Simple Android News App - Three Fragment Case Study

In this case study, we'll create a simple **News App** using three fragments to showcase different categories of news such as **Latest News**, **Sports News**, and **Technology News**. We'll use **ViewPager2** and **TabLayout** for fragment navigation. This example will focus on fragment management, RecyclerView usage, and passing data between fragments.

Features:

- 1. Three Tabs: Latest, Sports, and Technology news.
- 2. Each tab contains a **RecyclerView** displaying a list of news articles.
- 3. Each news item can be clicked to view details.

Tech Stack:

- Language: JAVA
- Android Version: Android 5.0 (Lollipop) or higher
- Libraries: ViewPager2, TabLayout, RecyclerView

App Structure

- 1. MainActivity: Hosts the BottomNavigationView and manages fragment switching.
- 2. Fragments:
 - 1. HomeFragment
 - 2. SportsFragment
 - 3. TechFragment
- 3. Model: A News model class.
- 4. Adapter: A RecyclerView adapter for displaying news items.
- 5. **Dummy Data**: Hardcoded news for simplicity.

Steps to Implement

1. Setup Dependencies

Add required dependencies in build.gradle:

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gradle
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implementation 'androidx.appcompat:appcompat:1.6.1'
implementation 'androidx.recyclerview:recyclerview:1.3.1'
implementation 'com.google.android.material:material:1.10.0'
```

2. Layouts

activity main.xml:

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xml
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<androidx.coordinatorlayout.widget.CoordinatorLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"</pre>
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xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android: layout height="match parent"
    tools:context=".MainActivity">
    <FrameLayout</pre>
        android:id="@+id/fragment container"
        android:layout width="match parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"/>
    <com. google. android. material. bottomnavigation. BottomNavigationView</p>
        android:id="@+id/bottom navigation"
        android:layout width="match parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:layout gravity="bottom"
app:menu="@menu/bottom navigation menu"/></androidx.coordinatorlayout.widget.Coordinato
rLayout>
      bottom_navigation_menu.xml (in res/menu):
xm1
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<menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <item android:id="@+id/home"</pre>
          android:icon="@drawable/ic_home"
          android:title="Home"/>
    <item android:id="@+id/sports"</pre>
          android:icon="@drawable/ic_sports"
          android:title="Sports"/>
    <item android:id="@+id/tech"</pre>
          android:icon="@drawable/ic tech"
          android:title="Technology"/></menu>
      fragment_generic.xml:
xm1
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\langle Linear Layout \rangle
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout width="match parent"
    android:layout height="match parent"
    android:orientation="vertical">
    <androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView</pre>
        android:id="@+id/recycler_view"
        android:layout width="match parent"
        android:layout height="match parent"/></LinearLayout>
```

3. Model Class

```
java
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public class News {
    private String title;
    private String description;

public News(String title, String description) {
        this.title = title;
        this.description = description;
    }

public String getTitle() {
        return title;
    }

public String getDescription() {
        return description;
    }
}
```

4. Adapter Class

```
java
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import android.view.LayoutInflater; import android.view.View; import
android. view. ViewGroup; import android. widget. TextView; import
androidx. annotation. NonNull; import androidx. recyclerview. widget. RecyclerView; import
iava. util. List:
public class NewsAdapter extends RecyclerView.Adapter<NewsAdapter.NewsViewHolder> {
    private List<News> newsList;
    public NewsAdapter(List<News> newsList) {
        this.newsList = newsList;
    @NonNull
    @Override
    public NewsViewHolder onCreateViewHolder(@NonNull ViewGroup parent, int viewType) {
        View view =
LayoutInflater.from(parent.getContext()).inflate(android.R.layout.simple_list_item 2,
parent, false);
        return new NewsViewHolder(view);
    @Override
    public void onBindViewHolder(@NonNull NewsViewHolder holder, int position) {
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News news = newsList.get(position);
holder.title.setText(news.getTitle());
holder.description.setText(news.getDescription());
}

@Override
public int getItemCount() {
    return newsList.size();
}

static class NewsViewHolder extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder {
    TextView title, description;

public NewsViewHolder(@NonNull View itemView) {
        super(itemView);
        title = itemView.findViewById(android.R.id.text1);
        description = itemView.findViewById(android.R.id.text2);
}
```

5. Fragment Class

}

Example: HomeFragment

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java
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import android.os.Bundle; import androidx.annotation.NonNull; import
androidx. annotation. Nullable; import androidx. fragment. app. Fragment; import
androidx. recyclerview. widget. LinearLayoutManager; import
androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView;import android.view.LayoutInflater;import
android. view. View; import android. view. ViewGroup; import java. util. ArrayList; import
java. util. List;
public class HomeFragment extends Fragment {
    @Nullable
    @Override
    public View onCreateView(@NonNull LayoutInflater inflater, @Nullable ViewGroup
container, @Nullable Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        View view = inflater.inflate(R. layout.fragment generic, container, false);
        RecyclerView recyclerView = view.findViewById(R.id.recycler_view);
        recyclerView.setLayoutManager(new LinearLayoutManager(getContext()));
        List<News> newsList = new ArrayList<>();
        newsList.add(new News("General News 1", "Description 1"));
        newsList.add(new News("General News 2", "Description 2"));
        NewsAdapter adapter = new NewsAdapter(newsList);
        recyclerView. setAdapter (adapter);
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return view;
}
```

Repeat for **SportsFragment** and **TechFragment** with different dummy data.

6. MainActivity

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java
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import android.os. Bundle; import androidx. appcompat. app. AppCompatActivity; import
androidx. fragment. app. Fragment; import
com. google. android. material. bottomnavigation. BottomNavigationView;
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super. onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R. layout.activity_main);
        BottomNavigationView bottomNavigationView =
findViewById(R.id.bottom navigation);
        bottomNavigationView.setOnNavigationItemSelectedListener(item -> {
            Fragment selectedFragment = null;
            switch (item.getItemId()) {
                case R. id. home:
                     selectedFragment = new HomeFragment();
                    break;
                case R. id. sports:
                     selectedFragment = new SportsFragment();
                    break:
                case R. id. tech:
                     selectedFragment = new TechFragment();
                    break;
            if (selectedFragment != null) {
                getSupportFragmentManager().beginTransaction()
                         .replace (R. id. fragment container, selectedFragment)
                         .commit();
            return true;
        });
        // Default Fragment
        bottomNavigationView.setSelectedItemId(R.id.home);
}
```

${\tt Result}$

The app allows switching between three categories of news using the BottomNavigationView. Each fragment displays a list of dummy news items.