Android Development

Adapters and Recycler View











Questions





Just a second!





Do you remember what we talked about last time?

Please fill this form:

https://forms.gle/ArDYAQPSquoqWdJGA

This will help me understand what you remember from our previous lecture.

But first - Toolbar!



- ActionBar was added in API level 11, in 21 was replaced with ToolBar
- ActionBar was hard to customize, was editable only in java code, was not part of the view hierarchy
- Toolbar solves those problems.
 - It's just a View
 - It can be anywhere in the hierarchy
 - Can be assigned as an ActionBar











Setup Toolbar



- Add implementation 'com.android.support:appcompat-v7:21.0.+' in the build.gradle file
- To set a ToolBar as an ActionBar, use setSupportActionBar(toolbar);
- To avoid action bar clashes, use the theme Theme.AppCompat.Light.NoActionBar
 - change it in res/values/styles

Source: https://developer.android.com/training/appbar/setting-up.html

Actions



- Buttons located in the ActionBar are called Action Buttons
- They should be really actions, not navigation search, send..
- If more actions than space allows, Overflow Menu is shown, which shows a dropdown of all hidden actions
- Actions are defined in xml in menu folder

Source: https://developer.android.com/training/appbar/actions

Up Navigation



- ActionBar's Logo can be replaced with an Up arrow
- Up should take the user to the previous activity in the hiererchy
- There should be a difference between Up and Back
- Overriding on Options I tem Selected allows you to detect a click on the Up and actions
- Overriding on BackPressed allows you to detect when back is pressed

Source: https://developer.android.com/training/appbar/up-action



View Binding



- Before: findViewById
- Now:

```
ActivityLoginBinding binding = DataBindingUtil.setContentView(this,
R.layout.activity_login);
```

binding.btnLogin.setText(...);

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Source: https://www.vogella.com/tutorials/AndroidDatabinding/article.html

View Binding



- To enable it change the gradle file

```
dataBinding {
    enabled = true
}
```

- Layouts should have a parent tag < layout >
- This allows the system to automatically generate an object, which has all view bindings

Source: https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/data-binding



Spinner



View, which shows its elements in a dropdown list

```
// Create an ArrayAdapter, add items and a default spinner layout
ArrayAdapter<CharSequence> adapter = ArrayAdapter.createFromResource(this,
        items, android.R.layout.simple_spinner_item);
// Specify the layout to use when the list of choices appears
adapter.setDropDownViewResource(android.R.layout.simple_spinner_dropdown_ite
m);
// Apply the adapter to the spinner
spinner.setAdapter(adapter);
```

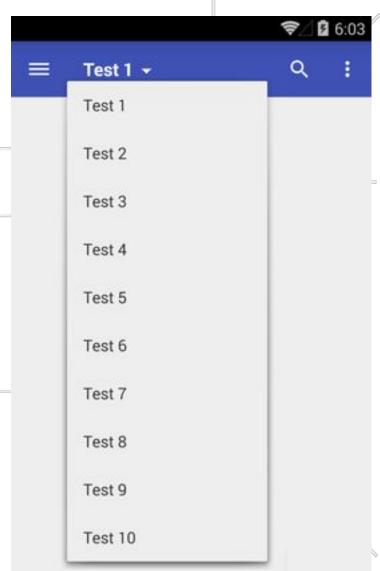
Let's do this!



Write the following app:

Create a toolbar. Have an icon, action button and overflow icon.

Instead of a title, have a spinner.



Adapters



- Adapters connect the View with the data
- An adapter has:
- Method for item count
- Method for getting an item
- Method for getting a view with data set from the data of an item
- We used to use different adapters
- ArrayAdapter for data in arrays
- CursorAdapter for data in the database
- BaseAdapter for general use
- Now we don't use them anymore.

Source: https://www.studytonight.com/android/adapter-and-adapter-view

Adapter Views



- Views that require an Adapter to work
- ListView shows items in a list
- GridView in a grid
- Gallery shows items screen by screen
- These views are obsolete and probably removed.

Source: https://www.studytonight.com/android/adapter-and-adapter-view

Recycler View



Displays a collection of data

Java:

```
mRecyclerView = (RecyclerView) findViewById(R.id.my_recycler_view);
mRecyclerView.setLayoutManager(new LinearLayoutManager(this));
mAdapter = new MyAdapter(myDataset);
mRecyclerView.setAdapter(mAdapter);
```

Source: https://developer.android.com/guide/components/intents-filters

RecyclerView.Adapter



- Should inherit
 RecyclerView.Adapter<MyAdapter.MyViewHolder>
- Should override onCreateViewHolder
 - used to inflate the View and create the ViewHolder object
- Should override onBindViewHolder
 - used to set values to the view inside the ViewHolder

View Holder



- Avoids view binding (findViewByld) every time the view is scrolled
- Simple class that has fields the Views in one item of the list
- It works like this:
 - When a new View is created, it's views are passed to a view holder to keep them safe
 - When a list item should be shown, the view holder for that item is used, it's views are changed according to the data



Let's do this!

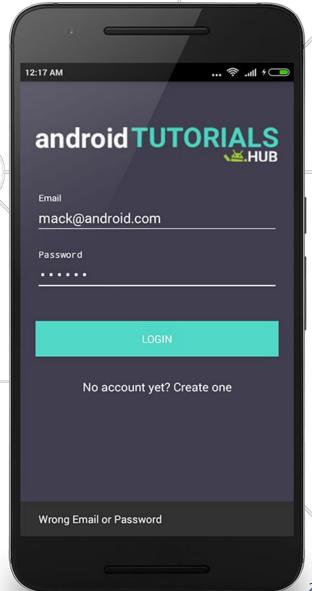
Add to your app:

Below Login button add create account text. Pressing the text takes you to another screen.

RegisterScreen has:

- email
- password, repeat password
- submit button that sends the data via email
- Contact us button that dials a number
- Has a check for wrong email format and password mismatch







Summary and Resources



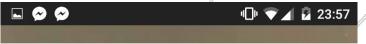
There are a lot of Views. One of the important ones is RecyclerView.

Resources:



Homework (1)





14,565 Points · 149 Comments









It's a little flaw, but it drives me crazy sometimes.



9.845 Points · 196 Comments

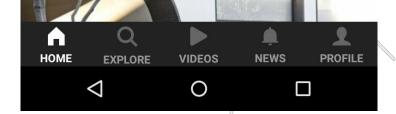


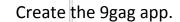






A 1992 Jaguar xj220.





It should have a vertical list of items. Each item has:

- title
- image
- points and comments
- vote up and down
- comment
- share

Pressing up button would disable the button. Pressing down will un-press up and make down button pressed. Both buttons cannot be pressed at the same time. Pressing the comment button would take the user to another screen. Pressing Share would share the title and image with Facebook, Twitter or other installed apps.

Populate at least 10 different items in the list.



Homework (2)





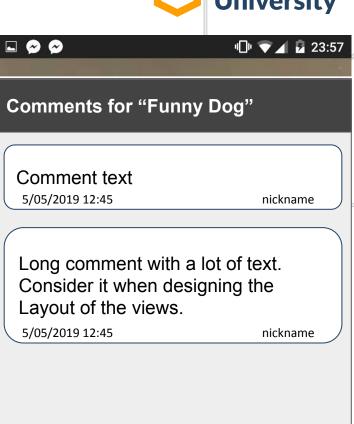
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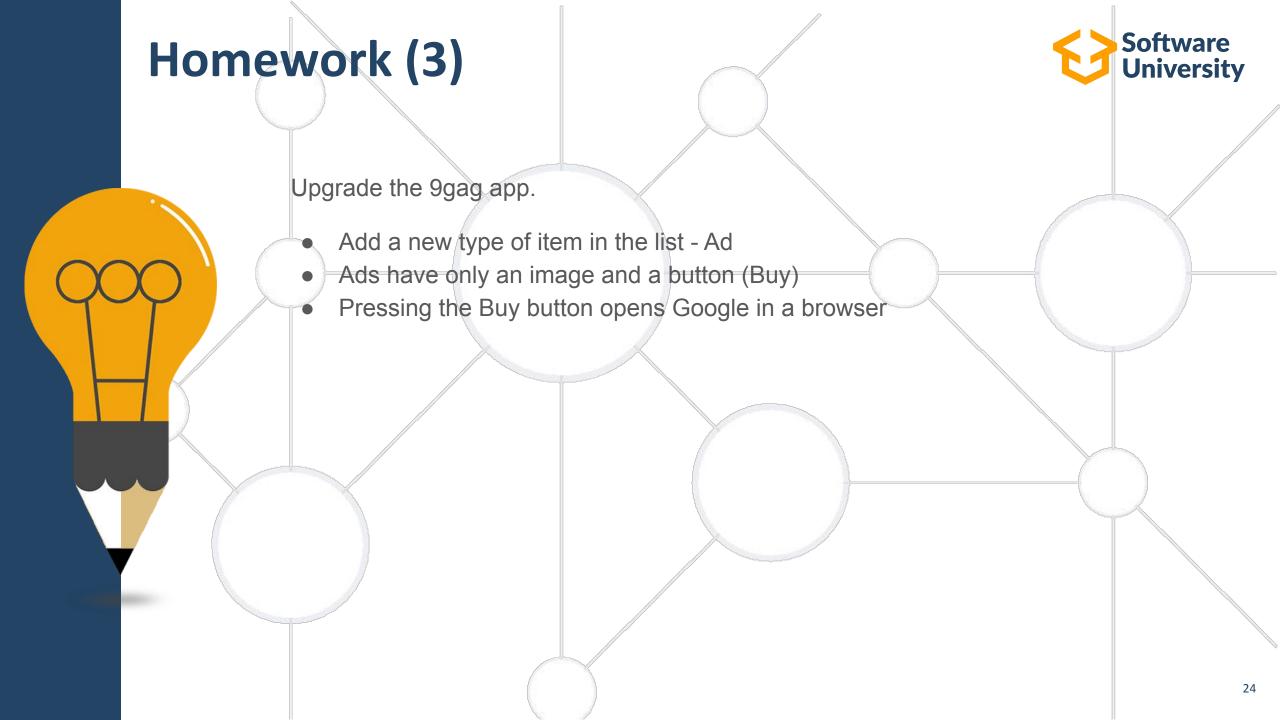
When the user presses the comment button, it opens a new screen.

The screen shows all the comments from the users, datetime sent and username.

User can enter and add a new comment. It appears at the bottom of the screen.

Data should not be remembered. Exiting the screen will clear all the entered comments.







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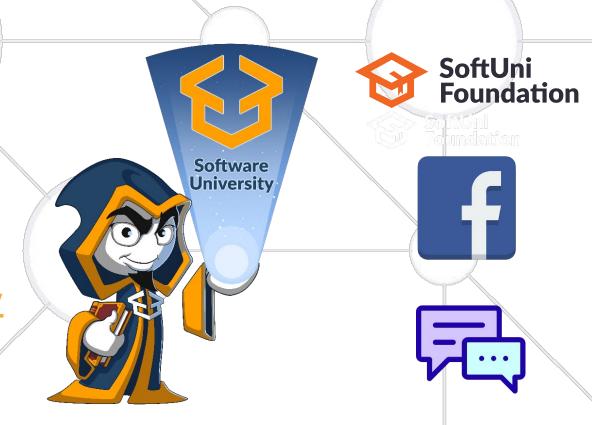




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Tabs and Bottom Sheet



- Tabs need external library
 - compile com.android.support:design:23.0.1
- Each tab should be a new fragment
- Change between fragments happens with a ViewPager
- ViewPager uses an Adapter