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## Intro to Android

<https://github.com/arneson/intro-to-android>

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Tonight's topic: 'Intro to Android'

Workshop

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# Who am I?

Simon Arneson

- Android, iOS, React (Native), Node.js, ...

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# GoodOnes

Swipa, matcha & chatta  
gratis med schysst folk!

- Legitimation med BankID stoppar fejkprofiler och troll. De som inte kan uppföra sig blir portade forever.
- Massor av foton och kul innehåll gör det lättare att swipa rätt.
- Du får bara mess från folk du själv gillar.



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# Matpriskollen



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# Android

Intro



# Platform & devices

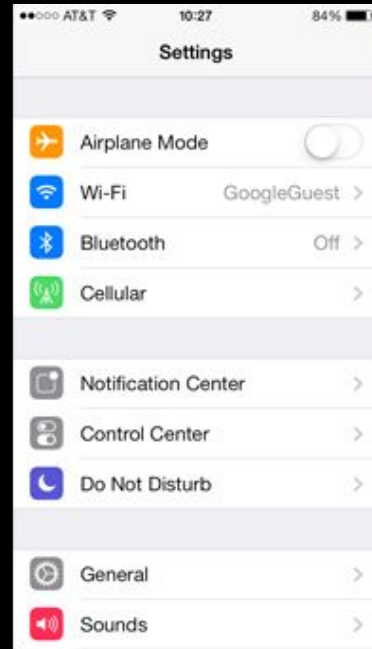
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# Android

- 24000 different devices (2015)
- More than 400 manufacturers (2015)
- Many different Android versions still supported
- Plus a lot of custom ROMs
- 1 billion active device that won't be updated
- Different screen sizes
- Low-end products

# Look and Feel

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# Android Look and Feel

- Don't mimic UI elements from other platforms
- Don't carry over platform-specific icons
- Don't hardcode links to other apps
- Don't use right-pointing carets on line items
- Don't use labeled back buttons on action bars



# Handle back stack

- “Physical” back button (always visible)
- Activities handle back stack automatically
- Otherwise you have to manage it yourself

# Google Play Services

- Google Maps
- Google Drive
- Google Location
- Google Wallet
- Android Wear
- And many more...

[https://developers.google.com/android/guides/setup#add\\_google\\_play\\_services\\_to\\_your\\_project](https://developers.google.com/android/guides/setup#add_google_play_services_to_your_project)

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# Grundläggande byggstenar

- Context
- Activity
- Service
- Application
- AndroidManifest
- Fragment
- View
- Resources



# Components

# Activity

- Corresponds to ViewController on iOS
- Usually represents a single screen

# Fragment

- Lifecycle-aware component that is tied to an Activity

## Custom view

- Corresponds to UIView on iOS

- No right or wrong!
- Multiple Activities
- Single Activity -> multiple Fragments
- Custom views
- Architecture components

# Lifecycle

# iOS Lifecycle

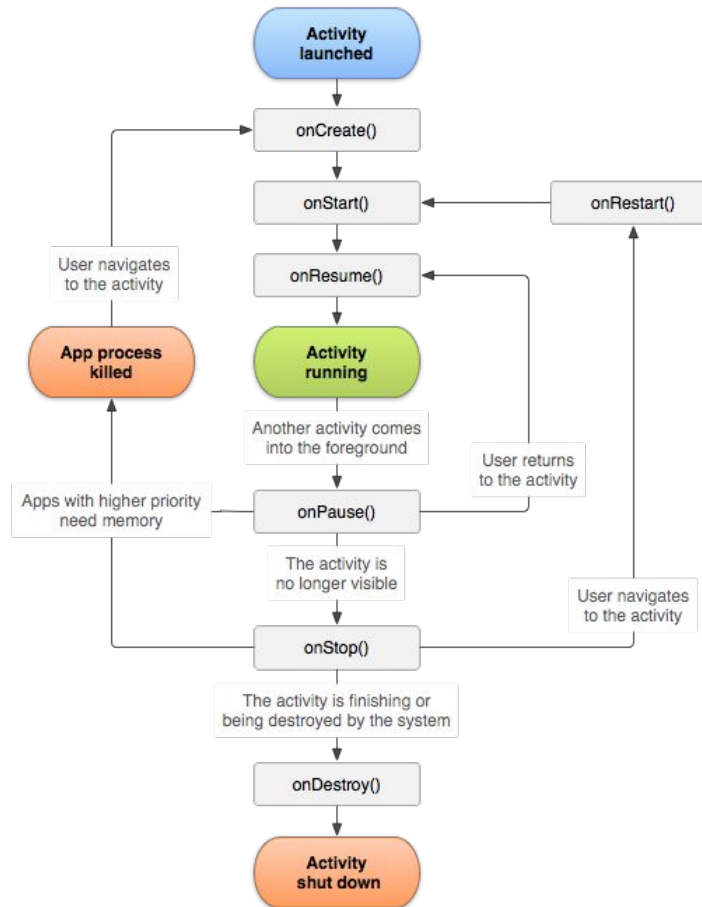
- viewDidLoad
- viewWillAppear
- viewDidAppear
- viewWillDisappear
- viewDidDisappear

# React Lifecycle

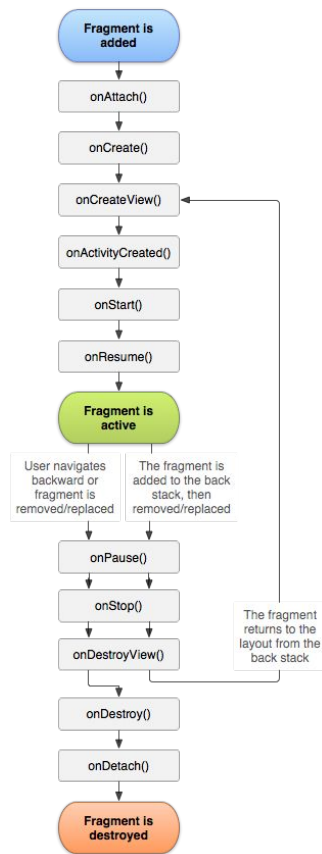
- constructor
- render
- willReceiveProps
- shouldComponentUpdate
- etc.



# Activity Lifecycle



# Fragment Lifecycle



<https://i.stack.imgur.com/1lRw.png>



# Android Lifecycle

- Nothing is guaranteed to remain in memory
- Implement functionality to save and restore state
- Rotating the device will also create a new activity!

# Layout

# XML Editor

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:id="@+id/container"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="72dp">
```

```
    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/categoryIcon"
        android:layout_width="24dp"
        android:layout_height="24dp"
        android:layout_alignParentStart="true"
        android:layout_centerVertical="true"
        android:layout_marginStart="16dp"
        android:alpha="0.54"
        android:contentDescription="@string/iconDescription"
        android:src="@drawable/ic_appetizer" />
```

```
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/categoryLabel"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_centerVertical="true"
        android:layout_marginStart="20dp"
        android:layout_toEndOf="@+id/categoryIcon"
        tools:text="@string/textView"
        android:textColor="#dd000000"
        android:textSize="16sp" />
```

```
</RelativeLayout>
```



TextView

# Layouts

- RelativeLayout
- LinearLayout
- ConstraintLayout

# Gradle

What is Gradle?

- DSL based on Groovy
- Built-in dependency management through Maven and/or Ivy
- Flexible!
- Uses Plug-in system for custom task APIs
- Gradle wrapper gives same Gradle version for everyone.
- minSdkVersion and targetSdkVersion should be set in gradle file

<http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/user-guide>

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# AndroidManifest.xml

- Every app must have one
- Must be named AndroidManifest.xml
- Names the Java package
- Describes components
- Declares permissions

<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/manifest-intro.html>

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# What is Context?

- Interface to global information about an application environment
- Access resources
- Communicate with other parts of the app
  - Broadcasts
  - Intents
  - Start new activities
- Activity and Application are subclasses

# Application

- Extends Context
- Global singleton
- Subclasses must be declared in Manifest
- Context.getApplicationContext()

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Application.html>

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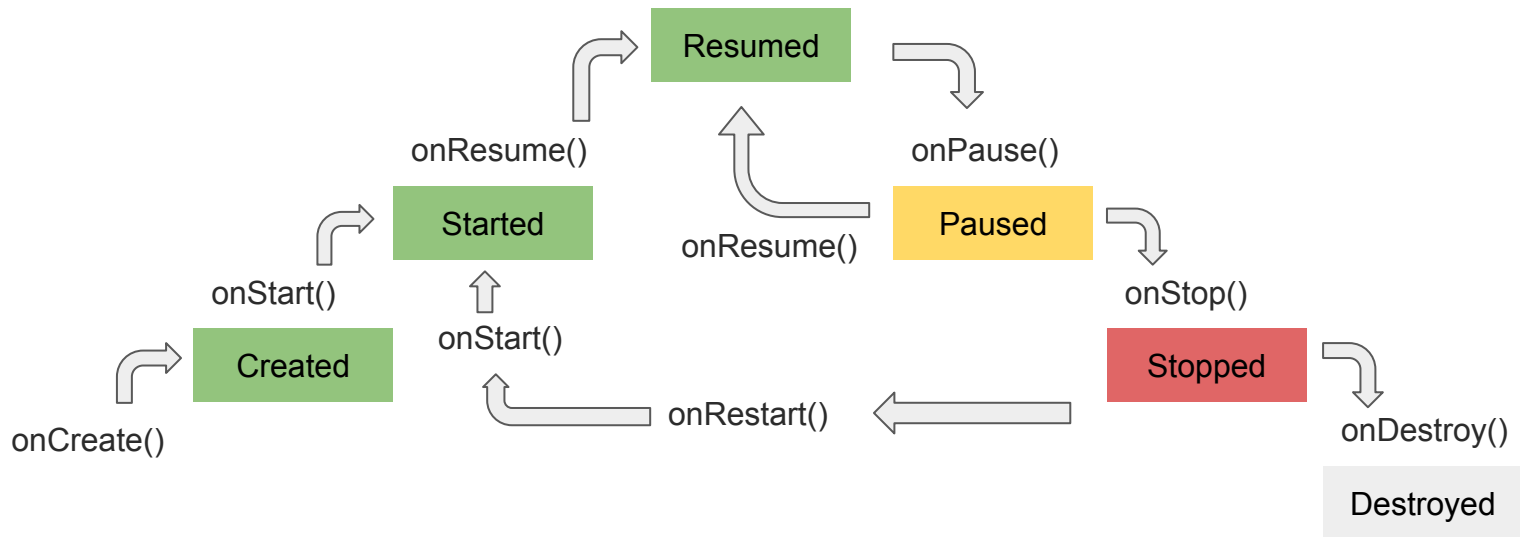
# Activity

- Main building block for Android apps
- One Activity == One screen (or one app)
- More controller then view
- Entry point to an application
- Must be declared in the Manifest

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html>

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# The Activity Lifecycle



# Creating an Activity

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<activity android:name=".MainActivity">  
  <intent-filter>  
    <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN"/>  
    <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER"/>  
  </intent-filter>  
</activity>
```

<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/manifest/activity-element.html>

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# Creating an Activity

MainActivity.java

@Override

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
    Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);  
}
```

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html>

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# Creating an Activity

activity\_main.xml

```
<RelativeLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
    <Button
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Button"
        android:id="@+id/button"
        android:layout_centerInParent="true"/>
</RelativeLayout>
```

<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/declaring-layout.html>

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## Explicit intents

```
// AnActivity.java
```

```
Intent intent = new Intent(context, AnotherActivity.class);  
  
intent.putExtra(EXTRA_TEXT, text);  
context.startActivity(intent);
```

```
// AnotherActivity.java
```

```
String theText = "";  
Intent intent = getIntent();  
  
if (intent.hasExtra(EXTRA_TEXT)) {  
    theText = intent.getStringExtra(EXTRA_TEXT);  
}
```

## Implicit intents

```
// Setup intent
```

```
Uri number = Uri.parse("tel:5551234");  
Intent callIntent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_DIAL,  
number);  
context.startActivity(intent);
```

```
// Check if intent is safe
```

```
List activities =  
packageManager.queryIntentActivities(intent,  
PackageManager.MATCH_DEFAULT_ONLY);  
  
boolean isIntentSafe = activities.size() > 0;
```

# View

- Basic building block for UI:s
- Base class for interactive UI components
- ViewGroup base class for layouts
- Responsible for drawing and event handling
- XML properties

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/view/View.html>

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# Commonly used View subclasses

TextView - Show text to the user

EditText - Let's the user input text. Opens keyboard when focussed

Button - Clickable view

ImageView - Show image

ViewGroup - A View subclass that can hold child views

## **ViewGroup and subclasses**

LinearLayout - Child views layed out vertically or horizontally

RelativeLayout - Layout child views relative to each other.

# Layout XML

```
// activity_layout_example.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="New Text"
        android:id="@+id/textView2"
        android:layout_gravity="center_horizontal"/>
</LinearLayout>
// LayoutExampleActivity.java
setContentView(R.layout.activity_layout_example);
```

# Attributes breakdown

Mandatory attributes

`android:layout_width="match_parent" || wrap_content || dp`  
`android:layout_height="match_parent" || wrap_content || dp`

Semi mandatory

`android:id="@+id/textView2"`

Class specific attributes for TextView

`android:text="New Text"`

Class specific attributes for ImageView

`android:src="@drawable/fancy_image"`

Class specific child attributes RelativeLayout

`android:layout_alignParentBottom="true"`  
`android:layout_alignTop="@id/someViewId"`  
`android:layout_above="@id/someViewId"`

# Programmatically

```
// LayoutExampleActivity.java
LinearLayout layout = new LinearLayout(context);
LinearLayout.LayoutParams params = new LinearLayout.LayoutParams(ViewGroup.LayoutParams.MATCH_PARENT,
    ViewGroup.LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT);
layout.setLayoutParams(params);
layout.setBackgroundColor(Color.BLUE);

LinearLayout.LayoutParams textParams = new
    LinearLayout.LayoutParams(ViewGroup.LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT,
    ViewGroup.LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT);
TextView textView = new TextView(context);
textView.setLayoutParams(textParams);
textView.setText("Programmatically added view");

layout.addView(textView);
```

# Dynamic inflation

// simple\_layout.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

```
<LinearLayout
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
```

```
    android:orientation="vertical"
```

```
    android:background="@android:color/holo_green_dark"
```

```
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
```

```
<TextView
```

```
    android:text="Dynamically inflated"
```

```
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

```
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"/>
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

// LayoutExampleActivity.java

```
LayoutInflater inflater = getLayoutInflater();
```

```
inflater.inflate(R.layout.simple_layout, root);
```

# Service (sort of deprecated)

- Extends Context
- Meant for long running operations
- Can live without Activity
- Runs on Main Thread!
- Must be declared in Manifest

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Service.html>

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# Fragment

- Since api 11
- Controller
- Can be placed in Activity
- Can be nested (since api 17)

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Fragment.html>

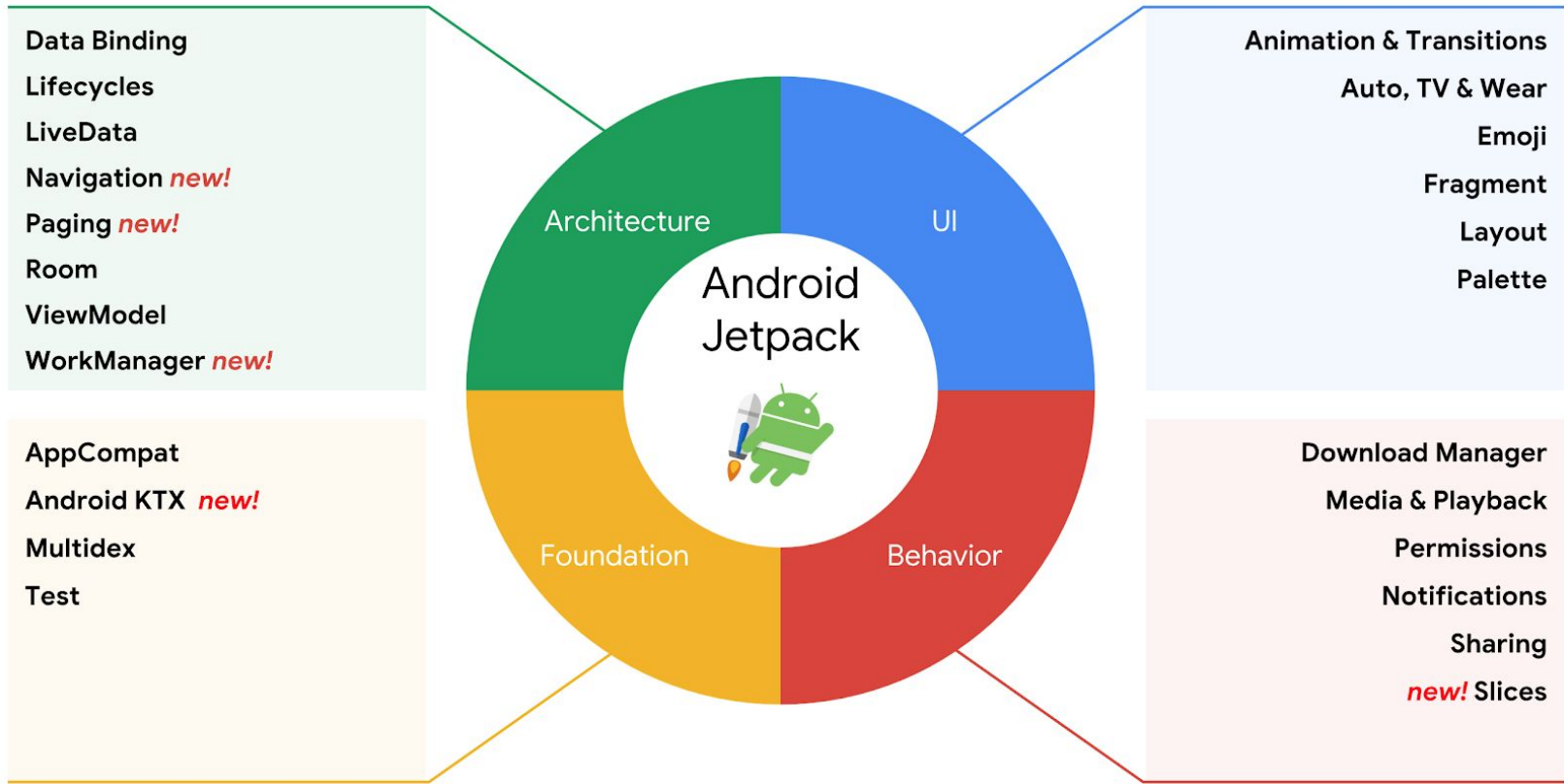
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# Resources

- Layouts
- Strings
- Animations
- Styles
- Colors
- Compiled in gen/R.java

# Simulator vs Emulator

- iOS simulator
  - Runs native iOS code on the Macs CPU
  - Better performance
  - The simulator just gives access to iOS APIs
  - Possible because Mac OS and iOS have many things in common
- Android emulator
  - A virtual machine that emulates the exact Android environment
  - More accurate environment



# Workshop

# Final words

- Java vs Kotlin
- With great power comes great responsibility
- Don't mimic iOS
- Stick to RelativeLayout and LinearLayout

Q&A

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# Bonus slide! Save and restore state

```
@Override
```

```
public void onSaveInstanceState(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onSaveInstanceState(savedInstanceState);  
    savedInstanceState.putBoolean("MyBoolean", true);  
}
```

```
@Override
```

```
public void onRestoreInstanceState(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onRestoreInstanceState(savedInstanceState);  
    boolean myBoolean = savedInstanceState.getBoolean("MyBoolean");  
}
```



# RecyclerView+Adapter+ViewHolder pattern

