

## Assignment - 2

Q) Based on your understanding identify a recent business trend that has influenced the Android Platform. Explain how this trend impacts Android app developers and business in the mobile app industry.

→ As per my knowledge one notable trend in the mobile app industry that has very influenced the android platform is the rise of Progressive web apps (PWA). PWAs are web applications that offer app-like experiences directly through web browsers.

Impact on android's app developers.

1) cross platform compatibility : PWAs are designed to work seamlessly across various platforms and to consider android developers had to consider creating PWAs alongside traditional android apps to ensure broad compatibility.

2) Enhanced user experience : PWAs aimed to provide a smooth and more engaging user experience which set higher expectations for android app developers. This encouraged them to focus on improving the quality and performance of their apps to enhance user experience.

3) Progressive enhancement: Developers needs to adopt progressive enhancement strategies to ensure that android apps remained competitive by offering progress and responsive competition experience.

Impact on business in the mobile app industry.

- 1) Cost saving : Business in the mobile app industry development costs by investing in a single platform that works across multiple platforms including Android, rather than building separate native apps.
- 2) Competition and engagements : the rise of AWS introduced competition, driving business to innovate their android apps to keep up with evolving user expectations and technology trends.
- 3) Improve engagements : the focus on delivery off to priority user engagements and refining ultimately benefit their competition mobile app strategy.

2] What is the purpose of an Inflater or Layout in Android development and how does it fit into the architecture of Android layouts.

→ In Android development, the purpose of an Inflater specifically a LayoutInflator is to create view object from an XML layout resources file. It's a crucial component in Android layout architecture because it bridges the gap between the XML layout definition and the actual view object that are used in the user interface.

here how it fits into the architecture of layout

- 1) XML Layout Files : Developers defines the structure and appearance of views through in XML layout files. These files describe how elements like TextViews, Buttons, and other widgets are arranged and styled within an activity or fragment.
  - 2) Activity / Fragments : In Android Activities and fragments represents the UI components of an app. To populate these UI components with their defined layouts you need to inflate the XML layout files which is where the LayoutInflater comes in.
  - 3) Inflation : The LayoutInflater is used to convert an XML layout resource into a corresponding hierarchy of view objects. It parses the XML and creates view objects based on the elements and attributes defined in the layout resource.
  - 4) Display : Once the layout is inflated the Activity's view hierarchy is added to the Activity or fragment content view. This enables the user interface defined in the XML layout to be displayed on the screen.
- Examples

```
Protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
```

The LayoutInflator is a critical component for creating the user interface of android apps by translating XML layout files into actual view objects that can be displayed on the screen making it a fundamental part of Android layout architecture.

3] Explain the concept of an inflater or layout in android applications. Provide example to illustrate its use.

In Android applications a custom Dialog Box is a window that overlays the current activity and is often used to interact with the user. gathers input or display information overview of a custom Dialog Box.

- **Purpose:** Custom dialogs are used when you want to present information to the user that you want to interact with a small container isolated UI elements that temporally interact.
- **Components:** A custom dialog typically consists of various UI elements like button, text views, images or input fields focused to the specific interactions you want to facilitate.
- **Customizations:** Developers can design the UI's appearance, layout and behavior according to their app's branding or specific requirements. This customization allows for creativity in design and functionality.

Example:

Run show customDialog() {

    View customDialog = Dialog (this)

    customDialog .setContentView (R.layout.customDialog\_Layout)

(Layout)

    View messageTextView = customDialog .findViewById (Id

< TextView > (R.id.msg\_TextView )

    View okButton = customDialog .findViewById (R.id.OKBtn) < Button >

(R.id.OKBtn)

    messageTextView .text = "This is a customDialog"

    okButton.setOnClickListener (

        customDialog .dismiss ()

    )

    customDialog .show ()

}

→ We uses of CustomDialogBox : Login / Confirmation Dialog  
 • Setting . Information Pop-up . MediaPlayer controls.

1) How do activities Services and the Android Manifest file work together to make an Android app? Can you describe their main roles and provide a basic example of how they cooperate to design a mobile app?

→ 2) Activities :

Roles Activities represents individual screen or UI components in an android app. They manage the user interface and user interactions.

## 2) Services:

Role: services are background components that perform long running operations or handle tasks that don't interact with the app's UI but are visible.

## 3) Android Manifest File:

Role: the Android Manifest file is like the app's blueprint, it declares the app's components and defines how they interact with the Android system and their permissions.

### Example:

Class MainActivity:

```
APPCompatActivity () {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main)  
        startServiceButton.setOnClickListener {  
            val serviceIntent = Intent(this, NotificationService::  
                class)  
            startService(serviceIntent)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

→ class NotificationService : IntentService("Notification  
service") {  
 override fun onHandleIntent(intent: Intent) {  
 if (intent != null) {  
 createNotification()  
 }  
 }  
}

```

private fun createNotification() {
    val channelID = "my-channel"
    if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.O) {
        val name = "my channel"
        val notificationManager.createNotificationChannel(
            Channel())
    }
    val builder = NotificationCompat.Builder(this, channelID)
        .setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launched_foreground)
        .setContentText("this is notification from service.")
}
  
```

Q] How does the Android Manifest file impact the development of an Android application? Provide an example to demonstrate its significance.

→ The Android Manifest file is a crucial component in the development of an Android application. It serves as an interface between your application and the system. It interacts with and manages your APP's significance of the Android Manifest file.

- APP Configuration
- Component Definition
- Permission
- Internet Filters
- APP Lifecycle

Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <uses-permission android:name="http://schemas.android.com/tools" />
    <uses-permission android:name="com.android.permission.permission.Internet?" />
    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:dataExtractionRules="@xml/data_extraction_rules"
        android:fullBackupContent="@xml/full_backup_rules"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic-launcher"
        android:label="Assignment"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher-round"
        android:supportRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.Assignment"
        tools:targetApi="8" />
    <activity
        android:name=".MainActivity"
        android:exported="true" />
    <Internet-filter>
        <action android:name="com.android.internet.filter" />
        <category android:name="com.android.internet.filter.category.launches" />
    </Internet-filter>
    <activity>
        <category android:name="com.android.internet.filter.category.launches" />
    </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

6] What is the role of resources in Android development? Discuss the various types of resources and their significance in creating well-structured applications. Provide example to clarify your points.

→ Resources play a critical role in Android development as they allow you to separate code from assets like layout, image strings and more. This separates enhanced maintainability, localization, and adaptation to different device configurations. Let's discuss the various type of resources and significance.

## 1) Layout Resources:

Type: XML File (activity\_main.xml)

Significance: Define the structure and appearance of user interfaces for activities and fragments.

## 2) Drawable Resources:

Type: Images files (i.e.-launched.png)

Significance: store images and graphics for use in your app's UI elements such as icons, background images and buttons.

## 3) String Resources:

Type: XML Files (strings.xml)

Significance: store text and string literals used in your app. catering for easy localization and text management.

## 4) Color Resources:

Type: XML files (color.xml)

Significance: Define color values used in your app's UI. Promoting consistent theming and ease of color changes.

## 5) Style Resources:

Type: XML file (style.xml)

Significance: Store predefined styles and themes for consistent UI design across your app.

## 6) Dimen Resources:

Type: XML files (dimens.xml)

Significance: Store dimension values to ensure consistent spacing and layout in your app.

## 7) Raw Resources:

Type: Arbitrary files (JSON, XML)

Significance: Store raw data files such as configurations files or JSON data, which can be read and processed by your app.

7] How does an Android service contribute to the functionality of a mobile application? Describe the process of developing an Android service.

Q) How does can Android services contribute to the functionality of a mobile application. Provide detailed the process developed in Android services.

→ **Background Processing:** Services enable the execution of long running operations in the background such as downloading file monitoring sensors or handling network request this unsure switched to another app or keep their services.

**Communications services** can facilitate communication between different DApps or app or between different part of an app or components like electricity and broadcast received to send and receive data or instruction even when they are not directly visible to the user.

**Multitasking:** Services help in multitasking by allowing apps to perform tasks concurrently. For example music app use services to play music while user interact with other parts of the app or other devices.

**Notifications services** can create notifications to keep users information about ongoing background activities ensuring a seamless and informative user experience.

→ Developing an android service involves the following steps:

Create a service class start by creating a Activity class that extends the service class or its subclass.

- Define life cycle methods: override key lifecycle methods such as onStart() -> onStartCommand() and onDestory(). These methods contain when service starts what it does and when it stops.

- If a component starts the service by calling startService() the service continues to run until it's stop with stopService() or another component stop it by calling stopService()

- Declaring a service in the manifest.

You must declare all services in your application manifest file just as you do for activities and other components.

<manifest>

<application> ...

<service android:name = "ExampleServices" />

</application>

</manifest>

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