

# Introduction to Android Concurrency task

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**Why do we need  
concurrency task ?**

# Concurrency task

## Case study: find prime at x

```
private long findPrime(long x){
    long i=3,c=0;
    while(true)
        {
            if(isPrime(i)==true)
            {
                c++;
                if(c==x)return i;
            }
            i++;}}}
```

```
private boolean isPrime(long x){
    for(long i=2;i<x;i++)
    {
        if((x%i)==0)
        {
            return false;
        }
    }
    return true;
}
```

```
public void onClick(View v) {
    textView1.setText(String.format("%d",
    findPrime(Long.valueOf(edittext1.getText().toString()))));
}
```

Project: prime\_nothread

# Concurrency task

This is block mode operation



**ANR in com.example.prime\_nothread  
(com.example.prime\_nothread/.MainActivity)**

**Reason: keyDispatchingTimedOut**

**Load: 0.87 / 0.32 / 0.18**

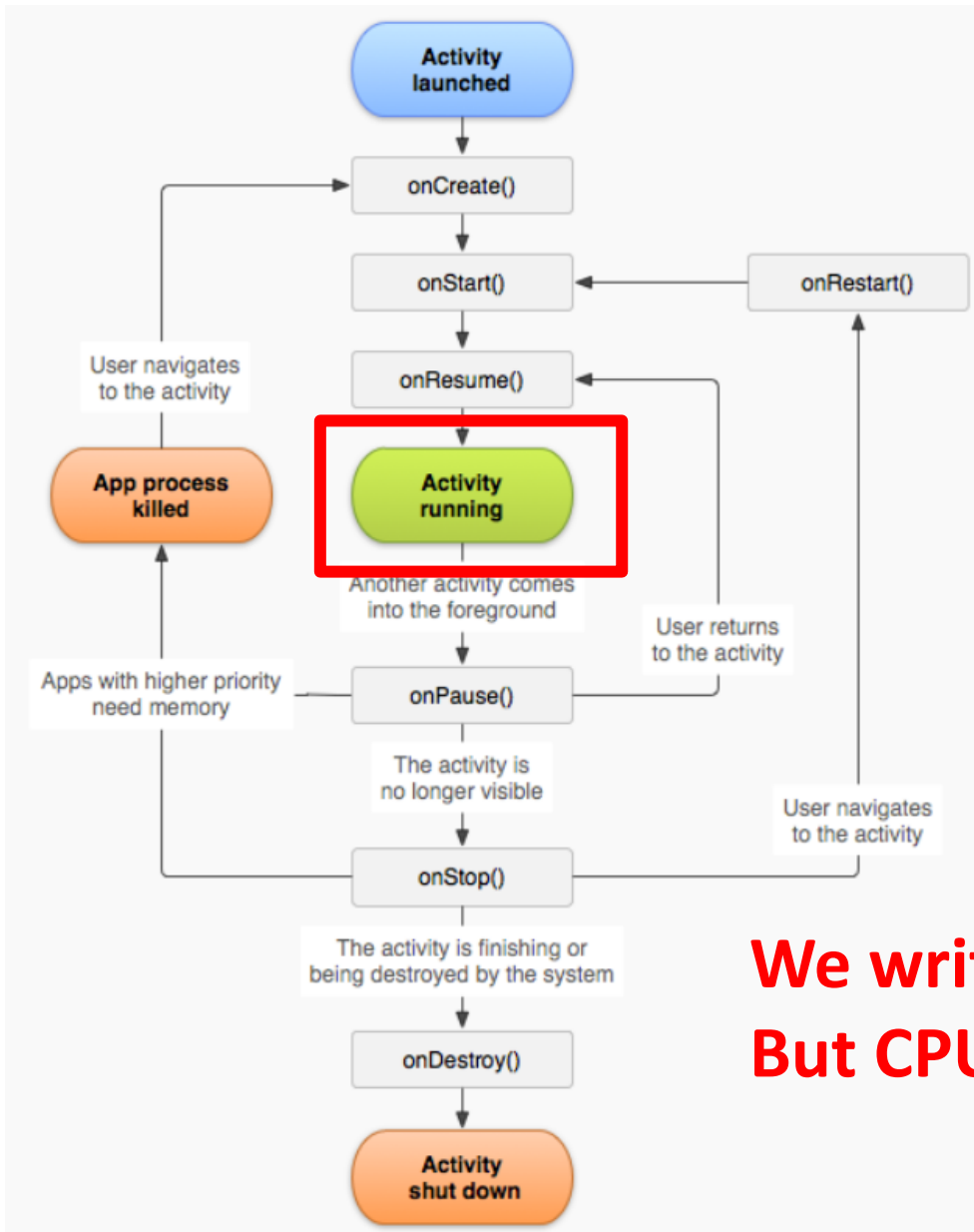
**CPU usage from 48234ms to 0ms ago:**

**99% 577/com.example.prime\_nothread: 99% user + 0%  
kernel**

**100% TOTAL: 94% user + 5.2% kernel**

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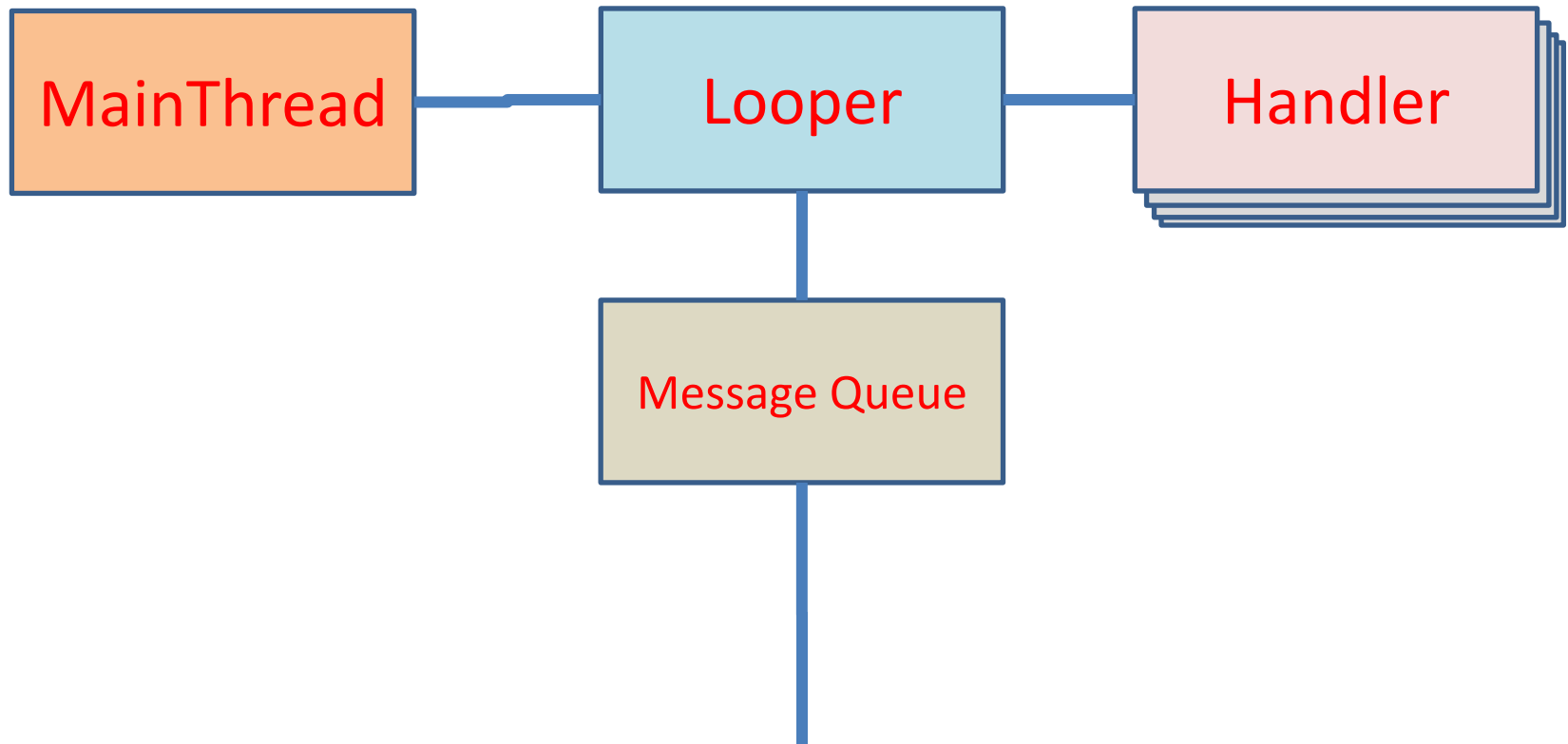
## Activity lifecycle



We written in event driven model  
But CPU is TuringMachine

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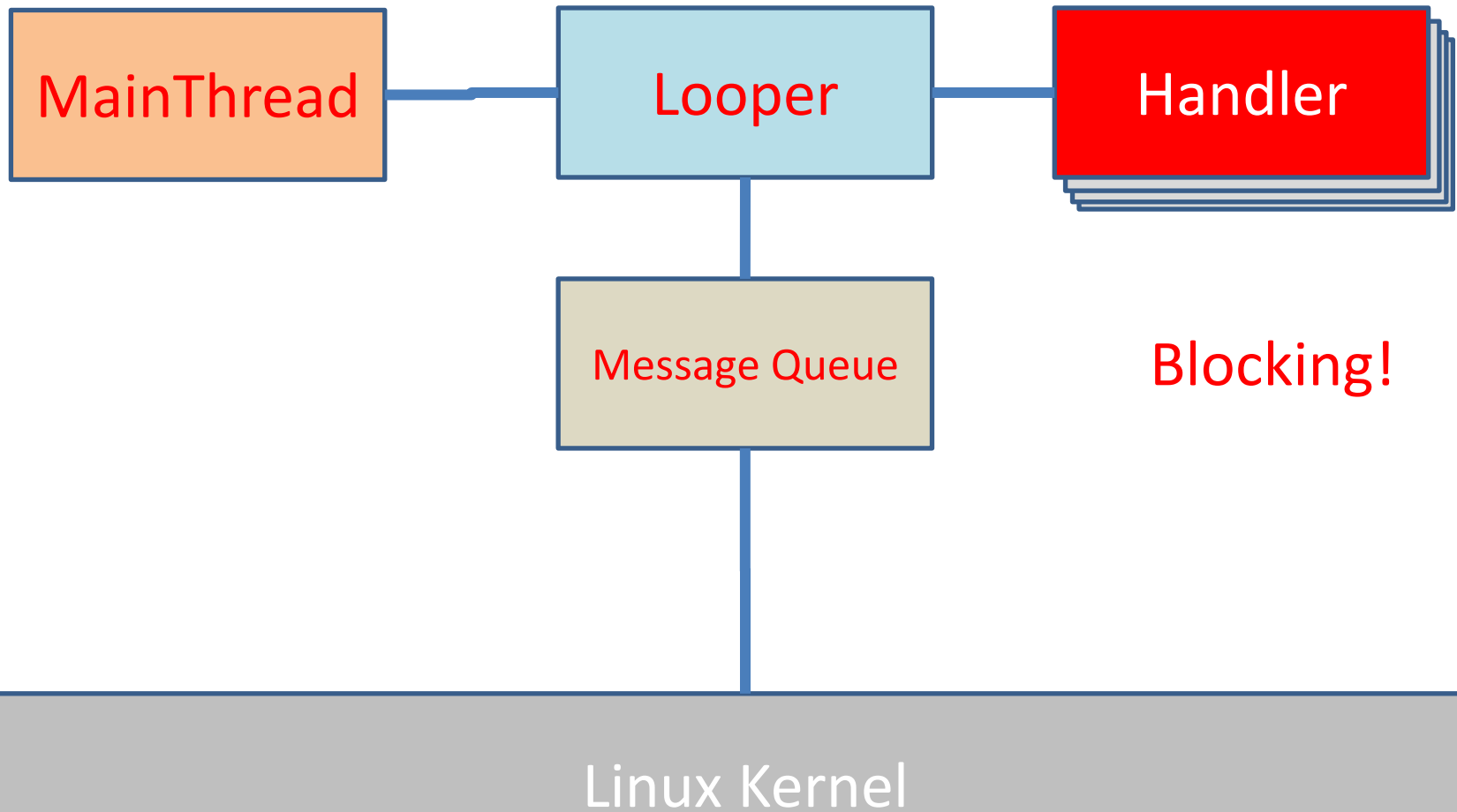
## Android Event Loop Model



Linux Kernel

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## Android Event Loop Model



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- 1) Java read buffer in block mode
- 2) You cannot block the GUI thread for too long in Android
- 3) Android strict network operation in Gui thread since Honeycomb



# Concurrency task

Java Thread / AsyncTask / Intent Service

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Java Thread

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## Thread VS Runnable

### Thread

- Class
- No multiple inheritance
- Destroyed after complete
- Large overhead
- Ready to run
- More control
- Advance task

### Runnable

- Interface
- Multiple implement
- Reusable
- Small footprint
- Need thread class to run
- No control Just run
- Simple task

# Concurrency task:Thread

## Java Runnable interface

```
public class primeFinderThread implements Runnable{  
    @Override  
    public void run() {  
        updater.x=String.format("%d",  
findPrime(Long.valueOf(edittext1.getText().toString())));  
    }  
}
```

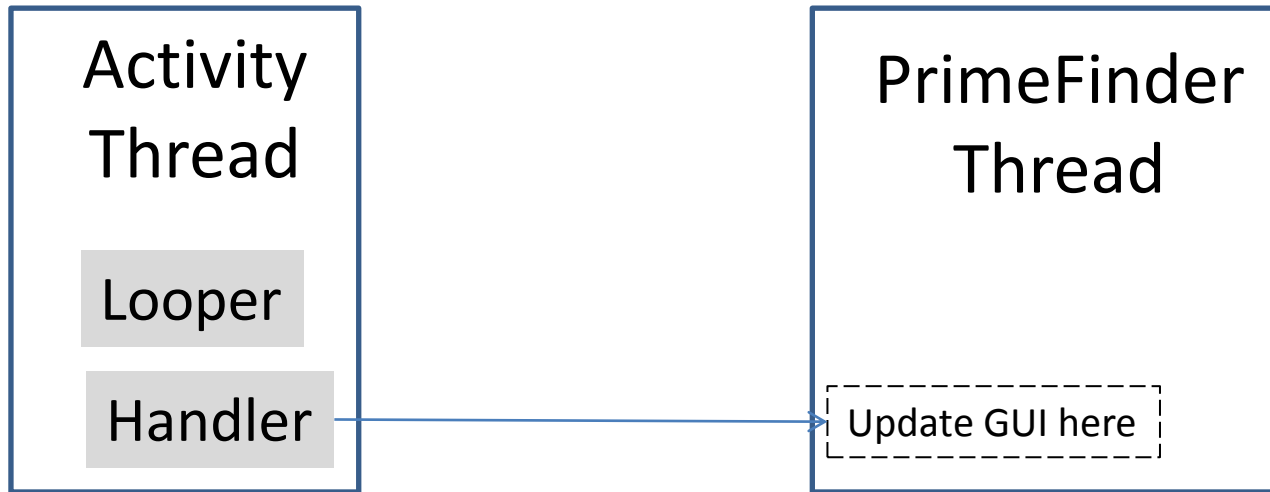
```
final primeFinderThread worker=new primeFinderThread();  
button1.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        new Thread(worker).start();  
    }  
});
```

Project: Prime\_thread

# Concurrency task:Thread

Java Runnable interface

Update GUI thread



# Concurrency task:Thread

## Java Runnable interface

```
// OnCreate  
Handler h;  
h=new Handler();
```

```
private class UpdateText implements Runnable{  
public String x;  
@Override  
public void run() {  
textView1.setText(x);  
}}
```

```
public class primeFinderThread implements Runnable{  
UpdateText updater=new UpdateText();  
@Override  
public void run() {  
updater.x=String.format("%d",  
findPrime(Long.valueOf(edittext1.getText().toString())));  
h.post(updater);  
}  
}
```

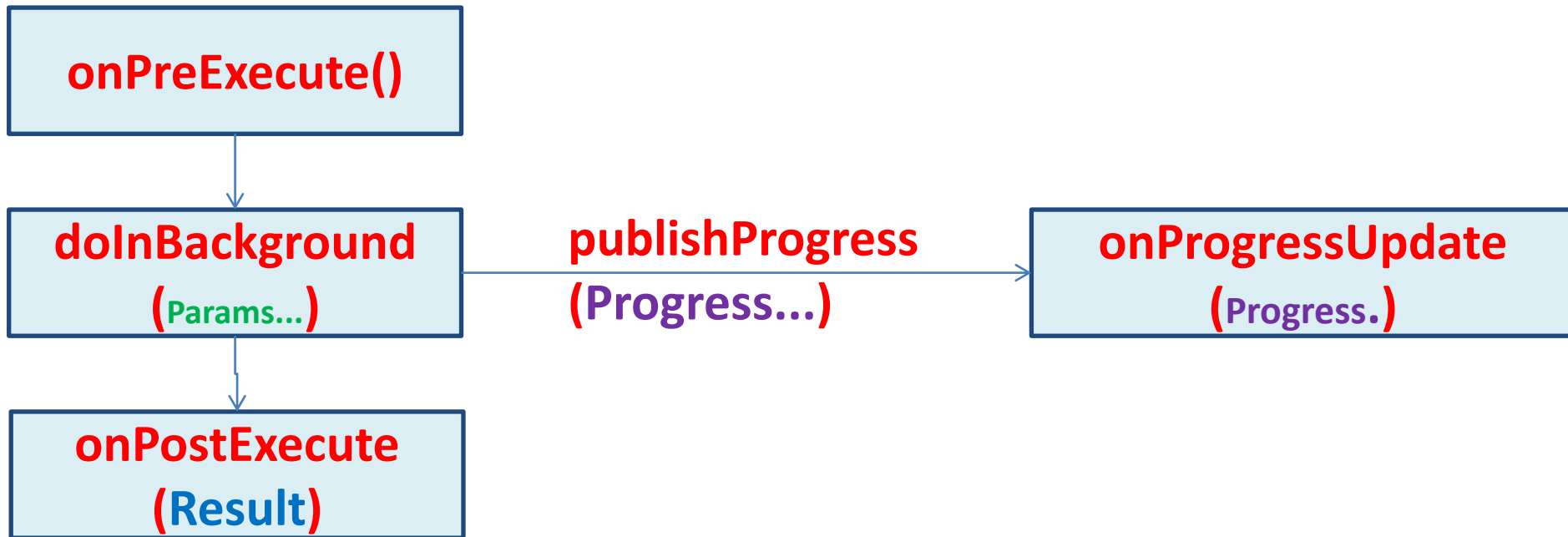
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## Asynctask

**AsyncTask** is designed to be a helper class around **Thread** and **Handler** and does not constitute a generic threading framework.

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## AsyncTask

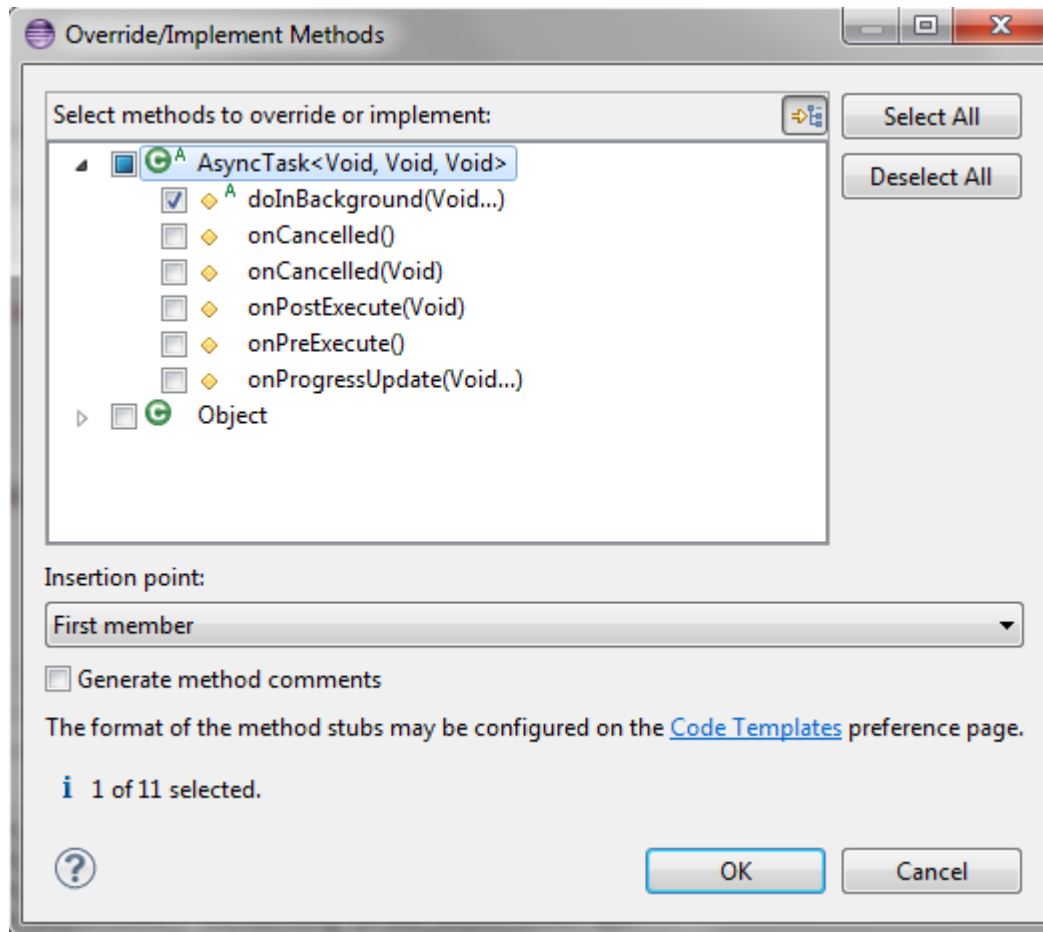




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## AsyncTask

private class MyTask extends AsyncTask<Void, Void, Void> { ... }



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## AsyncTask

```
public class primeFinder extends AsyncTask<Long,Long,Long>{
    @Override
    protected void onProgressUpdate(Long... values) {
        super.onProgressUpdate(values);
        textView1.setText(String.format("%d primes was found! ",values[0] ));
    }
    @Override
    protected void onPostExecute(Long result) {
        super.onPostExecute(result);
        textView1.setText(String.format("%d",result ));
    }
    @Override
    protected Long doInBackground(Long... params) {
        return findPrime(params[0]);
    }
    private long findPrime(long x){....}
    private boolean isPrime(long x){...}
}
```

Project: Prime\_asyncTask

# Concurrency task

## Asynctask

```
@Override  
public void onClick(View v) {  
primeFinder worker=new primeFinder();  
worker.execute(Long.valueOf(edittext1.getText().toString()));  
}
```

Project: Prime\_asynctask

# Concurrency task

## Intent Service

**IntentService** is a base class for **Services** that handle asynchronous requests (expressed as Intents) on demand. Clients send **requests** through `startService(Intent)` calls

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## Intent Service

- 1) Create service class by extends IntentService
- 2) Register service in AndroidManifest
- 3) Start service using intent
- 4) Communicate with main thread using broadcast receiver

# Concurrency task

## Intent Service

1) Create service class by extends IntentService

```
public class primeFinderService extends IntentService {
    public primeFinderService(String name) {
        super(name);
    }
    public primeFinderService() {
        super("primeFinderService");
    }
    @Override
    protected void onHandleIntent(Intent intent) {
        long x=findPrime(intent.getLongExtra("data",5));
        Intent broadcastIntent = new Intent();
        broadcastIntent.setAction("primefinder is done the job");
        broadcastIntent.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY_DEFAULT);
        broadcastIntent.putExtra("result", x);
        sendBroadcast(broadcastIntent);
    }
    private long findPrime(long x){...}
    private boolean isPrime(long x){...}
}
```

Project: Prime\_intentservice

# Concurrency task

## Intent Service

1) Create service class by extends IntentService

```
private long findPrime(long x){
long i=3,c=0;
while(true)
{
    if(isPrime(i)==true)
    {
        c++;
        if(c==x)return i;
        Intent broadcastIntent = new Intent();
        broadcastIntent.setAction("primefinder update progress");
        broadcastIntent.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY_DEFAULT);
        broadcastIntent.putExtra("result", c);
        sendBroadcast(broadcastIntent);
    }
    i++;
}
}
```

Project: Prime\_intentservice

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## Intent Service

2) Register service in AndroidManifest

```
<service android:name="primeFinderService"></service>
```



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## Intent Service

3) Start service using intent

```
primefinder = new Intent(this,primeFinderService.class);  
primefinder.putExtra("data",Long.valueOf(edittext1.getText().toString()));  
startService(primefinder);
```

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## Intent Service

### 4) Communicate with main thread using broadcast receiver

```
IntentFilter filter = new IntentFilter("primefinder is done the job");
filter.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY_DEFAULT);
ResponseReceiver receiver = new ResponseReceiver();
registerReceiver(receiver, filter);
```

```
IntentFilter filter2 = new IntentFilter("primefinder update progress");
filter2.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY_DEFAULT);
ProgressReceiver receiver2 = new ProgressReceiver();
registerReceiver(receiver2, filter2);
```

```
public class ResponseReceiver extends BroadcastReceiver {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context arg0, Intent arg1) {
        textView1.setText(String.format("%d", arg1.getLongExtra("result", 0)));
    }
}

public class ProgressReceiver extends BroadcastReceiver {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context arg0, Intent arg1) {
        textView1.setText(String.format("%d primes was found", arg1.getLongExtra("result", 0)));
    }
}
```

# Concurrency task

## Conclusion

### -Java Thread

- Long run background process

- Use Thread class if advance process control is required

- Use Runnable interface for simple task

- TCP/IP Socket

### -Asynctask

- Background task with GUI update

- Short operation process

- HTTP Post

### -Service

- Long run background process ( with thread)

- May block main thread

- Use IntentService if auto start is required

- TCP/IP Server