

ATLS 4120/5120: Mobile Application Development

Week 15: Google Maps

Android and Google Maps

<https://developers.google.com/maps/>

Google Maps can be used on any platform through their API. (Android | API | Guides); Map objects

Google Play Services

https://developers.google.com/android/guides/overview#the_google_play_services_apk

Google Play Services are distributed as an APK from the Google Play Store. You must have these installed on your device or emulator to run an app using Google Maps.

The nice thing is that the user can update these any time from the Google Play store, they don't have to wait for the OEM or carrier to send out an update.

Accessing Google APIs

<https://developers.google.com/android/guides/api-client>

When you want to make a connection to one of the Google APIs provided in the Google Play services library you need to create an instance of GoogleApiClient. The Google API Client provides a common entry point to all the Google Play services and manages the network connection between the user's device and each Google service.

<https://developers.google.com/android/reference/com/google/android/gms/common/api/GoogleApiClient>

GoogleApiClient.Builder is a class to configure a GoogleApiClient.

<https://developers.google.com/android/reference/com/google/android/gms/common/api/GoogleApiClient.Builder>

There are two interfaces, GoogleApiClient.ConnectionCallbacks
GoogleApiClient.OnConnectionFailedListener

Location Updates

Along with displaying a map you can also get the user's location, get location updates, and display locations on the map.

<https://developer.android.com/training/location/receive-location-updates.html>

Permissions

<https://inthecheesefactory.com/blog/things-you-need-to-know-about-android-m-permission-developer-edition/en>

Android's permission system has been one of the biggest security concerns all along since those permissions are asked for at install time. Once installed, the application will be able to access all of things granted without any user's acknowledgement what exactly application does with the permission. In Android 6.0 Marshmallow(API 23) the permission system is redesigned and apps will not be granted any permission at installation time. Instead, apps have to ask user for a permission one-by-one at runtime.

This permission request dialog will *not* launch automatically, you must call it programatically. In the case that an app tries to call some function that requires a permission which user has not granted yet, the function will suddenly throw an Exception which will lead to the application crashing.

Also, users are able to revoke the granted permission anytime through a device's settings.

Older apps running on API23 will use the old behavior.

<https://developer.android.com/training/permissions/requesting.html>

Map

Create a new Android Studio project called map

Phone and Tablet min SDK API 16

Just make sure to choose the API version of your device or lower

Google Maps Activity

Activity Name: MapsActivity

Layout Name: activity_maps

Title: Map

Google Play Services

Tools | Android | SDK manager

SDK Tools

Install Google Play Services

Files

Activity_maps.xml is the layout for the map. Notice it contains only a fragment element and that has the id “map”.

Fragments allow you to break your activities up into smaller modular components

Fragments can easily be reused and adapted for different device sizes, orientation, or other criteria

You can have one or more fragments embedded in an activity

For this app we’re just going to leave the one fragment created for us.

The Fragment class has many of the same methods as the Activity class.

MapsActivity.java

Notice all the imports at the top in order to use maps.

Our class MapsActivity extends FragmentActivity since it’s using fragments.

It also implements the OnMapReadyCallback interface.

In Java an interface is very similar to a protocol in Swift, so when you implement an interface it’s like adopting a protocol and now you have access to its methods.

The public method in the OnMapReadyCallback interface is onMapReady() which is called when a map is ready to be used.

<https://developers.google.com/android/reference/com/google/android/gms/maps/GoogleMap>

A GoogleMap instance is sent to onMapReady() and that is assigned to the mMap instance.

A LatLng object is defined with the coordinates for Sydney, Australia

A marker is added to those coordinates.

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/views#the_camera_position

The map view is modeled as a camera looking down on a flat plane. The position of the camera (and hence the rendering of the map) is specified by the following properties

- target (latitude/longitude location)
- zoom
- bearing
- tilt

moveCamera() moves the map to the location coordinates.

google_maps_api.xml contains instructions on getting a Google Maps API key before you try to run the application.

Google Maps API key

In order to use Google Maps from any form of application (not just Android ones), you as the developer need to source and use a Google API key and configure your Google account for the Maps API.

Copy and paste the link in the google_maps_api.xml file into a browser

https://console.developers.google.com/flows/enableapi?apiid=maps_android_backend&keyType=CLIENT_SIDE_ANDROID&r=07:8D:07:3C:C1:53:34:E7:F6:11:2F:96:91:AB:6A:72:CC:94:5E:3D%3Bcom.example.aileen.map

Create a project (takes a few minutes)

Create API key

Copy your API key

<https://console.developers.google.com/apis/credentials?project=driven-photon-150723>

In the google_maps_api.xml file replace "google_maps_key" with your API key (no quotes needed)

The AndroidManifest.xml file has two entries that we haven't seen before.

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION" />

Allows Android to access location using on-device sensors and radios that can approximate location at a course level. This includes cellular (tower) data, wi-fi signals, and GPS.

There are other permissions such as **"android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION"** which does not use GPS.

<meta-data

android:name="com.google.android.geo.API_KEY"

android:value="@string/google_maps_key" />

Gives your app access to the Google Maps API using your API key

Run the app on your device. You should see the marker on Sydney, Australia.

(ignore Instant Run errors)

(update Google Play services on your device if needed)

You might get this error on older phones:

Error:Execution failed for task ':app:transformClassesWithDexForDebug'.

On your device go into Settings | Apps | Google Play Services and find the version

In your app go into Gradle Scripts and open build.gradle(Module: app)

Comment out this line:

compile 'com.google.android.gms:play-services:9.8.0'

Add these lines, using your version of google play services(only use 1 digit, not .01).

Sync Now.

compile 'com.google.android.gms:play-services-location:8.3.0'

compile 'com.google.android.gms:play-services-maps:8.3.0'

Location

In order to access the user's location we need to implement the following callbacks in our class.

1. **GoogleApiClient.ConnectionCallbacks**: This callback will have a public function `onConnected()` which will be called whenever device is connected and disconnected.
2. **GoogleApiClient.OnConnectionFailedListener**: Provides callbacks for scenarios that result in a failed attempt to connect the client to the service. Whenever connection is failed `onConnectionFailed()` will be called.
3. **LocationListener**: This callback will be called whenever there is change in location of device. Function `onLocationChanged()` will be called.

Add these in the “implement” section after `OnMapReadyCallback`.

public class MapsActivity **extends** FragmentActivity **implements** `OnMapReadyCallback`, `GoogleApiClient.ConnectionCallbacks`, `GoogleApiClient.OnConnectionFailedListener`, `LocationListener`

As soon as you add these you will get the red squiggle lines under the callbacks because we haven’t implemented their required methods.

Move your mouse over them and click `control+Enter` (alt for Windows) and select `Implement Methods`. You will see 4 selected (`onConnected()`, `onConnectionSuspended()`, `onConnectionFailed()` and `onLocationChanged()`) select OK and these will be added for you and the red squiggles should go away.

Google Play Services

Now we need to initialize Google Play Services.

Add a `GoogleApiClient` object at the top of your class.

// The entry point to Google Play services, used by the Places API and Fused Location Provider.

private `GoogleApiClient` **mGoogleApiClient**;

We’re going to create a builder method `buildGoogleApiClient()` to initialize Google Play services.

```
private synchronized void buildGoogleApiClient() {
    //The GoogleApiClient class is the main entry point for integrating with Google Play Services
    mGoogleApiClient = new GoogleApiClient.Builder(this)
        .addConnectionCallbacks(this) //connection callbacks are called when the client is connected
        or disconnected
        .addOnConnectionFailedListener(this) //handles failed attempt of connect client to service
        .addApi(LocationServices.API) //adds the Google Play Service LocationServices API
        .build(); //builds the GoogleApiClient object
    mGoogleApiClient.connect(); //connect client
}
```

And we’re going to call that method at the end of `onCreate()`

`buildGoogleApiClient();`

Now let’s update `onMapReady()`

@Override

```
public void onMapReady(GoogleMap googleMap) {
    mMap = googleMap;

    //set map type
    mMap.setMapType(GoogleMap.MAP_TYPE_HYBRID);
}
```

```

//check for permission
if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this, getApplicationContext(),
android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION)
    == PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
//enables location layer
mMap.setMyLocationEnabled(true);
}
}

```

Fused Location Provider

<https://developers.google.com/android/reference/com/google/android/gms/location/LocationRequest>

Objects of the LocationRequest class are used to request location updates from the FusedLocationProviderApi which is what we'll use to access location information.

The Fused Location Provider analyses GPS, Cellular and Wi-Fi network location data in order to provide the highest accuracy data. It uses different device sensors to define if a user is walking, riding a bicycle, driving a car or just standing in order to adjust the frequency of location updates.

Add a LocationRequest object at the top of your class.

// A request object to store parameters for requests to the FusedLocationProviderApi

```
private LocationRequest mLocationRequest;
```

We will use this to get the last updated location in onConnected()

@Override

```

public void onConnected(@Nullable Bundle bundle) {
    mLocationRequest = new LocationRequest();
    mLocationRequest.setInterval(1000); //set the desired interval for active location updates, in
    milliseconds
    mLocationRequest.setFastestInterval(1000); //set the fastest interval for location updates, in
    milliseconds
    mLocationRequest.setPriority(LocationRequest.PRIORITY_BALANCED_POWER_ACCURACY);
    //set priority of the request

```

//check permission

```

if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this, getApplicationContext(),
android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION)
    == PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
    //request location updates
    LocationServices.FusedLocationApi.requestLocationUpdates(mGoogleApiClient,
mLocationRequest, this);
}
}

```

Location Changes

We've connected our app with APIs to get regular location intervals. The next step is to set up what happens when the user location changes. For that the Google LocationListener interface has a predefined function onLocationChanged that is called whenever the user location changes.

Add a Location and Marker object at the top of your class and then implement onLocationChanged()

```

// location where the device is currently located
private Location mCurrentLocation;

//// marker for current location
private Marker mCurrentLocationMarker;

@Override
public void onLocationChanged(Location location) {
    //set current location to the new location
    mCurrentLocation = location;

    //define an object of the Google LatLng class with location coordinates
    LatLng latLng = new LatLng(location.getLatitude(), location.getLongitude());

    //check to see if there's a current marker
    if (mCurrentLocationMarker == null) {
        //define an object of the Google MarkerOptions class
        MarkerOptions markerOptions = new MarkerOptions();
        markerOptions.position(latLng);
        markerOptions.title("Current Position");

        //place current location marker
        mCurrentLocationMarker = mMap.addMarker(markerOptions);
    } else {
        //set position of existing marker
        mCurrentLocationMarker.setPosition(latLng);
    }

    //move map camera
    mMap.moveCamera(CameraUpdateFactory.newLatLng(latLng));
    mMap.animateCamera(CameraUpdateFactory.zoomTo(11));
}

```

The marker can be configured as well as set up to be dragged or clicked.

<https://developers.google.com/android/reference/com/google/android/gms/maps/model/Marker>

You can have as many markers as you want. Remove them by calling `remove()` or clear the whole map with `clear()`

You can stop monitoring for location changes by calling `removeLocationUpdates()`

Permissions

In Android 6.0 Marshmallow the app will not be granted any permission at installation time. Instead, the app has to ask user for permissions at runtime.

Add a constant int for our location permission

//can be any value >0

```
private static final int MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_LOCATION = 1;
```

Create the method to check permissions.

```

public void checkLocationPermission(){
    //check for permission
    if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this.getApplicationContext(),
    android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION) !=
    PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
        if (ActivityCompat.shouldShowRequestPermissionRationale(this,
        android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION)) {
            // returns true if the app has requested this permission previously and the user denied the request

            // Show an explanation to the user *asynchronously* -- don't block
            // this thread waiting for the user's response! After the user
            // sees the explanation, try again to request the permission.

            //request permission once explanation has been shown
            ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this, new
            String[]{android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION},
            MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_LOCATION);
            // returns false if user has chosen Don't ask again option when it previously asked for permission
        } else {
            //no explanation needed, request permissions
            ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this, new
            String[]{android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION},
            MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_LOCATION);
        }
    }
}

```

And call it in onCreate()
 checkLocationPermission();

onRequestPermissionsResult() is invoked for every call on requestPermissions()

@Override

```

public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode, String permissions[], int[] grantResults) {
    switch (requestCode) {
        case MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_LOCATION: {
            // If request is cancelled the result arrays are empty
            if (grantResults.length > 0 && grantResults[0] ==
            PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {

                // Permission was granted
                if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this,
                android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION) ==
                PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
                    if (mGoogleApiClient == null) {
                        buildGoogleApiClient();
                    }
                    mMap.setMyLocationEnabled(true);
                    Toast.makeText(this, "permission granted", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    } else { // Permission denied
        Toast.makeText(this, "permission denied", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
    }
}
// add other 'case' lines to check for other permissions your app might request
}
}

```

In your AndroidManifest file comment the following line to see permissions denied Toast.
`<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION" />`

Remember that requestPermissions() will only be called in Android 6 or later.

Sources:

<http://www.androidtutorialpoint.com/intermediate/android-map-app-showing-current-location-android/>
<https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/current-places-tutorial> (save map state at end)