P82 Mobile Application Development - Android

Intents

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This is a message object used to perform an action on another application component. There are three use cases:

- To start another activity
  - Without passing information
  - With passage of information
  - With Return Information

- To start a Service

- To start notifications

Intents

- There are two types of Intents

  - **Explicit**: where we will start a component by name (used in our own application)

  - **Implicit** :
    - does not start a component but an action. Use in general to launch component from other application.
    - system decision to find the right application, if multiple user choices

Explicit Intents

- Without passing a message
Intent intent = new Intent (Activity_A.this, Activity_B.class);
startActivity (intent);

- With message passing
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int id = 0;
Intent secondActivity = new Intent (Activity_A.this, Activity_B.class);
startActivityForResult (secondActivite, id);
```

- Redefines a method to retrieve the answer

```
@Override
protected void onActivityResult (requestCode int, int resultCode, Intent data) {
int id = 0;
// We first check which intent we are referring to here using our identifier
    if (requestCode == id) {
        // We also check that the operation went well
        if (resultCode == RESULT_OK ) {
            // Display the button that was chosen
            String msg = data.getStringExtra ("myKey");
        }
    }
}
```

Intents Explicite

- With waiting for answer
  - reply

```
Intent result = new Intent ();
result.putExtra ("myKey", "my message");
setResult (RESULT_OK, result);
finish ();
// to close the activity
```

Implicit Intent

- Later in the course