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Chapter 1

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Scheduling

2.1 Executors

Executor is a simple standardized interface for defining custom thread-like subsystems, including thread pools, asynchronous IO, and lightweight task frameworks. Depending on which concrete Executor class is being used, tasks may execute in a newly created thread, an existing task-execution thread, or the thread calling execute, and may execute sequentially or concurrently. ExecutorService provides a more complete asynchronous task execution framework. An ExecutorService manages queuing and scheduling of tasks, and allows controlled shutdown. The ScheduledExecutorService subinterface and associated interfaces add support for delayed and periodic task execution. ExecutorServices provide methods arranging asynchronous execution of any function expressed as Callable, the result-bearing analog of Runnable. A Future returns the results of a function, allows determination of whether execution has completed, and provides a means to cancel execution. A RunnableFuture is a Future that possesses a run method that upon execution, sets its results.Implementations. Classes ThreadPoolExecutor and ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor provide tunable, flexible thread pools. The Executors class provides factory methods for the most common kinds and configurations of Executors, as well as a few utility methods for using them. Other utilities based on Executors include the concrete class FutureTask providing a common extensible implementation of Futures, and ExecutorCompletionService, that assists in coordinating the processing of groups of asynchronous tasks.

2.1.1 Queues

The ConcurrentLinkedQueue class supplies an efficient scalable thread-safe non-blocking FIFO queue. Five implementations in java.util.concurrent sup-

port the extended Blocking Queue interface, that defines blocking versions of put and take: Linked Blocking Queue, Array Blocking Queue, Synchronous Queue, Priority Blocking Queue, and Delay Queue. The different classes cover the most common usage contexts for producer-consumer, messaging, parallel tasking, and related concurrent designs. The Blocking Deque interface extends BlockingQueue to support both FIFO and LIFO (stack-based) operations. Class Linked Blocking Deque provides an implementation.

2.1.2 Timing

The TimeUnit class provides multiple granularities (including nanoseconds) for specifying and controlling time-out based operations. Most classes in the package contain operations based on time-outs in addition to indefinite waits. In all cases that time-outs are used, the time-out specifies the minimum time that the method should wait before indicating that it timed-out. Implementations make a "best effort" to detect time-outs as soon as possible after they occur. However, an indefinite amount of time may elapse between a time-out being detected and a thread actually executing again after that time-out. All methods that accept timeout parameters treat values less than or equal to zero to mean not to wait at all. To wait "forever", you can use a value of Long.MAX_VALUE.

2.1.3 Synchronizers

Besides Queues, this package supplies Collection implementations designed for use in multithreaded contexts: ConcurrentHashMap, Concurrent Skip ListMap, ConcurrentSkipListSet, CopyOnWriteArrayList, and CopyOnWriteArraySet. When many threads are expected to access a given collection, a ConcurrentHashMap is normally preferable to a synchronized HashMap, and a ConcurrentSkipListMap is normally preferable to a synchronized TreeMap. A CopyOnWriteArrayList is preferable to a synchronized ArrayList when the expected number of reads and traversals greatly outnumber the number of updates to a list. The "Concurrent" prefix used with some classes in this package is a shorthand indicating several differences from similar "synchronized" classes. For example java.util.Hashtable and Collections.synchronizedMap(new HashMap()) are synchronized. But ConcurrentHashMap is "concurrent". A concurrent collection is thread-safe, but not governed by a single exclusion lock. In the particular case of ConcurrentHashMap, it safely permits any number of concurrent reads as well as a tunable number of concurrent writes.

”Synchronized” classes can be useful when you need to prevent all access to a collection via a single lock, at the expense of poorer scalability. In other cases in which multiple threads are expected to access a common collection, ”concurrent” versions are normally preferable. And unsynchronized collections are preferable when either collections are unshared, or are accessible only when holding other locks. Most concurrent Collection implementations (including most Queues) also differ from the usual java.util conventions in that their Iterators provide weakly consistent rather than fast-fail traversal. A weakly consistent iterator is thread-safe, but does not necessarily freeze the collection while iterating, so it may (or may not) reflect any updates since the iterator was created.

2.2 Memory Consistency Properties

The synchronized and volatile constructs, as well as the Thread.start() and Thread.join() methods, can form happens-before relationships. In particular: Each action in a thread happens-before every action in that thread that comes later in the program’s order. An unlock (synchronized block or method exit) of a monitor happens-before every subsequent lock (synchronized block or method entry) of that same monitor. And because the happens-before relation is transitive, all actions of a thread prior to unlocking happen-before all actions subsequent to any thread locking that monitor. A write to a volatile field happens-before every subsequent read of that same field. Writes and reads of volatile fields have similar memory consistency effects as entering and exiting monitors, but do not entail mutual exclusion locking. A call to start on a thread happens-before any action in the started thread. All actions in a thread happen-before any other thread successfully returns from a join on that thread. The methods of all classes in java.util.concurrent and its subpackages extend these guarantees to higher-level synchronization. In particular: Actions in a thread prior to placing an object into any concurrent collection happen-before actions subsequent to the access or removal of that element from the collection in another thread. Actions in a thread prior to the submission of a Runnable to an Executor happen-before its execution begins. Similarly for Callables submitted to an ExecutorService. Actions taken by the asynchronous computation represented by a Future happen-before actions subsequent to the retrieval of the result via Future.get() in another thread. Actions prior to ”releasing” synchronizer methods such as Lock.unlock, Semaphore.release, and CountdownLatch.countDown happen-

before actions subsequent to a successful "acquiring" method such as `Lock.lock`, `Semaphore.acquire`, `Condition.await`, and `CountDownLatch.await` on the same synchronizer object in another thread. For each pair of threads that successfully exchange objects via an `Exchanger`, actions prior to the `exchange()` in each thread happen-before those subsequent to the corresponding `exchange()` in another thread. Actions prior to calling `CyclicBarrier.await` and `Phaser.awaitAdvance` (as well as its variants) happen-before actions performed by the barrier action, and actions performed by the barrier action happen-before actions subsequent to a successful return from the corresponding `await` in other threads.

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Chapter 4

Literature Review

Treasure Hunts in libraries are more commonly the domain of primary and secondary schools, and are often created in a simple question/answer format. A review of the literature was therefore done on two different levels. Firstly, the Librarian was looking for interesting ideas or a spin for the Hunt which would work well for mature students; and secondly, there was the need to investigate the pedagogical soundness of such an enterprise at the tertiary level. An initial exploration of the literature in September 2006 found little that created any inspirational spark. Treasure Hunts were often mentioned as part of orientation programmes, but never discussed in any great depth. By June 2007, it seemed as though everyone had had the same great idea simultaneously. The influx of pirate-themed Treasure Hunts, no doubt encouraged by the recent Pirates movies, now inundate the internet. Several Treasure Hunts have been published and presented at conferences such as LIANZA 2006 (Telford, 2006) and MLA 2007 (Mongelia Brown, 2007). Nowhere in the literature was there evidence of a Treasure Hunt quite like this one, where students collected clues, solved codes, and most importantly, visited many libraries and social facilities at once. Some had major internet components (Smith, 2007), where the treasure was hidden in databases, and some were in reality offering nothing more than a guided tour (Langley, 2007) (Telford, 2006). Some Treasure Hunts were thoroughly uninspiring ("Welcome to the resources treasure hunt!," 2003), containing the vague and unstructured questions librarians often field at the beginning of a reference interview, and requiring clues like Go to chapter 2, which teaches nothing about the techniques of how and why a particular chapter is to be found. A number of reports on Treasure Hunts were negative, but usually in the context of Library-based Information Literacy Evaluation programmes. They strongly recommended Treasure Hunts should not be used to evaluate students information literacy ("Assignments to Test for Information Literacy

Skills,” 2006; ”Creating Effective Library Assignments: A Guide for Faculty ” 2005). Fortunately for our students, the Treasure Hunt was developed as a method to help them learn, gain confidence and explore, not to assess them. Investigation of the pedagogical soundness of this enterprise was much more encouraging. At the core is the well-researched concept of learner-centred, active learning techniques, where learning is embedded in authentic tasks, is collaborative, integrated, reflective, and socially constructed (Biggs, 2003; Ramsden, 2003). Accordingly, the activities reflected the multidisciplinary nature of the BOH programme by involving many stops to gather clues from a variety of locations, social and academic, where the students worked together to solve the clues, and gained some new friends in the process. The Treasure Hunt was also pitched at an appropriate level of difficulty, with opportunities for feedback and discussion. Many of the students in the course are teenagers, so it was important to acknowledge their predilections as millennial students, and what that would mean in regard to their learning. The seven core traits (special, sheltered, confident, team oriented, conventional, pressured, and achieving) as coined by Howe and Strauss (2003), marry comfortably into the goals of learner-centred learning, and therefore the Treasure Hunt itself (Mongelia Brown, 2007)

4.1 Methodology

4.1.1 Planning and Design

During late August 2006, the idea of a Treasure Hunt was first tabled as a learner-centred activity that met the objectives of the induction programme and the Librarians expectations of acquiring base-level information literacy skills. Following a number of brain storming sessions, the Librarian used her recently acquired Project Management skills to create a detailed timeline, and a risk assessment matrix to identify risks early, and minimise them. For example, a common design feature of a Treasure Hunt is to locate a particular citation in a book and use it to find another resource. This often leads to the citation being underscored by participants, or even worse, the pertinent page being torn from the book by a particularly competitive student. Consequently, this Treasure Hunt only once required students to look inside a text. The rest of the questions could be answered from call numbers, the outside covers, or simply range guide signs. Other risks identified generally had a high impact, but a low likelihood, e.g. rain, power-cut no internet access, other libraries

and other Campus Hot Spots not being prepared to participate. Anticipated issues such as having hoards of students racing through their buildings simply required good organisation and preparation. The Librarian contacted all Hot Spot service providers and Libraries well in advance, ensuring them of their minimal obligations (for example, handing out Clue Cards), and chose locations that could in fact cope with large numbers of students. All participating service providers immediately saw the benefit for themselves and supported the endeavour whole-heartedly. The main risk, which was the most time-consuming to eliminate, was creating clues for each library that had logical connectivity and were error-free. All identified risks helped to shape the timeline. First was confirmation of topics to be covered at each library, forming the scaffold for the Hunt. The Librarian and Academic staff member worked together on this, ensuring both sides objectives were met. For instance, the students needed to know that research and study for the BOH would require a wide range of reading. They might go to the Central (humanities) Library for sociology texts, to the Science Library for nutrition or chemistry, to the Medical Library for drug handbooks, or to the Dental Library for discipline specific information. The Treasure Hunt demonstrated this multidisciplinary nature of their degree by choosing clues that interconnected. To illustrate: students had to find a particular journal article containing a specific reference from the Dental Library, and then had to find the cited journal in the Central Library. The Hunt went through several testing stages, with Library colleagues being used as testers on the last draft. Upon completion of this planning process the Treasure Hunt packs for each pair of students had to be made up and all staff briefed. We were ready to go!

4.2 The Treasure Hunt

The event took place on the afternoon of 26th February 2006 during orientation week. 36 students congregated in a teaching laboratory, where they were introduced to the Librarians, watched a short presentation on the art of library-based research skills, and participated in some basic hands-on practice in using the library catalogue. Then they received their Treasure Hunt packs which included instructions, maps of the campus and of all the libraries, a guide to the catalogue, a handout of the key points made in the presentation, and their first of five clue-cards. To ensure that some of the smaller Libraries and Campus Hot Spots were not overwhelmed, the group was divided into pairs, and given different starting points. Ideally, no more

than 4 pairs of students were ever at the same place at any one time. They were given 1.5 hours to complete the Hunt, and instructed to meet back at base at 4pm to Crack the Code and win Treasure! The clue-card directed the student to a specific library, where they had to collect answers to 4 or 5 clues. From these specific letters would be used in order to complete the Code Cracker at the end of the Hunt. Often the answer to one clue was required to solve the next one. So for instance, in the Central Library, What floor would you find Social Sciences books on? had an answer: [Floor] ONE. The next question read Your map shows a Help Desk is on this floor, what does the blue sign above the desk actually say? The correct answer was [Re-serve and] GENERAL The 6th letter of the word was the answer to Clue 16. Once the student had filled in all the clues on the card, they were directed to a staffed desk (usually a Reference Desk) where they could collect the next clue-card. Staff at the desks were only required to scan the completed card to ensure it was indeed complete, and to hand over the next clue. They were also provided with an answer sheet to assist if any students could not progress. Some staff did actively help the students. The five places students were required to visit were the four libraries: Dental, Medical, Science and Central, and one hotchpotch of places called, for the purposes of the Treasure Hunt, Campus Hot Spots. This included Student Health, Disability Information and Support, The Print Shop, and Clubs and Societies (owned by the Student Association). These Hot Spots are geographically situated near each other, and clues for these places were all on the one clue-card. Clubs and Societies was chosen as the next pick up point as they were accustomed to crowds, and had a roomy reception desk. As is the nature of the traditional tour, the Treasure Hunt had to fulfil the basic requirement of ensuring the students simply knew what was where, and how to find things themselves next time. Therefore many clues had a location focus, like Find the journal shelved directly after Diabetes Care. What is it? and this was extended by asking: What is the main language used? These questions demonstrated that journals in the Medical Library are shelved alphabetically, and that a foreign sounding journal [Diabetologia] is not necessarily in a foreign language [it is written mainly in English]. The Hunt also showed that all libraries offer very similar services, but might name them differently, such as Information Desk versus Help Desk. Or, that although all Libraries use call numbers to shelve books, the call numbers for the same book could be slightly different from one library to the next. During the Hunt students were to use the catalogue three times in three different libraries, and in three different ways.

This demonstrated that all the Library's resources are listed on the same catalogue, and that information could be accessed in different ways, depending on the need. Upon their return at 4 o'clock, the pairs of students worked with others to complete the final task and submit the agreed answer to the Code Cracker. As individuals they all completed a single-page Quick-fire Quiz, designed to recap and reinforce their learning experiences. This time together was also an opportunity for students to summarise their learning and make a record for their own future reference. All students were asked to reflect on the activity and complete a brief evaluation with the specified intention that their responses would lead to changes for the Hunt at the beginning of 2008. The treasure of the Treasure Hunt was not just successful completion of the Hunt, tangible rewards from an oral health products company were taken away. Two days later, the Librarians met the BOH class again for two reasons. One was to give out special prizes: three large Dr. Rabbit soft toys were given to three students who had correctly answered the final Quick-Fire Quiz (all correct entries were put in a hat, and the three names were randomly selected). The second purpose of our visit was to report back on their collective reflective feedback, and talk about improvements for the students next year. One month later, the Librarians met the BOH class again once the group had submitted assignments for Sociology and BOH, we asked them to reflect with the benefit of hindsight, the usefulness of the Treasure Hunt.

4.2.1 Discussion

The students' first learning experiences in developing library skills, and knowledge of the range of information available has had positive outcomes in their written work where we begin to see a wider variety of resources accessed than has been the case with previous first year students. New students were not aware of the wide range of services offered by the University and had appreciated this opportunity to visit the sites selected. Other units such as Student Job Search, and Unipol Sports Centre were suggested as useful Hot Spots to explore next time. These students got to know some members of the class well in the time spent hunting and they were beginning to establish a sense of collegiality. However, it is clear that we were quite naive to believe this would not be a highly competitive exercise. Encouraging these students to explore the wider campus took them away from the Faculty of Dentistry and meant that they became more familiar with that larger environment. However, the larger environment at Otago is quite spread out, so the student feedback of

needing more time next year will be heeded, as will our advice to wear sensible shoes! Remarks made by library staff alerted us to a few minor issues: time pressure meant that queuing etiquette was largely ignored. Instructions were not always read as literally as required e.g. students looked for a Service Desk at the Central Library, when the instructions told them to look for the Help Desk. Some mild confusion was created with the language used e.g. students were asked to find the Social Sciences section (based on signage in the Central Library), but staff said that all resources at Central could be considered social sciences. We will do it again! The intention from the outset was to place the students at the centre of their learning experience, to provide them with a series of tasks that would be meaningful to them especially as a group with the characteristics previous experience had led us to anticipate, and to leave them in control of the process there was no compulsion to complete any or all of the exercise. The students all strove to achieve complete answer sheets, there was a sense that not doing so would characterise failure even to the extent that one pair refused to return until they were satisfied with their work. There was a clear message from students that they were in control (once the initial instruction/background had been provided and the task set). Perhaps one or two felt this was a little infra dig but the wholehearted involvement of the whole class made it a very worthwhile experience.

4.2.2 Conclusion

A carefully designed Treasure Hunt can be successfully conducted in a reasonably limited period of time and provide students with a stimulating and worthwhile learning experience

Chapter 5

Project Design

5.1 Requirement

Android SDK

The Android software development kit (SDK) includes a comprehensive set of development tools. These include a debugger, libraries, a handset emulator based on QEMU, documentation, sample code, and tutorials. Currently supported development platforms include computers running Linux (any modern desktop Linux distribution), Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later, Windows XP or later. The officially supported integrated development environment (IDE) is Eclipse using the Android Development Tools (ADT) Plugin, though IntelliJ IDEA IDE (all editions) fully supports Android development out of the box, and NetBeans IDE also supports Android development via a plugin.[9] Additionally, developers may use any text editor to edit Java and XML files, then use command line tools (Java Development Kit and Apache Ant are required) to create, build and debug Android applications as well as control attached Android devices (e.g., triggering a reboot, installing software package(s) remotely). Enhancements to Android's SDK go hand in hand with the overall Android platform development. The SDK also supports older versions of the Android platform in case developers wish to target their applications at older devices. Development tools are downloadable components, so after one has downloaded the latest version and platform, older platforms and tools can also be downloaded for compatibility testing.

Android applications are packaged in .apk format and stored under /data/app folder on the Android OS (the folder is accessible only to the root user for security reasons). APK package contains .dex files (compiled byte code files called Dalvik executables), resource files, etc.

Android Open Accessory Development Kit

The Android 3.1 platform (also backported to Android 2.3.4) introduces

Android Open Accessory support, which allows external USB hardware (an Android USB accessory) to interact with an Android-powered device in a special "accessory" mode. When an Android-powered device is in accessory mode, the connected accessory acts as the USB host (powers the bus and enumerates devices) and the Android-powered device acts as the USB device. Android USB accessories are specifically designed to attach to Android-powered devices and adhere to a simple protocol (Android accessory protocol) that allows them to detect Android-powered devices that support accessory mode.

5.1.1 Software Tools

Eclipse

Eclipse is a multi-language software development environment comprising a base workspace and an extensible plug-in system for customizing the environment. It is written mostly in Java. It can be used to develop applications in Java and, by means of various plug-ins, other programming languages including Ada, C, C++, COBOL, Fortran, Haskell, JavaScript, Perl, PHP, Python, R, Ruby (including Ruby on Rails framework), Scala, Clojure, Groovy, Scheme, and Erlang. It can also be used to develop packages for the software Mathematica. Development environments include the Eclipse Java development tools (JDT) for Java and Scala, Eclipse CDT for C/C++ and Eclipse PDT for PHP, among others.

5.1.2 System Architecture

The Eclipse Platform uses plug-ins to provide all functionality within and on top of the runtime system, in contrast to some other applications, in which functionality is hard coded. The Eclipse Platform's runtime system is based on Equinox, an implementation of the OSGi core framework specification. This plug-in mechanism is a lightweight software componentry framework. In addition to allowing the Eclipse Platform to be extended using other programming languages such as C and Python, the plug-in framework allows the Eclipse Platform to work with typesetting languages like LaTeX,[13] networking applications such as telnet and database management systems. The plug-in architecture supports writing any desired extension to the environment, such as for configuration management. Java and CVS support is provided in the Eclipse SDK, with support for other version control systems

provided by third-party plug-ins. With the exception of a small run-time kernel, everything in Eclipse is a plug-in. This means that every plug-in developed integrates with Eclipse in exactly the same way as other plug-ins; in this respect, all features are "created equal".[citation needed] Eclipse provides plug-ins for a wide variety of features, some of which are through third parties using both free and commercial models. Examples of plug-ins include a UML plug-in for Sequence and other UML diagrams, a plug-in for DB Explorer, and many others. The Eclipse SDK includes the Eclipse Java development tools (JDT), offering an IDE with a built-in incremental Java compiler and a full model of the Java source files. This allows for advanced refactoring techniques and code analysis. The IDE also makes use of a workspace, in this case a set of metadata over a flat filesystem allowing external file modifications as long as the corresponding workspace "resource" is refreshed afterwards. Eclipse implements widgets through a widget toolkit for Java called SWT, unlike most Java applications, which use the Java standard Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT) or Swing. Eclipse's user interface also uses an intermediate graphical user interface layer called JFace, which simplifies the construction of applications based on SWT. Language packs developing by the "Babel project" provide translations into over a dozen natural languages.

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5.1.3 UML

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Data Flow Diagram

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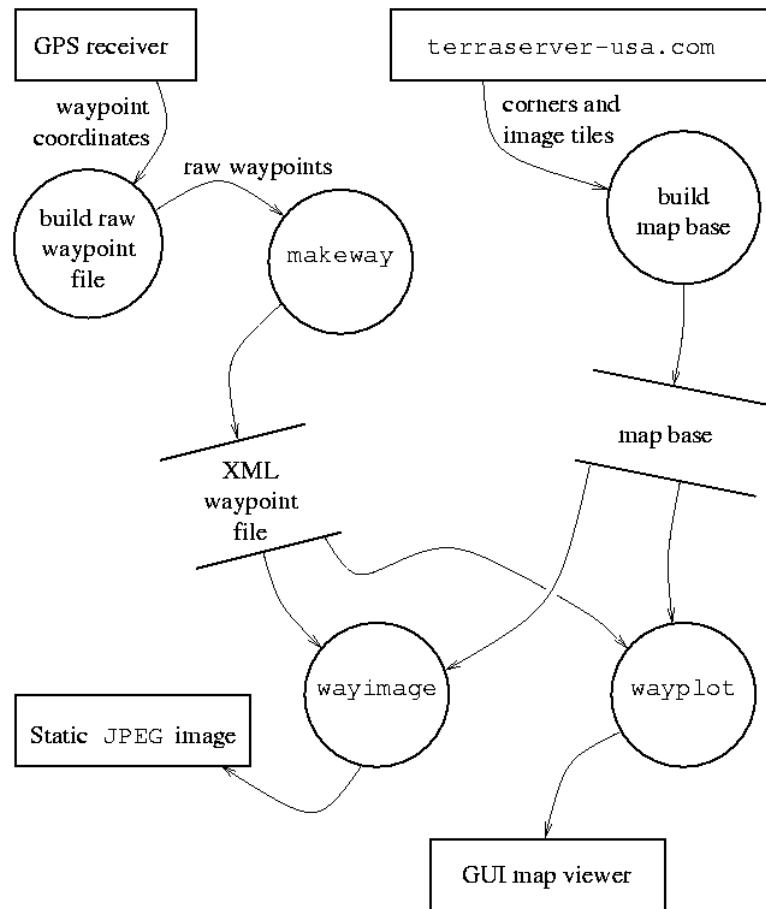


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5.1.4 Database Design

5.1.5 Test Designs

Chapter 6

Implementation

6.1 Modules

The modules functionality has been defined below with the snippets code

6.1.1 Splash Startup

A splash screen is an image that appears while a game or program is loading. It may also be used to describe an introduction page on a website. Splash screens cover the entire screen or simply a rectangle near the center of the screen. The splash screens of operating systems and some applications that expect to be run full-screen usually cover the entire screen.

Splash screens are typically used by particularly large applications to notify the user that the program is in the process of loading. They provide feedback that a lengthy process is underway. Occasionally, a progress bar within the splash screen indicates the loading progress. A splash screen disappears when the application's main window appears. Splash screens typically serve to enhance the look and feel of an application or web site, hence they are often visually appealing. They may also have animations, graphics, and sound.

The Java programming language has a specific class for creating splash screens, called `java.awt.SplashScreen`[1] that handles standard splash screen functions, e.g. display an image centered on screen then disappears when the first program window opens. Type the Code and Few lines here

6.1.2 Async Task

`AsyncTask` enables proper and easy use of the UI thread. This class allows to perform background operations and publish results on the UI thread without having to manipulate threads and/or handlers.

AsyncTask is designed to be a helper class around Thread and Handler and does not constitute a generic threading framework. AsyncTasks should ideally be used for short operations (a few seconds at the most.) If you need to keep threads running for long periods of time, it is highly recommended you use the various APIs provided by the java.util.concurrent package such as Executor, ThreadPoolExecutor and FutureTask.

An asynchronous task is defined by a computation that runs on a background thread and whose result is published on the UI thread. An asynchronous task is defined by 3 generic types, called Params, Progress and Result, and 4 steps, called onPreExecute, doInBackground, onProgressUpdate and onPostExecute.

```
1 private class DownloadFilesTask extends AsyncTask<URL, Integer, Long> {
2     protected Long doInBackground(URL... urls) {
3         int count = urls.length;
4         long totalSize = 0;
5         for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
6             totalSize += Downloader.downloadFile(urls[i]);
7             publishProgress((int) ((i / (float) count) * 100));
8             // Escape early if cancel() is called
9             if (isCancelled()) break;
10        }
11        return totalSize;
12    }
13
14    protected void onProgressUpdate(Integer... progress) {
15        setProgressPercent(progress[0]);
16    }
17
18    protected void onPostExecute(Long result) {
19        showDialog("Downloaded " + result + " bytes");
20    }
21 }
```

async.py

6.1.3 JSON parser

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a lightweight data-interchange format. It is easy for humans to read and write.

It is easy for machines to parse and generate. It is based on a subset of the JavaScript Programming Language, Standard ECMA-262 3rd Edition - December 1999. JSON is a text format that is completely language independent but uses conventions that are familiar to programmers of the C-family of languages, including C, C++, C, Java, JavaScript, Perl, Python, and many others. These properties make JSON an ideal data-interchange language.

JSON is built on two structures:

- A collection of name/value pairs. In various languages, this is realized as an object, record, struct, dictionary, hash table, keyed list, or associative array.
- An ordered list of values. In most languages, this is realized as an array, vector, list, or sequence.

These are universal data structures. Virtually all modern programming languages support them in one form or another. It makes sense that a data format that is interchangeable with programming languages also be based on these structures.

```
1 { "questions": [ { "name": "Rufus ", "opname": "Vodafone IN", "nciso": "in", "line": "9962611545", "sim": "8991840042145036982", "time": "2013-03-11 16:17:55", "series": "9962", "ip": "112.79.36.103", "_ID": "8300" } ] }
```

json.txt

6.1.4 SQL Lite Helper

A helper class to manage database creation and version management.

You create a subclass implementing `onCreate(SQLiteDatabase)`, `onUpgrade(SQLiteDatabase, int, int)` and optionally `onOpen(SQLiteDatabase)`, and this class takes care of opening the database if it exists, creating it if it does not, and upgrading it as necessary. Transactions are used to make sure the database is always in a sensible state.

This class makes it easy for `ContentProvider` implementations to defer opening and upgrading the database until first use, to avoid blocking application startup with long-running database upgrades.

Exposes methods to manage a SQLite database.

`SQLiteDatabase` has methods to create, delete, execute SQL commands, and perform other common database management tasks.

See the Notepad sample application in the SDK for an example of creating and managing a database.

Database names must be unique within an application, not across all applications

```
1 package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
2
3 import android.content.Context;
4 import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase;
5 import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper;
6
7 public class MySQLiteHelper extends SQLiteOpenHelper {
8     private static final String DATABASE_NAME = "questions.db";
```

```

9 private static final int DATABASE_VERSION = 2;
10 public static final String TABLE_QUESTIONS = "quest";
11 public static final String COLUMN_ID = "_id";
12 public static final String COLUMN_QUESTION = "question";
13 public static final String COLUMN_ANSWER = "answer";
14 public static final String COLUMN_POINTS = "points";
15 public static final String COLUMN_STATUS = "status";
16 public static final String COLUMN_QNUM = "qnum";
17 public static final String COLUMN_LAT = "latitude";
18 public static final String COLUMN_LONG = "longitute";
19 public static final String COLUMN_HINT = "hint";
20 // Database creation sql statement
21 private static final String DATABASE_CREATE = "create table "
22     + TABLE_QUESTIONS + "(" + COLUMN_ID
23     + " integer primary key autoincrement, " + COLUMN_QNUM
24     + " text not null, " + COLUMN_QUESTION + " text not null, "
25     + COLUMN_ANSWER + " text not null, " + COLUMN_POINTS
26     + " text not null, " + COLUMN_STATUS + " , " + COLUMN_LAT + " , "
27     + COLUMN_LONG + " , " + COLUMN_HINT + ")";
28
29 public MySQLiteHelper(Context context) {
30     super(context, DATABASE_NAME, null, DATABASE_VERSION);
31 }
32
33 @Override
34 public void onCreate(SQLiteDatabase db) {
35     db.execSQL(DATABASE_CREATE);
36 }
37
38 @Override
39 public void onUpgrade(SQLiteDatabase db, int oldVersion, int newVersion
40     ) {
41     db.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS " + TABLE_QUESTIONS);
42     onCreate(db);
43 }

```

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6.1.5 GPS Receiver

Android gives your applications access to the location services supported by the device through classes in the `android.location` package. The central component of the location framework is the LocationManager system service, which provides APIs to determine location and bearing of the underlying device (if available).

As with other system services, you do not instantiate a LocationManager directly. Rather, you request an instance from the system by calling `getSystemService(Context.LOCATION_SERVICE)`. The method returns a handle to a new

Once your application has a LocationManager, your application is able to do three things:

Query for the list of all LocationProviders for the last known user location. Register/unregister for periodic updates of the user's current location from a location provider (specified either by criteria or name). Register/unregister for a given Intent to be fired if the device comes within a given proximity (specified by radius in meters) of a given lat/long.

```
1 private final LocationListener listener = new LocationListener() {  
2  
3     @Override  
4     public void onLocationChanged(Location location) {  
5         // A new location update is received. Do something useful with  
6         // it. In this case,  
7         // we're sending the update to a handler which then updates the  
8         // UI with the new  
9         // location.  
10        Message.obtain(mHandler,  
11            UPDATE_LATLNG,  
12            location.getLatitude() + ", " +  
13            location.getLongitude()).sendToTarget();  
14        ...  
15    }  
16    ...  
17 };  
18 locationManager.requestLocationUpdates(LocationManager.GPS_PROVIDER,  
19     10000,           // 10-second interval.  
20     10,             // 10 meters.  
21     listener);
```

gps.py

6.1.6 Points Updater

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6.1.7 Crash Detector

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6.1.8 Google Maps API

With the Google Maps Android API, you can add maps to your app that are based on Google Maps data. The API automatically handles access to Google Maps servers, data downloading, map display, and touch gestures on the map. You can also use API calls to add markers, polygons and overlays, and to change the user's view of a particular map area.

The key class in the Google Maps Android API is `MapView`. A `MapView` displays a map with data obtained from the Google Maps service. When the `MapView` has focus, it will capture keypresses and touch gestures to pan and zoom the map automatically, including handling network requests for additional maps tiles. It also provides all of the UI elements necessary for users to control the map. Your application can also use `MapView` class methods to control the map programmatically and draw a number of overlays on top of the map.

The Google Maps Android APIs are not included in the Android platform, but are available on any device with the Google Play Store running Android 2.2 or higher, through Google Play services.

To integrate Google Maps into your app, you need to install the Google Play services libraries for your Android SDK..

6.2 Testing

6.2.1 Robotium benefits:

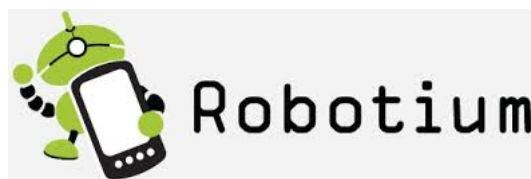


Figure 6.1: Robotium Automatic Application Testing Package

- * You can develop powerful test cases, with minimal knowledge of the application under test.
- * The framework handles multiple Android activities automatically.
- * Minimal time needed to write solid test cases.
- * Readability of test cases is greatly improved, compared to standard instrumentation tests.
- * Test cases are more robust due to the run-time binding to GUI components.
- * Blazing fast test case execution.
- * Integrates smoothly with Maven or Ant to run tests as part of continuous integration.

6.3 Results

6.3.1 Analysis

Code Snippet

```
1 package com.calculator.test;
2
3 import android.test.ActivityInstrumentationTestCase2;
4 import android.widget.EditText;
5 import android.widget.TextView;
6 import com.calculator.Main;
7 import com.calculator.R;
8 import com.jayway.android.robotium.solo.Solo;
9
10 public class TestMain extends ActivityInstrumentationTestCase2<Main> {
11     private Solo solo;
12
13     public TestMain() {
14         super(Main.class);
15     }
16
17     @Override
18     protected void setUp() throws Exception {
19         super.setUp();
20         solo = new Solo(getInstrumentation(), getActivity());
21     }
22
23     public void testDisplayBlackBox() {
24
25         //Enter 10 in first edit-field
26         solo.enterText(0, "10");
27
28         //Enter 20 in first edit-field
29         solo.enterText(1, "20");
30
31         //Click on Multiply button
32         solo.clickOnButton("Multiply");
33
34         //Verify that resultant of 10 x 20
35         assertTrue(solo.searchText("200"));
36
37     }
38
39     public void testDisplayWhiteBox() {
40
41         //Defining our own values to multiply
42         float firstNumber = 10;
43         float secondNumber = 20;
44         float result = firstNumber * secondNumber ;
45
46         //Access First value (edit-field) and putting firstNumber value in it
47         EditText FirsteditText = (EditText) solo.getView(R.id.EditText01);
48         solo.enterText(FirsteditText, String.valueOf(firstNumber));
49
50         //Access Second value (edit-field) and putting SecondNumber value in
```

```

        it
51     EditText SecondeditText = (EditText) solo.getView(R.id.EditText02);
52     solo.enterText(SecondeditText, String.valueOf(secondNumber));
53
54     // Click on Multiply button
55     solo.clickOnButton("Multiply");
56
57     assertTrue(solo.searchText(String.valueOf(resutl)));
58     TextView outputField = (TextView) solo.getView(R.id.TextView01);
59     // Assert to verify result with visible value
60     assertEquals(String.valueOf(resutl), outputField.getText().toString()
61         );
62 }
63
64 @Override
65 protected void tearDown() throws Exception{
66     solo.finishOpenedActivities();
67 }
68 }

```

robotinium.py

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6.4 Comparison with Previous works

6.4.1 Submodule1

Code Snippet

```

1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4 import sys
5
6 if __name__ == '__main__':
7     print("Hello World :)")

```

helloworld.py

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6.5 Previews

6.5.1 Submodule1

Code Snippet

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Chapter 7

Scheduling

7.1 Executors

Executor is a simple standardized interface for defining custom thread-like subsystems, including thread pools, asynchronous IO, and lightweight task frameworks. Depending on which concrete Executor class is being used, tasks may execute in a newly created thread, an existing task-execution thread, or the thread calling execute, and may execute sequentially or concurrently. ExecutorService provides a more complete asynchronous task execution framework. An ExecutorService manages queuing and scheduling of tasks, and allows controlled shutdown. The ScheduledExecutorService subinterface and associated interfaces add support for delayed and periodic task execution. ExecutorServices provide methods arranging asynchronous execution of any function expressed as Callable, the result-bearing analog of Runnable. A Future returns the results of a function, allows determination of whether execution has completed, and provides a means to cancel execution. A RunnableFuture is a Future that possesses a run method that upon execution, sets its results.Implementations. Classes ThreadPoolExecutor and ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor provide tunable, flexible thread pools. The Executors class provides factory methods for the most common kinds and configurations of Executors, as well as a few utility methods for using them. Other utilities based on Executors include the concrete class FutureTask providing a common extensible implementation of Futures, and ExecutorCompletionService, that assists in coordinating the processing of groups of asynchronous tasks.

7.1.1 Queues

The ConcurrentLinkedQueue class supplies an efficient scalable thread-safe non-blocking FIFO queue. Five implementations in support the extended

Blocking Queue interface, that defines blocking versions of put and take: Linked Blocking Queue, Array Blocking Queue, Synchronous Queue, Priority Blocking Queue, and Delay Queue. The different classes cover the most common usage contexts for producer-consumer, messaging, parallel tasking, and related concurrent designs. The Blocking Deque interface extends BlockingQueue to support both FIFO and LIFO (stack-based) operations. Class Linked Blocking Deque provides an implementation.

7.1.2 Timing

The TimeUnit class provides multiple granularities (including nanoseconds) for specifying and controlling time-out based operations. Most classes in the package contain operations based on time-outs in addition to indefinite waits. In all cases that time-outs are used, the time-out specifies the minimum time that the method should wait before indicating that it timed-out. Implementations make a "best effort" to detect time-outs as soon as possible after they occur. However, an indefinite amount of time may elapse between a time-out being detected and a thread actually executing again after that time-out. All methods that accept timeout parameters treat values less than or equal to zero to mean not to wait at all. To wait "forever", you can use a value of Long.MAX_VALUE.

7.1.3 Synchronizers

Besides Queues, this package supplies Collection implementations designed for use in multithreaded contexts: ConcurrentHashMap, Concurrent Skip ListMap, ConcurrentSkipListSet, CopyOnWriteArrayList, and CopyOnWriteArraySet. When many threads are expected to access a given collection, a ConcurrentHashMap is normally preferable to a synchronized HashMap, and a ConcurrentSkipListMap is normally preferable to a synchronized TreeMap. A CopyOnWriteArrayList is preferable to a synchronized ArrayList when the expected number of reads and traversals greatly outnumber the number of updates to a list. The "Concurrent" prefix used with some classes in this package is a shorthand indicating several differences from similar "synchronized" classes. For example java.util.Hashtable and Collections.synchronizedMap(new HashMap()) are synchronized. But ConcurrentHashMap is "concurrent". A concurrent collection is thread-safe, but not governed by a single exclusion lock. In the particular case of ConcurrentHashMap, it safely permits any number of concurrent reads as well as a tunable number of concurrent writes.

”Synchronized” classes can be useful when you need to prevent all access to a collection via a single lock, at the expense of poorer scalability. In other cases in which multiple threads are expected to access a common collection, ”concurrent” versions are normally preferable. And unsynchronized collections are preferable when either collections are unshared, or are accessible only when holding other locks. Most concurrent Collection implementations (including most Queues) also differ from the usual java.util conventions in that their Iterators provide weakly consistent rather than fast-fail traversal. A weakly consistent iterator is thread-safe, but does not necessarily freeze the collection while iterating, so it may (or may not) reflect any updates since the iterator was created.

7.2 Memory Consistency Properties

The synchronized and volatile constructs, as well as the Thread.start() and Thread.join() methods, can form happens-before relationships. In particular: Each action in a thread happens-before every action in that thread that comes later in the program’s order. An unlock (synchronized block or method exit) of a monitor happens-before every subsequent lock (synchronized block or method entry) of that same monitor. And because the happens-before relation is transitive, all actions of a thread prior to unlocking happen-before all actions subsequent to any thread locking that monitor. A write to a volatile field happens-before every subsequent read of that same field. Writes and reads of volatile fields have similar memory consistency effects as entering and exiting monitors, but do not entail mutual exclusion locking. A call to start on a thread happens-before any action in the started thread. All actions in a thread happen-before any other thread successfully returns from a join on that thread. The methods of all classes in java.util.concurrent and its subpackages extend these guarantees to higher-level synchronization. In particular: Actions in a thread prior to placing an object into any concurrent collection happen-before actions subsequent to the access or removal of that element from the collection in another thread. Actions in a thread prior to the submission of a Runnable to an Executor happen-before its execution begins. Similarly for Callables submitted to an ExecutorService. Actions taken by the asynchronous computation represented by a Future happen-before actions subsequent to the retrieval of the result via Future.get() in another thread. Actions prior to ”releasing” synchronizer methods such as Lock.unlock, Semaphore.release, and CountdownLatch.countDown happen-

before actions subsequent to a successful "acquiring" method such as `Lock.lock`, `Semaphore.acquire`, `Condition.await`, and `CountDownLatch.await` on the same synchronizer object in another thread. For each pair of threads that successfully exchange objects via an `Exchanger`, actions prior to the `exchange()` in each thread happen-before those subsequent to the corresponding `exchange()` in another thread. Actions prior to calling `CyclicBarrier.await` and `Phaser.awaitAdvance` (as well as its variants) happen-before actions performed by the barrier action, and actions performed by the barrier action happen-before actions subsequent to a successful return from the corresponding `await` in other threads.

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Chapter 8

Results Conclusion

8.1 User Interface

Chapter 9

Future Scope

9.1 Future Scope

References