Android Services & Local IPC: Programming Bound Services with Messengers (Part 2)

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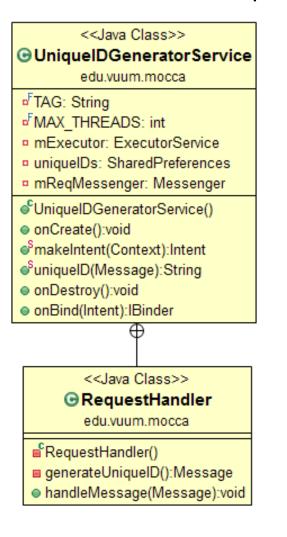
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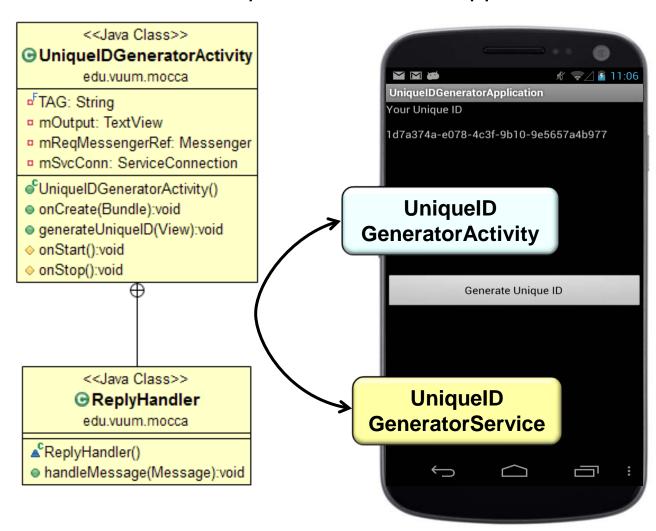
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Module

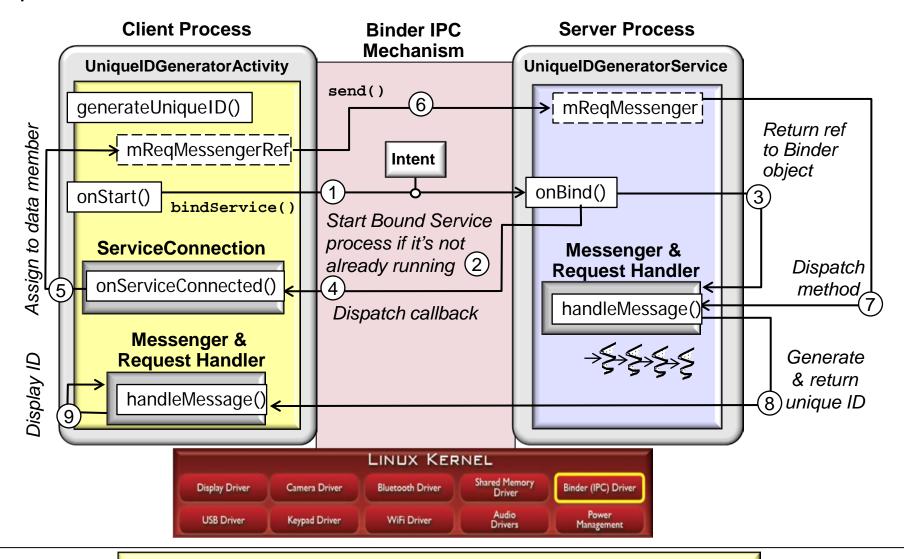
Understand the implementation of the Unique ID Generator Application



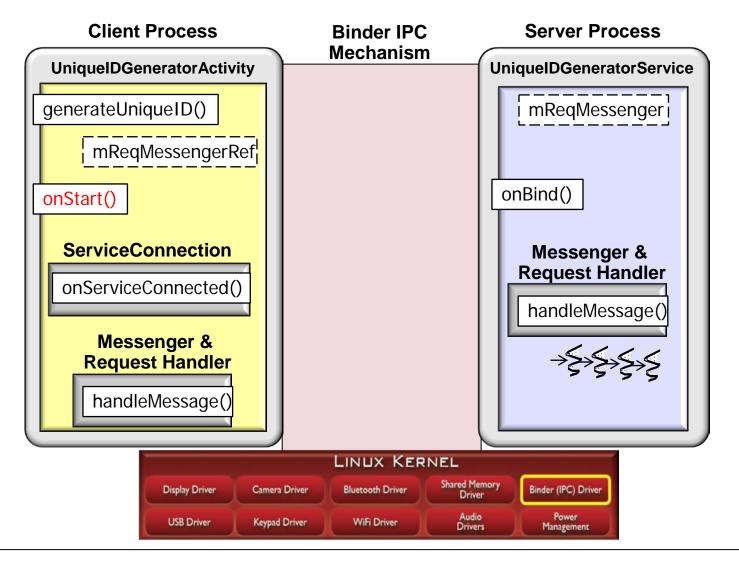


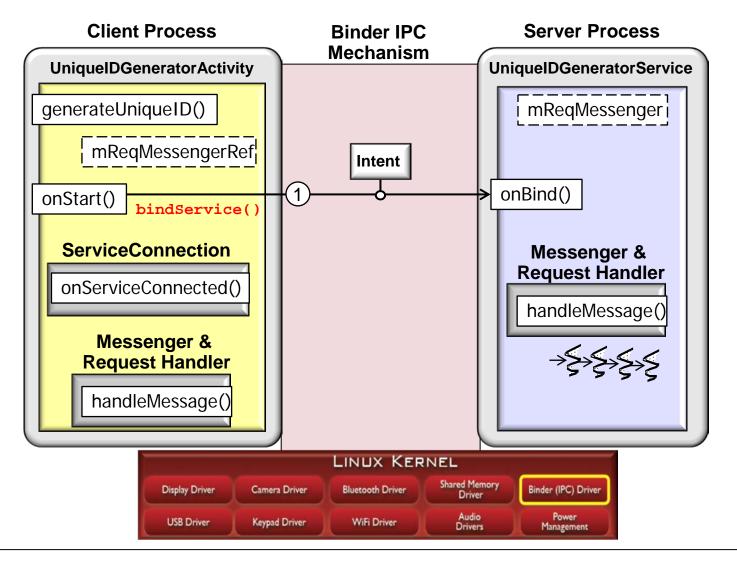
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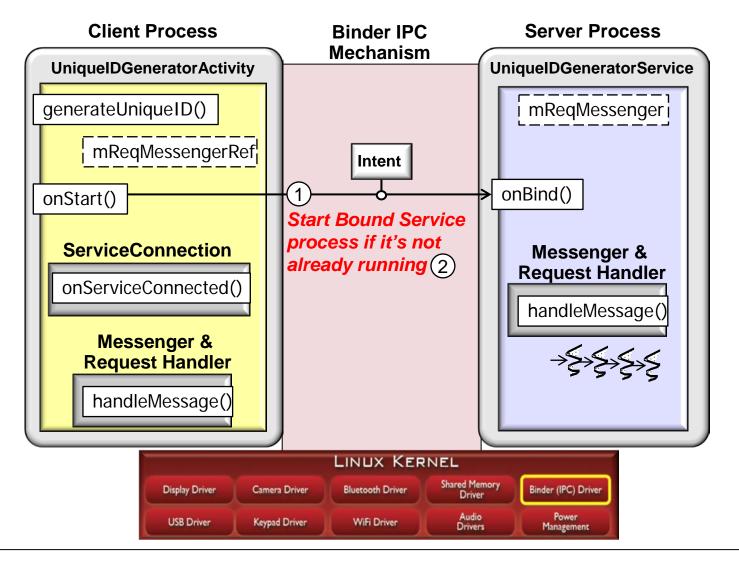
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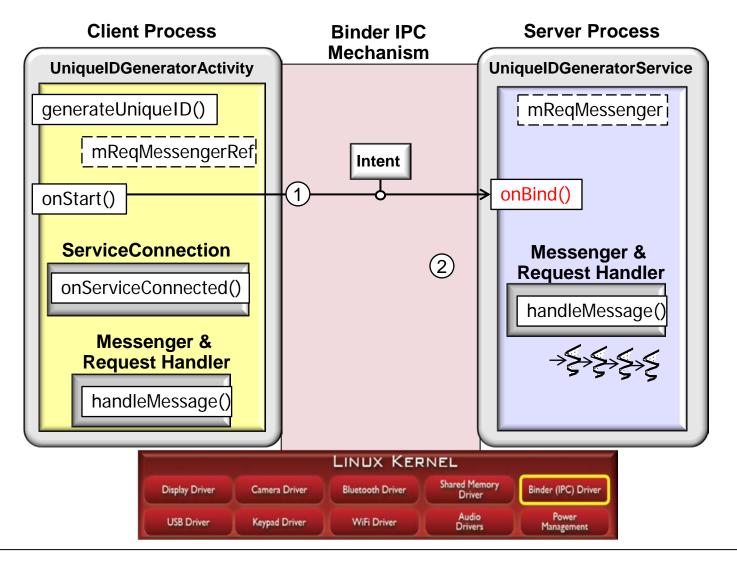


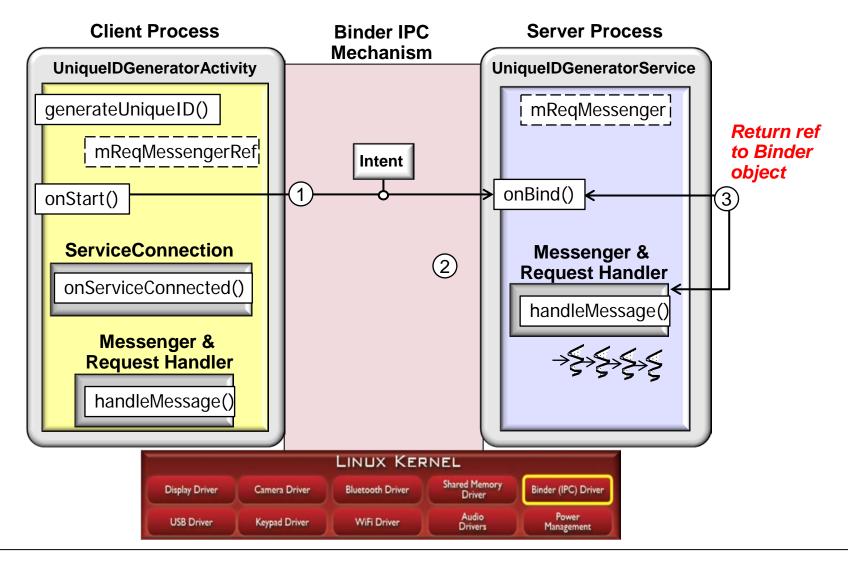
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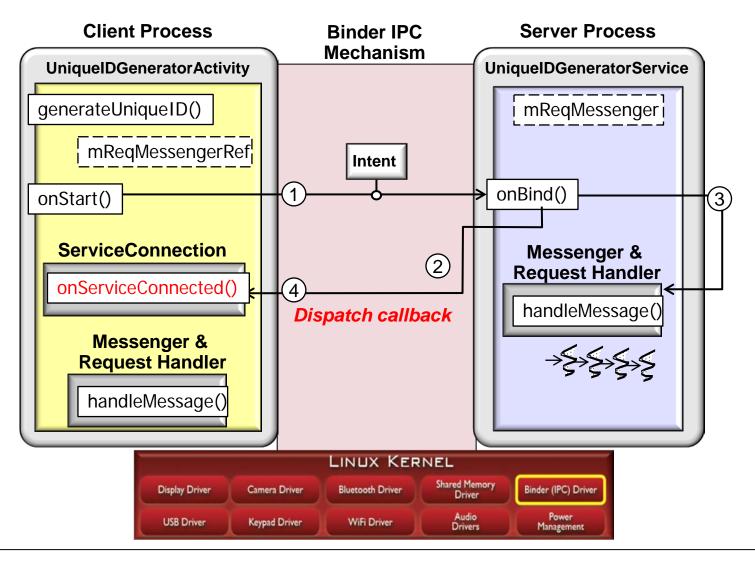


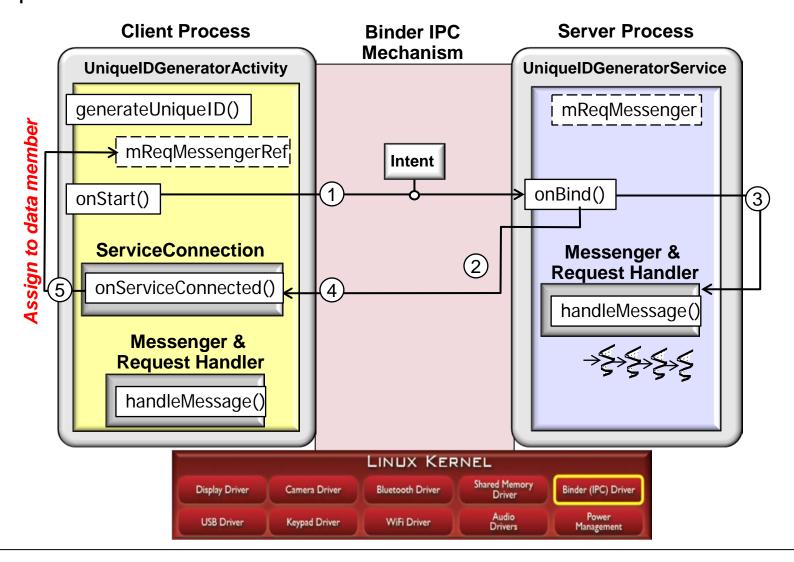


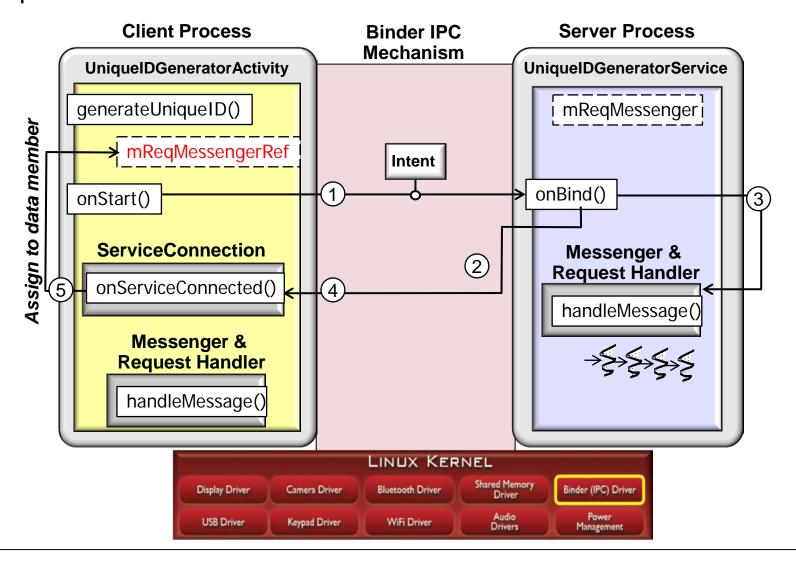


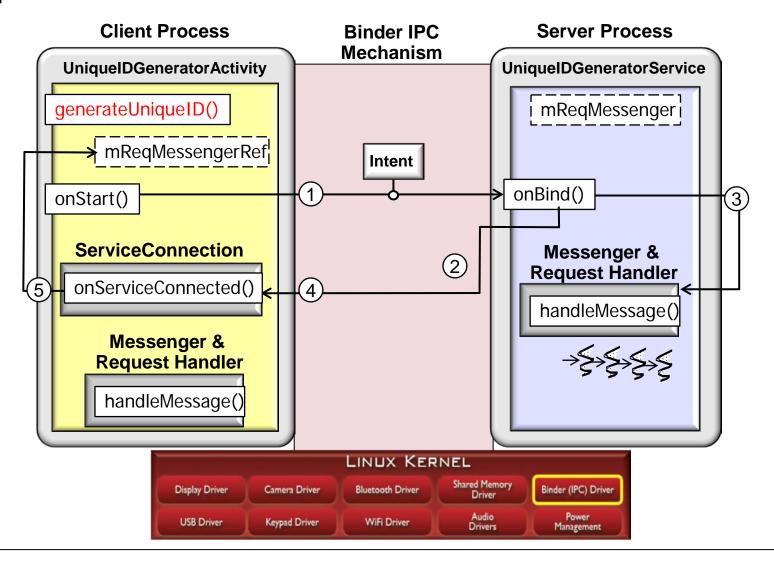


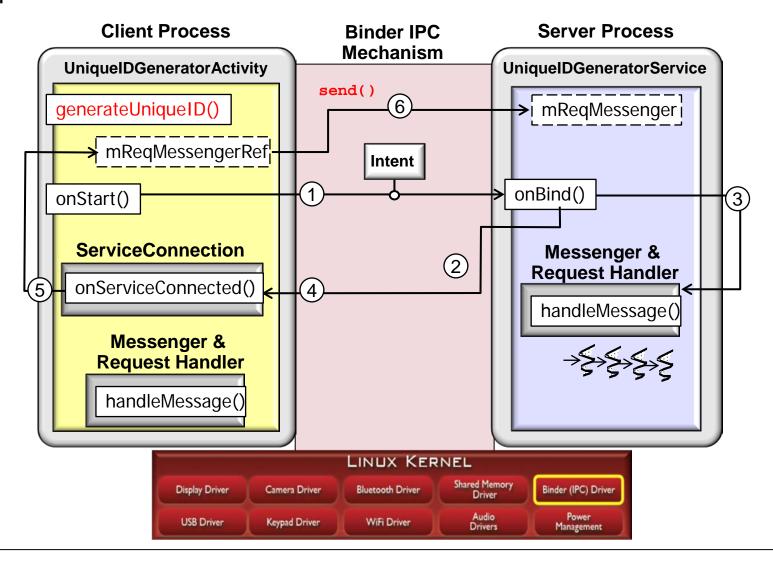


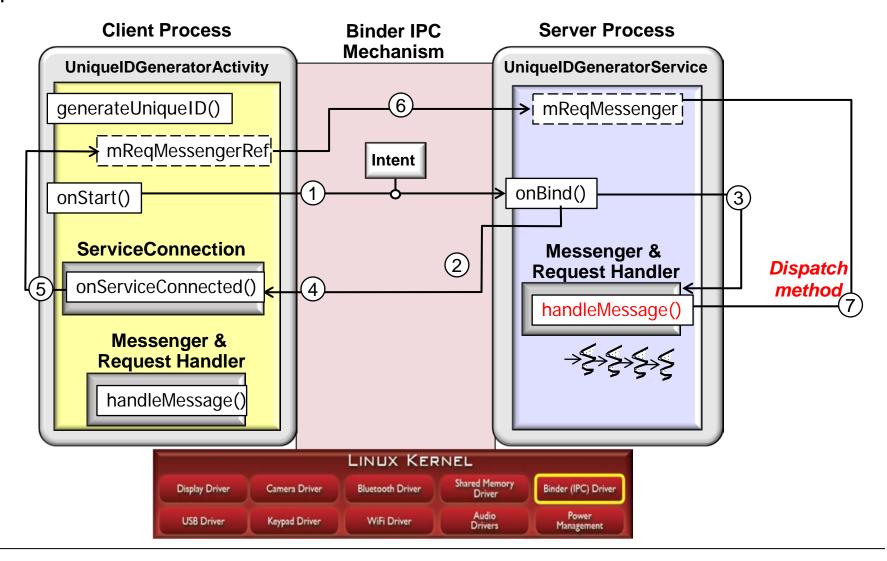


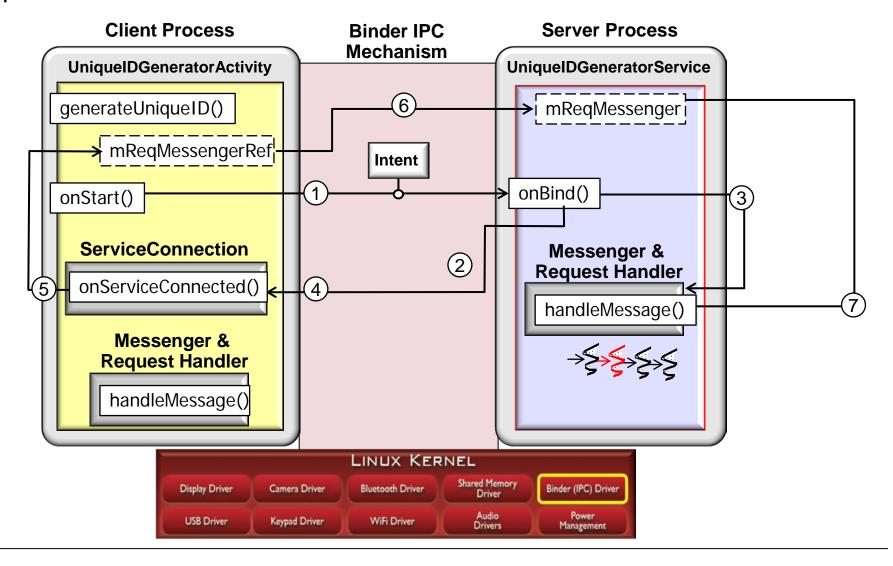


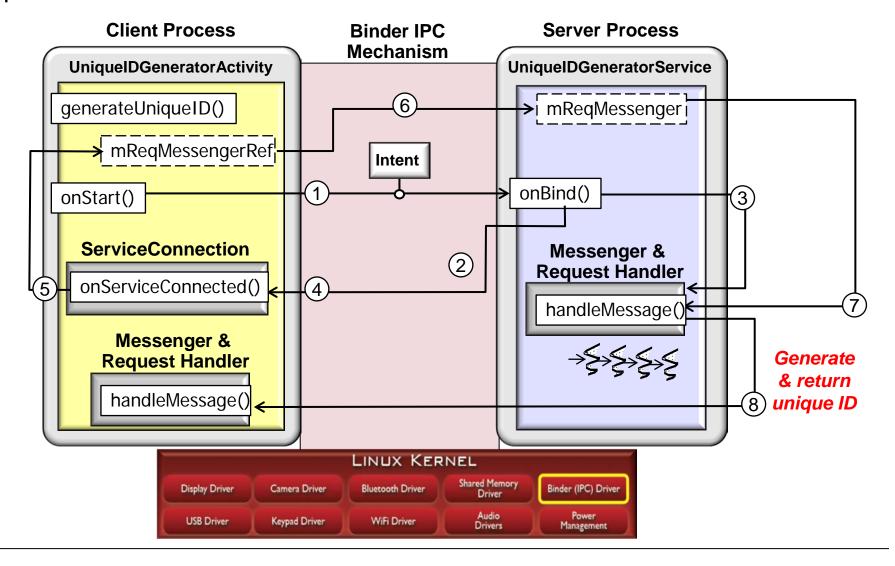


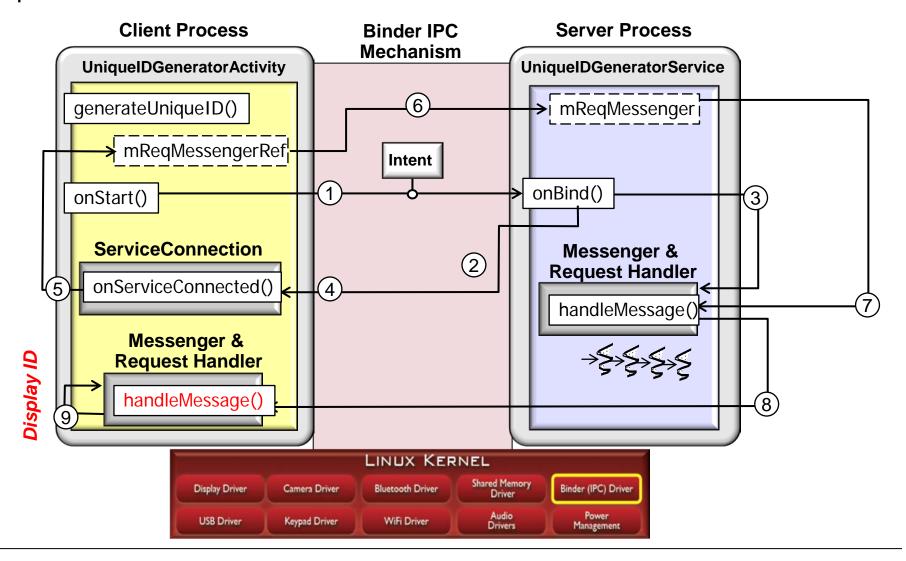






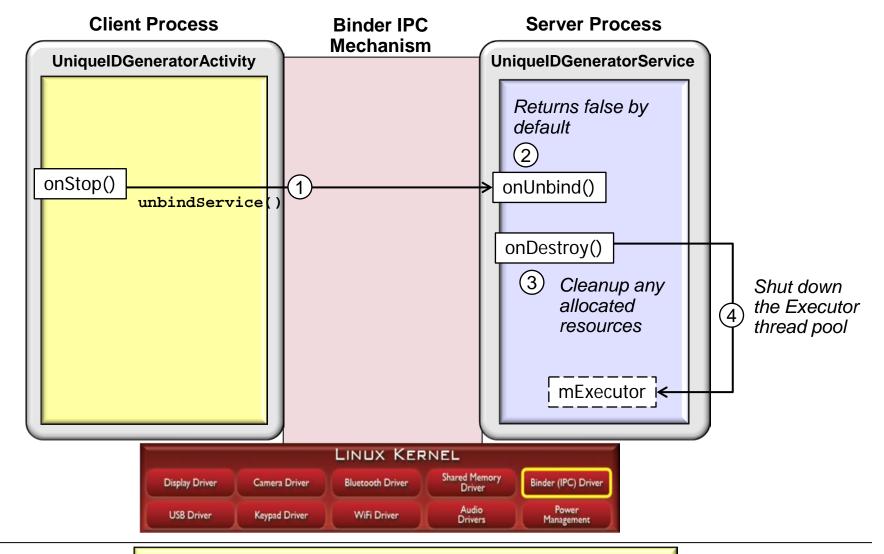




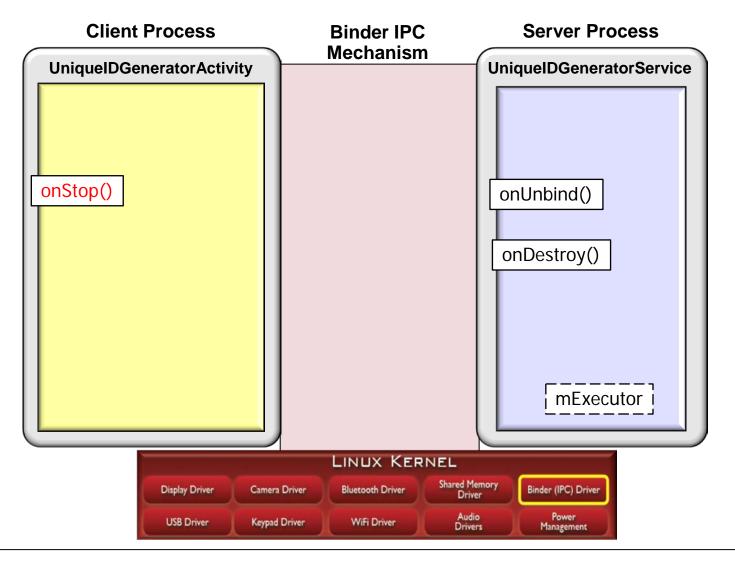


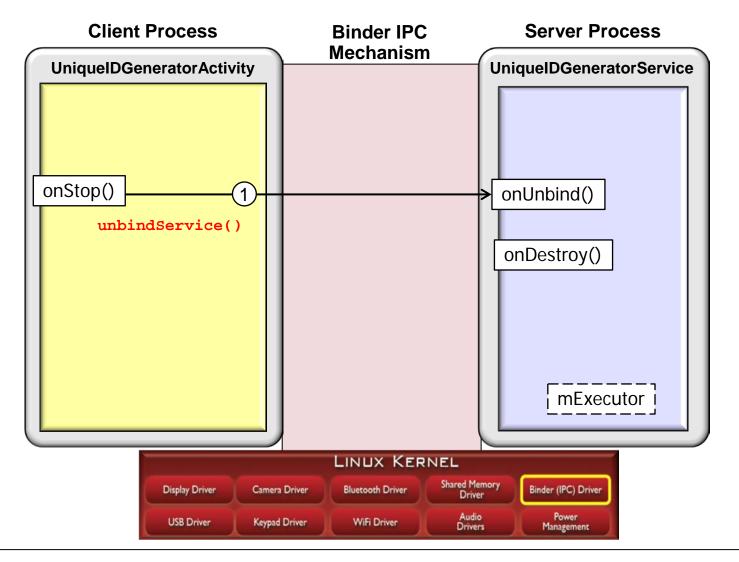
The Protocol for Shutting Down Bound Services

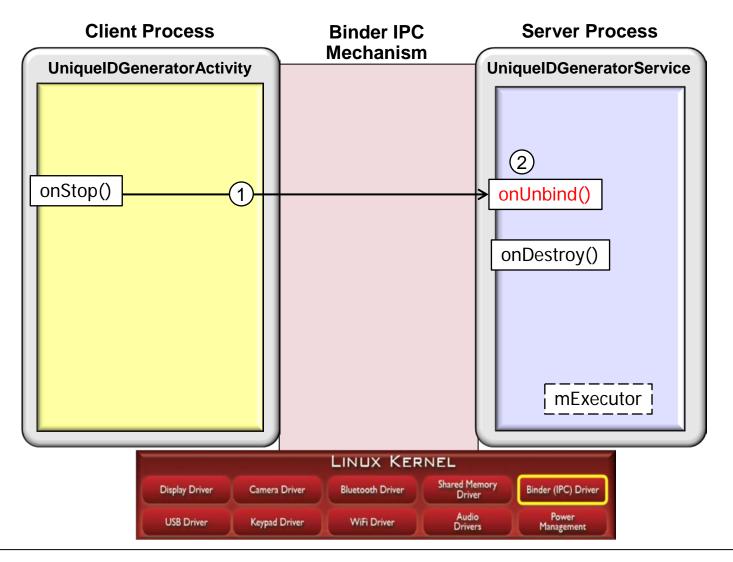
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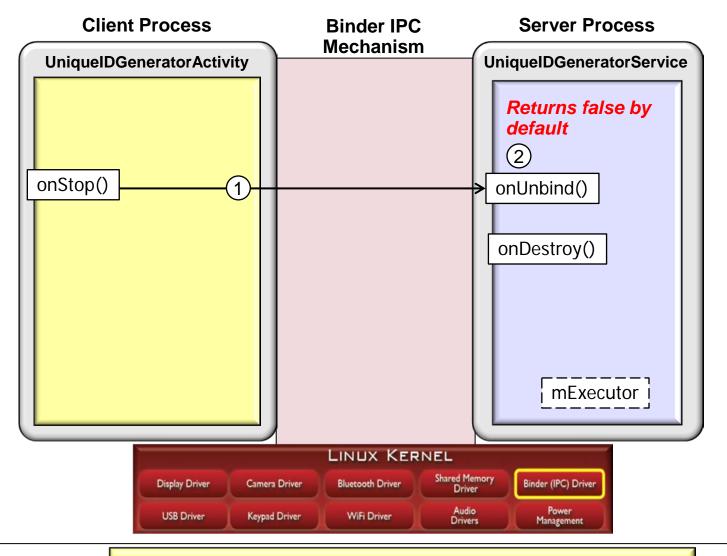
We next examine the protocol for unbinding from & shutting down a Bound Service



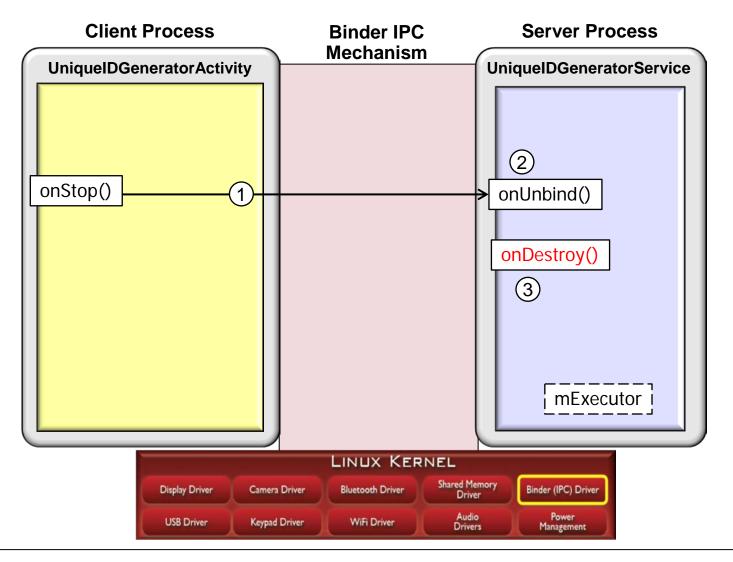


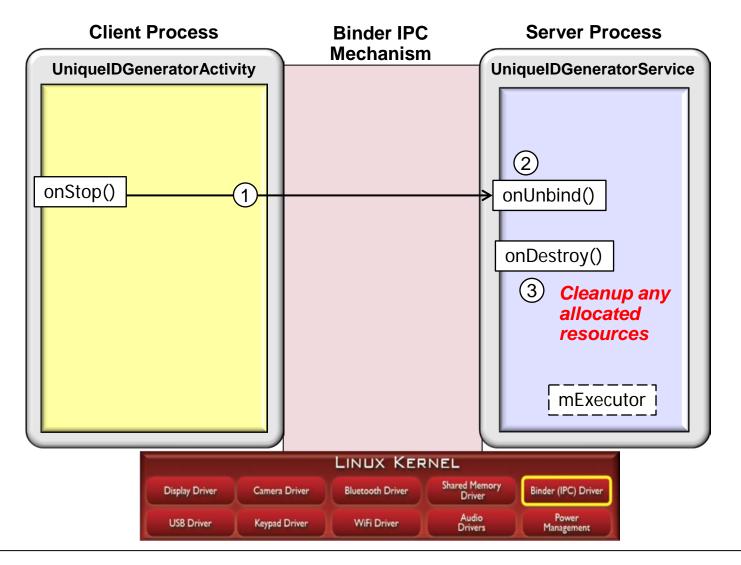


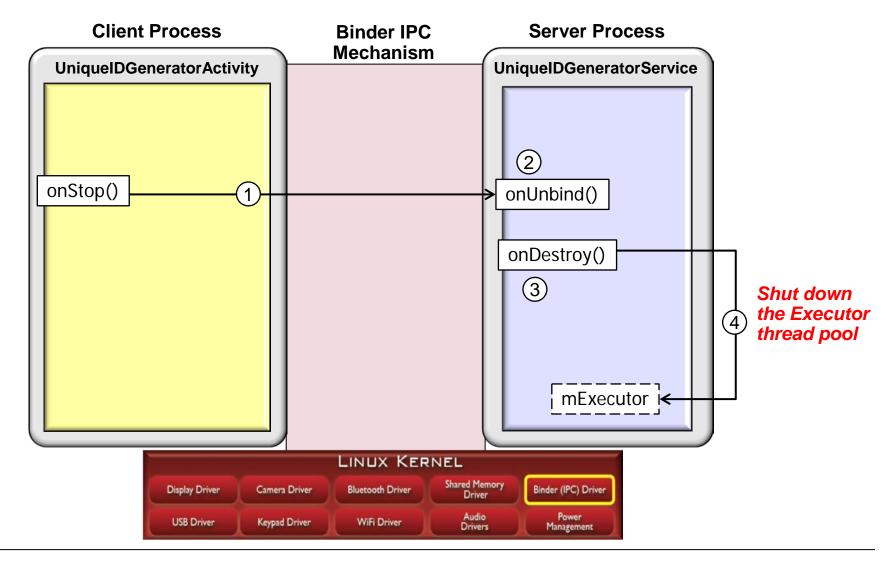
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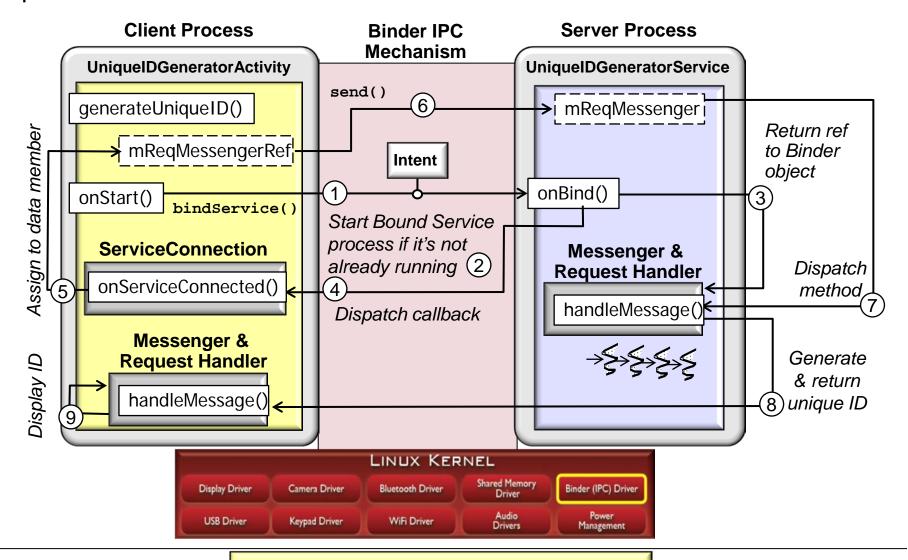
<u>developer.android.com/reference/android/app/</u> Service.html#onUnbind(android.content.Intent)





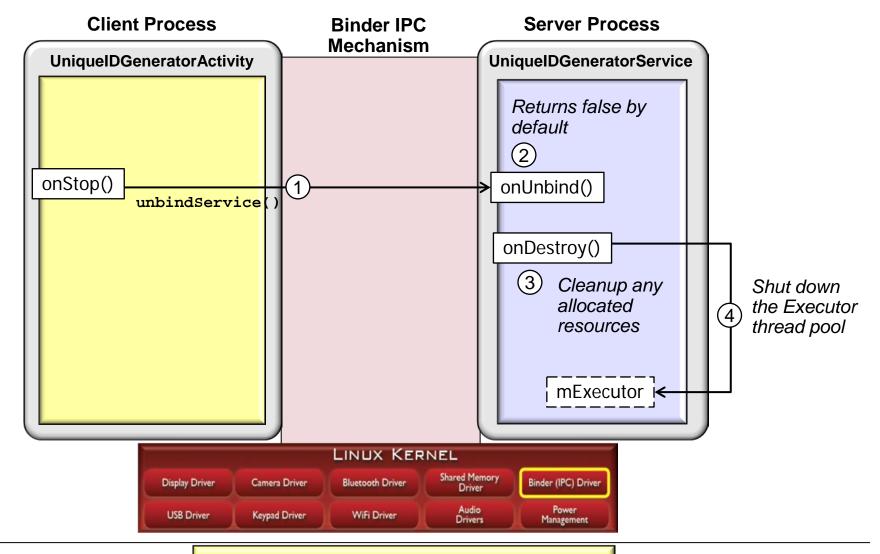


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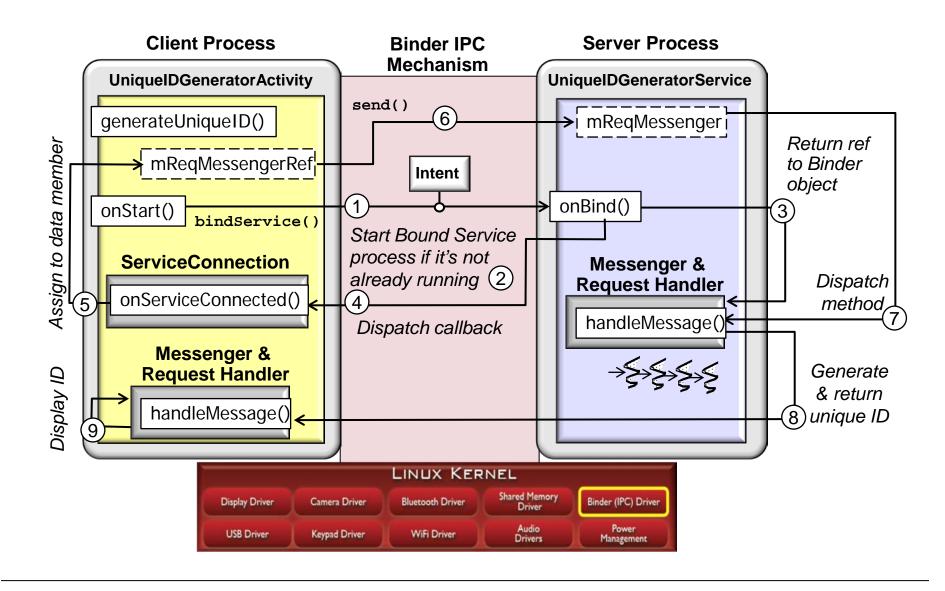
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Overview of the UniqueIDGenerator Application Implementation

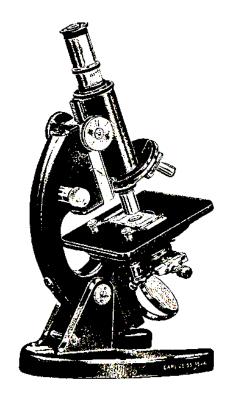


<<Java Class>>

⊙ UniquelDGeneratorService

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- [™]TAG: String
- mExecutor: ExecutorService
- uniquelDs: SharedPreferences
- mReqMessenger: Messenger
- UniqueIDGeneratorService()
- onCreate():void
- SmakeIntent(Context):Intent
- SuniquelD(Message):String
- onDestroy():void
- onBind(Intent):IBinder



<<Java Class>>

UniqueIDGeneratorActivity

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- mOutput: TextView
- mReqMessengerRef: Messenger
- mSvcConn: ServiceConnection
- UniqueIDGeneratorActivity()
- onCreate(Bundle):void
- generateUniquelD(View):void
- onStart():void
- onStop():void

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⊙ RequestHandler

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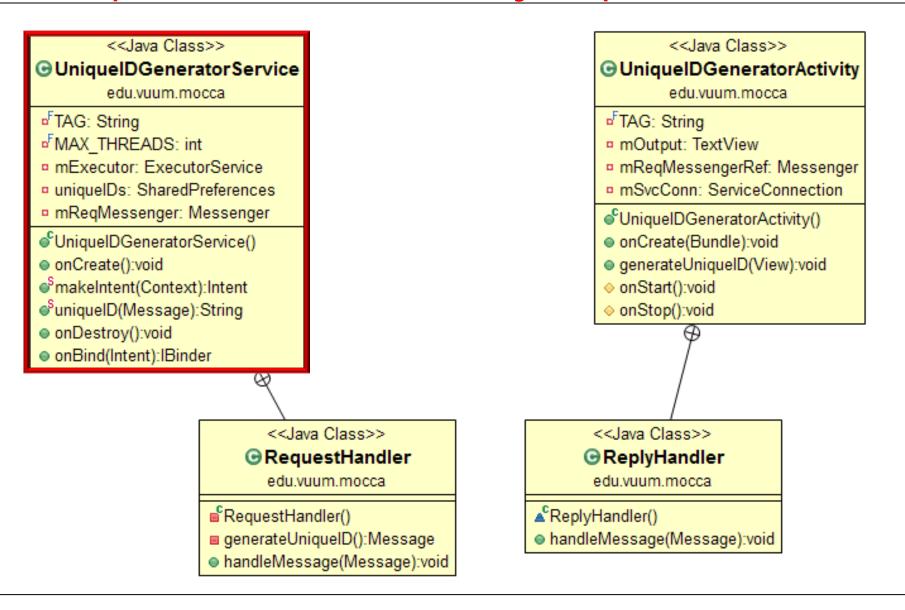
- generateUniqueID():Message
- handleMessage(Message):void

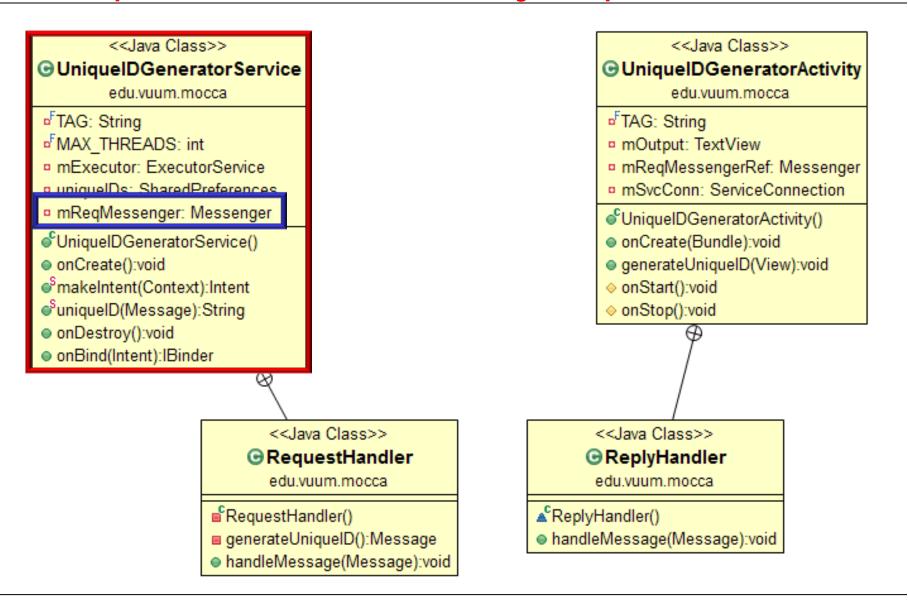
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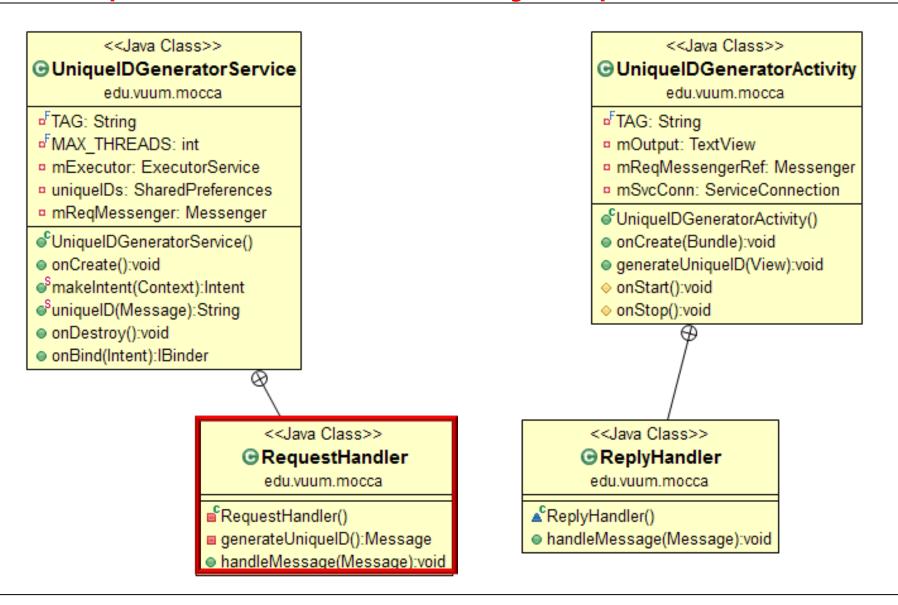
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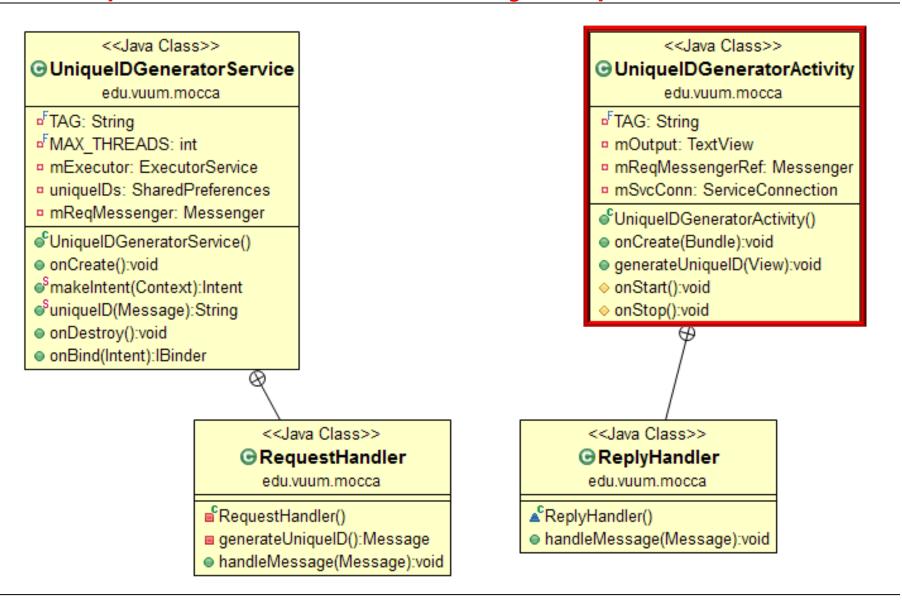
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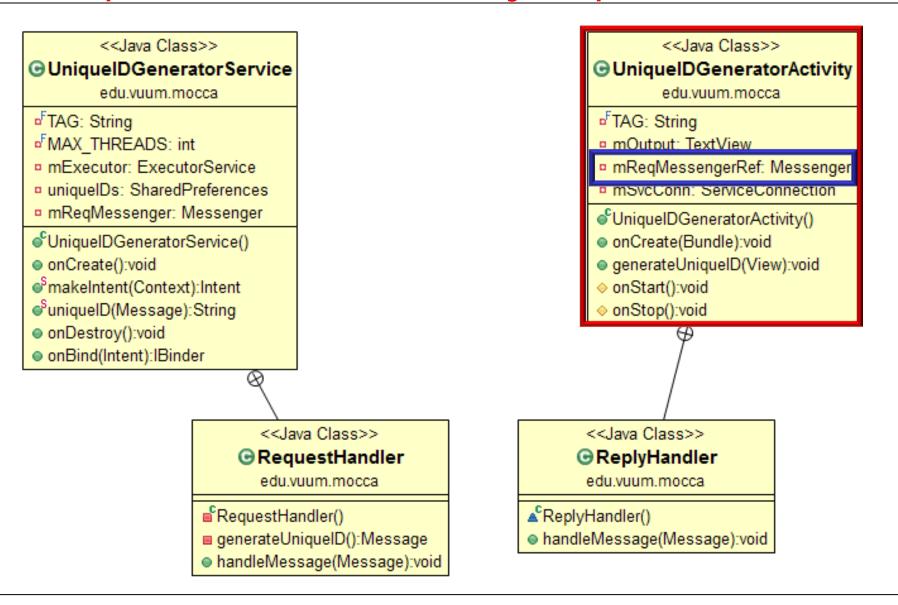
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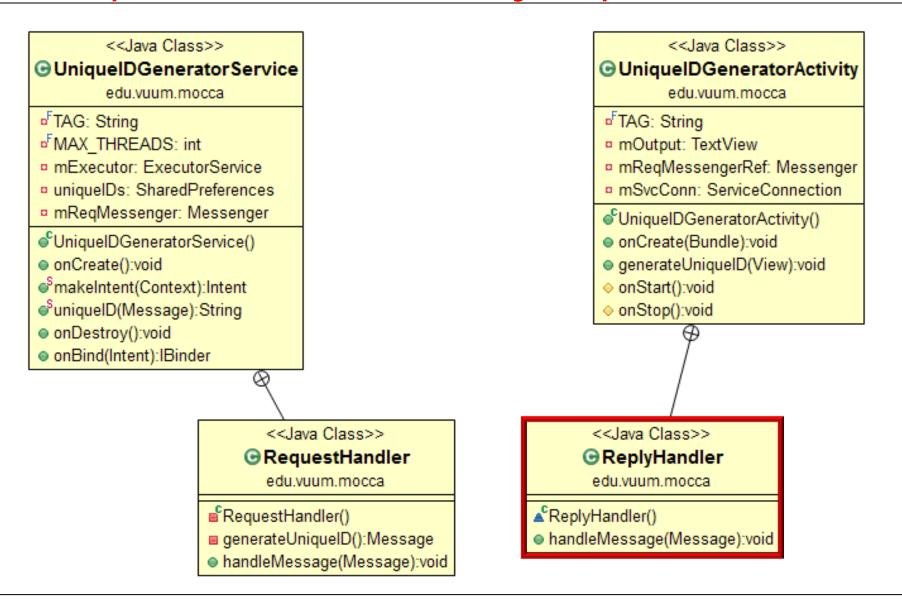


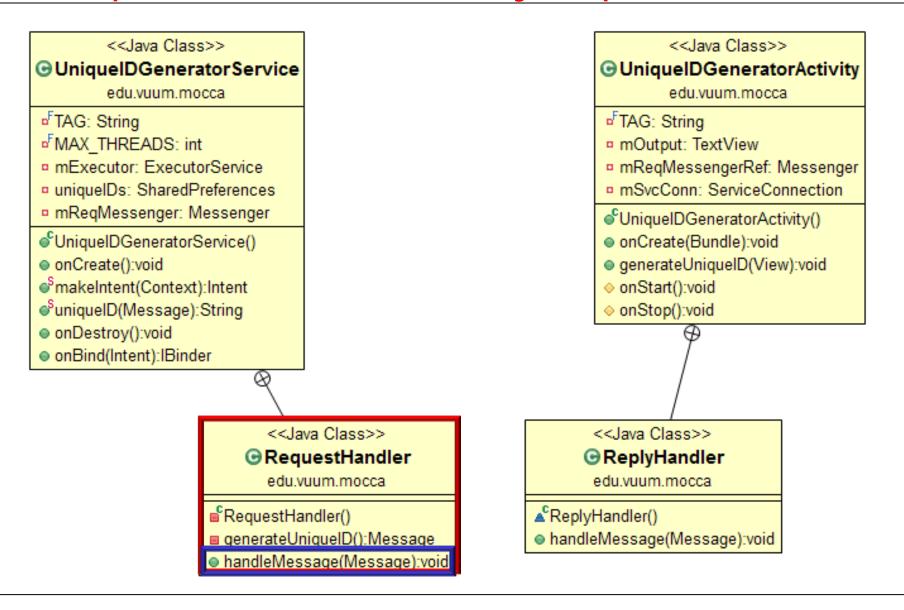


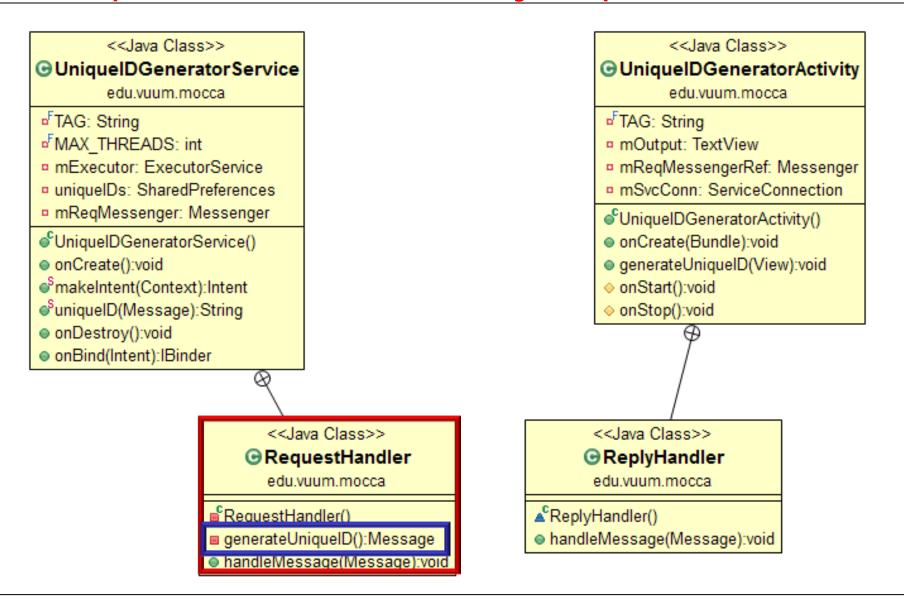


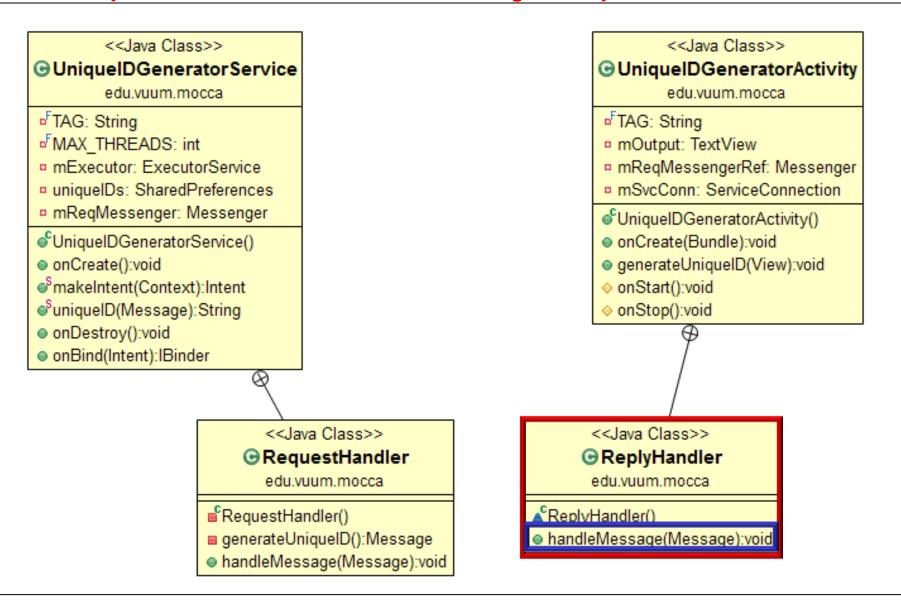


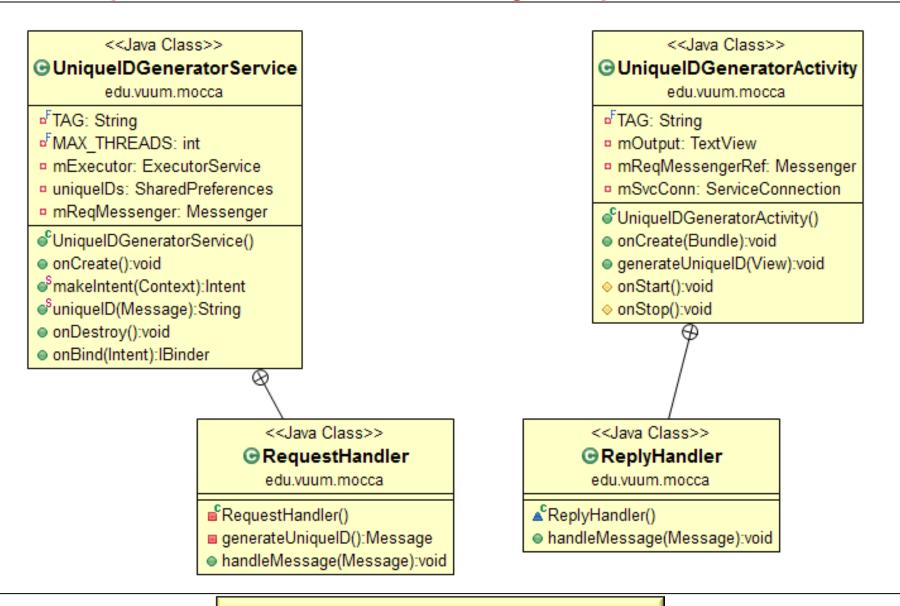




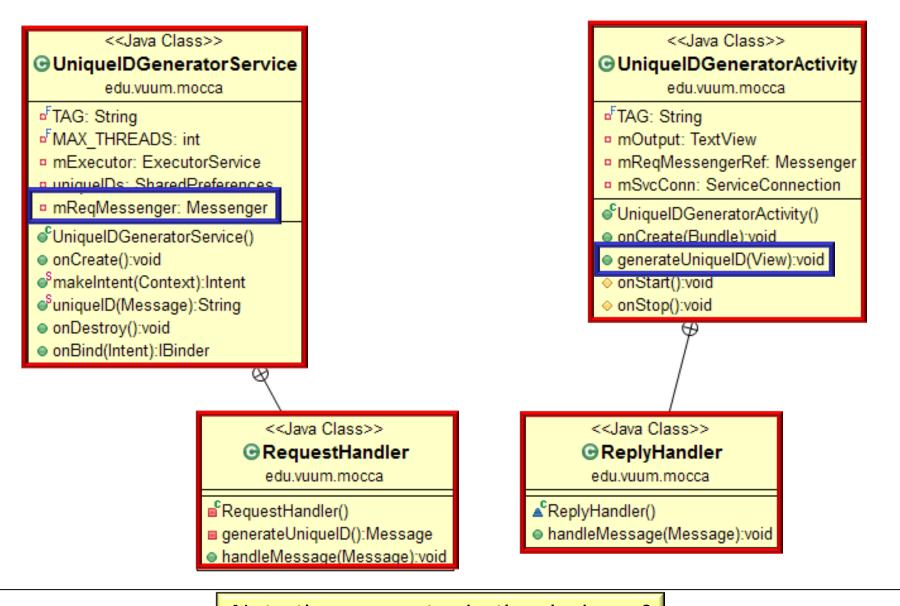








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UniqueID GeneratorActivity Implementation (Part 1)

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public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
    ...

private TextView mOutput;
    Reference to the Messenger implemented in the UniqueIDGeneratorService
    private Messenger mReqMessengerRef = null;
    ...
```

```
public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
          Used to receive a Messenger reference after binding
        to the UniqueIDGeneratorService using bindService()
  private ServiceConnection mSvcConn = new ServiceConnection() {
    public void onServiceConnected(ComponentName className,
                                    Ibinder binder) {
      mReqMessengerRef = new Message(binder);
    public void onServiceDisconnected(ComponentName className) {
      mReqMessengerRef = null;
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
  private ServiceConnection mSvcConn = new ServiceConnection() {
                     Called after Unique IDGenerator Service is connected
    public void onServiceConnected(ComponentName className,
                                    Ibinder binder) {
      mReqMessengerRef = new Message(binder);
    public void onServiceDisconnected(ComponentName className) {
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  private ServiceConnection mSvcConn = new ServiceConnection() {
    public void onServiceConnected(ComponentName className,
                                    Ibinder binder) {
     Create a new Messenger that
 encapsulates the returned IBinder
      mReqMessengerRef = new Message(binder);
    public void onServiceDisconnected(ComponentName className) {
      mReqMessengerRef = null;
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      mRegMessengerRef = null;
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```

UniqueID GeneratorActivity Implementation (Part 2)

```
public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
                      Called when user presses
"Generate Unique ID" button
  public void generateUniqueID(View view) {
    Message request = Message.obtain();
    request.replyTo = new Messenger(new ReplyHandler());
    mReqMessengerRef.send(request);
```

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public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
  public void generateUniqueID(View view) {
            Create a request Message that indicates Service should send
         reply back to ReplyHandler encapsulated by Messenger
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
            Receives the reply containing the unique ID
            sent by the UniqueIDGeneratorService
  class ReplyHandler extends Handler {
    public void handleMessage(Message reply) {
      String uniqueID = UniqueIDGeneratorService.uniqueID(reply);
      mOutput.setText(uniqueID);
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                       Callback to handle the reply from the
                    Unique I DGenerator Service
    public void handleMessage(Message reply) {
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      mOutput.setText(uniqueID);
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
  class ReplyHandler extends Handler {
    public void handleMessage(Message reply) {
   Get the unique ID encapsulated in the reply Message
      String uniqueID = UniqueIDGeneratorService.uniqueID(reply);
      mOutput.setText(uniqueID);
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                    Display the unique ID
```

```
public class UniqueIDGeneratorActivity extends Activity {
    ...

protected void onStop() {
    unbindService(mSvcConn);

    Unbind from the UniqueIDGeneratorService
    super.onStop();
}
```

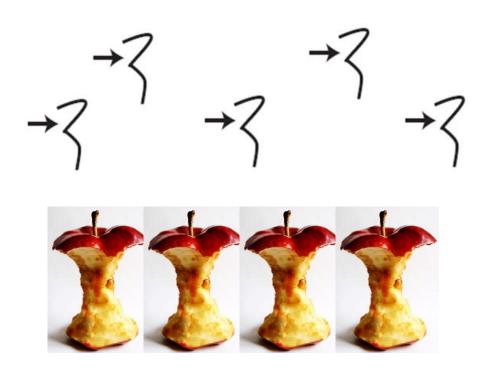
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A Thread pool can process requests concurrently & improve performance on a multi-core device

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  private ExecutorService mExecutor;
  private final int MAX THREADS = 4;
  private SharedPreferences uniqueIDs = null;
  private Messenger mReqMessenger = null;
  public Ibinder onBind(Intent intent) {
    return mReqMessenger.getBinder();
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
                       Hook method called when Service is created
  public void onCreate() {
    mReqMessenger =
      new Messenger(new RequestHandler());
    uniqueIDs =
      PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences(this);
    mExecutor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(MAX THREADS);
```

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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
  public void onCreate() {
              Messenger encapsulating RequestHandler used to process
             request Messages sent from Unique IDGenerator Activity
    mRegMessenger =
      new Messenger(new RequestHandler());
    uniqueIDs =
      PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences(this);
    mExecutor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(MAX THREADS);
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
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              SharedPreferences framework for this Service
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developer.android.com/reference/
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<u>developer.android.com/reference/java/</u> util/concurrent/Executors.html

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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
  public static Intent makeIntent(Context context) {
    return new Intent(context,
                      UniqueIDGeneratorService.class);
  public static String uniqueID(Message replyMessage) {
    return replyMessage.getData().getString("ID");
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Helper methods shield the Activity from implementation details of the Service

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      final Messenger replyMessenger = request.replyTo;
      mExecutor.execute(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
  private class RequestHandler extends Handler {
                           Hook method called when a request Message
                        arrives from Unique IDGenerator Activity
    public void handleMessage(Message request) {
      final Messenger replyMessenger = request.replyTo;
      mExecutor.execute(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
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public class UniqueIDGeneratorService extends Service {
  private class RequestHandler extends Handler {
    public void handleMessage(Message request)
      final Messenger replyMessenger = request.replyTo;
            Store the reply Messenger
      mExecutor.execute(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
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          replyMessenger.send(reply);
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    private Message generateUniqueID() {
      String uniqueID;
                      Return Message containing unique system-wide ID
      synchronized(this) {
        do { uniqueID = UUID.randomUUID().toString(); }
        while(uniqueIDs.getInt(uniqueID, 0) == 1);
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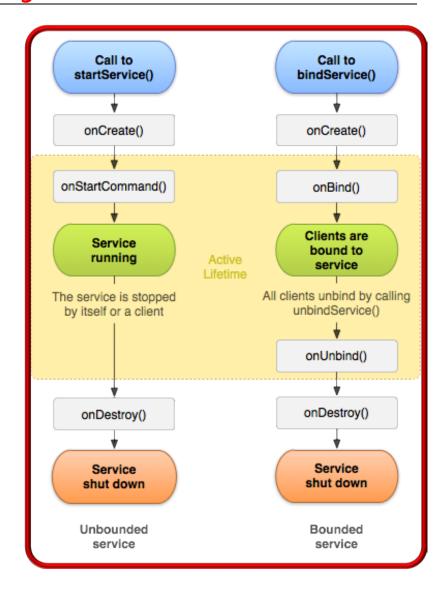
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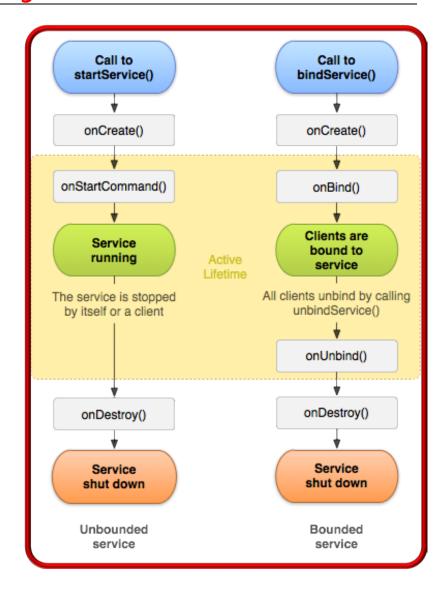


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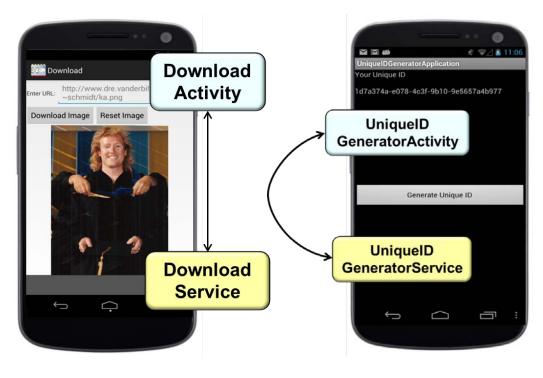


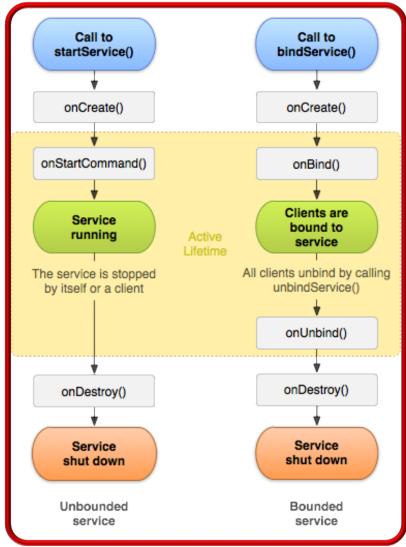


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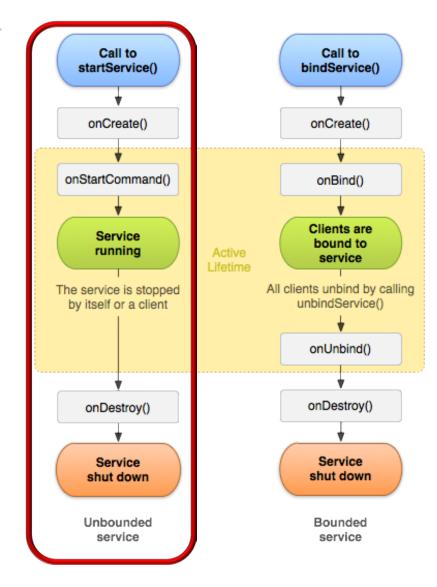
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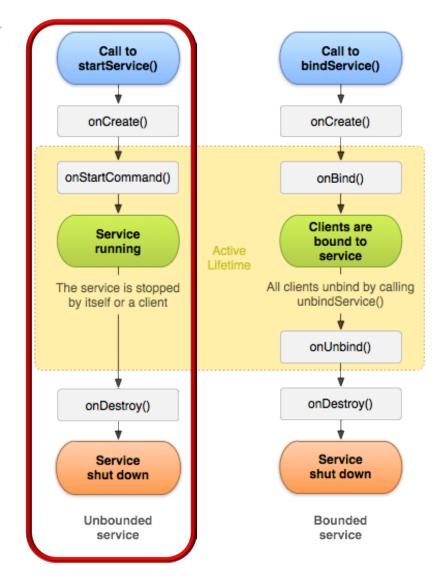
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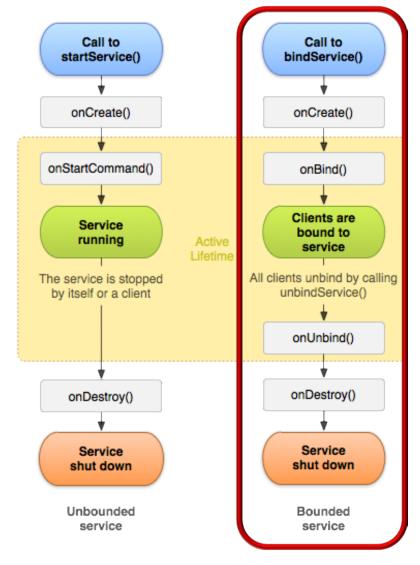
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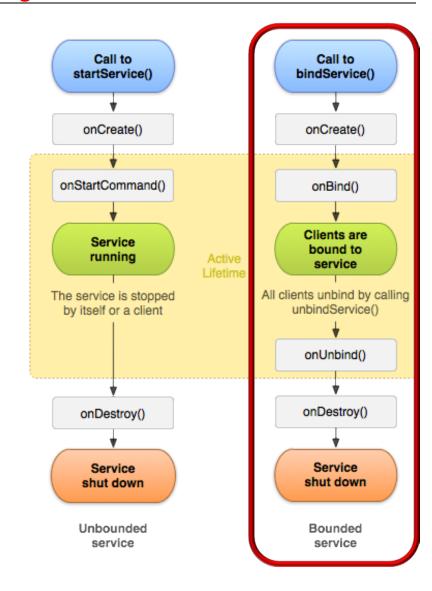


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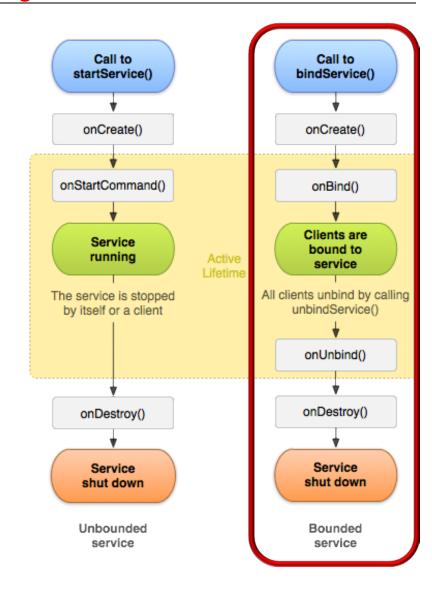




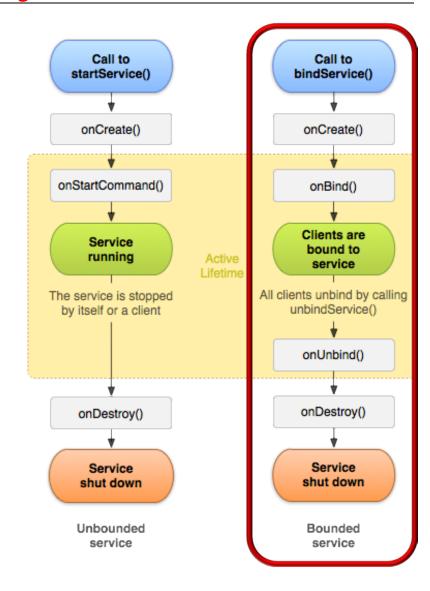
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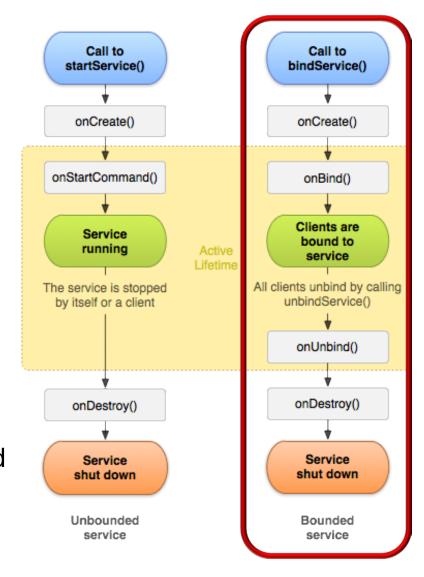
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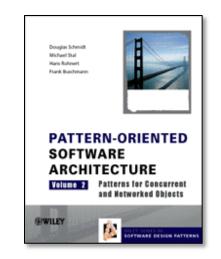
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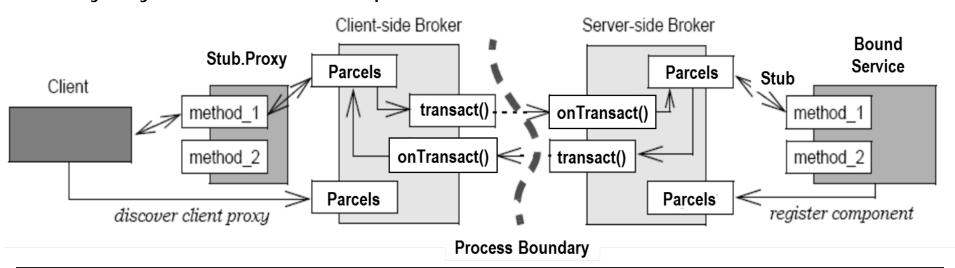


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See upcoming videos on "the *Broker* pattern"