# Mobile Application Programming

Asynchronous Communication

# Asynchrony



App



#### Server



# Asynchrony



App

Drawing & Touch

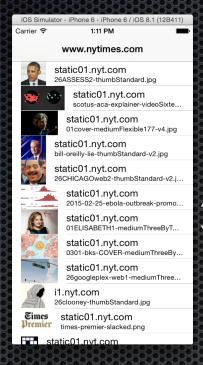
Data
Upload / Download

Server

UI



# Asynchrony



App

**UI** Thread

Drawing & Touch

Data
Upload / Qownload

Web Thread

Server

UI

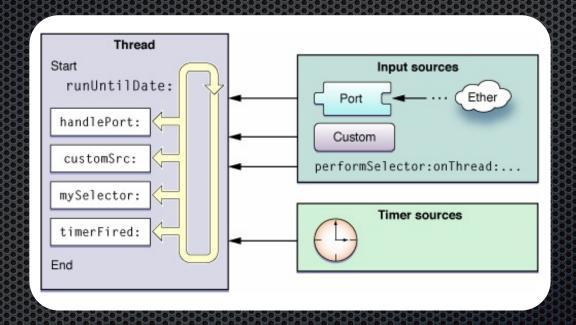




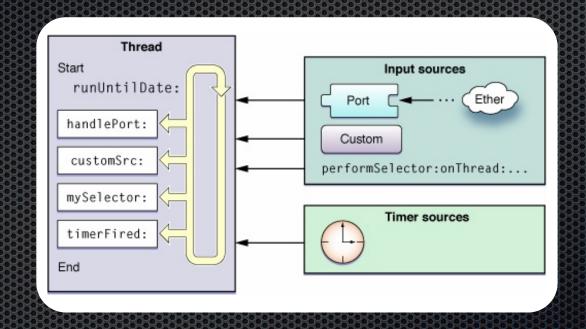
Web Request



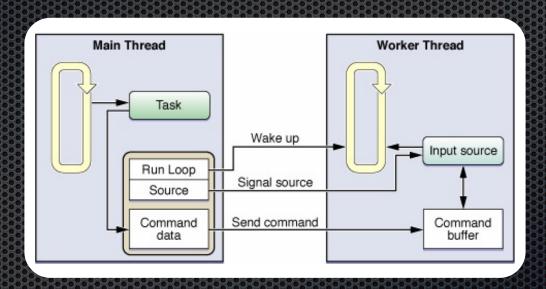
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                                              override func didReceiveMemoryWarning()
      0 ImageCrawler.ImageListViewCo...
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     1 @objc ImageCrawler.ImageListV..
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                                                  super.didReceiveMemoryWarning()
     2 -[UITableView _createPreparedC..
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     3 -[UITableView _updateVisibleCel..
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     4 -[UITableView layoutSubviews]
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                                              func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
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     5 -[UIView(CALayerDelegate) layo...
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                                                  return _crawler.imageCount
     6 -[CALayer layoutSublayers]
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     7 CA::Layer::layout_if_needed(CA...
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                                              func tableView(tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell
     8 CA::Layer::layout_and_display_i...
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     9 CA::Context::commit transactio..
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                                                  let imageIndex: Int = indexPath.row
     10 CA::Transaction::commit()
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                                                  let imageUrl: NSURL = _crawler.imageUrlAtIndex(imageIndex)
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                                                  let imageData: NSData = _crawler.imageAtIndex(imageIndex)
     11 _afterCACommitHandler
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                                                  let image: UIImage? = UIImage(data: imageData)
     E 12 __CFRUNLOOP_IS_CALLING_
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                                                  let cell: UITableViewCell = UITableViewCell(style: UITableViewCellStyle.Subtitle, reuseIdentifier: nil)
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                                                  cell.imageView?.image = image
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     E 14 __CFRunLoopRun
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                                                  cell.textLabel?.text = imageUrl.host
     E 15 CFRunLoopRunSpecific
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                                                  cell.detailTextLabel?.text = imageUrl.lastPathComponent
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                                                  return cell
     16 GSEventRunModal
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     17 UIApplicationMain
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                                                  let imageDownloadQueue: NSOperationQueue = NSOperationQueue()
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                                                      let imageRequest: NSURLRequest = NSURLRequest(URL: imageUrl)
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     Queue: src (serial)
                                                      NSURLConnection.sendAsynchronousRequest(imageRequest, queue: imageDownloadQueue)
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                                                      { [weak self] (response: NSURLResponse!, imageData: NSData!, error: NSError!) in
      Thread 2
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      Queue: com.apple.libdispatch-mana...
                                                          if (imageData != nil && imageData!.length > 1024)
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      Thread 3
                                                              NSOperationQueue.mainQueue().addOperationWithBlock()
      Queue: com.apple.root.default-qos (...
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      Thread 4
      Queue: com.apple.root.default-qos (...
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                                                                 println("Downloaded Image! Size: \(imageData!.length)")
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                                                                 self?._imageUrls.append(imageUrl)
      Thread 5
      Queue: com.apple.NSURLSession-w...
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                                                                 self?._imageCache.updateValue(imageData!, forKey: imageUrl)
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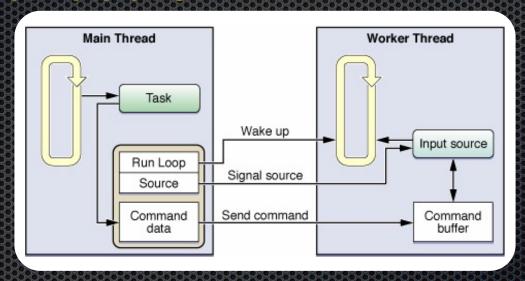
NSThread / NSRunLoop
Also see NSOperationQueue and
Grand Central Dispatch

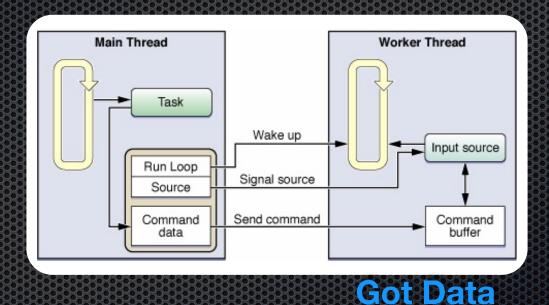


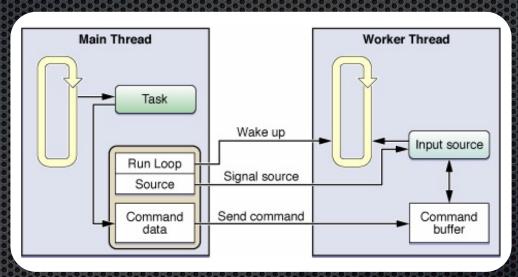
Can only do one task at a time!



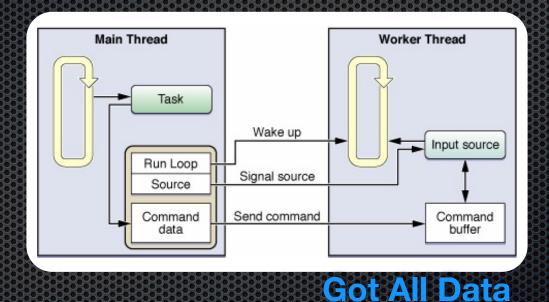
#### **Get Data at URL**

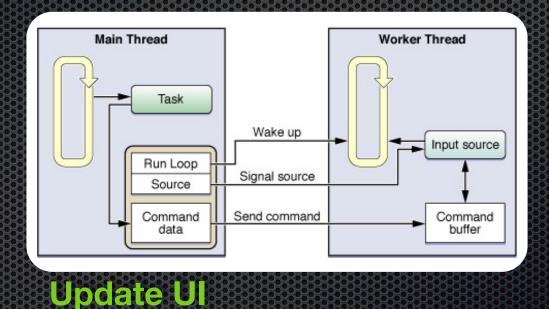






**Got More Data** 





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- Retrieving information from the internet using HTTP
  - NSURLRequest Collects data about a request
  - NSURLConnection Executes a request
  - NSHTTPURLResponse Contains response codes & header
  - NSData Contains the actual data received

## HTTP - Asynchronous



- Retrieving content takes time! Need to thread work.
- NSURLConnection Has facilitates for threading work
  - Uses Grand Central Dispatch internally
  - Offers delegate with methods to handle task setup, execution, progress updates, and finish actions

#### Cross-Platform? JSON



#### Read

```
let d: NSDictionary = NSJSONSerialization.JSONObjectWithData(jsonData, options: .allZeros, error: nil)
let c: ConcreteObject = ConcreteObject(dictionary: d)
```

#### Write

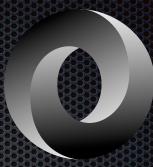
```
let d: NSDictionary = c.dictionaryRepresentation
let jsonData: NSData = NSJSONSerialization.dataWithJSONObject(d, options: .allZeros, error: nil)
```

#### Reads / Writes

#### Property List objects except NSData and NSDate

(Resultant data object still needs to be written to file or network connection)

#### Cross-Platform? JSON



An object that may be converted to JSON must have the following properties:

- The top level object is an NSArray or NSDictionary.
- All objects are instances of NSString, NSNumber, NSArray, NSDictionary, or NSNull.
- All dictionary keys are instances of NSString.
- · Numbers are not NaN or infinity.

Other rules may apply. Calling isValidJS0N0bject: or attempting a conversion are the definitive ways to tell if a given object can be converted to JSON data.