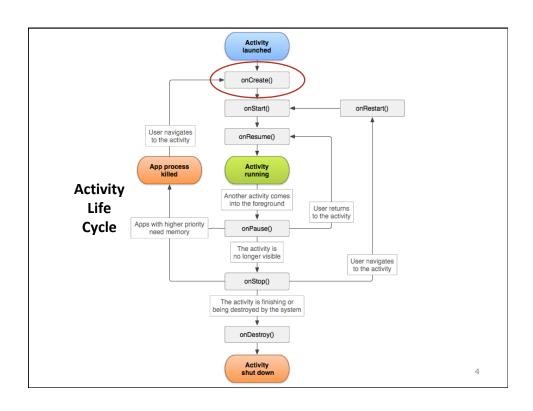
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Android Basics

- (Mostly) Three Categories of Applications
 - Foreground activities
 - Suspended when not visible
 - E.g. games, mashups
 - Background services
 - E.g. call screening, SMS auto-responders
 - Intermittent activity
 - E.g. media player



- Activities: presentation layer
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers
- Intents
- Notifications

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Building Blocks for Applications

- Activities: presentation layer
 - UI for one focused endeavor
 - Visual content via views
 - Activities invoke other activities
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers
- Intents
- Notifications

- Activities: presentation layer
- Services
 - Background services
 - RPC communication
 - Run in the *main* thread
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers
- Intents
- Notifications

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Building Blocks for Applications

- Activities: presentation layer
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
 - React to broadcast messages
 - Publish-subscribe (intents)
- Content Providers
- Intents
- Notifications

- Activities: presentation layer
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers
 - Make data available
 - Content Resolver: start process
- Intents
- Notifications

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Building Blocks for Applications

- Activities: presentation layer
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers
- Intents
 - Asynchronous messages
 - Intent filters
- Notifications

- Activities: presentation layer
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- Content Providers
- Intents
- Notifications
 - Dialogues and modal messages

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APPLICATION MANIFEST

Application Manifest

- Stored in root of project hierarchy
 - AndroidManifest.xml
 - Define structure and metadata of application
 - Nodes for each of the components

```
<manifest
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  package="edu.stevens.cs522.hello">
...
</manifest>
```

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Application Manifest

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
cmanifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    package="edu.stevens.cs522.hello"
    android:versionCode="1
    android:versionName="1.0"
        android:minSdkVersion="8"
        android:targetSdkVersion="10" />
    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
android:label="@string/app_name"
android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
         <activity
             android:name="edu.stevens.cs522.hello.HelloActivity"
             android:label="@string/app_name" >
             <intent-filter>
                  <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                 <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
             </intent-filter>
         </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

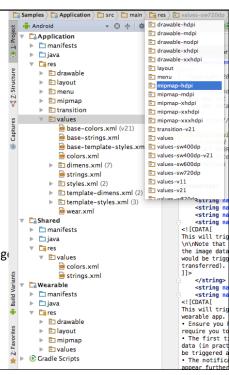
Application Manifest

- Manifest node tags
 - Application: container for...
 - · Activity: specify intent filter
 - Service
 - Provider
 - Receiver: global broadcast receiver
 - Uses-permission:
 - Must be granted during installation
 - Permission
 - Declare to restrict access to components in app
 - instrumentation

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Resources

- External resources
 - Values
 - Strings, colors, dimensions, string or integer arrays
 - Styles and themes
 - · Colors and fonts
 - Drawables
 - · Bitmaps and (stretchable) image
 - Lavouts
 - · UI specified statically in XML
 - · Android best practice



Using Resources

- In code:
 - Using the static R class
 - Static subclasses e.g. R.string, R.drawable
 - Reference to resource table e.g. R.layout.main
 - Dynamic lookup

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Using Resources

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Hello, World"
/>
```

- In code:
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 - Static subclasses e.g. R.string, R.dráwable
 - Reference to resource table e.g. R.layout.main

...<TextView

Dynamic lookup

```
Resources myResources = getResources();

CharSequence styledText =

myResources.getText(R.string.stop_message);

Button b = (Button) findViewById(R.id.ok_button);
```

In resources

Using Resources

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In resources

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Activity Node in the Application Manifest Entry

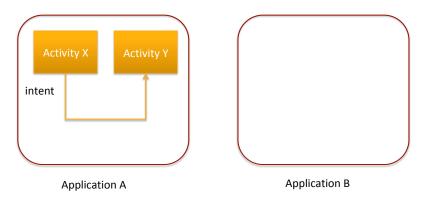
Entry point for a task



Intents • Intents: Asynchronous messages to launch new activities / services, or send broadcasts Activity X intent Application A Application B

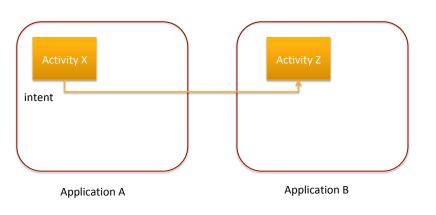
Intents

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Intents

• Intents: Asynchronous messages to launch new activities / services, or send broadcasts



Intents

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Intents

- Implicit intents: specify data and action, and system resolves the activity

Information in Intents (1)

- Component name: for handler of intent
 - For explicit intents
- Action
 - String naming action to be performed
 - E.g. ACTION_CALL, ACTION_EDIT, ACTION_SYNC
 - Akin to a method name
- Data
 - URI, and opt MIME type, of data to be acted on
 - E.g. ACTION_CALL with tel: URI
 - E.g. ACTION_EDIT with URI of document
 - E.g. ACTION_VIEW with content://contacts/people/17

Information in Intents (2)

- Category:
 - The kind of component that should handle the intent
 - E.g. CATEGORY_BROWSABLE
 - E.g. CATEGORY_DEFAULT
 - E.g. CATEGORY_HOME
 - E.g. CATEGORY LAUNCHER
- Extras
 - Key-value pairs
- Flags



Intent Filters (1)

- Intent filters register activities, services and broadcast receivers
 - <intent-filter> element in component's manifest node
 - Child elements for action, data, category

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Intent Filters (2)

- Intent filters register activities, services and broadcast receivers
 - <intent-filter> element in component's manifest node
 - Child elements for action, data, category

Intent Filters (3)

- Intent filters register activities, services and broadcast receivers
 - <intent-filter> element in component's manifest node
 - Child elements for action, data, category

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<intent-filter ... >
    <data android:mimeType="audio/mpeg" ... />
    <data android:mimeType="video/mpeg"
        android:scheme="http"
        host="www.example.com"
        port="200" path="/folder/subfolder" ... />
        ...
</intent-filter>
```

http://www.example.com:200/folder/subfolder

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Intent Filters (3)

- Intent filters register activities, services and broadcast receivers
 - <intent-filter> element in component's manifest node
 - Child elements for action, data, category

```
<intent-filter ...>
  <category
    android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT" />
  <category
    android:name="android.intent.category.BROWSABLE" />
    ...
</intent-filter>
```

Every category in the intent object must match a category in the filter

Intent Resolution

- Android lists available intent filters
- Matching intent filters:
 - Intent filters must match action and category
 - Match all categories
 - Match intent data URI to intent filter data tag
 - Match scheme, host/authority, path or mime type, where specified

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Resolving action and data

- Activity started because it matched intent
- Must learn action and data

```
public void onCreate(Bundle icicle) {
  super.onCreate(icicle);
  setContentView (R.layout.main);

Intent intent = getIntent();
  String action = intent.getAction();
  Uri data = intent.getData();
}
```

Subactivities with Results

• Parent Activity: Launching a subactivity:

```
Uri data = ...;
Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_PICK, data);
// Result returned in onActivityResult
startActivityForResult(intent, PICK_SUBACTIVITY);
```

Start a subactivity for a dialog (there are lighter weight alternatives)...

Request code

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Subactivities with Results

Child Activity: Returning Results (onCreate method):

```
Button okButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.ok_button);

ButtonListener okListener = new View.OnClickListener() {
   public void onClick(View view) {
     Uri data = ...;
     Intent result = new Intent(null, data);
     result.putExtra(IS_INPUT_CORRECT, inputCorrect);
     setResult(RESULT_OK, result);
     finish();
   }
}

Subactivity registers listener for clicking OK...

okButton.setOnClickListener(okListener);
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```

Subactivities with Results

Child Activity: Returning Results (onCreate method):

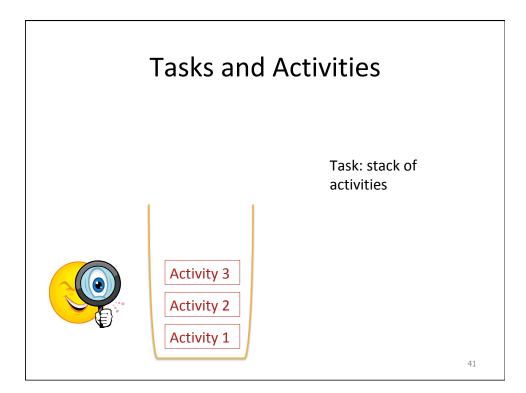
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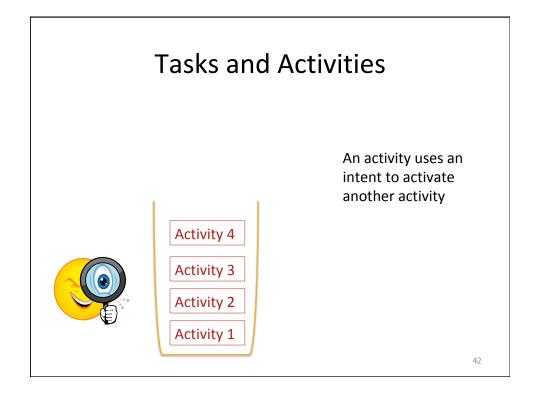
Subactivities with Results

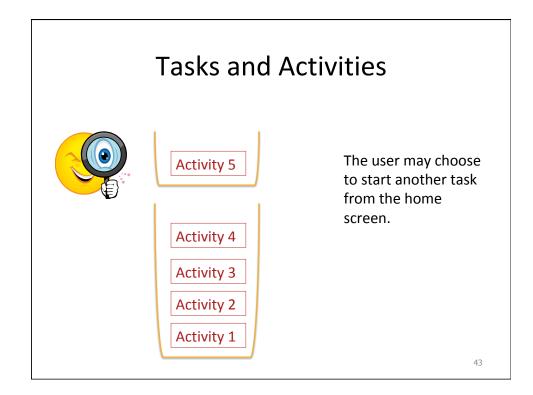
Parent Activity: Handling Results:

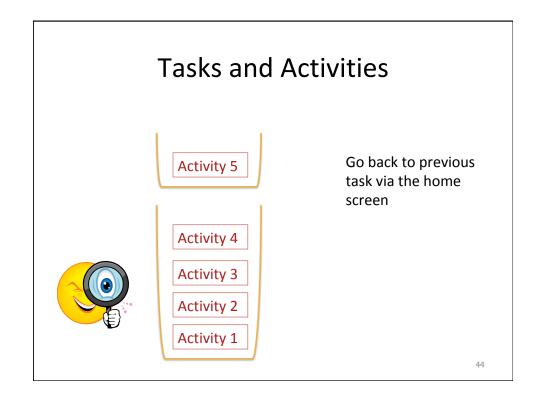
```
Uri data = ...;
           S Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_PICK, data);
// Result returned in onActivityResult
              startActivityForResult(intent, PICK_SUBACTIVITY);
· Handling Results:
   public void onActivityResult(int requestCode,
                                     int resultCode,
                                     Intent data) {
       super.onActivityResult(requestCode, resultCode, data);
       switch(requestCode) {
           case (PICK_SUBACTIVITY) :
              if (resultCode == Activity.RESULT_OK) {
                 // TODO Handle user clicked OK.
              break;
       }
   }
                                                                   39
```

TASKS AND ACTIVITIES













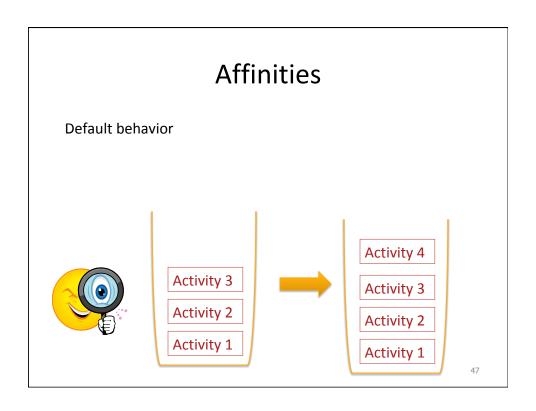
BACK: go to the previous activity in *this* task

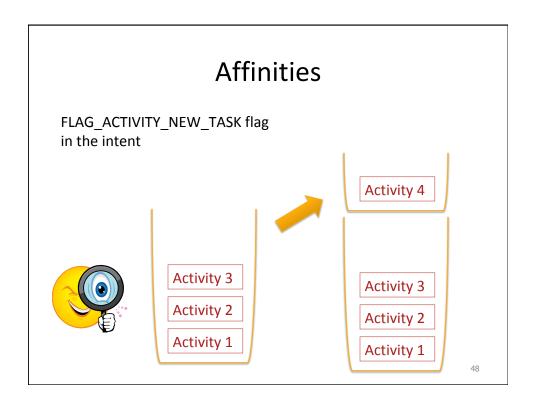
Almost all of this can be reprogrammed using intents and affinities.

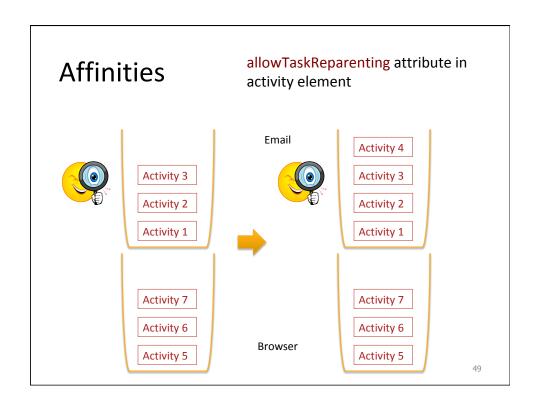
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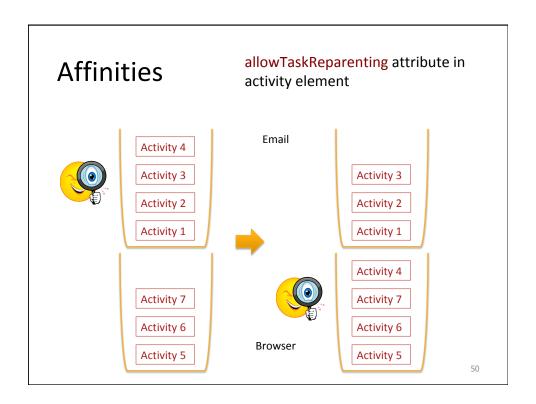
Affinities

- Afinity between activities in an application
- taskAffinity attribute of <activity>
 - element to override default
- May be shared with activities in other tasks









Processes and Threads

- Component elements (<activity>, <service>,
 <receiver>, <provider>) can specify with
 process attribute where they should run
 - Each component may run in its own process
 - Some components may share a process
 - Components of different applications may run in same process

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Launch Modes

Specified in <activity> element's launchMode attribute

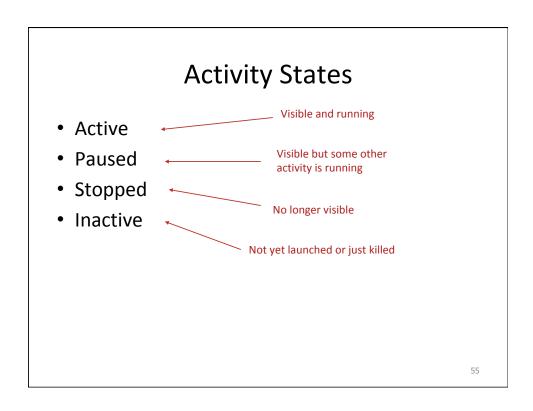
	Which task activity starts in (default)	Multiple instances of activity	Other activities in its task	New instance for new intent
standard (default)	Originating task	Yes	Yes	Yes
singleTop	Originating task	Yes	Yes	Re-used if on top of stack
singleTask	New task	No	Yes (but it is always root activity)	No, intent dropped if not on top
singleInstance	New task	No	No	No, only activity in task

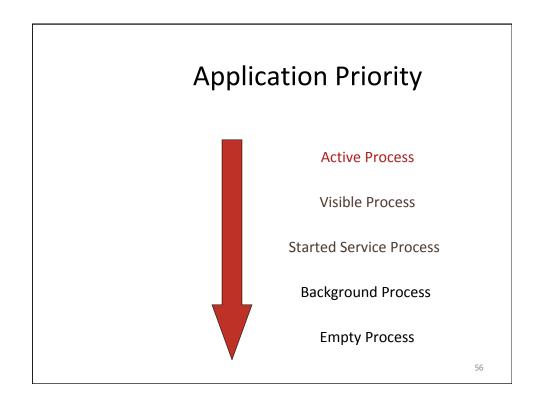
Processes and Threads

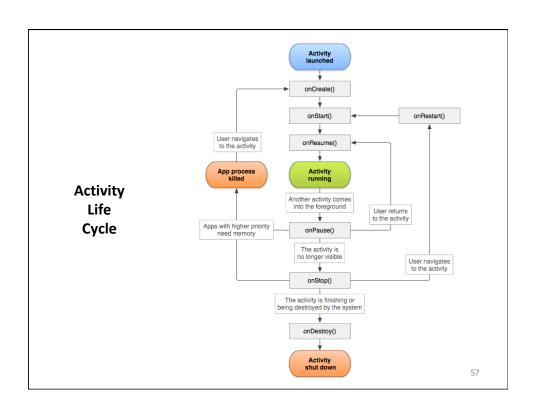
- Each component runs in the main thread
- Free up resources: which process to terminate?

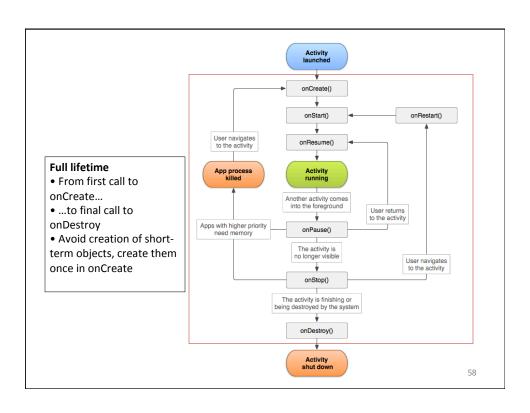
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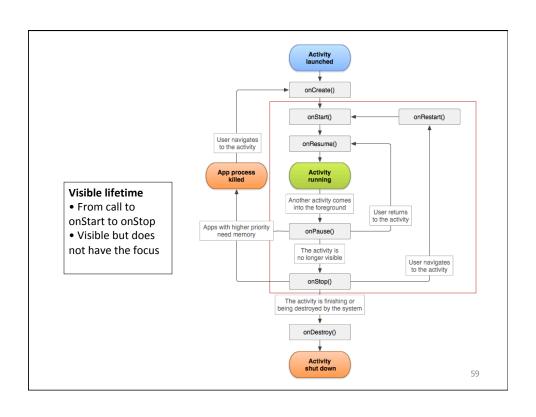
ACTIVITY LIFE CYCLE

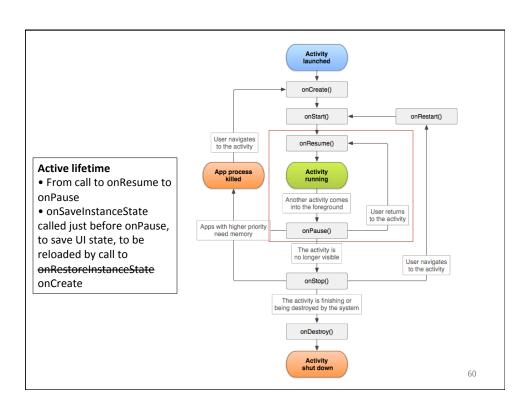












Activity Life Cycle Methods

onCreate: create objects and

prepare to display

• onRestart: prepare to display

onStart: app is (partially?) visible

• onResume: begin interaction with user

onPause: pause interaction (e.g. dialog-

themed activity)

• onStop: obscured (e.g. free up

cache space)

onDestroy

Example: Playing Music

```
class MyActivity extends Activity {
   MediaPlayer mp;

public void onCreate(Bundle state) {
    super.onCreate(state);
   mp = new MediaPlayer();
   mp.setAudioStreamType(AudioManager.STREAM_MUSIC);
   mp.setDataSource(...); // e.g. URI for content provider
}

public void onStart() {
   super.onStart();
   mp.prepare(); // Should really use prepareAsync()
}

public void onResume() {
   super.onResume();
   mp.start();
}
```

Example: Playing Music

```
class MyActivity extends Activity {
  public void onPause() {
    super.onPause();
    mp.pause();
}

public void onStop() {
    super.onStop();
    mp.stop();
}

public void onDestroy() {
    super.onDestroy();
    mp.release();
    mp = null;
}
```

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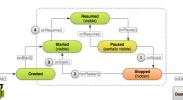
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   mp.start();
}
```

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    super.onPause();
    mp.pause();
}

public void onDestroy() {
    super.onDestroy();
    mp.stop();
    mp.release();
    mp = null;
}
```

Application UI State



Save UI state before destroying

```
private static final String
    PLAYER_STATE_KEY = "PLAYER_STATE_KEY";

private int playerScore;

@Override
public void onSaveInstanceState(Bundle state) {
    state.putInt(PLAYER_STATE_KEY, playerScore);
    super.onSaveInstanceState(state);
}
```

Application UI State • Save UI state before destroying private static final String PLAYER_STATE_KEY = "PLAYER_STATE_KEY"; private int playerScore; @Override public void onRestoreInstanceState(Bundle state) { super.onRestoreInstanceState(state); playerScore = state.getInt(PLAYER_STATE_KEY, 0); }

```
Application UI State

• Save UI state before destroying

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    PLAYER_STATE_KEY = "PLAYER_STATE_KEY";

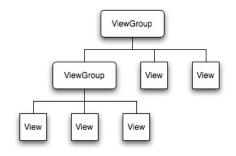
private int playerScore;

@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle state) {
    super.onCreate(state);
    if (state != null) {
        playerScore = state.getInt(PLAYER_STATE_KEY, 0);
    }
}
```

USER INTERFACES

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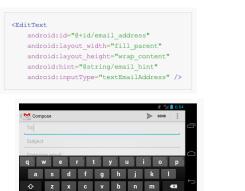
View Hierarchy



- View groups define hierarchies of views.
- The layout on the screen is described in an XML document (elements are views and view groups).
- Input controls are views that support interaction e.g. buttons, text entry, etc.

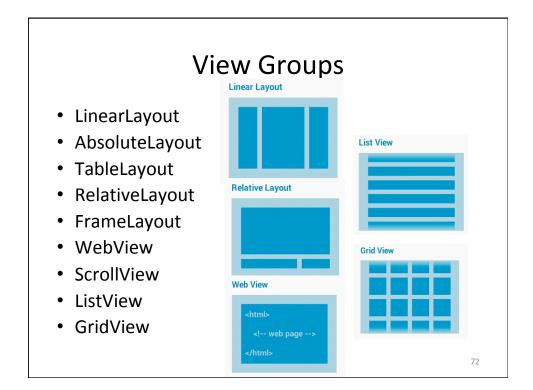


- TextView
- EditText
- Spinner
- Button
- CheckBox
- RadioButton
- Etc...







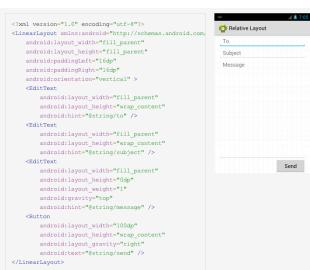


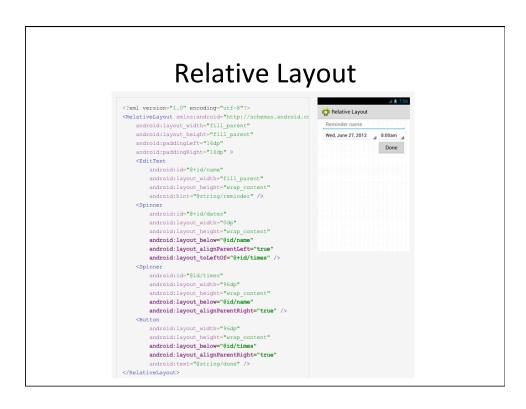
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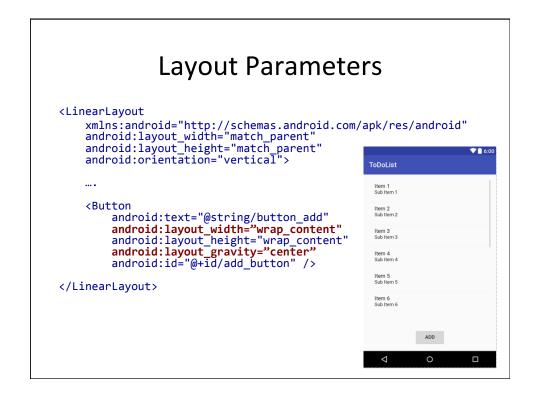
- layout_width, layout_height
 - match parent
 - wrap_content
- layout_marginTop, layout_marginBottom
- layout_marginLeft, layout_marginRight
- layout_gravity
- layout weight
- layout_x
- layout_y

For LinearLayout or TableLayout

Linear Layout







Layout Parameters <pe

Event Listener API

Example: Button

```
private OnClickListener btnListener =
  new OnClickListener() {
    public void onClick(View v) {
        // do something when the button is clicked
     }
  };

protected void onCreate(Bundle savedValues) {
        ...
     // Capture button from layout
        Button okButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.ok_button);
        // Register the onClick listener
        okButton.setOnClickListener(btnListener);
        ...
}
```

Example: Button

Example: Edit Text

Example: Edit Text

```
myEditText = (EditText)findViewById(R.id.myEditText);

// Process input when textbox loses input focus
OnFocusChangeListener textListener = new OnFocusChangeListener() {
    private boolean hadFocus = false;
    public void onFocusChange(View v, boolean hasFocus) {
        if (hasFocus) {
            hadFocus = true;
        } else {
            ... myEditText.getText().toString() ...
            myEditText.setText("");
            hadFocus = false;
        }
        In button click listener:
        button.requestFocusFromTouch()

myEditText.setOnFocusChangeListener(textListener);
```

Event Handlers

- Defined for View API
- Modify for customized view
- onKeyDown (int, KeyEvent)
- onKeyUp (int, KeyEvent)
- onTrackballEvent (MotionEvent)
- onTouchEvent (MotionEvent)
- onFocusChanged (boolean, int, Rect)

Creating New Views

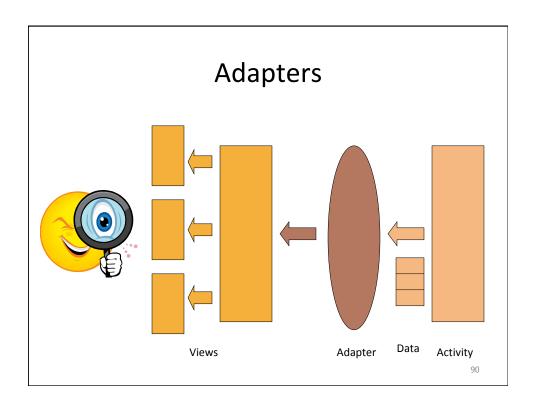
- Modify an existing view
 - Override event handlers e.g. onDraw(), onMeasure(), ...
- Compound Control: Combine controls
 - Example: dropdown box combining TextView and Button
 - Best approach: Extend Layout class
- Custom View: Create an entirely new control
- Custom key press handling: e.g. for games

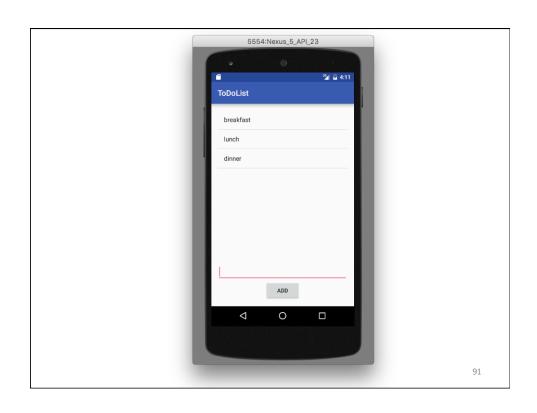
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ADAPTERS

Adapters

- Bind data to user-interface views
- Create child views to represent each item
- Provide access to the underlying data
- Useful pre-defined adapter classes:
 - ArrayAdapter
 - Bind array of data to a view
 - SimpleCursorAdapter
 - Bind result of database query to a view





LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" android:id="@+id/activity main" android:layout_width="match parent" android:layout_beight="watch parent" android:layout_height="watch parent" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_height="l" android:layout_weight="1" android:layout_weight="1" android:layout_weight="1" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_pavity="center_horizontal" android:layout_pavity="center_horizontal" android:id="@+id/add_button" /> </LinearLayout>

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android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_gravity="center_horizontal"
android:id="@+id/add_button" />

</LinearLayout>

```
final EditText item = (EditText)findViewById(R.id.item);

OnClickListener addListener = new OnClickListener() {
    public void onClick(View v) {
        // Add a new todo item and clear the input
        items.add(item.getText().toString());
        item.setText("");
        arrayAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
    }
}

Button addButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.add_button);
addButton.setOnClickListener(addListener);

<EditText
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    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:inputType="text"
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MENUS

Example: "Game" Menu

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<menu
    xmlns:android="...">
    <item android:id="@+id/new_game"
        android:icon="@drawable/ic_new_game"
        android:title="@string/new_game"
        android:showAsAction="ifRoom"/>
    <item android:id="@+id/help"
        android:icon="@drawable/ic_help"
        android:title="@string/help" />
</menu>
```

Example: "Game" Menu

Example: "File" Submenu

Options Menu (Android 2.3-)

- Access via Menu button
 - Deprecated
- Icon menu
 - Up to 6 items
 - No check boxes or radio buttons
- Expanded menu
 - Pop-up menu of extra items
- Submenus





Options Menu: Android 3.0+

- · Accessing menu:
 - Action bar
- Default:
 - All items under action overflow



- Promote menu items to action bar
 - android:showAsAction="ifRoom" in <item>
 element

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Options Menu: Creation

• Inflating menu in activity:

```
@Override
public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {
    MenuInflater inflater = getMenuInflater();
    inflater.inflate(R.menu.game_menu, menu);
    return true;
}
```

- Android 2.3-: Called when user first selects menu
- Android 3.0+: Called when activity created
- Runtime addition: add()
- Changing menu items: onPrepareOptionsMenu()

Options Menu: Handling Input

• Handling item selection:

```
@Override
public boolean
    onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
    switch (item.getItemId()) {
        case R.id.new_game:
            newGame(); return true;
        case R.id.help:
            showHelp(); return true;
        default:
            return
            super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
    }
}
```

Context Menu

- Based on currently focused view
 - Like "right-click" (long click)
 - Typically for ListView or GridView item
- Floating Context Menu
 - Operate on one view at a time
- Contextual Action Bar
 - Operate on multiple views





Context Menu: Workflow

- Register context menu for view: registerForContextMenu(View)
 - ListView or GridView: menu for all items



ContextMenuInfo)

 Define response to user input: onContextItemSelected(MenuItem)

Context Menu: Creation

Context Menu: Selection

```
@Override
public boolean onContextItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
    AdapterContextMenuInfo info =
            (AdapterContextMenuInfo) item.getMenuInfo();
    switch (item.getItemId()) {
        case R.id.edit:
            editNote(info.id);
            return true;
        case R.id.delete:
            deleteNote(info.id);
            return true;
        default:
            return super.onContextItemSelected(item);
    }
}
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```

Contextual Action Mode

- Trigger:
 - Long click on view
 - User selects checkbox etc
- Contextual Action Bar
 - Visually overtakes action bar
- Exit CAM
 - BACK button
 - Select Done from action bar
 - Deselect all items





Contextual Action Mode: Single Item

- Implement ActionMode.Callback
 - ActionMode parameter
 - setTitle(), setSubTitle(), etc
- Call startActionMode() with callback



```
private ActionMode.Callback callback = new ActionMode.Callback() {
   public boolean onCreateActionMode(ActionMode mode, Menu menu) {
     MenuInflater inflater = mode.getMenuInflater();
      inflater.inflate(R.menu.context menu, menu);
      return true;
   public boolean onPrepareActionMode(ActionMode m, Menu u)
   { return false; }
   public boolean onActionItemClicked(ActionMode m, MenuItem item) {
        switch (item.getItemId()) {
            case R.id.menu_foo:
                ... m.finish(); return true;
            default:
                return false;
   }
   public void onDestroyActionMode(ActionMode mode)
   { actionMode = null; /* "actionMode" defined in parent class */ }
};
```

Contextual Action Mode: Single Item

```
View.OnLongClickListener longListener =
  new View.OnLongClickListener() {

    // Called when the user long-clicks on someView
    public boolean onLongClick(View view) {
        if (actionMode != null) {
            return false;
        }

        // Start the CAB using the callback defined above
        actionMode =
            getActivity().startActionMode(callback);
        view.setSelected(true);
        return true;
        }
    };

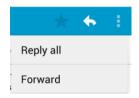
view.setOnLongClickListener(longListener);
```

Contextual Action Mode: Multi Item

- Implement AbsListView .MultiChoiceItemListener
- Call setChoiceMode() with CHOICE_MODE_MULTIPLE_MODAL
- Henry IV (1)
 Henry V
 Henry VIII
 Richard II
 Richard III
 Merchant of Venice
 Othelio
 King Lear
- Call setMultiChoiceModeListener() with callback
- Call setItemChecked() to add item to selection

Popup Menu

- Modal menu anchored to a view
 - Overflow-style menu
 - Options for menu command
 - Drop-down (similar to Spinner)



- Instantiate PopupMenu class
- Inflate with MenuInflater or PopupMenu.inflate()
- Show with PopupMenu.show()
- Input: PopupMenu.OnMenuItemClickListener
- Dismissal: PopupMenu.OnDismissListener

Popup Menu

```
public void showPopup(View v) {
   PopupMenu popup = new PopupMenu(this, v);

   // This activity implements OnMenuItemClickListener
   popup.setOnMenuItemClickListener(this);

   MenuInflater inflater = popup.getMenuInflater();
   inflater.inflate(R.menu.actions, popup.getMenu());
   // Android v11+
   // popup.inflate(R.menu.actions);

   popup.show();
}
```

Menu Groups and Checkable Menu Items

all: check box

none

Checkable Menu Items

• Respond to selection of menu item:

```
@Override
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
    switch (item.getItemId()) {
        case R.id.vibrate:
        case R.id.dont_vibrate:
        if (item.isChecked())
            item.setChecked(false);
        else
            item.setChecked(true);
        return true;
    default:
        return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
    }
}
```

Intent Filters for Plugins (1)

- Idea: dynamically generate menus that describe actions that can be applied to data displayed on the screen
- Range of options can vary dynamically depending on intent filters of installed application base

Intent Filters for Plugins (2)

- Idea: dynamically generate menus that describe actions that can be applied to data displayed on the screen
- Range of options can vary dynamically depending on intent filters of installed application base
- Use addIntentOptions method of a menu object to add menu options at run-time
 - Categories ALTERNATIVE and SELECTED_ALTERNATIVE identify activities that can be presented to users in a menu of options

```
public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu){
   super.onCreateOptionsMenu(menu);
  // The offering app must include a category of
  // Intent.CATEGORY ALTERNATIVE.
  Intent intent = new Intent(null, dataUri);
  intent.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY_ALTERNATIVE);
  // Search and populate the menu with acceptable offering apps.
  menu.addIntentOptions(
       R.id.intent_group, // Menu group for new items
              // Unique item ID (none)
              // Order for the items (none)
       this.getComponentName(), // The current activity name
       null, // Specific items to place first (none)
       intent, 0, null // Intent, flag, MenuItems (array)
  );
  return true;
```

Intent Filters for Plugins (3)

Intent Filter for TitleEditor activity (from Notepad example):

This intent resolves to TitleEditor:

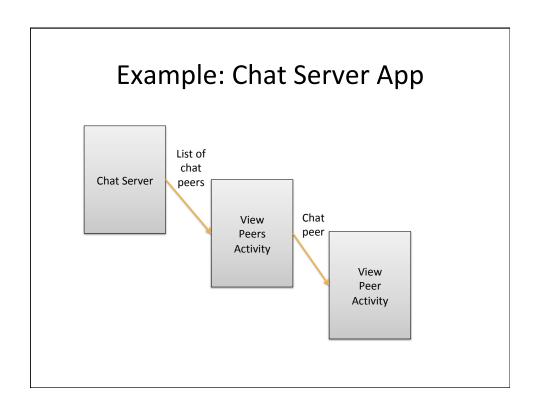
```
action: com.android.notepad.action.EDIT_TITLE
data: content://com.google.provider.NotePad/notes/ID
```

Asks the activity to display the title associated with note *ID*, and allow the user to edit the title.

Dialogs

- Common UI Metaphor
- Three ways to implement:
 - Dialog-themed Activities
 - Derive from DialogFragment class
 - Use AlertDialog builder
 - · ···or manage custom dialog
 - No need to register in the manifest
 - Toasts
 - Non-modal transient message boxes

PARCELS AND PARCELABLE



Intent Extras

```
Example: Simple Data
    Intent intent = new Intent();
    intent.putExtra("name", name);
    intent.putExtra("age", age);
Structured Data
    public class Data {
        public String name;
        public int age;
    }
    Data data = new Data(); ...
    intent.putExtra("data", data); // ???
```

Implementing Parcelable

```
• Structured Data
  public class Data implements Parcelable {
    public String name;
    public int age;
    public void writeToParcel(Parcel out, ...) {
        out.writeString(name);
        out.writeInt(age);
    }
    public Data(Parcel in) {
        name = in.readString();
        age = in.readInt();
     }
}
Data data = new Data(); ...
intent.putExtra("data", data); //
```

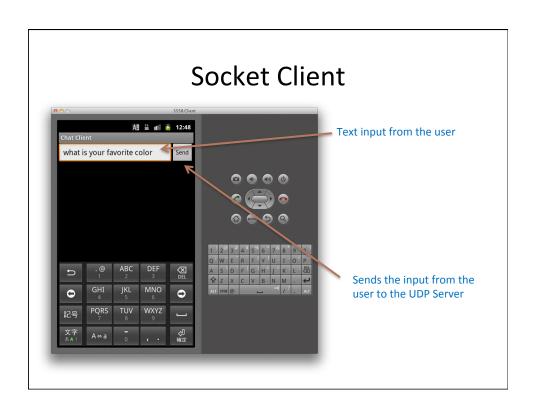
```
public class ChatServer extends Activity {
 private ArrayList<Peer> peers;
 public void onOptionItemSelected(...) { ...
    Intent intent = new Intent(this, ViewPeersActivity.class);
    intent.putParcelableArrayListExtra
             (ViewPeersActivity.PEER_KEY, peers);
   startActivity(intent); ...
 }
}
public class ViewPeersActivity extends Activity {
 public static final PEERS_KEY = "peers";
 public void onCreate(Bundle state) {
    Intent intent = getIntent();
   ArrayList<Peer> peers =
           intent.getParcelableArrayListExtra(PEERS_KEY);
 }
```

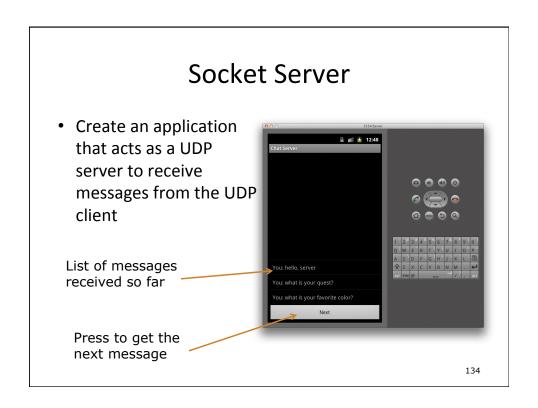
SOCKET PROGRAMMING

Android Manifest

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    package="edu.stevens.cs522.chat.oneway"
    android:versionCode="1"
    android:versionName="1.0" >
    <uses-sdk android:minSdkVersion="10" />
    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WIFI" />
    <application</pre>
        android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
android:label="@string/app_name" >
        <activity
            android:name=".ChatServer"
            android:label="@string/app_name" >
            <intent-filter>
                 <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                 <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>
```

Client/server socket interaction: UDP Server (running on hostid) Client create socket, create socket, port=x, for clientSocket = incoming request: DatagramSocket() DatagramSocket() Create, address (hostid, port=x, send datagram request using clientSocket read request from write reply to read reply from specifying client host address, port number close \ clientSocket





Handling Exceptions

```
try {
    // Operations that may fail
    // and throw an exception;
} catch (Exception e) {
    Log.e(TAG,
        "Caught UDP Exception: "+e.getMessage());
    Toast.makeText(UDPServer.this,
        "UDP Error: "+ e.getMessage()),
        Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
}
```