

The lecturer began by outlining the core components of Android applications:

- **Activities:** These are the UI screens users interact with. The lecturer emphasized, "Each user interaction that you have is represented as an activity, right? So it, it can be login screening, it can be menu, it can be settings field, but each interaction screen that we have for UI component, right? That's called activity."
- **Services:** These run in the background. As the lecturer explained, "So in a lot of cases, there are cases like you don't interact with your application all the time, even when you access your application. Your application needs to access resources while need to run things like music player, right?"
- **Broadcast Receivers:** These listen for system-wide broadcasts. The lecturer noted, "So broadcasters, you will allow application to listen to notifications or different broadcasts which are sent across the operating system. It can be for the notification, it can be battery level, right?"
- **Content Providers:** These manage data access. The lecturer said, "So the content provider is manage access to the data line. That data can be specific to your application. It can be common database which is shared between the applications."

Understanding these components is crucial for developing Android applications. The lecturer then moved on to discuss the Android project structure:

- **Java folder:** Contains activity files with functionality
- **res folder:** Contains layout XML files, drawables, values
- **AndroidManifest.xml:** Declares app components and permissions
- **build.gradle:** Specifies dependencies and build settings

The lecturer emphasised the importance of the AndroidManifest file: "So this is the file that describes the fundamental characteristics of your machine. So what sort of activities it, it will be performing, what sort of services it will run, right?"

When it comes to UI design, the lecturer stressed the importance of starting with low-fidelity designs:

"So we have gone through low fidelity UI. So you design that, you can design that on a paper, you can design those UI components on cardboard and use paint is up to you, but it has to be a low fidelity. That means you can't use high quality design components because that will waste your time."

This approach allows for quick iteration and user testing before investing time in high-fidelity designs. The lecturer explained the importance of user testing:

"That's when we first design everything in prototype, we build our story, stories how, where user will start when you click on your application, right? So what the first page and on that page. So this is the story how this story will move."

Once the low-fidelity designs are tested and refined, developers can move on to creating the actual layouts in Android Studio. The lecturer outlined three ways to create and modify layouts:

- XML file editing

- Visual UI designer in Android Studio
- Java code (though this was not recommended as the primary method)

When discussing layout design, the lecturer focused on common layout types:

- **FrameLayout:** "Frame layout is the simplest layout that you can use, generally is easier to manage and the good quality of you can put one component on top of the layout."
- **LinearLayout:** "So in linear layout you have an option to align your elements in horizontal way, one below another you can align your elements in vertical, I'm sorry, horizontally this way, right? Or vertically this way, right?"
- **TableLayout:** "Table layout is highly used to grid layout. So inside of grid layout, we use table layout. So everything is organizing the form of table, right?"
- **ConstraintLayout:** "And then constraint layout is more powerful layout and it's more flexible. You can put in element anywhere you want, but you need to set up constraint against the elements."

The lecturer then focused on three main UI components that are commonly used:

"First one is textview. This is to show any text to the user who is interacting the application. The second one is edit text. Edit text is where they can put in some information and you can pass that information. It can be user login detail, their password. So whichever information you want to get from the user for that you can use edit text. The second thing, third one is if you want to, when they want to move from this page to different page, right. When they want to move it between the activities, right. So that's the button, right."

An important concept in Android development that the lecturer explained is sandboxing:

"So what does it do? It encapsulates one single application in a container, right. If you're working in each container, whatever is happening is ISO intercom electricity, that if something can happen inside that application, right. There's some security issues within that container."

This sandboxing approach enhances security by isolating applications from each other and from the system.

The lecturer also touched on the activity lifecycle, mentioning that it would be covered in more detail in a future lecture:

"So Android has, we will cover this in lecture six. So it's called activity lifecycle. So whenever you open up the standardized function, whenever you load an application, just standardized functions which control with type of functionalities will happen in each stage of that application."

Understanding the activity lifecycle is crucial for managing app behaviour as users navigate through the app, switch between apps, and return to the app.

The lecturer emphasized the importance of using resources effectively:

"So we generally want to put the text within our sources. So that's within strings, within string column, and then we want to refer to these string values within our URL."

This approach allows for easier localization and maintenance of the app.

Finally, the lecturer touched on the concept of intents, though noting that it would be covered in more detail later:

"So yeah, another thing is because we haven't done the intents, so you don't know how to move from one layout to another layout, right?"

Intents are a crucial concept in Android development, used for starting activities, services, and sending broadcast messages.

In conclusion, this lecture provided a comprehensive overview of Android development basics, from the core components of an Android application to the specifics of layout design and UI components. The lecturer emphasized the importance of starting with low-fidelity designs, conducting user testing, and understanding the structure of an Android project. By focusing on these fundamentals, developers can build a strong foundation for creating effective and user-friendly Android applications.