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1 How can we save power for mobiles

- Knowledge about the power consumption of each component and app
- Screen /network/CPU off or release other device resources as soon as not needed
- Limit resources for less frequently used apps
- Set device to sleep as soon as no user interactions
- Global management of running jobs across all apps (i.e. perform syncs, upload/download together at fixed time window)

1.1 Battery Consumption Statistics

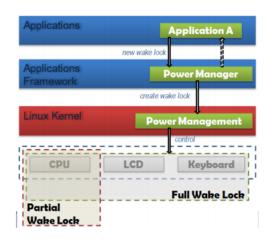
- Framework tracks the time that devices spend in different states (e.g. WiFi chipset:on/off, Display:low/high brightness)
- Controlling service pushes state changes to BatteryStats service. Framework pulls the data at these transition points
- App consumption power is calculated based on CPU run time at specific speeds

2 Android Power Management Concept

- Designed for mobile devices
- Goal is to prolong battery life
- Based on Linux Power Management (not suitable for a mobile device)
 - G0 (working)
 - G1 (sleeping)
 - * S1 (CPU stops executing instructions, power to CPU and RAM maintained)
 - * S2 (CPU powered off, cache is flushed)
 - * S3 (Standby / sleep / suspend to powered RAM)
 - * S4 (Hibernate / suspend to disk, RAM powered off)
 - - G2 (S5, soft off)
 - G3 (mechanical off)
- Mobile phones have a default off behaviour

2.1 Power Management Design

- A wrapper to Linux Power Management
- Added to the Kernel Wake Lock mechanism
- Apps need to request CPU & Screen to be on with WakeLocks, otherwise Android will shut down the CPU
- Wake locks and timeouts constantly switch the state of the systems power
 - Overall system power consumption decreases
 - Better use of battery capacity



3 Battery Life Enhancement in Android (Android 6.0 onwards)

- App Standby: defer background activity for apps with no recent user interaction.
- Doze: deep sleep if user has not actively used the device for extended periods of time
- Exemptions: system apps and cloud messaging services preloaded on phone are exempted from App Standby & Doze.
- Test apps in App standby & Doze mode for the desired performance

4 App Standby

- Start conditions: an app is not actively used for a certain time will be placed in an idle mode
 - Not doing foreground work (activities/service, pending notifications)
 - Hasnt been explicitly launched for certain time (days).
- Actions: No network access, no background jobs, can set Alarms, can use wake locks, allow network access once per day
- Exists conditions: plug in the device, do some foreground tasks

4.1 App Standby Buckets (Android 9.0)

Prioritize apps based on how recently and how frequently the apps are used

Active: currently or recently used

• Working Set: regular use

• Frequent: often used not everyday

• Rare: not frequently

• Never: never

5 Doze

- Starts Doze: when device is in idle screen off, on battery & stationary.
- In Doze: no network access; no CPU-intensive work; wakelocks ignored; no wifi scan; deferred alarm manager alarms; only high priority notification received; no job scheduler; no sync adapters.
- Exits Doze: user interaction, device motion, screen on, or AlarmClock alarm. Notification do not cause Doze exits.
- Maintenance window: complete pending activities (syncs, jobs, etc). MMS/SMS/Telephony services are excluded from Doze

6 Exemptions

- System apps and cloud messaging services preloaded on phone are exempted from App Standby & Doze.
- Use whitelist for apps to be partially exempt from Doze & App Standby
 - isIgnoringBatteryOptimiztions() to check if in the whitelist;
 - ACTION_IGNORE_BATTERY_OPTIMIZATION_SETTINGS intent to direct user to battery optimization options
 - REQUEST_IGNORE_BATTERY_OPTIMIZATIONS allow user to add app to whitelist directly
- Whitelisted apps can use network and hold partial wake locks during Doze & App Standby, but jobs & syncs are still deferred.
- App should not be on the whitelist unless cant use FCM high-priority messages or Apps core function is affected

Reference section

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