



Proposal

To change the name of the panel that stores uploaded resources from "Media" to "Files"

Origin

I was following [this](#) tutorial. It asked me to drag a component from "Media" drawer and then upload an audio file under "Media" panel. I was confused by the same word representing two different meanings.

Workflow of uploading a file

1. Click "Upload File ..." button
2. For Firefox on Mac, click "Browse..." button which is next to "No file selected." label
For Chrome on Mac, click "Choose File" button which is next to "No file chosen" label
3. For Firefox on Mac, choose files in "File Upload" window

Thoughts

1. Users are bombarded with the "file" keyword when uploading files. It is natural to keep what they upload to a "Files" panel. This matches their intuition better than that using "Media"
2. "Files" is more general than "Media". This can capture files other than multimedia files, paving the way for extensions to upload other kinds of files such as text and executable.
3. Some may suggest "Assets" and "Resources". I think they are rather technical (I often come across them when I am programming). They may not be friendly to the general public which is the target of App Inventor.

References

1. media definition
Any kind of data including graphics, images, audio and video, though typically excluding raw text or executable code ([link](#))
2. file definition
A collection of related data or program records stored as a unit with a single name ([link](#))