Android - GPS

- This application allows the user to see their current location based on latitude and longitude
- The latitude and longitude gets updated on change of location
- LocationListener is used as callback whenever there are location events
- The permission android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION has to be declared in AndroidManifest.xml
- LocationManager is used to access the GPS information on the device
- The location information can be obtained in 3 ways:
 - NEWORK PROVIDER
 - GPS PROVIDER (used in the example)
 - PASSIVE PROVIDER
- Override onLocationChanged()
 - Called when the location has changed
 - To update the change in latitude and longitude

- The other callback methods are:
 - onProviderDisabled()
 - Called when the provide is disabled by the user
 - onProviderEnabled()
 - Called when the provider is enabled by the user
 - onStatusChanged()
 - Called when the provider status changes
- It may take a while for GPS information to be obtained
- Good practice to display the last known location whenever available
- getLastKnownLocation()
 - Gets the last known location
 - Returns Location object from which longitude and latitude from previous session can be obtained using getLongitude() and getLatitude()

Using the "geo fix" command in the emulator console

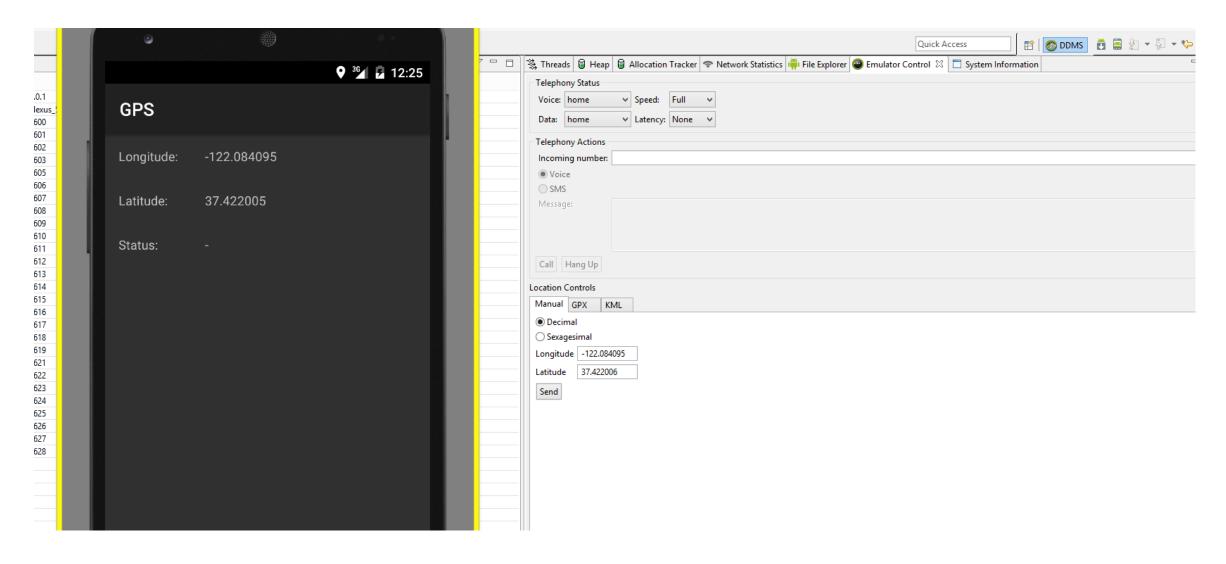
- To send mock location data from the command line.
- Launch your application in the Android emulator and open a terminal/console in your SDK's /tools directory.
- Connect to the emulator console. Use the command: telnet localhost <console-port> telnet localhost 5554
- Send the location data: geo fix longitude latitude altitude
- This command accepts a longitude and latitude in decimal degrees, and an optional altitude in meters. For example:

 geo fix -121.45356 46.51119 4392

Three ways to emulate GPS using DDMS

- Switch to the DDMS (Dalvik Debug Monitor Service) perspective.
- Using the Manual tab under Location Controls, manually send individual longitude/latitude coordinates to the device.
- Use a GPX file describing a route for playback to the device.
- Use a KML file describing individual place marks for sequenced playback to the device.

Accessed in Android Studio with: Tools -> Android -> Android Device Monitor



References

- LocationManager
- LocationListener

Exercise

 Add another label that displays the accuracy of the Location object.