

## List in class lab

## See List\_and\_RecyclerView class demo

See [https://github.com/codepath/android\\_guides/wiki/Using-the-RecyclerView](https://github.com/codepath/android_guides/wiki/Using-the-RecyclerView) for basis of this lab.

### with and without threaded pages

1. First create a project (Use the one with a Floating Action Button (FAB)) because it gives you an appBar.
2. Get rid of FAB in MainActivity.java and in MainActivity.xml  
Get rid of the fragments (java) and their layouts(XML)  
Test to see if working  
Delete Navigation folder as well

### The XML

4. Add the RecyclerView widget to activity\_main.xml (replace the content main). Be sure to give it an ID

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    tools:context=".MainActivity"
    android:orientation="vertical">
    <com.google.android.material.appbar.AppBarLayout
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme.AppBarOverlay">
        <androidx.appcompat.widget.Toolbar
            android:id="@+id/toolbar"
            android:layout_width="match_parent"
            android:layout_height="?attr/actionBarSize"
            android:background="?attr/colorPrimary"
            app:popupTheme="@style/AppTheme.PopupOverlay" />
    </com.google.android.material.appbar.AppBarLayout>
    <androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout
        xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
        xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent">
        <androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView
            android:id="@+id/rvContacts"
            android:layout_width="0dp"
            android:layout_height="0dp"
            app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
    </androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
</LinearLayout>
```

5. Need a layout to define what each row displayed in the RecyclerView looks like. Here we will have 2 textViews (see List\_and\_RecyclerView for page look demo).

In layout folder create row layout (or any name you want) (from Layout folder→right click →new→xml→layout XML file. Give it a name and (choose LinearLayout for layout type, because we just have a row of data).

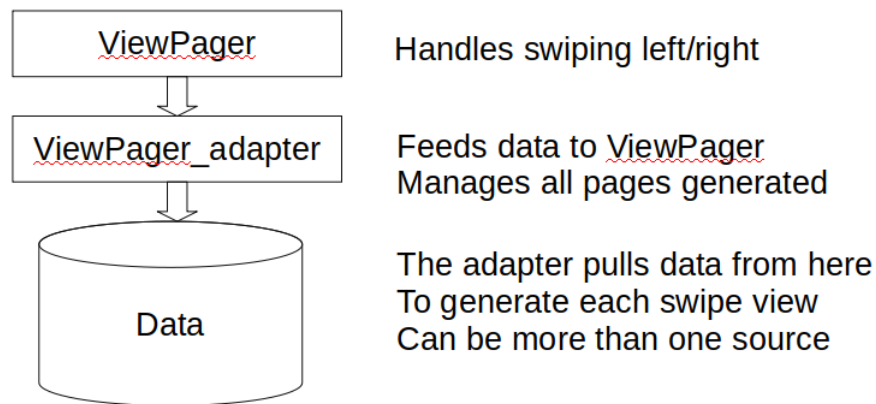
Note the second textView does not have an ID, thats because we never need to change it.

Also be sure the height of each row is wrap\_content, (if match parent it would take entire screen)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/tvInfo"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_weight="1"
        android:text="TextView" />
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/tvResult"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_weight="1"
        android:text="TextView" />
</LinearLayout>
```

## The Adapter



6. Create an adapter (the brains of the operation). It supplies the RecyclerView with 1 row of data at a time whose appearance is defined by row\_layout above.

Create a new JavaClass **RecyclerView\_Adapter**(or any name you like) and have it extend...

```
public class RecyclerView_Adapter extends RecyclerView.Adapter
```

6. Add unimplemented required methods (alt-enter on red squiggly lines)

8. The list will have many rows, each row will consists of a row\_layout with three TextViews and will appear as;

**2 squared is 4**

As the user scrolls the screen (swipe up or down) new rows will appear with new results.

**This layout is populated by the adapter in** onBindViewHolder using the position argument as the number to double

But first we have to create each row. For that we need a layout inflater (remember its use in the spinner project?). Add one to to **RecyclerView\_Adapter** as member variable

```
private final LayoutInflater li;
```

9. And we need a context to get this inflater. Add one to `RecyclerView_Adapter` as member variable.

```
private final Context ctx;
```

10. Now add a constructor. (hover over class name and hit alt-insert) and pass in a reference to MainActivity save in a member

```
public RecyclerView_Adapter(Context ctx){  
  
    this.ctx=ctx;  
    li=(LayoutInflater)ctx.getSystemService(Context.LAYOUT_INFLATER_SERVICE);  
}
```

11. Add a `RecyclerView.ViewHolder` to the class

When each `row_layout` rolls off the screen do we garbage collect it? Or reuse this fully constructed object to hold the next layout?

Answer: Reuse it. That way we can forgo repeating expensive operations like `findViewById`

```
class RowViewHolder extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder {  
    TextView tvInfo;  
    TextView tvResult;  
    public RowViewHolder(@NonNull View itemView) {  
        super(itemView);  
        tvInfo = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvInfo );  
        tvResult = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvResult );  
    }  
}
```

12. Fill in the method that **CREATES** a ViewHolder

```
public RecyclerView.ViewHolder onCreateViewHolder(@NonNull ViewGroup parent, int viewType) {  
  
    //call this when we need to create a brand new PagerViewHolder  
    View view = li.inflate(R.layout.row_layout, parent, false);  
    return new RowViewHolder(view);    //the new one  
}
```

13. Fill in the method that **REUSES** the viewholder. Notice that we do not need to reinflate the views in this layout (they have already been created in `onCreateViewHolder`). We are just reusing them.

```
public void onBindViewHolder(@NonNull RecyclerView.ViewHolder holder, int position) {  
  
    //passing in an existing instance, reuse the internal resources  
    //pass our data to our ViewHolder.  
    RowViewHolder viewHolder = (RowViewHolder) holder;  
    viewHolder.setNumber(position);  
    viewHolder.tvInfo.setText(Integer.toString(this.myVh.numb) + " squared =");  
    viewHolder.tvResult.setText(Integer.toString(position*position));  
}
```

14. The RecyclerView\_Adapter has to know how many rows it will hold. In this case we decide. Create a maxRows field in the RecyclerView\_Adapter and add another constructor, 1 uses **DEFAULT\_MAX\_ROWS** the other allows the user to select maxrows.

```
public class RecyclerView_Adapter extends RecyclerView.Adapter{

    private static final int DEFAULT_MAX_ROWS = 100;
    private final LayoutInflater li;
    private final Context ctx;
    private final int maxRows;
    //one arg constructor uses DEFAULT_MAX_ROWS
    public RecyclerView_Adapter(Context ctx) {
        this(ctx,DEFAULT_MAX_ROWS);
    }
    //two arg constructor in case user wants to define their own maxrows
    public RecyclerView_Adapter(Context ctx, int maxRows) {
        this.ctx = ctx;
        li = (LayoutInflater)ctx.getSystemService(Context.LAYOUT_INFLATER_SERVICE);
        this.maxRows=maxRows;
    }
}
```

and finally tell consumers of RecyclerView\_Adapter how many rows its going to have (forget this and you will have 0 rows displayed)

```
public int getItemCount() {

    //the expected number of rows
    return this.maxRows;
}
```

## In MainActivity

Now all we have to do is bind the adapter to the **RecyclerView**

15. Add these 2 member variables

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    RecyclerView rv;
    RecyclerView_Adapter rva;    //not Richmond VA, Recycler View Adapter
}
```

16. In on create bind the RecyclerView to the RecyclerView\_Adapter. Also tell the activity how you want it laid out, in a grid or a list.

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
}
```

```

setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
Toolbar toolbar = findViewById(R.id.toolbar);
setSupportActionBar(toolbar);

```

```

//get a ref to the viewPager
rv=findViewById(R.id.rvNumbs);
//create an instance of the swipe adapter
rva = new RecyclerView_Adapter(this);
//set this viewPager to the adapter
rv.setAdapter(rva);

```

```

}

```

## Display the data

Not done yet, how do you want to display the data?  
 You can choose between a grid and a linear layout below.

```

@Override

```

```

protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {

```

```

    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    Toolbar toolbar = findViewById(R.id.toolbar);
    setSupportActionBar(toolbar);
    //get a ref to the viewPager
    rv=findViewById(R.id.rvNumbs);
    //create an instance of the swipe adapter
    rva = new RecyclerView_Adapter(this);
    //set this viewPager to the adapter
    rv.setAdapter(rva);

```

```

    // Setup layout manager for items with orientation

```

```

    // Also supports `LinearLayoutManager.HORIZONTAL`

```

```

    //LinearLayoutManager layoutManager = new LinearLayoutManager(this,
    LinearLayoutManager.VERTICAL, false);

```

```

    GridLayoutManager layoutManager = new GridLayoutManager(this,
    1,LinearLayoutManager.VERTICAL, false);

```

```

    // Optionally customize the position you want to default scroll to

```

```

    layoutManager.scrollToPosition(0);

```

```

    // Attach layout manager to the RecyclerView

```

```

    rv.setLayoutManager(layoutManager);

```

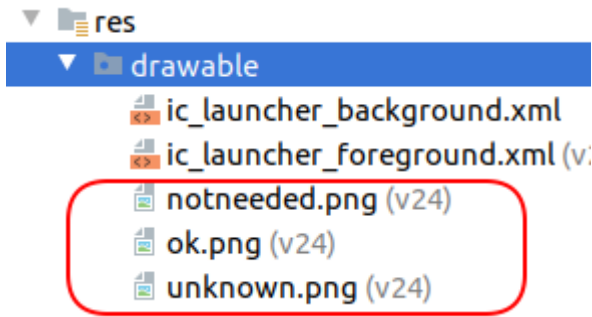
```

}

```

## Lets make each row view a little snazzier!

Find the 3 drawables in the List\_and\_RecyclerView drawable folder and add them to your apps drawable folder.



Now add a new row\_layout to the res/layoutfolder. Call it row\_layout2

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/imageView1"
        android:layout_width="65dp"
        android:layout_height="65dp"
        android:layout_centerVertical="true"
        android:layout_margin="5dp"
        android:padding="3dp"
        android:scaleType="fitXY"
        android:src="@drawable/unknown" />
    <LinearLayout
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:orientation="horizontal"
        android:gravity="center_vertical">
        <TextView
            android:id="@+id/tvInfo"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_marginTop="5dp"
            android:maxLines="1"
            android:text="number"
            android:textColor="@android:color/black"
            android:textSize="15dp"
            android:textStyle="bold" />
        <TextView
            android:id="@+id/tvResult"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_alignParentRight="true"
```

```

        android:layout_marginTop="5dip"
        android:layout_marginRight="10dp"
        android:text="$$$$"
        android:textColor="@android:color/holo_red_light"
        android:textSize="15dp" />
    </LinearLayout>
</LinearLayout>

```

And finally lets make some changes to the RecyclerView\_Adapter to accommodate this new layout;

```

class RowViewHolder extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder {
    TextView tvInfo;
    TextView tvResult;
    ImageView iv;

    public RowViewHolder(@NonNull View itemView) {
        super(itemView);
        tvInfo = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvInfo);
        tvResult = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvResult);
        iv=(ImageView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.imageView1);
    }
}

@NonNull
@Override
public RecyclerView.ViewHolder onCreateViewHolder(@NonNull ViewGroup parent, int
viewType) {
    //call this when we need to create a brand new PagerViewHolder
    View view = li.inflate(R.layout.row_layout2, parent, false);
    return new RowViewHolder(view);
}
@Override
public void onBindViewHolder(@NonNull RecyclerView.ViewHolder holder, int position) {
    //passing in an existing instance, reuse the internal resources
    //pass our data to our ViewHolder.
    RowViewHolder viewHolder = (RowViewHolder) holder;
    viewHolder.iv.setImageResource(R.drawable.ok);
    viewHolder.tvInfo.setText(Integer.toString(position) + " squared =");
    viewHolder.tvResult.setText(Integer.toString(position*position));

}
@Override
public int getItemCount() {
    return this.maxRows;
}
}

```

Run the app to see the result



Now lets do multithreaded

Heavy lifting time - Lets retrieve the images in a thread and update the recyclerview at a later time. Why? Because often screens consists of easy to get data, like the image number, and hard to get data, like an image located on another server.

You can't pause the RecyclerView\_Adapter pipeline while waiting to download the image (what would a http timeout do to your apps performance? You would be locked to a particular view waiting for the network request to complete before you move on).

So;

- generate and show all the easy to get stuff,
- show a temp image while waiting for real image to be downloaded
- launch a thread to get the time consuming stuff
- when the thread finishes it will update the appropriate view.

## The Adapter ( RecyclerView\_Adapter)

modify the RowViewHolder

```
class RowViewHolder extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder {  
    private static final int UNINITIALIZED = -1;  
    int numb = UNINITIALIZED;  
    TextView tvInfo;  
    TextView tvResult;  
    ImageView iv;  
    public RowViewHolder(@NonNull View itemView) {  
        super(itemView);  
        tvInfo = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvInfo);  
        tvResult = (TextView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.tvResult);  
        iv=(ImageView)itemView.findViewById(R.id.imageView1);  
    }  
}
```

Create inner class AsyncTask in RecyclerView\_Adapter :

It just sleeps for a bit and then calculates the square of the number

Problem: What if in between launching the thread that retrieves the image and the image finally being retrieved, the user swipes the view off the screen? Would the ViewHolder be reused and point to another image after the thread returns?

**Maybe, so you must guard against this!**

**How?**

- have the thread keep track of what its downloading,
- when the thread is done, see if what it downloaded is the same thing that the ViewHolder says is being downloaded (if not the ViewHolder has been recycled, discard the thread's result).

```

private class GetNumber extends AsyncTask<Void, Void, Integer> {
    //ref to a viewholder, this could change if
    //ViewHolder myVH is recycled and reused!!!!!!!
    private ViewHolder myVh;
    //since myVH may be recycled and reused
    //we have to verify that the result we are returning
    //is still what the viewholder wants
    private int original_number;
    public GetNumber(ViewHolder myVh) {
        //hold on to a reference to this viewholder
        //note that its contents (specifically iv) may change
        //iff the viewholder is recycled
        this.myVh = myVh;
        //make a copy to compare later, once we have the image
        this.original_number = myVh.numb;
    }
    @Override
    protected Integer doInBackground(Void... params) {
        //just sleep for a bit to simulate long running downloaded
        //but could just as easily make a network call
        try {
            Thread.sleep(100); //sleep for 2 seconds
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
        return original_number*original_number;
    }
    @Override
    protected void onPostExecute(Integer param) {
        //got a result, if the following are NOT equal
        // then the view has been recycled and is being used by another
        // number DO NOT MODIFY
        if (this.myVh.numb == this.original_number){
            //still valid
            //set the result on the main thread
            myVh.iv.setImageResource(R.drawable.ok);
            myVh.tvInfo.setText(Integer.toString(this.myVh.numb) + " squared =");
            myVh.tvResult.setText(Integer.toString(param));
        }
        else{
            myVh.iv.setImageResource(R.drawable.notneeded);
            myVh.tvInfo.setText("DANG! work wasted");
            myVh.tvResult.setText("");
        }
    }
}

```

And finally modify onBindViewHolder to default load error image, then launch a thread which will load real image after a wait

```
public void onBindViewHolder(@NonNull RecyclerView.ViewHolder holder, int position) {  
    //passing in an existing instance, reuse the internal resources  
    //pass our data to our ViewHolder.  
    RowViewHolder viewHolder = (RowViewHolder) holder;  
    viewHolder.numb= position;  
  
    //initialize the UI  
    viewHolder.iv.setImageResource(R.drawable.unknown);  
    viewHolder.tvInfo.setText("Hold on a sec...");  
    viewHolder.tvResult.setText("");  
  
    //launch a thread to 'retrive' the image  
    GetNumber myTask = new GetNumber(viewHolder);  
    myTask.execute();  
  
}
```