Exercise 8 – SMS Sending and Notification

Objective

Develop an android app that sends SMS and creates an alert upon receiving the SMS with text in the notification.

Algorithm

- 1. Initialize the Project:
 - Open Android Studio and create a new Android Project.
- 2. Design the UI:
- Create a simple layout with an `EditText` for entering SMS content and a `Button` to send the SMS.
- 3. Request SMS Permission:
 - In the manifest file, request permission to send and receive SMS.
- 4. Send SMS:
 - Implement logic to send an SMS when the user clicks the send button.
 - Utilize the `SmsManager` class for sending SMS.
- 5. Receive SMS:
 - Register a `BroadcastReceiver` to listen for incoming SMS.
 - Extract the SMS content from the received message.
- 6. Create Alert:
 - When an SMS is received, create an alert or notification displaying the SMS content.

Features used

Main Features:

- Permission handling for SMS sending and receiving.
- UI components for entering SMS content and sending.
- Utilization of `SmsManager` for sending SMS.
- Implementation of a `BroadcastReceiver` for receiving SMS.
- Creation of an alert or notification upon receiving an SMS.

Source Code

activity_main.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout</pre>
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
android:layout width="match parent"
android:layout height="match parent"
tools:context=".MainActivity">
<TextView
android:id="@+id/textView2"
android:layout width="wrap content"
android:layout height="wrap content"
android:text="SMS App"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Display1"
android:textColor="#067A6A"
app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintLeft_toLeftOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintRight_toRightOf="parent"
app:layout constraintTop toTopOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.096" />
<TextView
android:id="@+id/textView"
android:layout width="wrap content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout marginTop="28dp"
```

```
android:layout marginEnd="140dp"
android:text="Send an SMS"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Large"
android:textColor="#0C675A"
app:layout constraintEnd toEndOf="parent"
app:layout constraintTop toBottomOf="@+id/textView2" />
<TextView
android:id="@+id/phno"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap content"
android:layout marginStart="44dp"
android:layout marginTop="44dp"
android:text="Phone Number:"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Medium"
android:textColor="#304FFE"
app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
app:layout constraintTop toBottomOf="@+id/textView" /> <TextView</pre>
android:id="@+id/smstv"
android:layout width="wrap content"
android:layout height="wrap content"
android:layout marginStart="44dp"
android:layout marginTop="104dp"
android:text="SMS Content:"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Medium"
android:textColor="#304FFE"
app:layout constraintStart toStartOf="parent"
app:layout constraintTop toBottomOf="@+id/textView" /> <EditText</pre>
android:id="@+id/etPhone"
android:layout width="199dp"
android:layout height="39dp"
android:layout marginStart="12dp"
android:layout marginTop="36dp"
android:ems="10"
android:inputType="phone"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Body1"
app:layout constraintStart toEndOf="@+id/phno"
app:layout constraintTop toBottomOf="@+id/textView" /> <EditText</pre>
android:id="@+id/content"
android:layout width="341dp"
android:layout height="123dp"
android:layout marginTop="68dp"
```

```
android:layout marginEnd="32dp"
android:ems="10"
android:gravity="start|top"
android:hint="Type here"
android:inputType="textMultiLine"
android:textAppearance="@style/TextAppearance.AppCompat.Body1"
app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/etPhone" /> <Button</pre>
android:id="@+id/sendbtn"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout height="wrap content"
android:layout marginTop="48dp"
android:layout_marginEnd="160dp"
android:backgroundTint="#00BFA5"
android:text="SEND"
app:layout constraintEnd toEndOf="parent"
app:layout constraintTop toBottomOf="@+id/content" />
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

MainActivity.java

```
package com.example.ex8;
import android.Manifest;
import android.content.pm.PackageManager;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.telephony.SmsManager;
import android.view.View;
import android.widget.Button;
import android.widget.EditText;
import android.widget.Toast;
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity; import
androidx.core.app.ActivityCompat;
import androidx.core.content.ContextCompat;
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity { private static final
int MY PERMISSIONS REQUEST SEND SMS = 0; Button sendBtn;
EditText txtphoneNo;
EditText txtMessage;
String phoneNo;
String message;
@Override
```

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
sendBtn = (Button) findViewById(R.id.sendbtn);
txtphoneNo = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.etPhone); txtMessage = (EditText)
findViewById(R.id.content); sendBtn.setOnClickListener(new
View.OnClickListener() { public void onClick(View view) {
sendSMSMessage();
}
});
protected void sendSMSMessage() {
phoneNo = txtphoneNo.getText().toString();
message = txtMessage.getText().toString();
if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this, Manifest.permission.SEND SMS) !=
PackageManager.PERMISSION GRANTED) {
if (ActivityCompat.shouldShowRequestPermissionRationale(
this, Manifest.permission.SEND_SMS)) {
} else {
ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this,
new String[] {Manifest.permission.SEND SMS},
MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_SEND_SMS);
}
}
}
@Override
public void{onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode, String permissions[],
int[] grantResults)
switch (requestCode) {
case MY PERMISSIONS REQUEST SEND SMS: {
if (grantResults.length > 0
&& grantResults[0] == PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
SmsManager smsManager = SmsManager.getDefault();
smsManager.sendTextMessage(phoneNo, null, message, null, null);
Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(), "SMS sent.",
Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
}
else {
Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(), "SMS failed, please try
again.",Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
return;
```

Output Screenshots



Result

Thus an SMS sending app was implemented

Best Practices

- 1. User friendly design
- 2. Readable layouts
- 3. Modularity
- 4. Used apt names for xml and java files.
- 5. Set padding and margins for dynamically added elements

Learning outcomes

- An android application to send an SMS was implemented.
- A notification for the SMS was also implemented.