

P82 Mobile Application Development - Android

Sensors

Device Dependent Sensor



◆ 3 categories:

◆ Motion sensors:

/Using the forces of acceleration and rotation on the three axes, it is possible to determine in which direction the device is moving by using the following motion sensors: the accelerometer, the gravity sensors, the gyroscopes and the vectors of rotation vectors.

◆ Position sensors:

/determine the position of the device: the orientation sensors and the magnetometer

◆ Environmental sensors:

/there are three sensors (barometer, photometer and thermometer) that measure atmospheric pressure, illumination and ambient temperature.

[http://openclassrooms.com/courses/creez-des-applications-pour-a
ndroid / les-sensors](http://openclassrooms.com/courses/creez-des-applications-pour-android/les-sensors)

Using Sensors

<uses-feature

```
    android:name="android.hardware.sensor.accelerometer"  
    android:required="true" />
```

- ♦ Uses the SensorManager object

```
SensorManager sensorManager =  
    (SensorManager) getSystemService(Context.SENSOR_SERVICE);
```

- ♦ Can Get the list of Sensors Available

```
List<Sensor> sList = sensorManager.getSensorList(Sensor.TYPE_ALL);
```

Using Sensors

- ♦ Verify the presence of a Sensor with `getDefaultSensor(int Type)` method
- ♦ Sensor accelerometer =
 `sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE_ACCELEROMETER);`
if(`accelerometer != null`) {
 //There is at least one accelerometer
}else {
 // There are none
}
- ♦ Can get the consumption
- ♦ `accelerometre.getPower()`

SensorEventListener Interface

`@Override`
`public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent event) { }`

`@Override`
`public void onAccuracyChanged(Sensor sensor, int accuracy) {}`

Adding the listener

- ♦ To save processing

/ adding the listener

```
@Override
protected void onResume() {
    super.onResume();
    mSensorManager.registerListener(this, accelerometer,
    SensorManager.SENSOR_DELAY_NORMAL);
}
```

Alternately you could use : `SensorManager.SENSOR_DELAY_GAME`

/ Removing a Listener

```
@Override
protected void onPause() {
    super.onPause(); mSensorManager.unregisterListener(this);
}
```

Redefining the SensorChange Method

- ♦ Most sensors will return a flow chart with three values

- ♦ *@Override*

```
public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent event) {  
    float x = event.values[0];  
    float y = event.values[1];  
    float z = event.values[2];  
}
```

Acceleration

The x, y and z values represent the acceleration force in m/s^2 , including Earth's gravity..

To know the acceleration without gravity used

`Sensor.TYPE_LINEAR_ACCELERATION`

[http://developer.android.com/guide/to
pics / sensors / sensors_overview.html](http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/sensors/sensors_overview.html)

