# Andorid Programming Week 8

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#### Part I

Multhi-threading in Android Apps

#### Outline I

Processes and Threads in Android Application

#### AsynchTask

Creating an AsyncTask
Executing the AsyncTask inside Activity

Cancelling a Task

Threading Rules

FYI: Activity(s), Threads, and Memory Leaks

WeakReference

FYI: Transmitting Network Data Using Volley

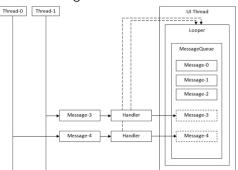
- Android system starts a new Linux process for the application with a single thread of execution
  - By default, all components of the same application run in the same process and thread (called the "main" thread)
  - If an application component starts and there already exists a process for that application, then the component is started within that process and uses the same thread of execution
  - You can arrange for different components in your application to run in separate processes, and you can create additional threads for any process
- manifest entry for each type of component element –
   <activity>, <service>, <receiver>, and <provider> –
   supports an android:process attribute

- <application> element also supports an android:process attribute, to set a default value
- main(UI) thread is in charge of dispatching events to the appropriate user interface
  - all components that run in the same process are instantiated in the UI thread
  - when app performs intensive work in response to user interaction, this single thread model can yield poor performance
  - every long-running operation such as database initialization or heavy calculation blocks the UI thread
  - causes the app to seem slow and the response time for input events delayed
    - app results in having serious performance problems
  - Application Not Responding (ANR)

- two rules to Android's single thread model:
  - · Do not block the UI thread
  - Do not access the Android UI toolkit from outside the UI thread
- worker(background) threads
  - cannot update the UI from any thread other than the UI thread or the "main" thread
  - create different kinds of the background workers and perform operations without blocking the main thread
  - operations should be carried out on separate threads
    - Networking
    - Database operations
    - Heavy calculations
    - Object's long initialization

- Android offers several ways to access the UI thread from other threads
  - Activity.runOnUiThread(Runnable)
  - View.post(Runnable)
  - View.postDelayed(Runnable, long)

 thread-safe: background operation is done from a separate thread while UI thread manipulates Views However, as the complexity of the operation grows, this kind
of code can get complicated and difficult to maintain. To
handle more complex interactions with a worker thread, you
might consider using a Handler in your worker thread, to
process messages delivered from the UI thread.



#### Using AsyncTask

- perform asynchronous work on user interface
- perform the blocking operations in a worker thread and then publish the results on the UI thread, without requiring developers to handle threads and/or handlers
- subclass AsyncTask
  - implement the doInBackground() callback method, which runs in a pool of background threads. To update
  - implement onPostExecute() to update UI, which delivers the result from doInBackground() and runs in the UI thread
  - run the task by calling execute() from the UI thread
- Thread-safe methods

- To provide a good user experience all long running operations in an Android application should run asynchronously
- AsyncTask enables proper and easy use of the UI thread. This
  class allows to perform background operations and publish
  results on the UI thread without having to manipulate threads
  and/or handlers
- AsyncTask accepts three generic types : AsyncTask<Params, Progress, Result>
  - 1. Params the type that is passed into the execute() method
  - 2. Progress the type that is used within the task to track progress
  - 3. Result the type that is returned by doInBackground()

- For example AsyncTask<String, Void, Bitmap>
  - requires a string input to execute
  - does not record progress
  - returns a Bitmap after the task is complete

#### Need to implement methods

- onPreExecute executed in the main thread to do things like create the initial progress bar view
- doInBackground executed in the background thread to do things like network downloads
- onProgressUpdate executed in the main thread when publishProgress is called from doInBackground
- onPostExecute executed in the main thread to do things like set image views

```
// The types specified here are the input data type, the progress
    tupe, and the result tupe
private class MyAsyncTask extends AsyncTask < String, Void, Bitmap > {
    protected void onPreExecute() {
        // Runs on the UI thread before doInBackground
        // Good for toggling visibility of a progress indicator
         progressBar.setVisibility(ProgressBar.VISIBLE);
    }
    protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... strings) {
        // Some long-running task like downloading an image.
         Bitmap = downloadImageFromUrl(strings[0]);
         return someBitmap:
    protected void onProgressUpdate(Progress... values) {
        // Executes whenever publishProgress is called from
            doInBackaround
        // Used to update the progress indicator
        progressBar.setProgress(values[0]);
    protected void onPostExecute(Bitmap result) {
        // This method is executed in the UIThread
        // with access to the result of the long running task
         imageView.setImageBitmap(result);
```

```
// Hide the progress bar
progressBar.setVisibility(ProgressBar.INVISIBLE);
}
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle b) {
    // ...
    // Initiate the background task
    downloadImageAsync();
}

private void downloadImageAsync() {
    // Now we can execute the long-running task at any time.
    new MyAsyncTask().execute("http://www.example.com/image.jpg");
}
```

- A task can be cancelled at any time by invoking cancel(boolean)
  - isCancelled() to return true
- onCancelled(Object) will be invoked after doInBackground(Object[]) returns
- To ensure that a task is cancelled as quickly as possible, check the return value of isCancelled() periodically from doInBackground(Object[])

- AsyncTask class must be loaded on the UI thread
- The task instance must be created on the UI thread
- execute(Params...) must be invoked on the UI thread
- Do not call onPreExecute(), onPostExecute(Result), doInBackground(Params...), onProgressUpdate(Progress...) manually
- The task can be executed only once (an exception will be thrown if a second execution is attempted)

#### • Problematic Example

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
  QOverride
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    exampleOne();
  private void exampleOne() {
    new Thread() {
      @Override
      public void run() {
        while (true) {
          SystemClock.sleep(1000);
    }.start();
```

 When a configuration change occurs, the entire Activity will be destroyed and re-created

- easy to assume that Android will clean up and reclaim the memory associated with the Activity and its running thread
- never to be reclaimed
- will be a significant reduction in performance
- After each configuration change, the Android system creates a new Activity and leaves the old one behind to be garbage collected
  - the thread holds an implicit reference to the old Activity and prevents it from ever being reclaimed
  - each new Activity is leaked and all resources associated with them are never able to be reclaimed

#### • Solution 1 : declare the thread as a private static inner class

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
  00verride
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    exampleTwo();
  private void exampleTwo() {
    new MyThread().start();
  private static class MyThread extends Thread {
    Olverride
    public void run() {
      while (true) {
        SystemClock.sleep(1000);
   }
```

 new thread no longer holds an implicit reference to the Activity, and the Activity will be eligible for garbage collection after the configuration change

- thread is leaked and never able to be reclaimed
  - Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM) keeps hard references to all active threads in the runtime system
  - threads that are left running will never be eligible for garbage collection
- MUST implement cancellation policies for background threads!!
- Solution

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
  private MyThread mThread;
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   exampleThree();
  private void exampleThree() {
   mThread = new MyThread();
   mThread.start():
  /**
   * Static inner classes don't hold implicit references to their
   * enclosing class, so the Activity instance won't be leaked
       across
   * configuration changes.
  private static class MyThread extends Thread {
   private boolean mRunning = false;
   @Override
   public void run() {
      mRunning = true;
```

```
while (mRunning) {
      SystemClock.sleep(1000);
  public void close() {
    mRunning = false;
QOverride
protected void onDestroy() {
  super.onDestroy();
  mThread.close();
```

 onDestroy() ensures that you never accidentally leak the thread

- for the same thread across configuration changes (as opposed to closing and re-creating a new thread each time), consider using a retained, UI-less worker fragment to perform the long-running task
- If a static inner class requires a reference to the underlying Activity in order to function properly, wrap the object in a WeakReference to ensure not to accidentally leak the Activity.

- Weak reference objects, which do not prevent their referents from being made finalizable, finalized, and then reclaimed
- implement canonicalizing mappings
- When the garbage collector determines that an object is weakly reachable
  - atomically clear all weak references to that object and all weak references to any other weakly-reachable objects from which that object is reachable through a chain of strong and soft references
  - declare all of the formerly weakly-reachable objects to be finalizable
  - enqueue those newly-cleared weak references that are registered with reference queues
- https://developer.android.com/reference/java/lang/ref/WeakReference.html

- Volley is an HTTP library that makes networking for Android apps easier and faster
- benefits:
  - Automatic scheduling of network requests
  - Multiple concurrent network connections
  - Transparent disk and memory response caching with standard HTTP cache coherence
  - Support for request prioritization
  - Cancellation request API
    - cancel a single request, or set blocks or scopes of requests to cancel
  - Ease of customization, for example, for retry and backoff

- Strong ordering that makes it easy to correctly populate UI with data fetched asynchronously from the network
- Debugging and tracing tools
- integrate easily with any protocol and comes out of the box with support for raw strings, images, and JSON
- not suitable for large download or streaming operations, since Volley holds all responses in memory during parsing
- add the following dependency to your app's build.gradle file:

```
dependencies {
    ...
    compile 'com.android.volley:volley:1.0.0'
}
```

• https://developer.android.com/training/volley/index.html

### Part II

## Examples

#### Outline I

Add Internet Connect Permission

1: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressDialog

2: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressBar and Cancel Button

HTTP Communication with Server-side

#### AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    ... >
    <application
        android:icon="@drawable/ic launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name" >
        <activity
         ...>
        </activity>
    </application>
    <!-- Permission: Allow Connect to Internet -->
    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
/>
</manifest>
```

```
public class DownloadImageProgressDialogActivity extends
    AppCompatActivity {
   // button to show progress dialog
   Button btn:
   // Progress Dialog
   private ProgressDialog pDialog;
   ImageView mImage;
   // Progress dialog type (0 - for Horizontal progress bar)
   public static final int progress_bar_type = 0;
   // File url to download
   private static String file_url =
        "https://news.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Hendricks-snow1-60
   Olverride
   protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.lavout.activity download image progress dialog):
        // show progress bar button
        btn = (Button) findViewById(R.id.downloadButton);
        // Image view to show image after downloading
        mImage = (ImageView) findViewBvId(R.id.downloadedImage):
        /**
         * Show Progress bar click event
```

```
* */
    btn.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            // clear image source
            mImage.setImageDrawable(null);
            // starting new Async Task
            new DownloadFileFromURL(mImage).execute(file_url);
   });
/**
 * Showing Dialog
 * */
@Override
protected Dialog onCreateDialog(int id) {
    switch (id) {
        case progress_bar_type: // we set this to 0
            pDialog = new ProgressDialog(this);
            pDialog.setMessage("Downloading file. Please
                 wait..."):
            pDialog.setIndeterminate(false);
            pDialog.setMax(100);
            pDialog.setProgressStyle(ProgressDialog.STYLE_HORIZONTAL);
```

```
pDialog.setCancelable(true);
            pDialog.show();
            return pDialog;
        default:
            return null:
/**
 * Background Async Task to download file
final class DownloadFileFromURL extends AsyncTask < String,
    String, Bitmap> {
    private final WeakReference < ImageView >
         imageViewWeakReference;
    public DownloadFileFromURL(final ImageView imageView ){
        imageViewWeakReference = new
             WeakReference < ImageView > (imageView);
    }
    /**
     * Before starting background thread
     * Show Progress Bar Dialog
     */
```

1: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressDialog

```
@Override
protected void onPreExecute() {
    super.onPreExecute();
    showDialog(progress_bar_type);
}
/**
 * Downloading file in background thread
 */
Onverride
protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {
    int count;
    for(count = 0; count <= 100; count+=10)</pre>
        SystemClock.sleep(1000);
        publishProgress(""+count);
    }
    Bitmap result =
        MovieUtility.downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest(urls[0]);
    return result;
}
```

```
/**
 * Undating progress bar
@Override
protected void onProgressUpdate(String... progress) {
    // setting progress percentage
    pDialog.setProgress(Integer.parseInt(progress[0]));
}
/**
 * After completing background task
 * Dismiss the progress dialog
 **/
@Override
protected void onPostExecute(final Bitmap result) {
    // dismiss the dialog after the file was downloaded
    dismissDialog(progress_bar_type);
    if(result != null){
        final ImageView imageView =
            imageViewWeakReference.get();
        if(imageView != null){
            imageView.setImageBitmap(result);
        }
```

```
}
```

2: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressBar and Cancel Button

```
public class DownloadImageProgressBarActivity extends
    AppCompatActivity {
   Button btn, btn2;
   ImageView mImage;
   ProgressBar pBar;
   TextView pText;
   // File url to download
   private static String file url =
        "https://news.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Hendricks-snow1-60
   private static DownloadFileFromURL myDown;
    QOverride
   protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState):
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_download_image_progress_bar);
        // show progress bar button
        btn = (Button) findViewById(R.id.downloadButton2);
        btn2 = (Button) findViewById(R.id.cancelButton);
        // Image view to show image after downloading
        mImage = (ImageView) findViewById(R.id.downloadedImage2);
        pBar = (ProgressBar) findViewById(R.id.progressBar);
```

└2: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressBar and Cancel Button

```
pText = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textProgress);
pText.setText("Ready to Download ....");
/**
 * Show Progress bar click event
 * */
btn.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
    @Override
    public void onClick(View v) {
        // clear image source
        mImage.setImageDrawable(null);
        // starting new Async Task
        myDown = new DownloadFileFromURL(mImage, pText,
            pBar):
        myDown.execute(file_url);
}):
/**
 * Cancel download
 * */
btn2.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
    @Override
    public void onClick(View v) {
```

2: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressBar and Cancel Button

```
if (myDown != null)
                mvDown.cancel(true):
   }):
/**
 * Background Async Task to download file
final static class DownloadFileFromURL extends
    AsyncTask < String, String, Bitmap > {
    private final WeakReference < ImageView >
         imageViewWeakReference;
    private final WeakReference < TextView > textViewWeakReference:
    private final WeakReference < ProgressBar >
         progressBarWeakReference;
    public DownloadFileFromURL(final ImageView imageView, final
         TextView textView, final ProgressBar progressBar ){
        imageViewWeakReference = new
             WeakReference < ImageView > (imageView);
```

```
textViewWeakReference = new
         WeakReference < TextView > (textView):
    progressBarWeakReference = new
         WeakReference < ProgressBar > (progressBar);
/**
 * Before starting background thread
 * Show Progress Bar Dialog
 */
Onverride
protected void onPreExecute() {
    super.onPreExecute();
}
/**
 * Downloading file in background thread
 */
Onverride
protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {
    int count;
    for(count = 0; count <= 100; count+=10)</pre>
        if (isCancelled()){
            return null:
        SystemClock.sleep(1000):
```

```
publishProgress(""+count);
    Bitmap result =
        MovieUtility.downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest(urls[0]);
    return result:
}
/**
 * Updating progress bar
@Override
protected void onProgressUpdate(String... progress) {
    // setting progress
    final TextView textView = textViewWeakReference.get();
    if(textView != null){
        textView.setText("Progress: " + progress[0]);
    final ProgressBar progressBar =
        progressBarWeakReference.get();
    if(progressBar != null){
        progressBar.setProgress(Integer.parseInt(progress[0]));
}
```

```
/**
 * After completing background task
 * Dismiss the progress dialog
 **/
@Override
protected void onPostExecute(final Bitmap result) {
    if(result != null){
        final ImageView imageView =
            imageViewWeakReference.get();
        final TextView textView =
            textViewWeakReference.get();
        if(imageView != null){
            imageView.setImageBitmap(result);
        }
        if(textView != null){
            textView.setText("Enjoy the Picture!!"):
/* Canceled Task */
Onverride
protected void onCancelled(final Bitmap result){
    final TextView textView = textViewWeakReference.get();
```

2: Download ImageFile(s) with ProgressBar and Cancel Button

```
public class MovieUtility {
/*
 * HTTP GET Request. JSON data returned
 */
    public static String downloadJSONusingHTTPGetRequest(String
        urlString) {
        String | jsonString = null;
        try{
            URL url = new URL(urlString);
            HttpURLConnection httpConnection = (HttpURLConnection)
                url.openConnection();
            if(httpConnection.getResponseCode() ==
                HttpURLConnection.HTTP_OK) {
                InputStream stream =
                     httpConnection.getInputStream();
                isonString = getStringfromStream(stream):
            httpConnection.disconnect();
        catch(UnknownHostException e1){
            Log.d("DebugMsg", "UnknownHostException in
                 downloadJSONusingHTTPGetRequest");
            e1.printStackTrace();
```

```
catch (Exception ex){
            Log.d("DebugMsg", "Exception in
                 downloadJSONusingHTTPGetRequest");
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
        return jsonString;
    }
/*
 * HTTP GET Request, Image (Bitmap) data returned
 */
    private static String getStringfromStream(InputStream stream){
        String line, jsonString = null;
        if(stream != null){
            BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new
                 InputStreamReader(stream));
            StringBuilder out = new StringBuilder();
            trv{
                while ( (line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
                    out.append(line);
                reader.close():
```

```
jsonString = out.toString();
        catch (IOException ex){
            Log.d("DebugMsg", "IOException in downloadJSON");
            ex.printStackTrace();
    return jsonString;
public static Bitmap downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest(String
    urlString){
    Bitmap image = null;
    try{
        URL url = new URL(urlString):
        HttpURLConnection httpConnection = (HttpURLConnection)
            url.openConnection();
        if(httpConnection.getResponseCode() ==
            HttpURLConnection.HTTP_OK) {
            InputStream stream =
                 httpConnection.getInputStream();
```

```
image = getImagefromStream(stream);
        httpConnection.disconnect();
    catch(UnknownHostException e1){
        Log.d("DebugMsg", "UnknownHostException in
             downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest");
        e1.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch (Exception ex){
        Log.d("DebugMsg", "Exception in
             downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest");
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
    return image;
}
private static Bitmap getImagefromStream(InputStream stream){
    Bitmap image = null;
    if(stream != null){
        image = BitmapFactory.decodeStream(stream);
        trv{
            stream.close():
```

```
catch (IOException ex){
                Log.d("DebugMsg", "IOException in
                     getImagefromStream");
                ex.printStackTrace();
        return image;
    }
/*
 * HTTP POST Request, send JSON data
    public static void sendHttpPostRequest(String urlString,
        JSONObject json){
        HttpURLConnection httpConnection = null;
        try{
            URL url = new URL(urlString);
            httpConnection = (HttpURLConnection)
                url.openConnection();
            httpConnection.setDoOutput(true);
            httpConnection.setChunkedStreamingMode(0);
```

```
OutputStreamWriter out = new
        OutputStreamWriter(httpConnection.getOutputStream());
    out.write(json.toString());
    out.close():
    if(httpConnection.getResponseCode() ==
        HttpURLConnection.HTTP_OK) {
        InputStream stream =
            httpConnection.getInputStream();
        BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader( new
            InputStreamReader(stream) );
        String line;
        while( (line=reader.readLine()) != null ){
            Log.d("DebugMsg: PostRequest", line);
        }
        reader.close():
        Log.d("DebugMsg: PostRequest", "POST request
            returns OK");
    else
        Log.d("DebugMsg: PostRequest", "POST request
            returns error"):
catch(Exception ex){
```

```
Log.d("DebugMsg", "Exception in sendHttpPostRequest");
     ex.printStackTrace();
}

if(httpConnection != null)
     httpConnection.disconnect();
}
```

## Part III

## Code for RecyclerView of Movie List Using AsyncTask

## Outline I

Load Movie Data from Remote Server to RecyclerView

Load Images using MovieData's url info to RecyclerView list

Load Detail of a selected Movie

- No More MovieData Class (No hard-coded info and No images under drawable resource)
- Need to Download info and images
- Need new MovieData Class
  - can get JSON type data from DB server using REST api
  - operation in a background thread of AsyncTask

I. create new movieData in onCreate of Fragment

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);

    setHasOptionsMenu(true);

    setRetainInstance(true);

    movieData = new MovieDataJson();
}
```

II. invoke AsyncTask from onCreateView of Fragment

```
DownloadJsonFromURL (myAdapter);
myDown.execute(MOVIE_SERVER); // ''~/movies/''
```

III. Implement AsyncTask as inner class of Fragment



- download json data in a background thread
- you need a method to convert json object to movie info (HashMap)
- inform RecyclerView (Through WeakReference of Adapter)

```
final static class Download Ison From URL extends
    AsyncTask < String, Void, MovieDataJson > {
    private final WeakReference<MyRecyclerAdapter> adapterReference
    public DownloadJsonFromURL(MyRecyclerAdapter adapter) {
         adapterReference = new WeakReference<MyRecyclerAdapter>(adapter);
    }
    /**
     * Downloading json data in background thread
     */
    @Override
    protected MovieDataJson doInBackground(String... urls) {
        MovieDataJson tData = new MovieDataJson():
        tData.downloadMovieDataJson(urls[0]):
        return tData:
```

```
/**
     * After completing background task
    00verride
    protected void onPostExecute(MovieDataJson tData) {
        movieData.moviesList.clear();
        for(int i = 0; i < tData.getSize(); i++){</pre>
            movieData.moviesList.add(tData.moviesList.get(i));
        }
         final MyRecyclerAdapter adapter = adapterReference.get();
        if(adapter != null){
             adapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
}
```

- Which class does set ImageView of each movie item?
- RecyclerView Adapter's onBindViewHolder()
  - ImageView's setImageResource of ViewHolder Class should be replaced
- Caching the Images –
   https://developer.android.com/topic/performance/graphics/cache-bitmap.html
  - Use a Memory Cache!!!

I. create LruCache( LruCache < String, Bitmap > mImgMemoryCache ) in onCreate

II. Check cache first! If not, download an image in a background thread

III. After downloading the image, save it to the cache!

```
@Override
  protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {
      Bitmap result =
          MovieUtility.downloadImageusingHTTPGetRequest(urls[0])
      if(result != null){
          mImgMemoryCache.put(urls[0], result);
      return result:
00verride
  protected void onPostExecute(final Bitmap result) {
      if(result != null){
          final ImageView imageView =
              imageViewWeakReference.get();
          if(imageView != null){
              imageView.setImageBitmap(result);
     }
```

## 1. Invoke AsyncTask when an item is clicked

```
public void onItemClick(View view, int position) {
    ....
    HashMap<String, ?> movie = (HashMap<String,?>)
        movieData.getItem(position);

String id = (String) movie.get("id");
String url;

url = MOVIE_SERVER + "id/" + id;

DownloadMovieDetail detailTask = new
        DownloadMovieDetail(mListener);
detailTask.execute(url);

// mListener.onItemClicked(position);
}
```

2. Implement AsyncTask (Your Job!)

```
final static class DownloadMovieDetail extends
    AsvncTask < String, Void, HashMap > {
    private final WeakReference < On Fragment Interaction Listener >
         listenerReference:
    public DownloadMovieDetail(OnFragmentInteractionListener
         listener){
        listenerReference = new
             WeakReference < On Fragment Interaction Listener > (listener)
    }
    Olverride
    protected HashMap doInBackground(String... urls) {
      . . .
    Olverride
    protected void onPostExecute(HashMap tData) {
}
```