Android Development the Right Mindset

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Agenda

Low-End Devices

Memory

Storage

• CPU

Battery

Network

Tips And Tricks

Low-End Devices

- Limited Configurations
 - 512MB RAM, 2GB
- Old Version of SDK
 - Compatibility, Gingerbread
- Still Being Sold
 - Is not a Disadvantage



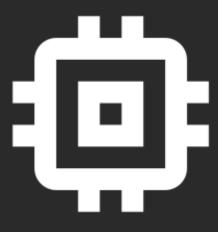
Low-End Devices

- Many manufacturers
 - Samsung, Motorola, BLU
- Many Screen Sizes
 - Small, Normal, Large, Xlarge
- Do Not Panic
 - This is real World



Memory

- Do not allocate if not need it
 - OutOfMemoryException
- Use primitive types
 - int, boolean, float
- Use different image sizes per screens
 - Idpi, mdpi , xxhdpi



Storage

Limited space

4GB and shared with the OS

Reduce your APK size

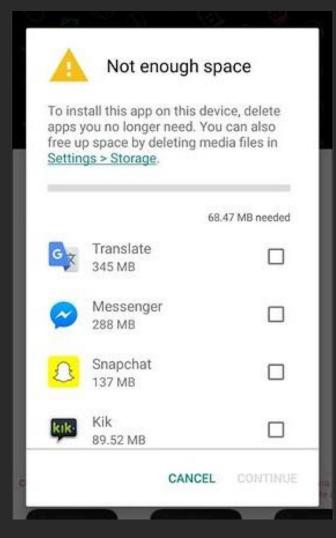
 Remove unused png, svg, Apk Analyzer, png optimization

Multiple APK

• Idpi, mdpi, xxhdpi



Storage



Apk Analyzer

Щ	com.google.android.apps.santatracker-40120002.apk ×			
com.google.android.apps.santatracker (version 4.0.12)				
1 Raw File Size: 58 MB, Download Size: 49.7 MB			[Compare with
File		Raw File Size	Download Size% of Total Down	
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	AndroidManifest.xml	25.7 KB	5 KB	0%
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⊩	isr305_annotations	133 B	104 B	0%

CPU

- Heavy work in the server
 - Easy to scale in the could
- Not everybody has a Pixel or a Nexus phone
 - Your users have devices slower than yours
- The system will slow you down
 - Avoiding overheat, Saving battery, animations

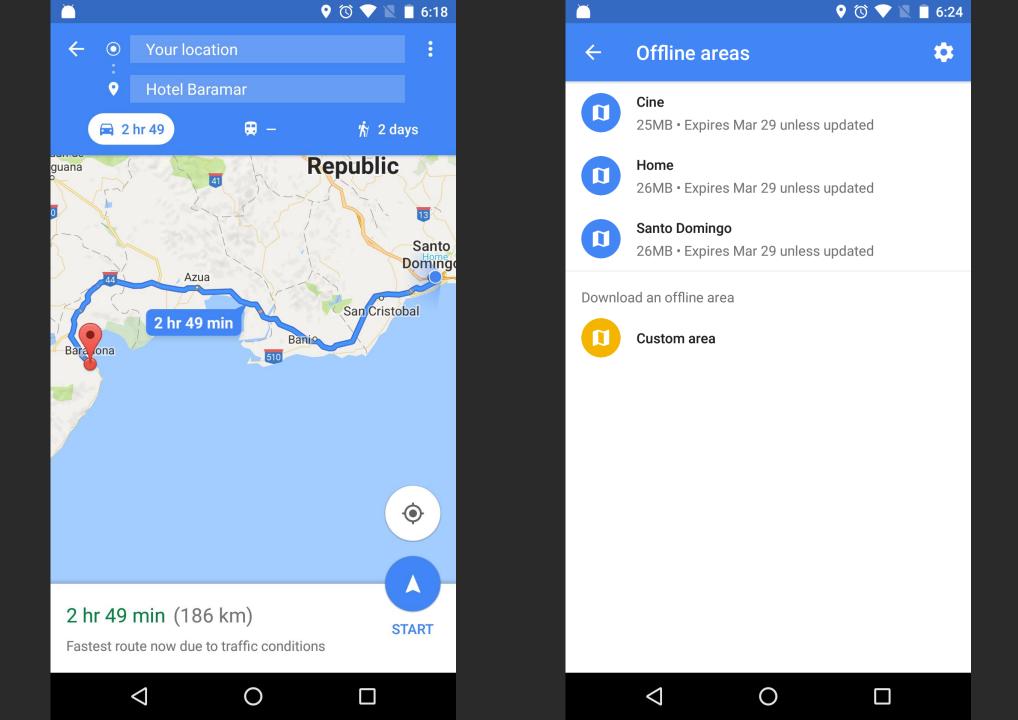


Network

- Offline Friendly
 - Commuting (metro lines), Pricey data plans
- Custom Backend
 - GraphQL, backend per platform(Android, iOS, Web)



- Try to use WebP (-26%), Progressive JPEG
 - Faster downloads, Fresco Facebook.



Tips And Tricks

- Spend a day with a low-end phone
- Be careful with 3rd party libraries
- Advocate for Android Design (Is your responsibility)
- Why google not provide a solution?
- The backend must be designed for client not other way around



Resources

- **Understanding the mobile context**
- Add Multi-Density Vector Graphics
- APK Analyzer
- Getting Santa Tracker Into Shape
- Pattern: Backends for frontends

Resources

- **Image Compressor**
- Developing Mobile Experiences at Facebook's Scale
- Netflix ISP Speed Index
- What are you doing on the tiny network Android BBQ 2015
- WebP Support Android Studio

Resources

- Building Mobile Apps for unreliable Networks Twitter Flight 2015
- Developing Mobile Experiences at Facebook's Scale
- Building for billions on Android Google I/O 2016
- Android for Java Developers Big Android BBQ 2015
- Framework Fireside Chat Android Summit 2015



Gracias!

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