







RecyclerView

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Outline

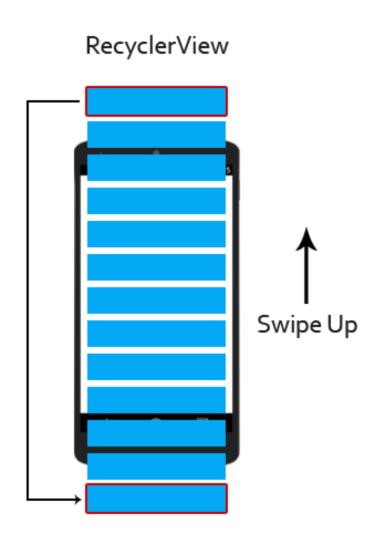
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Implementing a RecyclerView

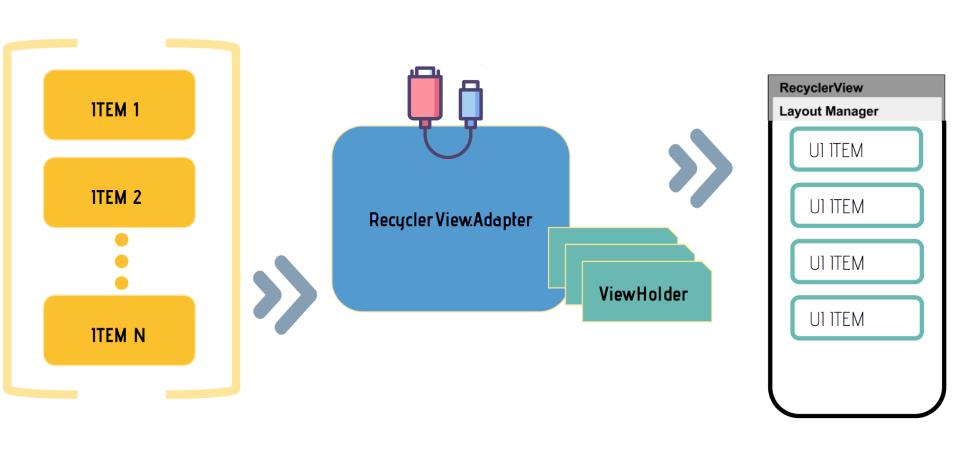


What is a RecyclerView?

- <u>RecyclerView</u> is scrollable container for displaying a list of views
- A flexible container for efficiently displaying, and interacting with large sets of data
 - As user scrolls, views that leave the screen are recycled and reused to display new items
 - Efficient as it reuses a limited number of views



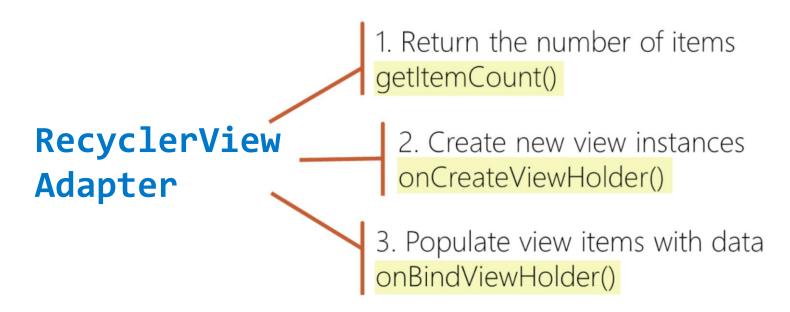
RecyclerView Key Elements



- Adapter: connects the RecyclerView to the data source
- ViewHolder: displays the data in the list item view

What is RecyclerView Adapter?

- In general an adapter helps incompatible interfaces work together
- RecyclerView connects the RecyclerView to the data source (typically a list of objects):
 - Provides views that represent items in the data source
 - Handles the view logic (such as search, sort)
- It extends <u>RecyclerView.Adapter</u> and implements:

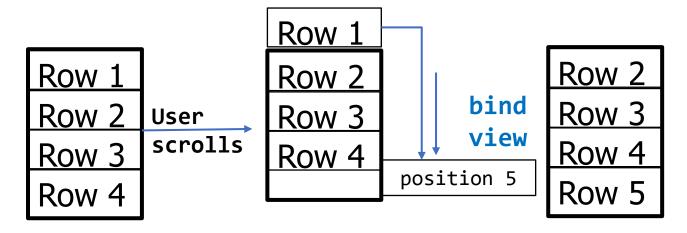


Binding a recycled view

 Initially the RecyclerView calls onCreateViewHolder to request the adapter to create a new ViewHolder object to hold the inflated item layout

```
val itemView = LayoutInflater.from(parent.context).inflate(R.layout.list_item, parent, false)
```

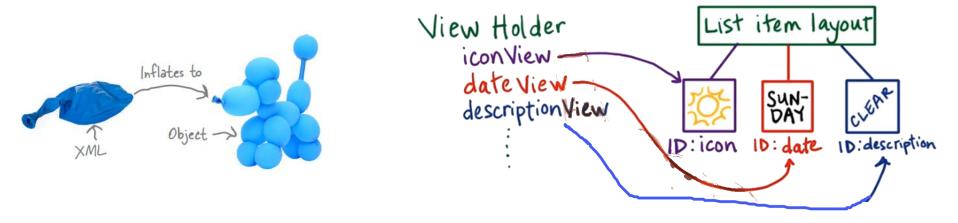
- Inflation takes xml layout file and turns it into a View
- Inflation is expensive -> RecyclerView minimizes it by reusing views



```
val itemView = viewHolder.itemView
val country = countries[position]
itemView.nameTv.text = country.name
itemView.capitalTv.text = country.capital
```

What is a ViewHolder?

 The ViewHolder holds the view created from inflating the list item XML Layout



- onBindViewHolder(viewHolder, position) the adapter requests the ViewHolder to update the item view using the data object at the requested position (e.g., countries[position])
- Extends <u>RecyclerView.ViewHolder</u>

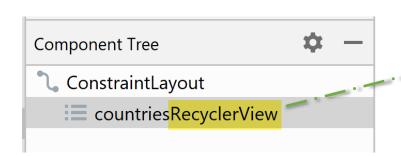
What is a layout manager?

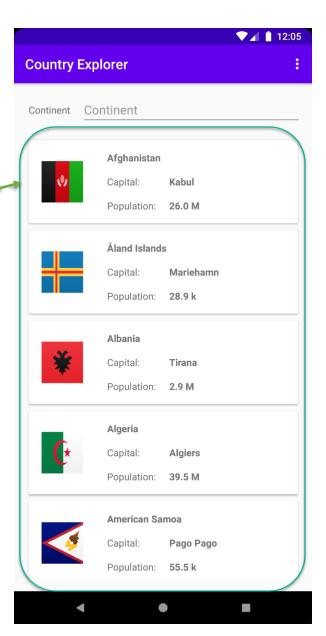
- It positions the RecyclerView's items and tells it when to recycle items that have transitioned off-screen (i.e., no longer visible to the user)
- Built-in layout managers
 - <u>LinearLayoutManager:</u> Lays items out vertically or horizontally
 - GridLayoutManager: Lays items out in a grid
 - Others or your own! if you want extra customization

Implementation Steps Summary

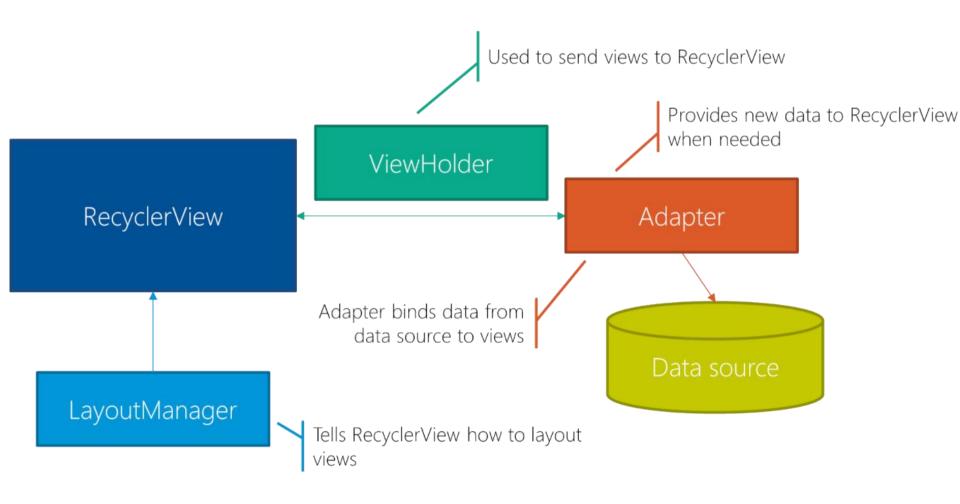
- 1. Add RecyclerView to the layout
- Create item XML layout to specify how individual items should be displayed
- 3. Implement RecyclerView Adapter that extends RecyclerView.Adapter
 - Connect the RecyclerView to the data source and handle the view logic
- 4. Implement ViewHolder that extends RecyclerView.ViewHolder
 - Holds the inflated view to be used to display individual items
- In Activity onCreate, set the RecyclerView adapter and the LayoutManager
 - LayoutManager controls how individual views are laid out on the screen

Country Explorer App





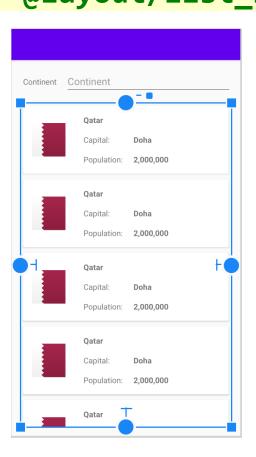
RecyclerView Summary



Tip: Showing List Item Views on the Layout Editor using tools:listitem

<androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView
android:id="@+id/countriesRv"

tools:listitem="@layout/list item country"/>



Interacting with RecyclerView



Filter

 Add SearchView to the top toolbar by adding an item to menu_top_toolbar.xml

```
<item
    android:id="@+id/searchMi"
    android:icon="@drawable/ic_search"
    android:title="Search"
    app:actionViewClass="androidx.appcompat.widget.SearchView"
    app:showAsAction="always"
/>
```

2. Handle search by grabbing the searchView from the toolbar and handling the search in Activity onCreate

```
// 2.1 Grab the searchView from the toolbar
val searchView = topToolbar.findViewById<SearchView>(R.id.searchMi)
searchView.setBackgroundColor(Color.WHITE)
// 2.2. Handle search as the user types the search text
searchView.setOnQueryTextListener(searchHandler)
```

3. Write the searchHandler in the activity

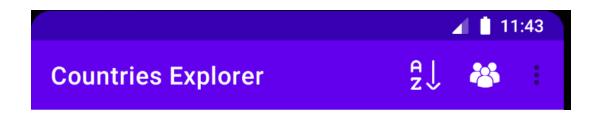
```
private val searchHandler = object : SearchView.OnQueryTextListener {
   // Ignore and do not perform any special behavior here
   override fun onQueryTextSubmit(query: String?) = false
   // As the user types filter the list based on the search text
   override fun OnQueryTextChange(searchText: String): Boolean {
       Log.i("CountryListActivity", "Query: $searchText")
       countryAdapter.filter(searchText)
       return true
```

4. Filter the data list in the RecyclerView Adapter

```
fun filter(searchText: String) {
    countryFilteredList = if (searchText.isEmpty()) {
        countries
    } else {
        countries.filter { it.continent.contains(searchText, true) or
                           it.name.contains(searchText, true) or
                           it.capital.contains(searchText, true) or
                           it.code.contains(searchText, true)
        }.toMutableList()
    notifyDataSetChanged()
```

Sort

1. First add a toolbar to the activity layout



```
<com.google.android.material.appbar.AppBarLayout
    android:id="@+id/top_app_bar">

    <com.google.android.material.appbar.MaterialToolbar
        android:id="@+id/topToolbar"
        app:menu="@menu/menu_top_toolbar"
        app:title="@string/countries_list_title" />

    </com.google.android.material.appbar.AppBarLayout>
```

2. Define of the toolbar menu items in menu_top_toolbar.xml

```
<menu
    <!-- Setting <a href="mailto:app:showAsAction="never" will show the menu">app:showAsAction="never"</a> will show the menu
     option under Overflow menu accessible from ellipses ... -->
    <item android:id="@+id/sortByNameMi"</pre>
         android:title="Sort by name"
         android:icon="@drawable/ic_sort"
         app:showAsAction="ifRoom" />
    <item android:id="@+id/sortByPopulationMi"</pre>
         android:title="Sort by population"
         android:icon="@drawable/ic_population"
         app:showAsAction="ifRoom" />
    <item android:id="@+id/sortByPopulationDescendingMi"</pre>
         android:title="Sort by population - Descending"
         app:showAsAction="never" />
</menu>
```

3. Handle toolbar menu item clicked

 Add topToolbar.setOnMenuItemClickListener to the activity onCreate method

```
topToolbar.setOnMenuItemClickListener { onToolbarMenuItemClicked(it) }
private fun onToolbarMenuItemClicked(menuItem: MenuItem): Boolean {
   val sortBy = when (menuItem.itemId) {
       R.id.sortByNameMi -> SortBy.NAME
       R.id.sortByPopulationMi -> SortBy.POPULATION
       R.id.sortByPopulationDescendingMi -> SortBy.POPULATION DESC
       else -> null
   countryAdapter.sort(sortBy!!)
   return true
```

4. RecyclerViewAdapter sorts the list

```
fun sort(sortBy: SortBy) {
  countries = when (sortBy) {
    SortBy.NAME -> countries.sortedBy { it.name }
    SortBy.POPULATION ->
          countries.sortedBy { it.population }
    SortBy. POPULATION DESC ->
           countries.sortedByDescending { it.population }
  // Caused a refresh of the RecyclerView
  notifyDataSetChanged()
```

Handling Item Clicked Event

1. Add a parameter to the Adapter to receive the clickListener

2. Add the **clickListener** to every List Item View

```
inner class CountryViewHolder(itemView: View) : RecyclerView.ViewHolder(itemView) {
    fun bind(country: Country) { ...
    itemView.setOnClickListener { clickListener(country) }
  }
}
```

3. In the Activity create a **clickListener** and pass it to the Adapter

```
countriesRv.adapter = CountryAdapter(countries, ::onCountryClicked)
...
private fun onCountryClicked(country : Country) {
    toast("Clicked: ${country.name}", Toast.LENGTH_LONG)
}
```

Handling Item Clicked Event

- In its constructor, the Adapter requires a reference to the data source and a click handler
 - Whenever the adapter is instructed by the RecyclerView to bind a new ViewHolder, the bind method attaches the click listener to the item view

```
itemView.setOnClickListener { clickListener(country) }
```

- This allows individual items in the list to handle click events
- When the user later clicks on an item in the RecyclerView, the click listener is executed
 - As parameter, the listener gets the data list element (e.g., country object) that was clicked, to react accordingly

1. Swipe to Delete and Undo

```
/* 1. Create ItemTouchHelper.SimpleCallback and tell it what events to listen for.
It takes two parameters: One for drag directions and one for swipe directions.
We're only interested in swipe. Pass 0 to inform the callback not to respond to drag events. */
val swipeHandler = object :
   ItemTouchHelper.SimpleCallback(0, ItemTouchHelper.LEFT or ItemTouchHelper.RIGHT) {
   // Ignore and do not perform any special behavior here
   override fun onMove( ... ) = false
   // 2. onSwiped ask the RecyclerView adapter to delete the swiped item
   override fun onSwiped(viewHolder: RecyclerView.ViewHolder, swipeDirection: Int) {
       countryAdapter.deleteCountry(viewHolder)
/* 3. Initialize ItemTouchHelper with the swipeHandler you defined,
      and then attach it to the RecyclerView. */
val itemTouchHelper = ItemTouchHelper(swipeHandler)
itemTouchHelper.attachToRecyclerView(countriesRv)
```

2. RecyclerViewAdapter deletes the swiped item

```
fun deleteCountry(viewHolder: RecyclerView.ViewHolder) {
   // Get the position of the item that was swiped
   val position = viewHolder.adapterPosition
   deletedCountry = countries[position]
   countries.removeAt(position)
   // Inform the RecyclerView adapter that an item has been
   // removed at a specific position.
   notifyItemRemoved(position)
   Snackbar.make
(viewHolder.itemView, "${deletedCountry.name})
       removed", Snackbar.LENGTH_LONG).setAction("UNDO") {
          countries.add(position, deletedCountry)
          notifyItemInserted(position)
   }.show()
                Greenland removed
                                              UNDO
```

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Resources

- RecyclerView codelab
 - https://codelabs.developers.google.com/codelabs/k otlin-android-training-recyclerview-fundamentals/

- Handling RecyclerView click event
 - https://www.andreasjakl.com/recyclerview-kotlinstyle-click-listener-android/