CSC 4360 / CSC 6360

Data Persistence and Sensors

Using Textbook Examples

Getting textbook source code working on your machine

Textbook

- Textbook PDF purchase link is available on the class website.
- Class Webpage top navigation bar > Textbook
- Please purchase the textbook.
- Examples and exercises from the textbook will be used in class from now on, to expedite class progress :)

https://github.com/LearningMobile/BookApps2.0

Please have the textbook source code downloaded and projects imported for CH 3-8 by class start-time on Wednesday, Feb 14.

Importing Textbook Code

- Step 1: Make sure that you have installed Android Studio!
- Step 2: Make sure that you download the sourcecode from github
- Step 3: Save the unzipped folders into your local apps folder
- Step 4: Open Android Studio
- Step 5: Choose "Open an existing Android Studio Project"
- Step 6: Update as required
- Step 7: Run the application ☺

Debugging Applications

- Android Studio includes an integrated debugger
- *Select the bug icon for Debug As/Android Application*

- Set a breakpoint on a line of code by putting the cursor to the left of a line and right clicking
- Remove a breakpoint by right-clicking the RED circle at the left end of the line and selecting
- *Toggle Breakpoint DEMO*

Data Persistence

Data Persistence

- To be useful, sometimes information (such as a grocery list) must be saved between uses of the application
- There are three different ways to persist data in Android: shared preferences (for primitive data), files, and SQLite relational databases

Android: Multiple options

- Most common data persistence approaches:
  - Shared Preferences
    - NOTE: on iOS, this functionality is provided by *NSUserDefaults*
  - Flat Files
    - NOTE: File I/O functionality is similar in iOS
  - Local device database (SQLite)
    - NOTE: SQLite accessibility is similar in iOS.

SharedPreferences

- Usually used for limited set of data
  - User preferences, App configuration
  - Small data that needs to persist beyond current app life cycle
- Shared Preferences object
  - Key-Value pairs of primitive data types (int, string, etc)
  - Persists as long as the app remains on the device
  - Not affected by app "upgrades"

Shared preferences

- First, create a `SharedPreferences` object

```
SharedPreferences prefs =
 PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences
 (this);
```

- Then, create an `Editor` object

```
SharedPreferences.Editor edit = prefs.edit();
```

- Data is saved locally with a `putType` method, such as `putString` or `putFloat`
- Data must be saved and retrieved with the same save identifier

Flat files

- Backups
  - Contacts
  - SMS messages
  - Application data
- Transmitting data to others
- Written and read as a stream of bytes
  - Android sees the file as an atomic object, itself
  - Can be written to internal or external storage (SD Card, etc)
  - Developer can code reading and writing of flat files to suit app requirements (as XML or CSV files, etc)

Flat files

- Data is private to the app
- Data written to internal storage is private to the app
- Data written to external storage (SD Card, etc) is NOT private to the app

Local SQL Database, SQLite

- Android ships with a version of the SQLite Database

Android reference:
http://developer.android.com/reference/android/database/sqlite/package-summary.html

SQLite reference:
https://www.sqlite.org/android/doc/trunk/www/index.wiki

Local SQL Database, SQLite

- Fully functional RDBMS database
  - Doesn't require independent server process to run
  - Store and manipulate data via SQL Queries
- Data in the database is private to the app
- Data persists for as long as the app is installed on the device

Using the textbook src files

NOTE: full path to CH5 textbook Java src files:

BookApps/Ch05 Android Persistent Data/MyContactList/

- Follow the process from slide 4 for all of the files from the Java source folder on GitHub
- NOTE: Make sure this works while you are at home!! You may need to **update items** after you have opened the textbook code/projects.

Lists in Android: Navigation and Information Display

- Two components are required for any Android list
  - a ListView widget
  - an adapter
- ListView widget
  - object that can display a vertical list of items that can be scrolled through.
- Adapter
  - provides access to the underlying data source for the list
  - dynamically associated with the ListView
- Bonus! For simple lists, after an adapter is associated with the widget, insertion of data as a list item is handled automatically.
- (For complex lists, developer must create a subclass of an Adapter object and code the display and behavior of the list in the new subclass)

Lists

- An AdapterView is the super class of all views that are bound to an underlying data source.
- A View is the base class for all user interface components, such as the widgets used in creating layouts.
- The AdapterView has several subclasses,
  - GridView
  - ListView
  - Spinner widgets
- The visible component of a list is implemented with a ListView widget in an XML layout file.

Widgets

- Has attributes that allow the user to configure some aspects of the display
- ListView is a standard widget, with (bonus!) the special ID of @id/android:list and a special subclass of Activity
  - many of the tasks of list implementation are easier because the developer can take advantage of many built-in features of the SDK
  - How? the Activity associated with the layout containing the ListView must be a subclass ofListActivity rather than Activity. (this is optional, but much easier)

Adapters

- Act as a link between the view and the underlying data source for the list
- Lists require the use of an adapter
- Adapters provides access to the data items and is responsible for creating a View for each item
- A view determines how each list item is displayed.
  - Usual: display is uniform for each data item
  - Optional: display does not have to be uniform, but in that case, developers must implement their own adapters to create the different views

ArrayAdapter

- ArrayAdapter is used to bind an Array or ArrayList to a view.
  - Always parameterized
  - Commonly used in list implementation
  - Must know in advance what ***type*** of data it will be displaying
    - can be simple, such as String
    - can be more complex, such as the Contact object

CursorAdapter

- abstract class that binds data from a database cursor to a view
- concrete subclass, SimpleCursorAdapter
  - Used to map a row layout to fields in a cursor
  - SimpleAdapter class is used to bind static data to a view

Steps

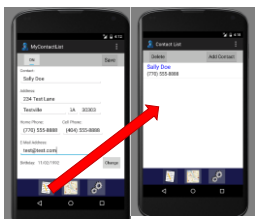
Chapter 6 activity: Lists in Android
1. Create the data source (p.100)
2. Create the layout (p.101)
3. Create the custom adapter (p. 103)
4. Code the actions in the Activity
   (CH6 example: ContactListActivity.java)

Sensors and More!

Introduction to Android Sensors and Maps API

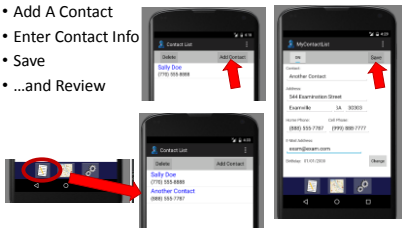
Review – CH 5 activity (saving data locally)

- Switch Edit button to ON
- Enter Contact Info
- Click Save
- Review Contact List



Review – CH 6 Activity (more than 1 contact)

- Add A Contact
- Enter Contact Info
- Save
- …and Review



Navigation and Display, including Maps!

- Note that on p. 105 that the code to respond to an Item Click should look very familiar!!
- Review Double-clicking, Adding, Deleting contacts from Ch6 and ensure that you are comfortable with the Chapter source code for Ch5, Ch6, Ch7 (Maps and Location in Android) – we will cover more on Ch 7 in lab on Wed.

Sensors

- Sensors are hardware built-in to the mobile device to allow an app to capture some kind of environmental data
- Location sensors
  - Typically 2 location sensors
    - Network sensor
      - Cell towers and wifi access points to which the device is connected.
      - Faster
    - Built-in GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver.
      - Slower
  - GPS Usually accurate to within a few meters (+-10 feet), and not all devices have built-in GPS sensor.

Sensors

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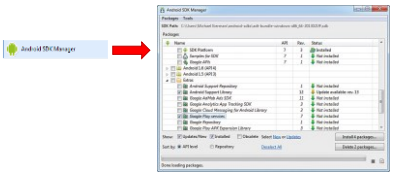
- Location information is accessed in the app by the LocationManager object (Android system service).
  - Accessed via getSystemService()
  - Can obtain information from either or both sensors
  - To use the data from the service, instantiate a LocationListener, which captures the sensor information whenever a location change is reported

Maps

- Maps are used to display data as a visual representation of a location.
- Implemented with GoogleMaps object (Java) and a MapFragment in the xml/layout file.
- Must use Android SDK manager to obtain "Extras > Google Play Services" in order to use this functionality!

Google Play Services

- Use Android SDK Manager to install required SDKs:
  - Google Play Services are required!



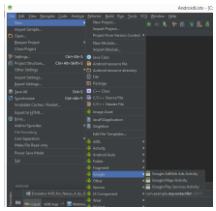
Ready Yet? Nope.

- Google API Key Required.
- Basic directions:

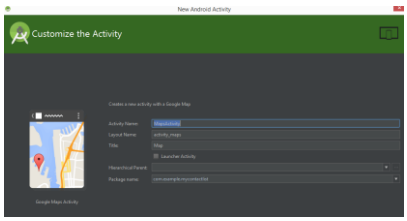
https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start#the_google_maps_api_key

Setting up your first Map use

- Android context
- Click on package
- File > New > Google > Google Map Activity



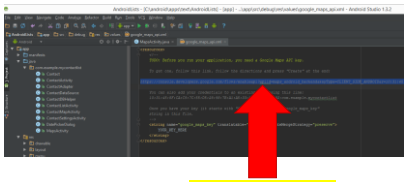
Add the activity



google_maps_api.xml

- google_maps_api.xml will display.
- Follow the directions to get an API Key
  - URL is in the comments.
  - Will look something like:
    - *https://console.developers.google.com/flows/enableapi?apiid=maps_android_backend&keyType=CLIENT_SIDE_ANDROID&r=10:31:45:8F:CA:C9:7C:55:D5:28:98:7B:A1:A5:33:13:32:47:FC:82%3Bcom.example.mycontactlist*

Get the URL



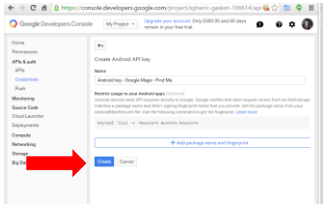
URL to copy into your browser

Get your API Key

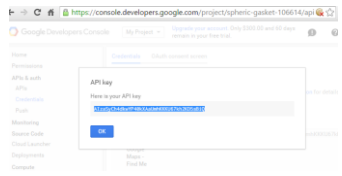
- Use your browser to go to the link, and follow the directions

Choose Android Key

- Enable Maps under APIs and then go to Credentials

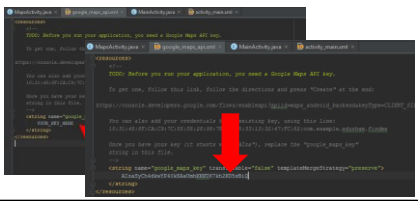


Click Create, and Copy the Key



Paste the Key into Android Studio

- Go back to the google_maps_api.xml and paste the key as directed



CH 7 source code

- Review and implement CH 7 source code to modify the CH 6 Project to display a map for each contact
  - NOTE: You may want to start using some real addresses for the contacts, or your results will vary :)

GOTCHAS!!

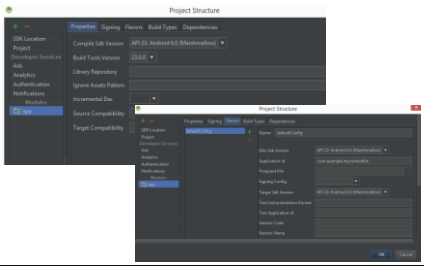
- Make sure that you have the correct SDK version in the project:

  File > Project Structure

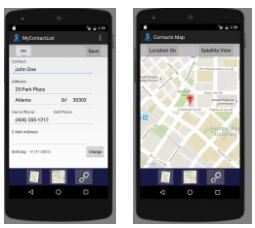
- Make sure that you have at least an SDK-23 device to run in the emulator:

  Add to AVD, if required

File > Project Structure



CH. 7 app (Expected Results)



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CH 8

- Import CH 8 source code and add API key to bottom of AndroidManifest.xml

```
<meta-data android:name="com.google.android.maps.v2.API_KEY"
   android:value="your api key here" />
```

NOTES:

- Make sure that you have the correct SDK version in the project:
  File > Project Structure
- Make sure that you have at least an SDK-23 device to run in the emulator:
  Add to AVD, if required

Hardware and Sensors in Android

- Currently, Android platform supports about 12 sensors, including motion, environmental, and position sensors, but not all device vendors include them all on any given physical device
- As part of your code, you should always make sure that a sensor exists before you attempt to make use of it.

Available Sensors

- Temperature
- Relative Humidity
- Atmospheric Pressure
- Magnetic field
- Light Level
- Rotation/Movement detection
- etc

Again, whether you can actually USE all of these sensors (and more) in your code depends on the device manufacturer

Sensors

- `Sensor` class represents all of the kinds of sensors
  - Instantiated as a system service, not by the app
  - Accessed via the `SensorManager` class (also system service)
  - Used in an app by calling `getSystemService`
  - Use `SensorEvent` and `SensorEventListener` to extract usable information
    - `SensorEvent` is created when `Sensor` has something to report
      - Timestamp, Sensor Name, Measurement Data at that time
    - `SensorEventListener` is implemented by an app that wants to access the data in a `SensorEvent`

Hardware

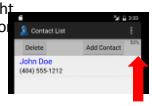
- "Managers" to monitor hardware status, ex:
  - BatteryManager
  - StorageManager
  - PowerManager
- Instantiated in the same fashion as Sensors (system service)
- App interaction is via referencing appropriate system service

Hardware

- But what about a device's phone and camera functionality?
  - App and API associated with those hardware items to provide access to their functionality
    - APP: User leaves your app to interact with the devices and comes back to your app after completing the task, or
    - API: integrate the hardware features within your app using the API
      - EX: flashlight app on your phone. Only accesses the hardware feature required for the desired functionality, i.e. the camera flash. New functionality, existing hardware.

Ch 8 app (expected functionality)

- Add "battery monitor" to upper right using a TextView as a place-holder of activity_contact_list.xml
- Add BroadcastReceiver to ContactListActivity.java to populate the placeholder TextView



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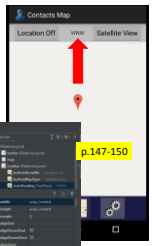
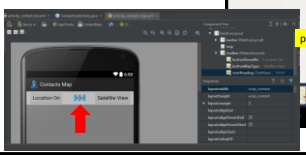
Ch 8 app (expected functionality)

- Add "compass" on app Map, using a TextView as a placeholder
- Add code to ContactMapActivity.java to populate TextView





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Ch 8 app (expected functionality)

- Phone actions (press and hold, to bring up phone app)
- Use intent to hop to the phone app in ContactActivity.java file (callContact method)

```
private void callContact(String phoneNumber) {
    Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_CALL);
    intent.setData(Uri.parse("tel:" + phoneNumber));
    startActivity(intent);
}
```

Ch 8 app (expected functionality)

- Camera activities p.157-9
  - Can use in the same manner as phone app is accessed
  - Can use API to directly access hardware
    - Dependent on device hardware Not covered in chapter

New Team Work

- Start working on your user stories (or you can use cases if you prefer – but you must stick to either one or the other).
- You must work together as a group! Each individual person on your team must complete at least ONE user story (or use case).

Coming up Next -

- Please review Chapter 7 & 8 for Wednesday's lab ☺