

20CYS404 ANDROID PROGRAMMING LAB

EXPERIMENT 6 GPS TRACKING APP

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GPS Tracking Android Application

Objective: The objective of this experiment is to develop a GPS tracking Android application that records the user's start and stop locations and calculates the distance traveled. The app also displays the current latitude and longitude in real time. Additionally, an image logo named "amrit" was added to improve the user interface.

Tools and Technologies Used:

- **Programming Language:** Java
- **Development Environment**: Android Studio
- Libraries: Android LocationManager, Android Manifest
- **Testing Devices:** Android device or emulator

Implementation Steps:

Project Setup:

- A new Android project was created in Android Studio with an empty activity named MainActivity.
- The required permissions (ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION and ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION) were added to the AndroidManifest.xml to access GPS data.

UI Design:

- The layout of the app was created in activity main.xml using a RelativeLayout.
- The UI consists of four TextView elements for displaying current GPS location, name, register number, and calculated distance.
- Two buttons, "Start GPS Service" and "Stop GPS Service," were added to manage the tracking process.
- An ImageView was included to display the "amrit" logo below the current location information to enhance the visual appeal of the app.

Code Functionality:

- The MainActivity contains the logic to manage GPS tracking.
- A LocationManager and LocationListener are used to request location updates and display the latitude and longitude.
- When the "Start GPS Service" button is pressed, the application captures the start location and listens for further location updates.
- On pressing the "Stop GPS Service" button, the app captures the stop location and calculates the distance between the start and stop points using the distanceTo() method
- A logo named "amrit" is displayed using an ImageView to provide branding to the app.

Key Code Elements:

• Permissions Handling:

• The app requests the ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION permission at runtime to ensure compliance with Android security policies.

• Location Tracking:

- o The startGPS() method initializes the GPS tracking and captures the start location.
- o The stopgps() method stops the GPS tracking and calculates the distance traveled.

• Distance Calculation:

o The distance between the start and stop locations is calculated using startLocation.distanceTo(stopLocation) and displayed in meters.

• ImageView for Logo:

- o The logo was added to the UI by placing an ImageView below the current location TextView in the layout XML file.
- o The image was added to the res/drawable directory, and android:src="@drawable/amrit" was used to reference it in the XML.

Challenges Faced:

- **Permissions Handling:** Handling runtime permissions required careful implementation to ensure the app doesn't crash if the user denies access.
- Location Accuracy: Testing on different devices showed that the accuracy of the GPS signal varies depending on the hardware, leading to potential inconsistencies in distance calculation.

Codes:

MainActivity.java

package com.example.gps;

import android.Manifest;

import android.content.Intent;

import android.content.pm.PackageManager;

import android.location.Location;

import android.location.LocationListener;

import android.location.LocationManager;

import android.os.Bundle;

import android.provider.Settings;

import android.view.View;

import android.widget.Button;

import android.widget.TextView;

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import android.widget.Toast;
import androidx.annotation.NonNull;
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity;
import androidx.core.app.ActivityCompat;
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
  TextView t1, distanceView, nameView, registerNumberView;
  Button startButton, stopButton;
  LocationManager locationManager;
  LocationListener locationListener;
  Location startLocation, stopLocation;
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    t1 = findViewById(R.id.t1);
    distanceView = findViewById(R.id.distanceView);
    nameView = findViewById(R.id.nameView);
    registerNumberView = findViewById(R.id.registerNumberView);
    startButton = findViewById(R.id.startButton);
    stopButton = findViewById(R.id.stopButton);
    // Set name and register number
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nameView.setText("Name: Dinakar S");
    registerNumberView.setText("Register Number: 21013");
    locationManager = (LocationManager) getSystemService(LOCATION_SERVICE);
    locationListener = new LocationListener() {
       @Override
      public void onLocationChanged(@NonNull Location location) {
         t1.setText("Latitude: " + location.getLatitude() + ", Longitude: " + location.getLongitude());
       @Override
      public void onProviderDisabled(@NonNull String provider) {
         Toast.makeText(MainActivity.this, "Please enable GPS", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
         Intent intent = new Intent(Settings.ACTION_LOCATION_SOURCE_SETTINGS);
         startActivity(intent);
      }
    };
    startButton.setOnClickListener(v -> startGPS());
    stopButton.setOnClickListener(v -> stopGPS());
  }
  private void startGPS() {
    if (ActivityCompat.checkSelfPermission(this, Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION) !=
PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
      ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this,
                                                                                                  new
String[]{Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION}, 1);
      return;
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}
  locationManager.requestLocationUpdates(LocationManager.GPS_PROVIDER, 2000, 5, locationListener);
  startLocation = location Manager. getLastKnownLocation (Location Manager. GPS\_PROVIDER);
  if (startLocation != null) {
    Toast.makeText(this, "Start Location Captured", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
  }
}
private void stopGPS() {
  stopLocation = location Manager.getLastKnownLocation (Location Manager.GPS\_PROVIDER);
  if (stopLocation != null) {
    Toast.makeText(this, "Stop Location Captured", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
    double distance = calculateDistance(startLocation, stopLocation);
    distanceView.setText("Distance: " + distance + " meters");
  }
  location Manager.remove Updates (location Listener);\\
}
private double calculateDistance(Location start, Location stop) {
  if (start != null && stop != null) {
    return start.distanceTo(stop);
  return 0.0;
@Override
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```
public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode, @NonNull String[] permissions, @NonNull int[]
grantResults) {
                                           grantResults.length
         (requestCode
                                    &&
                                                                           &&
                                                                                  grantResults[0]
PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
      startGPS();
    }
  }
Activity_main.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent"
  tools:context=".MainActivity">
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/t1"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Current Location"
    android:layout_marginTop="50dp"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
  <!-- Name TextView -->
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/nameView"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
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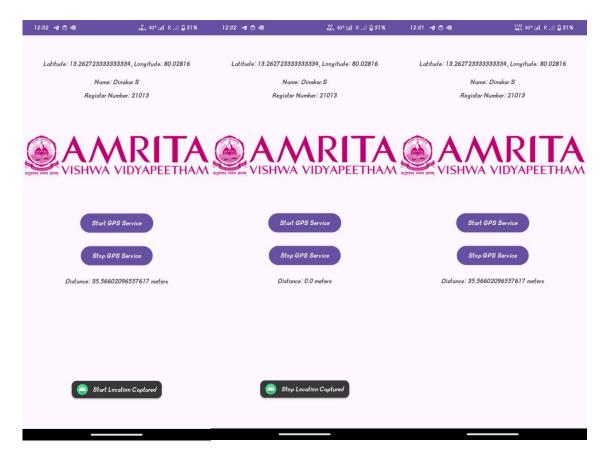
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android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="Name: "
  android:layout_below="@id/t1"
  android:layout_marginTop="20dp"
  android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
<!-- Register Number TextView -->
<TextView
  android:id="@+id/registerNumberView"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="Register Number: "
  android:layout_below="@id/nameView"
  android:layout_marginTop="10dp"
  android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
<ImageView
  android:id="@+id/logoImageView"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:src="@drawable/amrit"
  android:layout_marginTop="20dp"
  android:layout_below="@id/registerNumberView"
  android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
<Button
  android:id="@+id/startButton"
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android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Start GPS Service"
    android:layout_below="@id/logoImageView"
    android:layout_marginTop="20dp"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
  <Button
    android:id="@+id/stopButton"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Stop GPS Service"
    android:layout_below="@id/startButton"
    android:layout_marginTop="20dp"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/distanceView"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Distance: "
    android:layout_below="@id/stopButton"
    android:layout_marginTop="20dp"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
</RelativeLayout>
Android Manifest.xml
```

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

```
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
  xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION"/>
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION"/>
  <application
    android:allowBackup="true"
    android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
    android:label="@string/app_name"
    android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
    android:supportsRtl="true"
    android:theme="@style/Theme.Gps"
    tools:targetApi="31">
    <activity
      android:name=".MainActivity"
      android:exported="true">
      <intent-filter>
         <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
         <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
      </intent-filter>
    </activity>
  </application>
</manifest>
```

Screenshots



Conclusion: This experiment successfully implemented a GPS tracking application capable of capturing start and stop locations, displaying real-time GPS coordinates, and calculating the distance traveled. The "amrit" logo was added to enhance the visual appeal of the app. The experiment helped to understand the implementation of Android's LocationManager, handling permissions, and calculating distances using the Location class.