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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, notifications, even activities with some work)
- 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

```
alarmMgr = (AlarmManager)context.getSystemService(Context.ALARM_SERVICE);  
alarmMgr.set(AlarmManager.ELAPSED_REALTIME_WAKEUP,  
            SystemClock.elapsedRealtime() +  
            60 * 1000, alarmIntent);
```

- RTC\_WAKEUP
- RTC
  - Starts specific time from now

```
final int TEN_MINUTES = 600000; //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

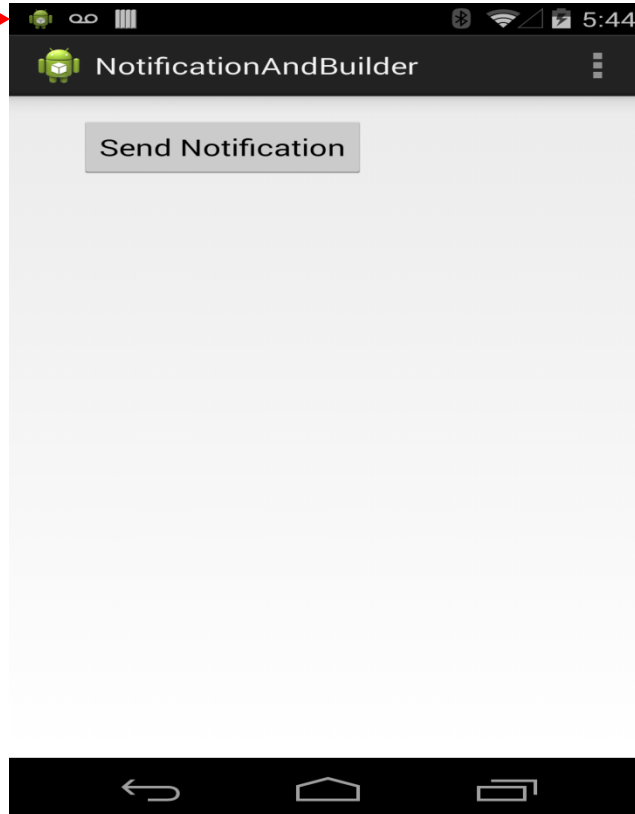


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# Notifications

Messages and Information  
That appear here



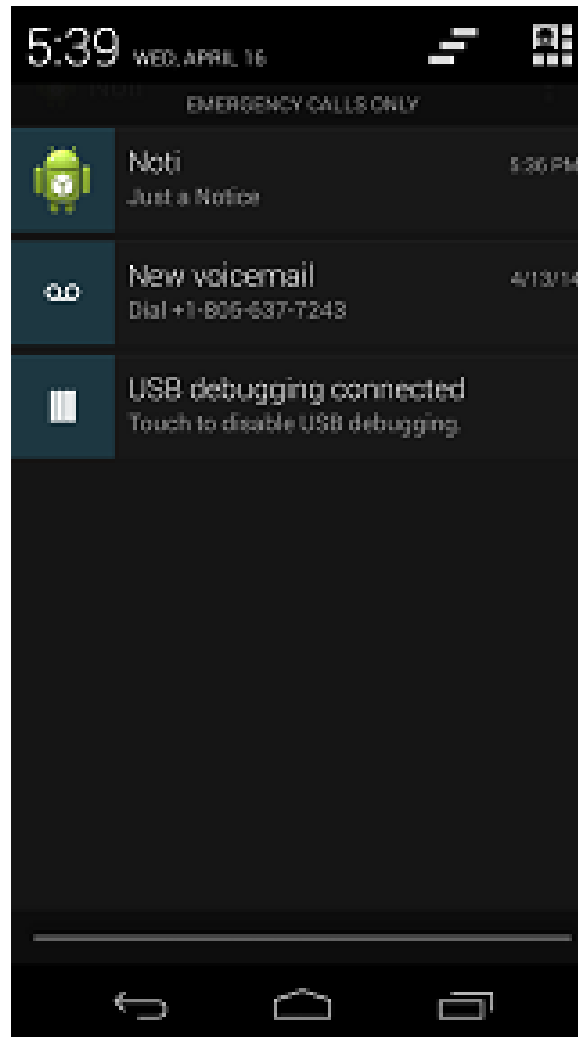
# Notifications

Status Bar

Settings, time, date

Notification Tray

Drag down from top



# 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

# Notifications

- Use Case
  1. Gradle Dependency
  2. Create a channel (if target API  $\geq 26$ )
  3. Build notification
  4. Send notification

# Notifications

- Gradle Dependency
- Be sure to include the proper androidx dependency in the build.gradle(app) file

```
dependencies {  
    implementation 'androidx.appcompat:appcompat:1.1.0'
```

# Notifications

- Create a channel (if target API  $\geq 26$ )

```
private static final String CHANNEL_ID = "KP";
private void createNotificationChannel() {
    // Create the NotificationChannel, but only on API 26+ because
    // the NotificationChannel class is new and not in the support library
    if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.O) {
        CharSequence name = "channel1";
        String description = "demo channel";
        int importance = NotificationManager.IMPORTANCE_DEFAULT;
        NotificationChannel channel = new NotificationChannel(CHANNEL_ID, name, importance);
        channel.setDescription(description);
        // Register the channel with the system; you can't change the importance
        // or other notification behaviors after this
        NotificationManager notificationManager = getSystemService(NotificationManager.class);
        notificationManager.createNotificationChannel(channel);
    }
}
```

# Notifications

- Build notification
  - CHANNEL\_ID comes from channel created last slide

```
NotificationCompat.Builder builder = new NotificationCompat.Builder(context, CHANNEL_ID)
    .setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launcher)
    .setContentTitle(getString(R.string.app_name))
    .setContentText("Just a Notice")
    .setPriority(NotificationCompat.PRIORITY_DEFAULT);
```



# Notifications

- Send notification

```
NotificationManagerCompat notificationManager = NotificationManagerCompat.from(this);  
notificationManager.notify(MYNOTIFICATION, builder.build());
```

# Notifications

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

# Notifications Example

- See 12\_Notification project

# References

- Create a Notification- Android Developer
- <https://developer.android.com/training/notify-user/build-notification.html>