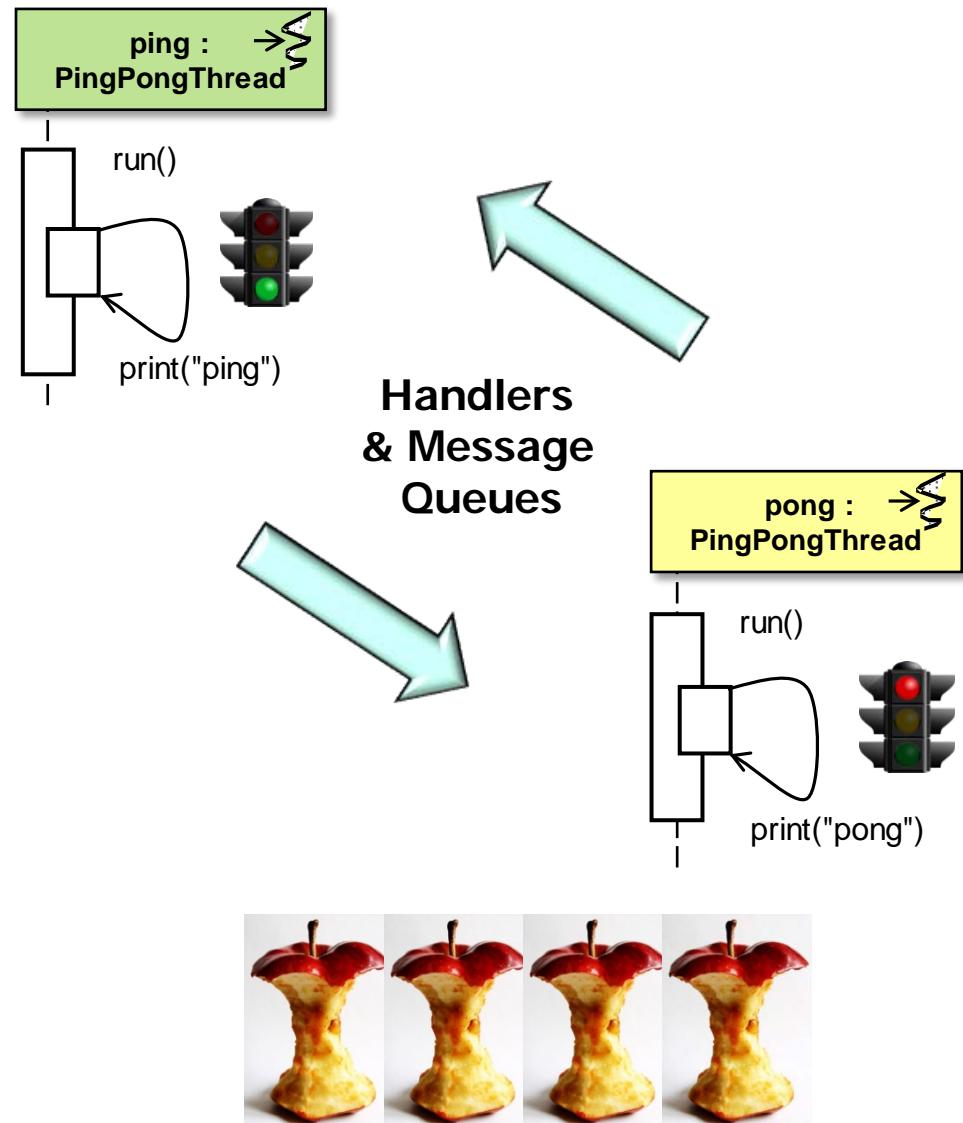
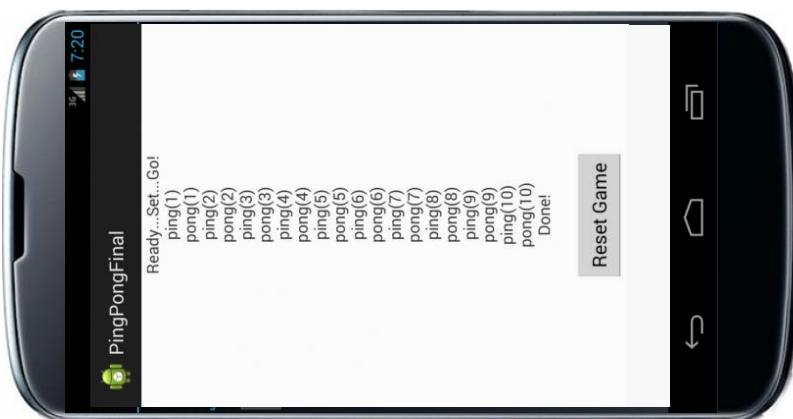
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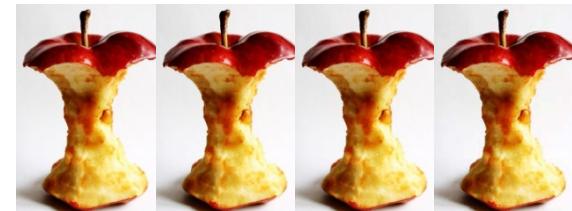
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- Verified Certificates require doing assignments & quizzes

## Signature Track and Verified Certificates

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The POSA MOOC is the third course in the Mobile Cloud Computing with Android (MoCCA) Specialization. It consists of lecture videos with integrated quiz questions designed to ensure students understand the material covered in the videos. The estimated time commitment is roughly 8 – 12 hours per week, depending on background and interest level. In addition to completing the auto-graded weekly quizzes, students will also complete auto-/peer-graded programming assignments. These programming assignments will involve writing concurrent Android applications using its pattern-oriented frameworks written in Java. The final grade for the course will be calculated as follows:

### 1. Weekly quizzes (Weighting: 30%)

Each quiz will contain a number of equally-weighted questions. You will have until noon central time on the last day of the class to submit the quiz. There will be ~4 quizzes.

### 2. Programming assignments (Weighting: 70%)

You will have  $N$  programming assignments (where  $N = \sim 3$ ) by the end of the course. You will have roughly 14 days to submit your solution. The total weekly assignment score will be 70% of the final course score for students. Each assignment will account for  $1/N$ th of the total programming assignment points, so it's possible to miss an assignment and still pass the class as long as you do well on the other assignments.

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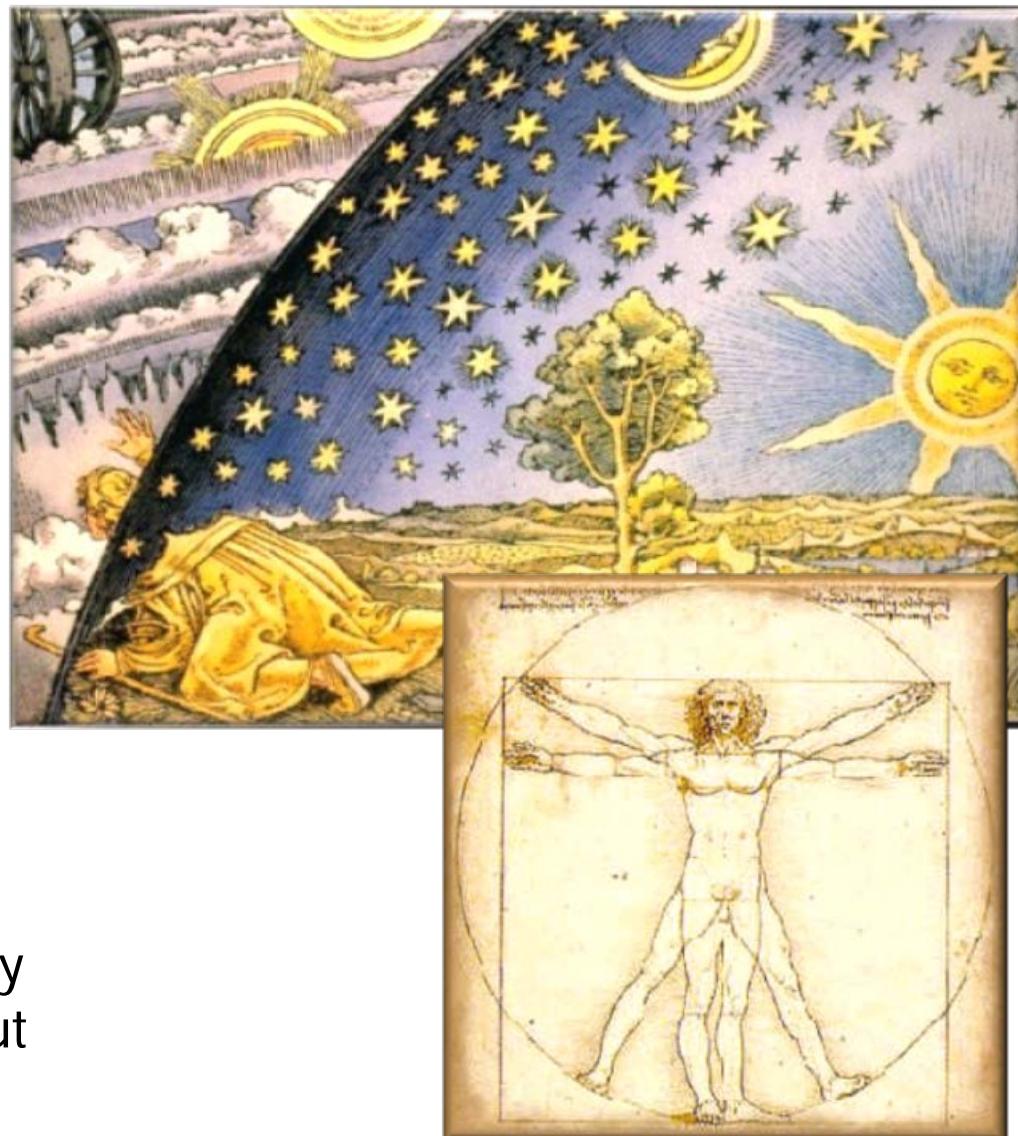


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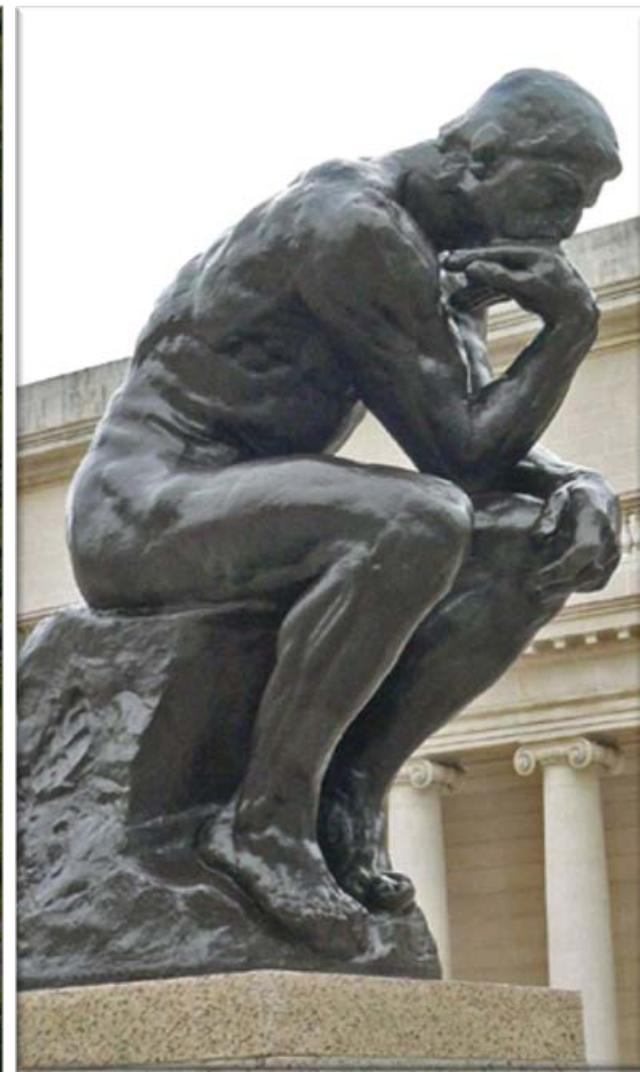


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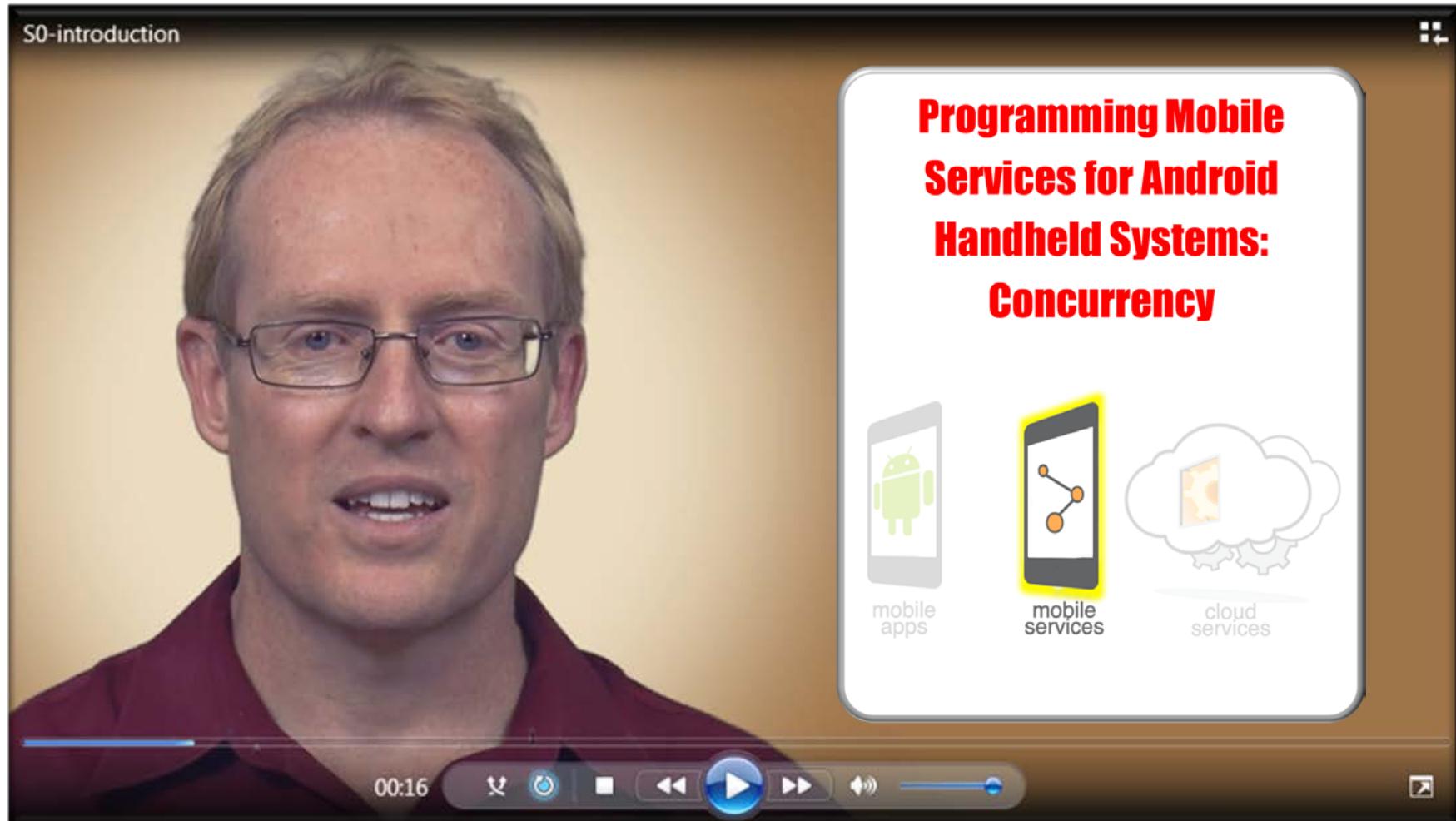
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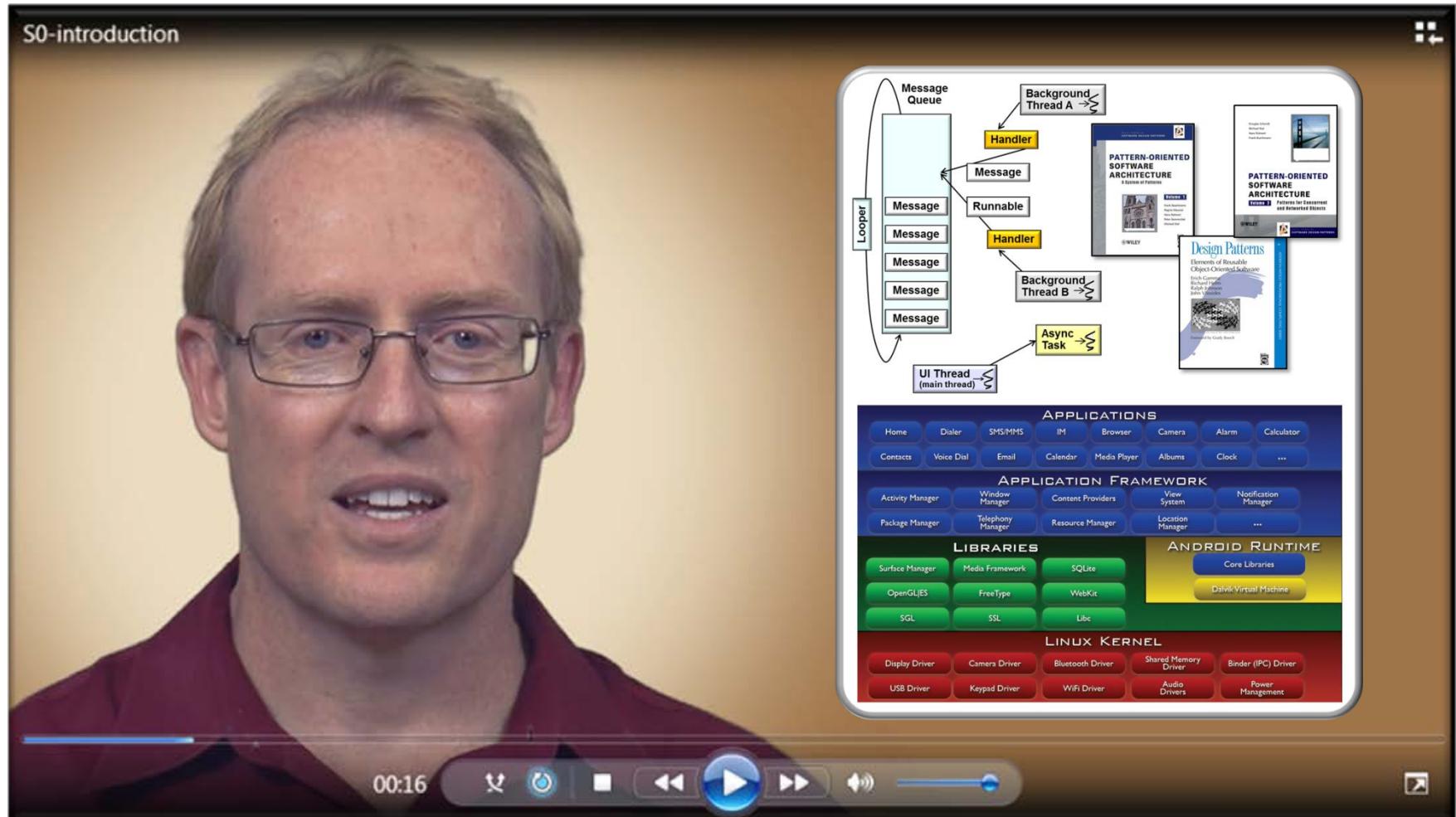
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package [java.util.concurrent](#) Added in API level 1

## java.util.concurrent

Utility classes commonly useful in concurrent programming. This package includes a few small standardized extensible frameworks, as well as some classes that provide useful functionality and are otherwise tedious or difficult to implement. Here are brief descriptions of the main components. See also the [java.util.concurrent.locks](#) and [java.util.concurrent.atomic](#) packages.

### Executors

**Interfaces.** [Executor](#) is a simple standardized interface for defining custom thread-like subsystems, including thread pools, asynchronous I/O, and lightweight task frameworks. Depending on which concrete Executor class is being used, tasks may execute in a newly created thread, an existing task-execution thread, or the thread calling [execute](#), and may execute sequentially or concurrently. [ExecutorService](#) provides a more complete asynchronous task execution framework. An ExecutorService manages queuing and scheduling of tasks, and allows controlled shutdown. The [ScheduledExecutorService](#) subinterface and associated interfaces add support for delayed and periodic task execution. ExecutorServices provide methods arranging asynchronous execution of any function expressed as [Callable](#), the result-bearing analog of [Runnable](#). A [Future](#) returns the results of a function, allows determination of whether execution has completed, and provides a means to cancel execution. A [RunnableFuture](#) is a [Future](#) that possesses a [run](#) method that upon execution, sets its results. **Implementations.** Classes [ThreadPoolExecutor](#) and [ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor](#) provide tunable, flexible thread pools. The [Executors](#) class provides factory methods for the most common kinds and configurations of Executors, as well as a few utility methods for using them. Other utilities based on [Executors](#) include the concrete class [FutureTask](#) providing a common extensible implementation of Futures, and [ExecutorCompletionService](#), that assists in coordinating the processing of groups of asynchronous tasks.

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8	Overview of Android Components: Content Providers	Douglas Schmidt	17:50
9	Overview of Android Components: Intents	Douglas Schmidt	31:44
10	Overview of Android Components: Broadcast Receivers	Douglas Schmidt	14:24
11	Motivations for Concurrency: Part 1	Douglas Schmidt	23:16
12	Motivations for Concurrency: Part 2	Douglas Schmidt	14:08

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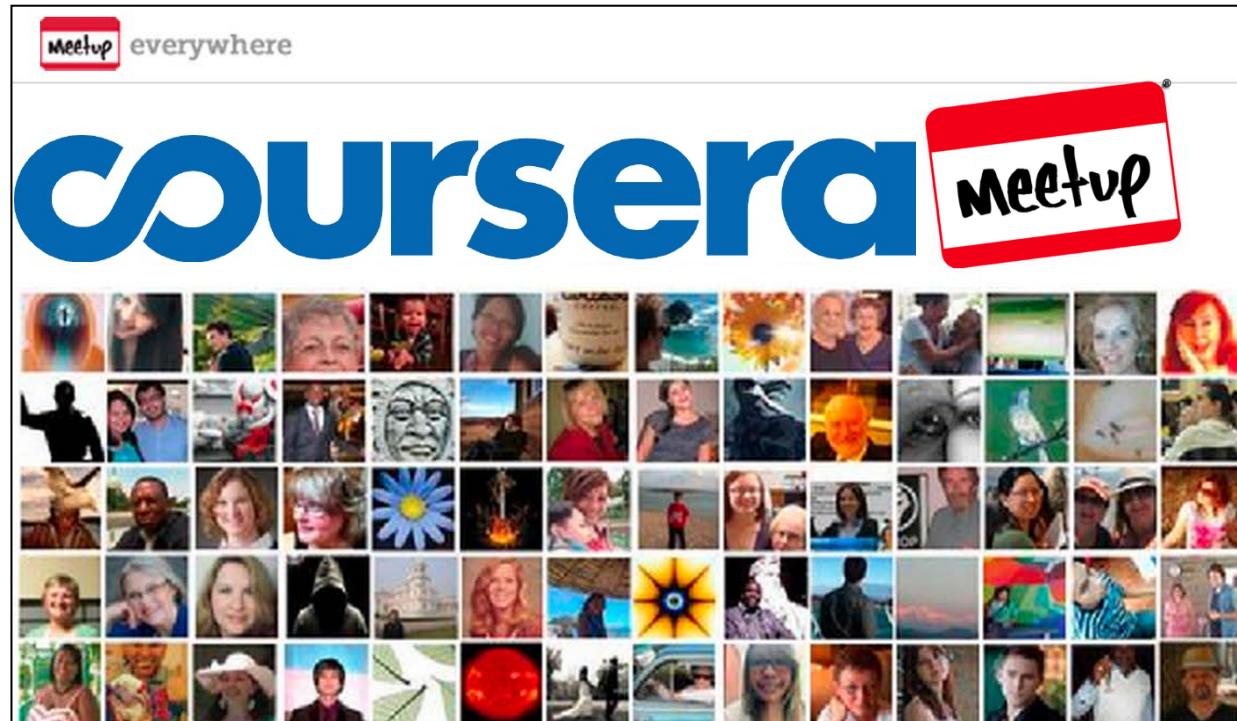
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    - LiveLesson videos on Java Concurrency & Design Patterns in Java



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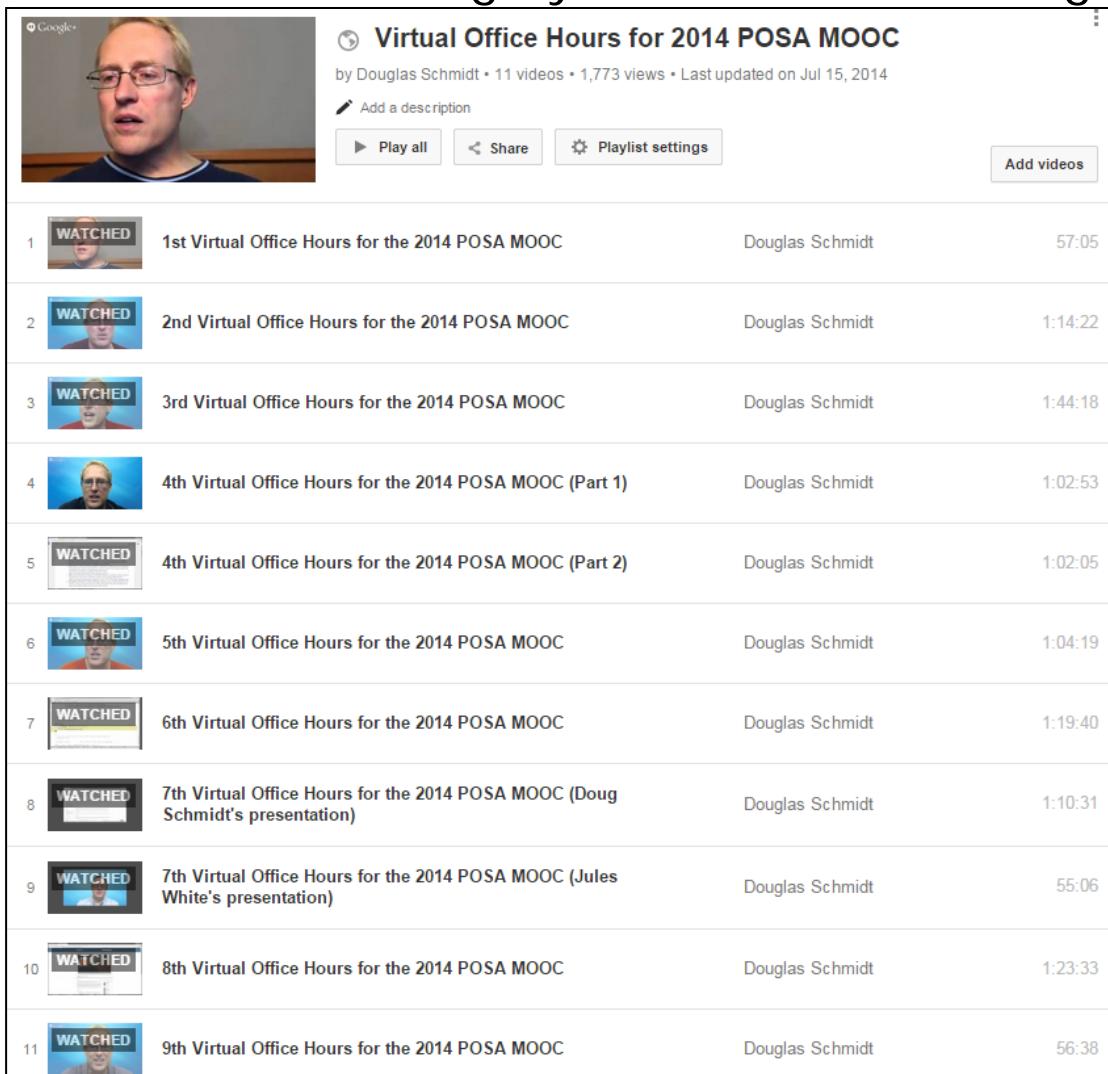
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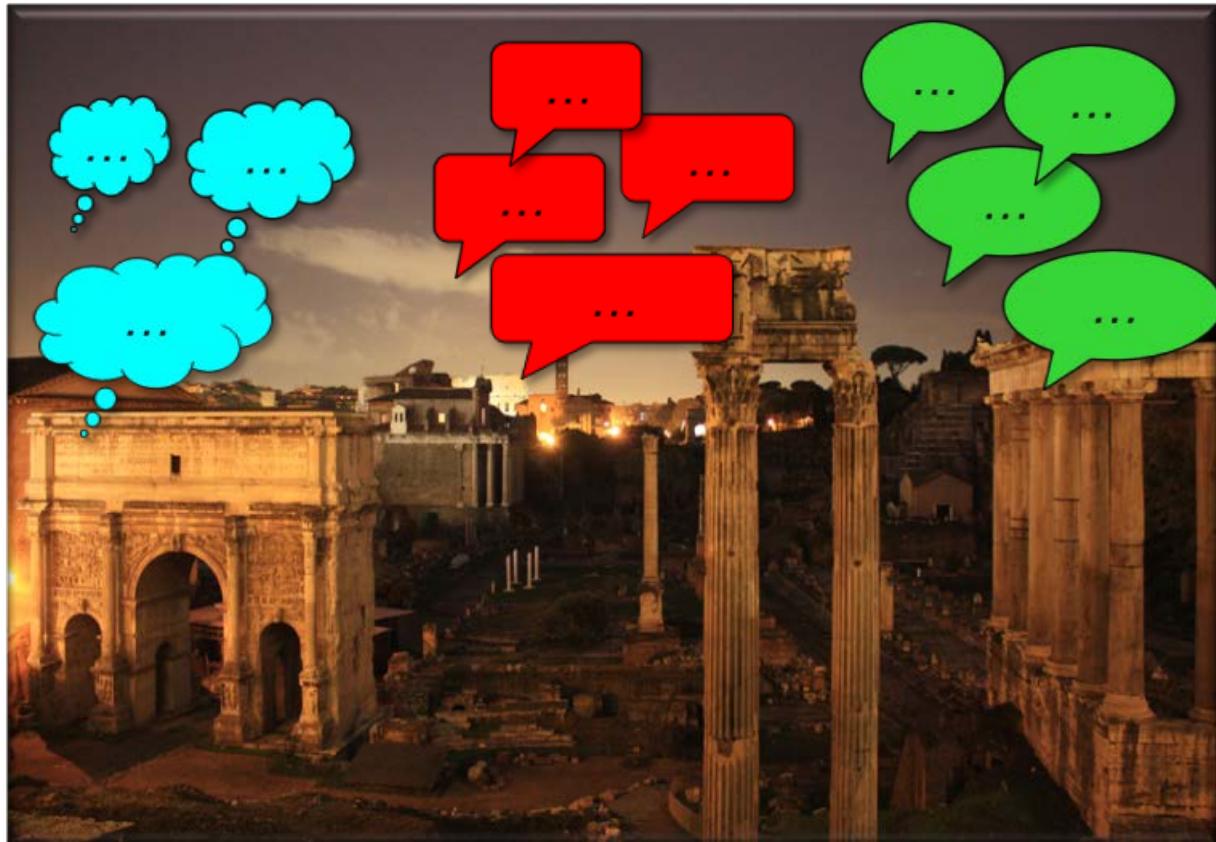
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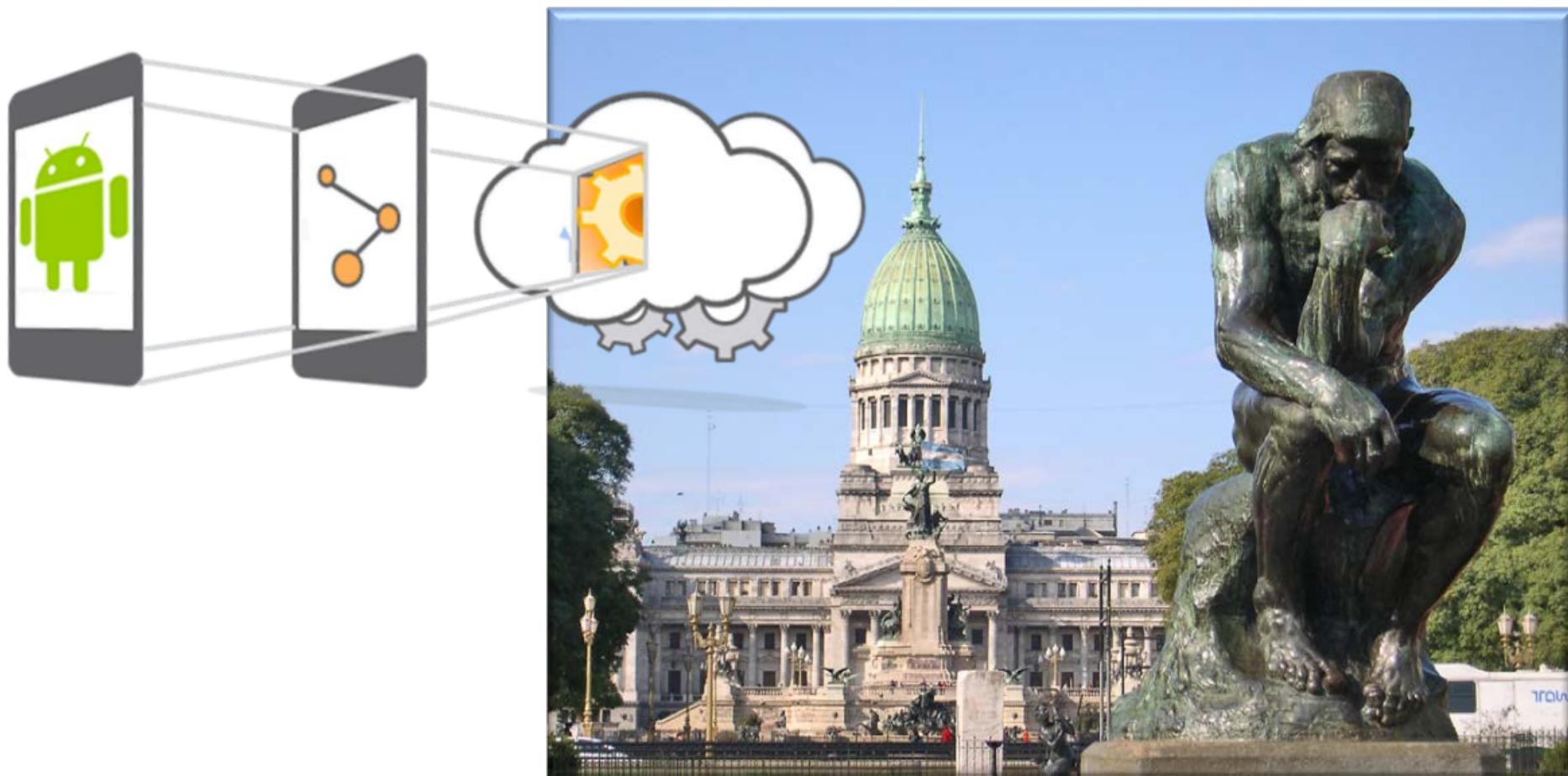
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## POSA 15 FAQ

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### 1. What are the course objectives?

Upon completing this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize the inherent and accidental complexities involved with developing concurrent and networked software that communicates securely between processes and threads within mobile devices and from mobile devices to clouds.
- Understand how pattern-oriented software architecture and framework techniques can and cannot help to alleviate these complexities.
- Apply patterns and frameworks to develop reusable and resilient concurrent applications and services using the Java object-oriented programming language and Android middleware.
- Know where to find additional sources of information on how to program mobile applications and services on Android handheld systems.

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