ANDROID FUNDAMENTALS

Seven Advanced Academy

Text, Scrolling Views



Lesson 3



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Tasks

- Create the Scrolling Text app
- Add two TextView elements for the article heading and subheading
- Use TextAppearance styles and colors for the article heading and subheading
- Use HTML tags in the text string to control formatting
- Use the lineSpacingExtra attribute to add line spacing for readability

Tasks Cont.

- Add a ScrollView to the layout to enable scrolling a TextView element.
- Add the autoLink attribute to enable URLs in the text to be active and clickable.
- Explore and use Android developer resources.
- Use developer resources to figure out how to add an icon to the home screen of your device.
- When this icon is clicked, your app launches.



TextView

TextView for Text

- **TextView** is a view for displaying single and multi-line text
- EditText is a subclass of TextView with editable text
- Controlled with layout attributes
- Set text statically from a string resource in XML, or dynamically from Java code and any source



Creating TextView in XML

<TextView android:id="@+id/textview"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="@string/my_story"/>



Common TextView Attributes

- android:text—text to display
- <u>android:textColor</u>—color of text
- <u>android:textAppearance</u>—predefined style or theme
- android:textSize—text size in sp
- <u>android:textStyle</u>—normal, bold, italic, or bold|italic
- <u>android:typeface</u>—normal, sans, serif, or monospace
- android:lineSpacingExtra—extra space between lines in sp

Formatting Active Web Links

```
<string name="article_text">...
www.rockument.com
...
```

<TextView
android:id="@+id/article"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"</pre>

android:autoLink="web"

android:text="@string/article_text"/>

Don't use HTML for a web link in free-form text



autoLink values:"web", "email", "phone", "map",

Creating TextView in Java Code

```
TextView myTextview = new TextView(this);
myTextView.setWidth(LayoutParams.MATCH_PARENT);
myTextView.setHeight(LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT);
myTextView.setMinLines(3);
myTextView.setText(R.string.my_story);
myTextView.append(userComment);
```



ScrollView

What about large amounts of text?

- The user may need to scroll News stories, articles, ...
- To allow users to scroll a TextView, embed it in a ScrollView
- Other Views can be embedded in a ScrollView LinearLayout, TextView, Button, ...



ScrollView for Scrolling Content

- <u>ScrollView</u> is a subclass of <u>FrameLayout</u>.
- Can only hold one view (which can be a ViewGroup)
- Holds all content in memory
- Good for long texts, complex layouts
- Do not nest multiple scrolling views
- Use <u>HorizontalScrollView</u> for horizontal scrolling
- Use a <u>RecyclerView</u> for lists



ScrollView Layout with one TextView

<ScrollView
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_below="@id/article_subheading">

<TextView android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" .../>

</ScrollView>



ScrollView Layout with a View Group

```
<ScrollView...
 <LinearLayout
   android:layout_width="match_parent"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:orientation="vertical">
   <TextView
     android:id="@+id/article_subheading"
     .../>
   <TextView
     android:id="@+id/article" ... />
 </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```



ScrollView with Image and Button

```
<ScrollView...>
  <LinearLayout...>
    <mageView.../>
    <Button.../>
    <TextView.../>
  </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

One child of ScrollView which can be a layout

Children of the layout



The Scrolling Text App

App Overview

- The Scrolling Text app demonstrates the ScrollView UI component. ScrollView is a view group that in this example contains a TextView
- It shows a lengthy page of text—in this case, a music album review—that the user can scroll vertically to read by swiping up and down

Let's code





Source Code

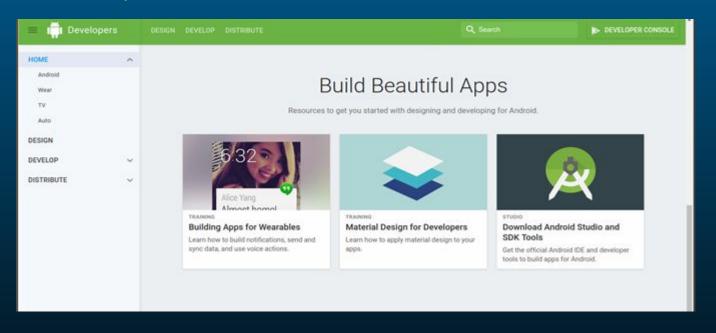
- <u>ScrollingText</u>
- <u>ScrollingText2</u>
- <u>ScrollingText3</u>



Resources that Help You Learn

Official Documentation

developer.android.com





Documentation Structure

Search

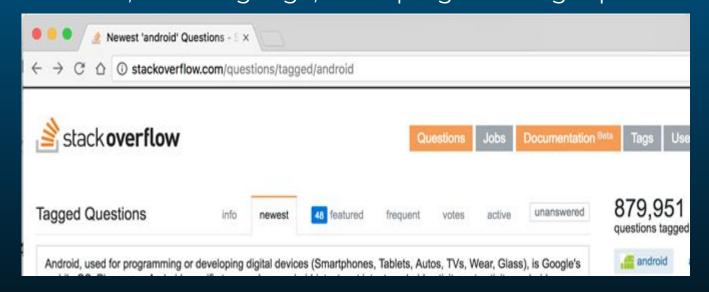




Stackoverflow.com

stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/android

Question/Answer format Android, Java language, other programming topics

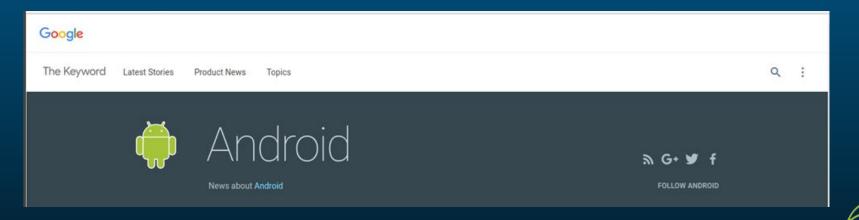




Official Android Blog

android.googleblog.com

News, features, high-level



Android Developers Blog

android-developers.blogspot.com

News, updates, developer stories, and articles on how to make your app successful

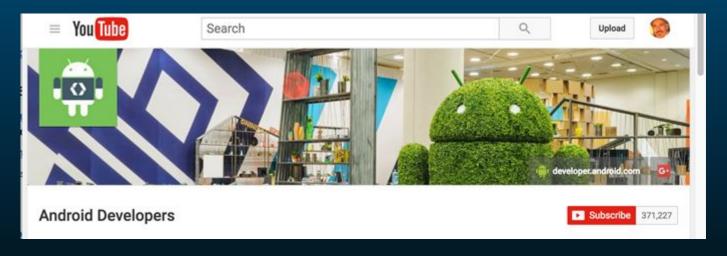


Android Developers Blog

Android Developers YouTube Channel

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News, tools, how to, and playlists around specific themes, such as Android Developer Patterns, Android Developer Stories, and Android Performance Patterns





Google IO Codelabs



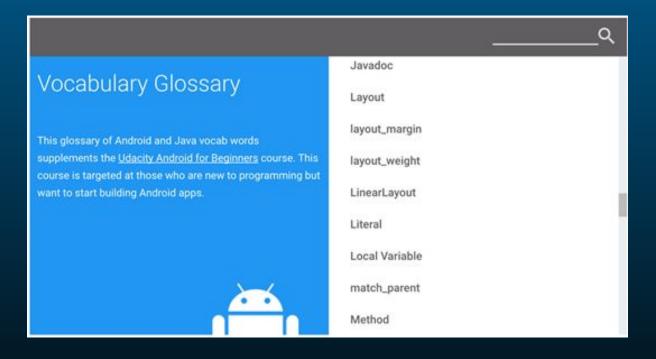
codelabs.developers.google.com

Short tutorials about specific topics



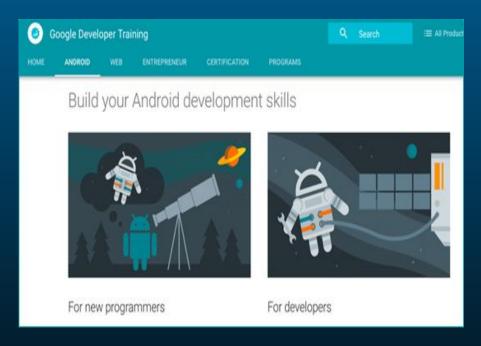
Android Vocabulary Tool

developers.google.com/android/for-all/vocab-words





Google Developer Training Website



developers.google.com/training

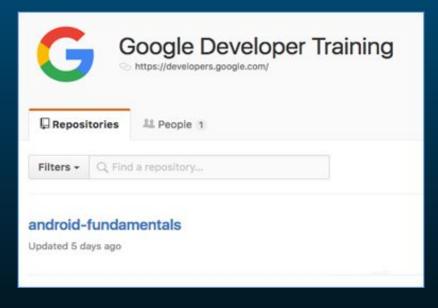
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Source code for Exercises on Github

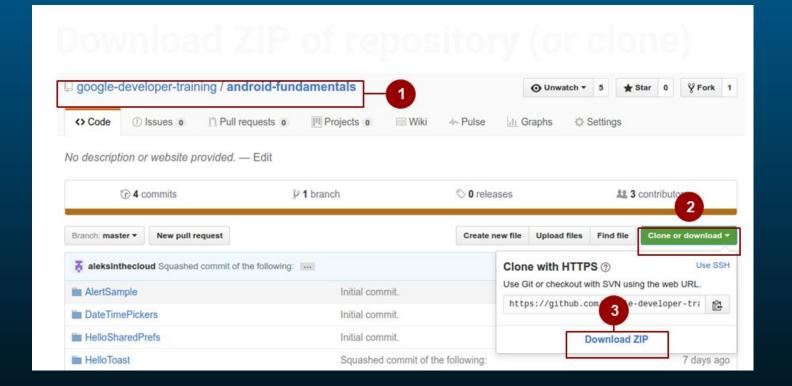
https://github.com/google-developer-training/android-fundamentals

Starter code and solutions for all the practicals and many of the challenges





Download ZIP of Repository (or Clone)





Get the Most from the Practicals

- Complete each practical
- Study and learn the corresponding concepts
- Try completing the challenges
 More detailed app that uses the concepts covered
 Closer to real-world apps



Learn More

Developer Documentation:

- <u>TextView</u>
- <u>ScrollView</u> and <u>HorizontalScrollView</u>
- String Resources

Other:

- Android Developers Blog: <u>Linkify your Text!</u>
- Codepath: Working with a TextView



Learn More

- Official Android documentation
- Image Asset Studio
- Android Monitor page
- Official Android blog
- Android Developers blog
- Google I/O Codelabs
- Stack Overflow
- Android vocabulary
- Google Developer Training website



Learn Even More

Code:

- Source code for exercises on github
- Android code samples for developers

Videos:

Android Developer YouTube channel

