

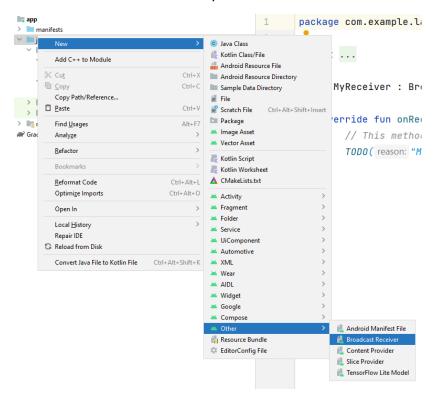
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Android Broadcast Receivers

In this lab, you will learn how to create and register a broadcast receiver in your Android app using Kotlin.

- 1. Create a EmptyActivity Project in Android Studio
- 2. Create a new Broadcast Receiver named MyReciever



3. Observe the manifest file

```
<receiver
    android:name=".MyReceiver"
    android:enabled="true"
    android:exported="true"></receiver>
```

4. Add the following in between the receiver tags

5. Implement the following code in the MainActivity onCreate method

```
private lateinit var myBroadcastReceiver: MyReceiver
 override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
    setContentView(R.layout.activity main)
    myBroadcastReceiver = MyReceiver()
    // Register the receiver to listen for broadcast intents with the custom action
    val filter = IntentFilter("com.example.labbroadcast.MY_CUSTOM_ACTION")
    val listenToBroadcastsFromOtherApps = false
    val receiverFlags = if (listenToBroadcastsFromOtherApps) {
      ContextCompat.RECEIVER EXPORTED
    } else {
      ContextCompat.RECEIVER NOT EXPORTED
    ContextCompat.registerReceiver(this, myBroadcastReceiver,filter,receiverFlags)
    GlobalScope.launch {
      delay(5000)
      val intent = Intent()
      intent.action = "com.example.labbroadcast.MY_CUSTOM_ACTION"
      sendBroadcast(intent)
    }
```

- 6. Note that the intent.action should contain << your package name>>.MY_CUSTOM_ACTION
- 7. Now, handle that broadcast in onReceive Method of the MyReciever

```
override fun onReceive(context: Context, intent: Intent) {
    if (intent?.action == "com.example.labbroadcast.MY_CUSTOM_ACTION") {
        Toast.makeText(context,"5 seconds passed",Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show()
    }
}
```

- 8. Let's add some system broadcast receivers as well.
- 9. Add the following lines before the GlobalScope

```
val systemFilter = IntentFilter()
systemFilter.addAction(Intent.ACTION_SCREEN_ON)
systemFilter.addAction(Intent.ACTION_SCREEN_OFF)
systemFilter.addAction(Intent.ACTION_BATTERY_LOW)
ContextCompat.registerReceiver(this, myBroadcastReceiver,systemFilter,receiverFlags)
```

10. Add the following to the MyReciver

```
if (intent?.action == "com.example.labbroadcast.MY_CUSTOM_ACTION") {
    Toast.makeText(context,"5 seconds passed",Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show()
    }else if (intent?.action == Intent.ACTION_SCREEN_ON) {
        Toast.makeText(context,"Screen On",Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show()
    } else if (intent?.action == Intent.ACTION_SCREEN_OFF) {
    } else if (intent?.action == Intent.ACTION_BATTERY_LOW) {
    }
}
```

11. Now you can use these codes to register any kind of Broadcast Receiver.