GUI Widgets

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Lecture 2

Android widgets



Button

A clickable widget with a text label

Button 1
Button 2
Button 3

key attributes:

android:clickable="bool"	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/theID"	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick="function"	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text="text"	text to put in the button

represented by Button class in Java code

```
Button b = (Button) findViewById(R.id.theID);
...
```

TextView

```
android:id="@+id/theID" unique ID for use in Java code
android:text="string" text to display
```

key attributes in XML

```
// to change the visible text in Java code
TextView myTextView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.theID);
myTextView.setText("text");
```

ScrollView

A container with scrollbars around another widget or container

is a fictional character and one of the four protagonists of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comics and all related media. His mask is typically portrayed as orange outside of the Mirage/Image Comics and his weapons are dual nunchucks, though he has also been portrayed using other weapons, such as a grappling hook, manriki-gusari.

ImageButton

A clickable widget with an image label



key attributes:

android:clickable="boot"	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
<pre>android:onClick="function"</pre>	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:src="@drawable/ <i>img</i> "	image to put in the button (must correspond to an image resource)

- to set up an image resource:
 - put image file in project folder app/src/main/res/drawable
 - use @drawable/foo to refer to foo.png
 - · use simple file names with only letters and numbers

ImageView

Displays an image without being clickable



key attributes:

unique ID for use in Java code
image to put in the screen (must correspond to an image resource)

- to change the visible image, in Java code:
 - get the ImageView using findViewById
 - call its setImageResource method and pass R.drawable.filename

EditText

An editable text input box

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key attributes:

android:hint="text"	gray text to show before user starts to type
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
<pre>android:inputType="type"</pre>	what kind of input is being typed; number, phone, date, time,
android:lines="int"	number of visible lines (rows) of input
android:maxLines="int"	max lines to allow user to type in the box
android:text=" <i>text</i> "	initial text to put in box (default empty)
android:textSize=" <i>size</i> "	size of font to use (e.g. "20dp")

 others: capitalize, digits, fontFamily, letterSpacing, lineSpacingExtra, minLines, numeric, password, phoneNumber, singleLine, textAllCaps, textColor, typeface

CheckBox

An individual toggleable on/off switch

· key attributes:

android:checked="bool"	set to true to make it initially checked
android:clickable="bool"	set to false to disable the checkbox
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick="function"	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text="text"	text to put next to the checkbox

Plain

Serif
Bold
Italic

In Java code:

```
CheckBox cb = (CheckBox) findViewById(R.id.theID);
cb.toggle();
cb.setChecked(true);
cb.performClick();
```

RadioButton

A toggleable on/off switch; part of a group

PlainSerifBoldBold & Italic

key attributes:

android:checked="bool"	set to true to make it initially checked
android:clickable="bool"	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
<pre>android:onClick="function"</pre>	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text="text"	text to put next to the button

 need to be nested inside a RadioGroup tag in XML so that only one can be selected at a time

RadioGroup

```
<LinearLayout ...
        android:orientation="vertical"
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        android:gravity="center|top">
    <RadioGroup ...
             android:orientation="horizontal">
        <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/lions"
                           android:text="Lions"
                           android:onClick="radioClick" />
        <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/tigers"</pre>
                           android:text="Tigers"
                           android:checked="true"
                           android:onClick="radioClick" />
        <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/bears"</pre>
                           android:text="Bears, oh my!"
                           android:onClick="radioClick" />
    </RadioGroup>
</LinearLayout>
```

Reusing on Click handler

```
// in MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
    public void radioClick(View view) {
        // check which radio button was clicked
        if (view.getId() == R.id.lions) {
            // ...
        } else if (view.getId() == R.id.tigers) {
           // ...
        } else {
           // bears ...
```



Switch

Switch (link)



An individual toggleable boolean on/off switch

android:id="@+id/theID"	unique ID for use in Java code
android:textOn="text"	text to show next to "on" (right) side
android:textOff="text"	text to show next to "off" (left) side
android:showText="bool"	whether to show text on L/R sides (default false)
android:onClick="function"	function to call in activity when clicked
android:text="text"	text to put on left side next to the switch

key attributes in XML

```
// to interact with a Switch in Java code
Switch sw = (Switch) findViewById(R.id.theID);
if (sw.isChecked()) { ... }
```

Spinner

A drop-down menu of selectable choices

key attributes:

android:clickable="bool"	set to false to disable the spinner
android:id="@+id/theID"	unique ID for use in Java code
android:entries="@array/ <i>array</i> "	set of options to appear in spinner (must match an array in strings.xml)
<pre>android:prompt="@string/text"</pre>	title text when dialog of choices pops up

Work Other

Custom

- also need to handle events in Java code (see later)
 - must get the Spinner object using findViewByld
 - then call its setOnItemSelectedListener method (see example)

String resources

 Declare constant strings and arrays in res/values/strings.xml: <resources> <string name="name">value</string> <string name="name">value</string> <string-array name="arrayname"> <item>value</item> <item>value</item> <item>value</item> <!-- must escape ' as \' in values --> <item>value</item> </string-array> </resources> Refer to them in Java code: as a resource: R.string.name, R.array.name as a string or array: getResources().getString(R.string.name), getResources().getStringArray(R.array.name)

Spinner Example

```
<LinearLayout ...>
    <Spinner ... android:id="@+id/tmnt"</pre>
                                                                 Leonardo
        android:entries="@array/turtles"
                                                                 Michelangelo
        android:prompt="@string/choose_turtle" />
                                                                 Donatello
    <TextView ... android:id="@+id/result" />
</LinearLayout>
                                                                 Raphael
  in res/values/strings.xml:
    <resources>
        <string name="choose_turtle">Choose a turtle:</string>
        <string-array name="turtles">
            <item>Leonardo</item>
            <item>Michelangelo</item>
            <item>Donatello</item>
            <item>Raphael</item>
        </string-array>
    </resources>
```

Spinner event example

```
// in MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
                                                                      Leonardo
                                                                      Michelangelo
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                                      Donatello
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                                      Raphael
    setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
    Spinner spin = (Spinner) findViewById(R.id.tmnt);
    spin.setOnItemSelectedListener(new AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener() {
      public void onItemSelected(AdapterView<?> spin, View v, int i, long id) {
        TextView result = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.turtle_result);
        result.setText("You chose " + spin.getSelectedItem());
      public void onNothingSelected(AdapterView<?> parent) {} // empty
    });
```

Resources

- In the project directory structure:
 - o res/*type*/*name.extension*
 - Example: res/drawable/miranda.png
- Referring to a resource, in the XML:
 - o @type/name
 - o Example: @drawable/miranda
- Referring to a resource ID, in the Java code:
 - o R.type.name
 - o Example: R.drawable.miranda

Converting resource IDs

- If you have a resource name and want its ID:
- 1 // set pikaID to the integer value of R.drawable.pikachu
 2 int pikaID = getResources().getIdentifier(
 3 "pikachu", "drawable", getPackageName());
- If you have a resource ID and want its name:

TMNT app exercise

- Write an app to select TMNT characters from a spinner.
 - When a character is selected, an image about that character and other information is presented to the user.
 - Assume that relevant image files are already available for each character.



TMNT app exercise 2

Let's use the radio buttons this time...!

List

A visible menu of selectable choices

 lists are more complicated, so we'll cover them later ...

