

CMPE 277-ANDROID APP-WALKINGTRACKER

GOAL OF THE APPLICATION:

Walking Mate is an Android application that can be handy when a person in need of knowing how far has he/she has walked. This helps in calculation of number of steps taken, distance travelled and calories burnt during the journey of walking. The Goal of the application to detect the steps taken by the user and the distance travelled by him. Body weight of the person needs to be entered in the application to allow the calculation of calories.

ANDROID TECHNIQUES:

The following android techniques are utilized in the application:

Services:

Bound Services: Binding and unbinding of services is done in the application which allows it to run the step counting operation in the background without interrupting the UI thread. `bindStepService()` and `unbindStepService()` are used in here for the background processing.

Handlers:

A Handler object registers itself with the thread in which it is created. For example, if you create a new instance of the Handler class in the `onCreate()` method of your *activity*, the resulting Handler object can be used to post data to the main thread. In this WalkingMate application, handler is created in the WalkingMate.java class helps the Calories, Distance and Number of steps on the main activity which is the only activity.

Shared Preferences:

Android provides many ways of storing data of an application. One of this way is called Shared Preferences. Shared Preferences allow you to save and retrieve data in the form of key, value pair. Only primitive data will be able to stored using the shared preferences. The Walking mate application only shows few limited data like calories and distance and steps which are stored using shared preferences.

Android SENSORS:

The following sensors are utilized on this android application for various operations like step detection, distance calculation. `TYPE_STEP_COUNTER` and `TYPE_STEP_DETECTOR` are the new

sensors that are made available in android APIs starting from Android 4.4 but only nexus. This application does not use the above two sensors. Instead various algorithms are formulated to do the calculations. The following sensors are used in the app:

1. SensorManager.MAGNETIC_FIELD_EARTH_MAX
2. SensorManager.STANDARD_GRAVITY
3. Sensor.ACCELEROMETER

HIGH LEVEL ARCHITECTURE:

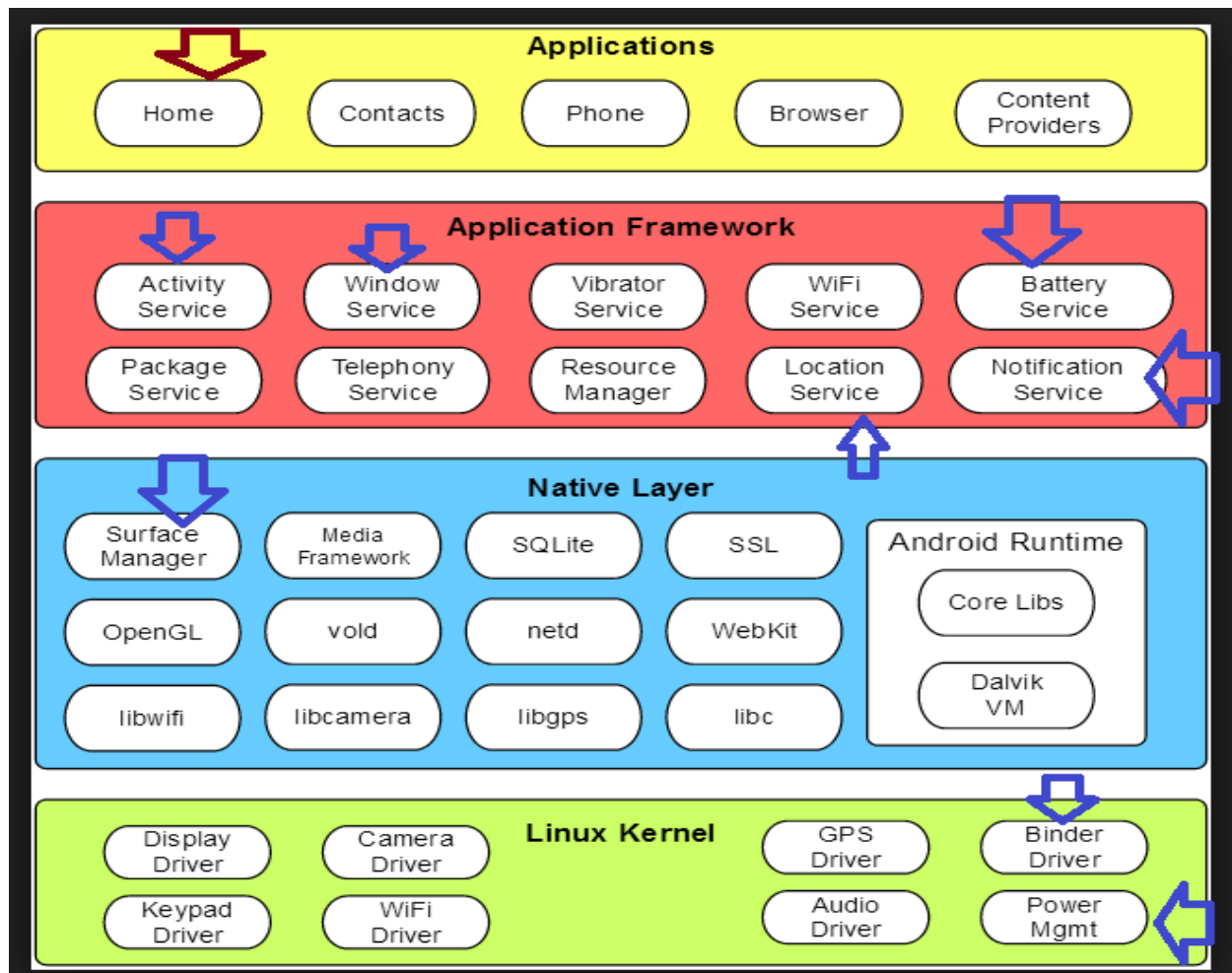


Figure: High level architecture of the android application shown.

In the above figure the various sections of the high level architecture of the android are shown. The areas that are highlighted are the ones that are specifically used in this particular application. Walking Mate application concentrated mainly on the areas where arrow marks are drawn.

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SCREEN CAPTURES:

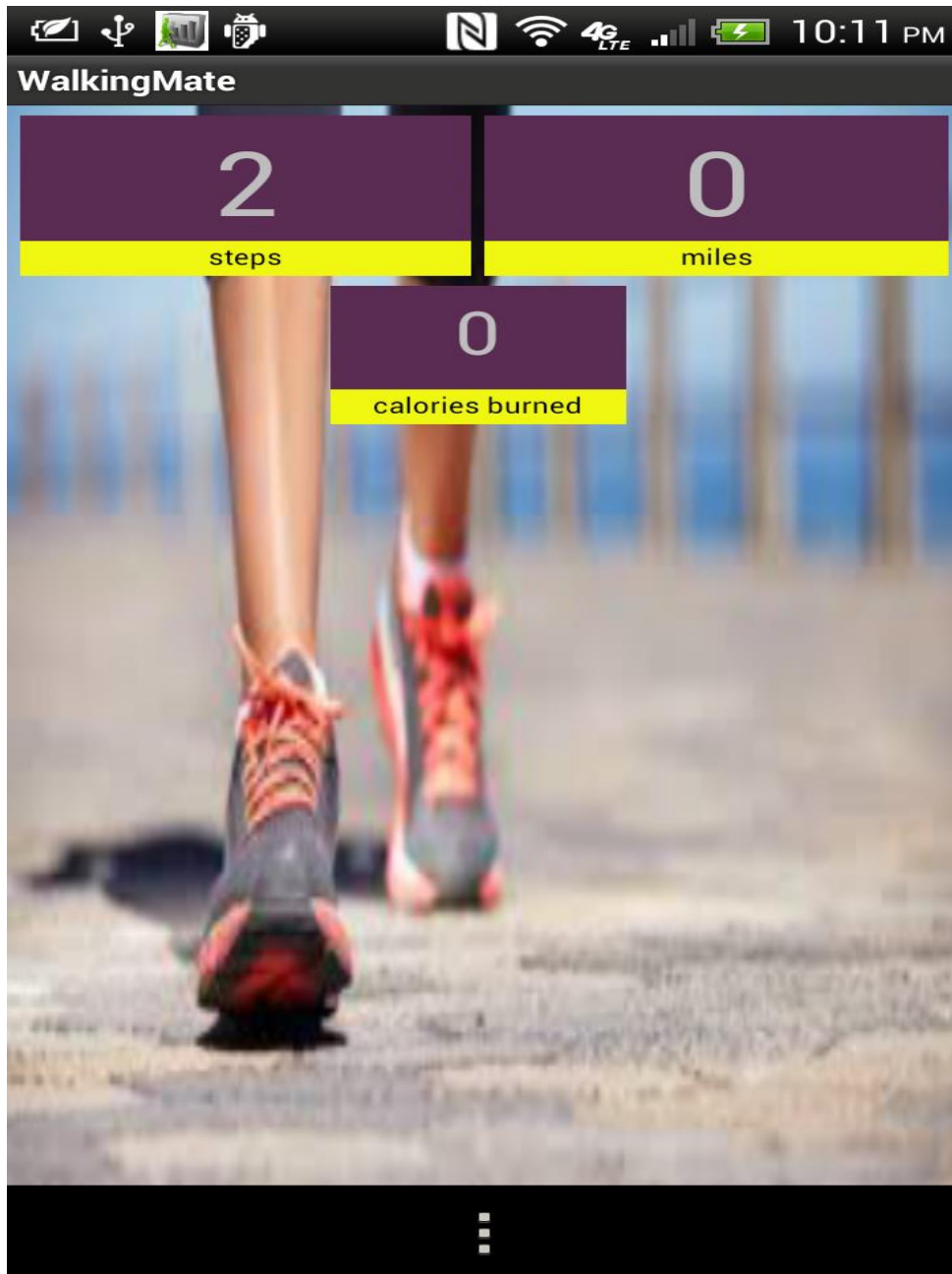


Figure: Home Screen of the Application

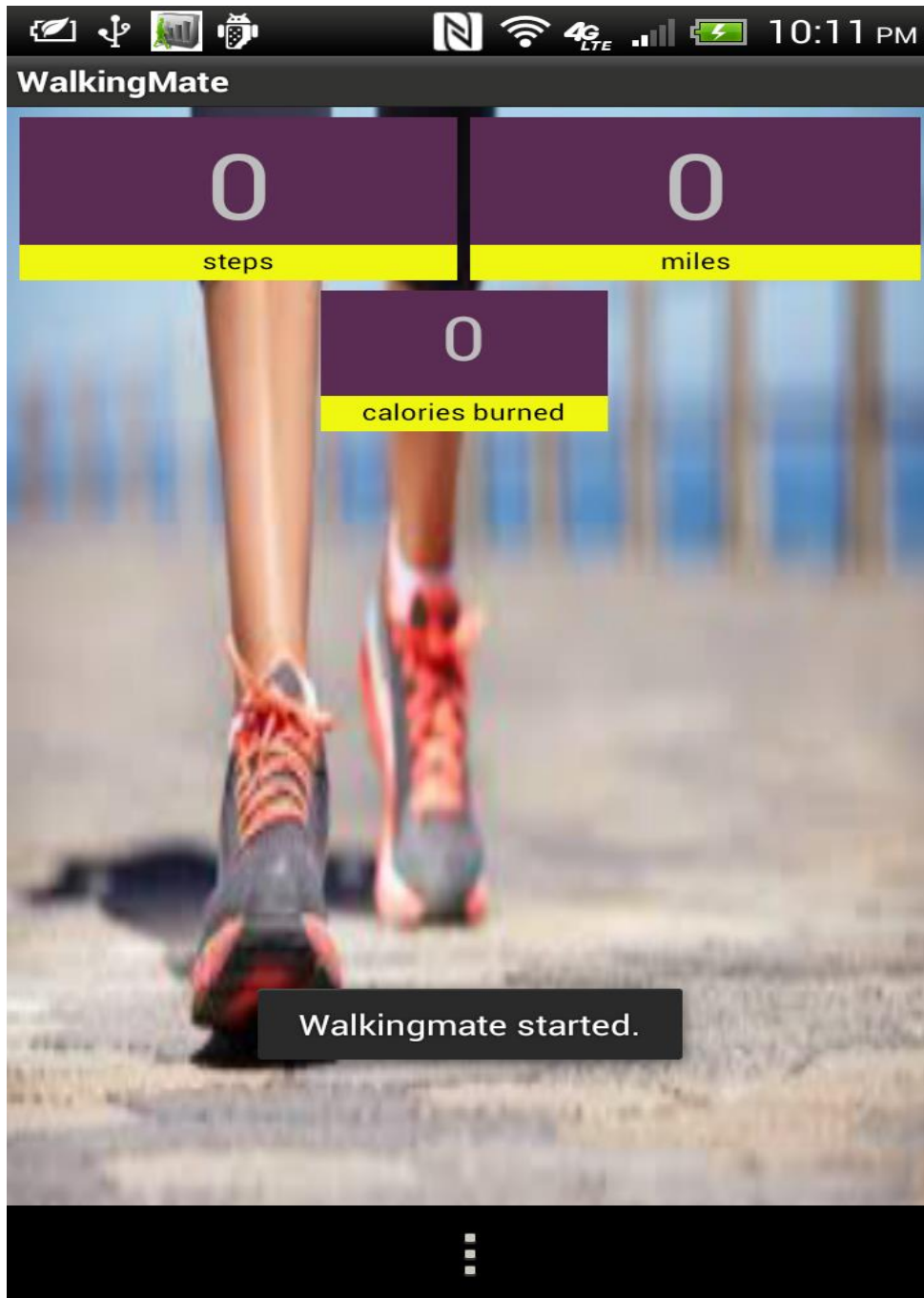


Figure: Toast message shown when the app starts running

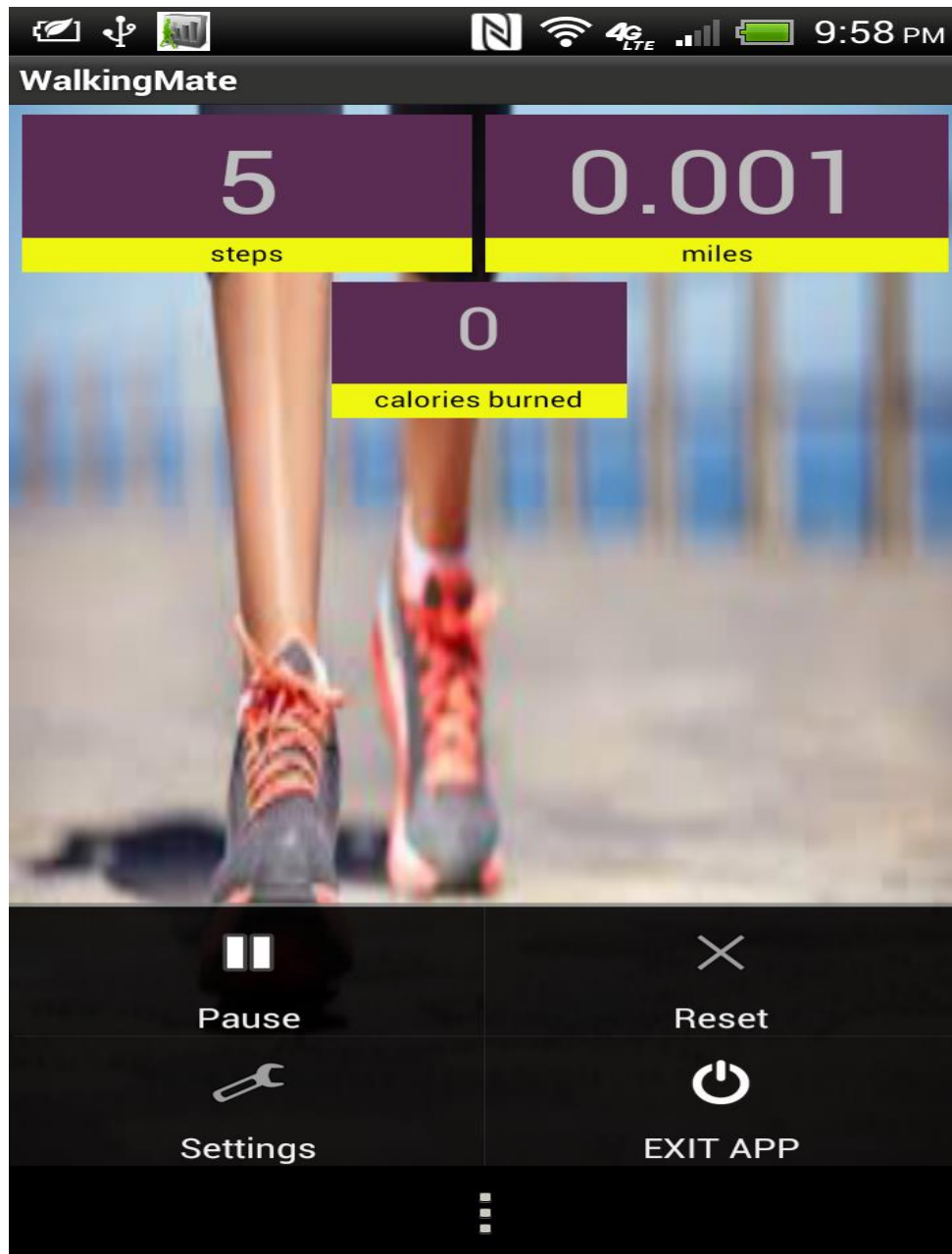


Figure: Three dots down at the screen brings the hidden menu

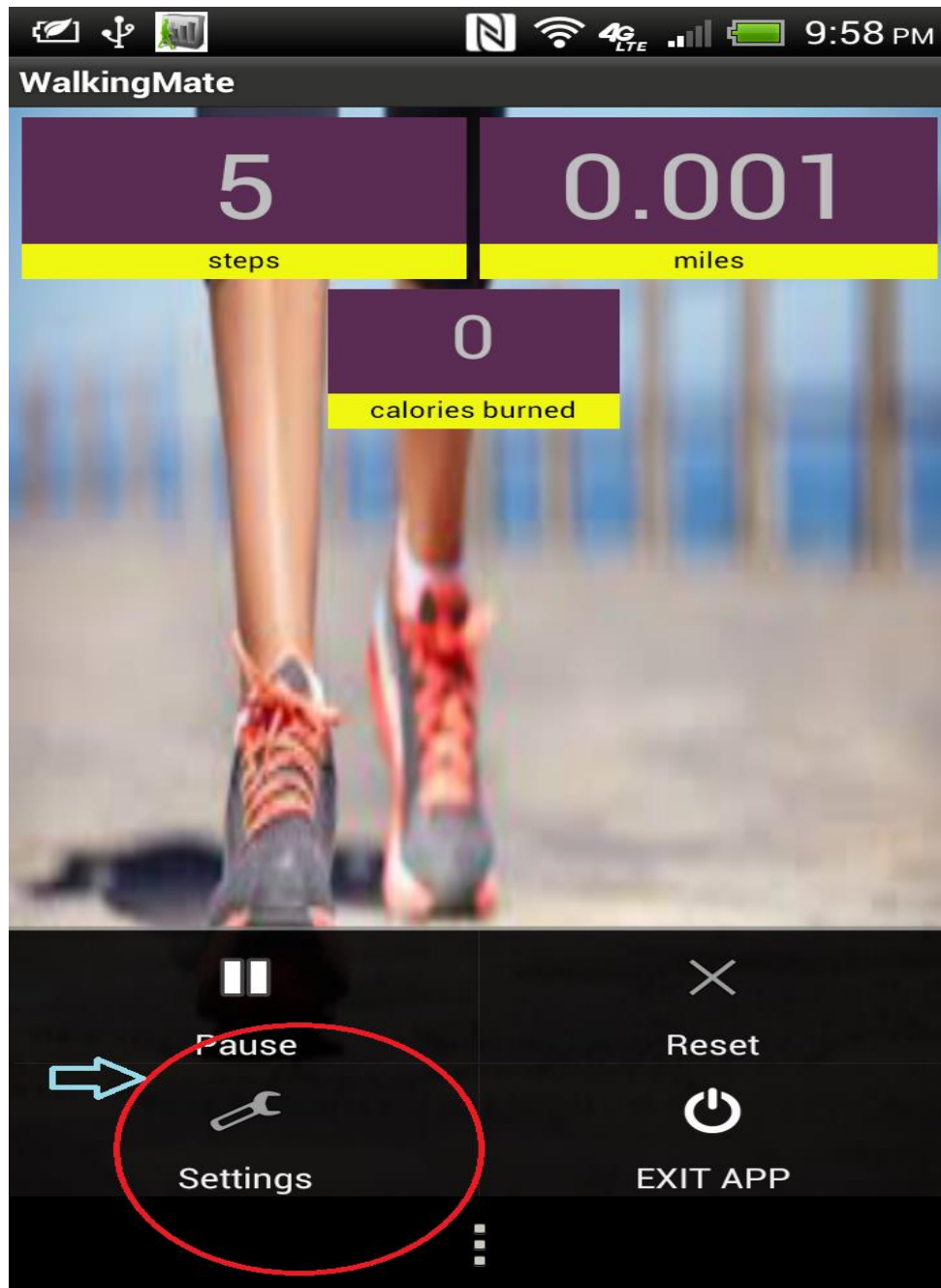


Figure: Settings tab needs to be set first before running the app.

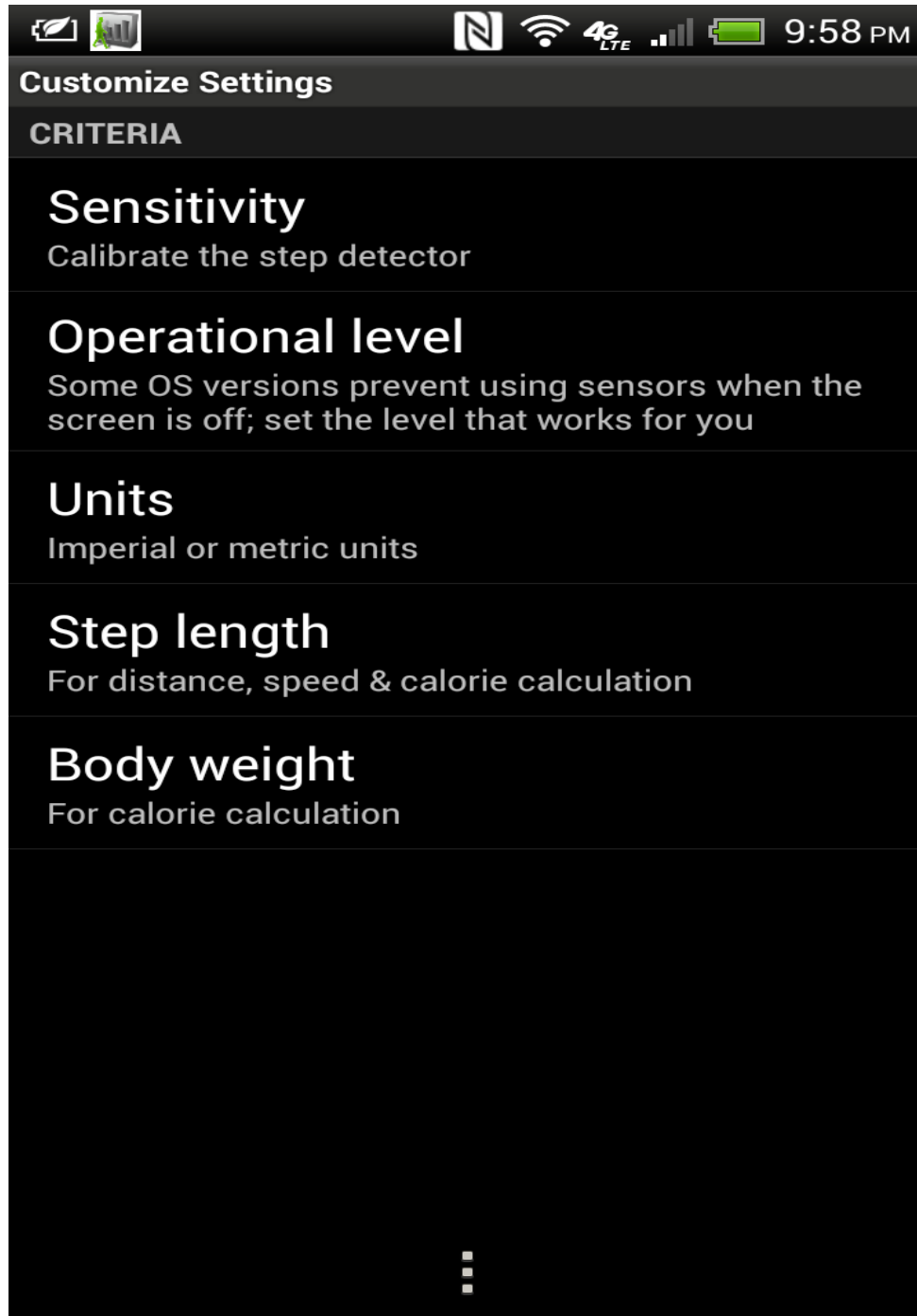


Figure: Various options menu is shown on clicking Settings tab

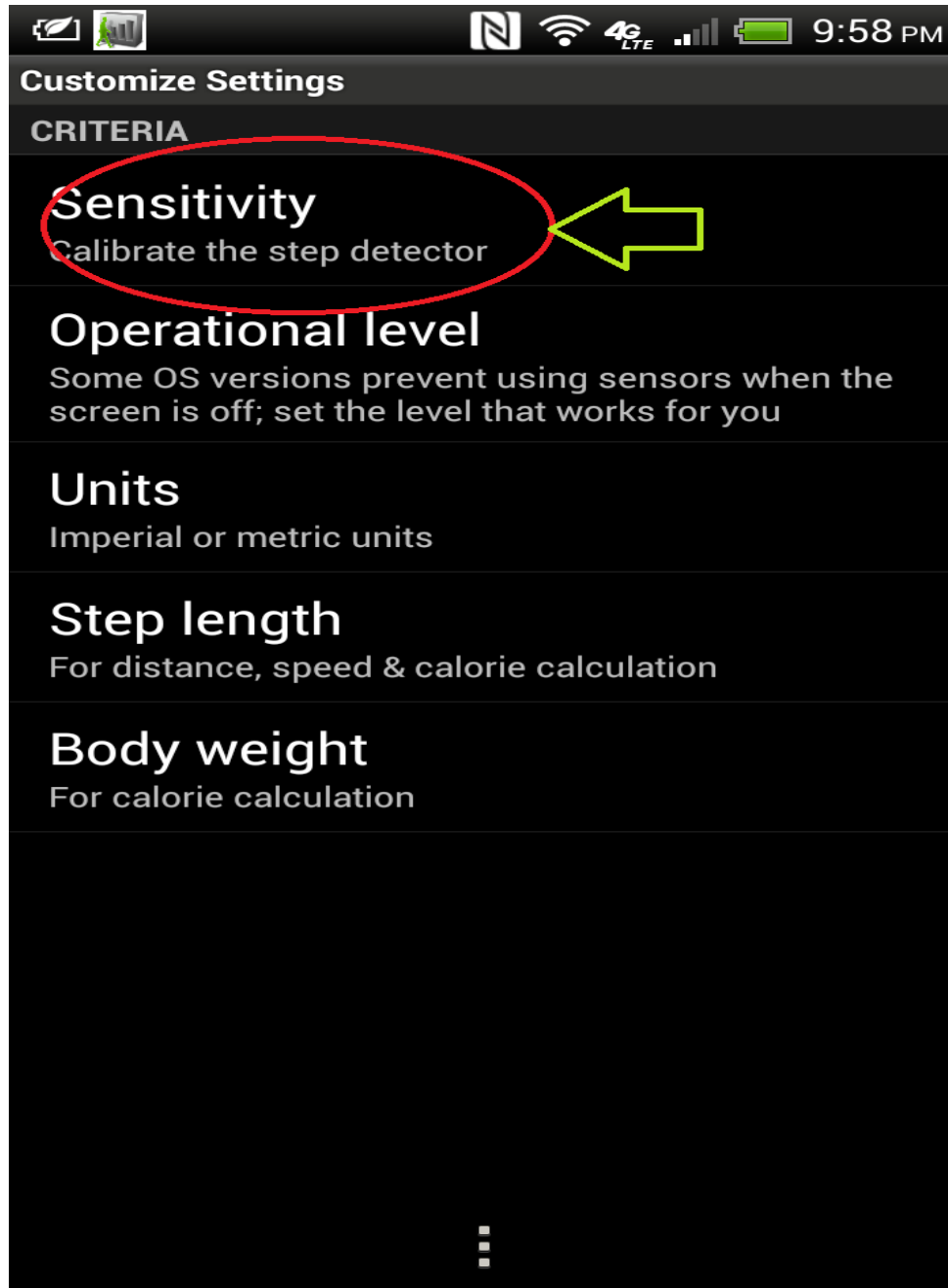


Figure: Menu showing sensitivity of the sensor to detect the steps

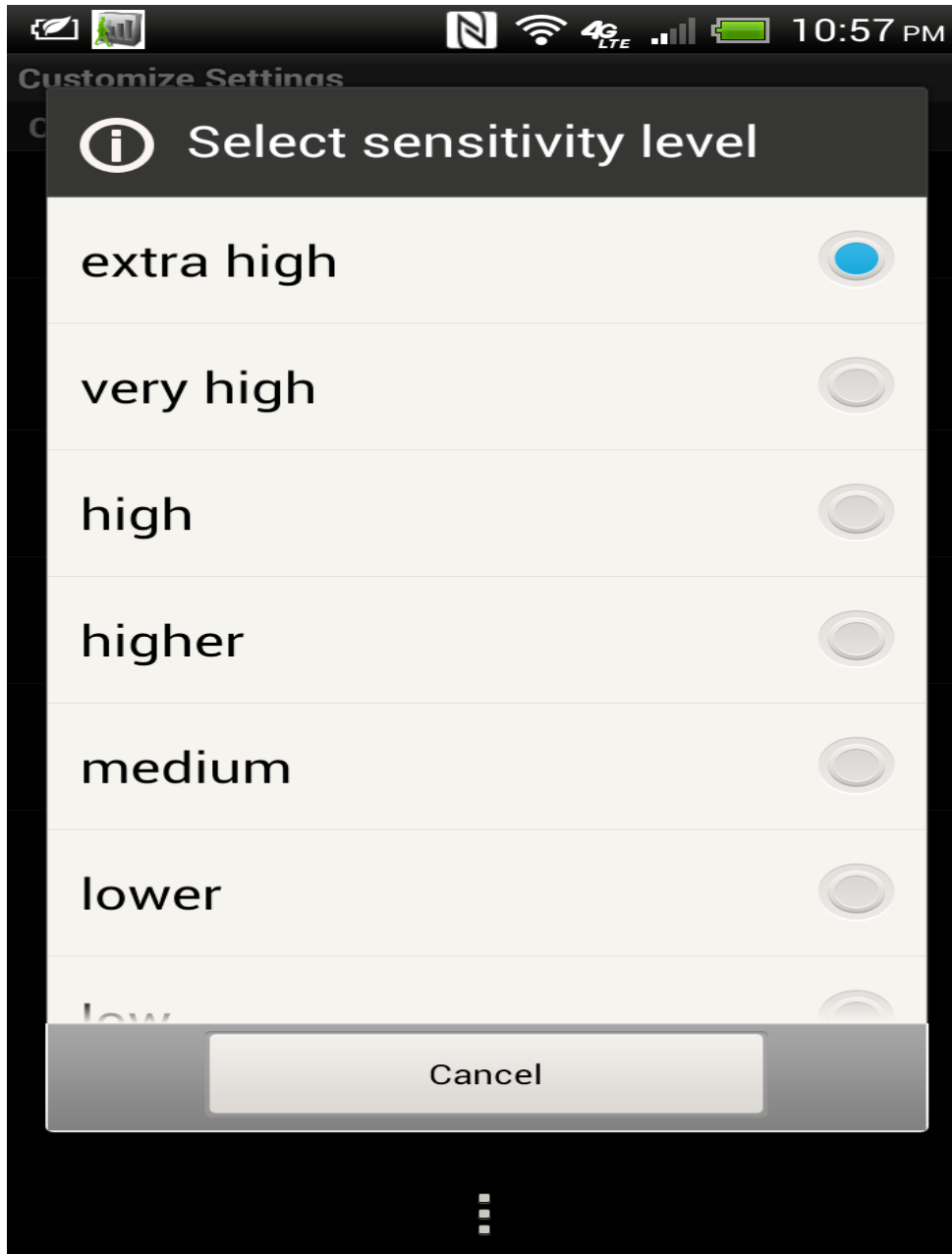


Figure: Various levels of sensitivity

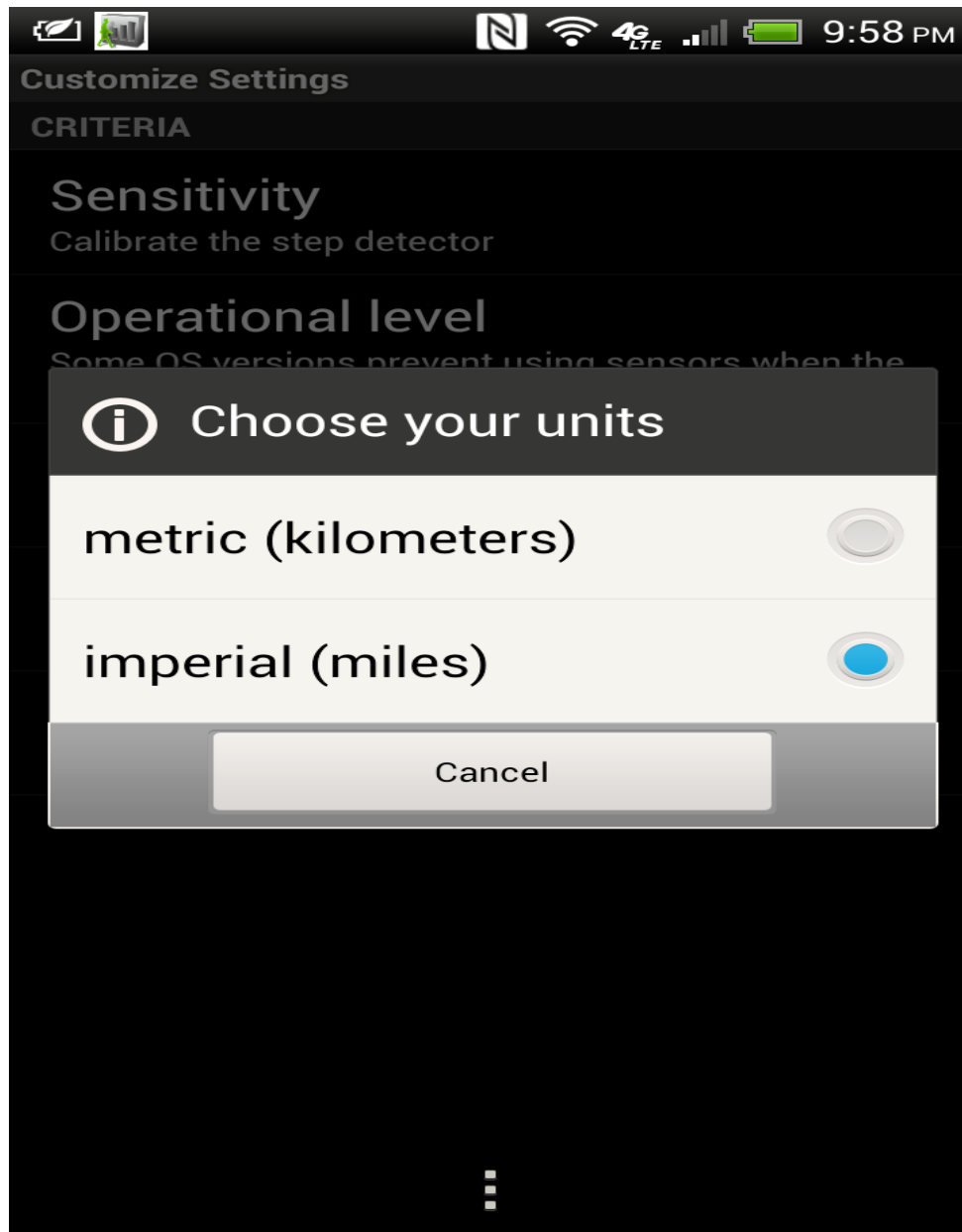


Figure: Units of distance measurement(miles or kms)

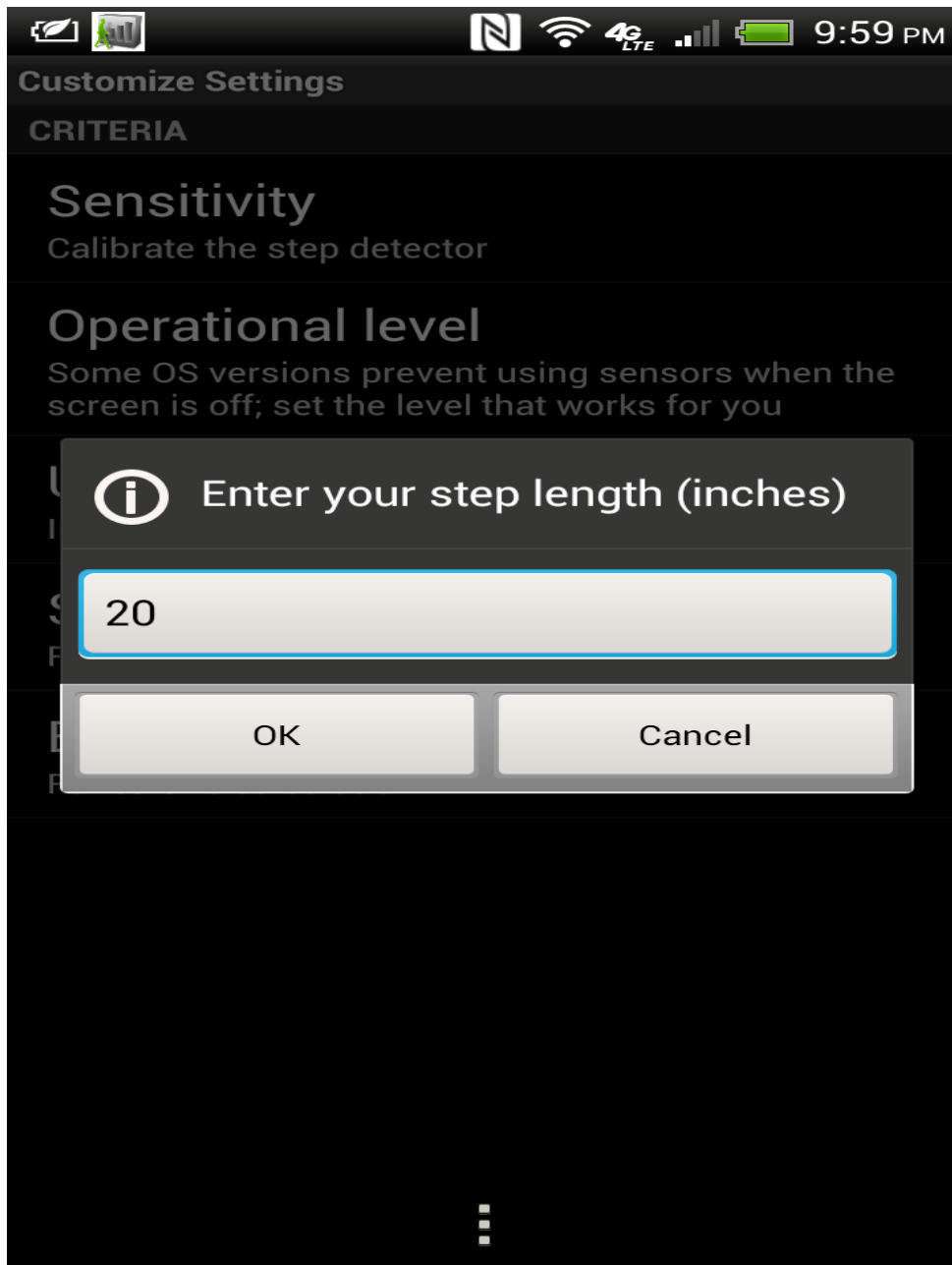


Figure: Length of the step to determine the distance

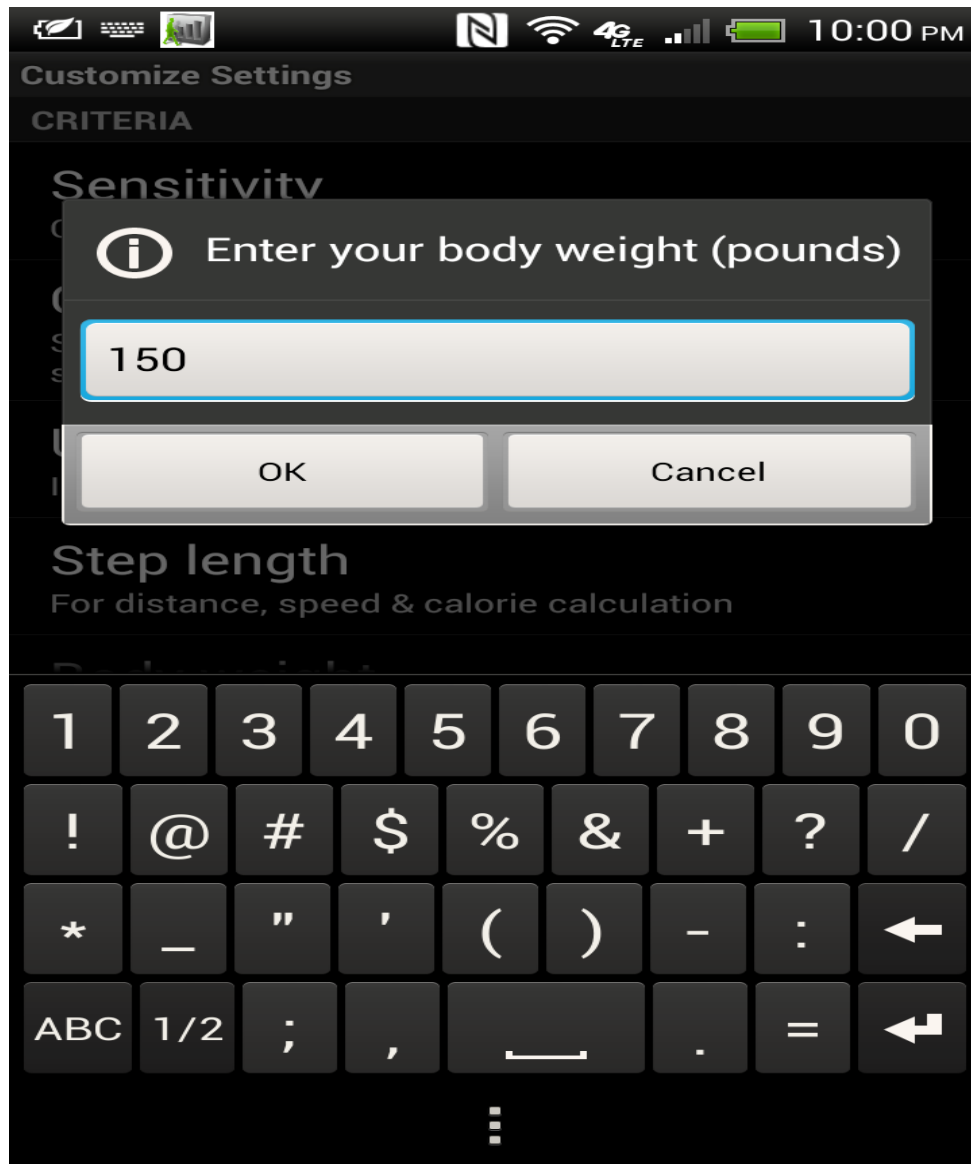


Figure: Body weight in pounds to be entered to calculate calories

TESTING:

1. **Back box testing** is done on the Walking mate application and following test cases are noticed and tested with successful execution of app

Testcase1:

Start app, press HOME.

Test Result: Service or the application icon should be in the notification bar.

Testcase2:

Start the application, adjust the sensitivity and let the counting and distance be calculated .Then pause the application. Press home button. Launch the app again

Test Result:

On resuming the app from pause state, the previous values are retained and continuous to count the distance form then.

Testcase3:

Press the Reset option on the hidden bar

Test Result:

The values in the calories, distance and steps are set to 0.

Test Case 4:

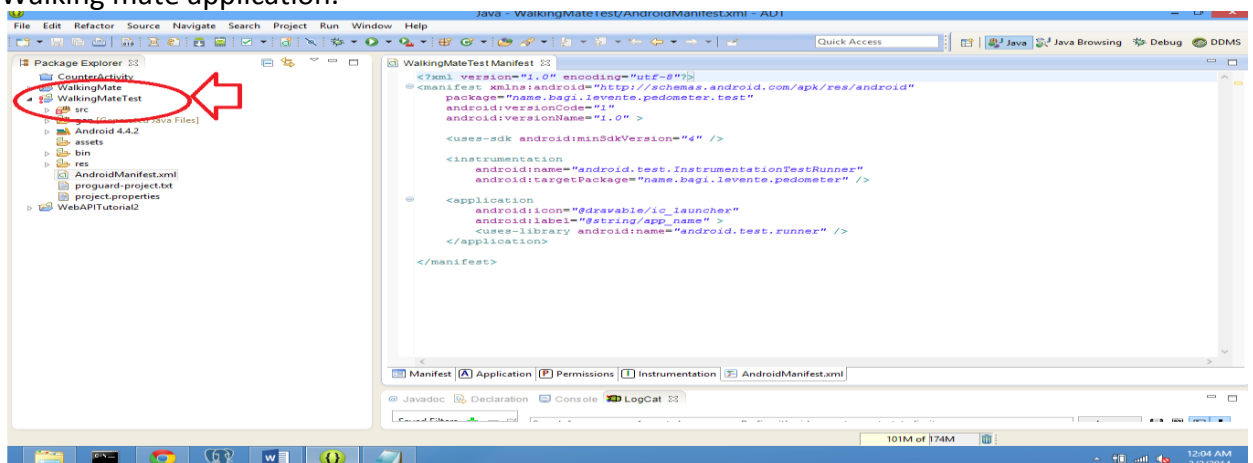
Tried changing the metrics from miles to kilometers and vice versa.

Test Result:

The selected option of metrics is displayed and changed from previous unit of measurement.

Test Case 5: Given the app is counting steps. When I start the app from the IDE (so it's killed without running any callbacks. And I press HOME. Then I should see the service icon in the notification bar.

2. JUnit testing is also done by creating a test project in the Eclipse for the each class of Walking mate application.



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