

# Evaluating the Pros & Cons of the Java ExecutorCompletionService

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# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

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- Understand how the Java CompletionService interface defines a framework for handling the completion of asynchronous tasks
- Know how to instantiate the Java ExecutorCompletionService
- Recognize key methods in the Java CompletionService interface
- Visualize the ExecutorCompletionService in action
- Be aware of how the Java ExecutorCompletionService implements the CompletionService interface
- Know how to apply the Java ConcurrentHashMap class to design a “memoizer”
- Master how to implement the Memoizer class with Java ConcurrentHashMap
- See how Java ExecutorCompletionService & Memoizer are integrated into the “PrimeChecker” app
- Evaluate the pros & cons of this PrimeChecker app implementation



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            PrimeResult pr =  
                ...mExecutorCompletionService.take().get();  
  
            if (pr.mSmallestFactor != 0) ...  
            else ...  
        }  
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This benefit stems from ExecutorCompletionService's "async future" processing model

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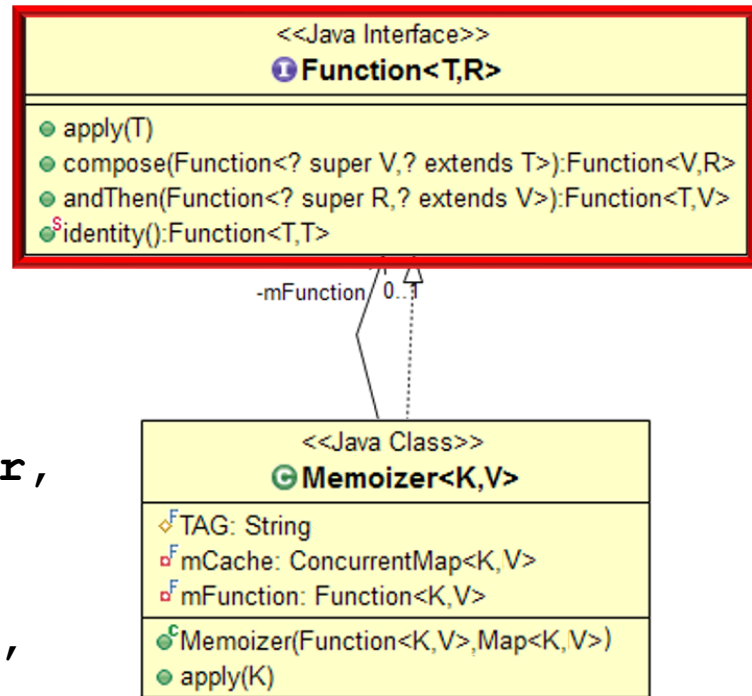
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*However, you must keep track  
of the # of times to call take()*

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    (PrimeCheckers::bruteForceChecker,
     new ConcurrentHashMap());
new Random()
    .longs(count, sMAX_VALUE - count,
           sMAX_VALUE)
    .mapToObj(ranNum -> new PrimeCallable(ranNum, mMemoizer))
    .forEach(callable ->
        mRetainedState.mExecutorCompService::submit); ...
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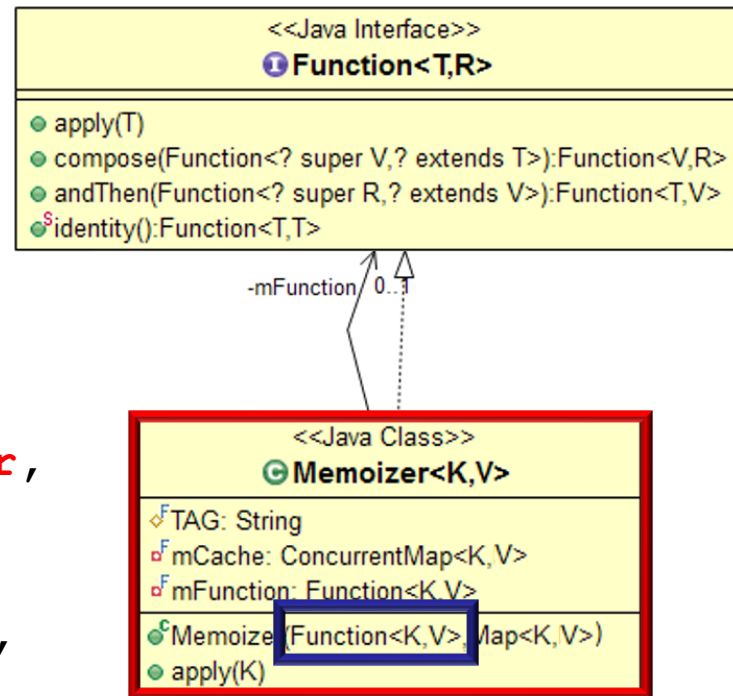


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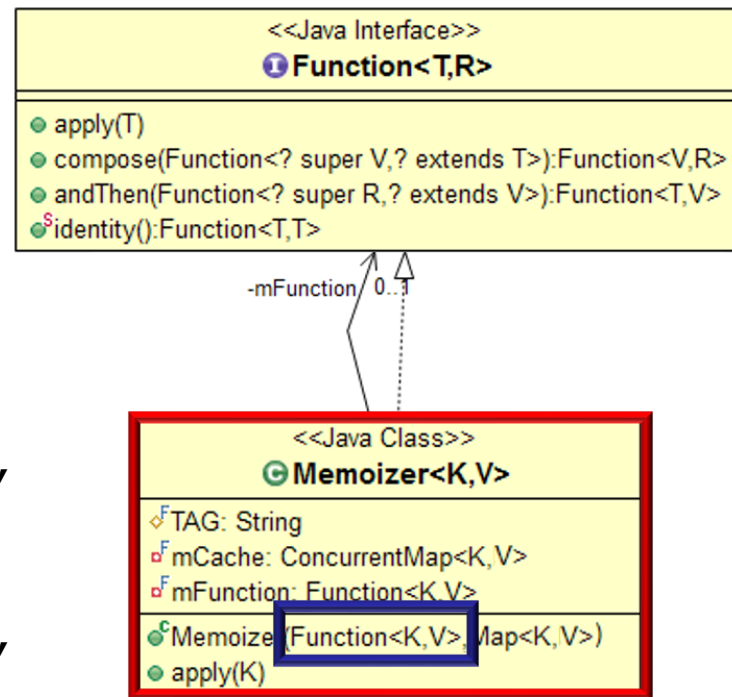
bruteForceChecker() can play the role of the memoizer function



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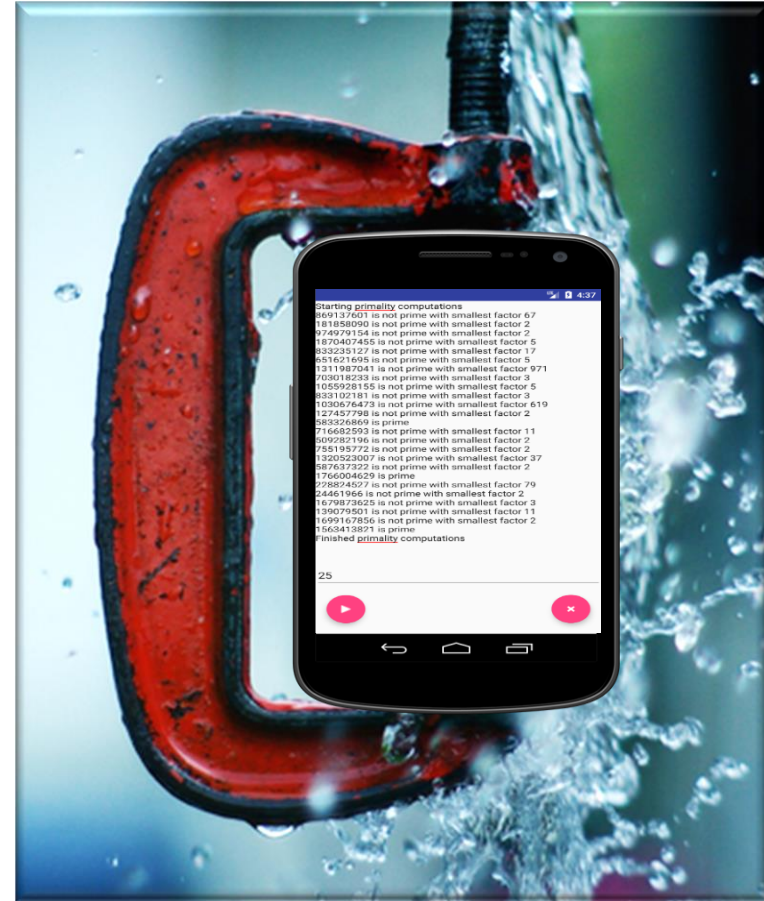
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mMemoizer = new Memoizer<>
    (PrimeCheckers::efficientChecker,
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bruteForceChecker() can easily be replaced with a different method reference

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  - This implementation of Memoizer depends on ConcurrentHashMap features available only with Java 8 & beyond



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# End of Evaluating the Pros & Cons of the Java Executor CompletionService