

PROGRAMMING HANDHELD SYSTEMS

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THE BROADCASTRECEIVER CLASS

TODAY'S TOPICS

THE BROADCAST CLASS

REGISTRATION

BROADCAST



PROCESSING

BROADCASTRECEIVER

BASE CLASS FOR COMPONENTS THAT RECEIVE AND REACT TO EVENTS

BROADCASTRECEIVER

BROADCASTRECEIVERS REGISTER TO RECEIVE EVENTS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED

BROADCAST RECEIVER

When Events occur they are represented as Intents

THOSE INTENTS ARE THEN BROADCAST TO THE SYSTEM

BROADCAST RECEIVER

ANDROID ROUTES THE INTENTS TO BROADCASTRECEIVERS THAT HAVE REGISTERED TO RECEIVE THEM

BROADCASTRECEIVERS RECEIVE THE INTENT VIA A CALL TO OnReceive()

TYPICAL USE CASE

REGISTER BROADCASTRECEIVERS

BROADCAST AN INTENT

ANDROID DELIVERS INTENT TO REGISTERED RECIPIENTS BY CALLING THEIR on Receive() METHOD

Event handled in onReceive()

REGISTERING FOR INTENTS

BROADCASTRECEIVERS CAN REGISTER IN TWO WAYS

STATICALLY, IN ANDROIDMANIFEST.XML

DYNAMICALLY, BY CALLING A registerReceiver() METHOD

STATIC REGISTRATION

Put <receiver> and <intent-filter> tags in AndroidManifest.xml

<RECEIVER> FORMAT

```
<receiver
    android:enabled=["true" | "false"]
    android:exported=["true" | "false"]
    android:icon="drawable resource"
    android:label="string resource"
    android:name="string"
    android:permission="string"
    android:process="string" >
</receiver>
```

INTENT FILTER

Specify <intent-filter> TAG WITHIN THE <receiver>

STATIC REGISTRATION

RECEIVERS ARE REGISTERED WITH THE SYSTEM AT BOOT TIME OR WHEN THEIR APPLICATION PACKAGE IS ADDED AT RUNTIME



BCASTRECSINBCASTSTATREG

```
package course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.singleBroadcastStaticRegistration;
import android.app.Activity;
public class SimpleBroadcast extends Activity {
    private static final String CUSTOM INTENT = "course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.show toast";
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.main);
        Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
        button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
            @Override
            public void onClick(View v) {
                sendBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT),
                        android.Manifest.permission.VIBRATE);
       });
```

BCASTRECSINBCASTSTATREG

```
package course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.singleBroadcastStaticRegistration;
import android.content.BroadcastReceiver;
public class Receiver extends BroadcastReceiver {
   private final String TAG = "Receiver";
   @Override
   public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
       Log.i(TAG, "INTENT RECEIVED");
       Vibrator v = (Vibrator) context
                .getSystemService(Context.VIBRATOR SERVICE);
       v.vibrate(500);
       Toast.makeText(context, "INTENT RECEIVED by Receiver", Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
```

DYNAMIC REGISTRATION

CREATE AN INTENTFILTER

CREATE A BROADCASTRECEIVER

REGISTER BROADCASTRECEIVER USING registerReceiver()

LOCALBROADCASTMANAGER



CALL unRegisterReceiver() to unregister BroadcastReceiver

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EVENT BROADCAST

SEVERAL BROADCAST METHODS SUPPORTED

NORMAL VS. ORDERED

NORMAL: PROCESSING ORDER UNDEFINED

ORDERED: SEQUENTIAL PROCESSING IN

PRIORITY ORDER

EVENT BROADCAST

STICKY VS. NON-STICKY

STICKY: STORE INTENT AFTER INITIAL BROADCAST

NON-STICKY: DISCARD INTENT AFTER INITIAL BROADCAST

WITH OR WITHOUT RECEIVER PERMISSIONS

SOME DEBUGGING TIPS

LOG EXTRA INTENT RESOLUTION INFORMATION

Intent.setFlag(FLAG_DEBUG_LOG_RESOLUTION)

LIST REGISTERED BROADCASTRECEIVERS

DYNAMICALLY REGISTERED

% adb shell dumpsys activity b

STATICALLY REGISTERED

% adb shell dumpsys package

EVENT DELIVERY

Intents delivered by calling onReceive(), passing in:

THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE RECEIVER IS RUNNING

THE INTENT THAT WAS BROADCAST

EVENT HANDLING IN onReceive()

HOSTING PROCESS HAS HIGH PRIORITY WHILE On Receive() IS EXECUTING

EVENT HANDLING IN ONRECEIVE()

onReceive() runs on the main Thread, so it should be short—lived If event handling is lengthy, consider starting a Service, rather than performing complete operation in onReceive()

EVENT HANDLING IN ONRECEIVE()



RECEIVER IS NOT CONSIDERED VALID ONCE On Receive() RETURNS

NORMALLY BROADCASTRECEIVERS CAN'T START ASYNCHRONOUS OPERATIONS

E.G., SHOWING A DIALOG, STARTING AN ACTIVITY VIA startActivityForResult()



ORDERED BROADCASTS

```
// send Intent to BroadcastReceivers in priority order
void sendOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,
                            String receiverPermission)
// send Intent to BroadcastReceivers in priority order
// includes multiple parameters for greater control
void sendOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,
                    String receiver Permission,
                    BroadcastReceiver resultReceiver,
                    Handler scheduler,
                    int initialCode,
                    String initial Data,
                    Bundle initialExtras)
```



BCASTRECCOMPORDBCAST

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    IntentFilter intentFilter = new IntentFilter(CUSTOM INTENT);
    intentFilter.setPriority(3);
    registerReceiver(mReceiver, intentFilter);
    Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
    button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            sendOrderedBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT),
                    android.Manifest.permission.VIBRATE);
  });
```



BCASTRECCOMPORDBCASTWITHRESREC

```
private final Receiver1 mReceiver1 = new Receiver1();
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    IntentFilter intentFilter = new IntentFilter(CUSTOM INTENT);
    intentFilter.setPriority(3);
    registerReceiver(mReceiver1, intentFilter);
    Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
    button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            sendOrderedBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT), null,
                    new BroadcastReceiver() {
                        @Override
                        public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
                            Toast.makeText(context,
                                    "Final Result is " + getResultData(),
                                    Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
                    }, null, 0, null, null);
   });
```

STICKY BROADCASTS



STICKY INTENTS ARE CACHED BY ANDROID

NEW INTENTS OVERWRITE OLDER INTENTS
THEY MATCH

STICKY BROADCASTS

WHEN BROADCASTRECEIVERS ARE DYNAMICALLY REGISTERED

CACHED STICKY INTENTS MATCHING THE SPECIFIED INTENTFILTER ARE BROADCAST TO THE BROADCAST RECEIVER

ONE MATCHING STICKY INTENT IS RETURNED TO THE CALLER

STICKY BROADCASTS

```
//public abstract class Context ...

// send sticky Intent to interested BroadcastReceivers

void sendStickyBroadcast (Intent intent)

// send sticky Intent to interested BroadcastReceivers in priority order

// sender can provide various parameters for greater control

void sendStickyOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,

BroadcastReceiver resultReceiver,

Handler scheduler,

int initialCode,

String initialData,

Bundle initialExtras)
```

BROADCASTER MUST HAVE BROADCAST_STICKY PERMISSION TO SEND STICKY INTENTS

BCASTRECSTICKYINT

```
registerReceiver(new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        if (intent.getAction().equals(Intent.ACTION BATTERY CHANGED)) {
            String age = "Reading taken recently";
            if (isInitialStickyBroadcast()) {
                age = "Reading may be stale";
            }
            currentStateView.setText("Current Battery Level:"
                    + String.valueOf(intent.getIntExtra(
                            BatteryManager. EXTRA LEVEL, -1))
                    + System.getProperty("line.separator") + age);
}, new IntentFilter(Intent.ACTION_BATTERY_CHANGED));
```

NEXT TIME

THREADS, ASYNCTASKS & HANDLERS