



Working with Navigation Drawer



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What to Expect from This Module



Navigation Drawer Behavior and Usage

Navigation Drawer Classes

NavigationView

NavigationView Resources

NavigationView Selection Handling





Navigation Drawer

Provides app's main navigation options

- Hidden when not in use
- Normally slides from screen's "start" edge
 - Left edge for most devices

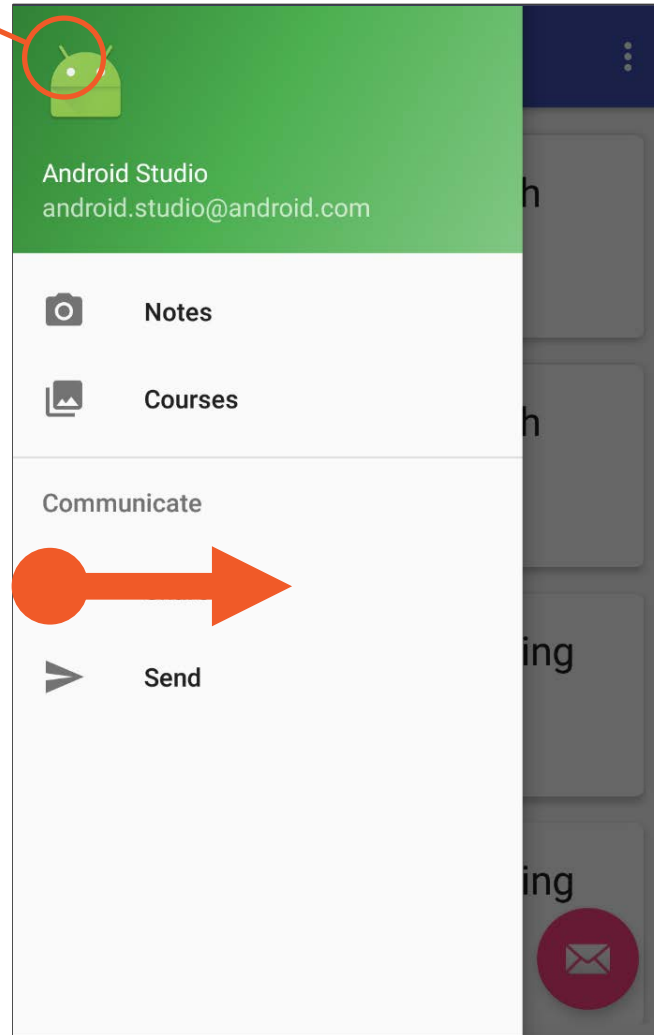
Accessing navigation drawer

- User can open with app icon
- User can swipe left edge in/out

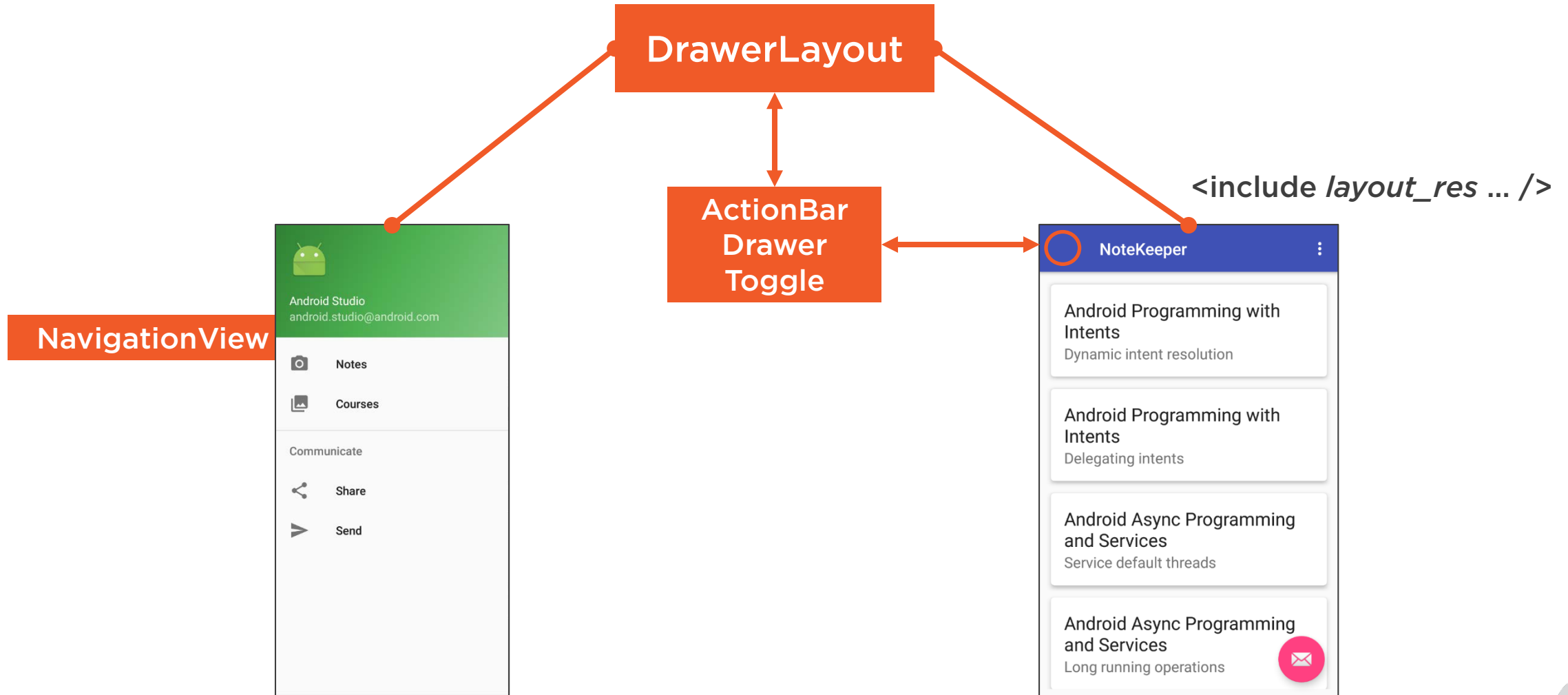


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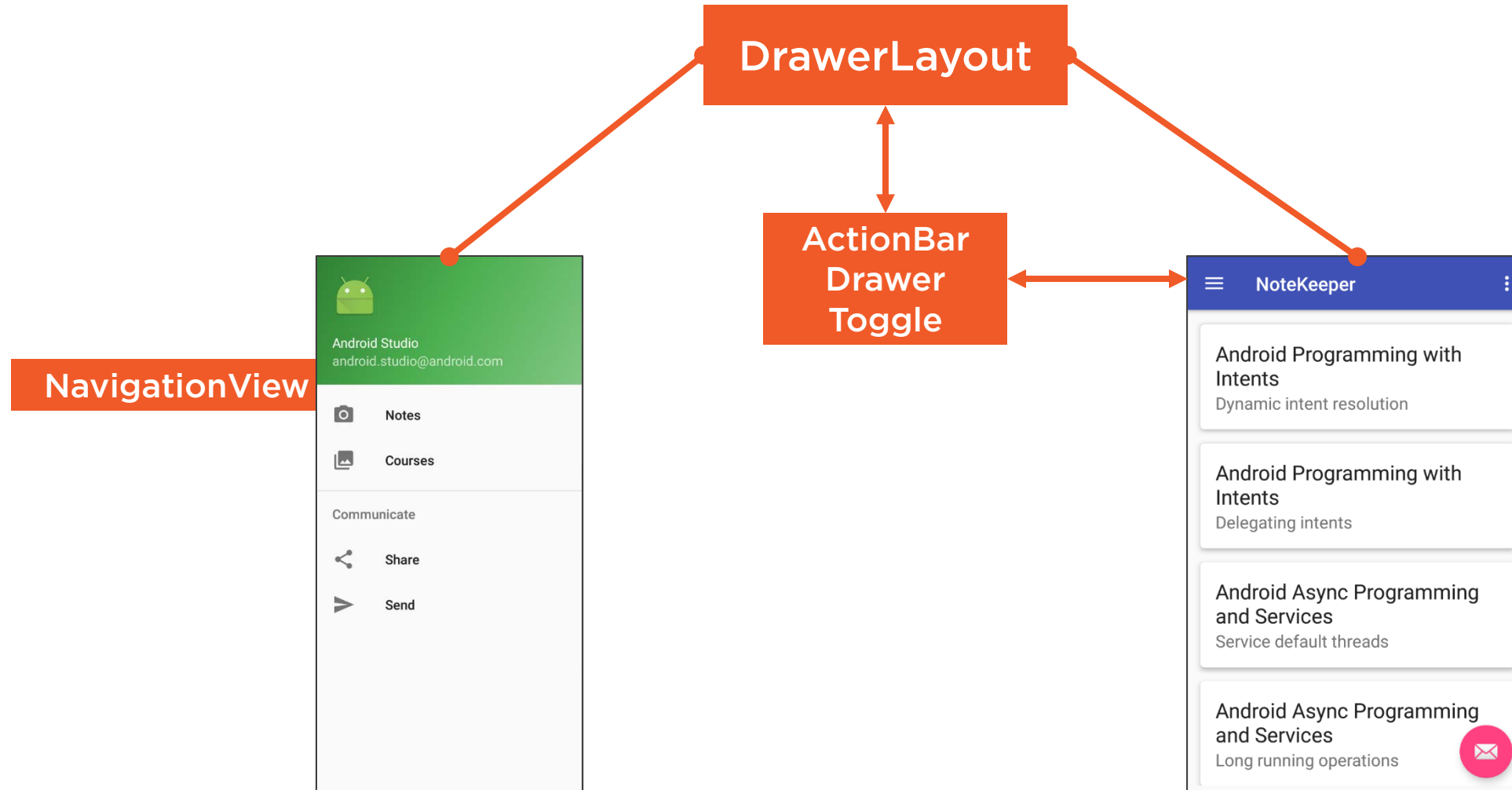
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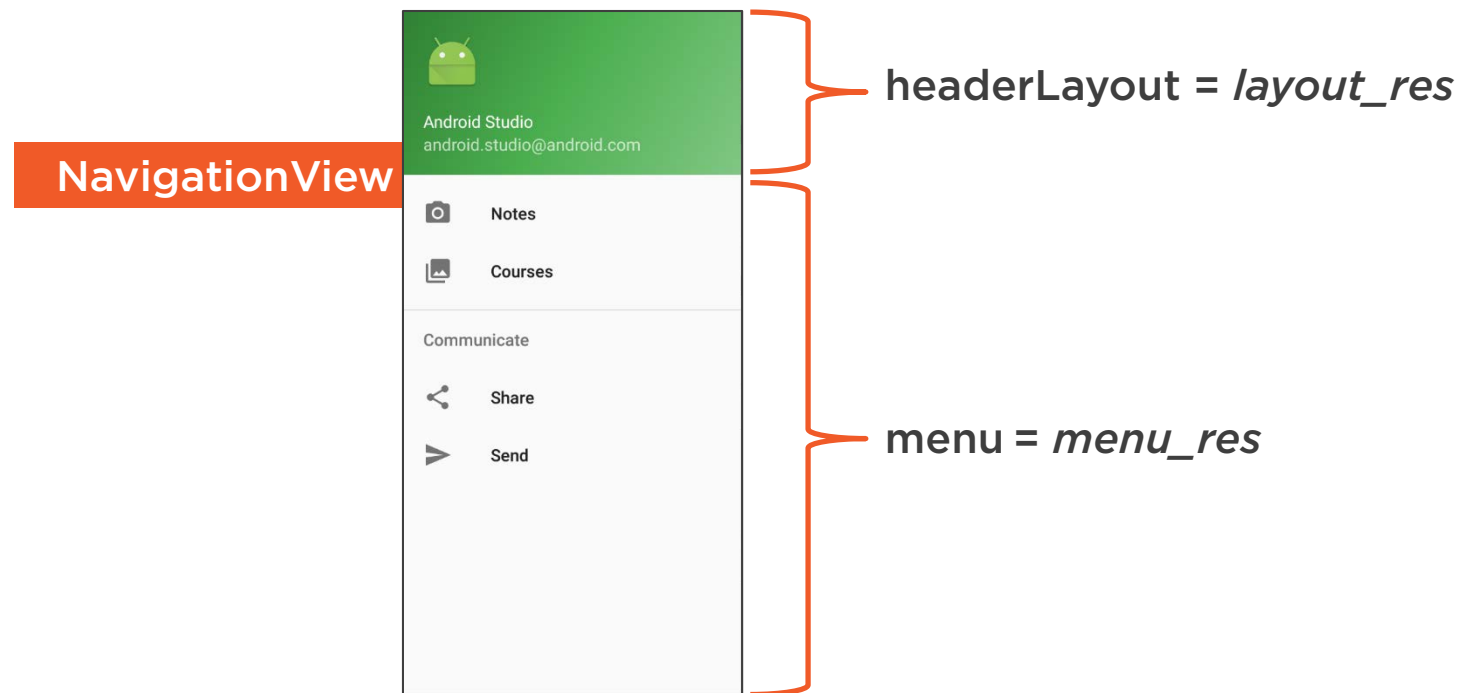


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Handling NavigationView Selections

Implement NavigationView listener interface

- onNavigationItemSelectedListener
- One method onNavigationItemSelectedListener
 - Receives MenuItem reference

Associate with NavigationView

- setNavigationItemSelectedListener



Summary



Navigation Drawer

- Provides app main navigation options
- Normally slides in from “start” edge
 - Left edge on most devices

Opening/Closing Navigation Drawer

- Swipe left edge in/out
- Open with app icon
- Close with back button





Summary



DrawerLayout

- Navigation drawer layout management
- Area for primary content
- Area for pull-out drawer content

ActionBarDrawerToggle

- Provides app icon behavior





Summary



NavigationView

- Serves as the navigation drawer
- Layout area
- Menu area

NavigationView option handling

- Implement NavigationView interface
 - onNavigationSelectedListener
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 - setNavigationItemSelectedListener





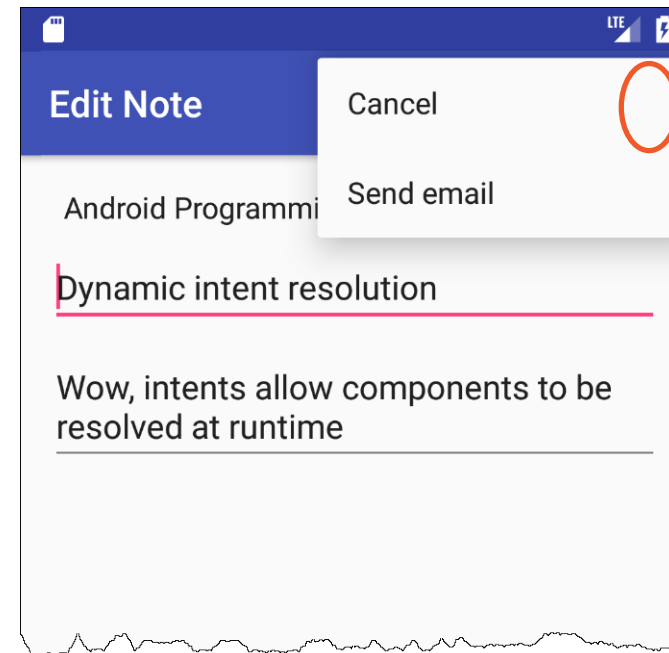
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Options Menus

Provide actions for an Activity

- Actions available in app bar
- Appear under action overflow by default



Action
Overflow



Options Menus

Defined in menu resource

- Root of component tree is menu

Each action defined as a menu item

- Has unique ID within menu
- Has a text title



Associating an Options Menu with an Activity

onCreateOptionsMenu

- Receives a menu reference
- Attach menu items to menu
- Inflate menu resource with menu inflater
 - Access with getMenuInflater method



Handling Options Menu Item Selections

onOptionsItemSelected

- Receives MenuItem reference
- Retrieve MenuItem ID value
 - Access with MenuItem.getItemId
- Perform work based on ID value





Menu Items as App Bar Actions

Action overflow menu item challenges

- Not immediately discoverable
- Access takes multiple steps

App bar actions

- Menu items visible on app bar
- Improve access to common menu items
- Normally have icon associated

Making menu item an app bar action

- Use `showAsAction` property





Common ShowAsAction Values

ifRoom

- Display as action when space allows
- Given preference in top-to-bottom order

always

- Always display as action
- Use very sparingly

withText

- Show text with action when space allows
- Can be combined with ifRoom or always



Changing Menu Items at Runtime

Application state can change menu options

- May need to add/remove menu items
- May need to enable/disable menu items





Changing Menu Items at Runtime

onPrepareOptionsMenu

- Override to modify menu state
- Receives reference to current menu
- Initially called before menu displayed

invalidateOptionsMenu

- Call when menu state may need to change
- Schedules call to onPrepareOptionsMenu





RecyclerView Adapter

Create item views

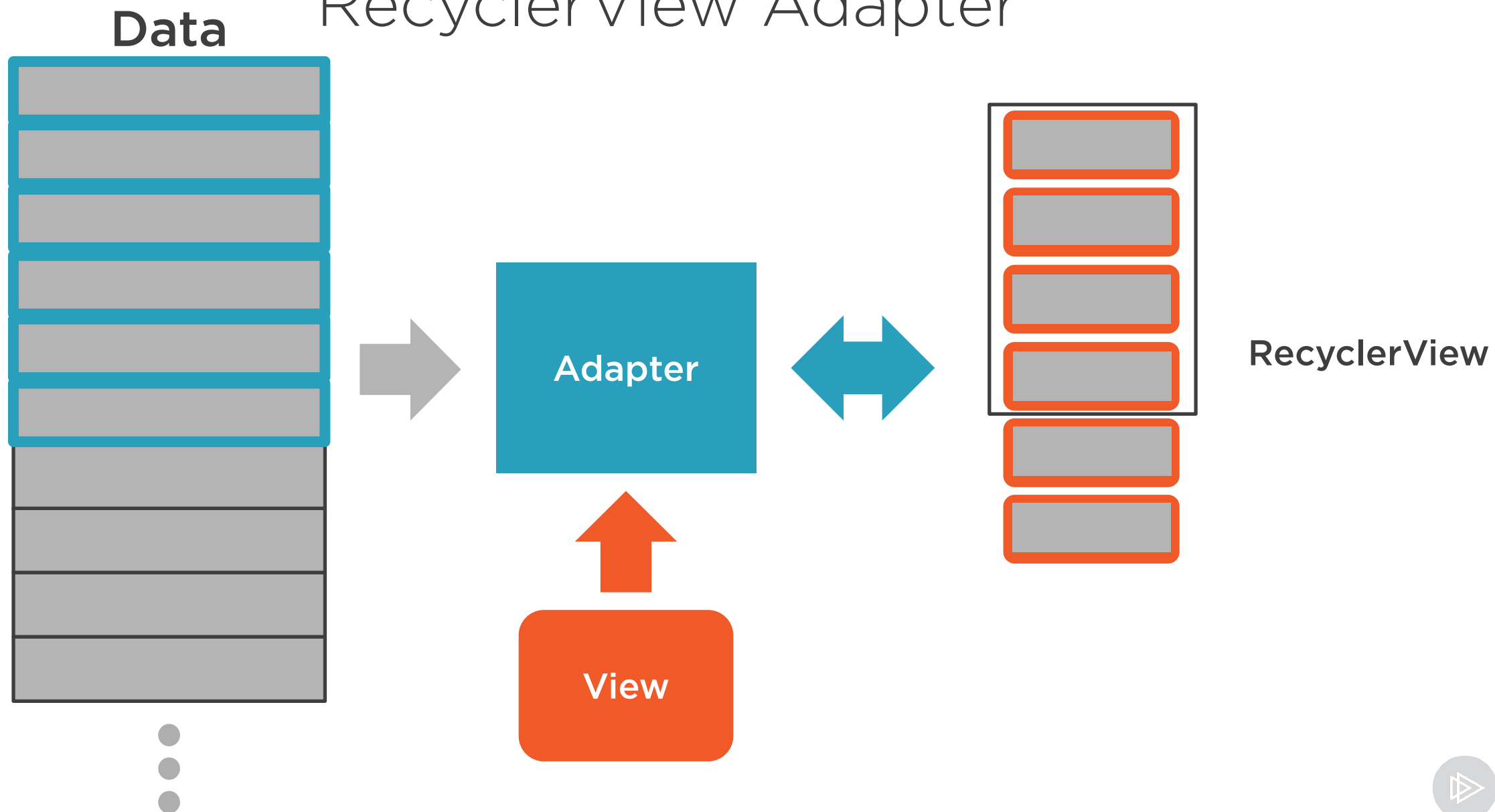
- Returned to RecyclerView
- RecyclerView manages as a pool

Populate item views

- Received from RecyclerView pool



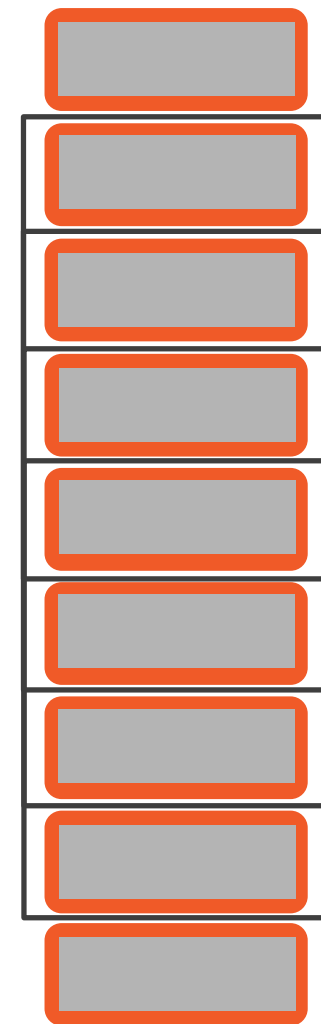
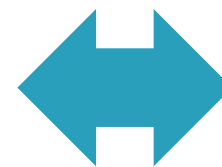
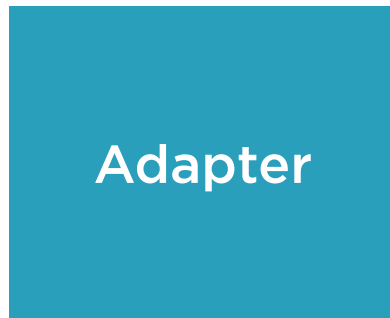
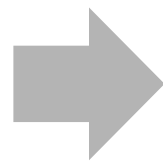
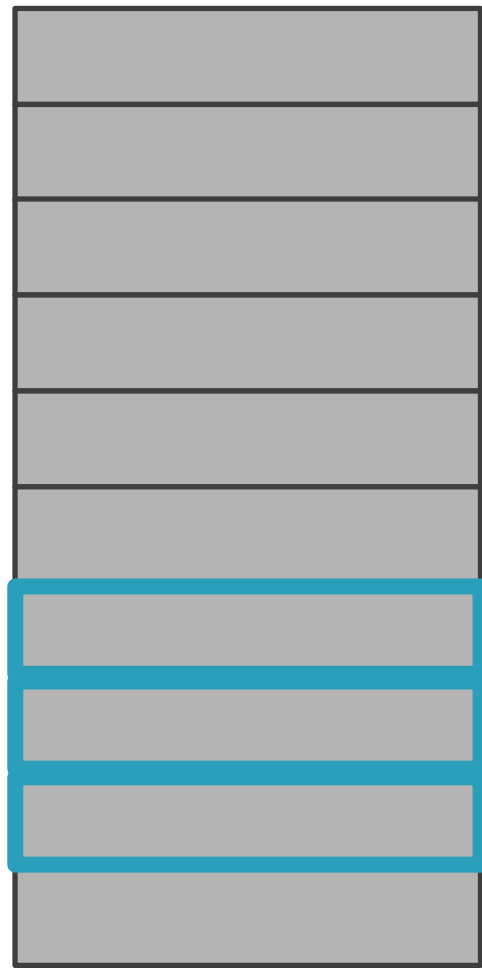
RecyclerView Adapter





Data

RecyclerView Adapter



RecyclerView





Item View Holders

Views managed using view holder pattern

- Holds a reference to top-level view
- Holds references to contained views

Use a custom view holder class

- Extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder
- Fields for contained views





Implementing RecyclerView Adapter

Extend RecyclerView.Adapter

- Pass view holder class as type parameter
- View holder class normally nested within





Implementing RecyclerView Adapter

getItemCount

- Return number of items

onCreateViewHolder

- Create item view
- Store item view references in view holder

onBindViewHolder

- Receives view holder and display position
- Set display values using view holder





RecyclerView Item Selection

ListView item selection

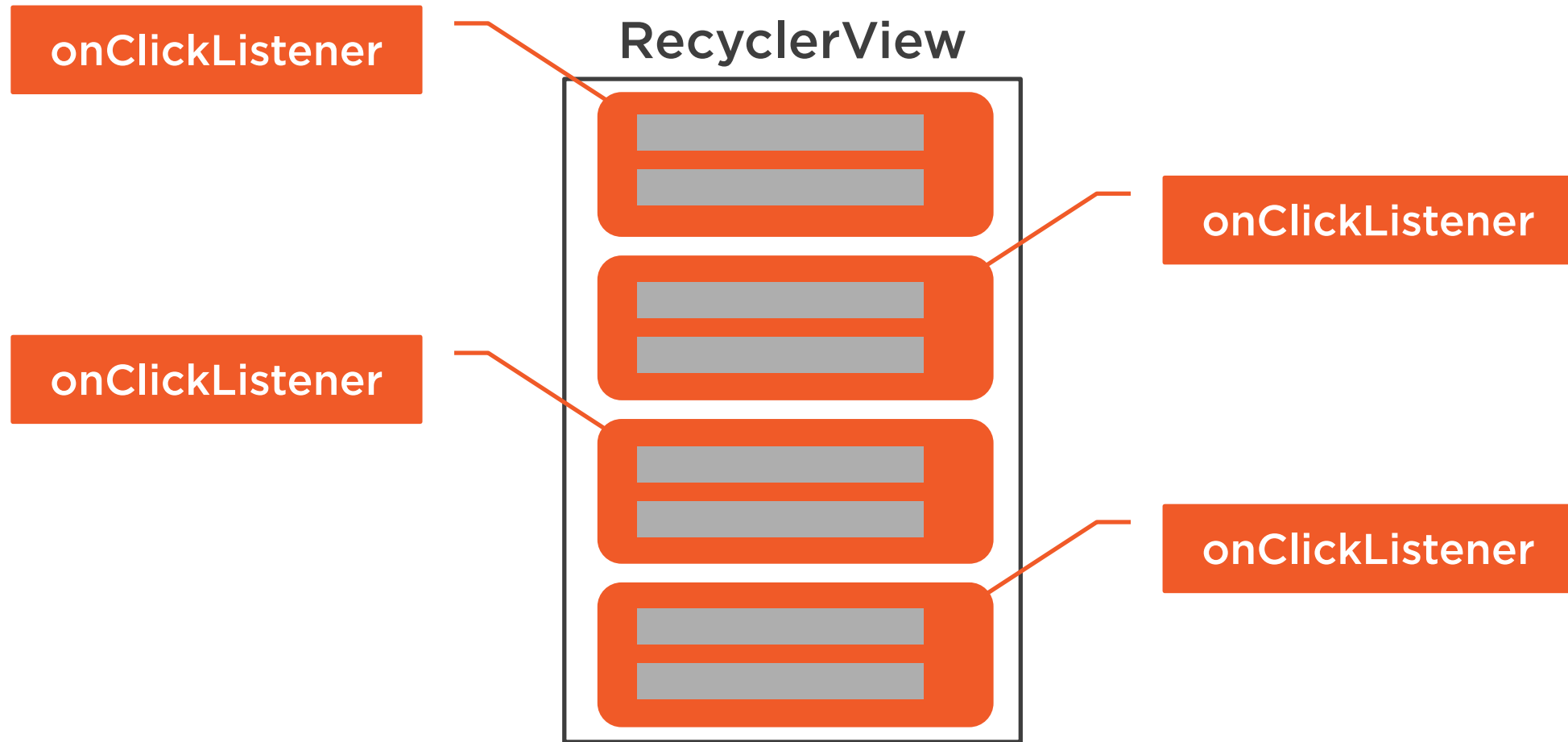
- Used AdapterView.OnItemClickListener
- RecyclerView takes different approach

RecyclerView has no explicit support

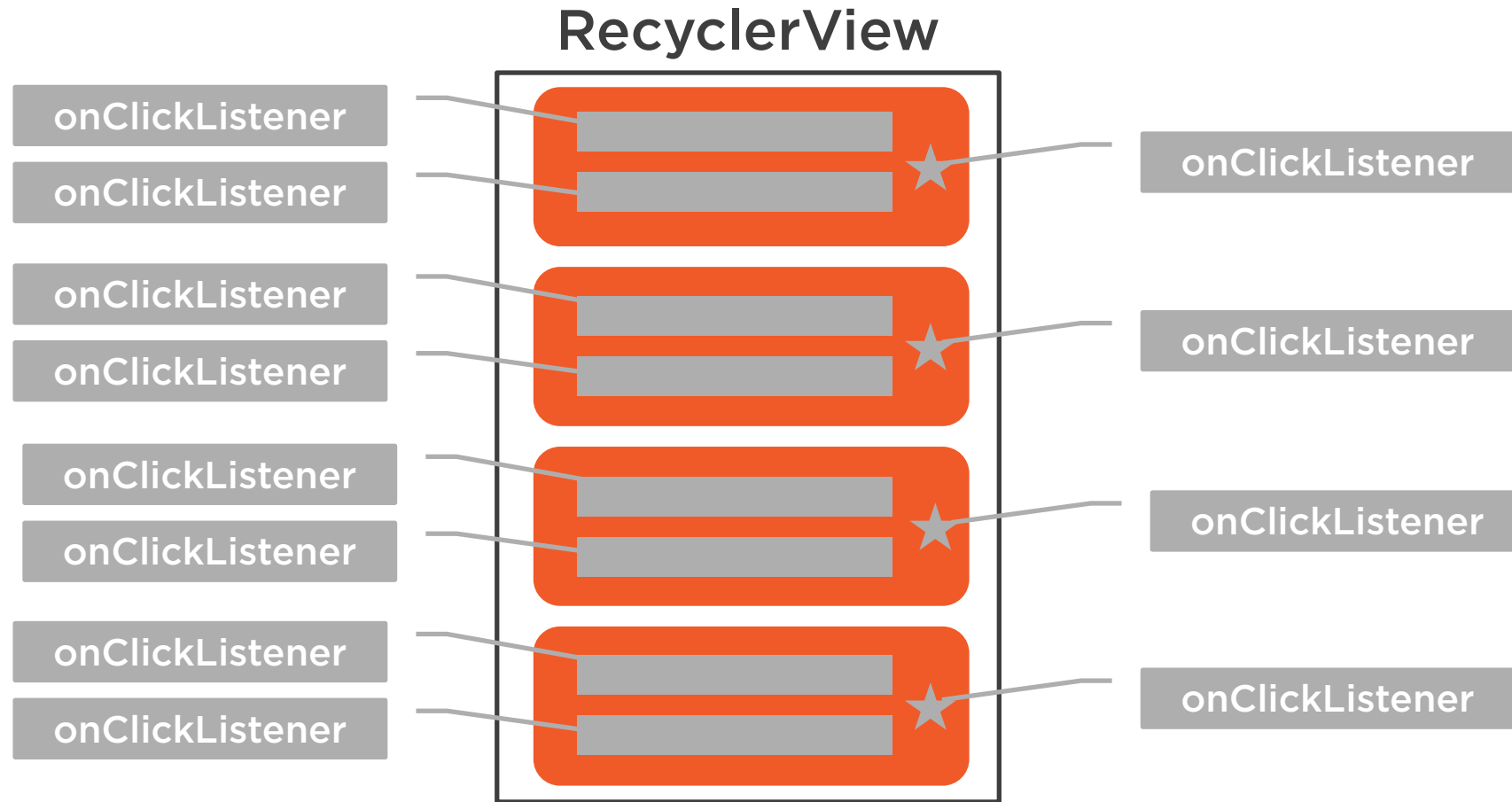
- Contained views handle click event
- Allows single item selection
- Allows multiple selections within items

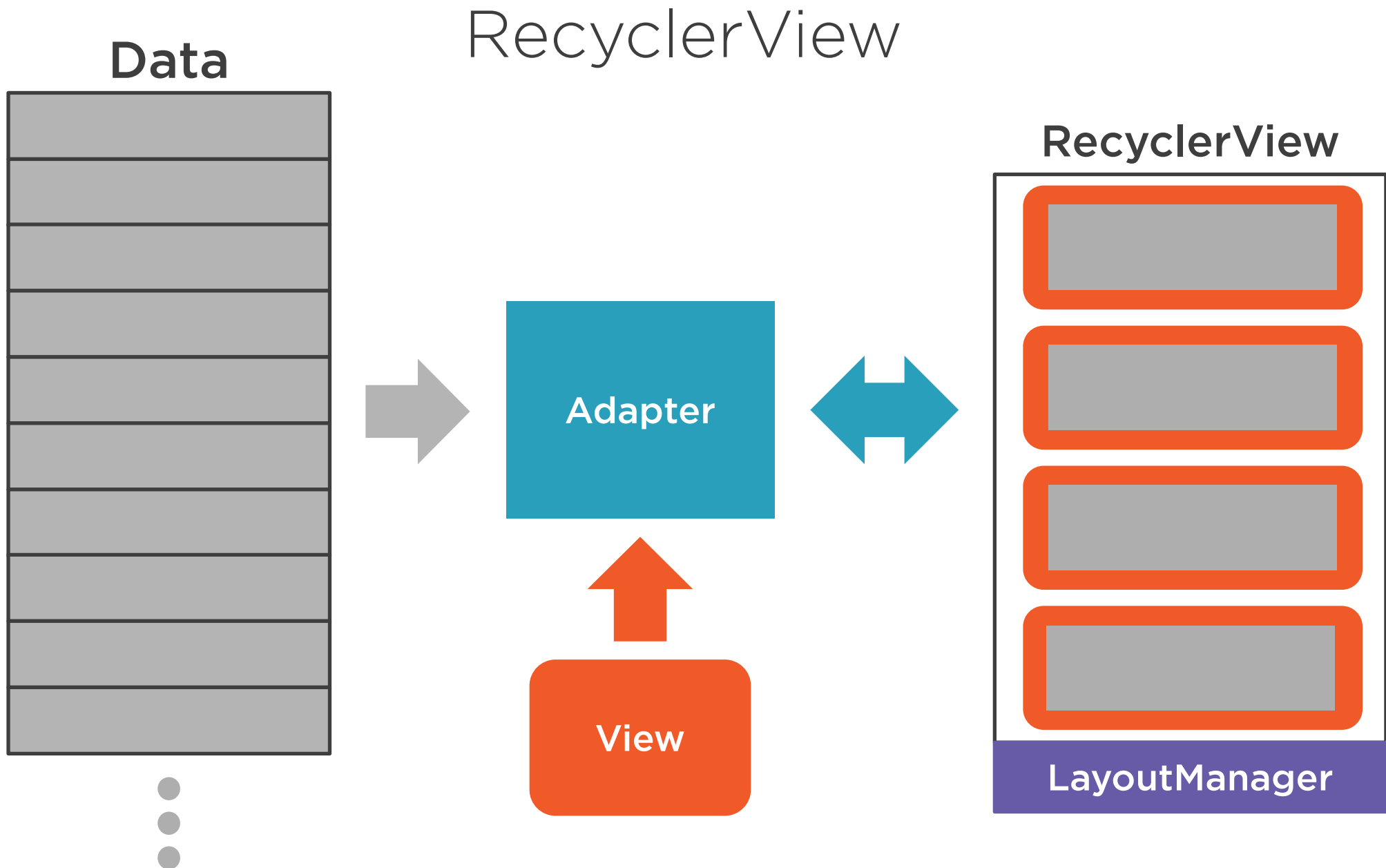


RecyclerView Item Selection



RecyclerView Item Selection







Android Testing

Android applications

- Java-based behavior
- Android-based behavior

Testing Java-based behavior

- Local JVM tests

Testing Android-based behavior

- Instrumented tests





Instrumented Tests

Run on an emulator or physical device

- Have the full Android environment

Instrumented Unit Tests

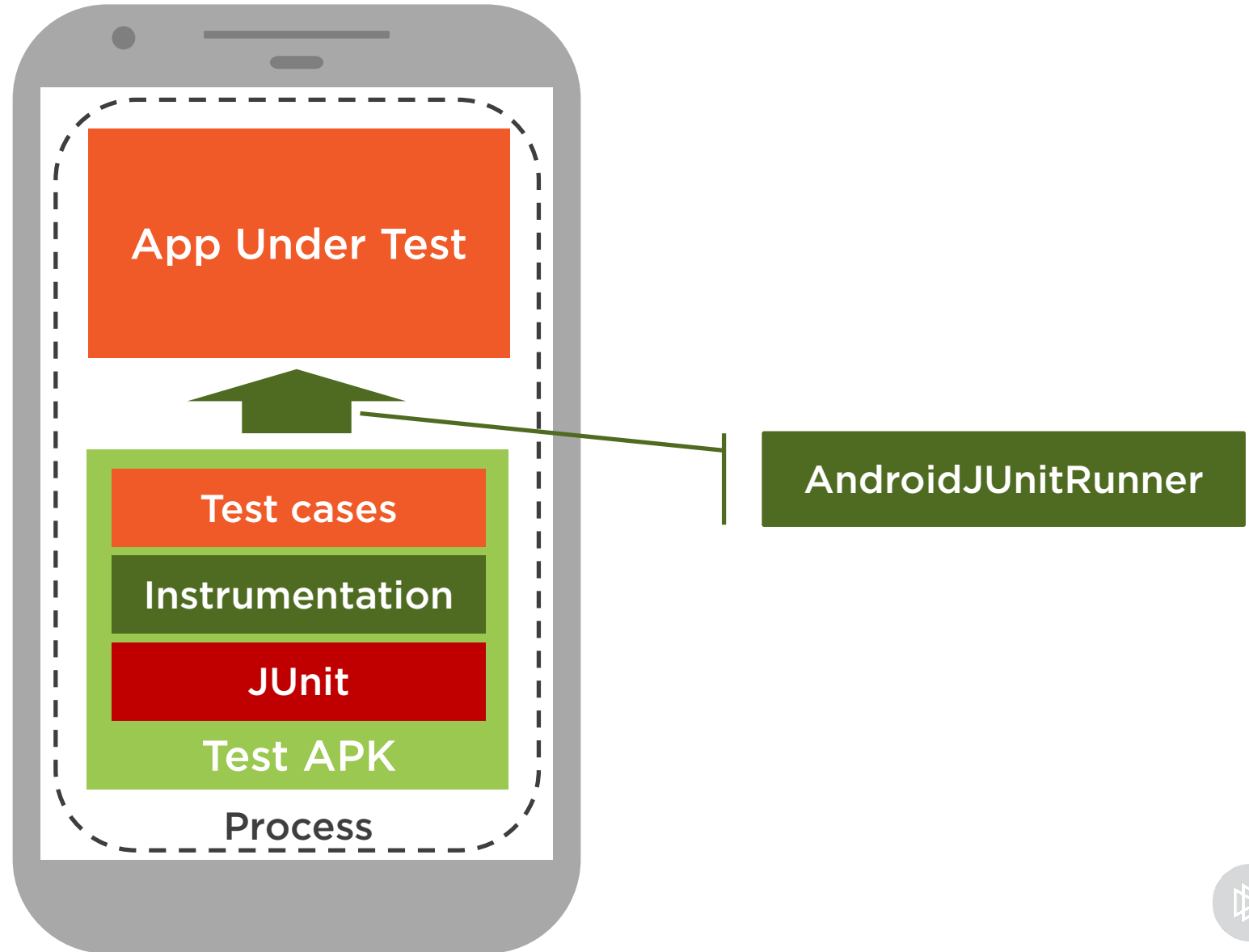
- Unit tests
- Rely on Android features/capabilities

Automated User Interface Tests

- Integration tests
- App behaviors in response to UI actions



Instrumented Tests





Implementing Instrumented Tests

Uses JUnit 4

- Test methods marked with @Test
- Supports pre/post-processing methods

Uses Assert class

- Indicate expectations
- Fails test if expectations not met

Test managed with Android Studio

- Can run or debug tests
 - Single test, group of tests, or all tests
- Displays tests results





Implementing Instrumented Tests

Organized separate from JVM tests

- In androidTest source set

Relies on Android JUnit test runner

- Class must have @RunWith annotation
 - Pass AndroidJUnit4.class

Requires Android environment

- Run on emulator or device



Implementing Instrumented Tests

```
@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)
public class MyExampleTestClass {
    @BeforeClass
    public static void classSetUp() { . . . }

    @Before
    public void testSetUp() { . . . }

    @Test
    public void myTestMethod() {
        // Android dependent test code
    }
}
```





Creating UI Test Interactions

UI tests require a series of view interactions

- Need way to specify view of interest
- Need way to specify action on the view

Espresso.onView method

- Accepts a Matcher parameter
 - Specifies view matching criteria
- Returns a ViewInteraction reference
 - Associated with matching view
 - Used to perform action on view





Specifying View of Interest

Uses Hamcrest matchers

- Provides declarative matching
- General purpose Java framework
- <http://hamcrest.org>

ViewMatchers class

- Provides matchers for Android Views
- Methods return a Hamcrest matcher
- Easily combined with Hamcrest general purpose matchers





Specifying View of Interest

Example ViewMatchers methods

- withId
 - Match views based on id property
- withText
 - Match views based on text property
- isDisplayed
 - Match views currently on screen
- isChecked
 - Match currently checked checkable views (Switch, CheckBox, etc.)



Specifying View of Interest

Example Hamcrest Matchers

- equalTo
 - Match based on equals method
- instanceOf
 - Match based on class type
- allOf
 - Accepts multiple Matchers
 - Match if all Matchers match
- anyOf
 - Accepts multiple Matchers
 - Match if any Matchers match



Performing View Action

ViewInteraction.perform method

- Performs one or more specified actions
- Specific action passed as a parameter

ViewActions class

- Provides action methods
- Each method returns specified action



Performing View Action

Example ViewActions methods

- click
 - Click on the view
- typeText
 - Type text into view
- replaceText
 - Replace view's text
- closeSoftKeyboard
 - Closes the soft keyboard



Starting the Target Activity

ActivityTestRule

- Automates test activity lifetime
- Starts activity before each test
- Terminates activity after each test
- Activity life includes @Before/@After methods

Using ActivityTestRule

- Declare & initialize as test class field
- Desired activity as type parameter
- Mark field with @Rule annotation





Testing Views That Use Adapters

AdapterView derived views

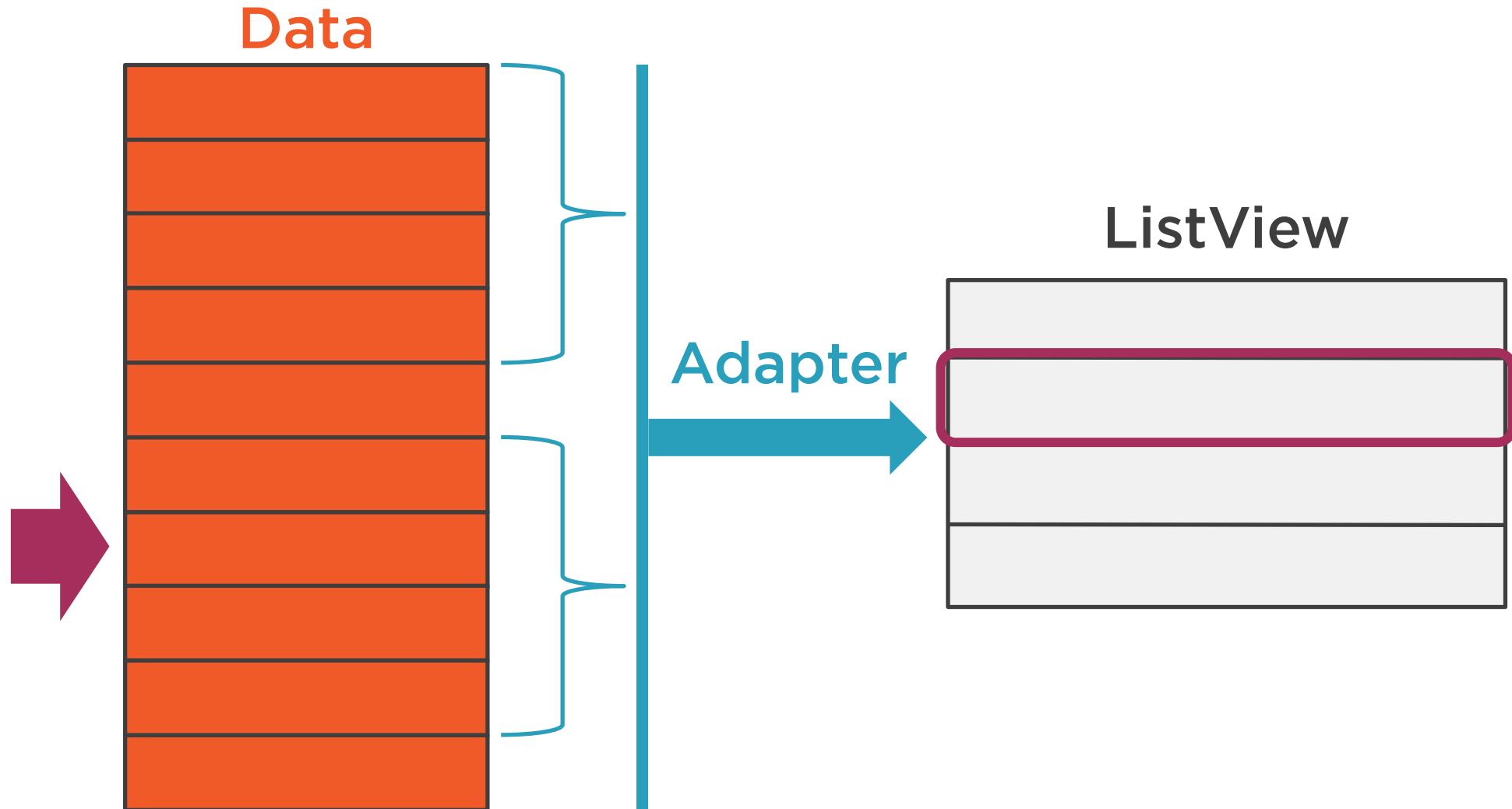
- Load data from Adapter classes
- Examples include ListView & Spinner

These views display multiple data items

- Only a subset may be loaded
- Test selection based on target data



Testing Views that Use Adapters





Testing Views That Use Adapters

Espresso.onData

- Specify matcher based on target data
- Tend to use general purpose matchers

DataInteraction

- Provides methods for interacting with or narrowing match

Tend to use DataInteraction.perform

- Performs action on top-level view for entry in AdapterView



Back Button

Espresso.pushBack

- Performs action of pushing back button
- No reference to a view needed



Verifying Behavior

Tests meant to confirm expected behavior

- UI Behavior
- Logic Behavior



Verifying UI Behavior

ViewInteraction.check method

- Confirms some aspect of a view

ViewAssertions class

- Provides view assertion methods



Verifying UI Behavior

Common ViewAssertions methods

- matches
 - Confirms view matches passed matcher
 - Commonly used with ViewMatchers
 - Also confirms that view exists
- doesNotExist
 - Confirms that view does not exist





Verifying Logic Behavior

Assert methods still important

- Main way we confirm logic behavior





Verifying Logic Behavior

Remember that UI tests do two jobs

- Run testing behavior
- Run app behavior
- Test behavior interacts with app

Sequencing is important

- Each test action must wait for corresponding app action to complete
- Handled by ViewInteractions methods
 - i.e. perform, check, etc.
- Assert methods do not





Verifying Logic Behavior

Instrumentation class

- Allows interaction with test environment
- Access with InstrumentationRegistry
 - Use getInstrumentation method

Instrumentation.waitForIdle

- Accepts Runnable reference
- Provides code coordination
- Waits for app action triggered by previous test action to complete



Verifying UI Behavior

ViewInteraction.check method

- Checks that the view conforms to some assertion
- Accepts a ViewAssertion reference

ViewAssertions class

- Provides methods for asserting some aspect of a view
- Methods create a ViewAssertion





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Testing

Testing needs to be a core task

- Essential to delivering quality software

Functional testing

- Verify behaves as expected
- Detect breaking changes



Testing

Unit testing

- Testing of units of code
- Each unit test is relatively simple
 - Tests a specific feature/behavior
- Generally will have many unit tests

Integration testing

- Testing of pieces being put together
- Application behaviors
- Often involves testing of UI



Unit Testing

Unit tests should be run often

- After code changes
- Before check-in to source code control

Generally want to run all unit tests

- No change is complete until all tests pass

Ideally can be run reasonably quickly



Android Application Testing

Challenges of testing Android apps

- Full testing needs Android environment
- Requires emulator or a physical device

Need way to efficiently run unit tests

- Limit how often full environment needed





Efficiently Running Unit Tests

Android applications

- Java-based behavior
- Android-based behavior

Separate tests

- Tests for Java-based behavior
- Tests for Android-based behavior

Efficiently running unit tests

- Tests Java parts of app locally
- Leverage JVM on desktop



Local JVM Tests

Android Studio JVM testing

- Separate source set for JVM tests
- Uses JUnit 4

Managing tests with Android Studio

- Can run or debug tests
 - Single test, group of tests, or all tests
- Displays tests results
 - Success/failure indicated by color



Testing with JUnit

Each unit test is a separate method

- Marked with @Test annotation
- JUnit handles details of running method

Tests grouped within classes

- Primarily for organization convenience
- Allows execution grouping
- Allows setup/teardown grouping



Testing with JUnit

Assert class

- Use to indicate expected results
- Fails test when expectation not met



Testing with JUnit

Example Assert class methods

- assertEquals
 - Two references to same object
- assertEquals
 - Two objects equal (equals method)
- assertNull
 - Reference is null

Negative versions of most methods

- i.e. assertNotSame, etc.



Assuring Test Consistency

Test reliability

- Each test must always run consistently
- Can't depend on action of another test
- Can't be impacted by side effects of other tests

Test must always start from same state

- Test order is not guaranteed
- Need way to set/reset test state



Assuring Test Consistency

Test pre-processing

- Method with @Before annotation
- Will run before each test in class

Test post-processing

- Method with @After annotation
- Will run after each test in class



Assuring Test Consistency

Once per class pre-processing

- Method with @BeforeClass annotation
- Will run once before all tests in class
- Method must be static

Once per class post-processing

- Method with @AfterClass annotation
- Will run once after all tests in class
- Method must be static



Assuring Test Consistency

Multiple pre/post-processing methods

- Multiples in a class valid
- All will run
- Sequence is not guaranteed



Summary



Testing needs to be a core task

- Essential to delivering quality software

Unit Testing

- Units of relatively simple tests
- Focus is on specific feature/behavior
- Tests should be run frequently





Summary



Local JVM testing

- Focused on Java aspects of our app
- Run directly on desktop

Managing tests in Android Studio

- Can run or debug tests
- Displays test success or failure





Summary



Test methods

- Grouped in classes
- Marked with @Test annotation

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Summary



Tests need to be reliable

- Need to assure consistent testing

Can run test pre/post-processing

- Use @Before and @After
- Methods run for each @Test method

Can run test class pre/post-processing

- Use @BeforeClass and @AfterClass
- Methods run once for test class
- Methods must be static





Android Build Process



Android build process is somewhat involved

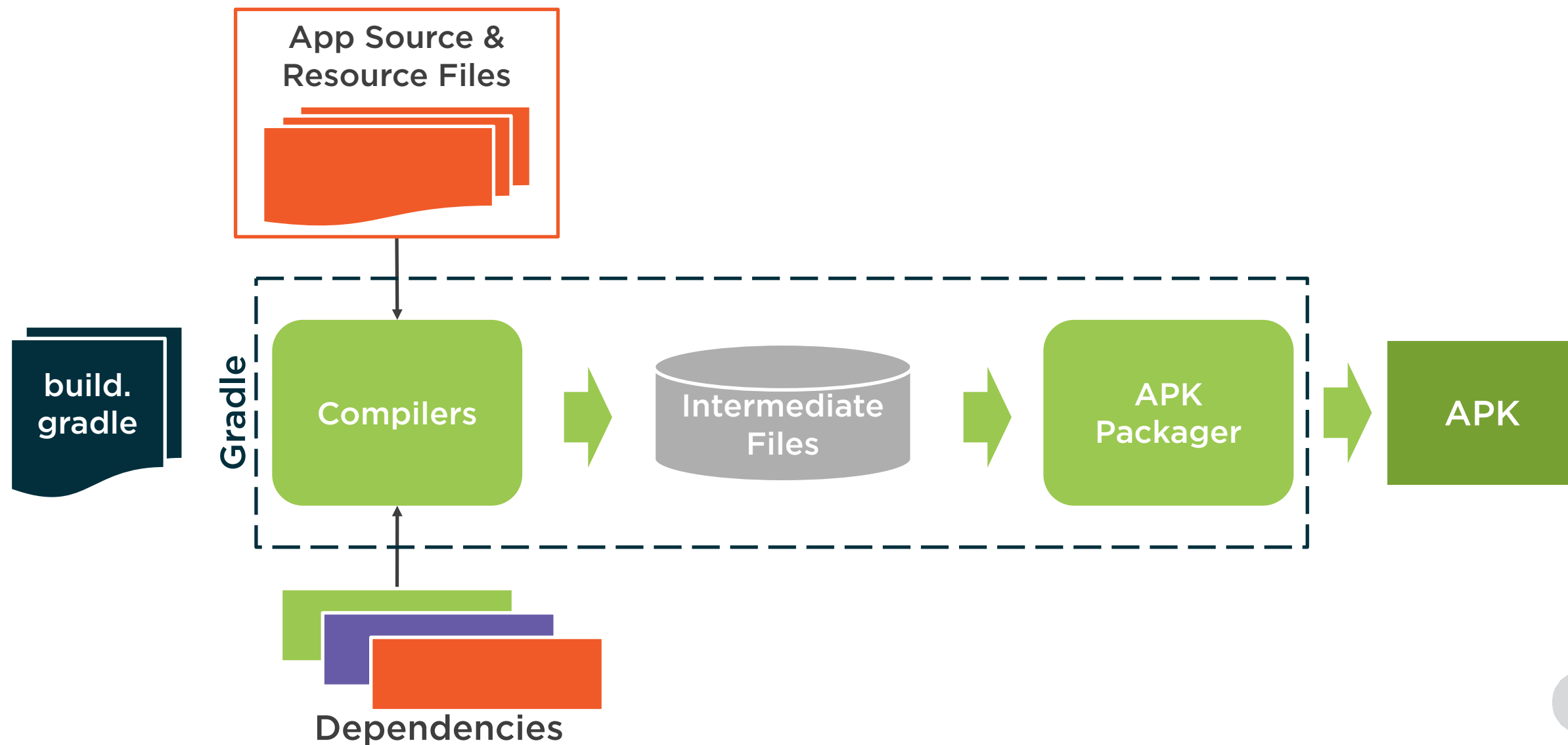
- Manually managing details is challenging

Gradle simplifies managing build process

- A general purpose build system
- Android-oriented features from plug-in



Android Build Process





Configuring Gradle

Gradle is extremely powerful

- Very flexible
- Uses a domain specific language (DSL)

Common settings easily managed

- Projects include build.gradle files
- Changes often simple edits

Android Studio UI

- Many changes can be made with UI
- Use File/Project Structure...



Dependencies

Applications builds rarely stand alone

- May rely on external binaries
- May rely on other project libraries

Listing dependencies in Gradle

- In build.gradle dependencies block
- Automatically includes dependency dependencies



Dependency Types

Module dependency

- Module from your project

Jar dependency

- Java jar file

Library dependency

- Pull from a repository



Library Dependencies

Will use local machine for some

- Android Support repository
- Google repository

Other repositories must be specified

- Normally leverages jcenter repository
- Can add others



Associating Dependencies

Dependency for all build variants

- Use compile

Dependency for JVM test

- Use testCompile

Dependency for Instrumentation test

- Use androidTestCompile





Android Support Library

Backward compatibility

- Makes some newer platform features available to older platform versions
- Uses alternate classes

Convenience and helper classes

- Provides features not part of platform
- Especially in the area of the UI

Debugging, testing, and utilities

- Testing Support Library
- Enhanced code checks
- Special case utilities





Android Support Library Organization

Most grouped by platform support

- Name historically indicates min platform
- v4 Support libraries – API 4 & up
- v7 Support libraries – API 7 & up
- v13 Support libraries – API 13 & up
- Changed with latest releases
 - None support less than API 9

Specific libraries tied to features

- Multiple libraries within each group
- We reference specific library in Gradle





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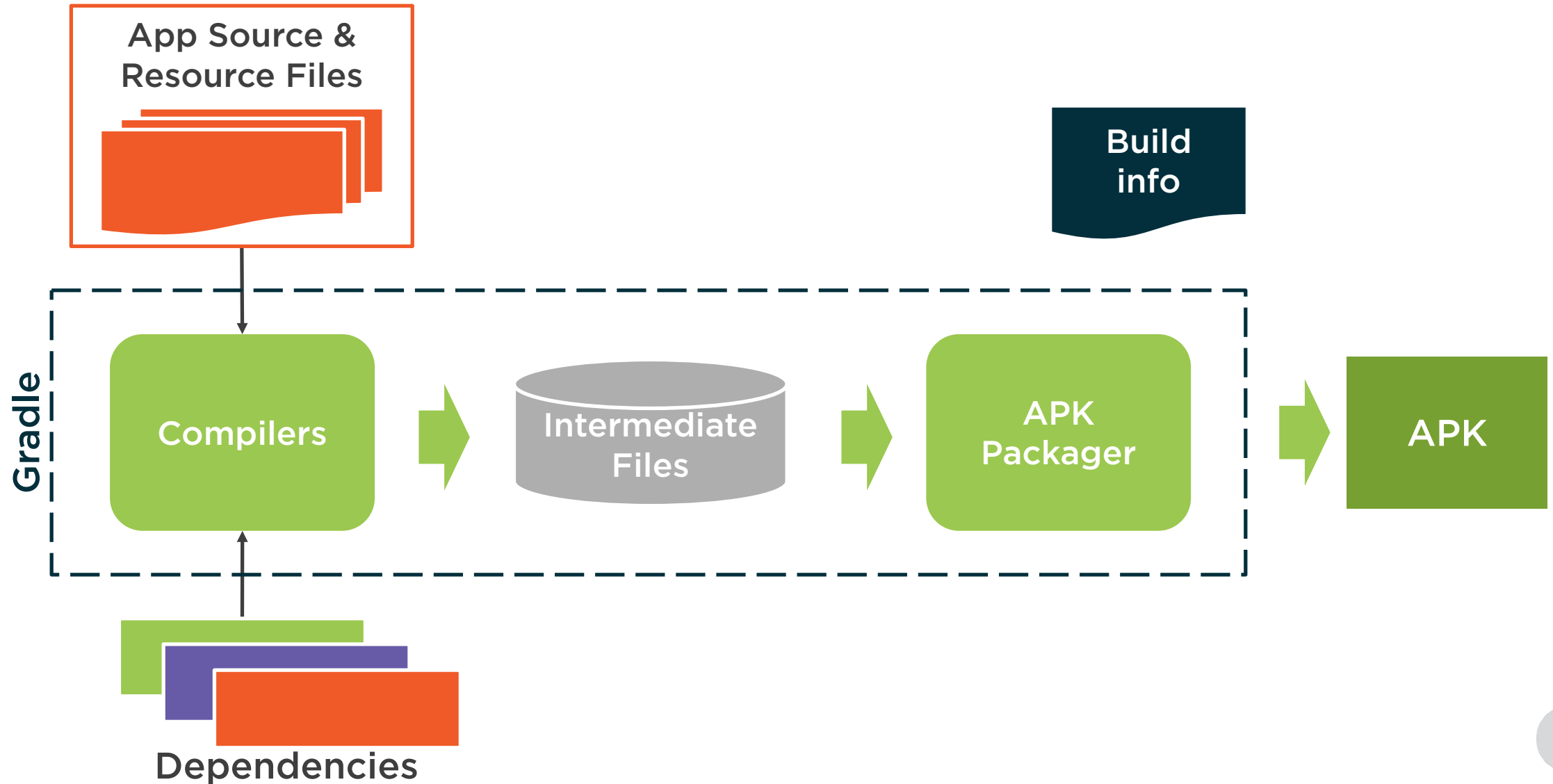
- App source/resource compilation
- App dependencies
- Producing app package (APK) file

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Android Build Process





Android Studio



Primary Android development tool

Handles installing the things we need

- Android SDK
- JDK
- Other Android development tools

Built on IntelliJ IDEA technology





Android Studio



Code development & UI design

Developer productivity

Code deployment and execution

Debugging

Build system

Testing





Logcat

- System for recording log information

Log class

- Provides methods for writing to logcat
- Includes a tag with each message
 - Commonly use class name as tag

Android Monitor

- Displays logcat messages
- Filterable
- Searchable





Messages are organized into levels

- Indicates relative severity

Log class

- Provides methods for each level

Viewing messages

- Messages are labeled with level
- Can limit which levels are displayed
- Shows messages \geq selected severity



Logcat Levels



More Inclusive

Level	Label	Log Method

More Severe



Summary



Android Studio

- Central tool for Android development

Developer Productivity

- Refactoring
- Code generation
- Customizable to developer style





Summary



Program execution and debugging

- Handles installing and running app
- Breakpoints and code stepping
- Viewing variables
- On-the-fly statement evaluation

Instant Run

- Accelerates deploying code changes
- Does just enough to apply changes
- Often allows app to keep running





Summary



Resolving unhandled exceptions

- Crash information in Android Monitor
- Shows exception and call stack
- Provides links to app source code lines

Logcat

- System for recording log information
- Written to with Log class
- Viewable in Android Monitor





Logcat Levels



More Inclusive

Level	Label	Log Method

More Severe





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Testing with a Real Device



Debugging





Application Activity Relationship

Android is a component-oriented platform

- Components run within a process

Process lifetime

- Driven by component lifetime
- Launched for first component accessed
- Terminates after last component exits

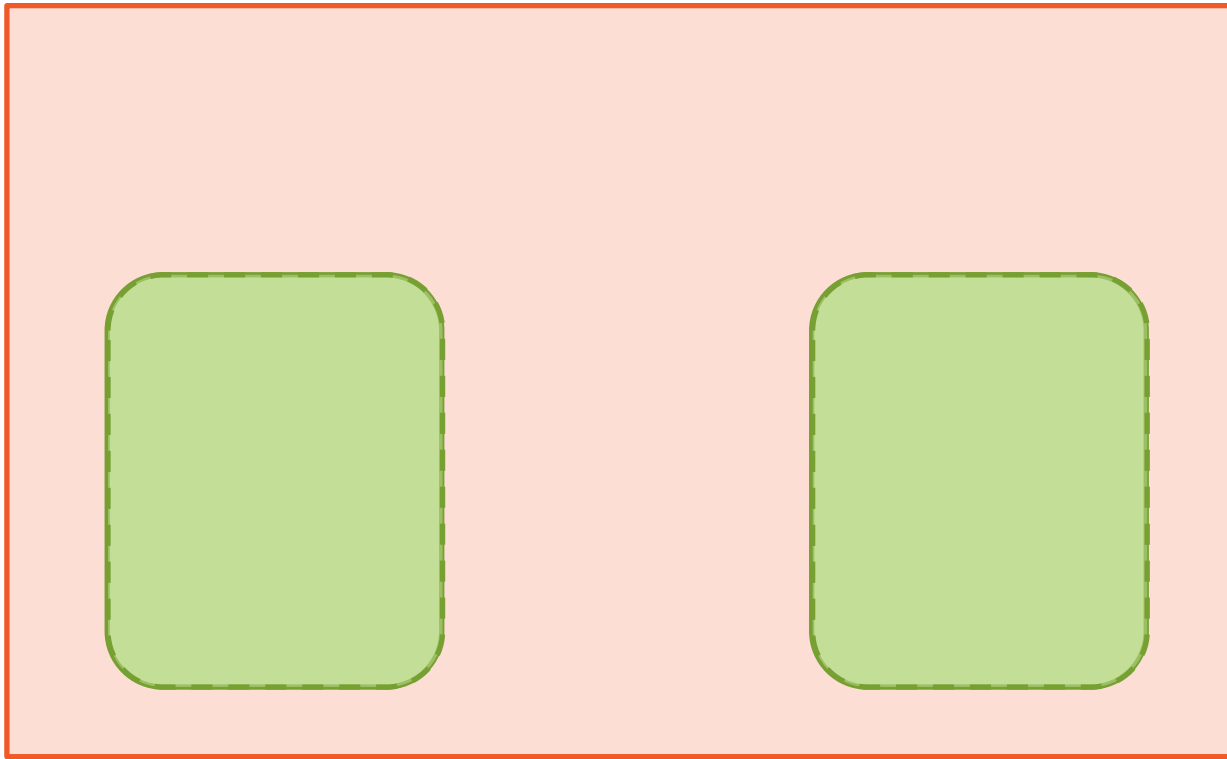
Application process

- Each app has its own process
- App components run in same process
 - When simultaneously active

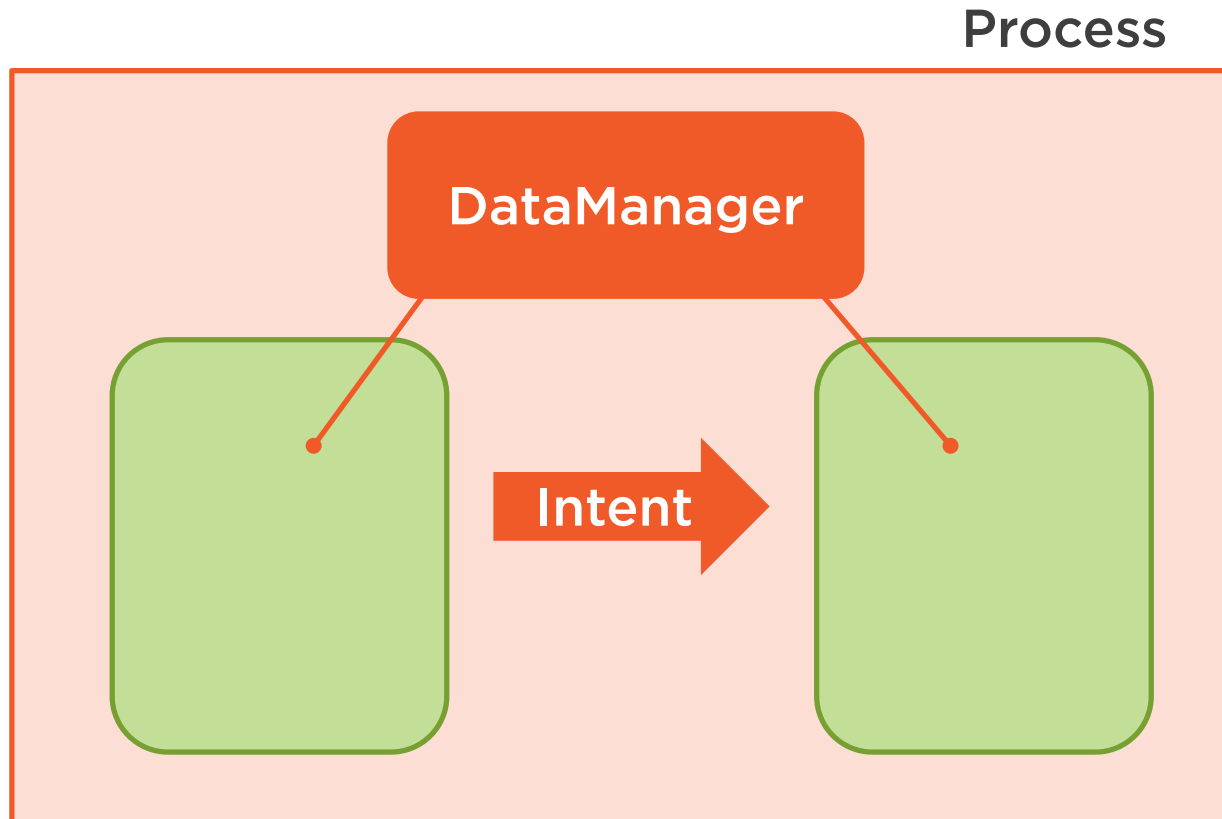


Application Activity Relationship

Process



Application Activity Relationship





Late-binding Components

Intents describe a desired operation

- Identify operation target

Explicit intent

- Target is explicitly identified
- Specify the Activity class to use

Implicit intent

- Target is implied
- Specify the Activity characteristics





Late-binding Components

Implicit intents provide late-binding

- Match is determined at runtime

System finds best match

- Often comes from another app
- Specific match may vary depending on apps installed on user device
- Prompts user if tie

Decouples sender and receiver

- Sender may not know receiver
- Receiver may not know sender





Implicit Intent Characteristics

Action

- Action string
- Many standard constants available
- Example: Intent.ACTION_VIEW
- Commonly set in Intent constructor
- Only required characteristic

Category

- Provides extended qualification
- Not normally used by sender





Implicit Intent Characteristics

Data

- URI of data to be acted upon
- Example: <https://pluralsight.com>
- Set with `Intent.setData`

Mime type

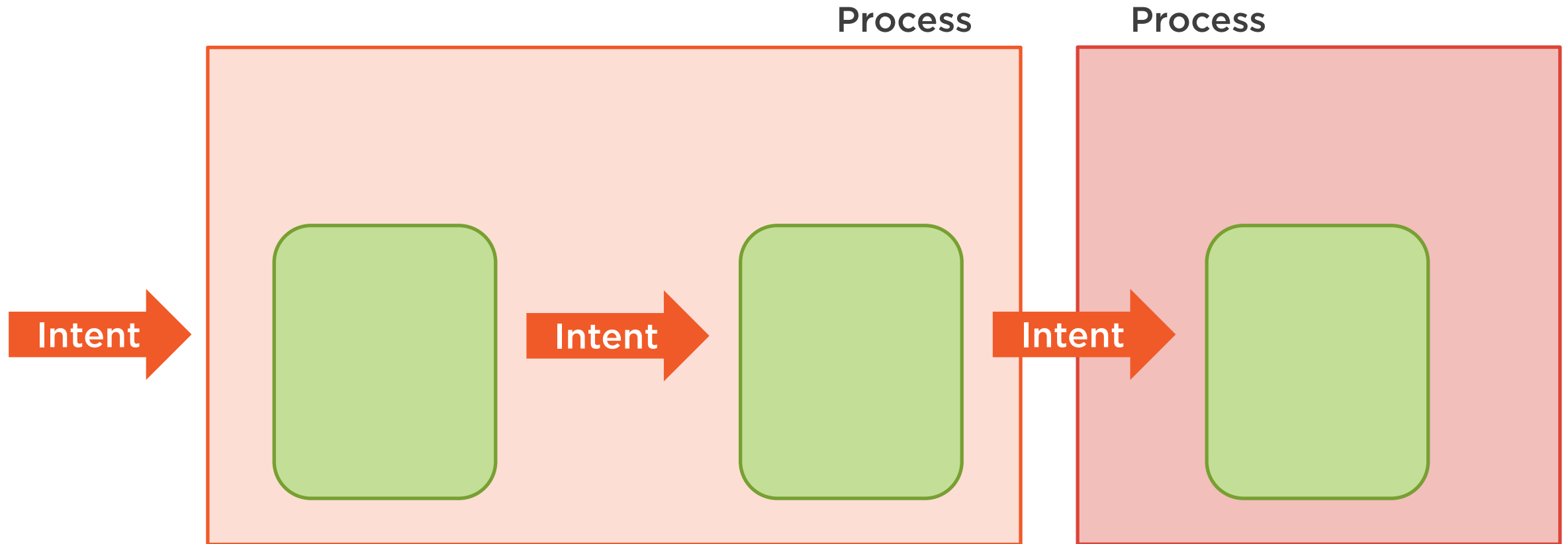
- Common or app-specific mime type
- Example: `text/html`
- Set with `Intent.setType`

Setting data and mime type

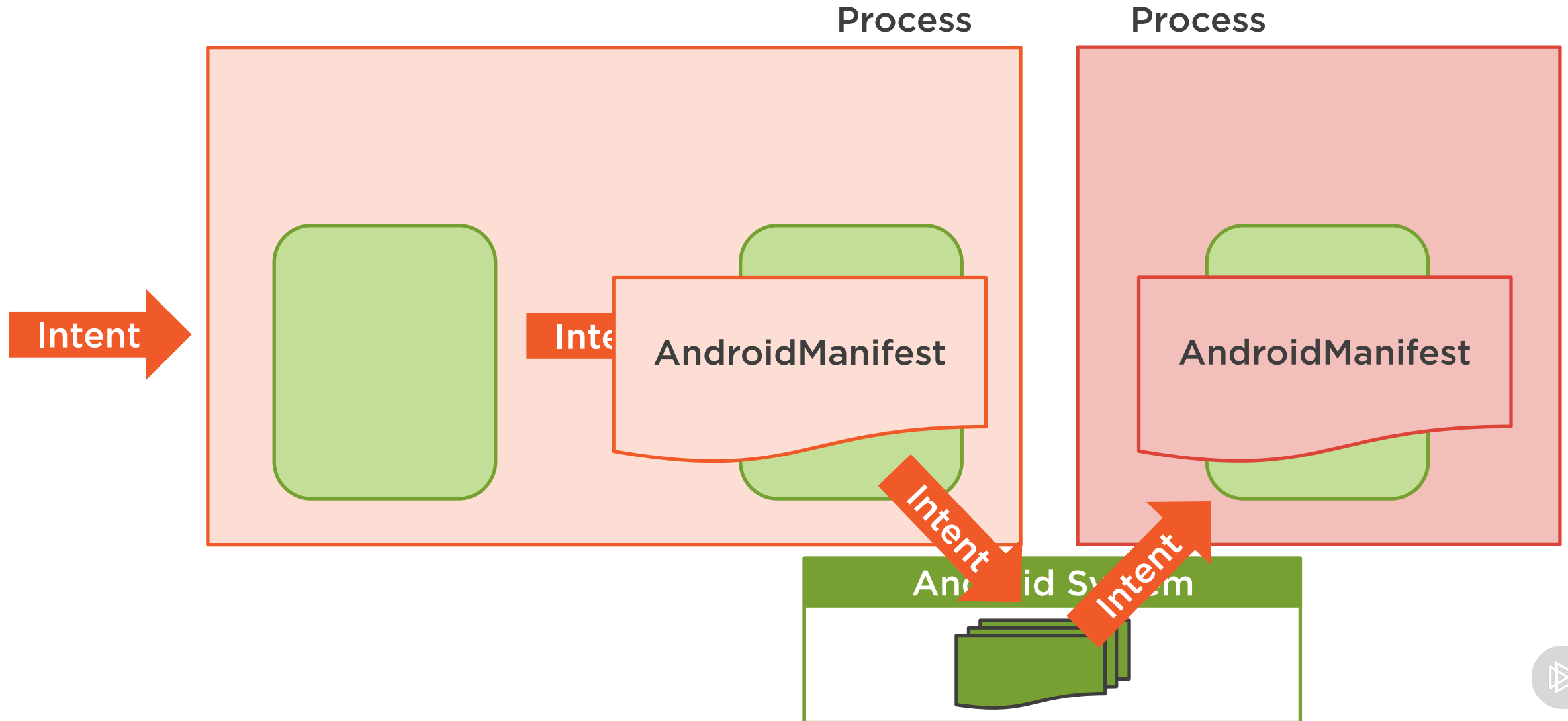
- Use `Intent.setDataAndType`
- `setType` and `setData` cancel each other



Implicit Intents



Implicit Intents





Activities with Results

Some Activity classes return results

Camera Activity

- Presents camera functionality
- Returns image thumbnail

Contact Activity

- Presents contact UI
- Returns selected contact info

Many others





Activities with Results

Started differently than other activities

- Use `startActivityForResult`

Parameters passed to `startActivityForResult`

- Intent
- App defined integer identifier
 - Differentiates results within your app





Activities with Results

Receiving results

- Override your Activity's onActivityResult

Parameters received by onActivityResult

- App defined integer identifier
 - RESULT_OK indicates success
- Result code
 - Contains activity results



Activity with Result Example



Camera

- Presents Camera UI
- Stores full quality image in a file
- Returns image thumbnail as a result

Starting the Activity



Intent action

- `MediaStore.ACTION_IMAGE_CAPTURE`

Extra

- `MediaStore.EXTRA_OUTPUT`
- File in which to save full quality image



Starting the Activity

```
public class MyActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    private static final int SHOW_CAMERA = 1;  
    private void showCamera(Uri photoFile) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(MediaStore.ACTION_IMAGE_CAPTURE);  
        intent.putExtra(MediaStore.EXTRA_OUTPUT, photoFile);  
        startActivityForResult(intent, SHOW_CAMERA)  
    }  
    // other members elided for clarity  
}
```



Receiving the Result



Check for request code of `SHOW_CAMERA`

- Identifies the result is for our request

Check for result code of `RESULT_OK`

- Indicates success
- Full quality image stored in file

Retrieve thumbnail

- Stored in result intent as a bitmap
- Name is "data"



Receiving the Result

```
public class MyActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    private static final int SHOW_CAMERA = 1;  
    @Override  
    protected void onActivityResult(  
        int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent result) {  
        if(requestCode == SHOW_CAMERA && resultCode == RESULT_OK) {  
            Bitmap thumbnail = result.getParcelable("data");  
            // Do something  
        }  
    }  
    // other members elided for clarity  
}
```





Application Experience

Generally composed of multiple Activities

- Most probably come from your app
- Others may come from other apps
- Android needs to manage this flow
- Flow is managed as a task



What is a Task?

A task is a collection of activities that users interact with when performing a certain job.





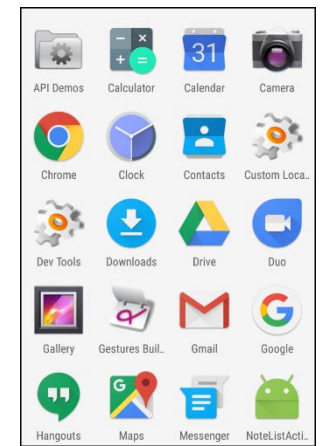
Application Experience

Task

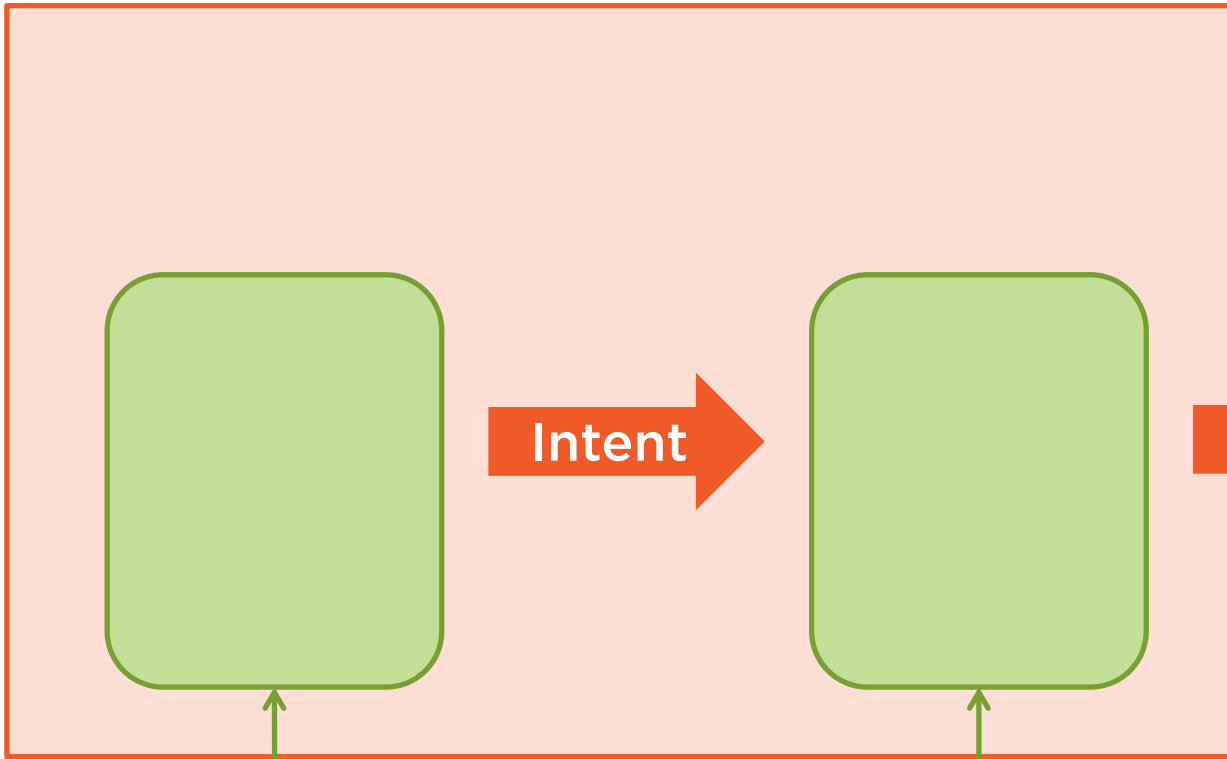
- Managed as a stack
 - Known as the back stack
- Activities added going forward
- Back button removes Activities
 - Causes Activity to be destroyed



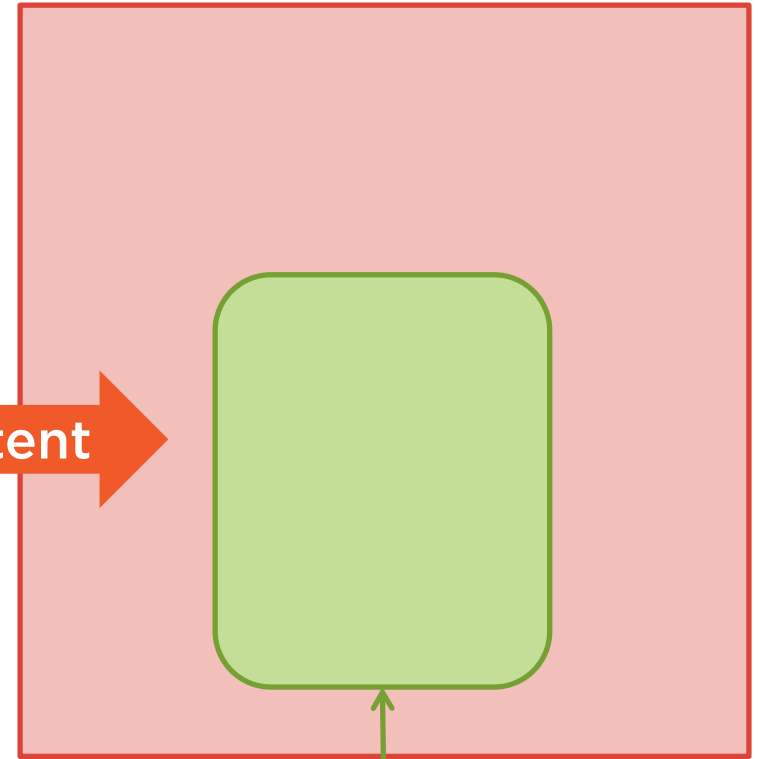
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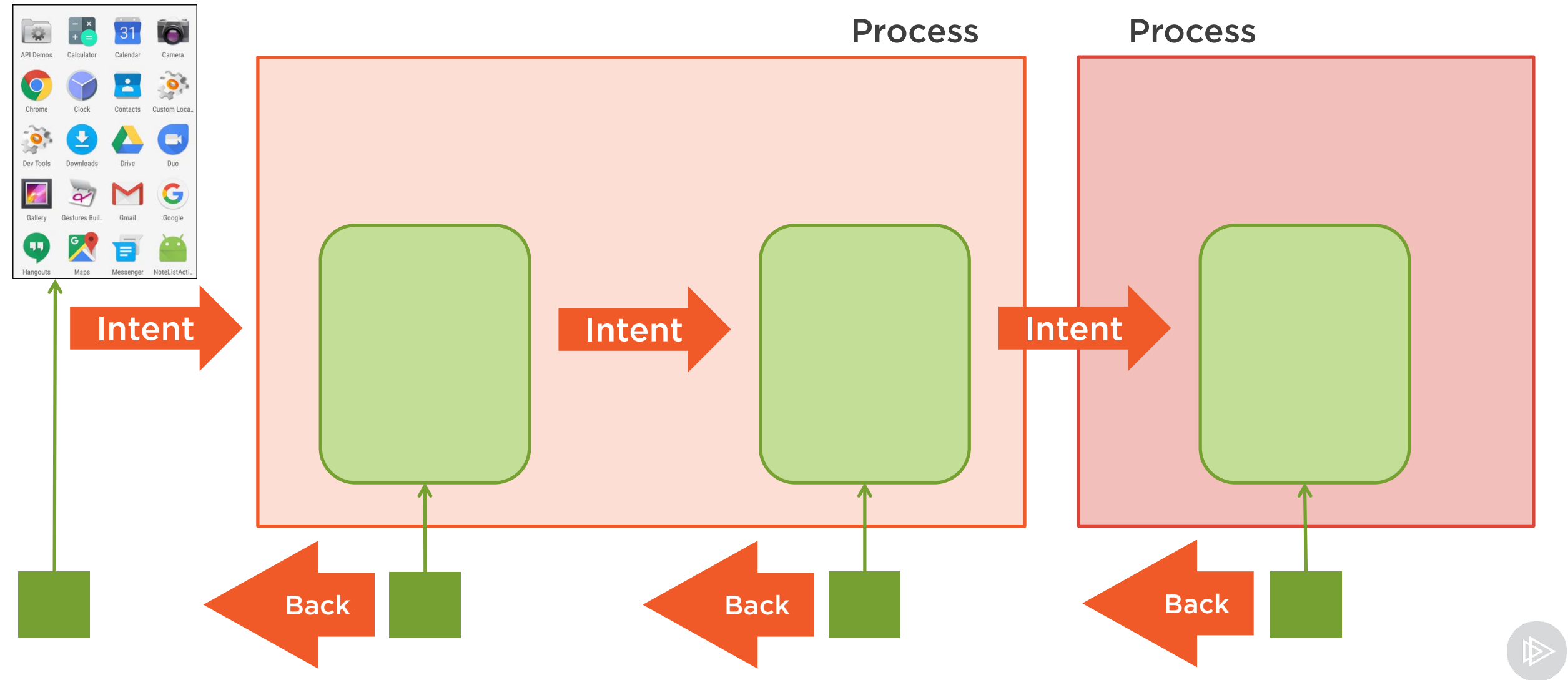
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Application Experience

Managing persistent state

- Use edit-in-place model
- Changes saved with no special action

Saving changes

- Write to backing store when leaving
- Handle in onPause

Handling new entries

- New entries created right away
- Handle in onCreate



Activity Lifecycle

Common causes of Activity destruction

- Leaving with the back button
- Calling finish method
- System initiated

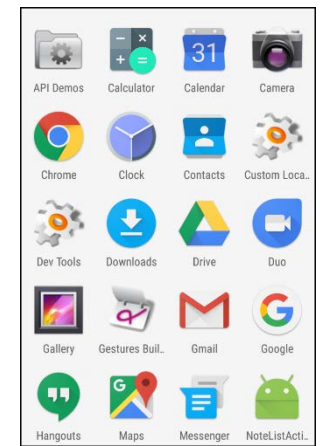
System initiated destruction

- Generally to reclaim resources
- Prolonged period in the background
- System experiencing resource pressure



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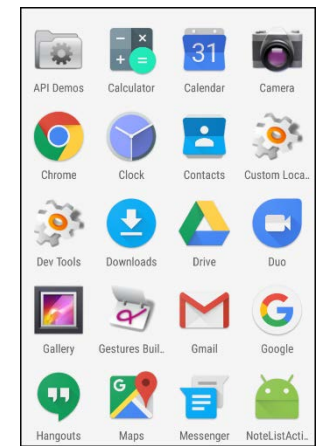
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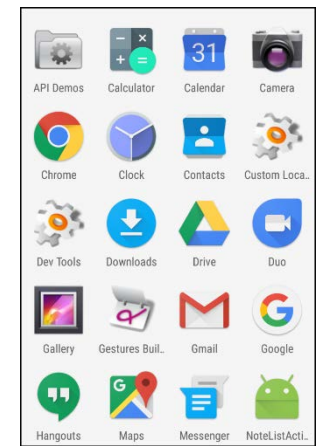
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Activity Lifecycle Methods

Lifetimes within Activity lifecycle

- Total lifetime
- Visible lifetime
- Foreground lifetime

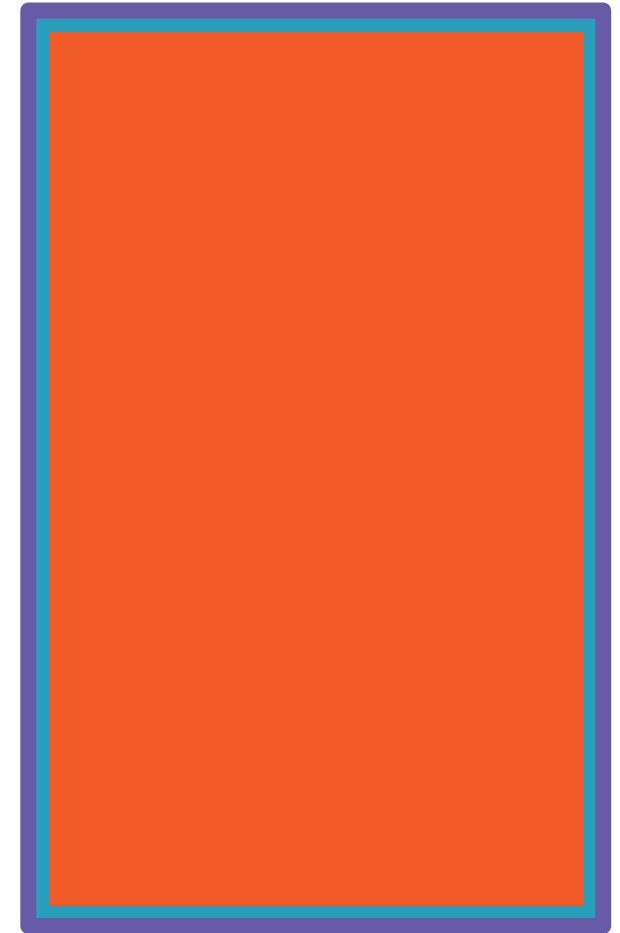
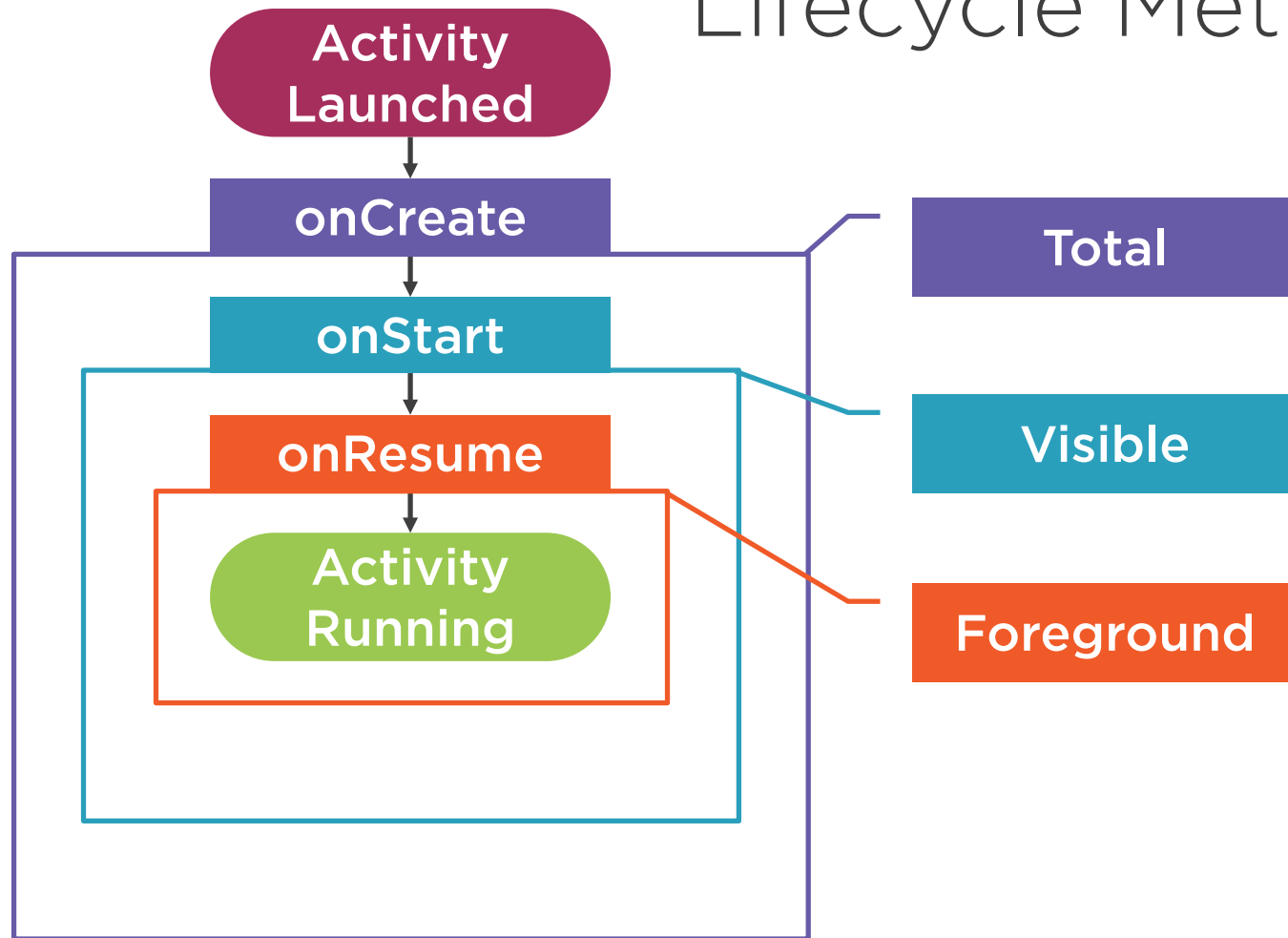
Activity lifecycle methods

- Methods for start/end of each lifetime
- A few additional methods for transitions



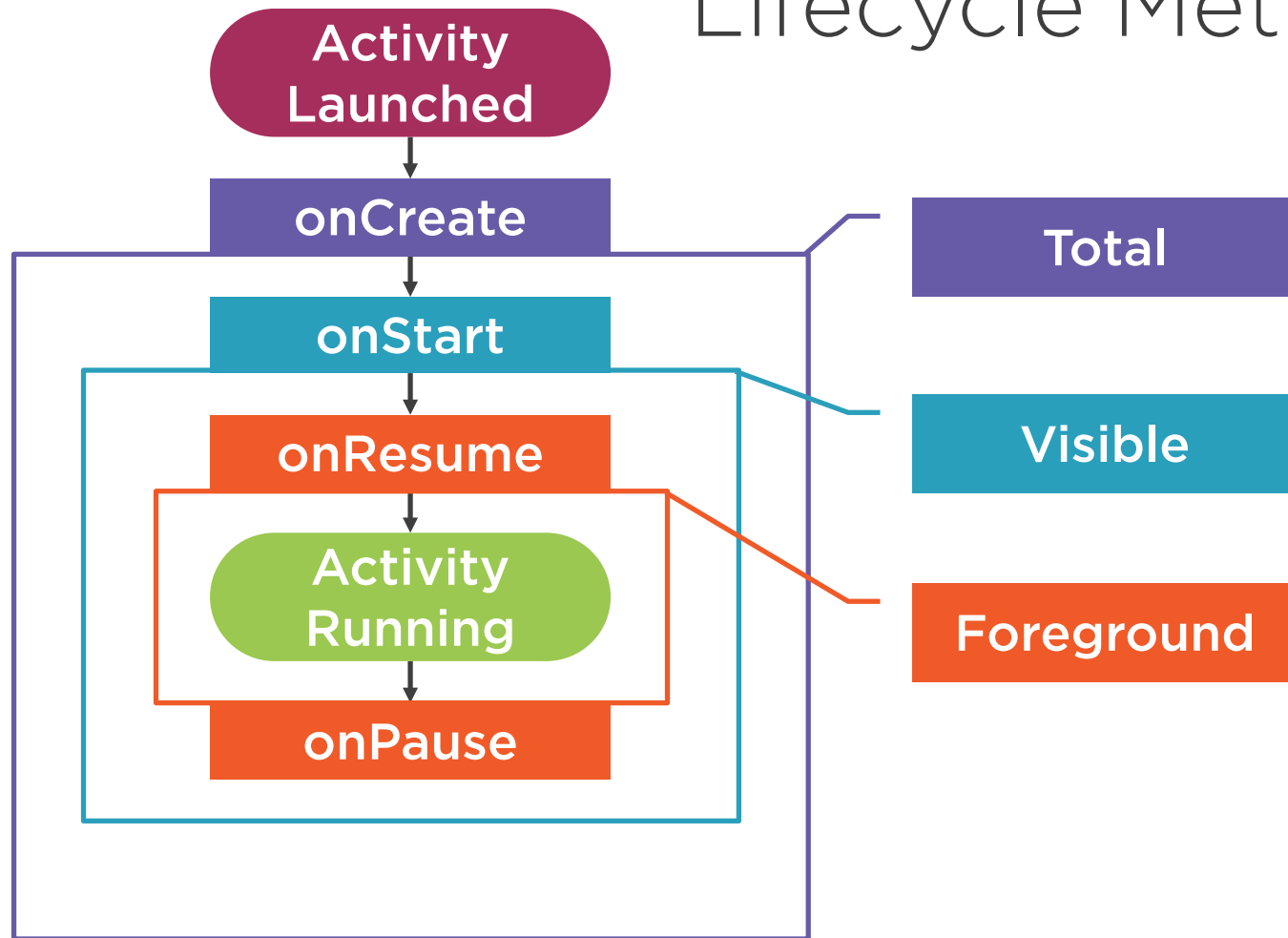


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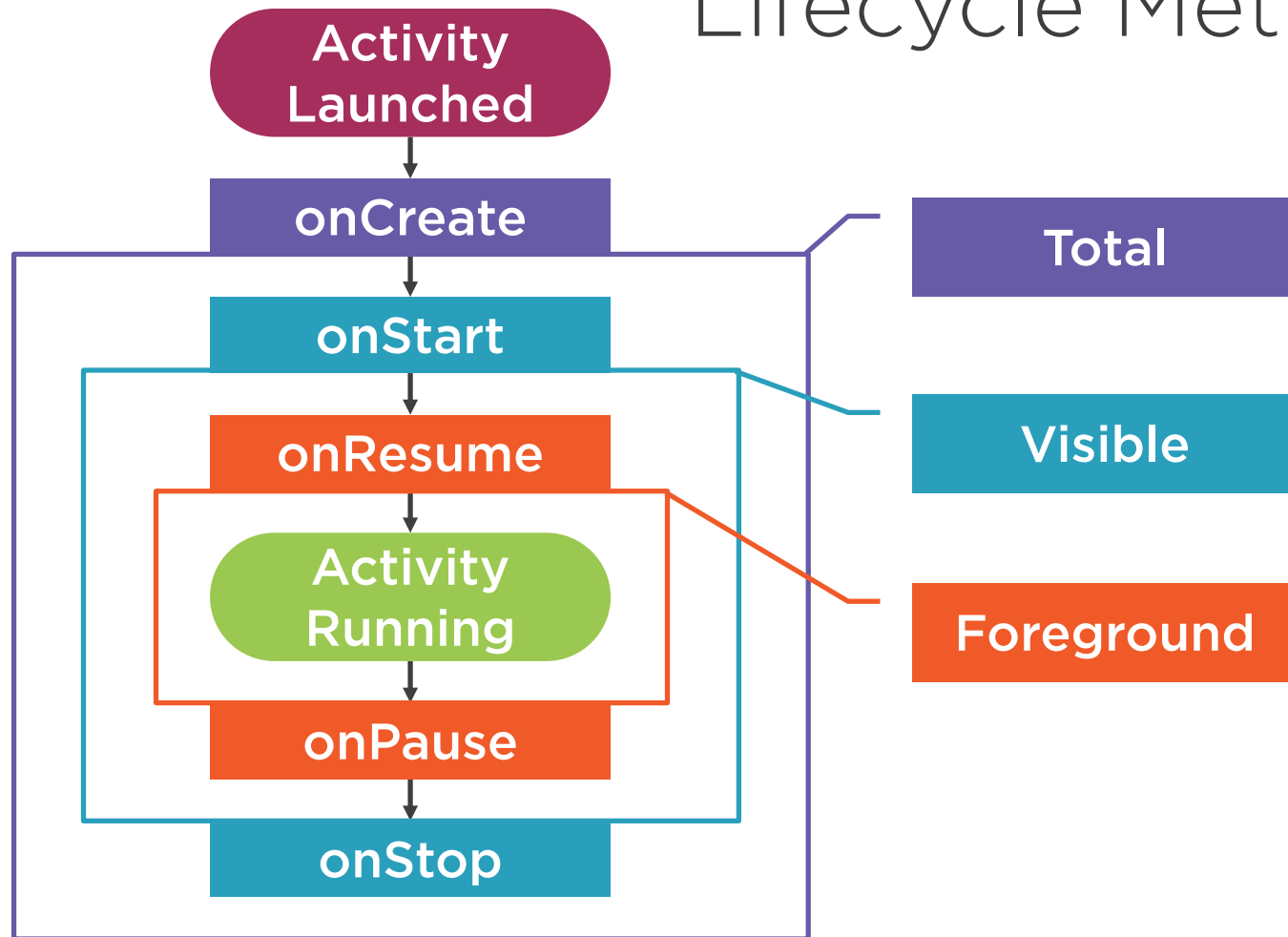


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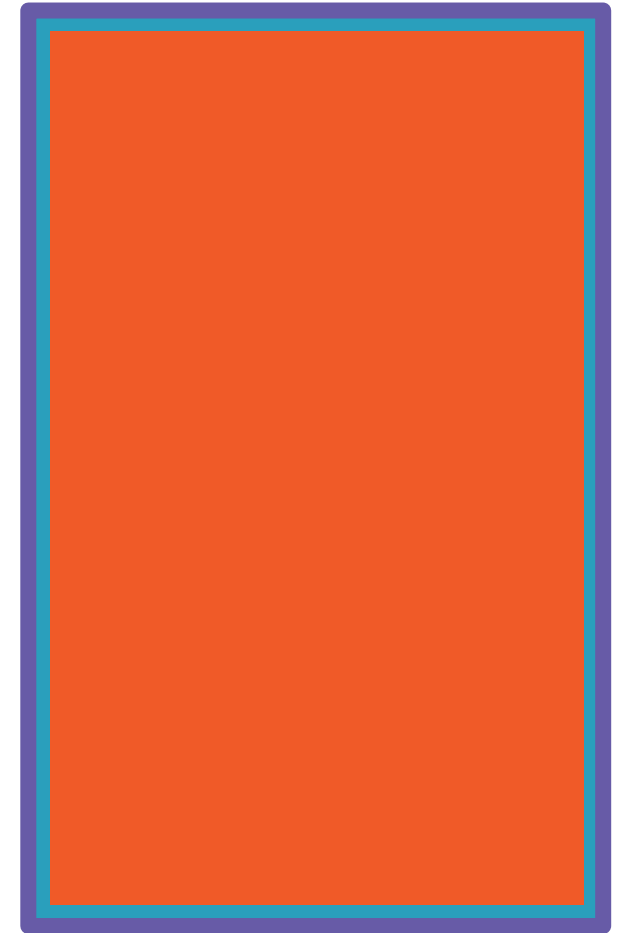
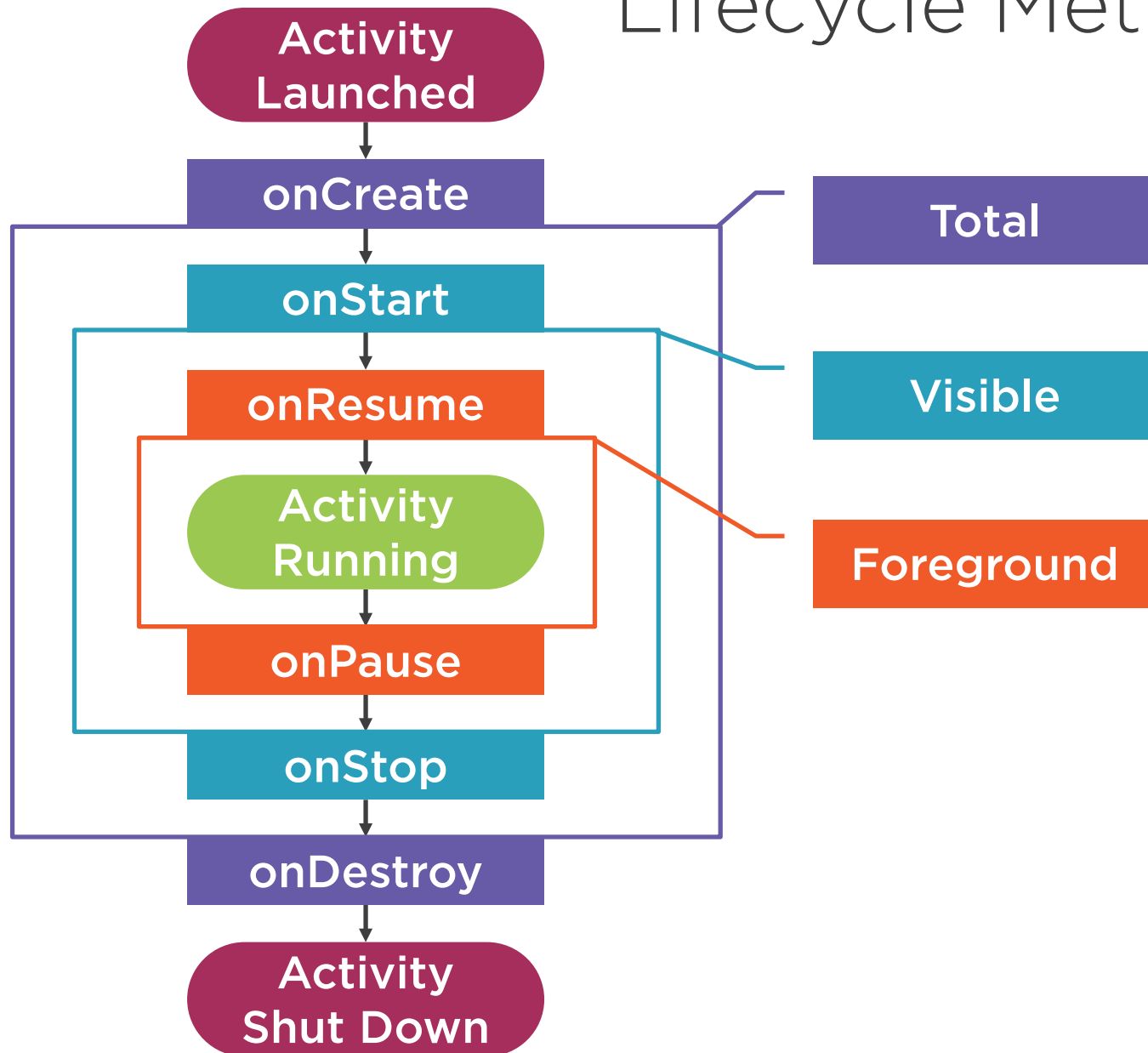


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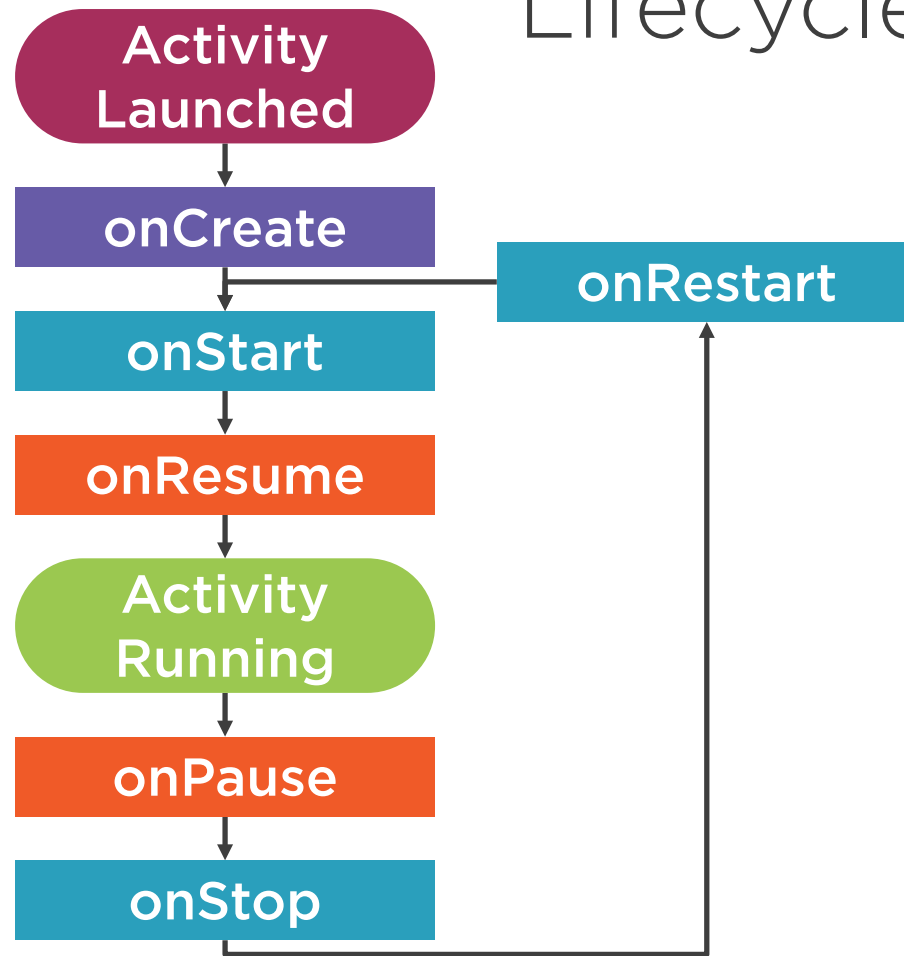


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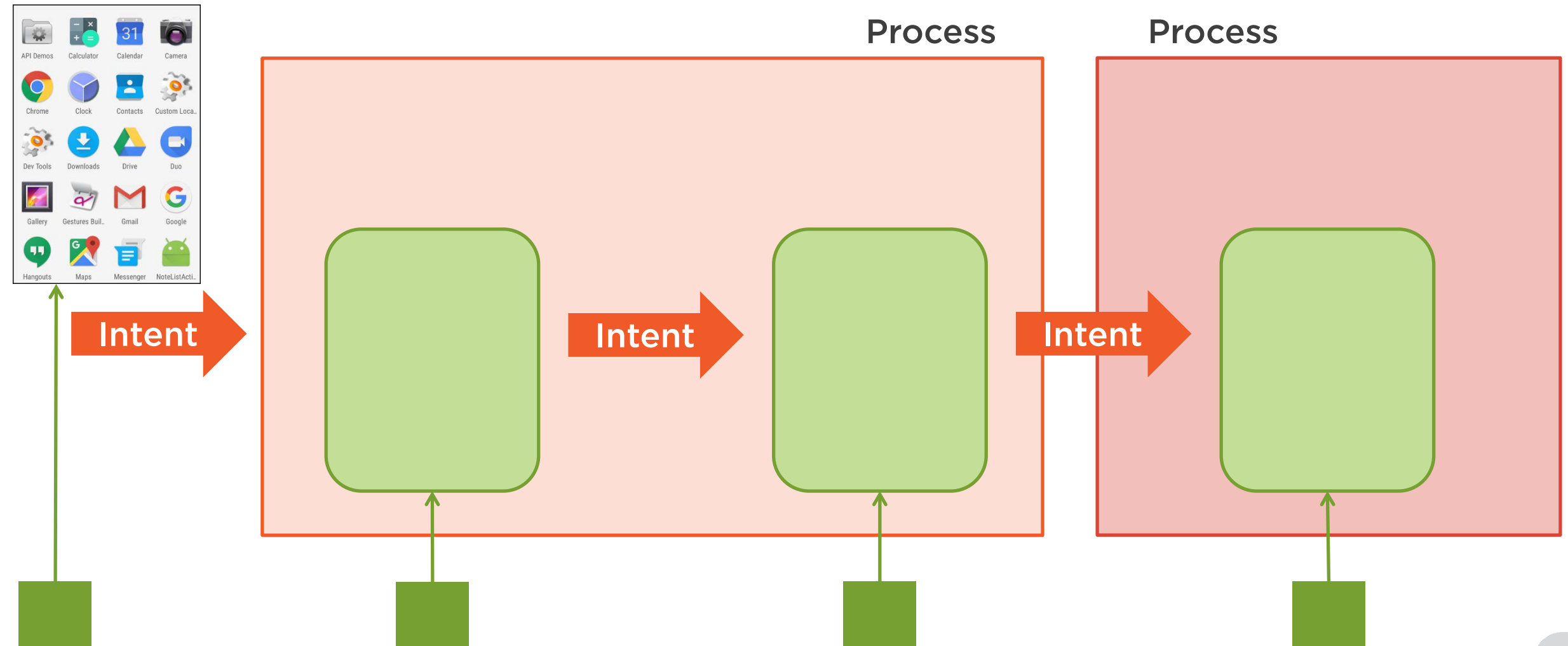




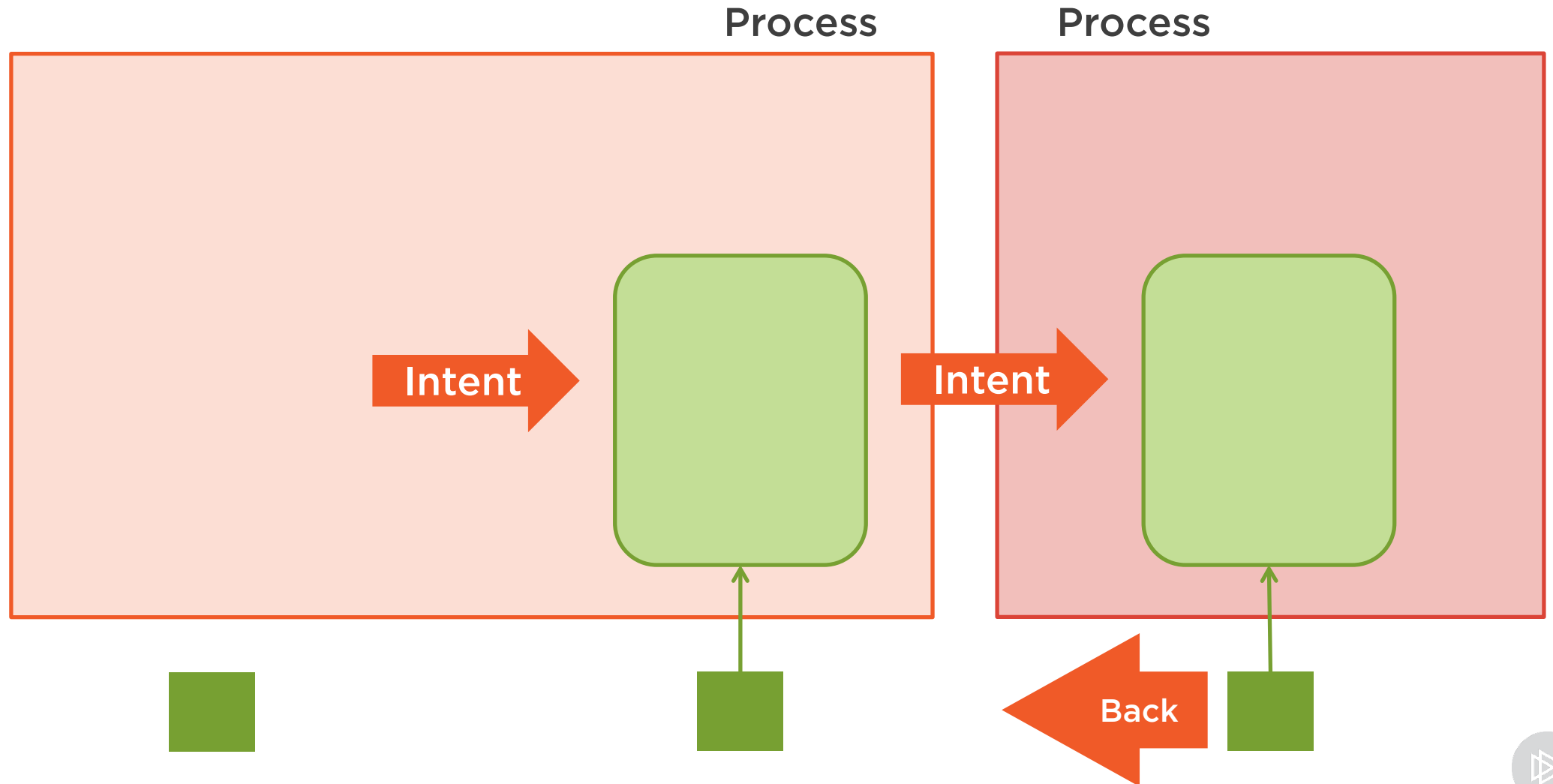
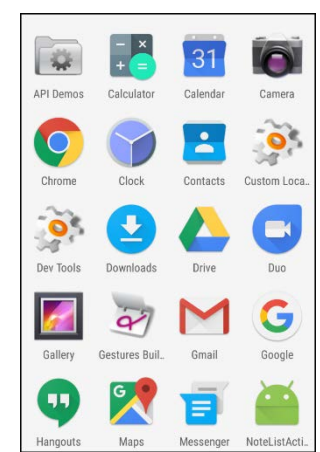
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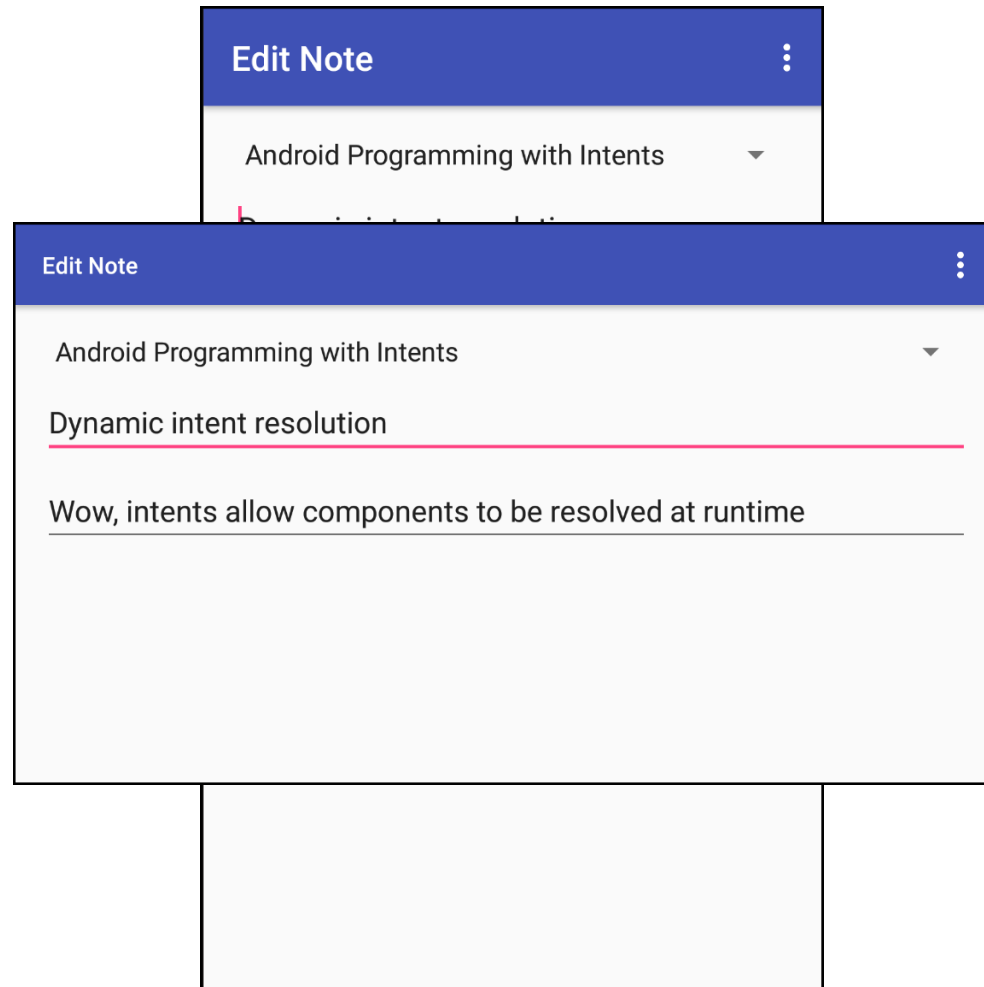


Activity State Management





Activity State Management



Activity State Management

Activities provide state management

- Opportunity to save before destroy
- Saved state provided on restore

Saving state

- onSaveInstanceState
- Write Activity state to passed Bundle

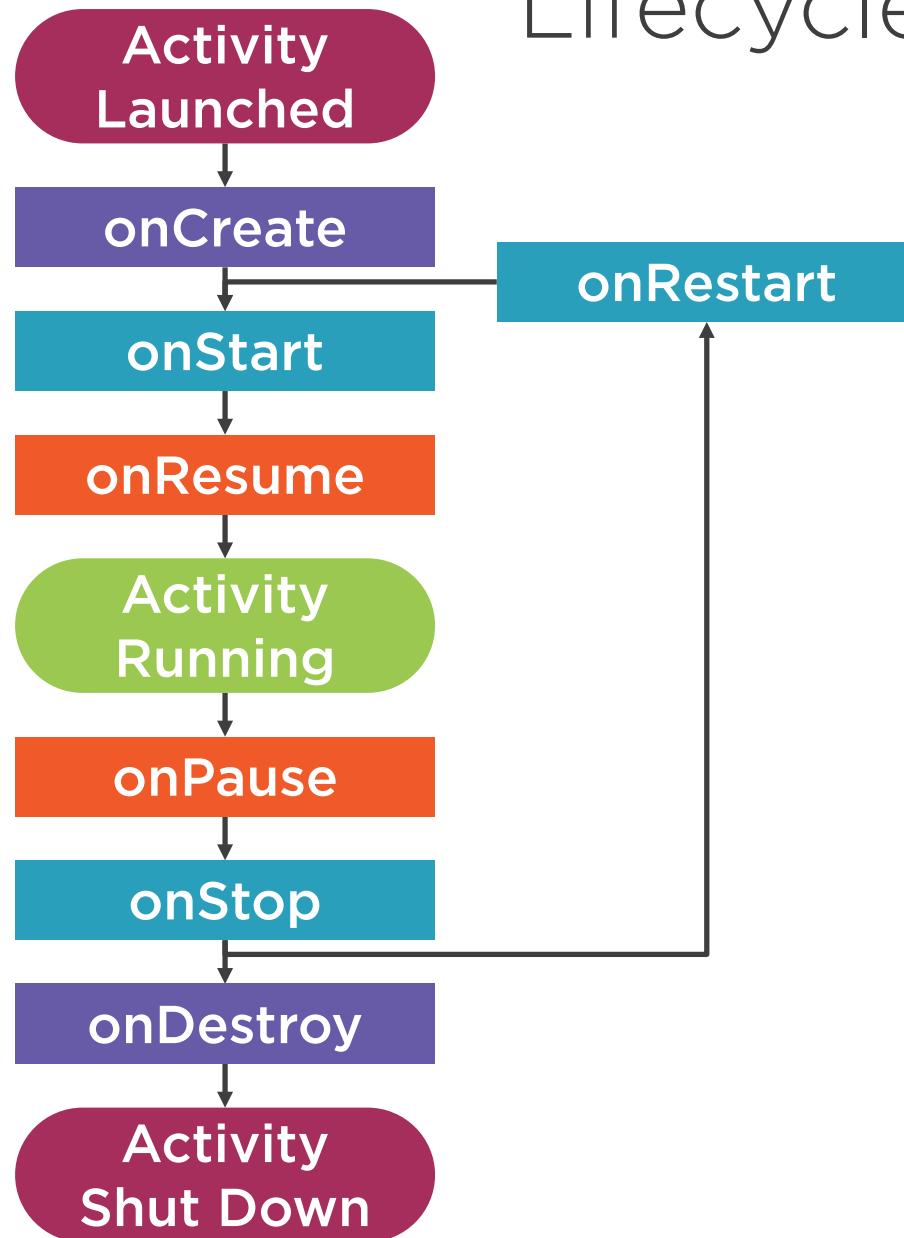
Restoring state

- onCreate
- Receives saved Bundle on restore
- Bundle is null on initial create
- Intent remains available on restore



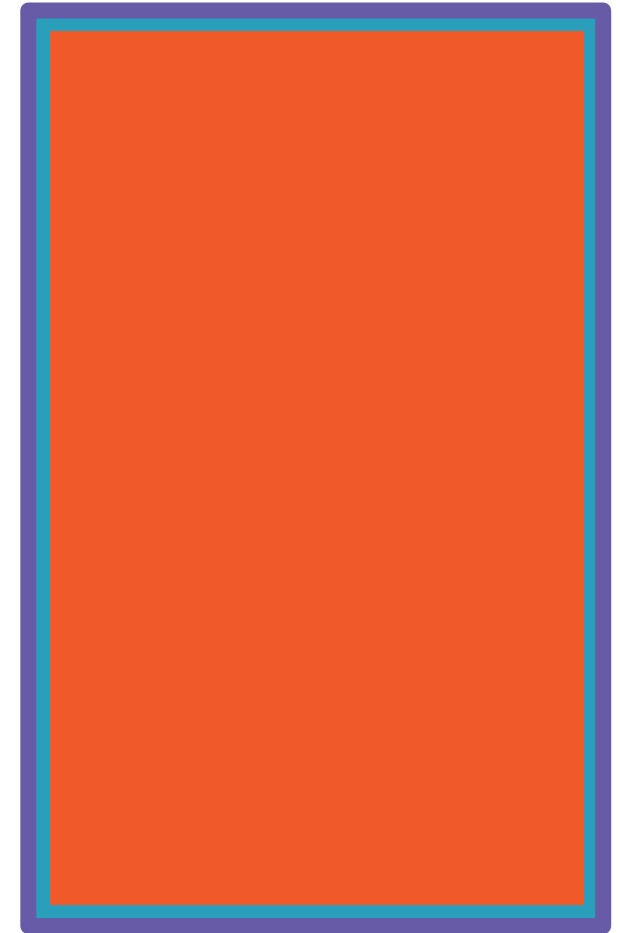
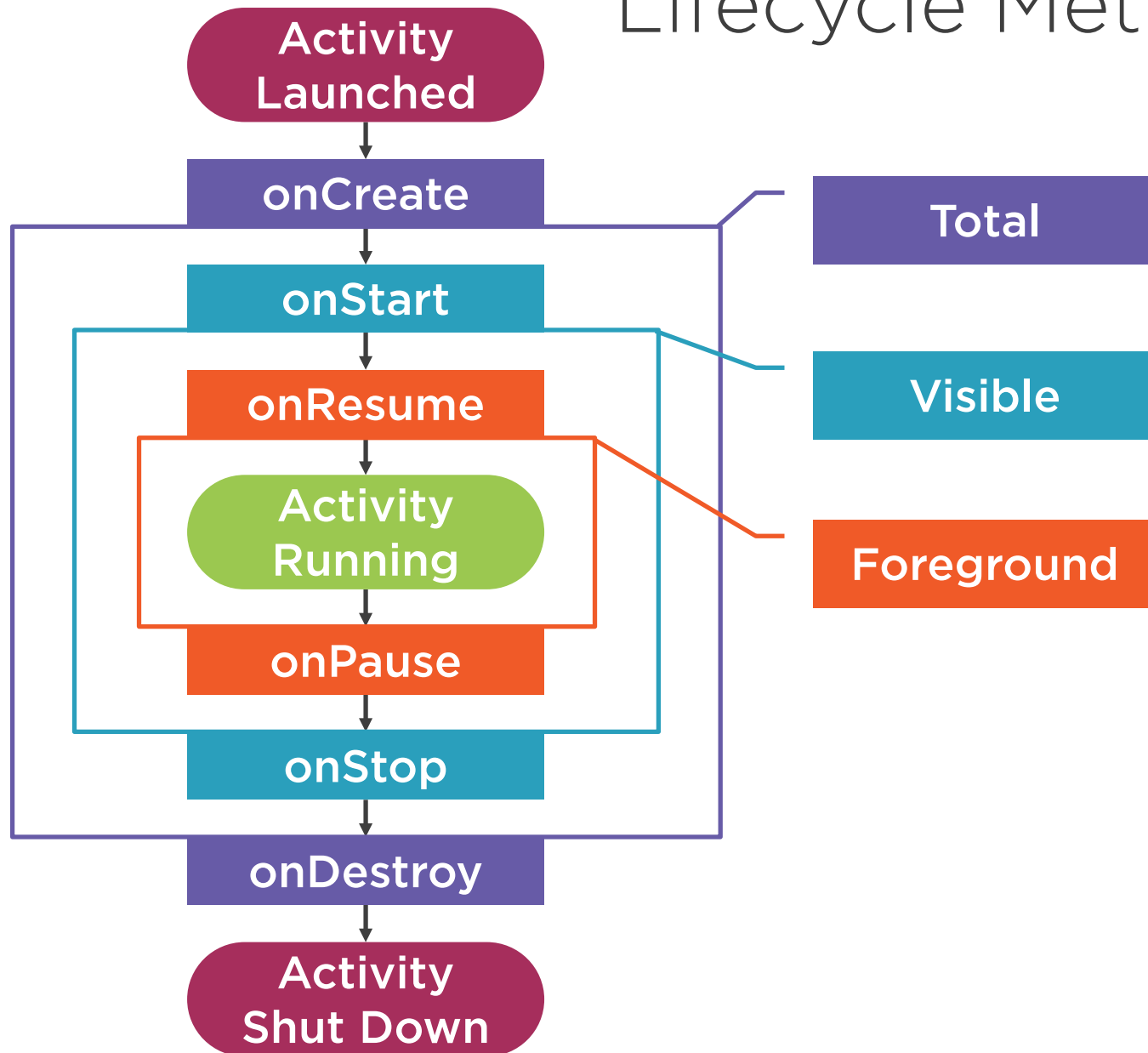


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Lifecycle Methods



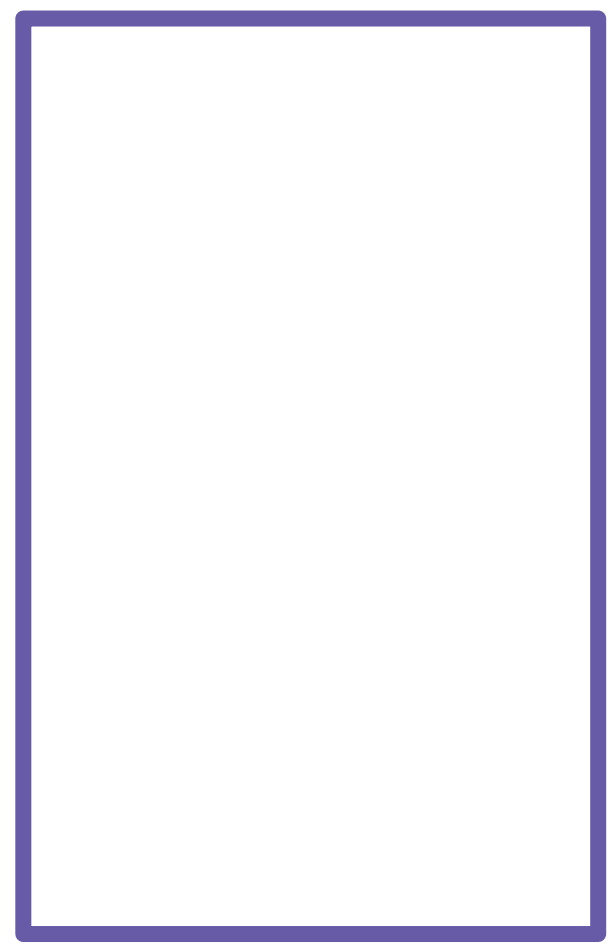
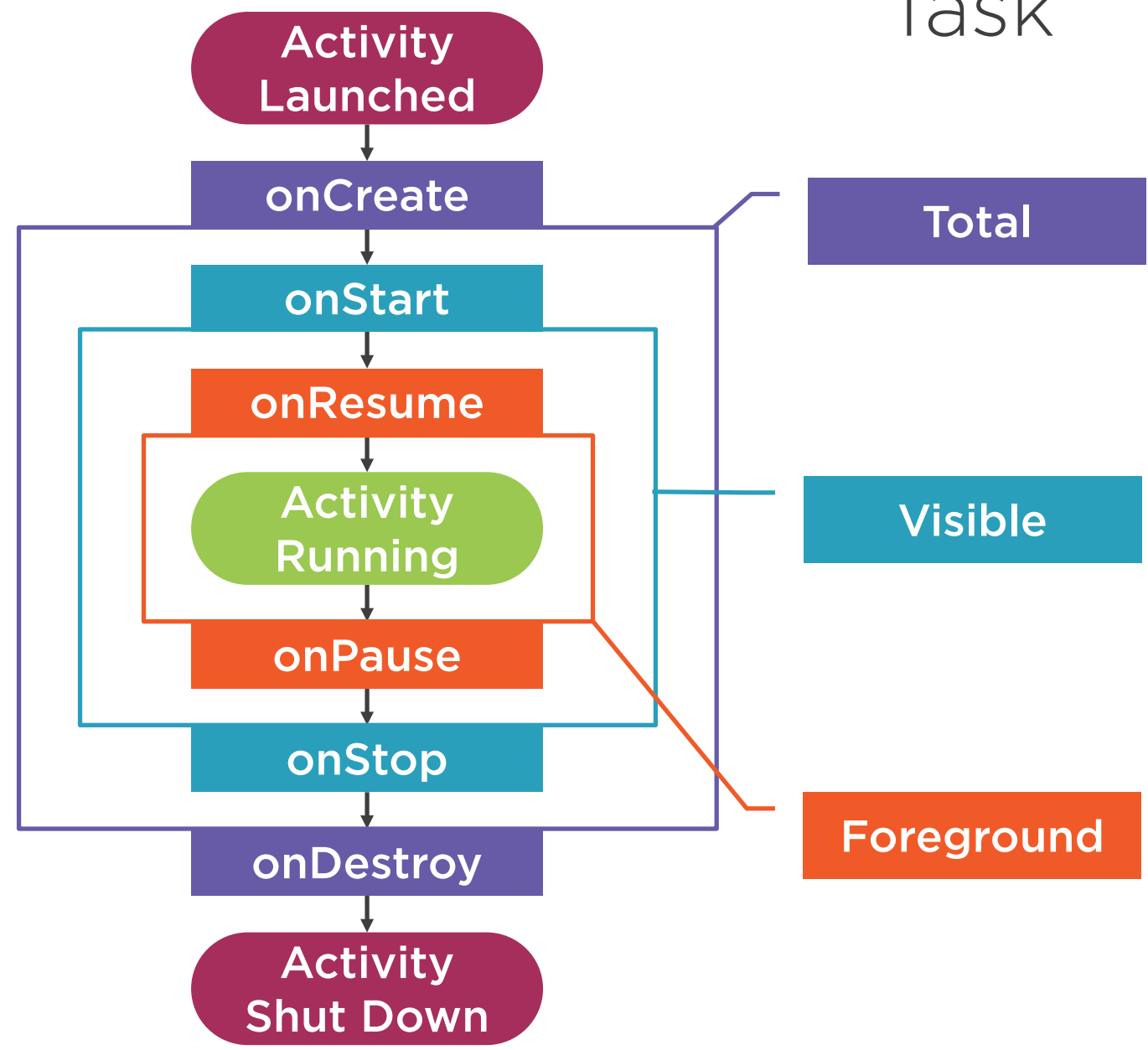


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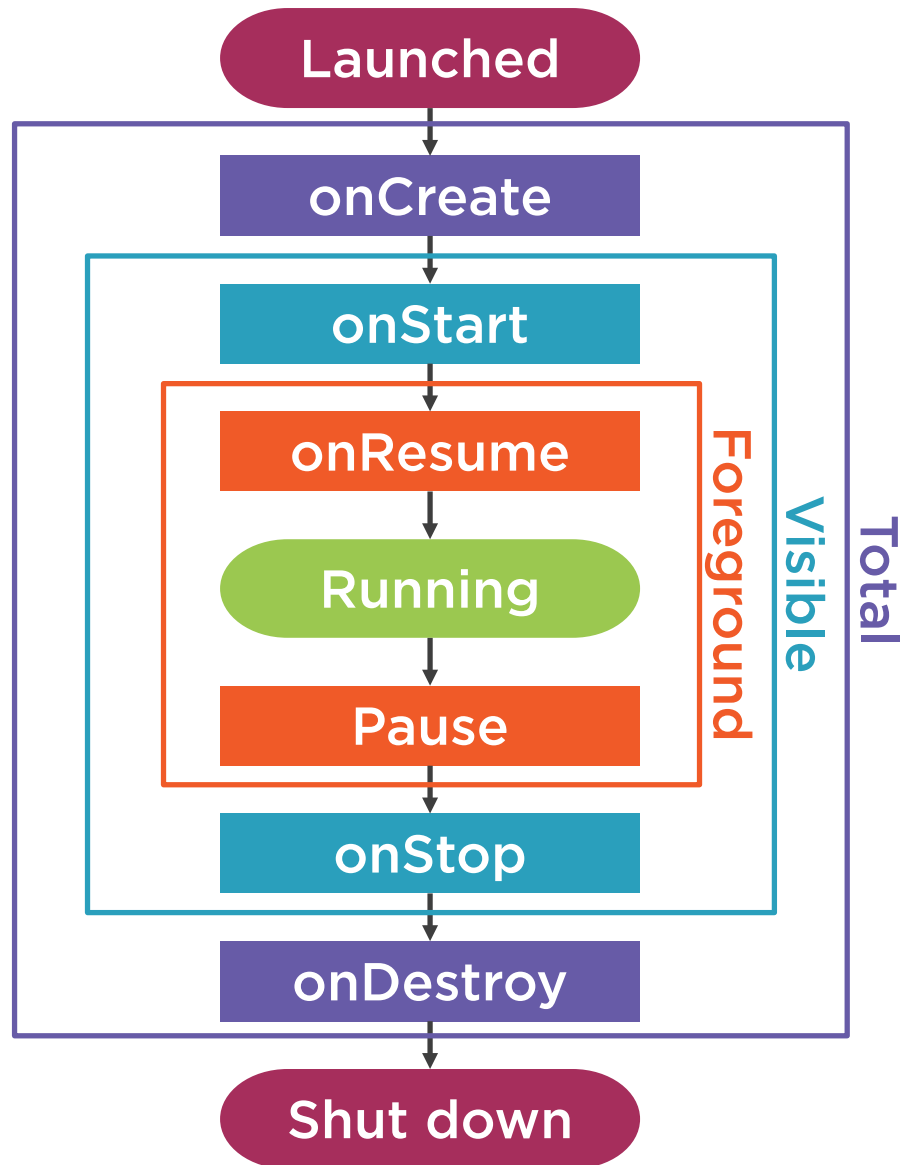


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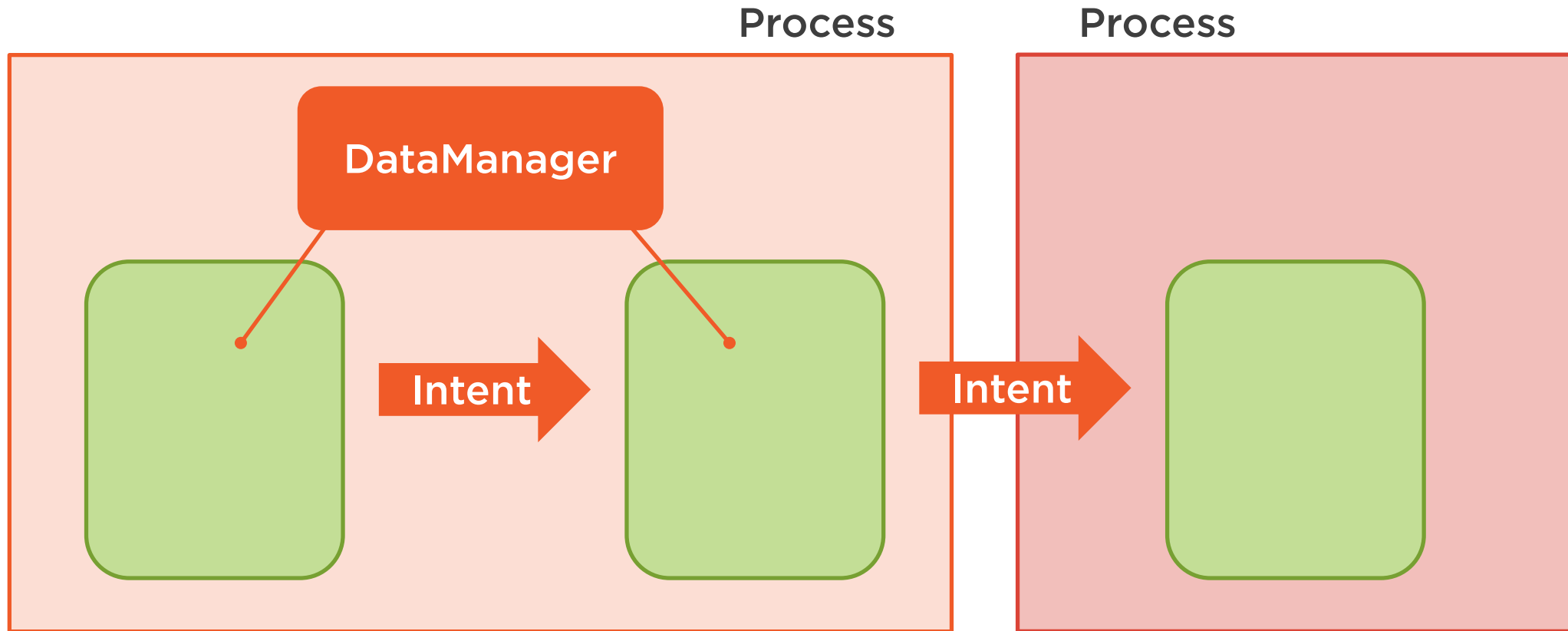




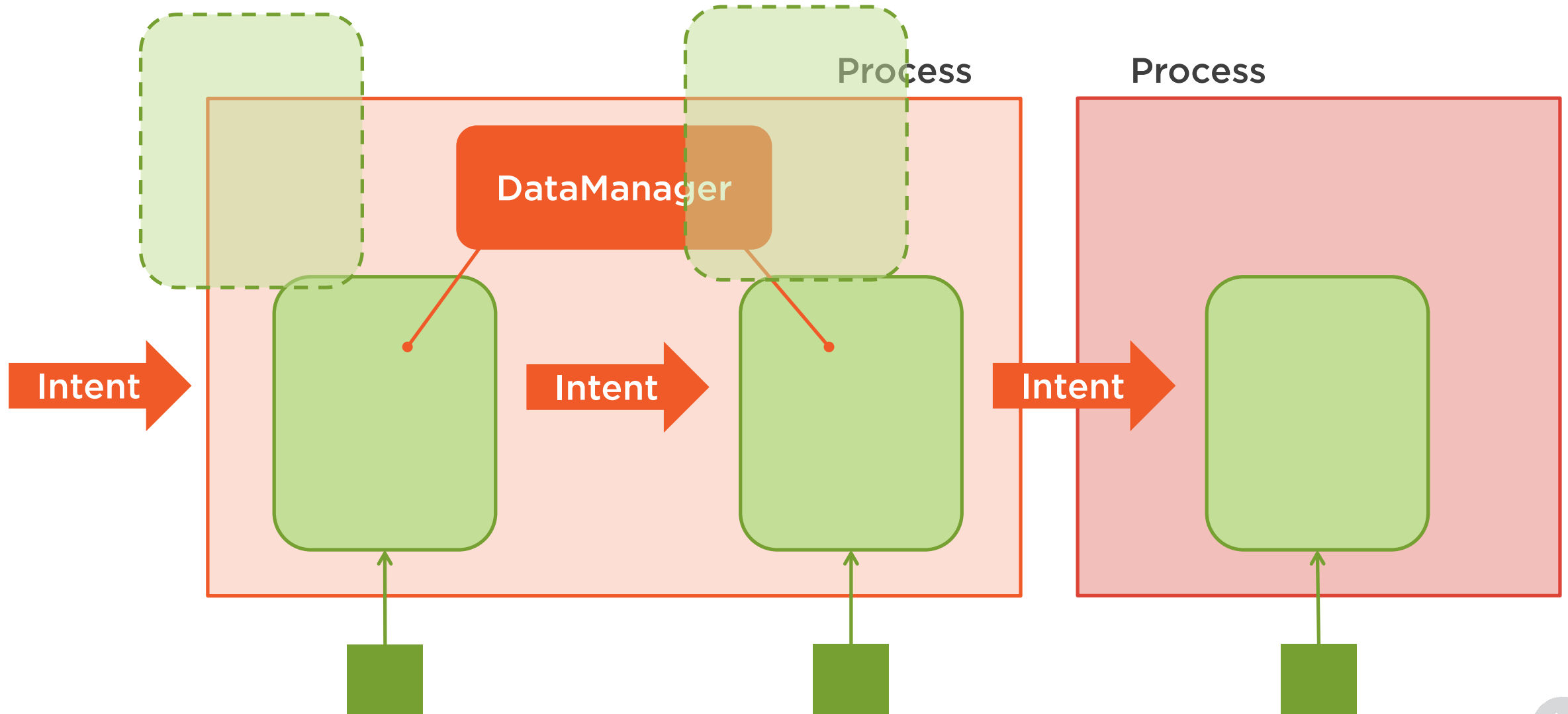
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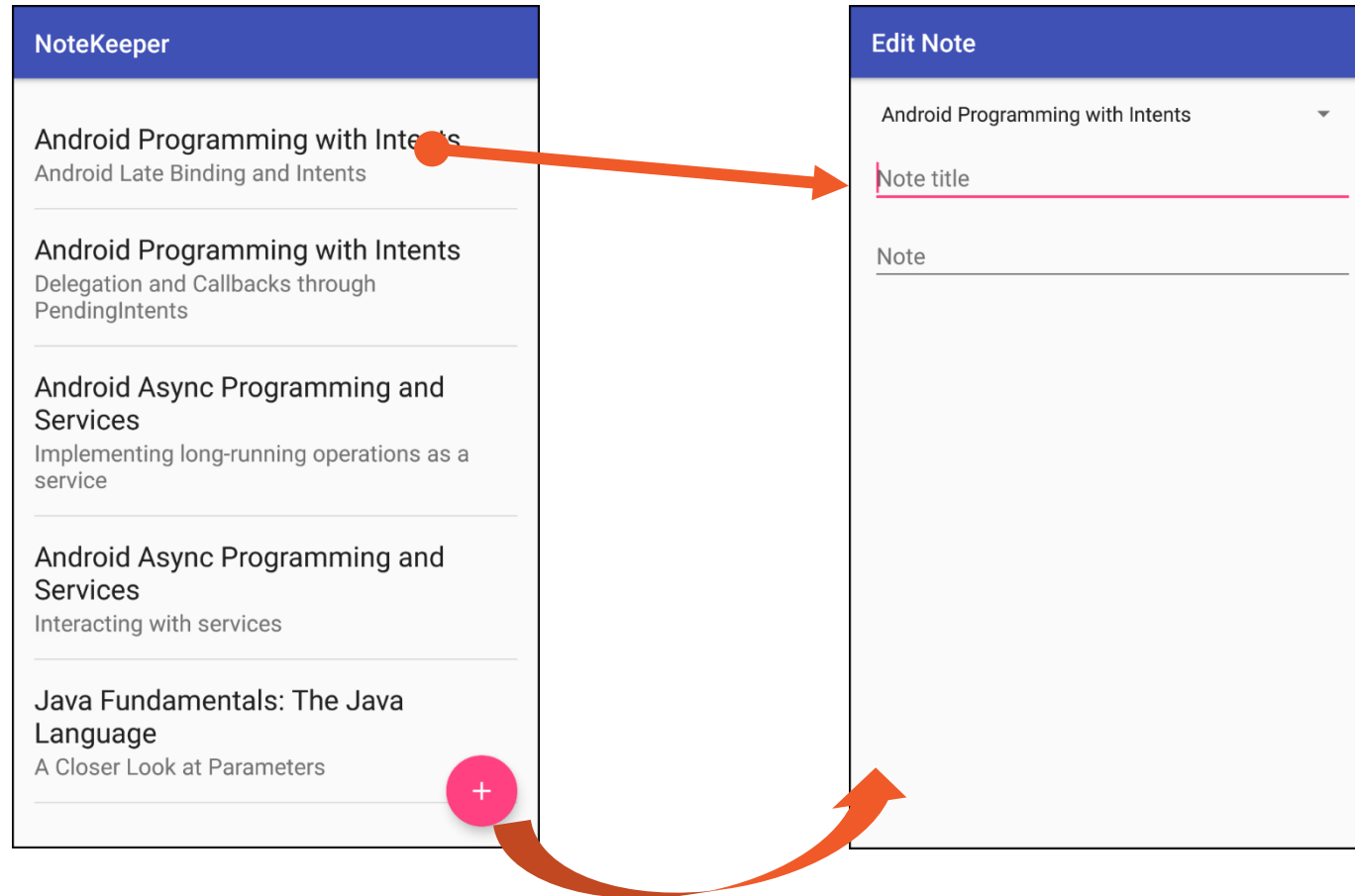
Activity Interaction



Activity Interaction



A Quick Reminder of Our App





Activity Interaction

Android is a component-oriented platform

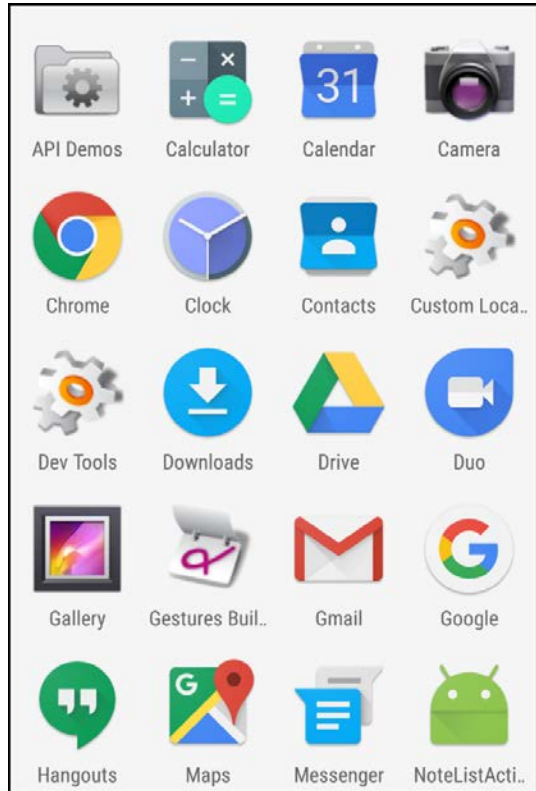
- A number of different types
- Activities are the most familiar

Activities are distinct from one another

- One cannot directly create another
- Rely on intents to interact



Activity Interaction



Process



Starting an Activity Within Your App

Create an intent

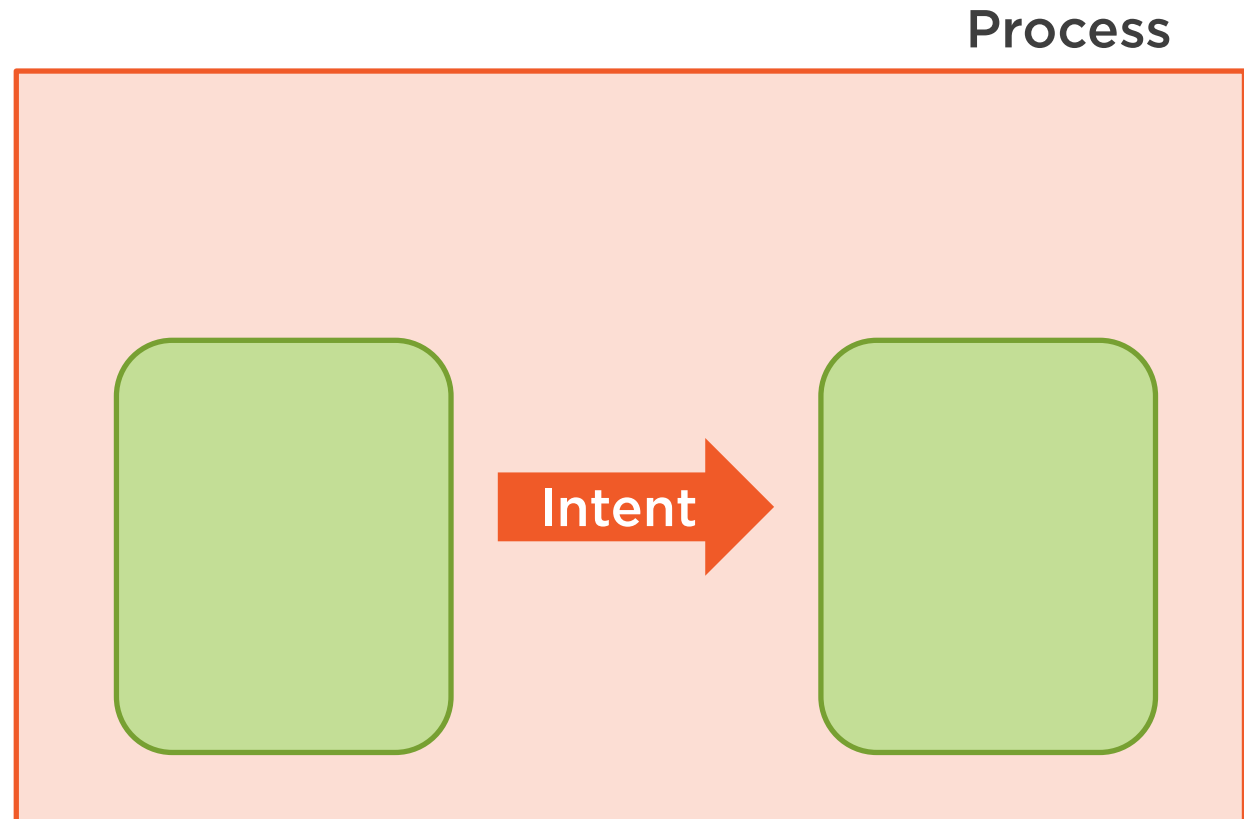
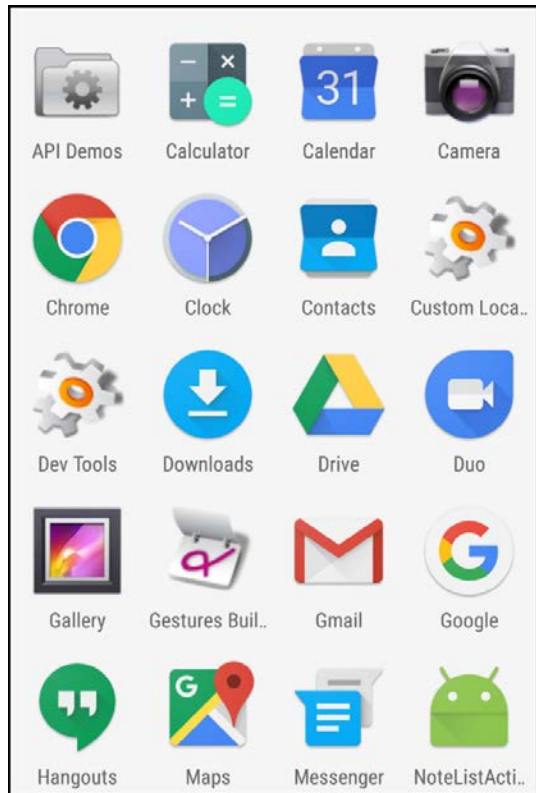
- Identifies the desired Activity
- Often can just be Activity class info

Call `startActivity`

- Pass the intent
- Launches Activity matching the intent



Activity Interaction



Describing Operations with Intents

Intents describe a desired operation

- Often need more than just a target
- May need to provide additional info

Intent extras provide additional info

- Name value pairs
- Names & values are operation-defined
- Added to intent with putExtra overloads



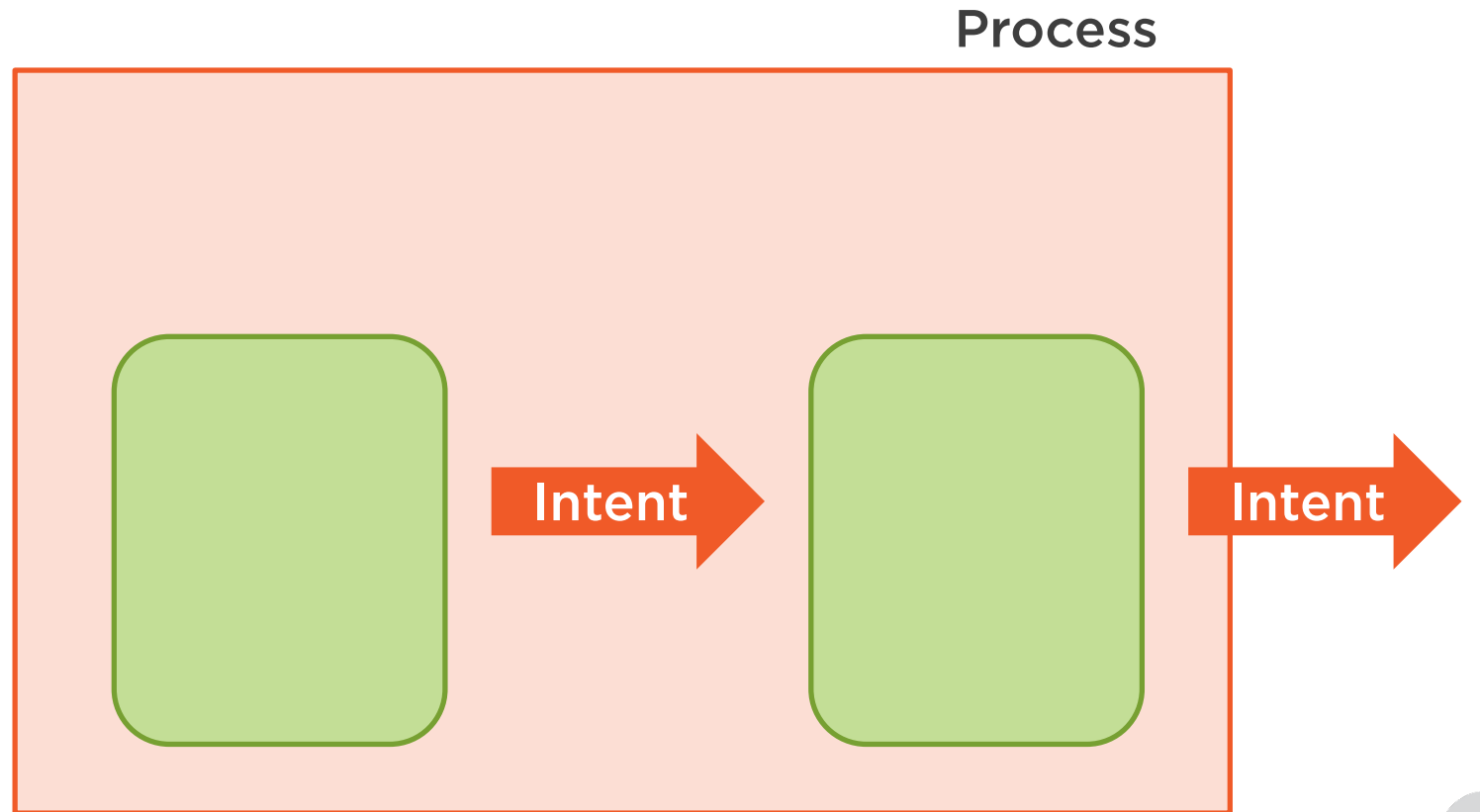
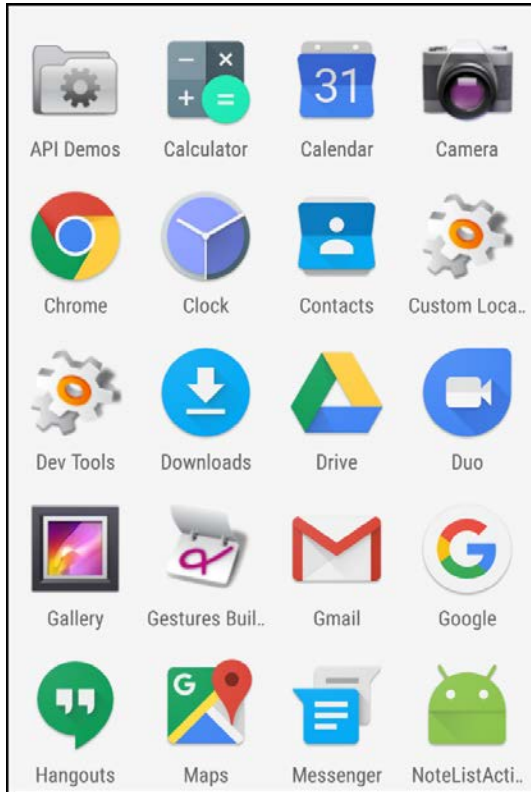
Describing Operations with Intents

Accessing intent info

- Activity can access intent that started it
- Use getIntent
- Use Intent.getXXExtra to retrieve extras
 - Method names include return type



Describing Operations with Intents





Describing Operations with Intents

Intents must be cross-process friendly

- Limits allowable extras

Supported extra types

- Primitive types and String
- Arrays of supported types
- Some ArrayLists
- A few other special types

Most reference types not directly supported

- Require special handling





Reference Types as Intent Extras

Reference types need to be “flattened”

- Converted to a bunch of bytes

One option is Java serialization

- Supported but not preferred
- Serialization is very runtime expensive

Use Parcelable API

- Much more efficient than serialization
- Must be explicitly implemented





Reference Types as Intent Extras

Implement Parcelable interface

- describeContents
 - Indicates special behaviors
 - Generally can return 0
- writeToParcel
 - Receives a Parcel instance
 - Use Parcel.writeXX to store content





Reference Types as Intent Extras

Provide public static final CREATOR field

- Is a Parcelable.Creator implementation

Parcelable.Creator interface

- createFromParcel
 - Responsible to create new type instance
 - Receives a Parcel instance
 - Use Parcel.readXX to access content
- newArray
 - Receives a size
 - Responsible to create array of type



Show android image

- Launcher
- Say that launcher indicates desire to start Activity
- Android starts process containing activity
- Creates Activity





Starting Activity

- Intents
- Implicit vs. Explicit



Intents are used to activate components

- Contains component identifying info

Manifest helps launch





Demo

- Show manifest
- Create ListActivity
- Show NoteActivity





Passing information with Intents





Parcalable





Understanding lifecycle events





Demo

- Use diagram to show challenge created by passing Note
- Switch to passing as integer





Android is a component-oriented platform

- A number of different types
- Activities are the most familiar

Components have a well-defined lifetime

- Components drive process lifetime



Traditional Process-oriented Model

```
java com.jwhh.cmdline.Main
```

Process

```
Class Main {  
    public static void main() {  
        // do some stuff  
    }  
}
```



What is an Activity?

An activity is a single, focused thing that the user can do.



A Little More Detail About Activities

Serve as the place to present the UI

- Provide a window
- UI is built with View-derived classes

Have a lifecycle

- More than just a “screen”
- Lifecycle calls a series of methods
- Use the onCreate method to initialize the Activity





Activity UI

View

- Basic building block of UI
- Drawing and event handling
- Many specialized classes available

ViewGroup

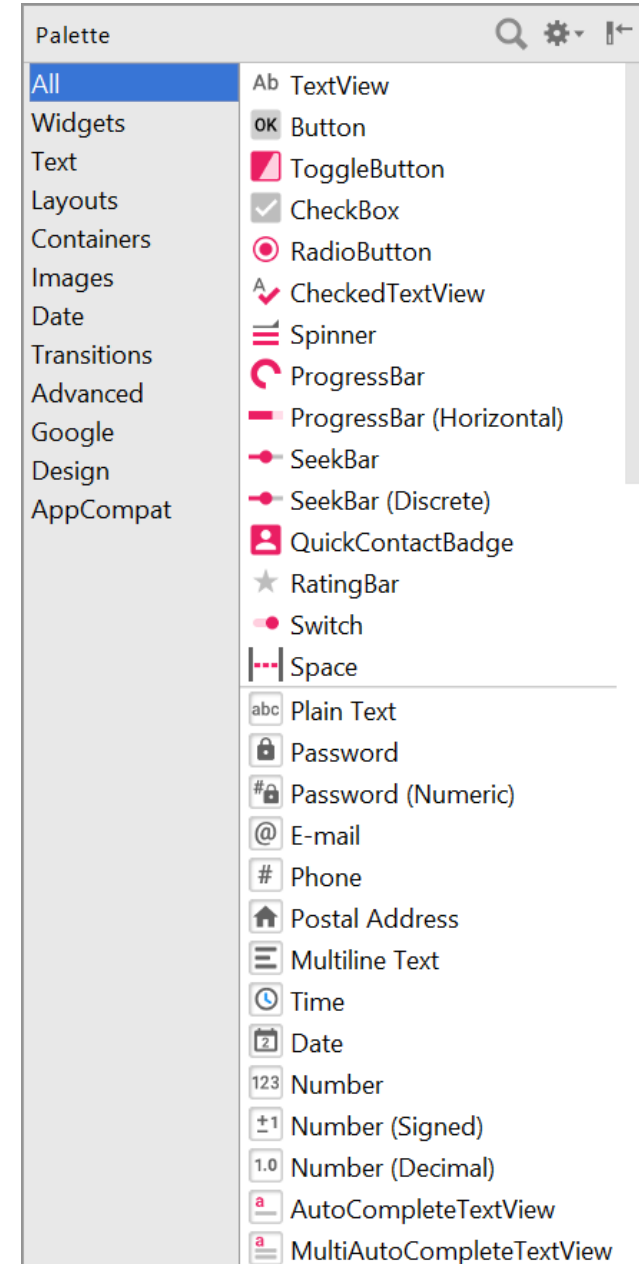
- Special View that holds other views

Layout

- Special invisible ViewGroup
- Handle View positioning behavior
- Many specialized classes available



Common View Classes



Layout Classes

Activity UIs need to be responsive

- Device display characteristics vary
- UI must adapt
- Absolute positioning would be limiting

Layout classes provide positioning flexibility

- Arrange child Views
 - Children can include other layout classes
- Specific positioning behavior depends on the layout class



Some Common Layout Classes

FrameLayout

- Provides a blocked-out area
- Generally has only one direct child

ScrollView

- Provides a scrollable area

LinearLayout

- Horizontal or vertical arrangement
- Supports weighted distribution

RelativeLayout

- Relative positioning
- Relative to one another or parent



Simplifying Layout Creation

Traditional layout classes have challenges

- UIs have become much richer

Run-time challenges

- Sometimes have to nest layout classes
- Deep/complex nesting impacts speed

Design-time challenges

- Achieving desired result with designer sometimes challenging
- In some cases end up working in the XML



ConstraintLayout t Class

Extremely flexible layout class

- Often the only layout class needed

First-class design-time experience

- Closely integrated with designer
- Rarely need to resort to XML





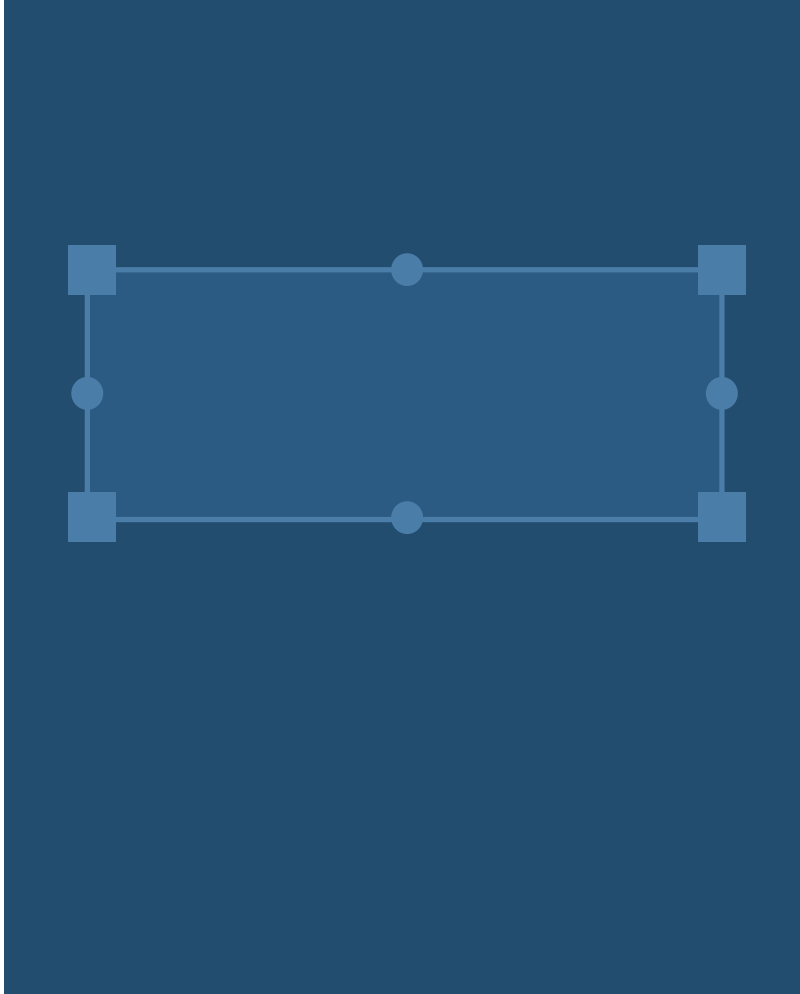
ConstraintLayout t Class

Children leverage constraints

- Relative size/position
- Ratio-base size/position
- Group size/position distribution
 - Known as “chains”
- Weighted relationships
- Guideline-based size/position



ConstraintLayout



Should set horizontal & vertical constraints

- Positions at 0,0 without constraints
- Can set more than one of each

Setting constraints with the designer

- Drag circle at mid-line to relationship

Setting fixed size with the designer

- Drag corner squares

Creating the Activity UI

Programmatically

- Use Java code to create class instances
- Relationships and properties set in code

Layout files

- XML files describe View hierarchy
- Usually created using the Android Studio UI Designer



Activity/Layout Relationship

There is no implicit relationship

- Activity must load layout
 - Use setContentView
- Activity must request View reference
 - Use findViewById

Relies on generated class R

- Contains nested classes
- Layouts names in R.layout
- Id names in R.id



```

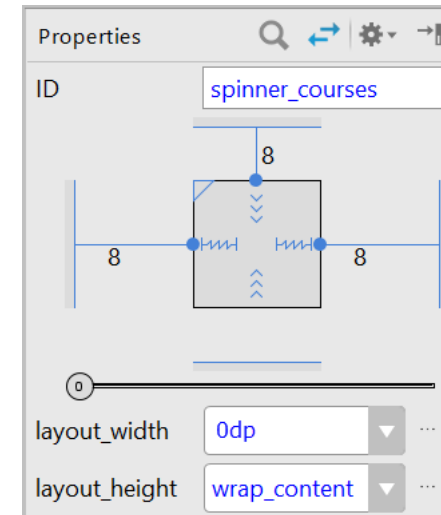
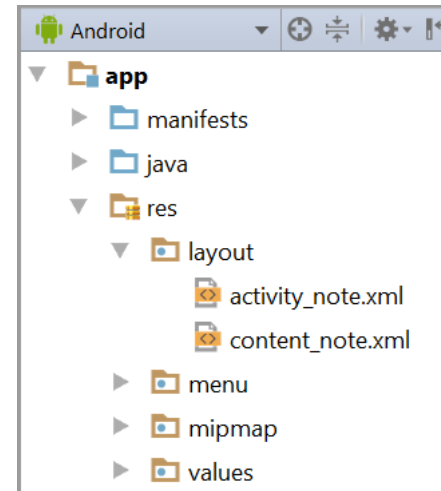
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    public static final class layout {
        public static final
            int activity_note = ... ;

        // ...
    }

    public static final class id {
        public static final
            int spinner_courses = ... ;

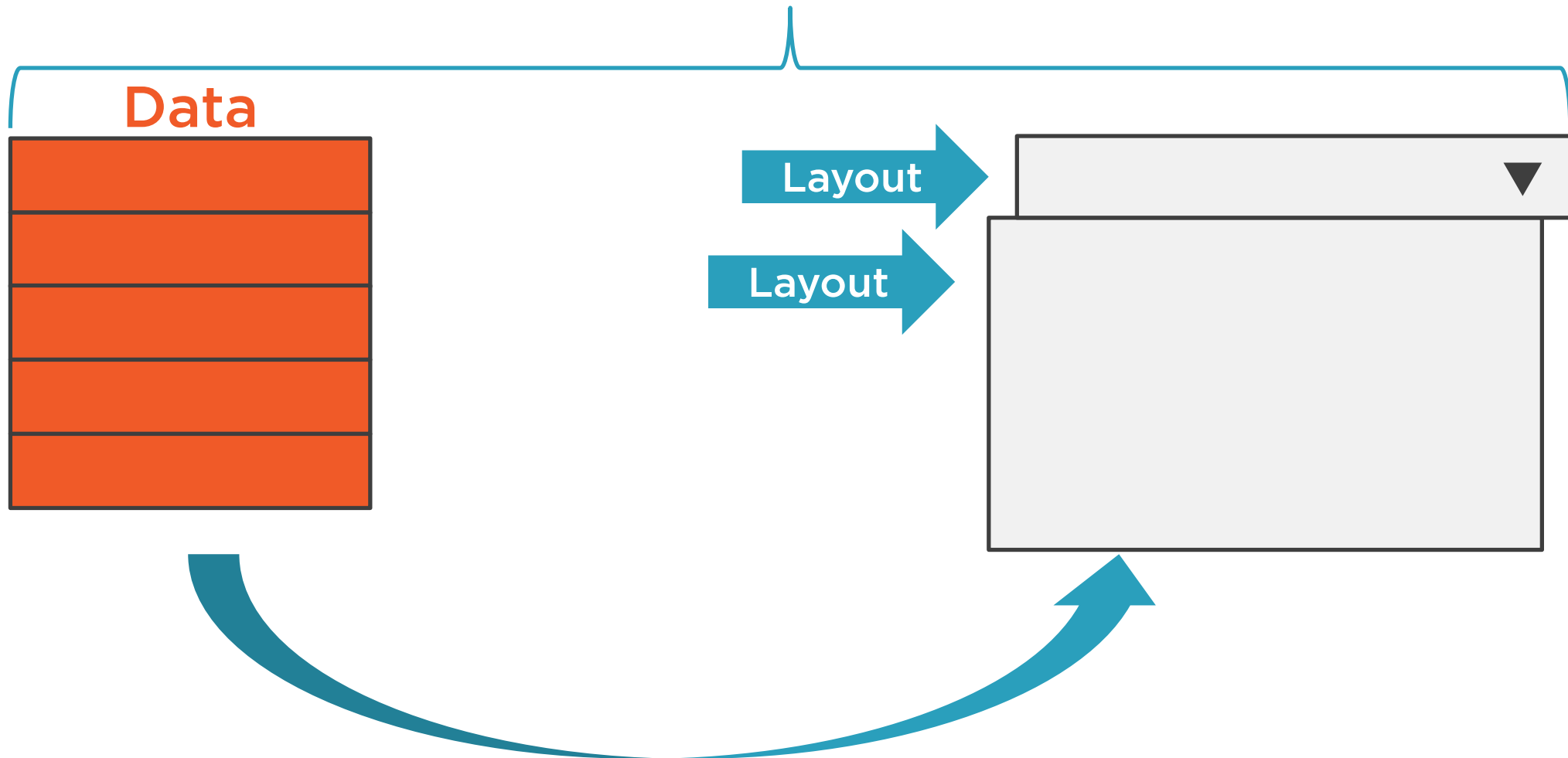
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    }
}

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Populating a Spinner

Adapter



Summary



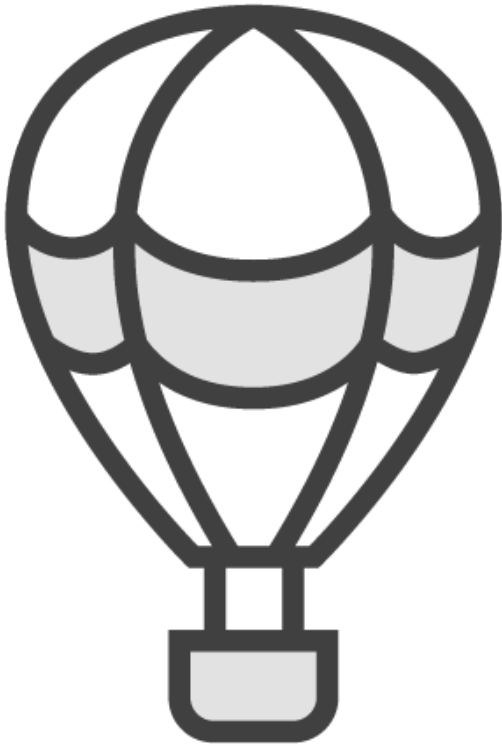
Activity/layout relationship

- No implicit relationship exists
- Must load layout
 - Use setContentView
- Must request layout View references
 - Use findViewById

R class provides important constants

- Layout resources
 - R.layout
- View Id's
 - R.id

Our App – The High-level View

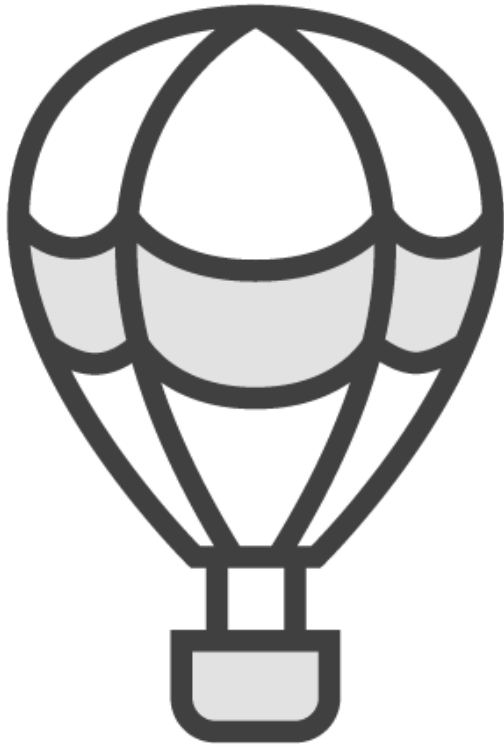


We'll be building a note keeper app

- Display list of notes
- Edit existing notes
- Create new notes



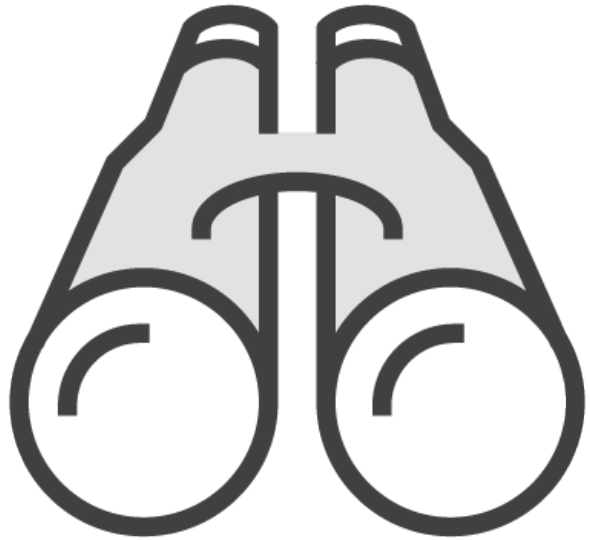
Our App – The High-level View



Our app's definition of a “note”

- Course
 - Name of a course
 - Must correspond to an actual course
- Note title
 - User entered value to identify note
- Note text
 - User entered value that serves as the content of the note

Our App – Some Long-term Plans



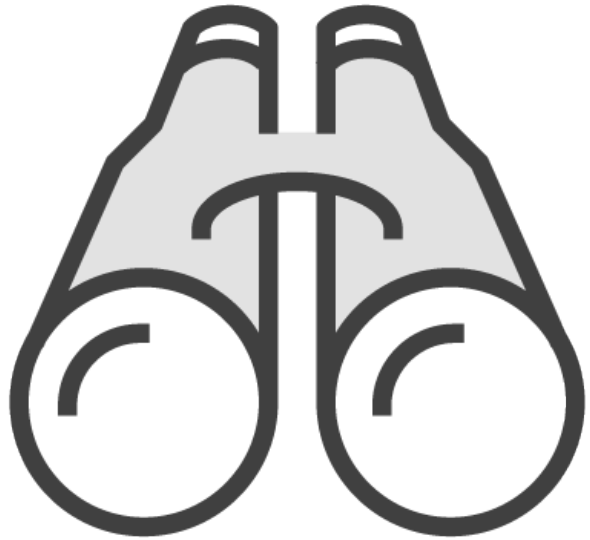
Automated testing of logic and UI/UX

Card-style lists

Slide-out drawer navigation



Our App – Some Long-term Plans



Track completed modules

Branding-based UI theme

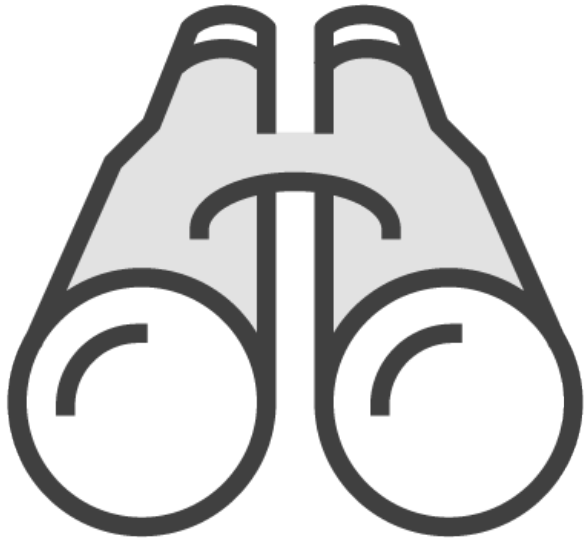
Device and language adaptability

Support for users with accessibility needs

User customizable behaviors



Our App – Some Long-term Plans



Use SQLite to store and access our data

Make note data available to other apps

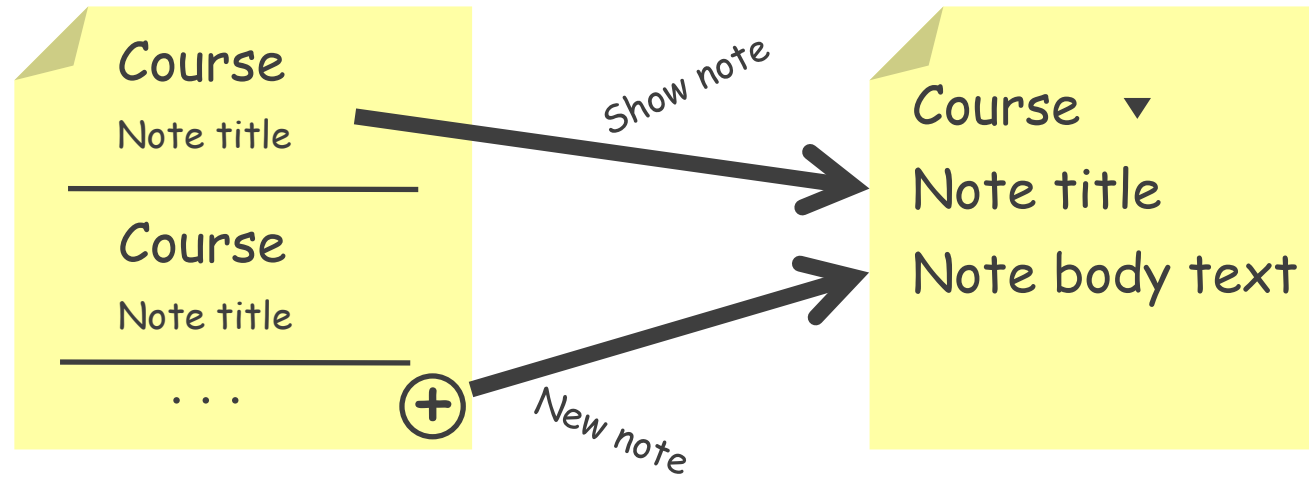
Display reminder notifications

Read/save data in the background

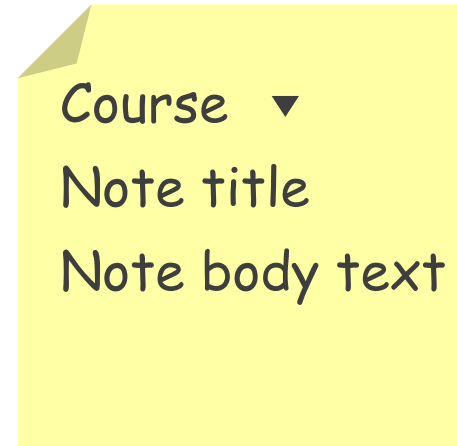
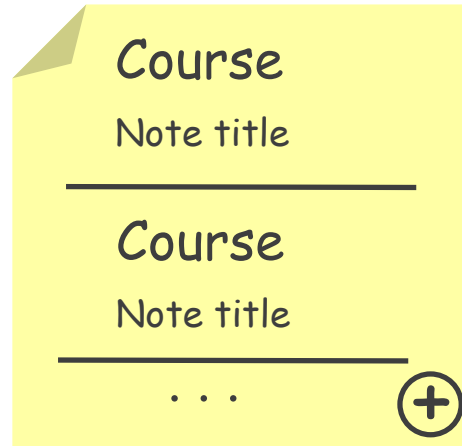
Display note information on home screen



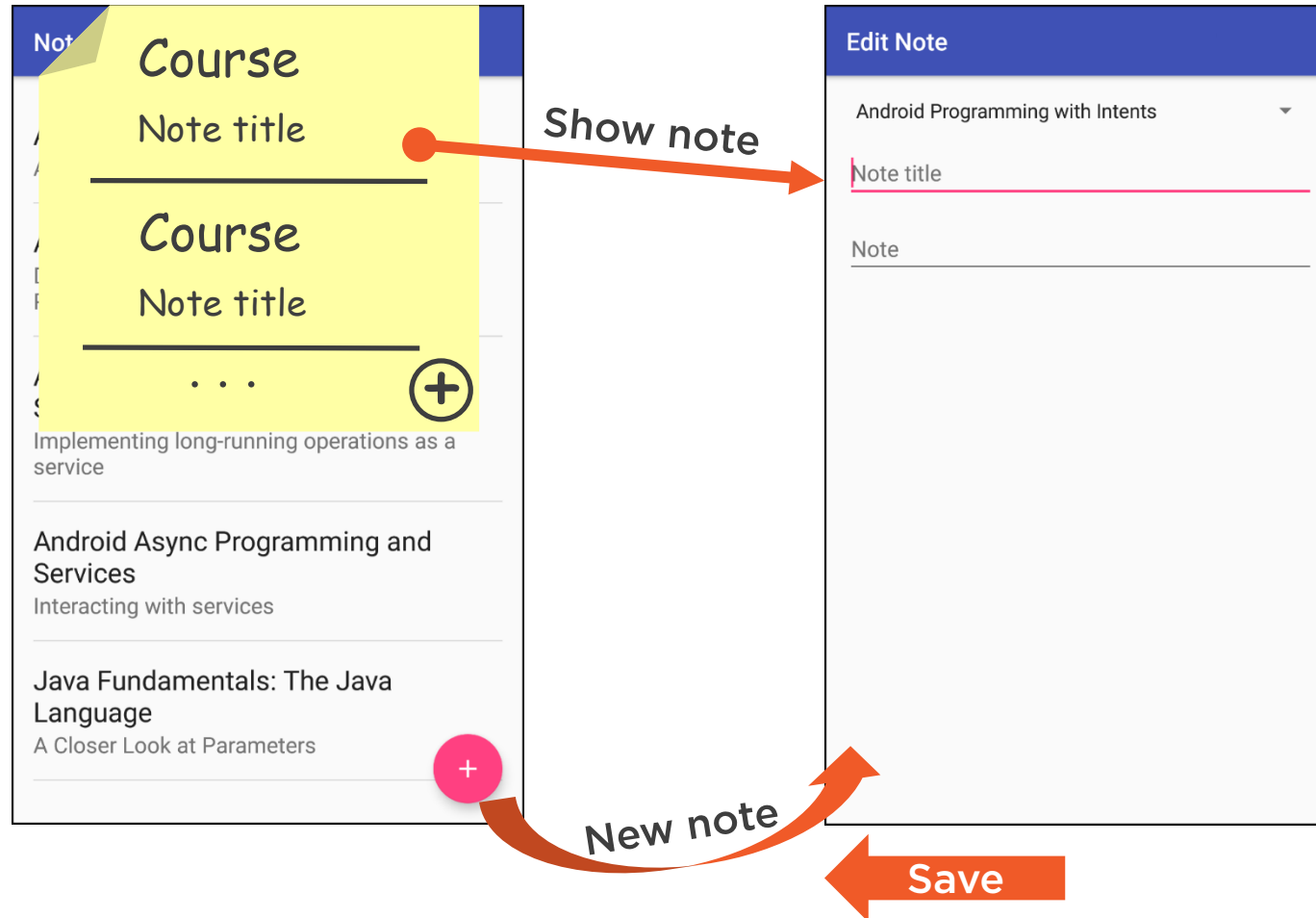
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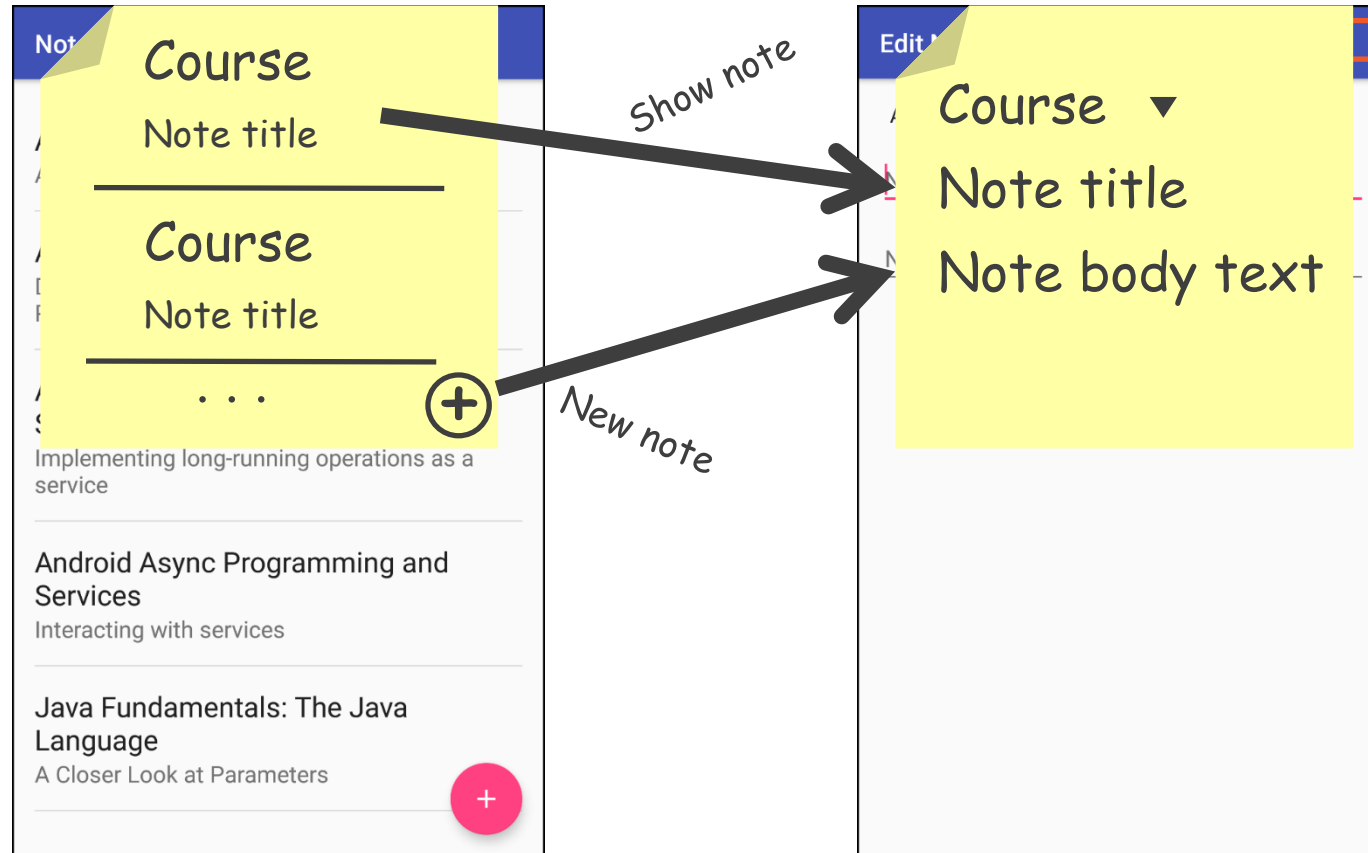
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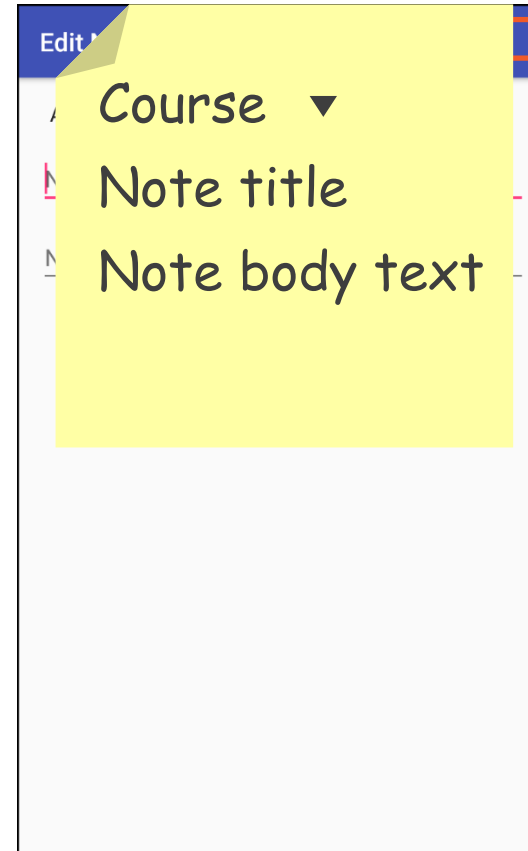
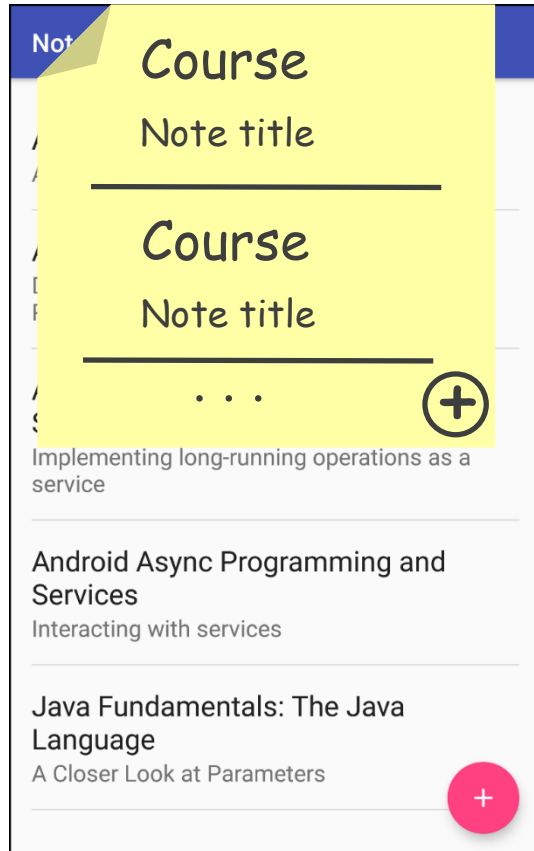


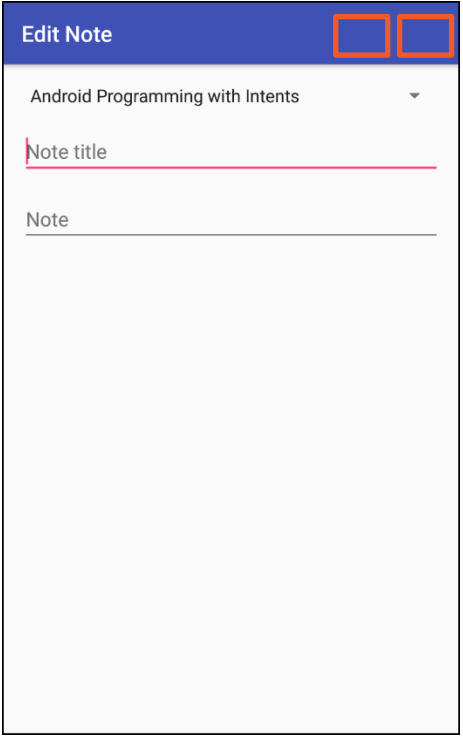
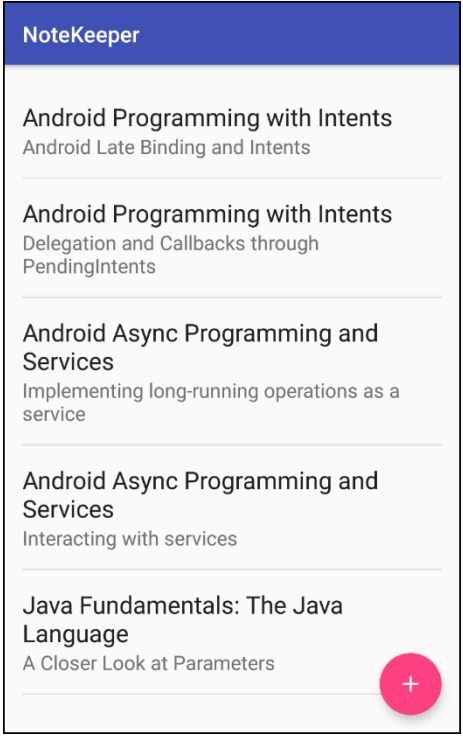
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Designing Our App Starting Point







Summary



Android Studio

- Complete Android dev environment

Layout files

- Describe UI

Activity

- Code and functionality to present UX

Android Emulator

- Run and test apps from your desktop
- a.k.a. Android Virtual Device (AVD)



What to Expect from This Course



Building a Simple App

Designing and Planning Our App

Understanding Activity & Layout Interaction

Working with Activities and Activity Lifecycle

Using Option Menus and Digging Deeper into Activity Lifecycle





Goals of This Course Series

Skills

Provide skills necessary
to be an effective
Android developer



Certification

Provide the knowledge
necessary to pass the
Android Associate Developer
exam



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Understanding Android App Basics

Working with Android Tools & Testing

Enhancing the App Experience

Broadening App Appeal and Reach

Managing App Data with SQLite

Exposing Data & Info Outside Your App

Leveraging the Power of the Platform



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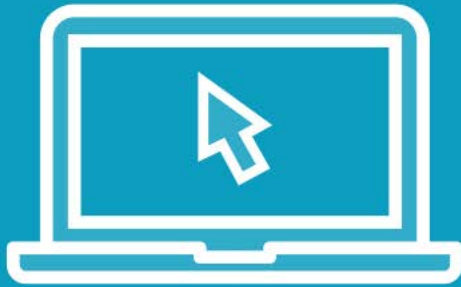
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Demo



This bullet list is preset with animations

Use this layout to introduce your demo

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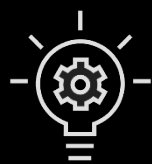
- Why we do it
- How we do it

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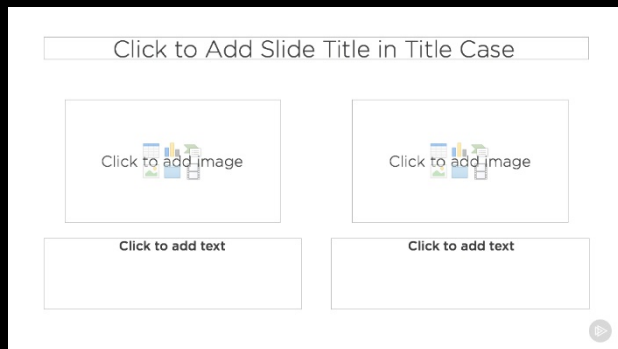
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We'll finish it off with this thing

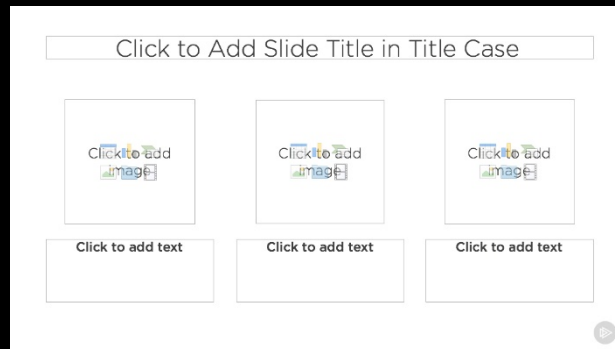




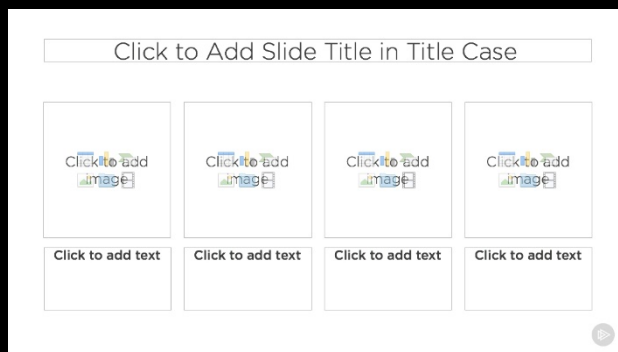
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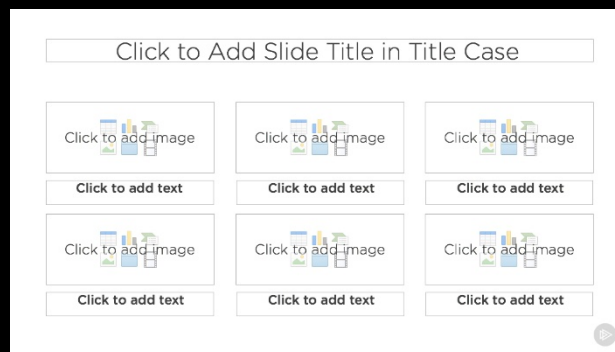
Two Image Chunking



Three Image Chunking



Four Image Chunking



Six Image Chunking

These layouts can be used as an alternative to a bulleted list.

They're built specifically for **photos** or **graphics** and look especially awesome when you incorporate icons from the **Pluralsight Icon Library**.

See them in action in the next 4 slides.



Example of Image Chunking Two Items



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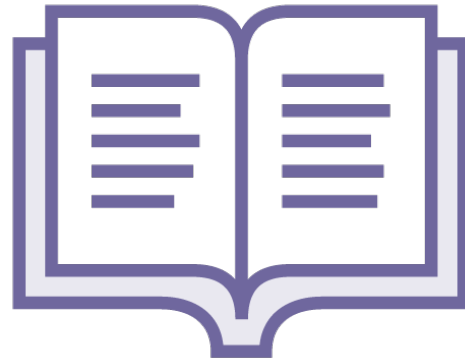
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Film

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Example of Image Chunking Four Items



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Record



Learn



Example of Image Chunking Six Items



Address book



Binoculars



Camera



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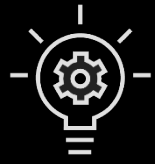


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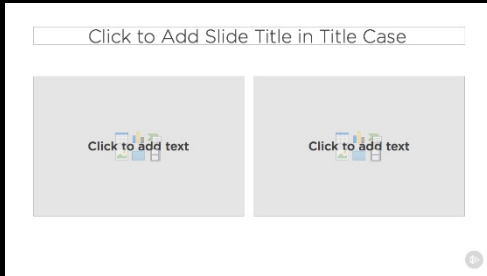


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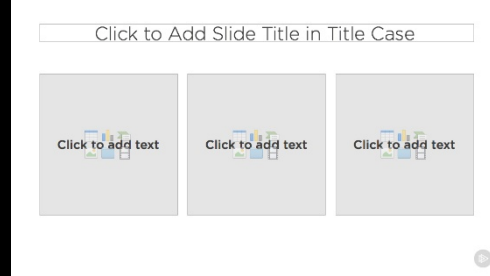




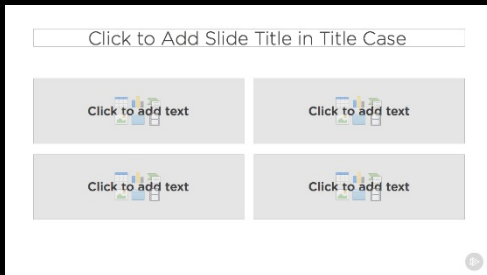
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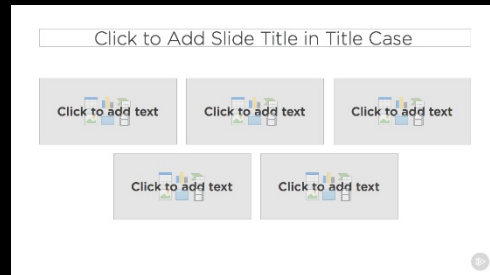
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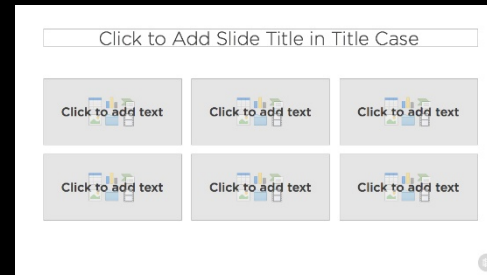
Three Text Chunking



Four Text Chunking



Five Text Chunking



Six Text Chunking

These layouts are intended to group chunks of text. Among other uses, they can be a great alternative to a bullet list.

Use **animations** to bring focus to the point you're speaking on one at a time, and/or use **color** to group points together.

If you have more than six points to discuss, you may want to use a standard bullet list.

We have provided some **example uses** of these layouts in the next few slides.



Text Chunking **Two Items**

Talking point one

**Be concise and keep the text
to four lines or fewer**

Talking point two

**Be concise and keep the text
to four lines or fewer**



Text Chunking Three Items

Talking point one

Be concise and keep
the text to four lines
or fewer

Talking point two

Be concise and keep
the text to four lines
or fewer

Talking point three

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the text to four lines
or fewer



Text Chunking **Four Items**

**This is the first talking point
that should be kept to three
lines or fewer**

**This is the second talking
point that should be kept to
three lines or fewer**

**This is the third talking point
that should be kept to three
lines or fewer**

**This is the fourth talking point
that should be kept to three
lines or fewer**



Text Chunking Five Items

Talking point one

Keep the text to three lines or fewer

Talking point two

Keep the text to three lines or fewer

Talking point three

Keep the text to three lines or fewer

Talking point four

Keep the text to three lines or fewer

Talking point five

Keep the text to three lines or fewer



Today's Mobile World

iPhone

Nexus 5

Lumia 950 XL

iPad

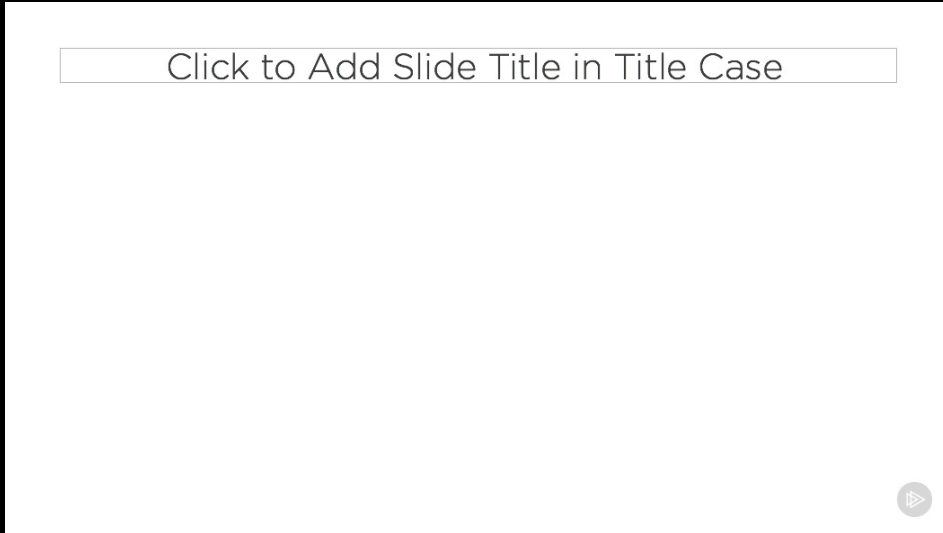
Nexus 7

Surface





Using the **Title Only Slide**



Title Only

This is the slide you'll want to use when you just need a big space for a diagram, chart, or graphic.

Make sure you check out the training videos available on the **Author Kit** for design best practices.

If you need help bringing your ideas for this space to life, contact your Editor about getting help from one of our **Content Graphic Designers**. In most cases, you just need to submit a rough outline and let our designers work their magic. However, in some special cases, your Editor can get you in touch with a designer directly.

We included some possible starting points for you in the next few slides.



Remember, we are here to help!



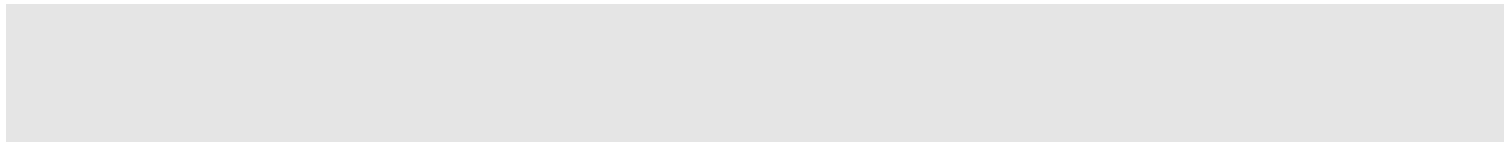
Customer Acquisition and Loyalty

Observed higher sales



42%

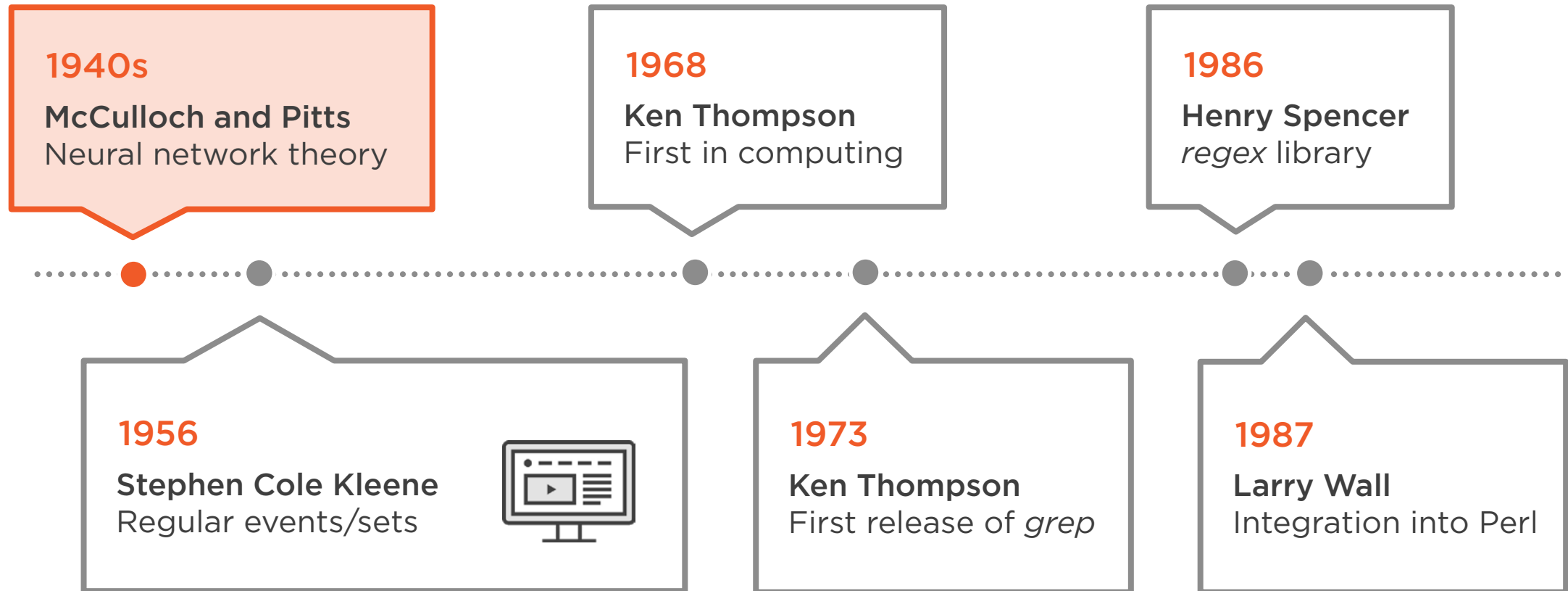
Observed more loyal customers



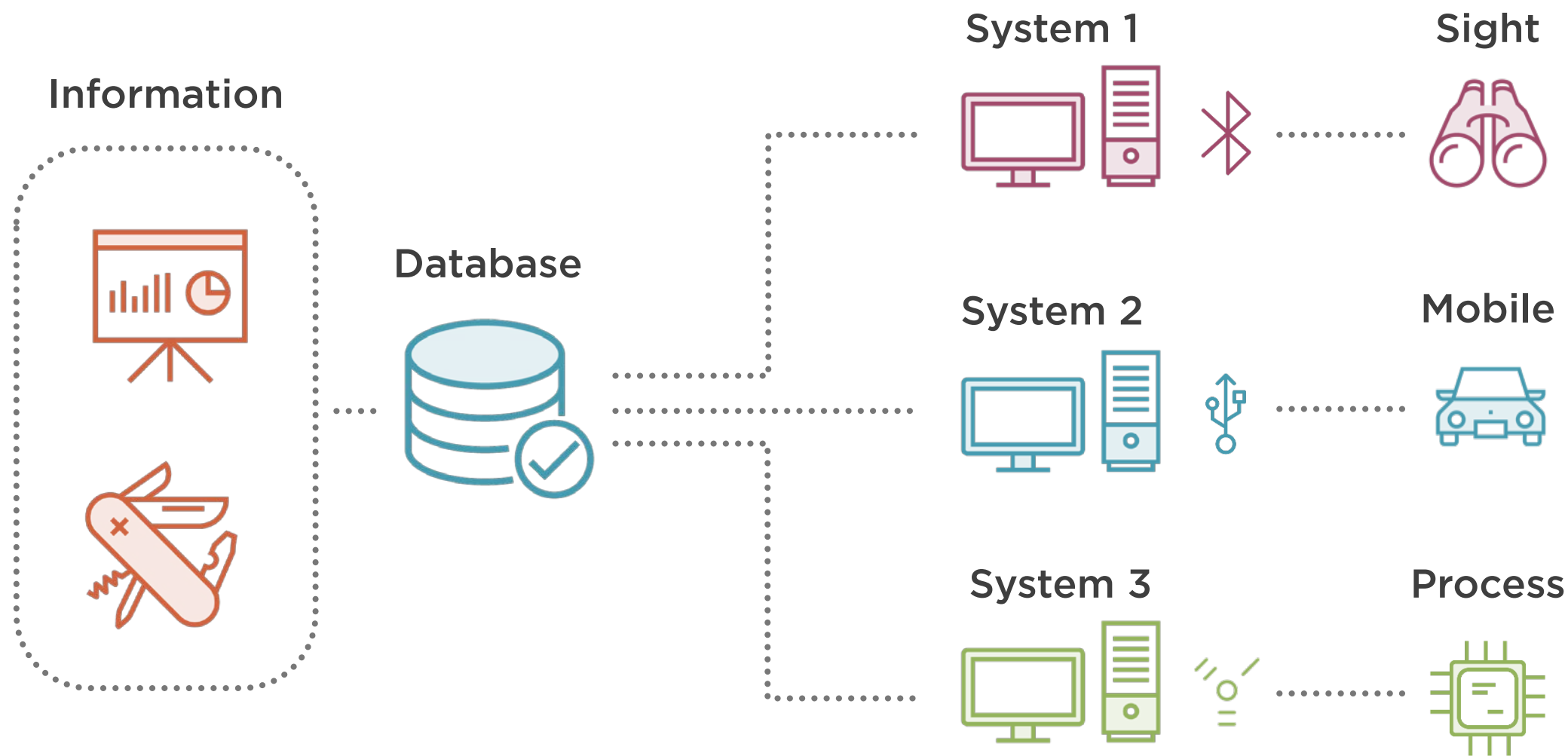
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Timeline of Events



Title Only Layout Example





Using the **Code Slides**



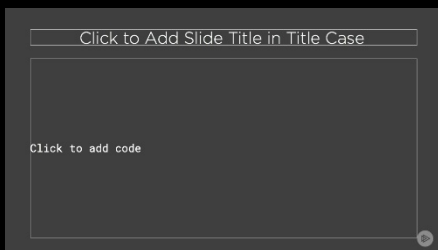
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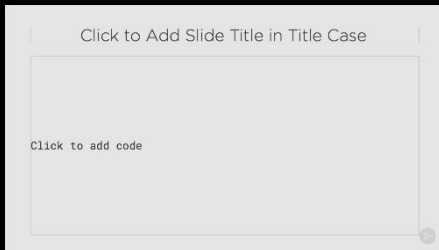
Code Top (Light)

Code Top Layouts

Use when you need a slide title and info about your code



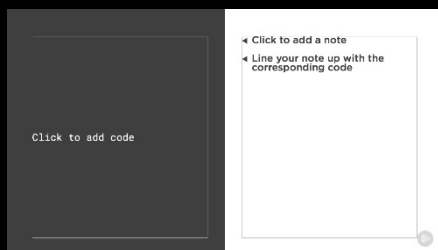
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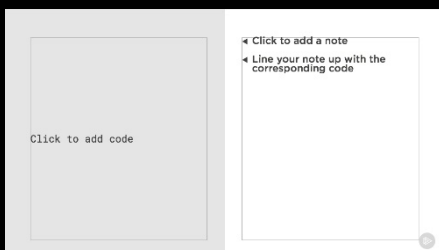
Code (Light)

Code Layouts

Best for larger code snippets



Code Notes (Dark)



Code Notes (Light)

Code Left Layouts

Great for annotating code structure



Make use of the color palette to highlight code.

We recommend using the **Roboto Mono** typeface for your code slides. However, if you use a different font for code in your demos, feel free to use that instead to reinforce a consistent look.



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Slide Title in Titlecase

Information about the code above



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to="1">  
        </div>
```



Code Snippet on Light

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Put code on this side

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};
```

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function Bar(){}  
Bar.prototype = proto;
```

```
var baz = new Bar();
```

```
console.log(baz.foo);
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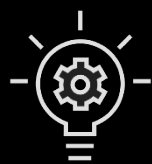
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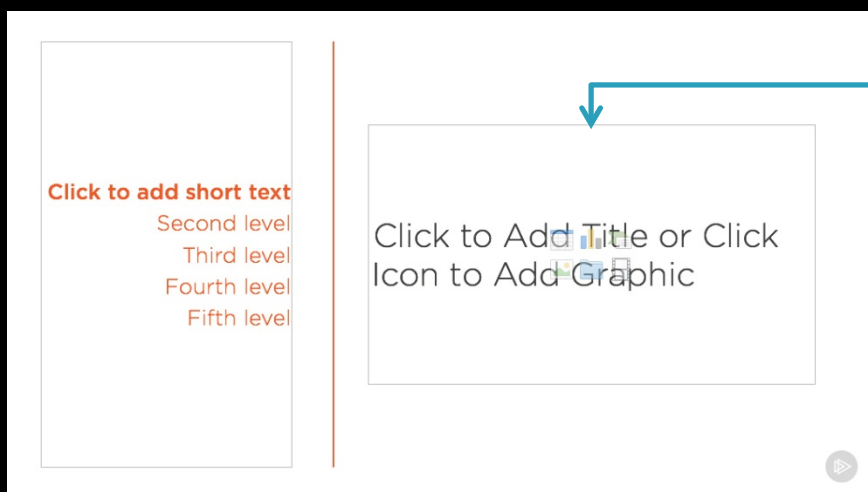


Using **Bullet List Slides**

We've provided some bullet list layouts to accommodate various quantities of information.

Content left | Title/Image right

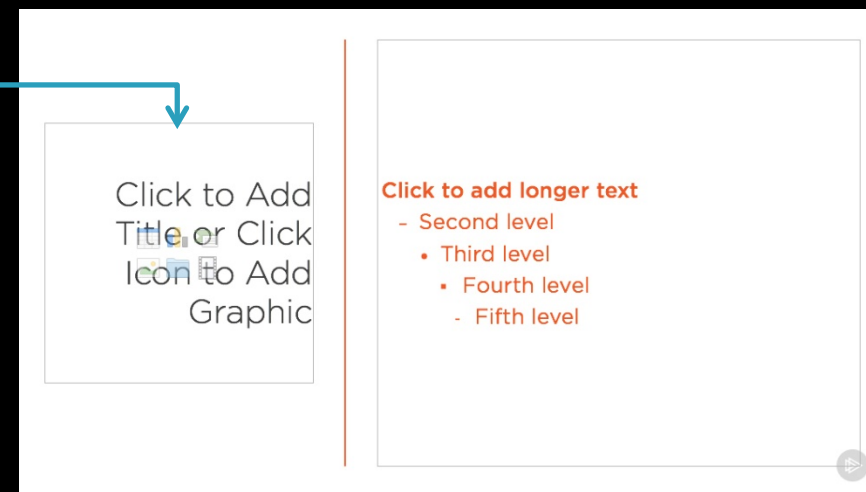
Intended for bullet text that is shorter and titles/images that are larger



Content | Image/Title

Title/Image left | Content right

Intended for bullet text that is longer and titles/images that are smaller



Image/Title | Content

Remember, you can use **text** or **images** in these placeholders.

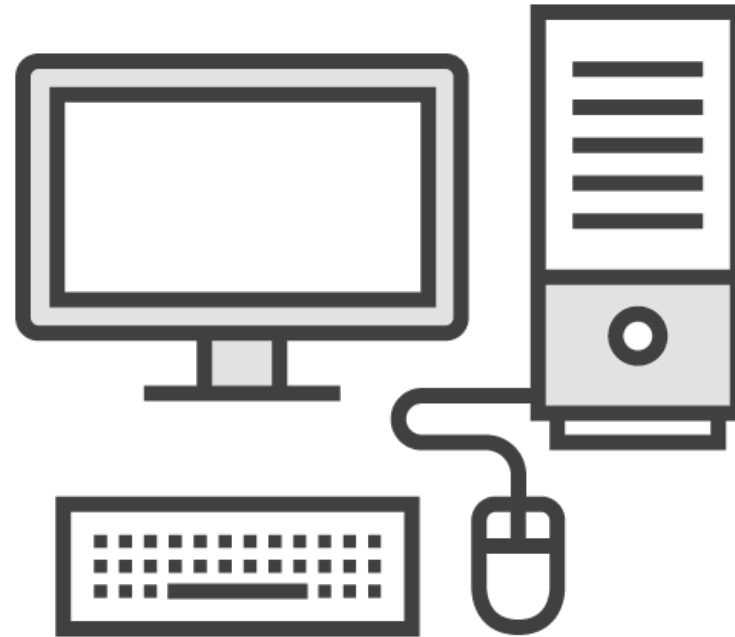


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Bullet alternative
Sentence fragments
List of things
Procedure list
Talking points

Title or Relevant Graphic



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Animation built in

Bullet alternative

Room for a bit more text

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Title Space with Image



Animation built in

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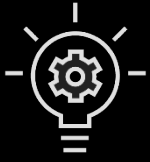


Graphic on left should fill the entire space

- Graphic must be high quality and royalty free

Graphic and text animation is built in





Comparison Slide

Use this slide if you need to compare single items or groups of items.

Click to Add Slide Title in Title Case	
Compare item one	Compare item two
Click to add text	Click to add text



Comparison Example

Functional group

- Configure and administer security
 - Configure advanced networking
 - Configure advanced storage
- Administer and manage resources
 - Configure availability solution
- Deploy and consolidate vSphere

Objectives

- Manage vSphere storage virtualization
- Configure software-defined storage
- Configure vSphere storage multipathing and failover
- Perform advanced VMFS and NFS configurations and upgrades

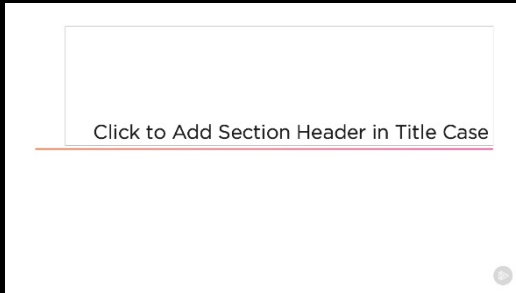




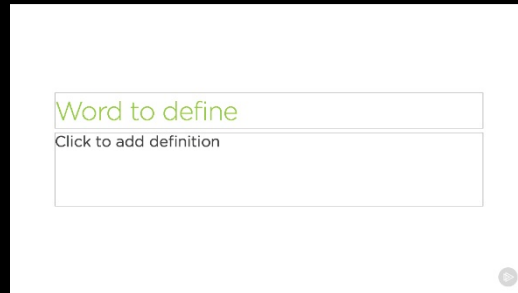
Other Slides

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Use them purposefully.



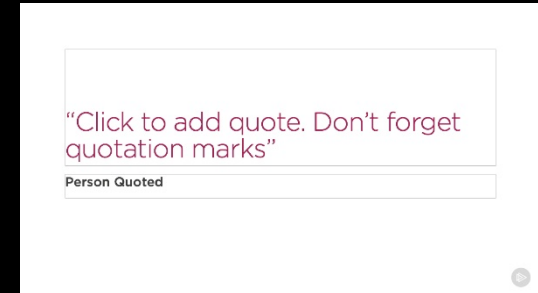
Section Header



Definition



Important Statement



Quotation



Section Heading



Word Definition

Here is where you put the definition. This is one of the few places where complete sentences are appropriate. Be sure to cite your source.



This is a short, important
statement to bring
attention to something.



“Using quotes in your slides can be powerful if used sparingly.”

Heather Ackmann

