

# Mobile Application Development 2

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# Android Anatomy

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# Agenda

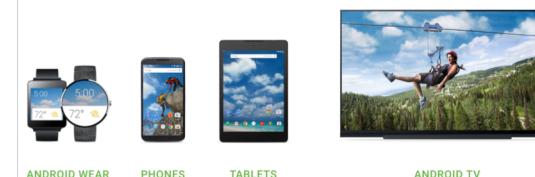
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- ❑ Quick Recap - What is Android (and it's Layered Framework)
- ❑ Important Android Application Components
- ❑ The Android Application (Activity/Fragment) Life Cycle
- ❑ The Online Developer Resources
- ❑ Our “*CoffeeMate*” Case Study – a first look...



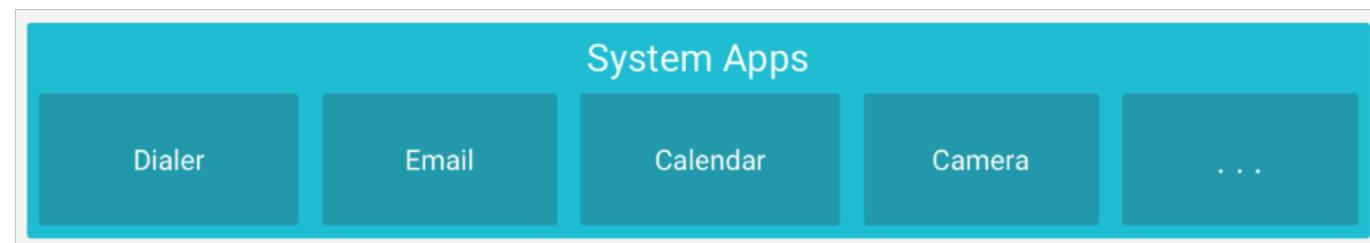
# What is Android? (Recap)

- ❑ An open source software toolkit created, updated and maintained by Google and the OHA
  - ❑ 30+ technology companies
  - ❑ Commitment to openness, shared vision, and concrete plans
- ❑ Designed for Mobile Devices
  - ❑ 2.X series and previous: mobile phones
  - ❑ 3.X series: extended to also support tablets
  - ❑ 4.X series: unified API framework
  - ❑ 5.X / 6.X / 7.X series: more integration with Google services and more tablet-specific features, run on ‘wearable’ devices, TV, vehicles etc..
- ❑ Comprehensive Framework



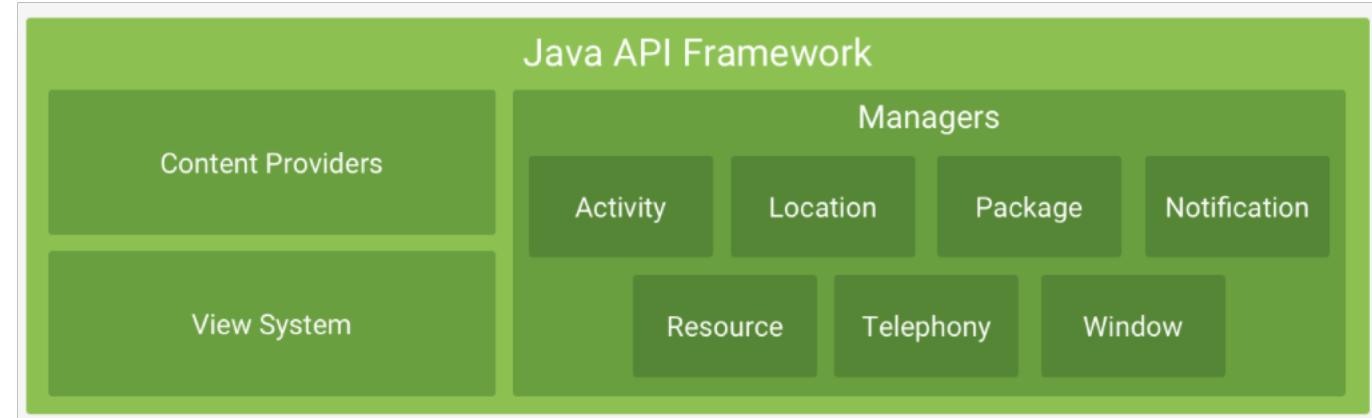


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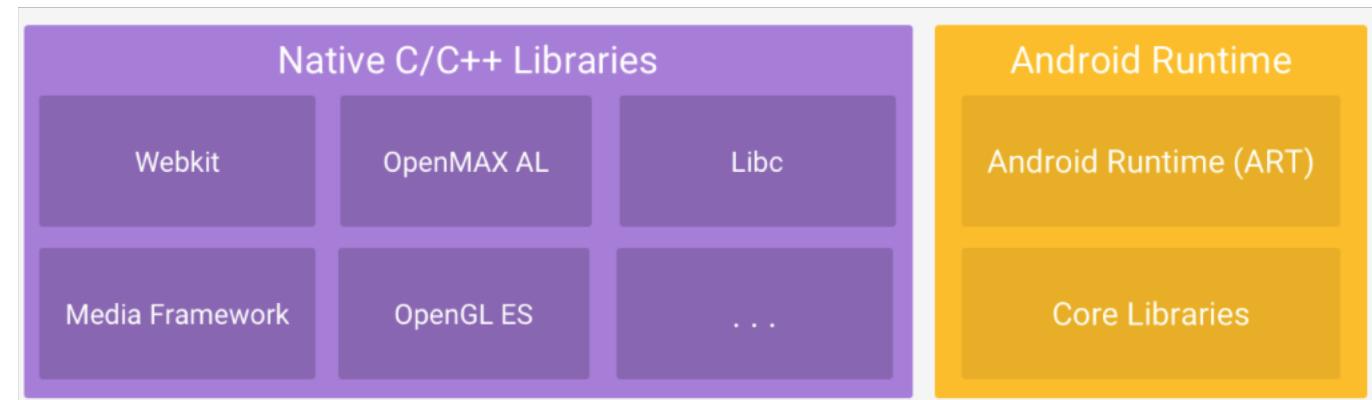


# Layered Software Framework (s/w stack)



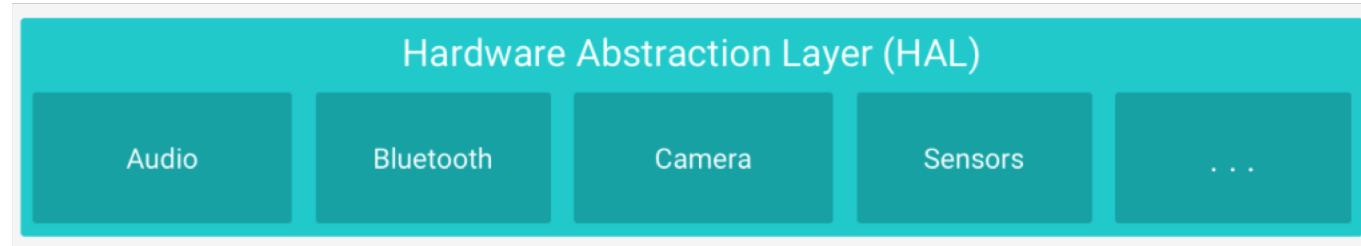


# Layered Software Framework (s/w stack)



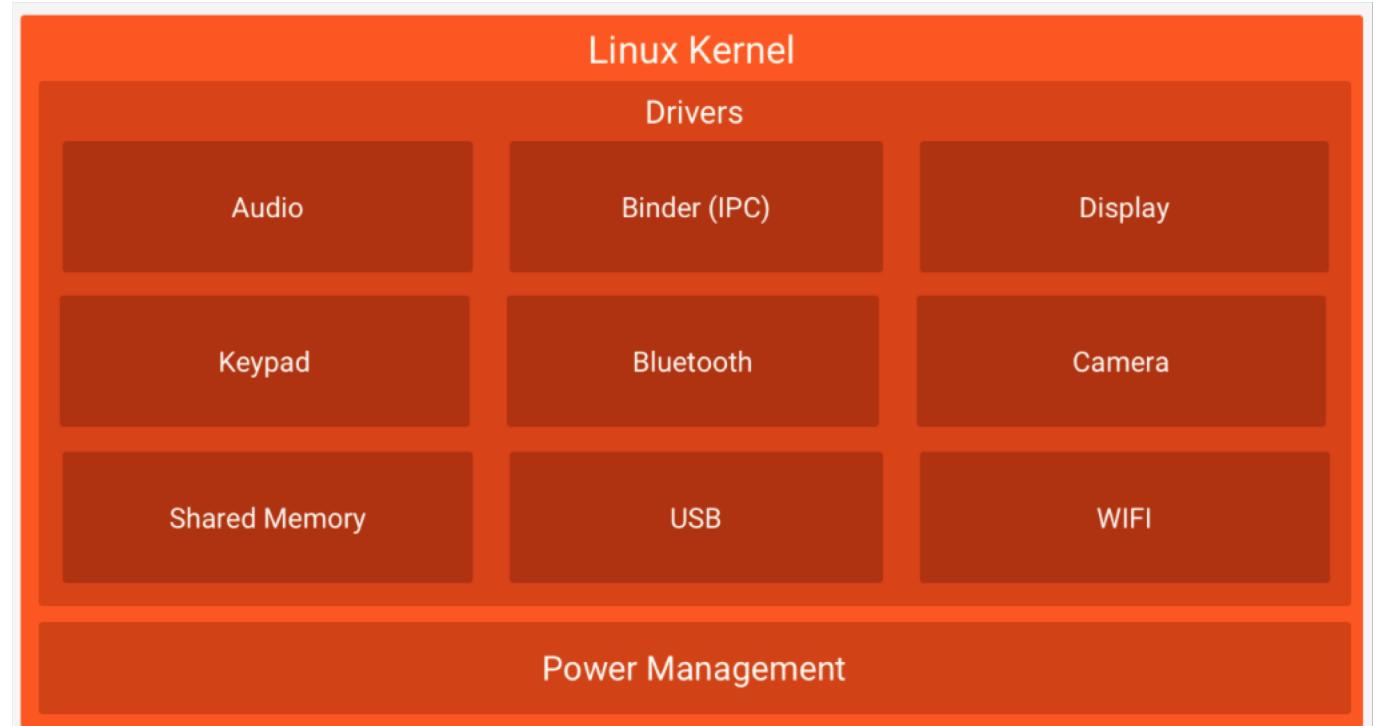


# Layered Software Framework (s/w stack)





# Layered Software Framework (s/w stack)





# Android App Components

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- ❑ App components are the essential **building blocks** of an Android app. Each component is a different point through which the system can enter your app.
- ❑ Not all components are actual entry points for the user and some depend on each other, but each one exists as its own entity and plays a specific role—each one is a unique building block that helps define your app's overall behavior.
- ❑ There are four main different types of app components. Each type serves a distinct purpose and has a distinct lifecycle that defines how the component is created and destroyed.
- ❑ We'll briefly mention a few other components (of sorts) that also make up your App worth knowing about.



# Android App Components

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## 1. Activities

- ❑ represents a single screen with a user interface
- ❑ acts as the ‘controller’ for everything the user sees on its associated screen
- ❑ implemented as a subclass of [Activity](#)
- ❑ e.g. email app (listing your emails)

## 2. Services

- ❑ a component that runs in the background to perform long-running operations or to perform work for remote processes
- ❑ does not provide a user interface
- ❑ can be started by an activity
- ❑ is implemented as a subclass of [Service](#)
- ❑ e.g. music player (playing in background)



# Android App Components

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## 3. Content Providers

- ❑ manages a shared set of app data
- ❑ can store the data in the file system, an SQLite database, on the web, or any other persistent storage location your app can access
- ❑ through the content provider, other apps can query or even modify the data
- ❑ e.g. Users Contacts (your app could update contact details)

## 4. Broadcast Receivers

- ❑ a component that responds to system-wide broadcast announcements
- ❑ broadcasts can be from both the system and your app
- ❑ implemented as a subclass of [BroadcastReceiver](#) and each broadcast is delivered as an [Intent object](#)
- ❑ e.g. battery low (system) or new email (app via notification)

# How it all Fits Together \*

- Based on the **Model View Controller** design pattern.
- Don't think of your program as a linear execution model:
  - Think of your program as existing in logical blocks, each of which performs some actions.
- The blocks communicate back and forth via message passing (**Intents**)
  - Added advantage, physical user interaction (screen clicks) and inter process interaction can have the same programming interface
  - Also the OS can bring different pieces of the app to life depending on memory needs and program use
- For each distinct logical piece of program behavior you'll write a Java class (derived from a base class).
- **Activities/Fragments**: Things the user can **see** on the screen. Basically, the 'controller' for each different screen in your program.
- **Services**: Code that isn't associated with a screen (background stuff, fairly common)
- **Content providers**: Provides an interface to exchange data between programs (usually SQL based)
- You'll also design your layouts (screens), with various types of widgets (**Views**), which is what the user sees via **Activities & Fragments**

**Big N.B.  
for all these!**



See the Appendix for a more detailed explanation of these components



# The (Application) Activity Life Cycle \*

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- ❑ Android is designed around the unique requirements of mobile applications.
  - ❑ In particular, Android recognizes that resources (memory and battery, for example) are limited on most mobile devices, and provides mechanisms to conserve those resources.
- ❑ The mechanisms are evident in the *Android Activity Lifecycle*, which defines the states or events that an activity goes through from the time it is created until it finishes running.

See the Appendix for a more detailed explanation of these ‘states’



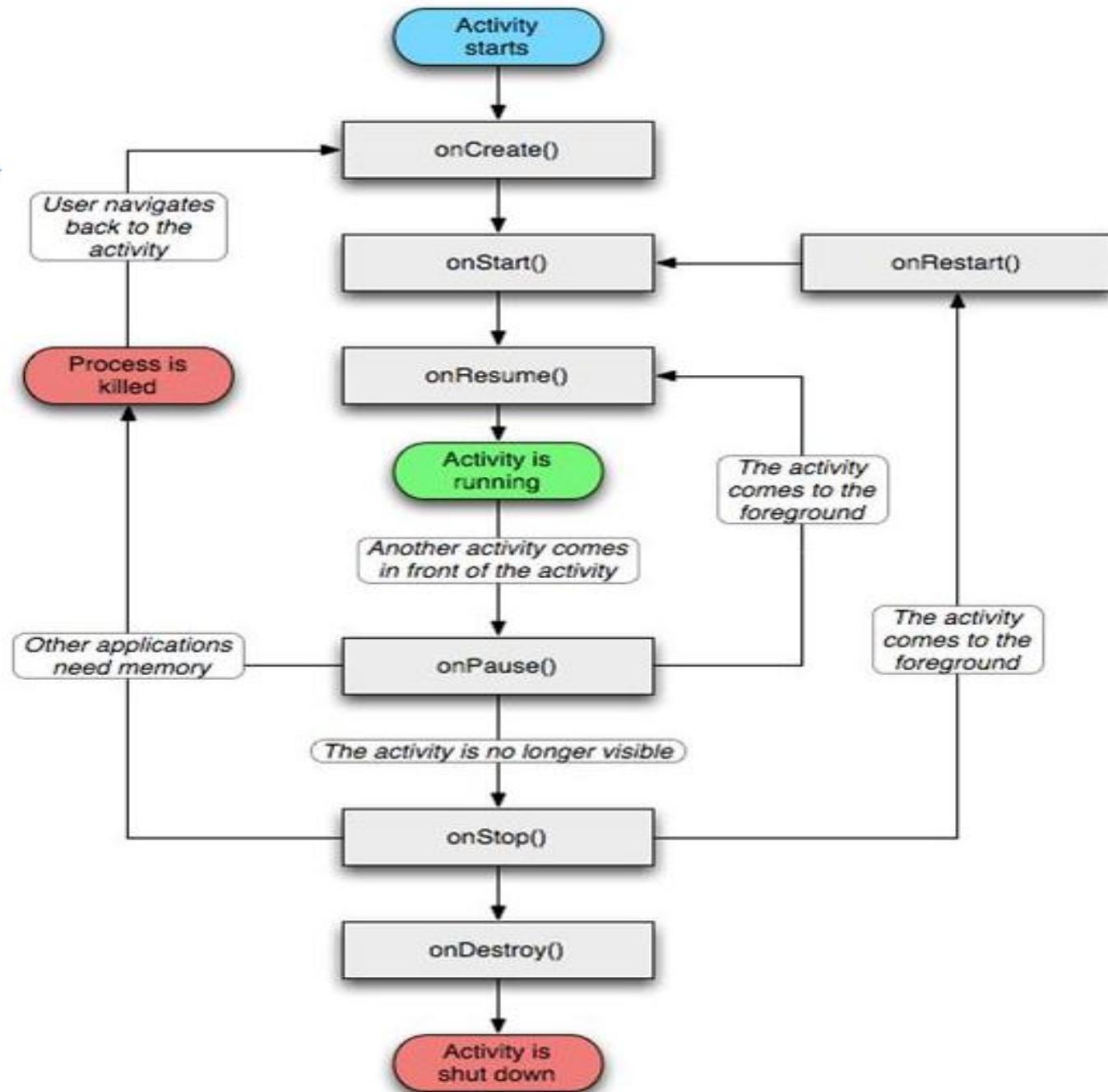
# The (Application) Activity Life Cycle

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- ❑ An application itself is a set of activities with a Linux process to contain them
  - ❑ However, an application DOES NOT EQUAL a process
  - ❑ Due to (the previously mentioned) low memory conditions, an activity might be suspended at any time and its process be discarded
    - ❑ The activity manager remembers the state of the activity however and can reactivate it at any time
  - ❑ Thus, an activity may span multiple processes over the life time of an application

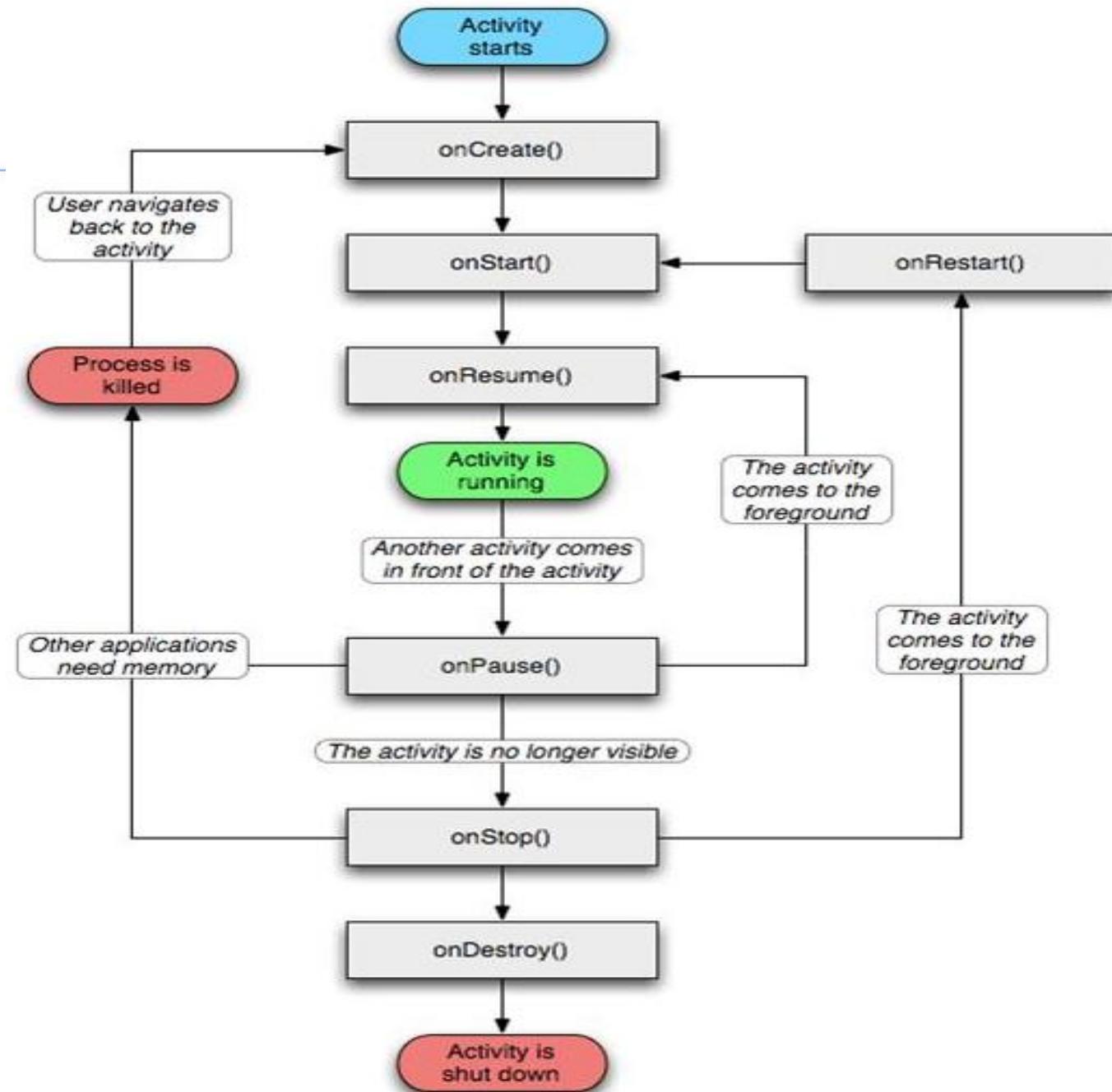
# The **Activity** Life Cycle \*

- The Activity has a number of predefined functions that you override to handle events from the system.
- If you don't specify what should be done the system will perform the default actions to handle events.
- Why would you want to handle events such as **onPause()**, etc... ?
  - You will probably want to do things like release resources, stop network connections, back up data if necessary, etc.



# The **Activity** Life Cycle

- ❑ At the *very minimum*, you need (and is supplied) **onCreate()**
- ❑ **onStop()** and **onDestroy()** are optional and may never be called
- ❑ If you need persistence, the save needs to happen in **onPause()**





# Fragments

- Fragments represents a behaviour or a portion of a user interface *in an Activity*.
- Introduced in Android 3.0 (API level 11), primarily supports more dynamic and flexible UI designs on larger screens.
- You can combine multiple fragments in a single activity to build a multi-pane UI and *reuse a fragment in multiple activities*.
- Each Fragment has its own lifecycle, receives its own input events, and you can add or remove it while the activity is running.
- A fragment must always be embedded in an activity and the fragment's lifecycle is directly affected by the host activity's lifecycle.
- When you perform a *fragment transaction*, you can also add it to a back stack that's managed by the activity.
- The back stack allows the user to reverse a fragment transaction (navigate backwards), by pressing the *Back* button.
- When you add a fragment as a part of your activity layout, it lives in a *ViewGroup* inside the activity's view hierarchy and the fragment defines its own view layout.



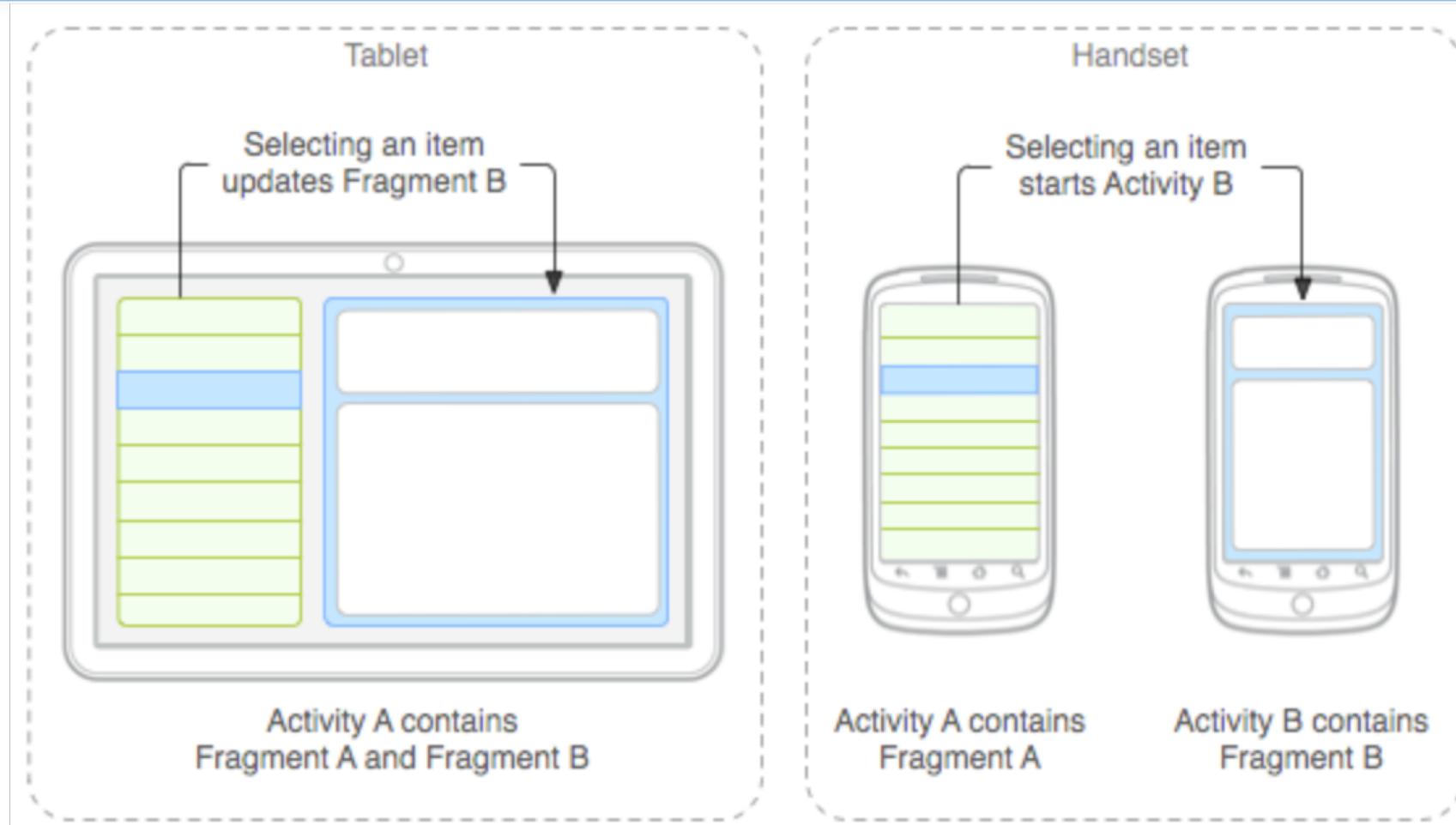
# Designing Fragments \*

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- ❑ You should design each fragment as a modular and reusable activity component.
- ❑ When designing your application to support both tablets and handsets, you can reuse your fragments in different layout configurations to optimize the user experience based on the available screen space.
- ❑ For example, on a handset, it might be necessary for separate fragments to provide a single-pane UI when more than one cannot fit within the same activity. (Next Slide)



# Designing Fragments

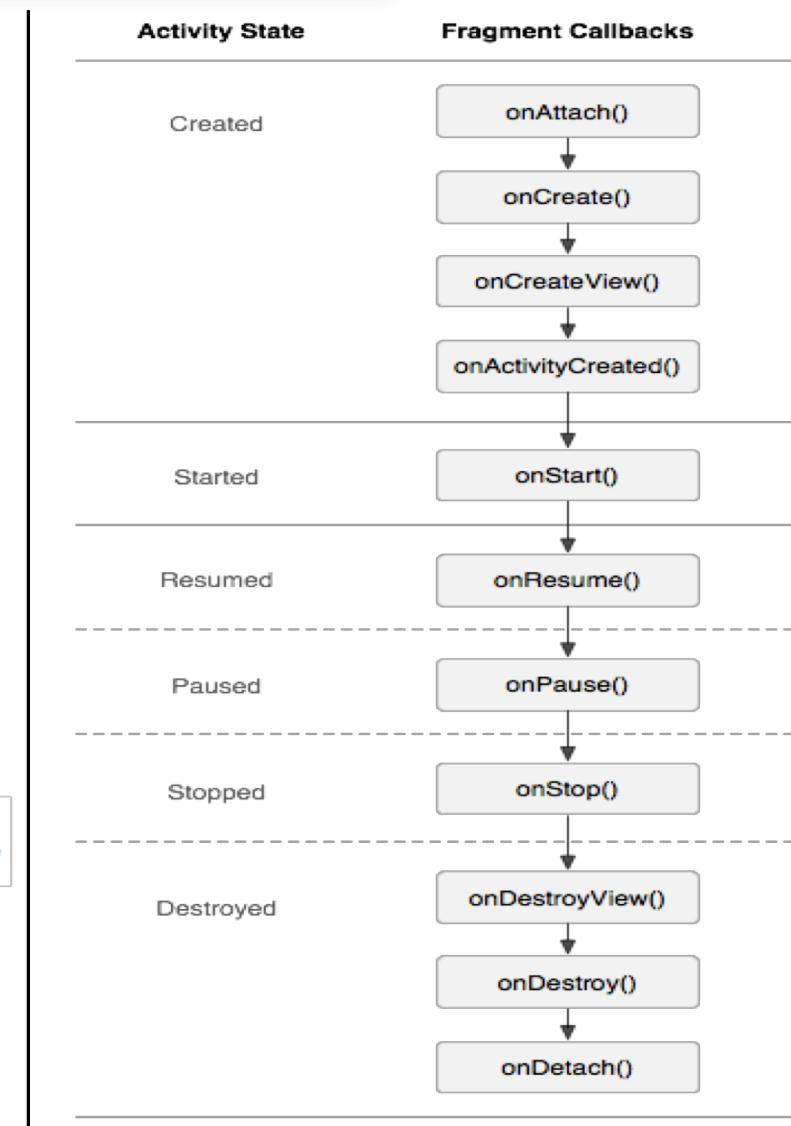
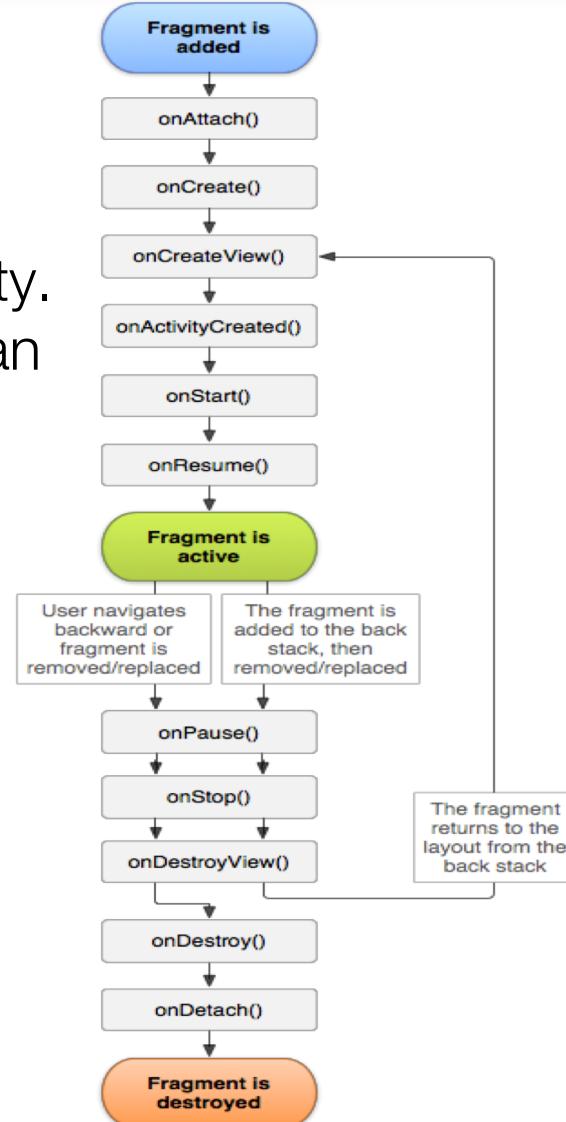


An example of how two UI modules defined by fragments can be combined into one activity for a tablet design, but separated for a handset design.



# The Fragment Life Cycle

- ❑ To create a fragment, you must subclass Fragment (or an existing subclass of it).
- ❑ Has code that looks a lot like an Activity. Contains callback methods similar to an activity, such as `onCreate()`, `onStart()`, `onPause()`, and `onStop()`.
- ❑ Usually, you should implement at least `onCreate()`, `onCreateView()` and `onPause()`



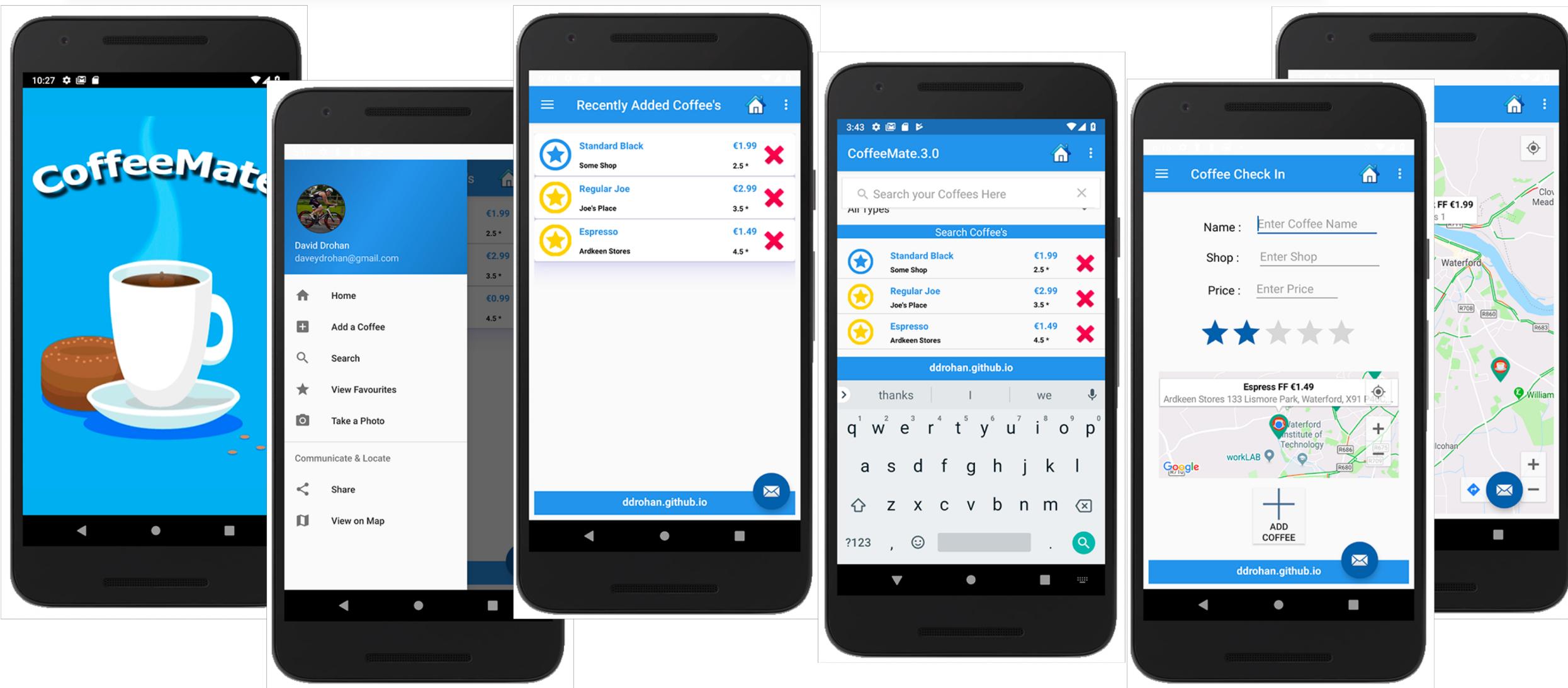


# So, after all that, how do I Design my App?

- The way the system architecture is set up is fairly open:
  - App design is somewhat up to you, but you still have to live with the Android execution model.
- Start with the different **screens/layouts (Views)** that the user will see. These are controlled by the different **Activities (Controllers)** that will comprise your system.
- Think about the **transitions** between the screens, these will be the **Intents** passed between the Activities.
- Think about what background **services** you might need to incorporate.
  - Exchanging data
  - Listening for connections?
  - Periodically downloading network information from a server?
- Think about what **information** must be stored in long term memory (SQLite) and possibly design a content provider around it.
- Now connect the Activities, services, etc... with Intents...
- Don't forget good OOP ☺ and
- **USE THE ONLINE DEVELOPER DOCS & GUIDES**



# Ultimate Case Study





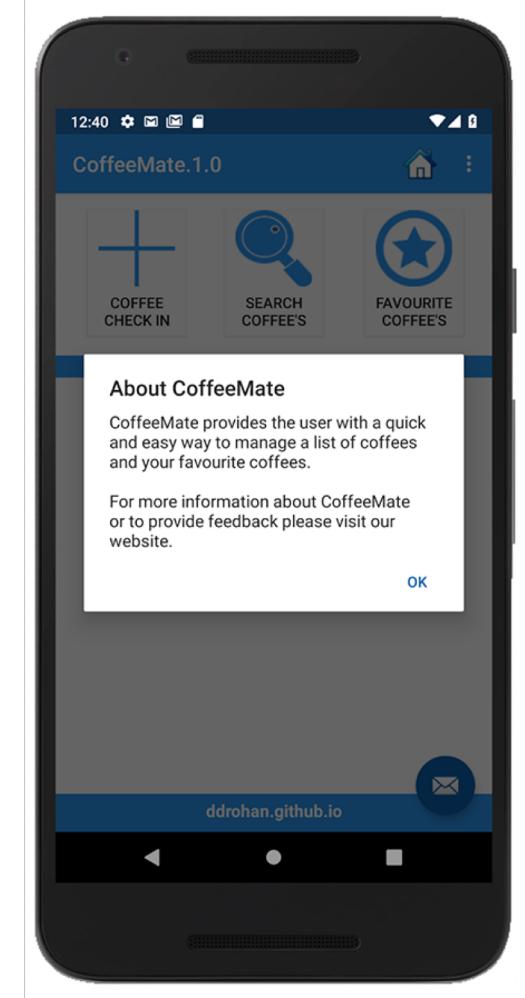
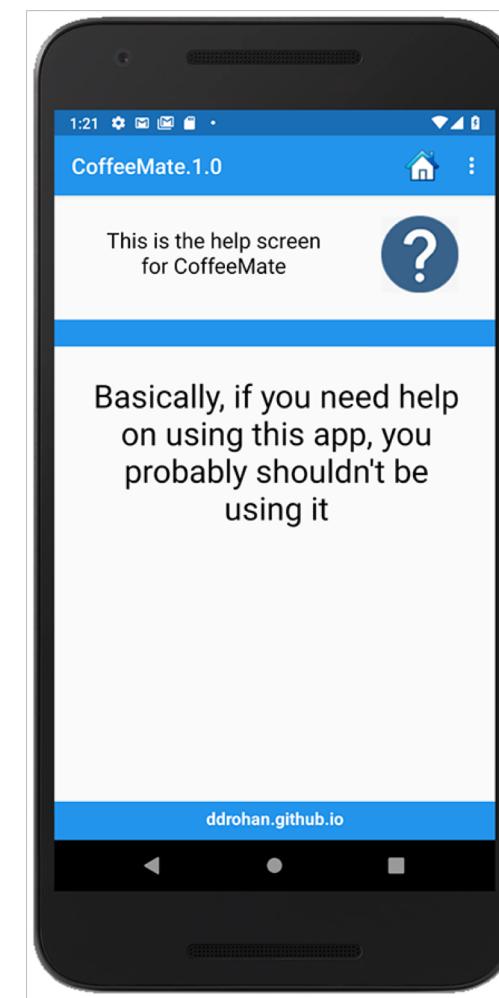
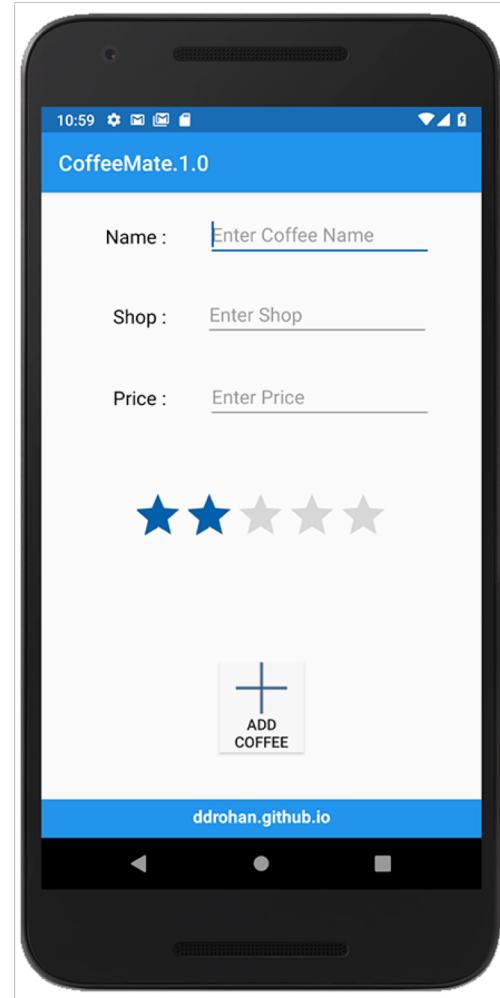
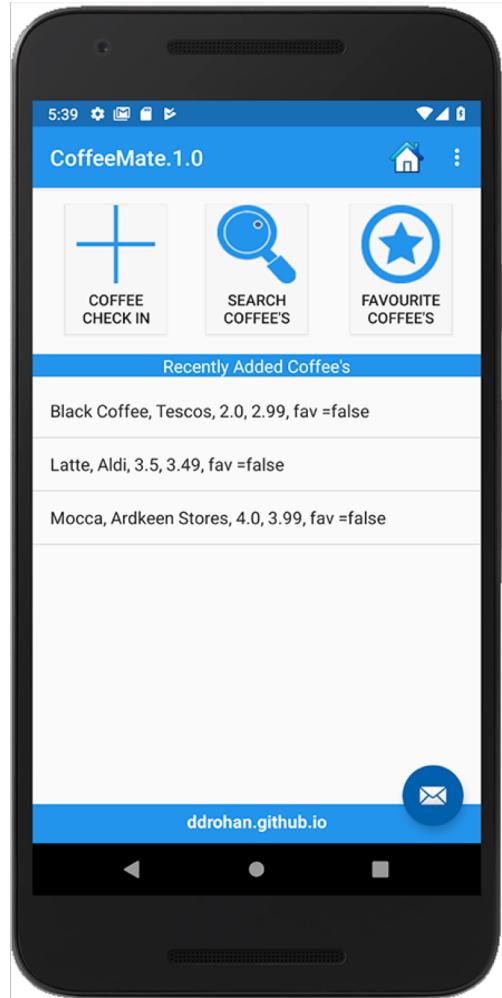
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# CoffeeMate 1.0

Using Buttons,  
Multiple Layouts  
&  
Menus

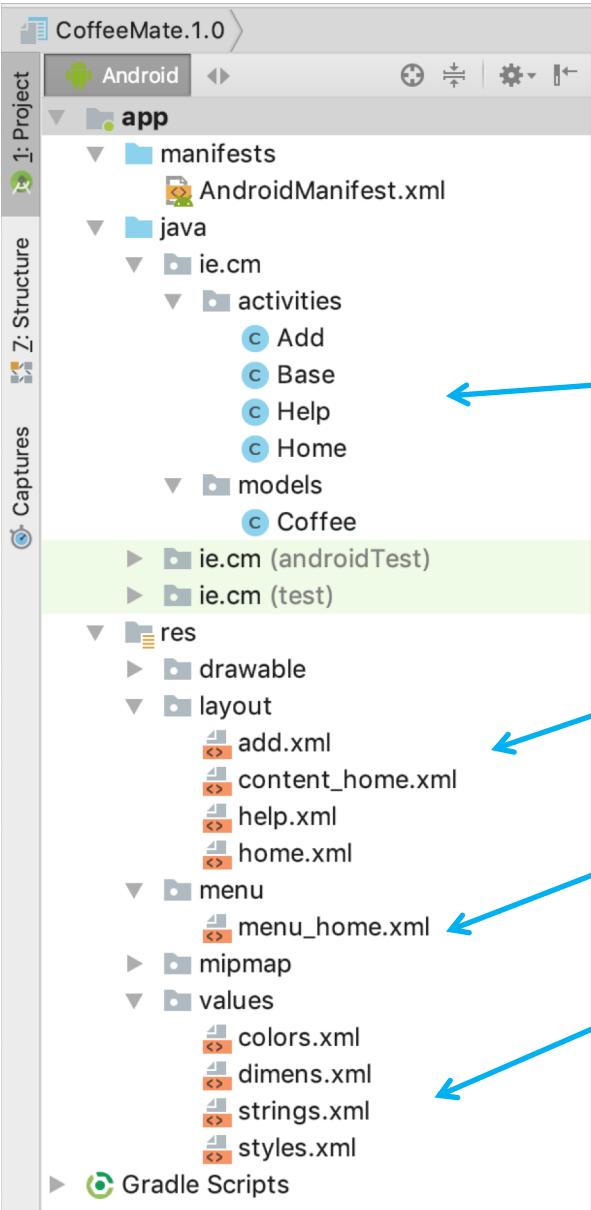


# CoffeeMate 1.0





# Project Structure – Version 1.0



- 5 java source files
- 4 xml layouts
- 1 xml file for a menu
- 4 separate xml files for color, string, style & dimension resources



# Layout – home

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the 'home.xml' layout file open. The design tab is selected, displaying a mobile application layout for a Nexus 4 device running API level 27 with a Default (en-us) configuration. The layout features a CoordinatorLayout containing an AppBarLayout with a toolbar and a FloatingActionButton (fab). Below the toolbar is a RecyclerView with a blue header titled 'Recently Added Coffee's'. The RecyclerView lists five items: Item 1 (Sub Item 1), Item 2 (Sub Item 2), Item 3 (Sub Item 3 - message: You have no Coffee's added, go have a coffee!), Item 4 (Sub Item 4), and Item 5 (Sub Item 5). At the bottom of the screen is a footer bar with the text 'ddrohan.github.io' and an envelope icon. The Attributes panel on the right shows settings for the CoordinatorLayout, including an include tag pointing to '@layout/content\_home'.

home.xml

Nexus 4 | 27 | NoActionBar | Default (en-us)

Attributes

ID: none

layout\_width: none

layout\_height: none

include: @layout/content\_home

visibility: none

Favorite Attributes

visibility: none

CoordinatorLayout\_layout

layout\_behavior: none

layout\_anchor: none

layout\_anchorGravity: none

View all attributes ↗

Design Text



# XML View – home \*

```
home.xml x
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <android.support.design.widget.CoordinatorLayout
3     xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
4     xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
5     android:layout_width="match_parent" android:layout_height="match_parent" tools:context=".activities.Home">
6
7     <android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout
8         android:layout_width="match_parent"
9         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
10        android:theme="@style/AppTheme.AppBarOverlay">
11
12         <android.support.v7.widget.Toolbar
13             android:id="@+id/toolbar"
14             android:layout_width="match_parent"
15             android:layout_height="?attr/actionBarSize"
16             android:background="?attr/colorPrimary"
17             app:popupTheme="@style/AppTheme.PopupOverlay" />
18
19     </android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout>
20
21     <include layout="@layout/content_home" />
22
23     <android.support.design.widget.FloatingActionButton
24         android:id="@+id/fab"
25         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
26         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
27         android:layout_gravity="bottom|end"
28         android:layout_margin="16dp"
29         app:srcCompat="@android:drawable/ic_dialog_email" />
30
31 </android.support.design.widget.CoordinatorLayout>
```



# Layout – content\_home

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the content\_home.xml layout file open. The layout consists of several main components:

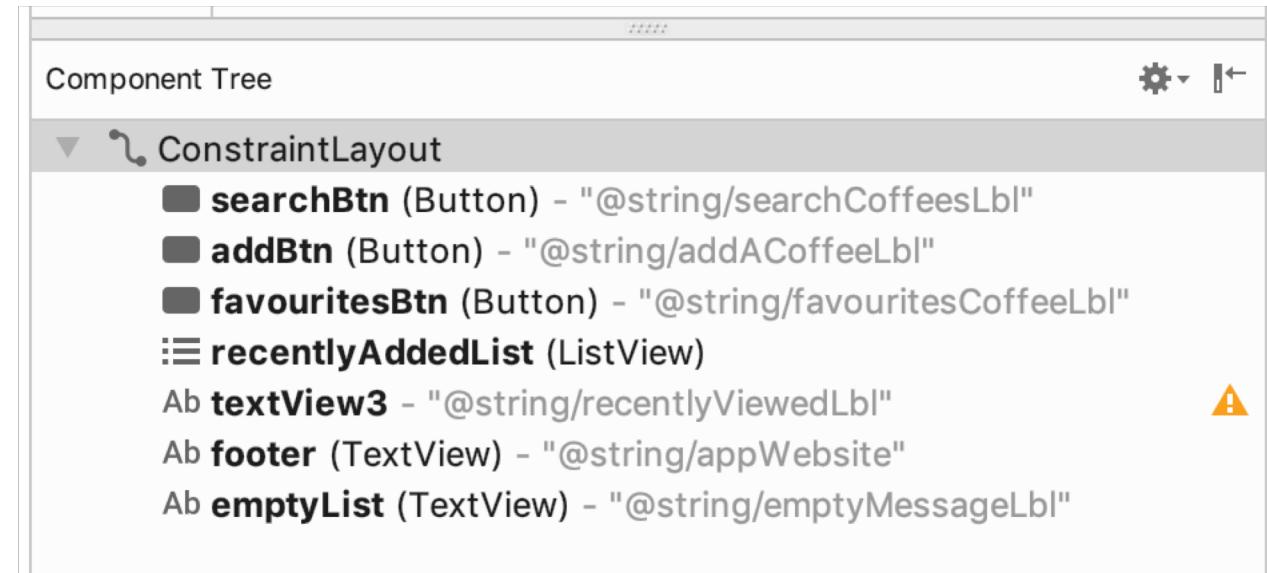
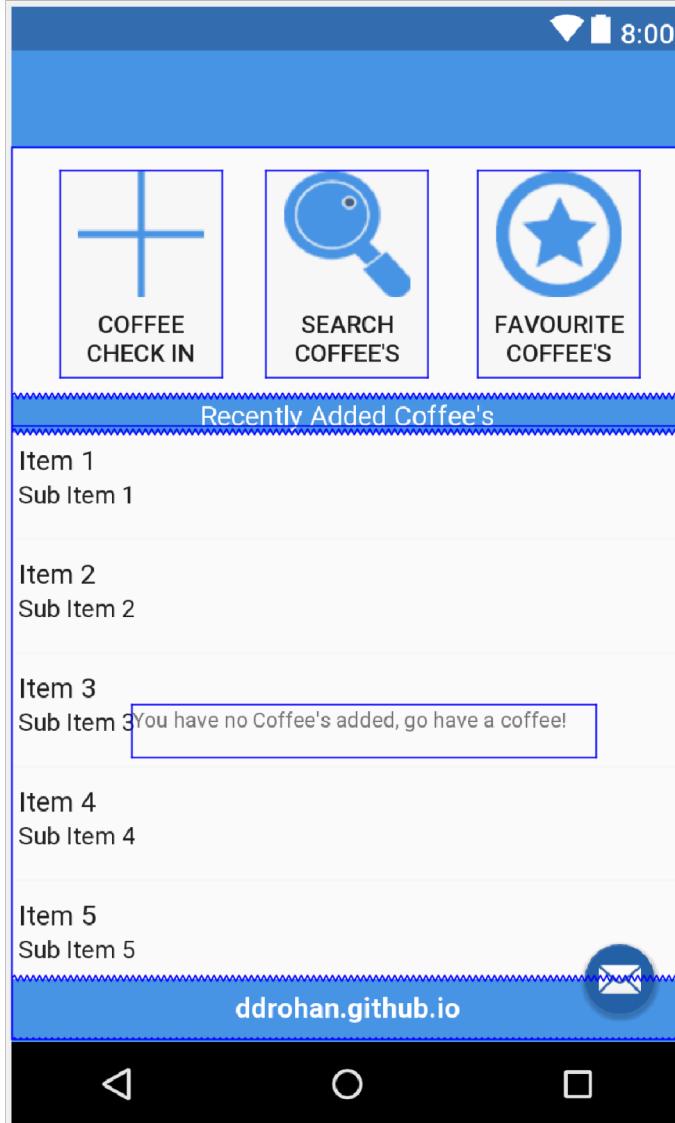
- A top navigation bar with icons for "COFFEE CHECK IN", "SEARCH COFFEES", and "FAVOURITE COFFEES".
- A section titled "Recently Added Coffee's" containing five items: Item 1 (Sub Item 1), Item 2 (Sub Item 2), Item 3 (Sub Item 3: "You have no Coffee's added, go have a coffee!"), Item 4 (Sub Item 4), and Item 5 (Sub Item 5).
- A central area with three buttons labeled "COFFEE CHECK", "SEARCH COFFEE'S", and "FAVOURITE COFFEES".
- A bottom footer with the text "ddrohan.github.io" and standard Android navigation icons.

The right side of the screen displays the "Attributes" panel for the "addBtn" button, showing its properties:

- ID**: addBtn
- layout\_width**: 93dp
- layout\_height**: 119dp
- Button**
  - style**: buttonStyle
  - background**: @color/colorFontOffWhite
  - backgroundTint**: @color/colorFontOffWhite
  - stateListAnimator**: AppCompat.Widget.Button
  - elevation**: 0dp
  - visibility**: none
  - onClick**: add
- Text**
  - text**: @string/addACoffeeBl
  - text**: You have no Coffee's added, go have a coffee!
- Favorite Attributes**
  - visibility**: none



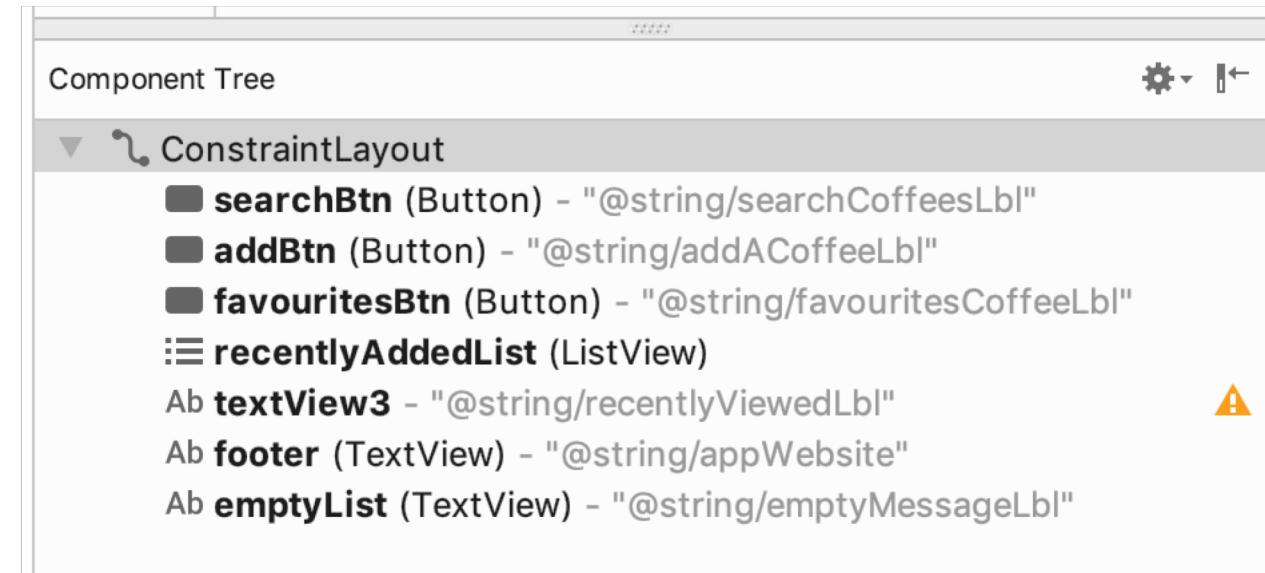
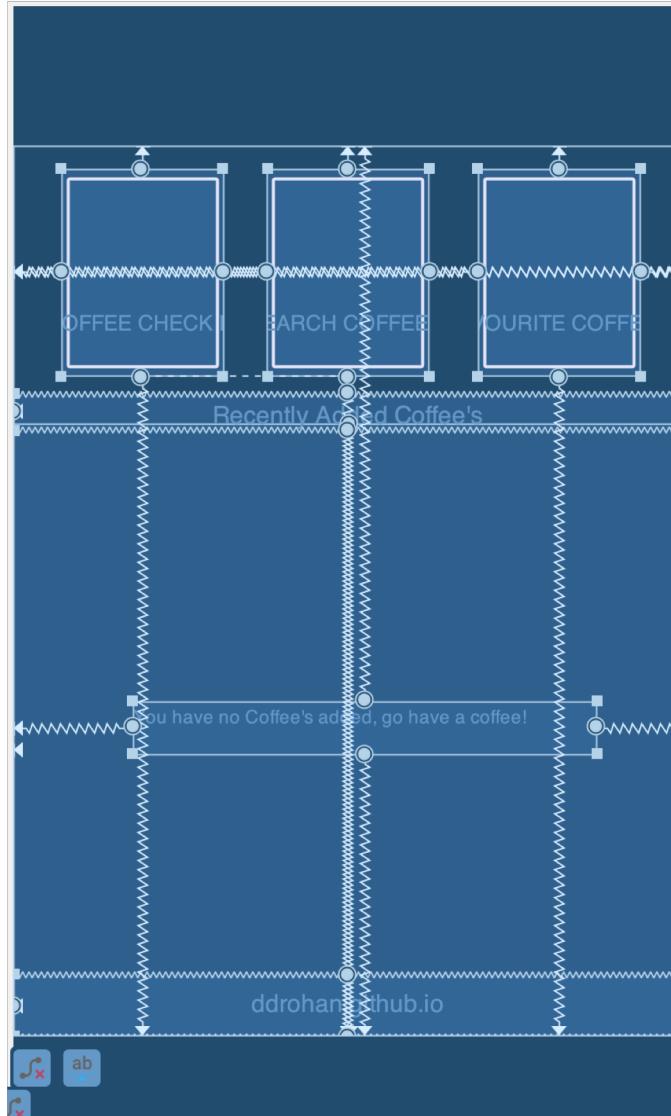
# Layout – Outline View \*



- Keep track of Outline view
- Name controls appropriately

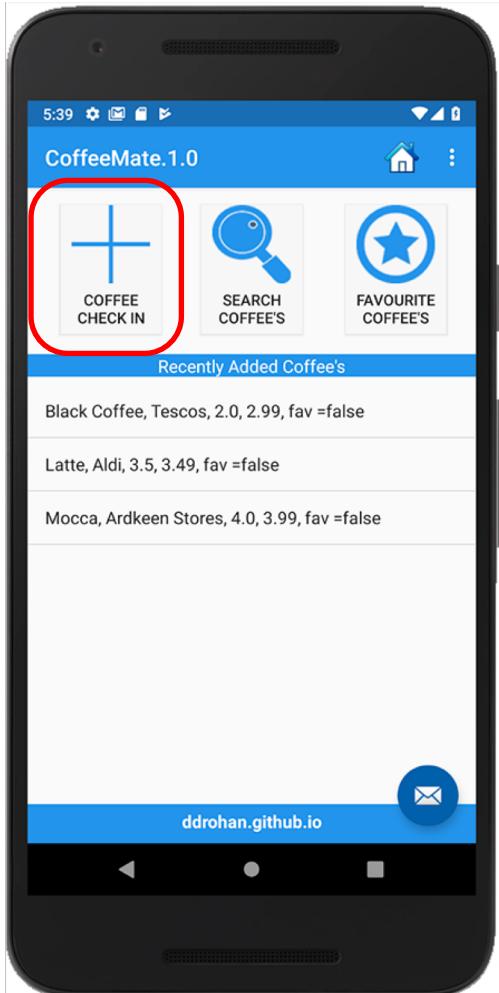


# Layout – Outline View \*



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# XML View - content\_home \*



This part defines the one of the buttons shown on the layout summary slide. Each button is given an id so that it can be found in Java via ‘findViewById’, then assigned an event handler via `setOnClickListener` (or `onClick`)

The text (Button label) is taken from `strings.xml` instead of entered directly here, because the same label will also be used for other widgets later on.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    app:layout_behavior="android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout$Behavior"
    tools:context=".activities.Home"
    tools:showIn="@layout/home">

    <Button ...>

        <Button
            android:id="@+id/addBtn"
            android:layout_width="93dp"
            android:layout_height="119dp"
            android:background="@color/colorFontOffWhite"
            android:drawableTop="@drawable/add_72"
            android:onClick="add"
            android:text="Coffee Check In"
            app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.094"
            app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
            app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.033" />

        <Button ...>

        <ListView ...>

        <TextView ...>

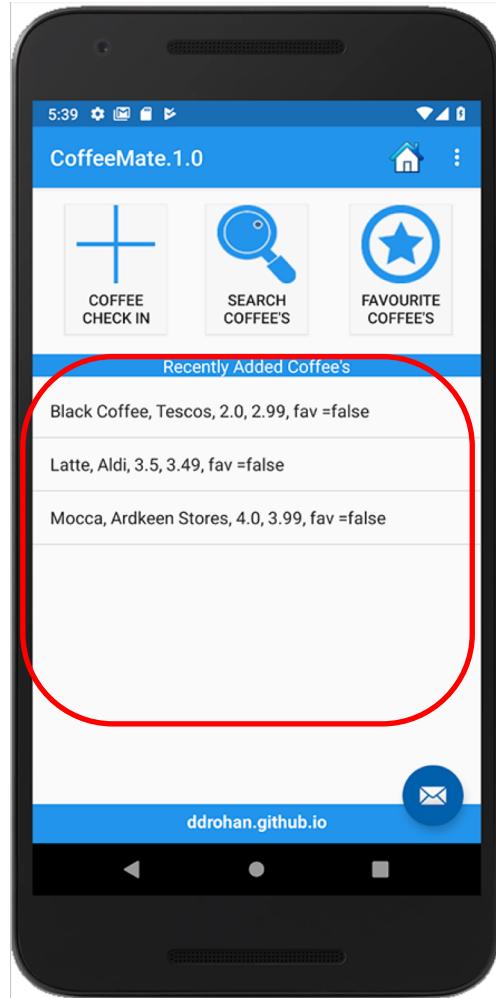
        <TextView ...>

        <TextView ...>

    </android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout>
```

Note the use of  
an ‘onClick’  
attribute

# XML View - content\_home



The add and help screens are built and designed in a similar manner

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    app:layout_behavior="android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout$ScrollingViewBehavior"
    tools:context=".activities.Home"
    tools:showIn="@layout/home">

    <Button ...>
    <Button ...>
    <Button ...>

    <ListView
        android:id="@+id/recentlyAddedList"
        android:layout_width="411dp"
        android:layout_height="375dp"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.48"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/textView3"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.135" />

    <TextView ...>
    <TextView ...>
    <TextView ...>

</android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout>
```



# CoffeeMate Event Handler \*

```
public class Home extends Base {  
  
    TextView emptyList;  
    ListView coffeeListView;  
    ArrayAdapter<Coffee> coffeeAdapter;  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {...}  
  
    public void add(View v) {  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Add.class));  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onResume() {  
        super.onResume();  
        Log.v("coffeemate", "Home : " + coffeeList);  
  
        if(!coffeeList.isEmpty())  
            coffeeAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();  
    }  
}
```

Note the use of a 'View' object

content\_home

```
<Button  
    android:id="@+id/addBtn"  
    android:layout_width="93dp"  
    android:layout_height="119dp"  
    android:background="@color/colorFontOffWhite"  
    android:drawableTop="@drawable/add_72"  
    android:onClick="add"  
    android:text="Coffee Check In"  
    app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"  
    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"  
    app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.094"  
    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"  
    app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"  
    app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.033" />
```



# strings.xml \*

content\_home.xml (and the other layouts) refer to these names with  
    @string/appName,  
    @string/addACoffeeLbl etc.

Each string is used as a resource for one or more of the widgets on our layouts.

colors.xml & styles.xml are very similar in terms of content

```
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">CoffeeMate.1.0</string>
    <string name="appHelp">This is the help screen for CoffeeMate</string>
    <string name="appHelpExtra">Basically\, if you need help on using t
    <string name="appDisplayName">CoffeeMate 1.0</string>
    <string name="appDesc">CoffeeMate provides the user with a quick ar
    <string name="appMoreInfo">For more information about CoffeeMate o
    <string name="appAbout">About CoffeeMate</string>
    <string name="appWebsite">ddrohan.github.io</string>
    <string name="developer">Developed by Davey Drohan</string>

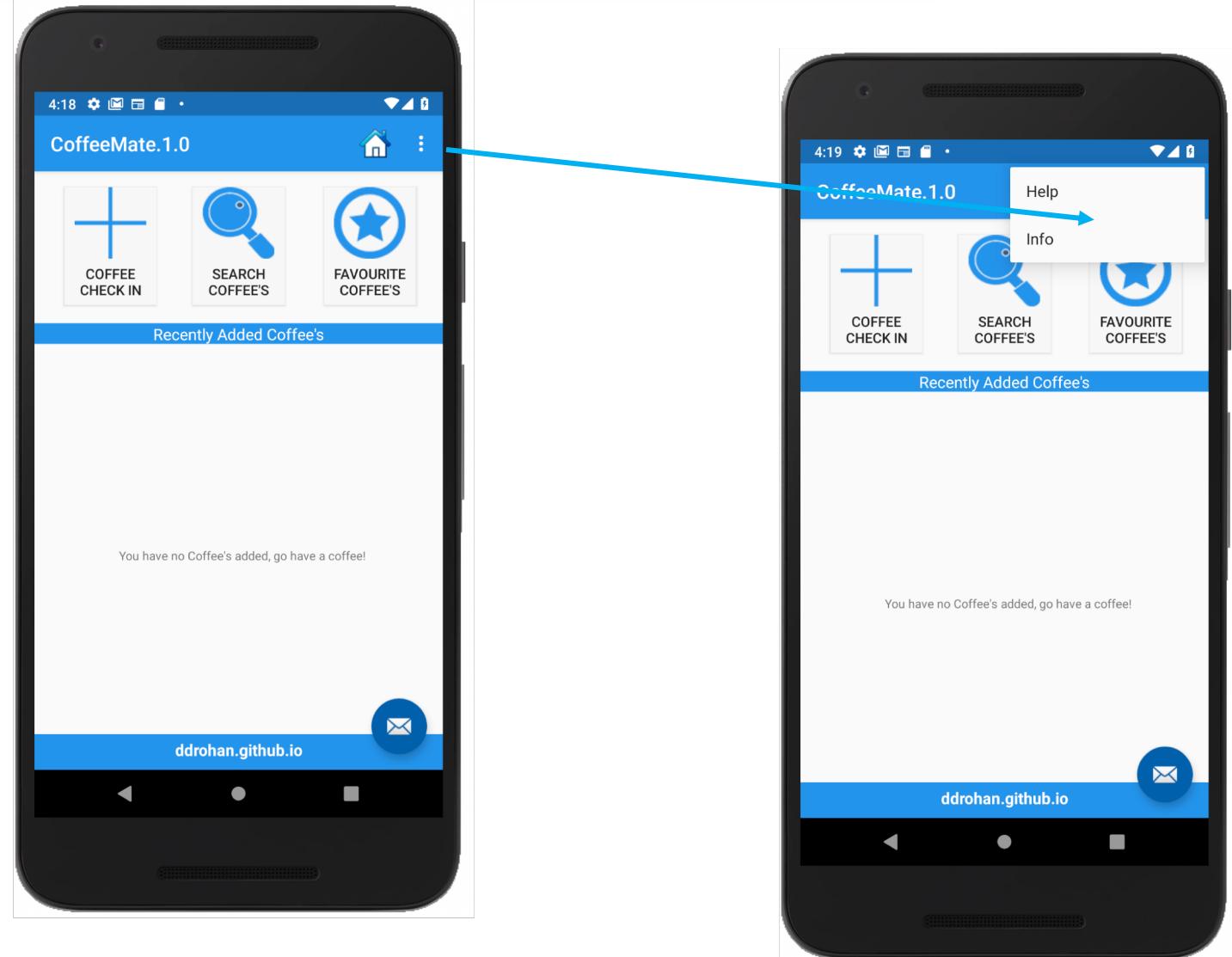
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    <string name="favouritesCoffeeLbl">Favourite Coffee\'s</string>
    <string name="addACoffeeLbl">Coffee Check In</string>
    <string name="addCoffeeBtnLbl">Add Coffee</string>
    <string name="saveCoffeeBtn">Save Coffee</string>
    <string name="recentlyViewedLbl">Recently Added Coffee\'s</string>
    <string name="coffeeNameLbl">Name :</string>
    <string name="coffeeShopLbl">Shop :</string>
    <string name="coffeePriceLbl">Price :</string>
    <string name="coffeeRatingLbl">Star Rating</string>
    <string name="coffeeDetailsLbl">Full Coffee Details</string>
    <string name="informationLbl">Information</string>
    <string name="emptyMessageLbl">You have no Coffee\'s added, go have
</resources>
```



# Menus in CoffeeMate

Pressing the “Menu” button on the emulator brings up a menu with the following entries

(we'll modify this slightly in CoffeeMate 2.0)





# Menus

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- ❑ Menus are a common user interface component in many types of applications.
- ❑ To provide a familiar and consistent user experience, you should use the [Menu](#) APIs to present user actions and other options in your activities.
- ❑ Beginning with Android 3.0 (API level 11), Android-powered devices are no longer required to provide a dedicated *Menu* button.
  - ❑ instead provide an **action bar** to present common user actions.



# Options Menu & Action Bar

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- ❑ The [options menu](#) is the primary collection of menu items for an activity.
  - ❑ It's where you should place actions that have a global impact on the app, such as "Info", "Help" and "Home" etc.
- ❑ If you're developing for Android 2.3 or lower, users can reveal the options menu panel by pressing the *Menu* button.
- ❑ On Android 3.0 and higher, items from the options menu are presented by the [action bar](#) as a combination of on-screen action items and overflow options.



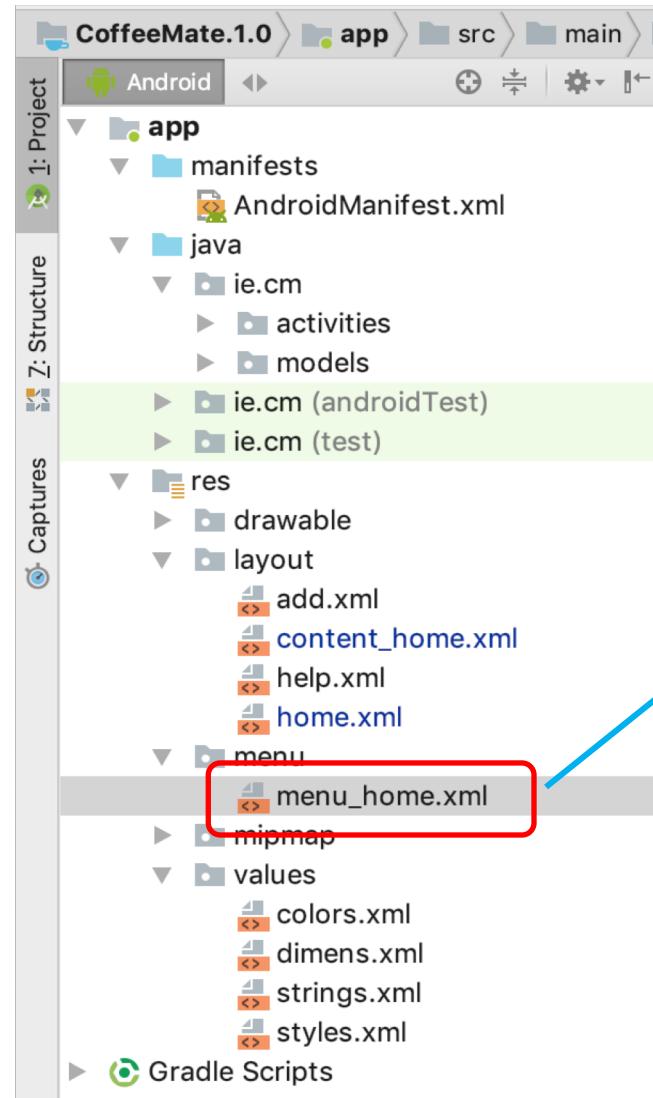
# Enabling/Disabling Menu Items on the fly

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- ❑ There may be times where you don't want all your menu options available to the user under certain situations
  - ❑ e.g – if you've no coffees, why let them see the report?
- ❑ You can modify the options menu at runtime by overriding the ***onPrepareOptionsMenu*** method
  - ❑ called each and every time the user presses the *MENU* button.



# Menus in CoffeeMate \*



```
<menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
      xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"  
      xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"  
      tools:context="ie.cm.activities.Home">  
  
    <item android:id="@+id/menu_help"  
          android:title="Help"  
          android:orderInCategory="100"  
          android:onClick="menuHelp"  
          app:showAsAction="never" />  
  
    <item android:id="@+id/menu_info"  
          android:title="Info"  
          android:orderInCategory="100"  
          android:onClick="menuInfo"  
          app:showAsAction="never" />  
  
    <item  
        android:id="@+id/menu_home"  
        android:icon="@drawable/home"  
        android:onClick="menuHome"  
        android:orderInCategory="100"  
        android:title="Home"  
        app:showAsAction="ifRoom" />  
  
</menu>
```

## Menu Specification

Note the use of  
an 'onClick'  
attribute



# CoffeeMate Menu Event Handler \*

```
public class Base extends AppCompatActivity {  
  
    public static ArrayList<Coffee> coffeeList = new ArrayList<>();  
  
    @Override  
    public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {  
        getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.menu_home, menu);  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    public void menuHome(MenuItem m) {  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Home.class));  
    }  
  
    public void menuInfo(MenuItem m) {  
        new AlertDialog.Builder(this)  
            .setTitle(getString(R.string.appAbout))  
            .setMessage(getString(R.string.appDesc)  
                + "\n\n" +  
                + getString(R.string.appMoreInfo))  
            .setPositiveButton("OK", (dialog, which) -> {  
                // we could put some code here too  
            })  
            .show();  
    }  
  
    public void menuHelp(MenuItem m) {  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Help.class));  
    }  
}
```

## Menu Specification

inflate this resource as a 'Menu' (creates the menu)

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</menu>
```

Note the use of a 'MenuItem' object



## Aside - Why a 'Base' Class? \*

- ❑ **Green** Programming – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
  - ❑ **Reduce** the amount of code we need to implement the functionality required (Code Redundancy)
  - ❑ **Reuse** common code throughout the app/project where possible/appropriate
  - ❑ **Recycle** existing code for use in other apps/projects

All good for improving Design



# Switching to/from Activities - General Approach

- ❑ Switch between Activities with Intents when
  - ❑ Main screen has buttons and/or menus to navigate to other Activities (your intent)
  - ❑ Return to original screen with “back” button (system intent)
- ❑ Syntax required to start new Activity
  - ❑ Java

```
Intent goToActivity = new Intent(this,OtherActivity.class);
startActivity(goToActivity);
```
  - ❑ XML
    - ❑ Requires an entry in **AndroidManifest.xml** (runtime error otherwise!)



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# CoffeeMate 1.0

## Code Highlights



# class *Base* (our superclass) \*

```
public class Base extends AppCompatActivity {  
  
    public static ArrayList<Coffee> coffeeList = new ArrayList<~>();  
  
    @Override  
    public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {  
        getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.menu_home, menu);  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    public void menuHome(MenuItem m) {  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Home.class));  
    }  
  
    public void menuInfo(MenuItem m) {  
        new AlertDialog.Builder(this)  
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            .show();  
    }  
  
    public void menuHelp(MenuItem m) {  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Help.class));  
    }  
}
```

our list of Coffees (available/shared between all our Activities)

A method to display a Dialog Window in the current Activity ( specifically an AlertDialog )



# class Add (1)

```
public class Add extends Base {  
  
    private String      coffeeName, coffeeShop;  
    private double     coffeePrice, ratingValue;  
    private EditText   name, shop, price;  
    private RatingBar  ratingBar;  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.add);  
  
        name = findViewById(R.id.addNameET);  
        shop = findViewById(R.id.addShopET);  
        price = findViewById(R.id.addPriceET);  
        ratingBar = findViewById(R.id.addRatingBar);  
    }  
}
```

Binding to our Widgets



# class Add (2)

```
public void addCoffee(View v) {  
  
    coffeeName = name.getText().toString();  
    coffeeShop = shop.getText().toString();  
    try {  
        coffeePrice = Double.parseDouble(price.getText().toString());  
    } catch (NumberFormatException e) {  
        coffeePrice = 0.0;  
    }  
    ratingValue = ratingBar.getRating();  
  
    if ((coffeeName.length() > 0) && (coffeeShop.length() > 0)  
        && (price.length() > 0)) {  
        Coffee c = new Coffee(coffeeName, coffeeShop, ratingValue,  
            coffeePrice, false);  
  
        Log.v("coffeemate", "Add : " + coffeeList);  
        coffeeList.add(c);  
        startActivity(new Intent(this, Home.class));  
    } else  
        Toast.makeText(  
            this,  
            "You must Enter Something for "  
                + "'Name'", "'Shop'" and "'Price'",  
            Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
}
```

Our 'Event Handler' Method

Adding the Coffee to our List  
&  
Returning to our 'Home' Activity



# class Home

```
public class Home extends Base {  
  
    TextView emptyList;  
    ListView coffeeListView;  
    ArrayAdapter<Coffee> coffeeAdapter;  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.home);  
        Toolbar toolbar = findViewById(R.id.toolbar);  
        setSupportActionBar(toolbar);  
  
        emptyList = findViewById(R.id.emptyList);  
        coffeeListView = findViewById(R.id.recentlyAddedList);  
        coffeeListView.setEmptyView(emptyList);  
        coffeeAdapter = new ArrayAdapter<>(this,  
                                         android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1,  
                                         coffeeList);  
        coffeeListView.setAdapter(coffeeAdapter);  
    }  
  
    public void add(View v) { startActivity(new Intent(this, Add.class)); }  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onResume() {  
        super.onResume();  
  
        if(!coffeeList.isEmpty())  
            coffeeAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();  
    }  
}
```

Declaring our Variables for displaying the coffees

Creating the ArrayAdapter and ‘setting’ it to the ListView

Refreshing the Adapter to check for changes (new coffees)



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# Questions?



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# Appendix



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# Android Components



# Content Providers (1)

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- ❑ A component that stores and retrieves data and make it accessible to all applications.
  - uses a standard interface (URI) to fulfill requests for data from other applications & it's one way to share data across applications.
    - ◆ e.g. `android.provider.Contacts.Phones.CONTENT_URI`
  - Android ships with a number of content providers for common data types (audio, video, images, personal contact information, and so on) - SQLite DB
  - Android 4.0 introduces the Calendar Provider.
    - ◆ `uri = Calendars.CONTENT_URI;`



# Content Providers (2)

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- Content providers abstract data storage to other applications, activities, services, etc...
- Roughly SQL based.
- You construct a `ContentProvider` class that will override methods such as `insert()`, `delete()`, and `update()`.
- Then you register your content provider with a URI to handle different types of objects.
  - A Unique Resource Identifier is kind of like a URL
- For example, let's say we want our content provider to allow other applications to access our database of bicycles and also customers.
- We define methods for inserting, deleting, updating, etc... bicycles and customers.
- Then we publish two URIs:
  - `BICYCLES_URI`
  - `CUSTOMERS_URI`
- Maybe more URIs for accessing bicycles indexed by serial number?



# Broadcast Receivers

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- ❑ A component designed to respond to broadcast Intents.
  - Receives system wide messages and implicit intents
  - can be used to react to changed conditions in the system (external notifications or alarms).
  - An application can register as a broadcast receiver for certain events and can be started if such an event occurs. These events can come from Android itself (e.g., battery low) or from any program running on the system.
- ❑ An [Activity](#) or [Service](#) provides other applications with access to its functionality by executing an [Intent Receiver](#), a small piece of code that responds to requests for data or services from other activities.



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# The Layered Framework

slides paraphrase a blog post by Tim Bray (co-inventor of XML and currently employed by Google to work on Android)

<http://www.tbray.org/ongoing/When/201x/2010/11/14/What-Android-Is>



# The Layered Framework (1)

## ❑ Applications Layer



- Android provides a set of core applications:
  - ✓ Email Client
  - ✓ SMS Program
  - ✓ Calendar
  - ✓ Maps
  - ✓ Browser
  - ✓ Contacts
  - ✓ **YOUR APP**
  - ✓ Etc
- All applications are written using the Java language. These applications are executed by the Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM), similar to a Java Virtual Machine but with different bytecodes



# The Layered Framework (2)

## ❑ Application Framework Layer



- Enabling and simplifying the reuse of components
  - ◆ Developers have full access to the same framework APIs used by the core applications.
  - ◆ Users are allowed to replace components.
- These services are used by developers to create Android applications that can be run in the emulator or on a device
- See next slide for more.....



# The Layered Framework (3)

## ❑ Application Framework Layer Features

Feature	Role
View System	Used to build an application, including lists, grids, text boxes, buttons, and embedded web browser
Content Provider	Enabling applications to access data from other applications or to share their own data
Resource Manager	Providing access to non-code resources (localized strings, graphics, and layout files)
Notification Manager	Enabling all applications to display custom alerts in the status bar
Activity Manager	Managing the lifecycle of applications and providing a common navigation (back) stack

We'll be covering the above in more detail later on...



# The Layered Framework (4)

## □ Libraries Layer



- Including a set of C/C++ libraries used by components of the Android system
- Exposed to developers through the Android application framework

**System C library/libc** - a BSD (Berkeley Software Distribution) -derived implementation of the standard C system library (libc), tuned for embedded Linux-based devices

**Media Framework/Libraries** - based on PacketVideo's OpenCORE; the libraries support playback and recording of many popular audio and video formats, as well as static image files, including MPEG4, H.264, MP3, AAC, AMR, JPG, and PNG

**Surface Manager** - manages access to the display subsystem and seamlessly composites 2D and 3D graphic layers from multiple applications

**WebKit/LibWebCore** - a modern web browser engine which powers both the Android browser and an embeddable web view

**SGL ( Scene Graph Library)** - the underlying 2D graphics engine

**3D libraries** - an implementation based on **OpenGL ES 1.0 APIs**; the libraries use either hardware 3D acceleration (where available) or the included, highly optimized 3D software rasterizer (shapes->pixels)

**FreeType** - bitmap and vector font rendering

**SQLite** - a powerful and lightweight relational database engine available to all applications



# The Layered Framework (5)

## ❑ Core Runtime Libraries (changing to ART in Kit Kat)



Next Slide

- Providing most of the functionality available in the core libraries of the Java language
- APIs
  - Data Structures
  - Utilities
  - File Access
  - Network Access
  - Graphics
  - Etc



# The Layered Framework (6)

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## ❑ Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM)

- Provides an environment on which every Android application runs
  - Each Android application runs in its own process, with its own instance of the Dalvik VM.
  - Dalvik has been written such that a device can run multiple VMs efficiently.

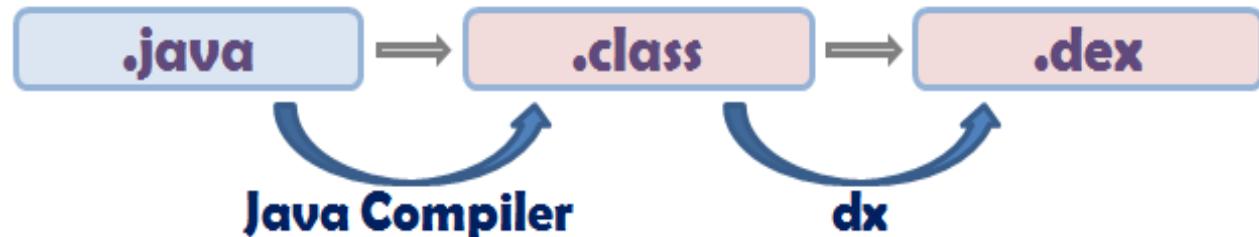
## ❑ Android Runtime (ART) 4.4 (see earlier slides)



# The Layered Framework (7)

## ❑ Dalvik Virtual Machine (Cont'd)

- ✓ Executing the Dalvik Executable (.dex) format
  - .dex format is optimized for minimal memory footprint.
  - Compilation



- ✓ Relying on the Linux Kernel for:
  - Threading
  - Low-level memory management



# ART – Android Runtime

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- ❑ Handles app execution in a fundamentally different way from Dalvik.
- ❑ Current runtime relies on a JIT compiler to interpret original bytecode
  - In a manner of speaking, apps are only partially compiled by developers
  - resulting code must go through an interpreter on a user's device each and every time it is run == Overhead + Inefficient
  - But the mechanism makes it easy for apps to run on a variety of hardware and architectures.
- ❑ ART pre-compiles that bytecode into machine language when *apps are first installed*, turning them into truly native apps.
  - This process is called Ahead-Of-Time (AOT) compilation.
- ❑ By removing the need to spin up a new VM or run interpreted code, startup times can be cut down immensely and ongoing execution will become faster.



# The Layered Framework (8)

## ❑ Linux Kernel Layer



- ❑ At the bottom is the Linux kernel that has been augmented with extensions for Android
  - the extensions deal with power-savings, essentially adapting the Linux kernel to run on mobile devices
- ❑ Relying on Linux Kernel 2.6 for core system services / 3.8 in Kit Kat
  - Memory and Process Management
  - Network Stack
  - Driver Model
  - Security
- ❑ Providing an abstraction layer between the H/W and the rest of the S/W stack



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# The Application/Activity Lifecycle



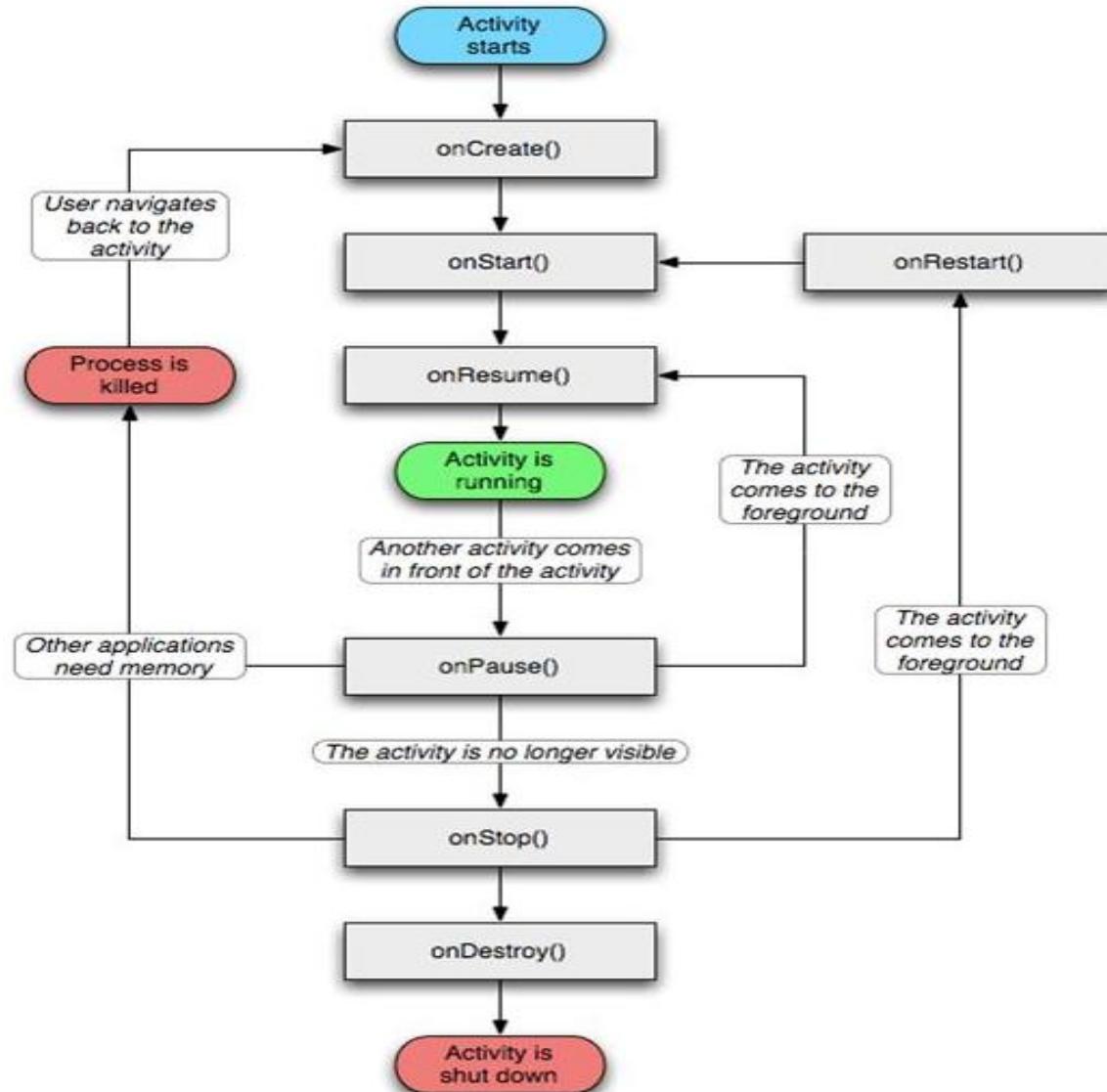
# The Application/Activity Life Cycle

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- ❑ Android is designed around the unique requirements of mobile applications.
  - In particular, Android recognizes that resources (memory and battery, for example) are limited on most mobile devices, and provides mechanisms to conserve those resources.
- ❑ The mechanisms are evident in the *Android Activity Lifecycle*, which defines the states or events that an activity goes through from the time it is created until it finishes running.



# The Activity Life Cycle



- ❑ `onStop()` and `onDestroy()` are optional and may never be called
- ❑ If you need persistence, the save needs to happen in `onPause()`



# The Activity Life Cycle

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- ❑ An activity monitors and reacts to these events by instantiating methods that override the Activity class methods for each event:

## ❑ **onCreate**

- Called when an activity is first created. This is the place you normally create your views, open any persistent data files your activity needs to use, and in general initialize your activity.
- When calling onCreate(), the Android framework is passed a Bundle object that contains any activity state saved from when the activity ran before.

## ❑ **onStart**

- Called just before an activity becomes visible on the screen. Once onStart() completes, if your activity can become the foreground activity on the screen, control will transfer to onResume().
- If the activity cannot become the foreground activity for some reason, control transfers to the onStop() method.



# The Activity Life Cycle

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## ❑ onResume

- Called right after onStart() if your activity is the foreground activity on the screen. At this point your activity is running and interacting with the user. You are receiving keyboard and touch inputs, and the screen is displaying your user interface.
- onResume() is also called if your activity loses the foreground to another activity, and that activity eventually exits, popping your activity back to the foreground. This is where your activity would start (or resume) doing things that are needed to update the user interface.



# The Activity Life Cycle

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## ❑ onPause

- Called when Android is just about to resume a different activity, giving that activity the foreground. At this point your activity will no longer have access to the screen, so you should stop doing things that consume battery and CPU cycles unnecessarily.
  - ◆ If you are running an animation, no one is going to be able to see it, so you might as well suspend it until you get the screen back. Your activity needs to take advantage of this method to store any state that you will need in case your activity gains the foreground again—and it is not guaranteed that your activity will resume.
- Once you exit this method, Android may kill your activity at any time without returning control to you.



# The Activity Life Cycle

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## onStop

- Called when your activity is no longer visible, either because another activity has taken the foreground or because your activity is being destroyed.

## onDestroy

- The last chance for your activity to do any processing before it is destroyed. Normally you'd get to this point because the activity is done and the framework called its finish method. But as mentioned earlier, the method might be called because Android has decided it needs the resources your activity is consuming.



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# Questions?