

475/575 In Class Lab

Broadcast Receiver – Service

This lab demonstrates how to create a broadcast receiver and service. Its purpose is to listen for texts that contain a key phrase. For testing you need to send text messages, typically from

Define Receiver

1. Determine what fires your receiver (Custom or System). If custom then you create the broadcast
 - a. System- going to be limited here. See <https://developer.android.com/develop/background-work/background-tasks/broadcasts/broadcast-exceptions>
 - b. Custom
 - i. Define as in lecture “12_Services and Broadcast Receivers”
2. Determine BR lifespan
 - a. Manifest defined (always active until uninstall)
 - b. Dynamic defined (active only when app running)
3. Create receiver

- a. `public class` myBroadcastReceiver `extends` BroadcastReceiver {}
- b. Red squiggles appear under above, hover over and hit alt-enter and implement required methods.
- c. Set up a log in the onReceive method to verify its called
`public void` onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
 //start service here
 Log.e(TAG, "In Broadcast Receiver");

4. We want it to be always active so define it in manifest inside application tags

```
<receiver android:name=".MySMSreceiver" >  
  <intent-filter android:priority="999" >  
    <action android:name="android.provider.Telephony.SMS_RECEIVED" />  
  </intent-filter>  
</receiver>
```

5. And we also need some permissions to receive SMS messages

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.RECEIVE_SMS" />  
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.READ_SMS" />
```

6. Ask for permissions:

In MainActivity.java

```
    //for permissions  
    import android.Manifest;  
    in MainActivity Class  
private static final String[]  
    PERMISSIONS={Manifest.permission.RECEIVE_SMS,  
    Manifest.permission.READ_SMS};  
private static final int PERMS_REQ_CODE = 200;
```

in onCreate add a call

```
verifyPermissions();
```

Then add the following functions;

```
/**
 * Verify that the specific list of permissions requested have been granted, otherwise
ask for
 * these permissions. Note this is coarse in that I assume I need them all
 */
private boolean verifyPermissions() {
    //loop through all permissions seeing if they are ALL granted
    //iff ALL granted then return true
    boolean allGranted = true;
    for (String permission:PERMISSIONS){
        //a single false causes allGranted to be false
        allGranted = allGranted && (ActivityCompat.checkSelfPermission(this,
permission ) ==
            PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED);
    }
    if (!allGranted) {
        //OH NO!, missing some permissions, offer rationale if needed
        for (String permission : PERMISSIONS) {
            if (ActivityCompat.shouldShowRequestPermissionRationale(this, permission))
{
                Snackbar.make(findViewById(android.R.id.content),
                    permission+" WE GOTTA HAVE IT!", Snackbar.LENGTH_LONG).show();
            }
        }
        //Okay now finally ask for them
        requestPermissions(PERMISSIONS, PERMS_REQ_CODE);
    }
    //return whether they are granted or not
    return allGranted;
}

/**
 * callback from requestPermissions
 * @param permsRequestCode user defined code passed to requestpermissions used to
identify what
callback is coming in
 * @param permissions list of permissions requested
 * @param grantResults //results of those requests
 */
@Override
public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int permsRequestCode, String[] permissions,
int[] grantResults)
{
    super.onRequestPermissionsResult(permsRequestCode, permissions, grantResults);
    boolean allGranted = true;
    switch (permsRequestCode) {
        case PERMS_REQ_CODE:
            for (int result: grantResults){
                allGranted = allGranted&&(result== PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED);
            }
            break;
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

Define Service

Create Service

1. `public class MyService extends Service{`
 - a. Red squiggles appear under above, hover over and hit alt-enter and implement required methods.
2. Hover over `MyService` and hit ctrl-O and override `onStartCommand`
3. Set up a log in the `onStartCommand` method to verify that its called
`public int onStartCommand(Intent intent, int flags, int startId) {`

```
    Log.e(TAG, "In BBrandServiceandSystemAction");  
  
    //do work here, stop service when done  
    stopSelf();                return 0;  
}
```

Register Service in manifest inside application tags

```
<service android:name=".MyService">  
</service>
```

Start the service from the Broadcast Receiver's onReceive method.

```
//start the service  
Intent myIntent = new Intent(context, MyService.class);  
context.startService(myIntent);
```

Test it,

send it a text from another phone number

Further- Now lets parse the text a bit, we can search on a word within the text or a particular phone number, Here is a receiver that does that

```
public class myBroadcastReceiver extends BroadcastReceiver {

    private static final String TAG = "myBroadcastReceiver";
    private static final CharSequence SECRETSTRING = "secret";

    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        //start service here
        Log.e(TAG, "In Broadcast Receiver");

        doStuff(context, intent);

        //start the service
        Intent myIntent = new Intent(context, MyService.class);
        context.startService(myIntent);
    }

    void doStuff(Context context, Intent intent){
        //lets see whats inside
        Bundle extras = intent.getExtras();

        if ( extras != null )
        {
            //A PDU is a "protocol description unit", which is the industry format for an
            SMS message. because SMSMessage reads/writes them you shouldn't need to dissect them.
            //A large message might be broken into many, which is why it is an array of
            objects.
            Object[] smsextras = (Object[]) extras.get( "pdus" );

            for ( int i = 0; i < smsextras.length; i++ )
            {
                SmsMessage smsmsg = SmsMessage.createFromPdu((byte[])smsextras[i]);

                //see whats in the message
                String strMsgBody = smsmsg.getMessageBody().toString();

                //does it contain our string?
                if (strMsgBody.contains(SECRETSTRING)){
                    Log.i(TAG, "contains secret string");

                    //start the service
                    Intent myIntent = new Intent(context, MyService.class);
                    context.startService(myIntent);
                }
                else
                    Log.i(TAG, "Does Not contain secret string");

                //can also do this by phone number
                //String strMsgSrc = smsmsg.getOriginatingAddress();
            }
        }
    }
}
```