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## Quick Workshop Android

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# Welcome to Mobile: Android

# Hello Android

I've come up with a set of rules that describe our reactions to technologies:

- ① Anything that is in the world when you're born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works.
- ② Anything that's invented between when you're fifteen and thirty-five is new and exciting and revolutionary and you can probably get a career in it.
- ③ Anything invented after you're thirty-five is against the natural order of things.

– Douglas Adams, author of *Hithhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

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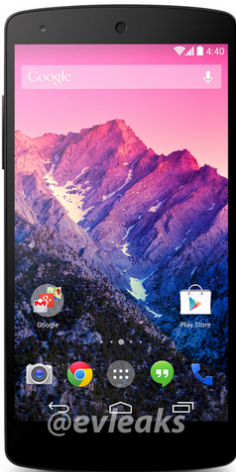
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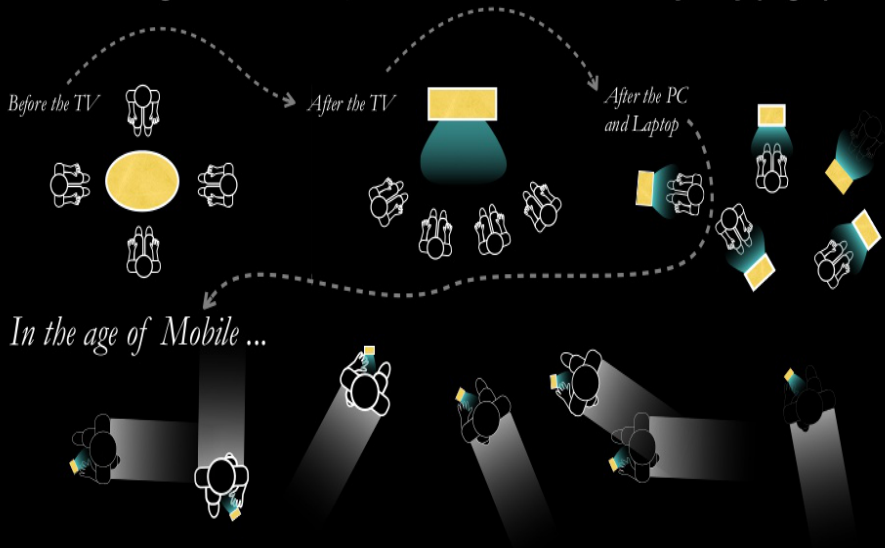


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# Tech is no longer for Tech-ies, because Mobile is for Everybody (Right) Now



The smartphone revolution brought design's value into the foreground. We want to do in our palm, while walking, what we used to do on a big screen while sitting down at a desk. The interaction design challenges presented by that shift are huge.

Source: @kpcb @johnmaeda @heif #DesignInTech

<http://www.kpcb.com/design>

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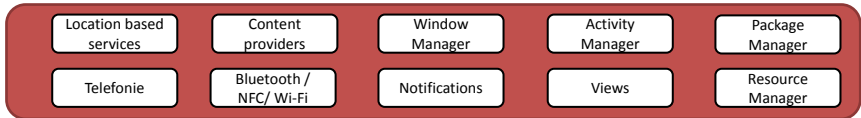
- ① A free, open source, operating system for embedded devices
- ② An open source development platform to create mobile applications
- ③ Devices, specifically mobile devices, which run the mobile Android OS and the applications made for it

See <http://developer.android.com/training>

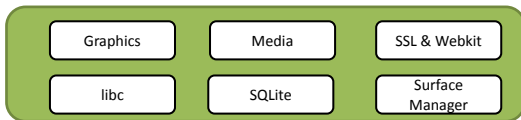
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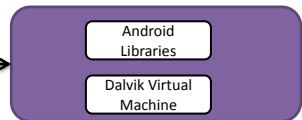
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## Android run time



## Linux Kernel



# Linux Kernel

Core services:

- Hardware drivers
- Process and Memory management
- Security and Power Management

The Kernel is a layer of abstraction between hardware and rest of Software Stack

Linux Kernel



# Libraries

- Media Library
- Graphical libraries
- SQLite for database support
- ...



# Run time

- Core Libraries: proper implementations for the Dalvik Virtual Machine  $\neq$  Java VM
- Dalvik VM: virtual machine for Android, optimized for mobile devices (battery, processor & memory management)





# Dalvik Virtual Machine

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- Android 5.0 *Lollipop*: Dalvik was entirely replaced by *ART* (Android RunTime)

# A typical work flow

- 1 App written in java
- 2 Compiled to Java bytecode files
- 3 dx converts java bytecode files to a single dex bytecodefile (classes.dex)
- 4 Dalvik executes dex bytecode file

# Application Framework

The application framework provides the classes which can be used to create Android applications: an interface for access to the hardware

## Application framework



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All applications are build in the application layer, using the different API libraries, and executed in the Dalvik VM.

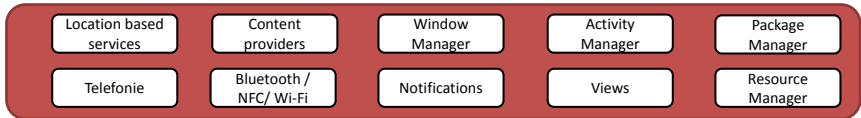
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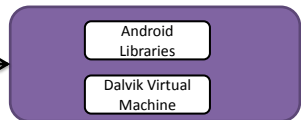
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# Basic Programming in Android

# Google is your friend!

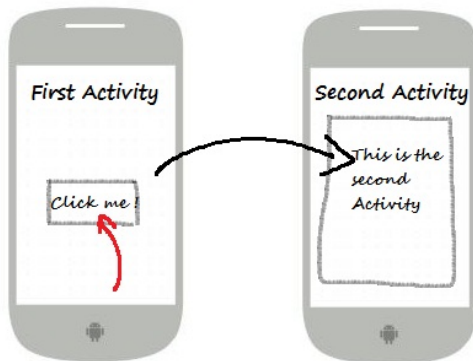


- <http://developer.android.com/index.html>
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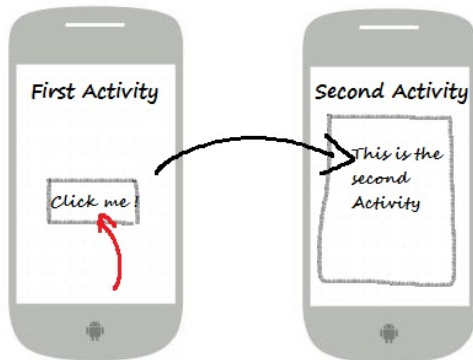
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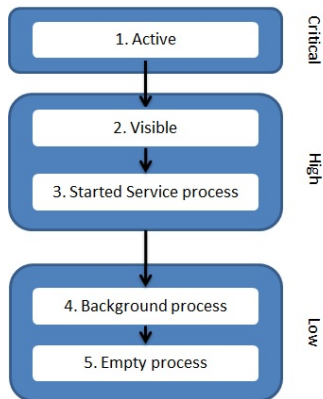
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Comparable: [www](http://www)

# Activity Life Cycle

The **activity manager** is responsible for creating, destroying and managing activities.



- **Active process:** have components which interact with the user
- **Visible process:** visible but inactive process (e.g. non-full screen or transparent)
- **Started service process:** Process hosting and services
- **Background process:** process with non-visible activities and without started services
- **Empty process:** to improve memory management, apps are stored in memory

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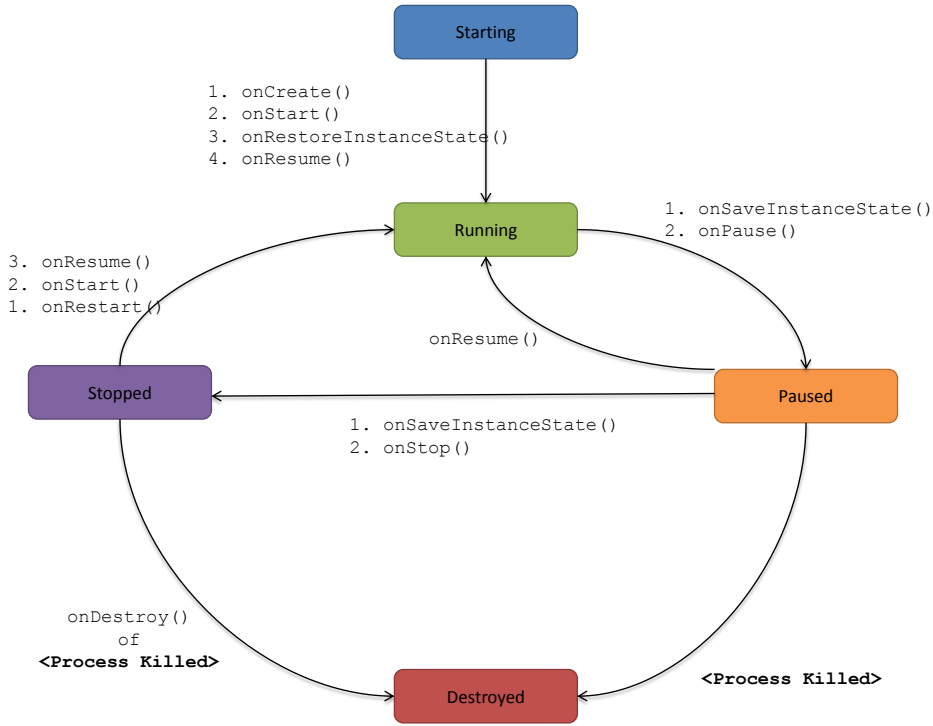
An activity has 4 states:

**Running** is on top of the activity stack, is able to be manipulated and Android will do everything to keep this alive

**Paused** activity still visible, but interaction is not possible (e.g. when transparent)

**Stopped** activity is invisible, but still in memory

**Destroyed** activity is not on the stack any more and needs to be restarted



# Anatomy Android Project

**Manifest File** Glues the project together (building blocks, permissions ...)

**String resources** `res/values/strings.xml`  $\Rightarrow$  all the strings for the app

**Layout XML** `res/layout/` declares the layouts of the activities

**Drawable Resources** all images used in the app

**R file** The connections between java and the external resources: automatically generated

**Source Code** the java source code for the app

# Emulator

- The SDK comes with an emulator (lacks in performance though ...)
- Genymotion is an emulator which is better

# Demonstration

See [https://github.com/eothein/  
Presentation-Android-Introduction](https://github.com/eothein/Presentation-Android-Introduction)



# Goal of application

We will build an application which downloads a random Chuck Norris Joke and add this to a list

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- Start a new project
- Choose to create a new Activity, lets call this MainActivity
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```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
```

# AsyncTask

An **AsyncTask** allows to perform background operations and publish results on the UI thread without having to manipulate threads and/or handlers.

```
public void onClick(View v) {  
    new  
        DownloadImageTask().execute("http://example.com/image.png");  
}  
  
private class DownloadImageTask extends AsyncTask<String, Void,  
    Bitmap> {  
    /** Executes in worker thread */  
    protected Bitmap doInBackground(String... urls) {  
        return loadImageFromNetwork(urls[0]);  
    }  
  
    /** Returns results */  
    protected void onPostExecute(Bitmap result) {  
        mImageView.setImageBitmap(result);  
    }  
}
```

# AsyncTask

`onPreExecute()` used to setup the task

`doInBackground(Params...)` invoked on the background thread immediately after `onPreExecute()` finishes executing. This step is used to perform background computation that can take a long time.

`onProgressUpdate(Progress...)` , invoked on the UI thread after a call to `publishProgress(Progress...)` and used to display any form of progress in the user interface

`onPostExecute(Result)` invoked on the UI thread after the background computation finishes

## Step 2: create an AsyncTask

Create the AsyncTask The three types used by an asynchronous task are the following:

- Params** the type of the parameters sent to the task upon execution.
- Progress** the type of the progress units published during the background computation.
- Result** the type of the result of the background computation.

## Step 3: use GSON

In File → Project Structure → app → Dependencies add GSON

**Gson** is a Java library that can be used to convert Java Objects into their JSON representation and vice versa

```
class BagOfPrimitives {  
    private int value1 = 1;  
    private String value2 = "abc";  
    private transient int value3 = 3;  
    BagOfPrimitives() {  
        // no-args constructor  
    }  
}  
  
BagOfPrimitives obj = gson.fromJson(json, BagOfPrimitives.class);
```

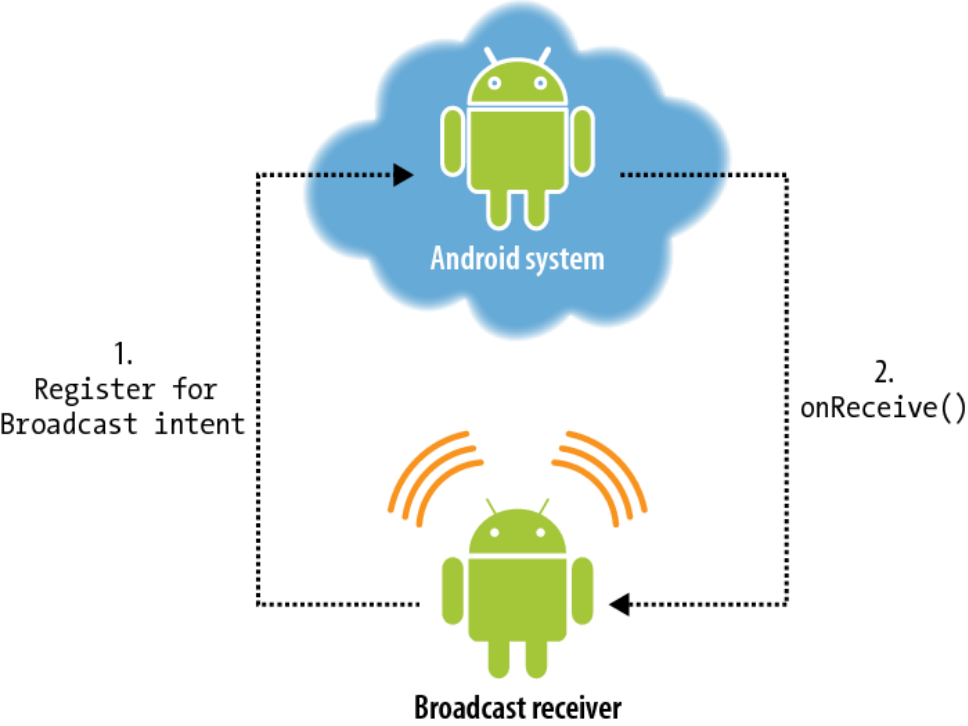


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- Make a connection to `http://api.icndb.com/jokes/random?`
- Download the JSON response
- Use GSON to parse into a joke object
- In MainActivity add a listener to the button and start the AsyncTask
- Test by logging to the logcat

# BroadcastReceivers and Intents

A **broadcast receiver** is an Android component which allows you to register for system or application events. All registered receivers for an event are notified by the Android runtime once this event happens.



# Create a broadcastreceiver

- Create the JokeReceiver
- Implements the onReceive methode
- Make an interface which the activity must implements (to add the joke)
- Create the intent and send it to the broadcastreceiver

# ListView and Adapter



**Adapter**  
(Recycling  
of rows)

Data source (Ex.  
N/W data or  
SQLite data)