The Java FutureTask: Evaluating Pros & Cons

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand how Java FutureTask conveys a result from a computation running in a thread to thread(s) retrieving the result
- Recognize key methods in Java FutureTask
- Know what the Memoizer class is & why it uses FutureTask to optimize programs
- Learn how to implement the Memoizer with FutureTask
- Recognize how the Memoizer class is applied optimize prime # checking
- Evaluate the pros & cons of the Prime Checker app implementation & FutureTask

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See earlier lessons on "Java ExecutorCompletionService"

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  - The Memoizer implementation no longer depends on ConcurrentHashMap features only available in Java 8 & beyond

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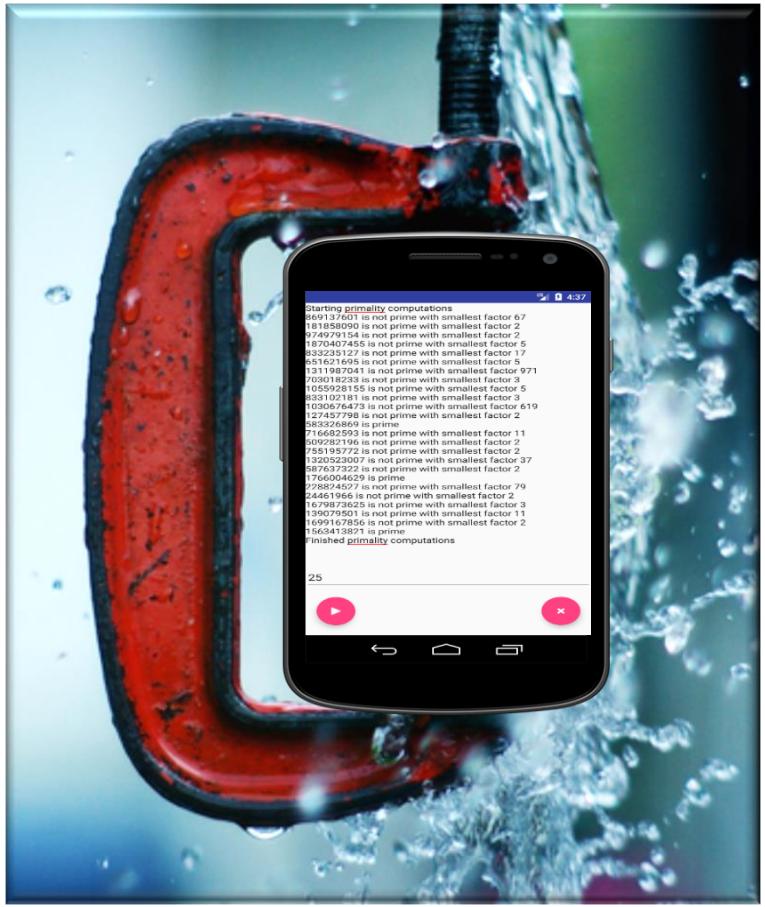

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- However, there is still a limitation, e.g.
  - If the Memoizer is used for a long period of time for a wide range of inputs it will continue to grow & never clean itself up!

We fix this limitation in the lessons on the "*Java ScheduledExecutorService*"!

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See ashkrit.blogspot.com/2014/12/what-is-new-in-java8-concurrenthashmap.html

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End of Java FutureTask: Evaluating Pros & Cons