

Android lecture 3

Fragments, Notifications, Data persistence

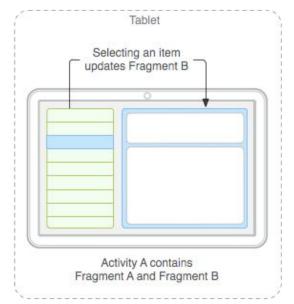
Agenda

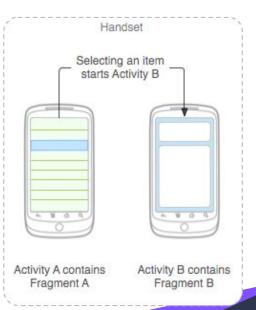
- Fragments
 - Inflating
 - Lifecycle
- Adapters
- Notifications
- Data persistence
 - File
 - SharedPreferences
 - Database
 - Content provider



Fragment

- Simplify create UI for phones and tablets
- android.app.Fragment Added API 11, deprecated API 28
- android.support.v4.app.Fragment replaced by jetpack
- androidx.fragment.app.Fragment jetpack







Fragment - add statically

```
activity_main.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<FrameLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
   xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
   android:layout_width="match_parent"
   android:layout_height="match_parent">
   <fragment</pre>
       android:id="@+id/fragment_id"
       android:tag="some_string"
       android:name="packagename.class"
       android:layout_width="match_parent"
       android:layout_height="match_parent" />
</FrameLayout>
```



Fragment - Activity.kt

```
override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
   setContentView(R.layout.activity_user)

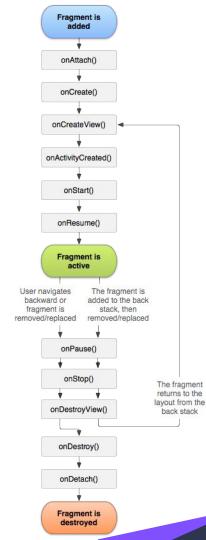
   supportFragmentManager.beginTransaction()
        .add(R.id.fragment_container, MyFragment.newInstance())
        .addToBackStack(null)
        .commit()
}
```



Fragment - states

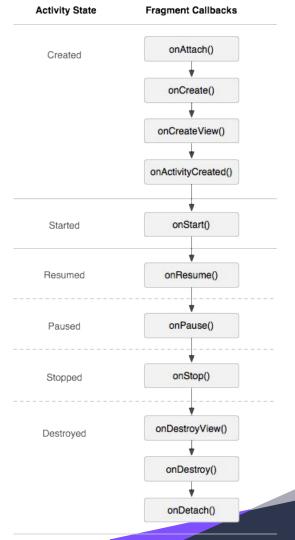
- Is in same state as host activity
- Resumed
 - Fragment is visible in the running activity
- Paused
 - Another activity in foreground, but hosting activity is still visible
- Stopped
 - Fragment is not visible
 - Hosting activity is stopped or fragment is removed from the activity, but added to backstack.
 - Alive, can be killed by hosting activity







Fragment inside Activity lifecycle





- onAttach(Activity)
 - Fragment is associated with the activity
 - Set activity as a listener
- onCreate(Bundle)
 - Initial creation of fragment
 - Process fragment extras
 - Not called when fragment is retained across Activity re-creation
- onCreateView(LayoutInflater, ViewGroup, Bundle)
 - Called when view hierarchy needs to be created



- onActivityCreated(Bundle)
 - Activity onCreate() completed
 - Get references to views
- onViewStateRestored(Bundle)
 - All saved state of the view hierarchy was restored
- onStart()
 - Fragment visible to user (same as Activity.onStart())
- onResume()
 - Fragment interact with user (based on hosting container)
 - Same as Activity.onResume()



- onPause()
 - Not interact with user anymore
 - Paused activity or fragment manipulation
- onStop()
 - No longer visible
 - Stopped activity or fragment manipulation
- onDestroyView()
 - Disconnect fragment from view hierarchy created in onCreateView()
- onDestroy
 - Fragment going to be destroyed
 - Cleanup all resources
 - Not called for retained fragments
- onDetach
 - Detach fragment from activity
 - Remove activity listeners



Retained fragment

- Call Fragment#setRetainInstance(true)
- Survive configuration change
- Views needs to be recreated
- Fragment#onCreate() is not called for retained instances
- Usually for background work or data caching



Headless fragment

- Fragment without UI
- Often retained fragment
- Fragment#onCreateView() returns null



Fragment and Activity

- Fragment is not working without activity
- Activity can call fragment methods directly
- Fragment defines interface to be implemented by Activity to handle fragment requirements



Fragment - passing data

```
class DemoFragment: Fragment() {
  companion object {
       @JvmStatic
       fun newInstance(username: String): DemoFragment {
           val fragment = DemoFragment()
           fragment.arguments = bundleOf(
               "Username" to username,
               "id" to 1001
           return fragment
```

- Android calls non-params constructor when restoring fragments
- Constructor with parameters will not be called



Exercise

- 1. Inflate LoginFragment in LoginActivity statically
- 2. Inflate UserFragment in UserActivity dynamically
- 3. Fill UserFragment data

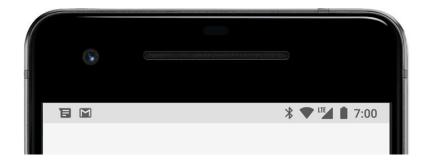


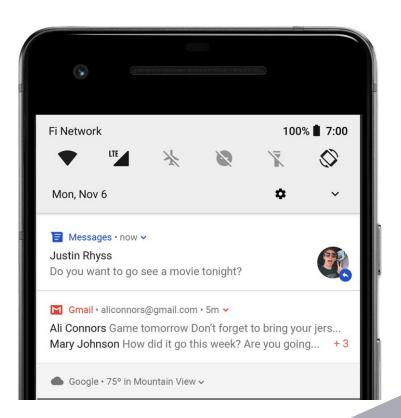


Notifications

Notifications

- Notify user, when not use your app
- Mandatory
 - Small icon
 - Content title
 - Content text
 - Notification channel Android 8.0+

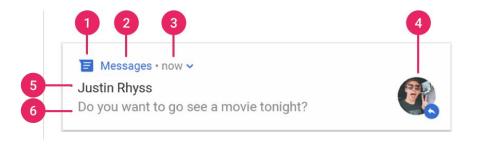






Notification

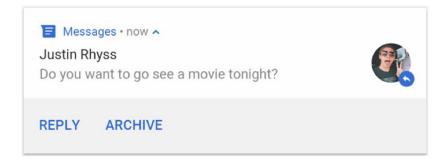
- 1. Small icon mandatory parameter
- 2. App name provided by system
- 3. Time stamp: provided by system,
 - override by setWhen()
 - Hide setShowWhen(false)
- 4. Large icon optional
- 5. Title optional
- 6. Text optional





Notification actions

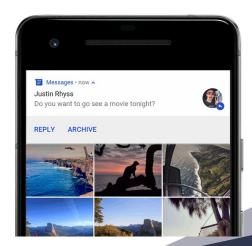
- Quick actions
- Inline reply action Android 7.0+





Heads-up notifications

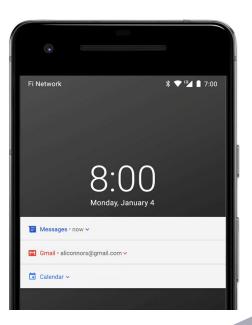
- Heads-up notifications
 - Small floating window
 - Shows action buttons to handle action without leaving app
 - Only for high priority notifications
 - If the user's activity is in full screen mode (app uses fullScreenIntent)
 - Notification has high priority and uses ringtones or vibrations
- Android 5.0+





Lock screen notifications

- Possibility to set which informations when device is locked
 - VISIBILITY PUBLIC Shows full content
 - VISIBILITY SECRET Do not show at all
 - VISIBILITY_PRIVATE Show icon and title, hide content
- Android 5.0+





Notifications dots

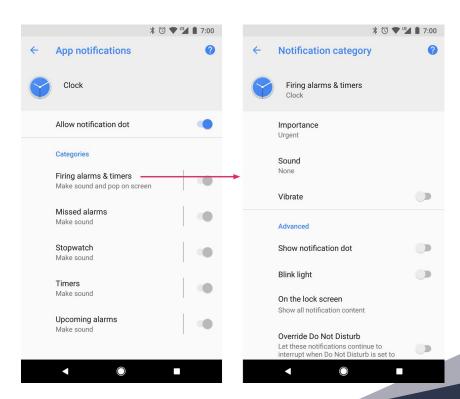
- Dots on launcher app icons
- Shows notification content on long click
- Android 8.0+





Notification channels

- Notification categories
- User can manage notifications in single category
- Override DnD
- System show number of deleted channels
- Android 8.0+





Key classes

- android.app.Notification
- android.support.v4.app.NotificationCompat
 - Action
 - Builder
 - *Style
- androidx.core.app.NotificationCompat
 - Action
 - Builder
 - *Style
- android.app.NotificationManager
- android.support.v4.app.NotificationManagerCompat
- androidx.core.app.NotificationManagerCompat
- android.app.NotificationChannel



Notification

- Use NotificationCompat.Builder
 - Handles compatibility
- NotificationManagerCompat.notify(int id, Notification)
- Possible to set pending intent for actions
- Priority affects position in drawer
- Developer responsibility to handle navigation when user opens application from notification



Create notification



Create channel



Setup notification action

```
// Create an explicit intent for an Activity in your app
val intent = Intent(this, AlertDetails::class.java).apply {
   flags = Intent.FLAG_ACTIVITY_NEW_TASK or Intent.FLAG_ACTIVITY_CLEAR_TASK
// Create the TaskStackBuilder
val resultPendingIntent: PendingIntent? = TaskStackBuilder.create(this).run {
   // Add the intent, which inflates the back stack
   addNextIntentWithParentStack(intent)
   // Get the PendingIntent containing the entire back stack
   getPendingIntent(0, PendingIntent.FLAG_UPDATE_CURRENT)
val builder = NotificationCompat.Builder(this, CHANNEL_ID)
        // Set the intent that will fire when the user taps the notification
        .setContentIntent(pendingIntent)
        .setAutoCancel(true)
```



Fire notification

```
with(NotificationManagerCompat.from(this)) {
    // notificationId is a unique int for each notification that you must define
    notify(notificationId, mBuilder.build())
}
```



Exercise

- 4. Fire notification when user tap on search button
- 5. Add notification action to open UserActivity





Persistence

Persisting data - files

Standard Java API for file operations



Internal storage

- Always available
- For private data
- Removed with application uninstall
 - https://medium.com/inloopx/samsung-tablets-are-not-removing-application-files-after-u ninstall-45cc22ace56a
- Cache



Internal storage

- Context.getFilesDir()
 - File representing internal directory for your app
- Context.openFileOutput(filename: String, mode: Int)
 - Filename name of file
 - Mode specify access to file
 - MODE PRIVATE accessible by apps with same UID
 - MODE APPEND append data instead of erasing file
 - MODE_WORLD_READABLE Deprecated API 17, SecurityException API 24
 - MODE_WORLD_WRITEABLE Deprecated API 17, SecurityException API 24
- Context.openFileInput(filename: String)
 - Filename name of file



Internal storage - cache

- Context.getCacheDir()
 - File representing internal directory for app temporary files
 - System can delete these files, when is running low on storage
 - 3rd party cleaner apps often clear cache
 - Delete these files when are not longer needed
 - Presence of these files should not affect your application
 - It can just slow down app, need to download some resources



Internal storage - sharing data

- Data can be shared via FileProvider
 - Allows to specify shared directories
 - Implicit intent to pick specific files

External storage

- External storage != SD Card
- Not always available
- World readable
- Uninstall remove files in Context.getExternalFilesDir()
- Lot of API changes between android versions
- Often modified by vendors



External storage

- Requires permissions
 - android.permission.WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE
 - android.permission.READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE
 - Since API 19 permissions are not needed for private files
- Developer responsibility to check if the external storage is available
- Public files
 - Available to the other apps and user
 - Downloaded files
- Private files
 - Files to be deleted with app uninstall
 - Accessible to other, but no value for them
 - Temp downloaded files, ringtones,



External storage

- Environment.getExternalStoragePublicDirectory(type: String): File
 - Type type of files to access Environment.DIRECTORY_*
 - File representing top-level shared/external directory for files of particular type
 - Multi user devices access only to current user
- Environment.getExternalFilesDir(type: String): File
 - Type type of files to access Environment.DIRECTORY_*
 - File representing where app place internal files
 - Files are deleted after app uninstall
- Environment.isExternalStorageEmulated(): Boolean
- Environment.isExternalStorageRemovable(): Boolean
- Environment.getExternalStorageState(): String

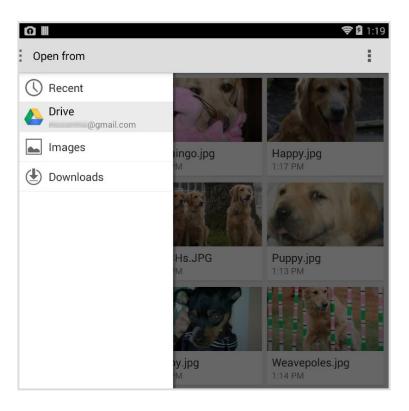


External storage - SD card

- < API-19 guess where the sdcard is mounted
- = API-19 not possible write shared data on sd card, when primary external storage is available
 - Or using storage access framework, but access is granted per file
- >=API-21 Storage access framework allows to grant access for directories
 - New APIs for accessing media folders on SD card
 - Context.getExternalMediaDirs(): Array<File>



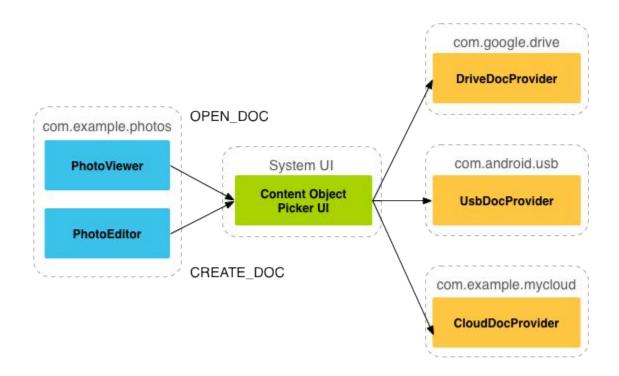
Storage access framework



- Let user pick a file
- Allows to plug-in custom service (cloud services like Dropbox, Google drive, ...)
- Since API 19



Storage access framework





SharedPreferences

- Key value storage
- Backed by XML
- Context.getSharedPreferences(name: String, mode: Int)
 - Name name of file with preferences
 - Mode operating mode
 - MODE_PRIVATE only apps with same UID have access
 - MODE WORLD READABLE API 17 Deprecated, API 24 SecurityException
 - MODE_WORLD_WRITEABLE API 17 Deprecated, API 24 SecurityException
- Activity.getPreferences(int mode)
 - Preferences associated with activity
- PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences (Context)
 - Default preferences used by Preference framework



SharedPreferences

```
val sharedPrefs = getSharedPreferences("preferences",
Context.MODE_PRIVATE)
val intVal = sharedPrefs.getInt("int_key", 42)
val stringVal = sharedPrefs.getString("string_key", "Default")
val editor = sharedPrefs.edit()
editor.putString("string_key", "new value")
editor.commit() //Synchronous
editor.apply() // Async
```



SharedPreferences

- Editor.commit()
 - Notifies about result
 - Synchronous operation, waits until changes are written to disk
- Editor.apply()
 - Async variant
 - Atomically stores values
 - ANRs bugs (fsync() on main thread)
- If multiple editors modifying preferences at she same time, last calling apply() wins
- Debugging rooted device or flipper/stetho

http://facebook.github.io/stetho/ - old, not maintainedhttps://fbflipper.com/ - new, multiplatform



Data store

- Shared preferences replacement
- Currently alpha version
 - API can change
- Shared preferences async API is buggy



Data store

Feature	SharedPreferences	Preferences DataStore	Proto DataStore
Async API	(only for reading changed values, via listener)	▼ (via Flow)	▼ (via Flow)
Synchronous API	(but not safe to call on UI thread)	×	×
Safe to call on UI thread	× *	(work is moved to Dispatchers.IO under the hood)	(work is moved to Dispatchers.IO under the hood)
Can signal errors	×	▼	✓
Safe from runtime exceptions	× **	▽	▽
Has a transactional API with strong consistency guarantees	×	▽	▼
Handles data migration	×	(from SharedPreferences)	(from SharedPreferences)
Type safety	×	×	with Protocol Buffers



Exercise

- 6. Count app launches
- 7. Prefill login with last used one
- 8. Flipper for debug shared preferences



Database -SQLite

- Full-featured SQL
- Single-file database
- Source code is just 1 file
- Small footprint
- ACID transactions
- Well documented
- Supports most of the SQL92 standard



SQLite on Android

- Foreign keys disabled by default
- Internal storage
- Collation
 - BINARY SQLite default
 - LOCALIZED changes with system locale
 - UNICODE Unicode collation algorithm
- Thread safe
- Create/upgrade on background thread
- Take care about opening/closing from different threads
- Use BaseColumn._ID for primary keys, some components rely on it
- Stetho tool for debugging



Database

- android.database.sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper
 - Database creation
 - Version management
 - Sqlite configuration
 - Enable write ahead log
 - Enable support for foreign keys
- android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase
 - Exposes methods to manage a SQLite databases
 - CRUD methods
 - Manage transactions



SQLiteOpenHelper

- onCreate(db: SQLiteDatabase)
 - Called when the database is created for the first time
- onUpgrade(db: SQLiteDatabase, oldVersion: Int, newVersion: Int)
 - Upgrade logic
- getReadableDatabase/getWriteableDatabase
 - creates/open database
- close()
 - Close open database object



- insert(table: String, nullColumnHack: String, values: ContentValues)
 - Table name of table
 - nullColumnHack optional, allows to insert empty row
 - Values inserted values
 - Returns ID of newly inserted row
- long insertOrThrow
- long insertWithOnConflict



```
query(boolean distinct,
      table: String,
      columns: Array<String>,
      selection: String,
      selectionArgs: Array<String>,
      groupBy: String,
      having: String,
      orderBy: String,
      limit: String): Cursor
    Selection - WHERE clausule, values replaced by ?
     selectionArgs - values to replace? in selection
Multiple variants of query, with different possibilities
rawQuery(sql: String, selectionArgs: Array<String>): Cursor
Close returned cursors
```





```
    delete(table: String,
        values: ContentValues,
        whereClause: String,
        whereArgs: Array<String>): Int
```

- Every CRUD operation is a transaction
- For inserting more rows in one time use transactions
- beginTransaction()
- endTransaction()
- setTransactionSuccessful()

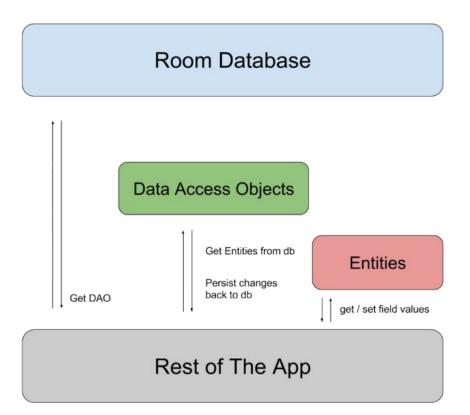


Room

- Part of the <u>Android Jetpack</u>
- Abstraction over SQLite
- Compile time validation of SQL queries
- Full integration with other Architecture components (LiveData, LifecycleObserver)
- RxJava bindings



Room





Room - entities

Represents a table

```
@Entity
data class Car(
    @PrimaryKey val id: Int,
    @ColumnInfo(name = "manufacturer") val manufacturer: String?,
    @ColumnInfo(name = "model") val model: String?,
    @ColumnInfo(name = "nubmer_of_wheels") val numberOfWheels: String?
)
```



Room - DAO

Defines operations on top of entities



Room database

Defines database



- Access to structured set of data
- Define data security
 - Via permissions
 - Global
 - Read/Write permissions
 - For single URI
- Connects data from one process to code running in another process
- ContentResolver for access data



- Used by system aps
 - SMS
 - Contacts
 - Calendar
- Allows to share data between apps
- Data specified via Uri
- Allows to use CursorLoader



- Can be backed up by different data sources
 - SQLite database
 - Network
 - Files
 - ...

- Initializes early
 - In priority order
- Application component start order
 - Content resolvers
 - Application
 - Invoked component by intent
- https://firebase.googleblog.com/2016/12/how-does-firebase-initialize-on-android.html



ContentProvider - implementation

- Design data storage
- Design content URIs
 - content://com.example.app.provider/table1
 - content://com.example.app.provider/table2/dataset1
 - content://com.example.app.provider/table3/#
- Define UriMatcher
 - Translates Uris to number constant
- Extend ContentProvider class
 - query(), insert(), update(), delete()
 - getType()
 - onCreate() fast operations, postpone db creation
- Register provider in manifest



ContentResolver

- context.getContentResolver()
- CRUD operations similar params as SQLiteDatabase
- Specify data by URI





Strict mode

Strict mode

- Developer tool
- Detects application bad behaviour





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