

ATLS 4120: Mobile Application Development

Week 14: Google Location

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>
You can get the last location using `getLastLocation()` or request regular updates using `requestLocationUpdates()`.

Permissions

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

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 was redesigned and apps are not granted any permission at installation time. Instead, apps have to ask user for a permission one-by-one at runtime.

Every Android app runs in a limited-access sandbox. If an app needs to use resources or information outside of its own sandbox, the app has to request the appropriate permission. You declare that your app needs a permission by listing the permission in the app manifest using a `<uses-permission>` element. You then must request that the user approve each permission at runtime. This permission request dialog will *not* launch automatically, you must call it programmatically. 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.

- `checkSelfPermission()` checks if the user has granted permission
 - `PERMISSION_DENIED`
 - `PERMISSION_GRANTED`
- `requestPermissions()` requests the appropriate permission for your app
- `shouldShowRequestPermissionRationale()` returns true if the user has previously denied the request, and returns false if a user has denied a permission and selected the "Don't ask again" option in the permission request dialog, or if a device policy prohibits the permission.

Also, users are able to revoke the granted permission anytime through a device's settings so you always need to check to see if they've granted permission and request again if needed.

When the user responds to your app's permission request, the system invokes your app's `onRequestPermissionsResult()` method, passing it the user response. Your app has to override that method to find out whether the permission was granted. The callback is passed the same request code you passed to `requestPermissions()`.

Older apps running pre-API23 will use the old behavior.

Map

Adding on to the Map app.

In your app go into Gradle Scripts and open `build.gradle(Module: app)` and under dependencies add the following with the same version you used for maps.

implementation **'com.google.android.gms:play-services-location:16.0.0'**

Now let's update `onMapReady()` so we don't have the hard coded marker for Sydney.

@Override

public void onMapReady(GoogleMap googleMap) {

```
mMap = googleMap;
```

```
//set map type
```

```
mMap.setMapType(GoogleMap.MAP_TYPE_HYBRID);
```

```
}
```

Location Request

<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 FusedLocationProviderClient (Google Play services version 11.6.0 or higher)

The Fused Location Provider Client 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.

```
protected void startLocationUpdates() {
```

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

```
LocationRequest mLocationRequest = new LocationRequest();
```

```
mLocationRequest.setInterval(1000); //set the desired interval for active location updates, in milliseconds
```

```
mLocationRequest.setFastestInterval(500); //set the fastest interval for location updates, in milliseconds
```

```
mLocationRequest.setPriority(LocationRequest.PRIORITY_BALANCED_POWER_ACCURACY);  
//set priority of the request
```

```
// Create LocationSettingsRequest object using location request
```

```
LocationSettingsRequest.Builder builder = new LocationSettingsRequest.Builder();
```

```
builder.addLocationRequest(mLocationRequest);
```

```
LocationSettingsRequest locationSettingsRequest = builder.build();
```

```
// Check whether the device's system settings are properly configured for the app's location needs.
```

```
SettingsClient settingsClient = LocationServices.getSettingsClient(this);
```

```
settingsClient.checkLocationSettings(locationSettingsRequest);
```

```
// new Google API SDK v11 uses getFusedLocationProviderClient
```

```
FusedLocationProviderClient mFusedLocationClient =
```

```
LocationServices.getFusedLocationProviderClient(this);
```

```
if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this,  
android.Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION) ==  
PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
```

```
//request location updates
```

```
mFusedLocationClient.requestLocationUpdates(mLocationRequest, new LocationCallback() {
```

```
@Override
```

```
public void onLocationResult(LocationResult locationResult) {
```

```
onLocationChanged(locationResult.getLastLocation());
```

```
}
```

```
},
```

```
Looper.myLooper());
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

And call it from onCreate() for pre API 23. API 23 and later will call it once permissions have been granted.

```
startLocationUpdates();
```

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

Location Changes

We've set up our app to get regular location intervals but now we have to implement onLocationChanged() that is called whenever the user location changes and onLocationResult gets called.

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

```
// marker for current location
```

```
private Marker mCurrentLocationMarker;
```

```
public void onLocationChanged(Location 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(15));
```

```
}
```

You can also use custom pins, or use the Geocoder class to show the location's address.

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

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

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

Zoom level 0 corresponds to the fully zoomed-out world view. Most areas support zoom levels up to 20, while more remote areas only support zoom levels up to 13. A zoom level of 11 is a nice in-between value that shows enough detail without getting crazy-close.

Permissions

In Android 6.0 Marshmallow(API 23) 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) {
```

```
        //permission not 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);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    //else permission has already been granted
```

```
}
```

And call it in onMapReady()

```
checkLocationPermission();
```

requestPermissions() will then call onRequestPermissionsResult() and passes it the user's response and your request code.

@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) {
            mMap.setMyLocationEnabled(true);
            startLocationUpdates();
            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.