Slide 8.16: Java source code: MainActivity.java (cont.) Slide 8.18: Java source code: MainActivity.java (cont.) Home



Java Source Code (Cont.)

Line 15: public void OnCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)

It is called by the Android system when your activity starts. You will usually call the following two methods from this method:

- <u>setContentView(int)</u>, which is with a layout resource defining your UI, and
- <u>findViewById</u>(int), which is to retrieve the widgets in that UI that you need to interact with programmatically.

Line 15: public void OnCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)

"Bundle savedInstanceState" is a way of passing data between activities and storing data between instantiations of the same activity. We will not need to use this for HelloWorld.

Line 16: super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

It is information you want returned to your application, via onCreate(), if the activity is destroyed and restarted due to some implicit reason (e.g., not because the user pressed the back button).

The reason to call super.onCreate() is because your code will not compile otherwise.

Line 16: <u>super</u>.onCreate(savedInstanceState);

The super keyword refers to the instance of the parent class of the current object. It is used when you overwrite a method in a subclass but still want to call the method defined in the parent class.

Line 17: <u>setContentView</u>(R.layout.activity_main);

It sets the activity content to an explicit view. Android uses layouts to define screen layouts on the target, and that <u>activity main</u> was the name of the default layout file that the Android SDK created for us under the res/layout directory.

HelloWorld/app/src/main/java/com/example/wenchen/helloworld/MainActivity.java

```
package com.example.wenchen.helloworld;
01
03 import android.app.Activity;
04 import android.content.Intent;
05 import android.os.Bundle;
06 import android.view.View;
   import android.widget.Button;
   import android.widget.EditText;
    import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
    import android.view.Menu;
11
    import android.view.MenuItem;
12
    public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
13
14
      @Override
15
      protected void onCreate( Bundle savedInstanceState ) {
        super.onCreate( savedInstanceState );
16
17
        setContentView( R.layout.activity_main );
        final EditText name = (EditText) findViewById( R.id.name );
final Button button = (Button) findViewById( R.id.next );
18
19
20
        button.setOnClickListener(
21
          new View.OnClickListener( ) {
            public void onClick( View v ) {
22
23
               /** Here i calls a new screen. **/
24
              Intent i = new Intent( MainActivity.this, NextActivity.class );
25
              i.putExtra( "name", name.getText( ).toString( ) );
26
               startActivity( i );
27
28
          }
29
        );
30
31
32
      @Override
33
      public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu( Menu menu ) {
34
        // Inflate the menu; this adds items to the action bar if it is present.
35
        getMenuInflater( ).inflate( R.menu.menu_main, menu );
36
        return true;
37
38
39
      @Override
      public boolean onOptionsItemSelected( MenuItem item ) {
40
        // Handle action bar item clicks here. The action bar will
41
        // automatically handle clicks on the Home/Up button, so long
42
        // as you specify a parent activity in AndroidManifest.xml.
```

```
44
        int id = item.getItemId( );
45
        // noinspection SimplifiableIfStatement
46
47
        if ( id == R.id.action_settings ) {
48
          return true;
49
50
        else if ( id == R.id.next ) {
51
          Intent i = new Intent( MainActivity.this, NextActivity.class );
52
          startActivity( i );
53
54
        return super.onOptionsItemSelected( item );
55
      }
56 }
```

Slide 8.16: Java source code: MainActivity.java (cont.) Slide 8.18: Java source code: MainActivity.java (cont.) Home

