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Alarm Manager
Notifications

Alarm Manager

- Fire Intents at predetermined intervals or times
- Do not need app running to work
- Bit more overhead than Timers
- Trigger whatever (broadcast intents, services, or Activities)
- Allow effective resource management

Alarm Manager-Create, Set, Cancel

- Get Reference to AlarmManager service

```
AlarmManager alarmManager = (AlarmManager) getSystemService(Context.ALARM_SERVICE);
```

- Decide type
 - RTC_WAKEUP – wakes and fires pending intent at time specified
 - RTC – same as RTC_WAKEUP **no** wakeup
 - ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP - wakes and fires pending intent after specific amount of time has elapsed since system boot
 - ELAPSED_REALTIME - same as ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP **no** wakeup

Alarm Manager-Create, Set, Cancel

- ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP
- ELAPSED_REALTIME
 - Starts specific time after device boots

```
final int TEN_MINUTES = 6000000; //60sec/min*10min*1000msec/sec  
alarmManager.set(AlarmManager.ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP, TEN_MINUTES, alarmIntent);
```

- RTC_WAKEUP
- RTC
 - Starts specific time from now

```
final int TEN_MINUTES = 6000000; //60sec/min*10min*1000msec/sec  
alarmManager.set(AlarmManager.RTC_WAKEUP, TEN_MINUTES, alarmIntent);
```

Alarm Manager-Create, Set, Cancel

Wake up the device to fire a one-time (non-repeating) alarm in one minute

```
private AlarmManager alarmMgr;  
private PendingIntent alarmIntent;  
...  
alarmMgr = (AlarmManager)context.getSystemService(Context.ALARM_SERVICE);  
Intent intent = new Intent(context, AlarmReceiver.class);  
alarmIntent = PendingIntent.getBroadcast(context, 0, intent, 0);  
  
alarmMgr.set(AlarmManager.ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP,  
            SystemClock.elapsedRealtime() +  
            60 * 1000, alarmIntent);
```

Intents fired for your app by another app at a later time
Execute with same identity and permissions as your app

Cancel alarm

```
// If the alarm has been set, cancel it.  
if (alarmMgr != null) {  
    alarmMgr.cancel(alarmIntent);  
}
```

Alarm Manager-Repeat Alarm

- setRepeating – for precise control over exact alarm interval
- setInExactRepeating – OS schedules multiple inExactRepeating alarms to execute at same time
 - INTERVAL_FIFTEEN_MINUTES, INTERVAL_HALF_HOUR, INTERVAL_HOUR, INTERVAL_HALF_DAY, INTERVAL_DAY
 - If do not require precision, then wake all alarms that are ‘close together’ at same time (verses multiple wakeups around same time)
 - Reduces battery drain

Alarm Manager-Repeat Alarm

- setRepeating

```
final int TEN_MINUTES = 6000000; //60sec/min*10min*1000msec/sec
alarmManager.setRepeating(AlarmManager.RTC_WAKEUP,
    TEN_MINUTES,
    AlarmManager.INTERVAL_DAY,
    alarmIntent);
```

- setInexactRepeating

```
final int TEN_MINUTES = 6000000; //60sec/min*10min*1000msec/sec
alarmManager.setInexactRepeating(AlarmManager.RTC_WAKEUP,
    TEN_MINUTES,
    AlarmManager.INTERVAL_DAY,
    alarmIntent);
```

Pending Intent

- Intents fired for your app by another app at a later time
- Execute with same identity and permissions as your app

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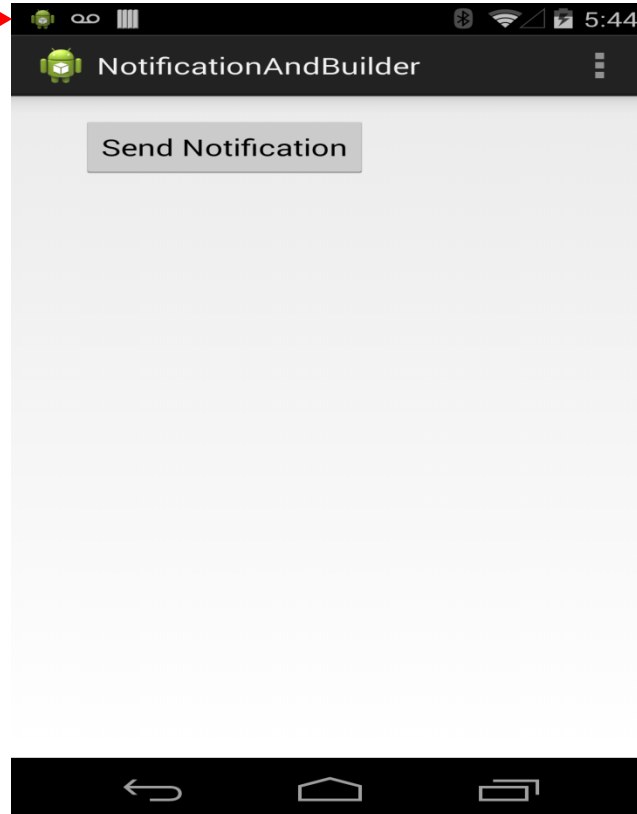
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Notifications

- Notices that do not require activity
- Handled by Notification Manager
 - Display a status bar icon
 - Flash Lights/LEDs
 - Vibrate Phone
 - Audible Alerts (Ringtones etc)
 - Display additional info in notification tray
 - Broadcast intents from notification tray

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Messages and Information
That appear here



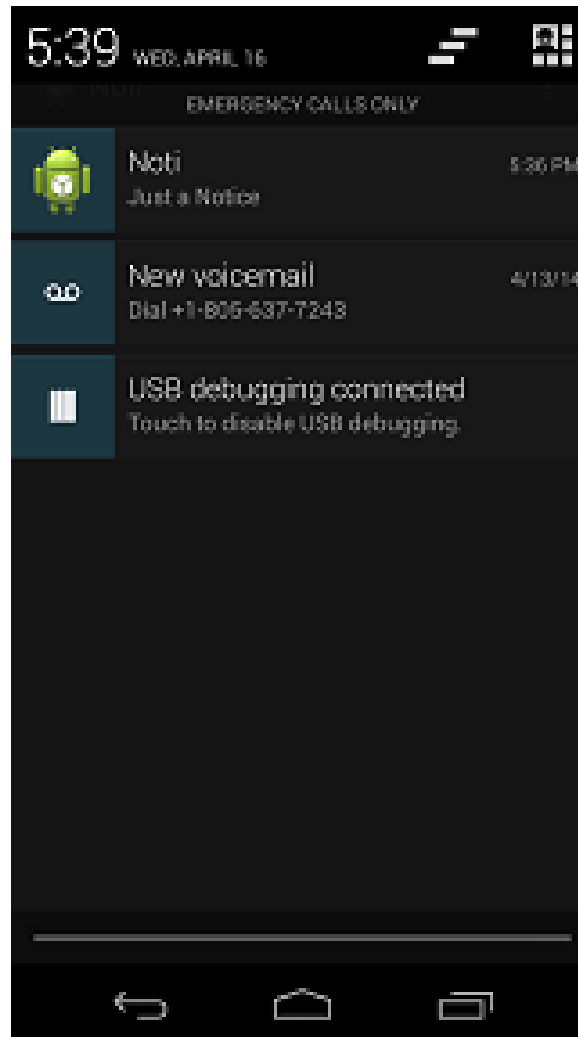
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Status Bar

Settings, time, date

Notification Tray

Drag down from top



Notifications

- Get Reference to NotificationManager service

```
NotificationManager notificationManager = (NotificationManager) getSystemService(NOTIFICATION_SERVICE);
```

- Create notification (Old way)

```
Notification notification = new Notification(R.drawable.ic_launcher,  
    "This is the text", System.currentTimeMillis());
```

- Works but deprecated... Use a Builder instead

Notifications

- Builder Introduced in API 11 (3.0) although some methods added in API 16.
- Notifications have a lot of settings. Builder ensures they are correct before construction.
- Once built, use notificationManager object to send it.

Notifications

- Can show progress
 - The following snippet will indicate 30% complete

```
Notification noti = bldr.setContentTitle("New mail from " + "test@gmail.com")
    .setContentText("Progress").setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launcher)
    .setContentIntent(pIntent)
    .setProgress(MAX, PROGRESS, false)
    .addAction(R.drawable.ic_launcher, "Call", pIntent)
    .addAction(R.drawable.ic_launcher, "More", pIntent)
    .addAction(R.drawable.ic_launcher, "And more", pIntent).build();
```

Notifications

Ongoing and Insistent

- Ongoing - In the builder
 `.setOngoing(true)`
 - Cant be canceled by user
 - Must be dismissed by app

Notifications

Retrigger and Cancel

- Retrigger
 - Pass in same ref ID with updated notification fields
- Cancel
 - `notificationManager.cancel(NOTIFICATION_REF);`

Notifications Example

```
public void doNotification(View v) {
    NotificationManager notificationManager = (NotificationManager) getSystemService(NOTIFICATION_SERVICE);

    Notification noti = new Notification.Builder(this)
        .setContentTitle(getString(R.string.app_name))
        .setContentText("Just a Notice")
        .setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launcher)
        .setOngoing(true) // true only dismissable by app
        .build();

    noti.flags |= Notification.FLAG_INSISTENT;

    notificationManager.notify(MYNOTIFICATION, noti);
}

public void doCancelNotification(View v) {
    NotificationManager notificationManager = (NotificationManager) getSystemService(NOTIFICATION_SERVICE);
    notificationManager.cancel(MYNOTIFICATION);
}
```