

Mobile Application Development

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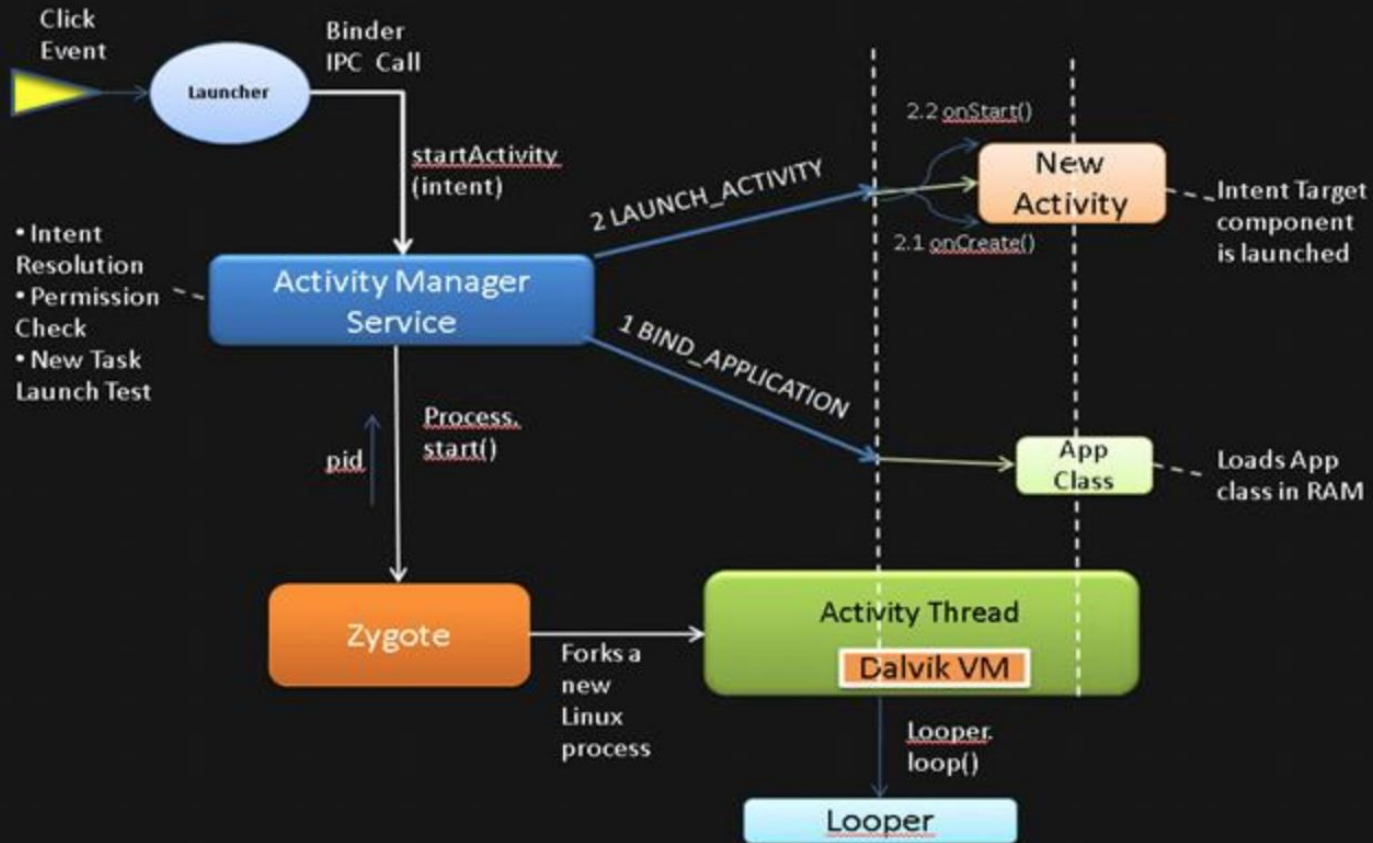
Anatomy of Android Application



Anatomy of An App

Java Code
+
XML and Other
Resources
+
Manifest File
=
Android App

Application Launch





Anatomy of Android Application

- An application consists of one or more *components that are defined in the application's manifest file.*
- *A component can be one of the following:*
- **Context**
- **Activity**
- **Service**
- **Broadcast receiver**
- **Content provider**

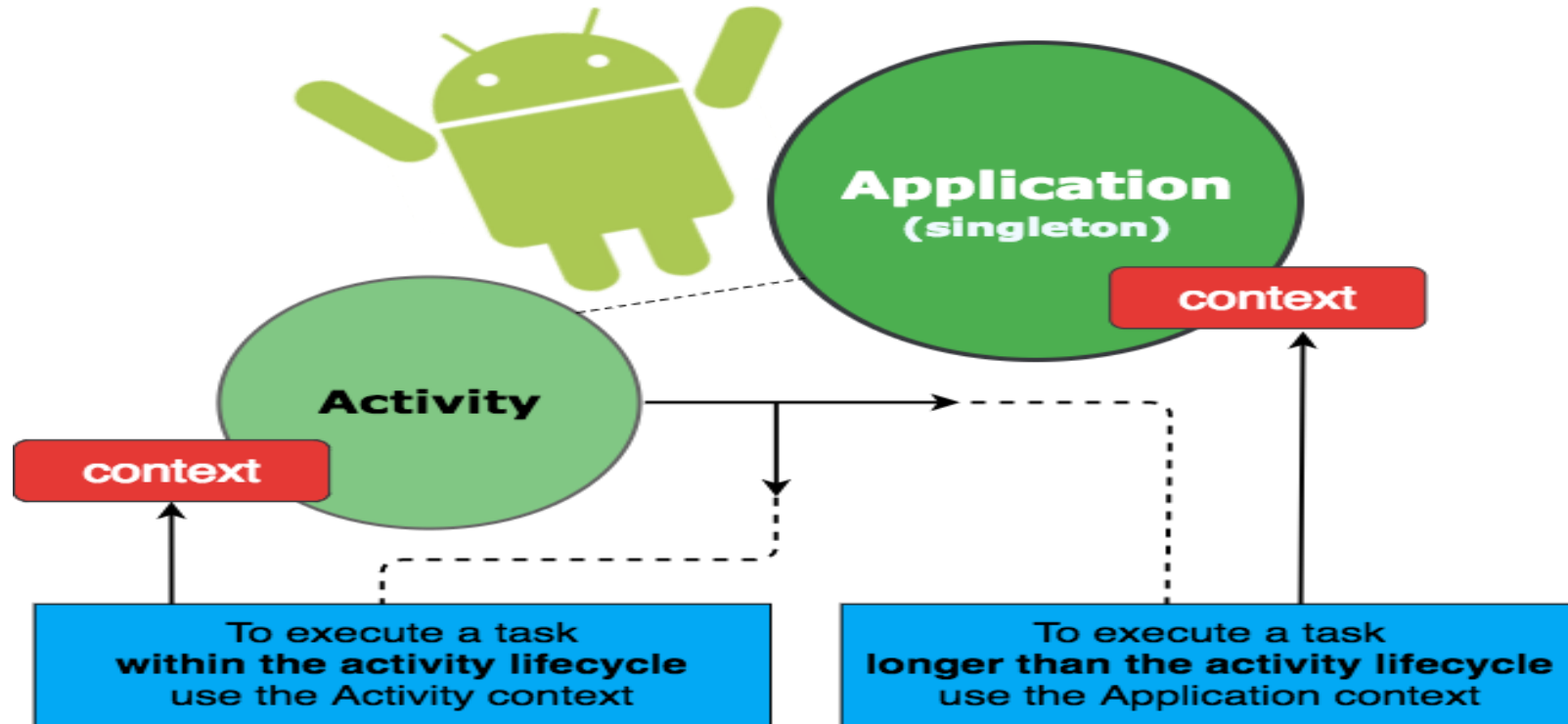


Context:

- **The context is the central command center for an Android application.**
- All application-specific functionality can be accessed through the context
- You can retrieve the Context for the current process using the `getApplicationContext()`
- `Context context = getApplicationContext();`



Context:





Context:

Context is an abstract class, implemented in the Android system by some classes like e.g. Activity, Service, Application.

Why I need it?



Context:

- *We can use it to retrieve resources, start a new Activity, show a dialog, start a system service, create a view, and more.*
- *Context type depends on the Android component that lives within it.*

Context:

- *getContext()* — returns the Context which is linked to the Activity from which is called,
- *getApplicationContext()* — returns the Context which is linked to Application which holds all activities running inside it,

Activity:

- An Activity represents a screen or a window. Sort of.
- *each activity is independent of the others.*
- *one of the activities is marked as the first one that should be presented to the user when the application is launched.*

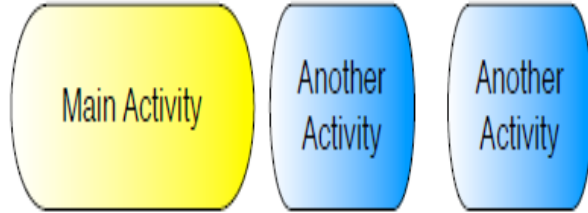
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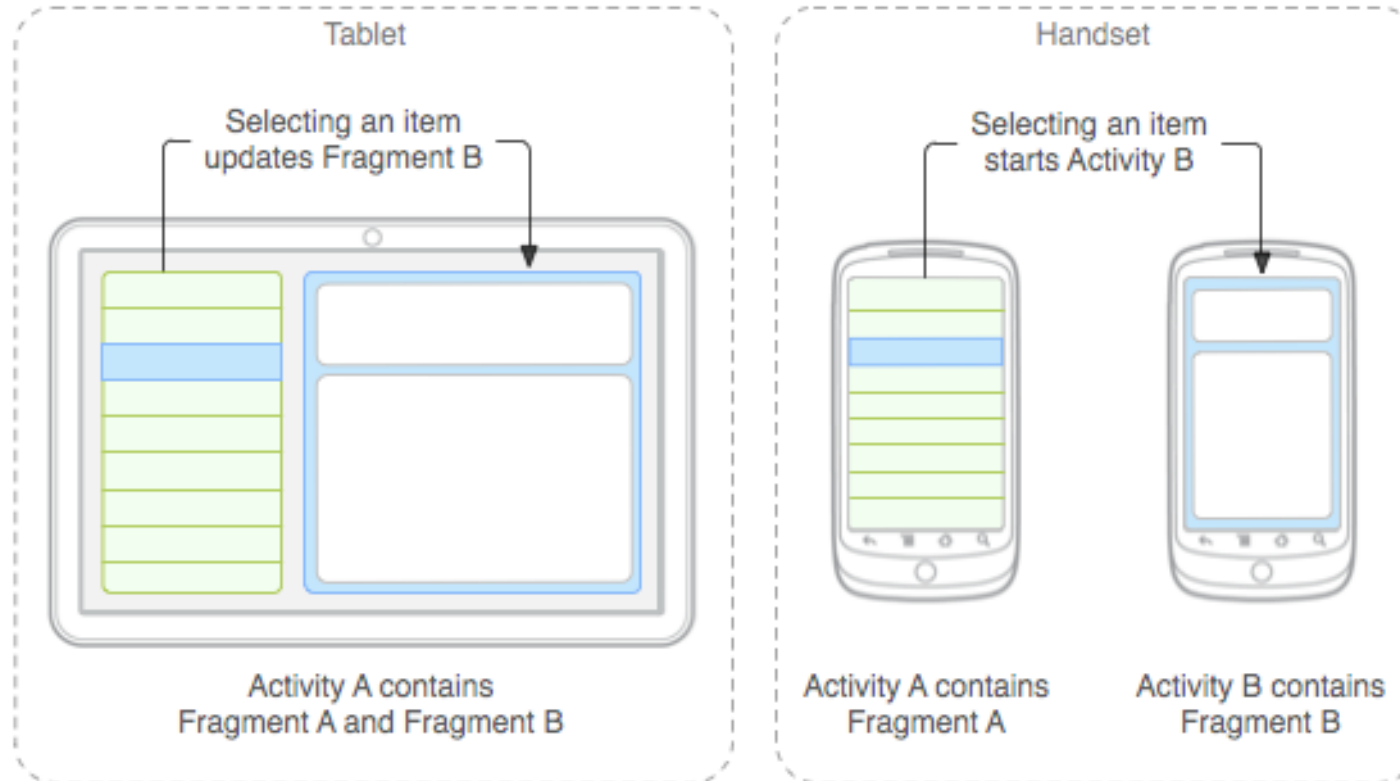


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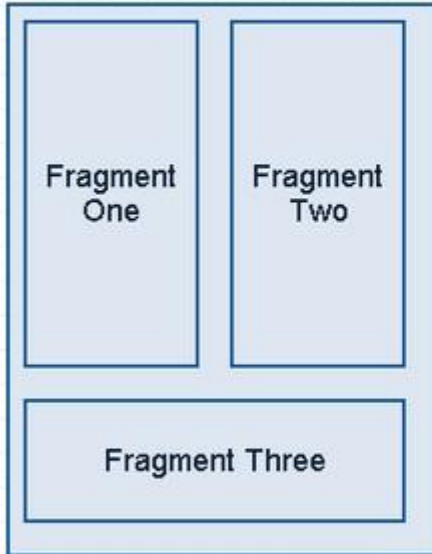
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Android Application









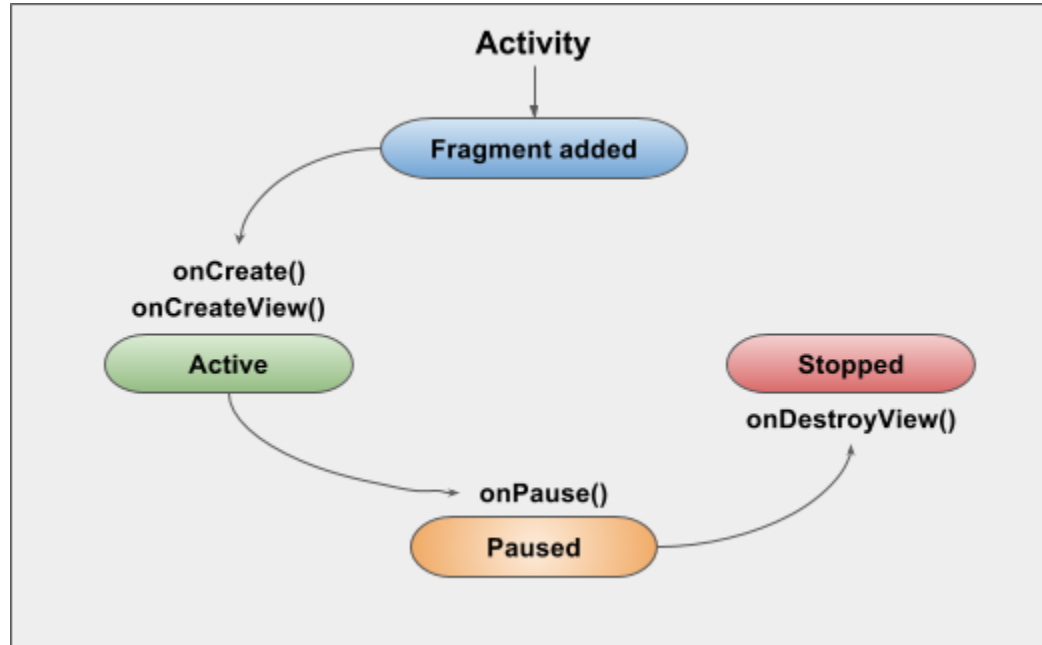
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Three Fragment in single
screen**

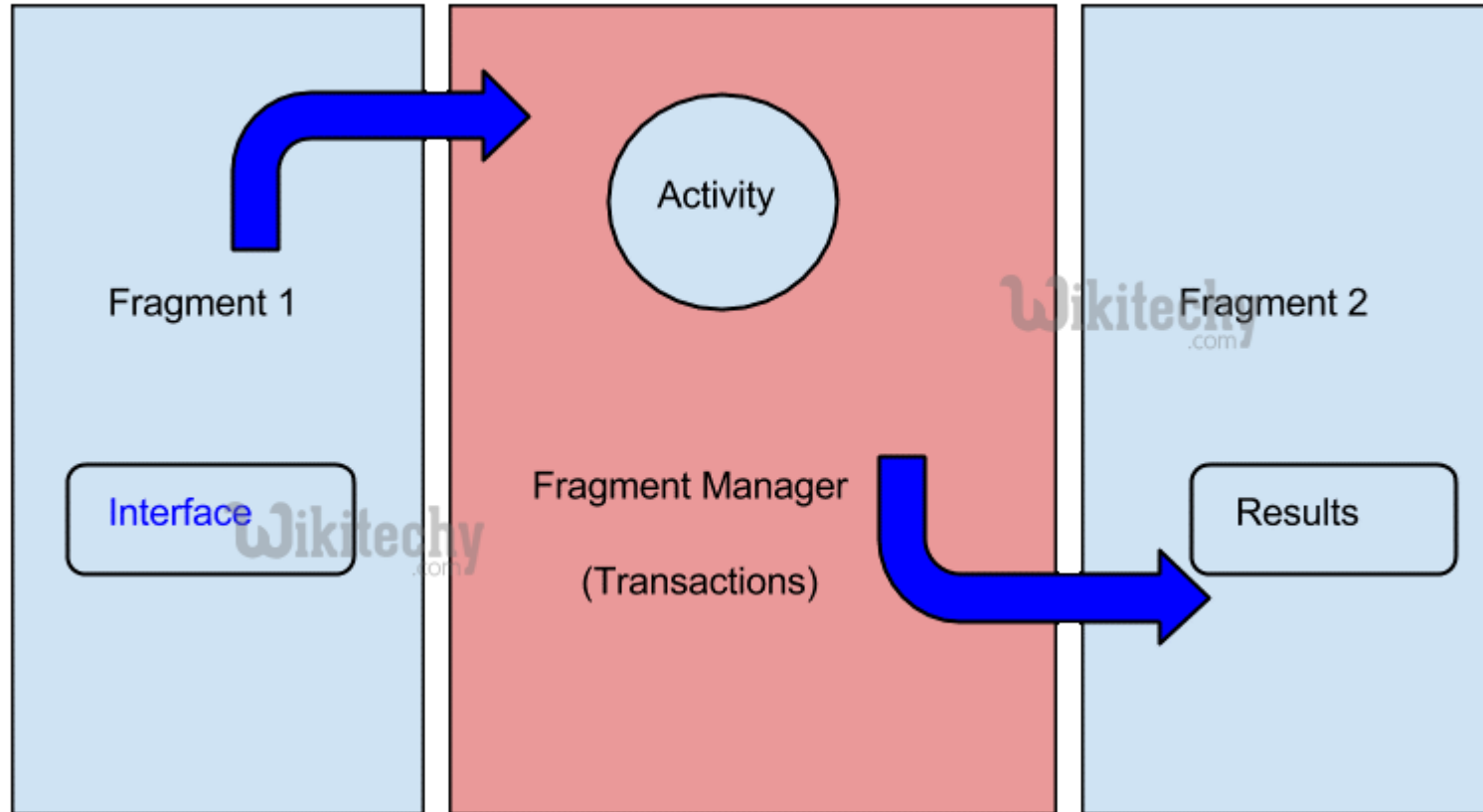


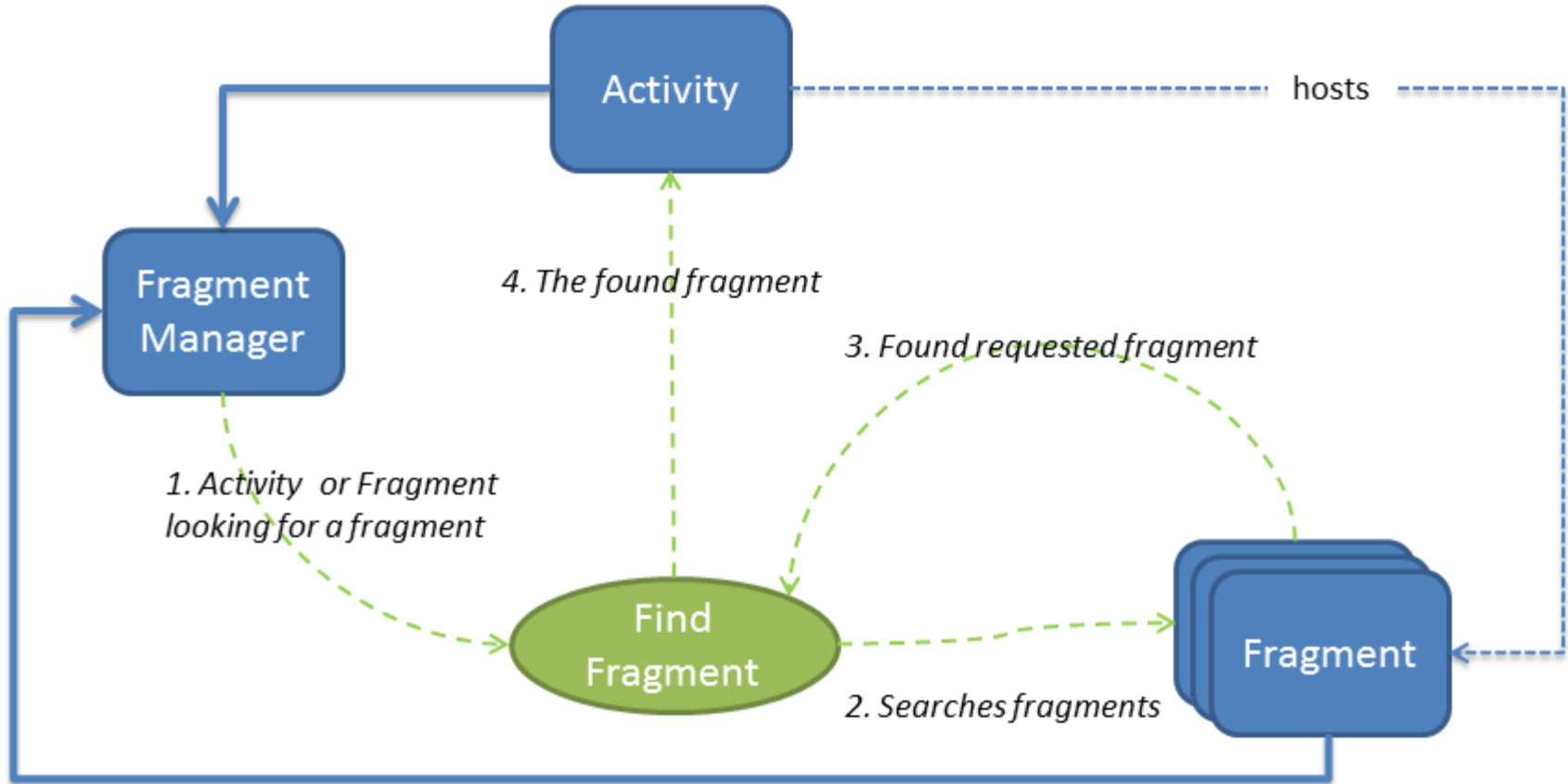
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Fragment per screen**

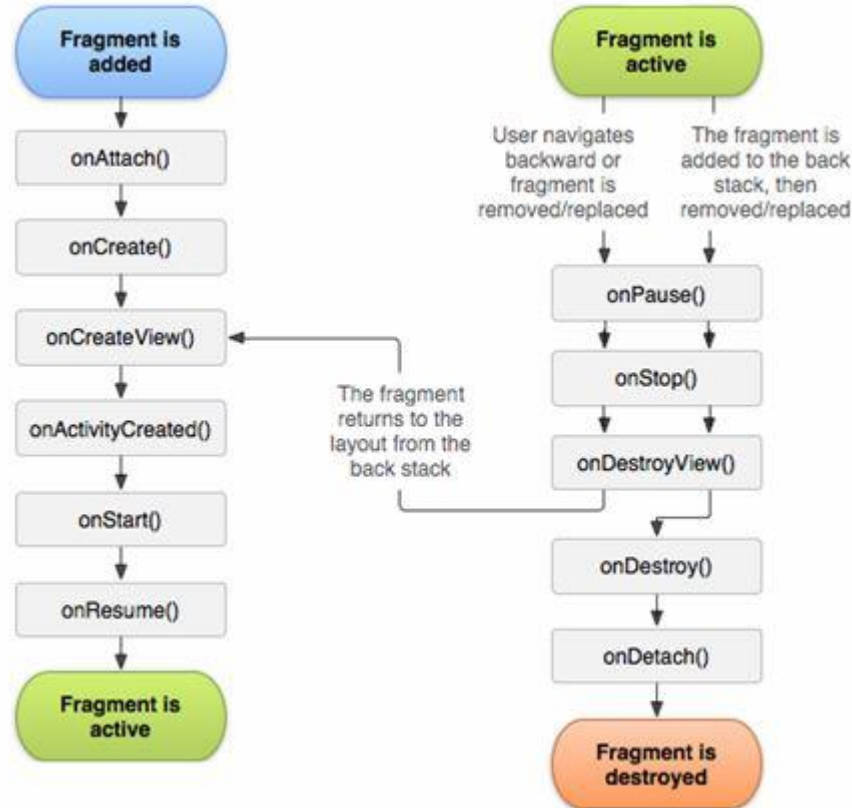


**Android Activity Layout Three - Two
Fragment per screen**



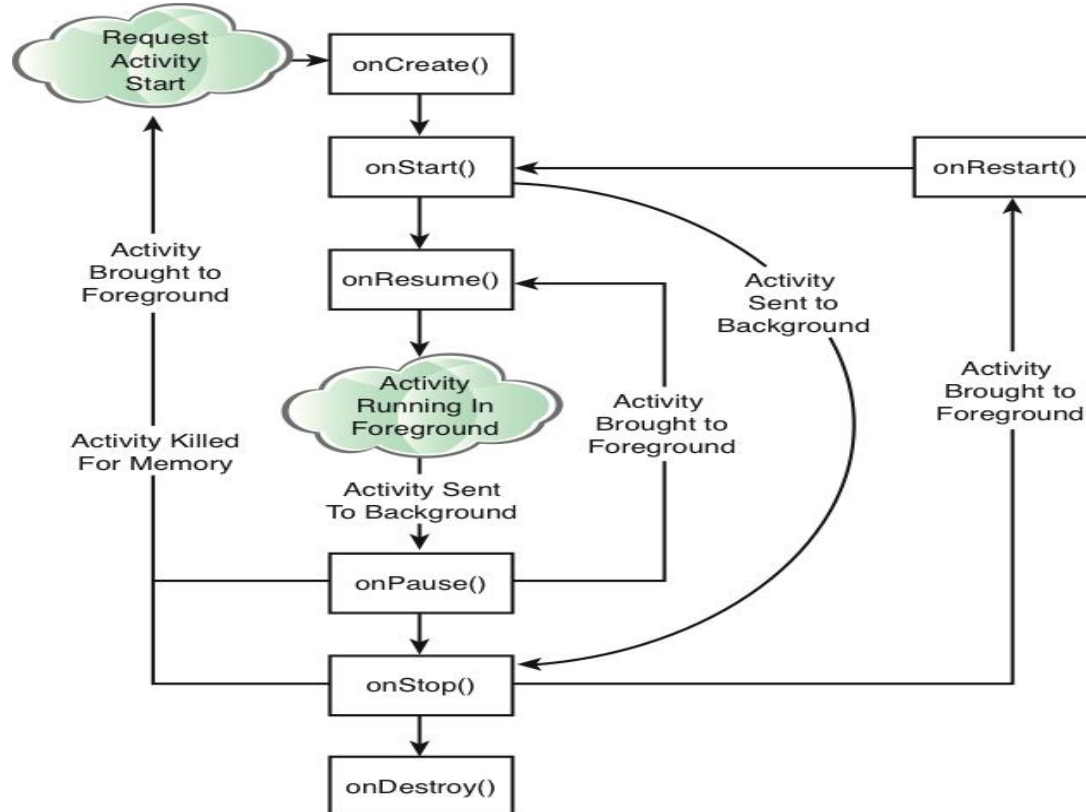






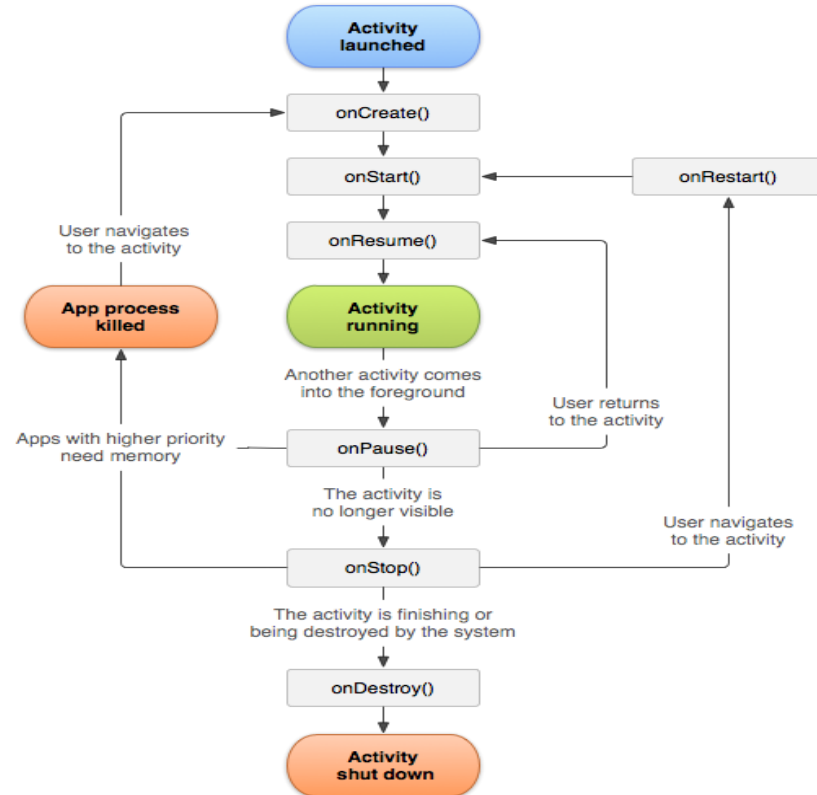


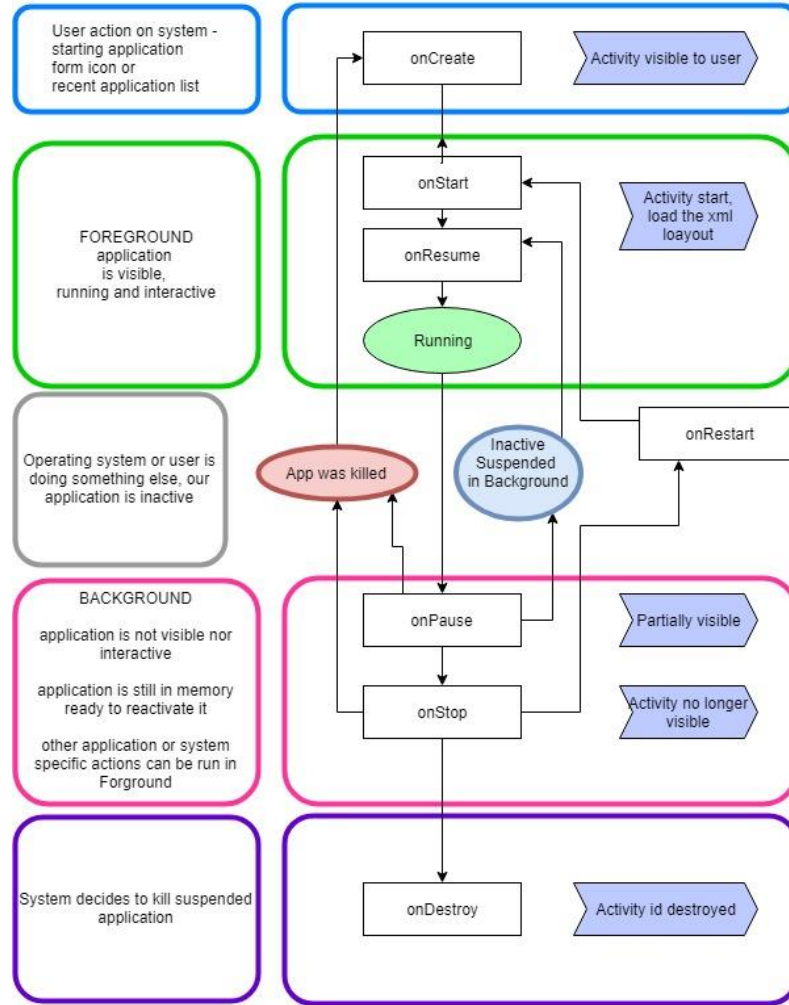
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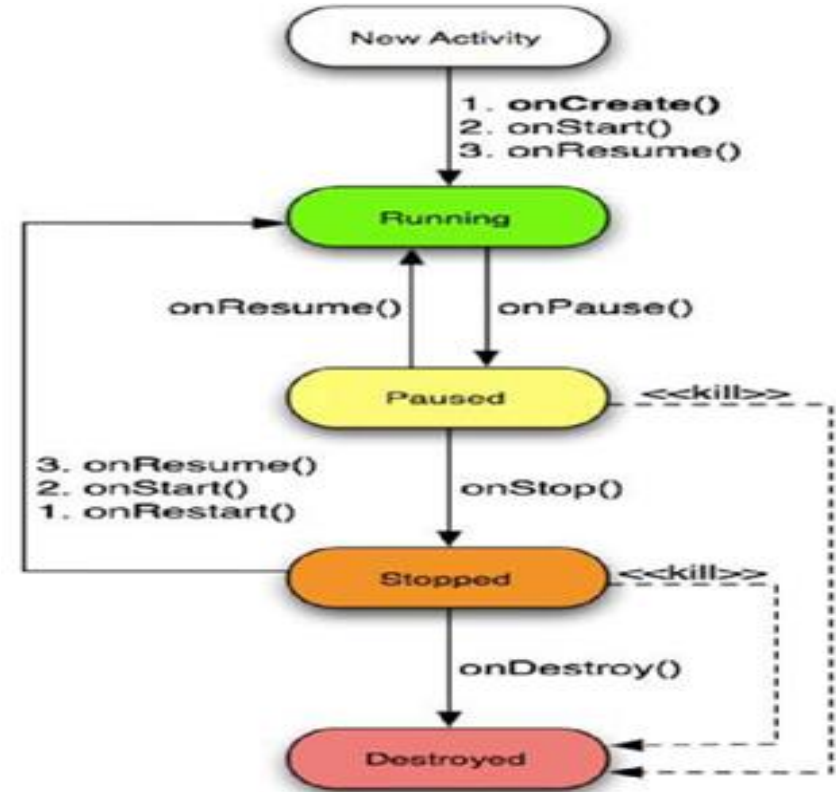




Life Cycle States:

It has three states

1. *active / running*
2. *paused or*
3. *stopped*





Life Cycle States

■ Running

- It is *active or running* when it is in the foreground of the screen(at the top of the activity stack for the current task).
- *This is the activity that is the focus for the user's actions.*



Life Cycle States

■ Paused

- It is *paused* if it has lost focus but is still visible to the user.
- That is, another activity lies on top of it and that new activity either is transparent or doesn't cover the full screen.
- A paused activity is completely alive(it maintains all state and member information and remains attached to the window manager), but can be killed by the system in extreme low memory situations



Life Cycle States

■ Stopped

- It is **stopped** if it is completely obscured by another activity.
- It still retains all state and member information. However, it is no longer visible to the user so its window is hidden and it will often be killed by the system when memory is needed elsewhere



Life time

- **Life cycle of an activity:**
- **Visible life time:** onStart() to onStop()
 - During this life time the activity will not be interacting with the user. Between these two activities, resources are maintained that are needed by the system to show the activity on the screen



Life time

- **Foreground life time:** onResume() to onPause().
 - During this life time the activity will be in front of all other activities.
- **Entire Life time:** onCreate() to onDestroy()



Life time

- When you open the app it will go through below states:
- onCreate() → onStart() → onResume()
- When you press the back button and exit the app
- onPause() — > onStop() → onDestroy()



Life time

- **When you press the home button**
- **After pressing the home button, again when you open the app from a recent task list**
- **After dismissing the dialog or back button from the dialog**
- **?**



Life time

- **When you press the home button**
- onPause() → onStop()
- **After pressing the home button, again when you open the app from a recent task list**
- onRestart() → onStart() → onResume()
- **After dismissing the dialog or back button from the dialog**
- onResume()



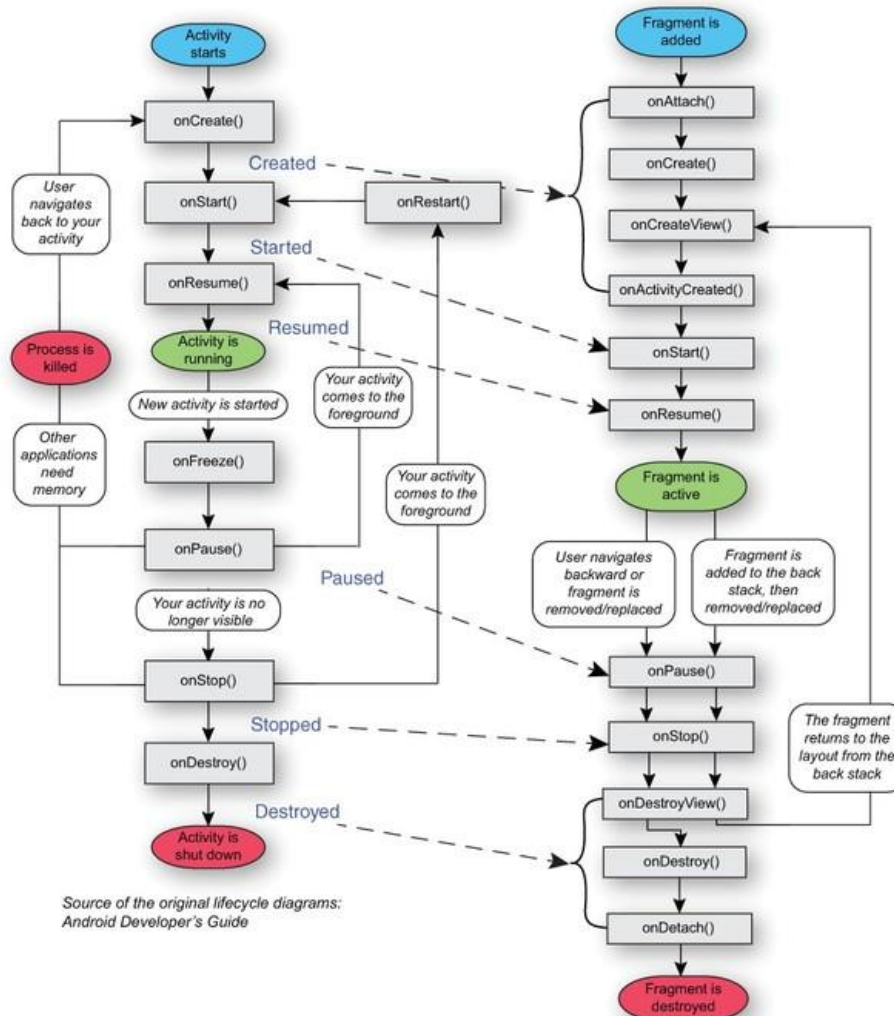
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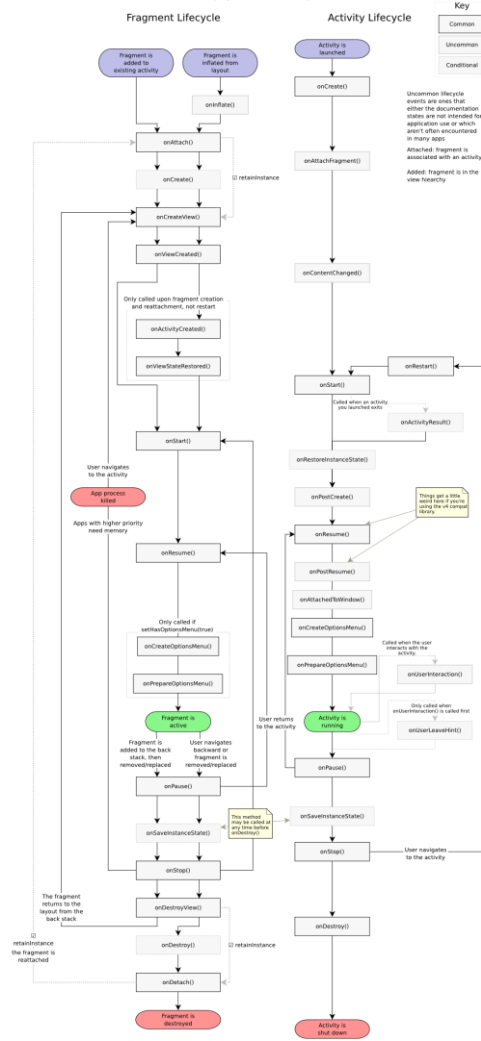
- If a phone is ringing and user is using the app
- After the call ends
- When your phone screen is off
- When your phone screen is turned back on



Life time

- **If a phone is ringing and user is using the app**
 - onPause() → onResume()
- **After the call ends**
 - onResume()
- **When your phone screen is off**
 - onPause() → onStop()
- **When your phone screen is turned back on**
 - onRestart() → onStart() → onResume()



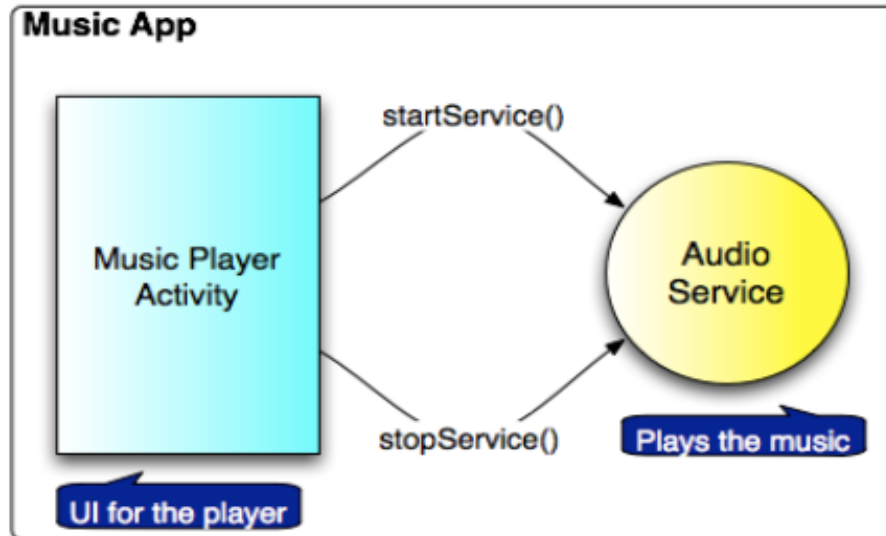
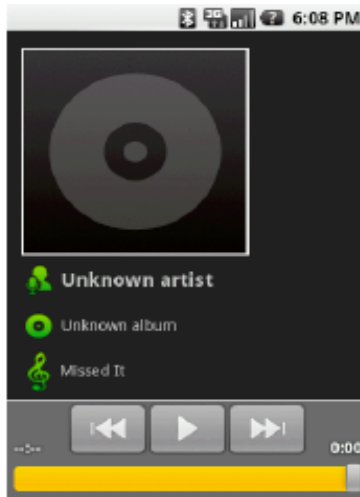


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Services

Services are code that runs in the background. They can be started and stopped. Services doesn't have UI.





Service Life Cycle

Service also has a lifecycle, but it's much simpler than activity's.

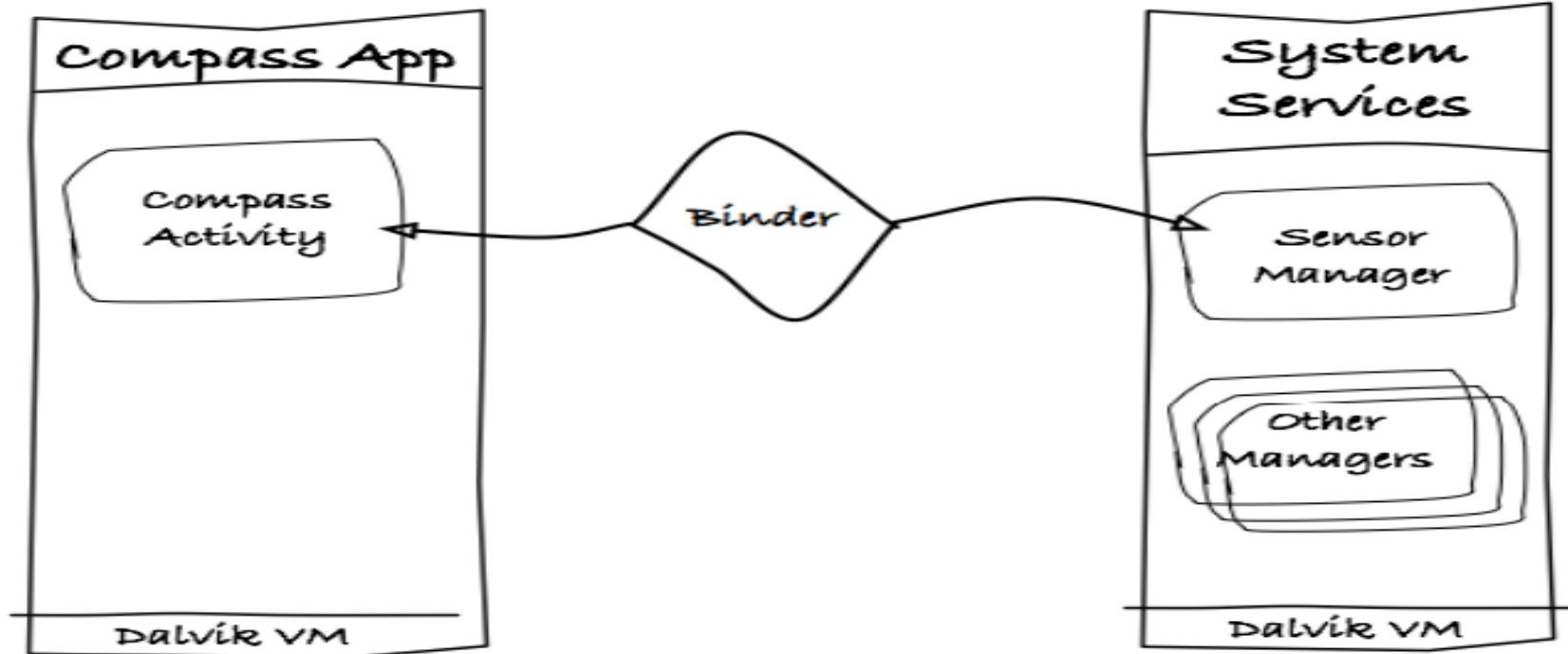
An activity typically starts and stops a service to do some work for it in the background, such as play music, check for new tweets, etc.

Services can be bound or unbound.



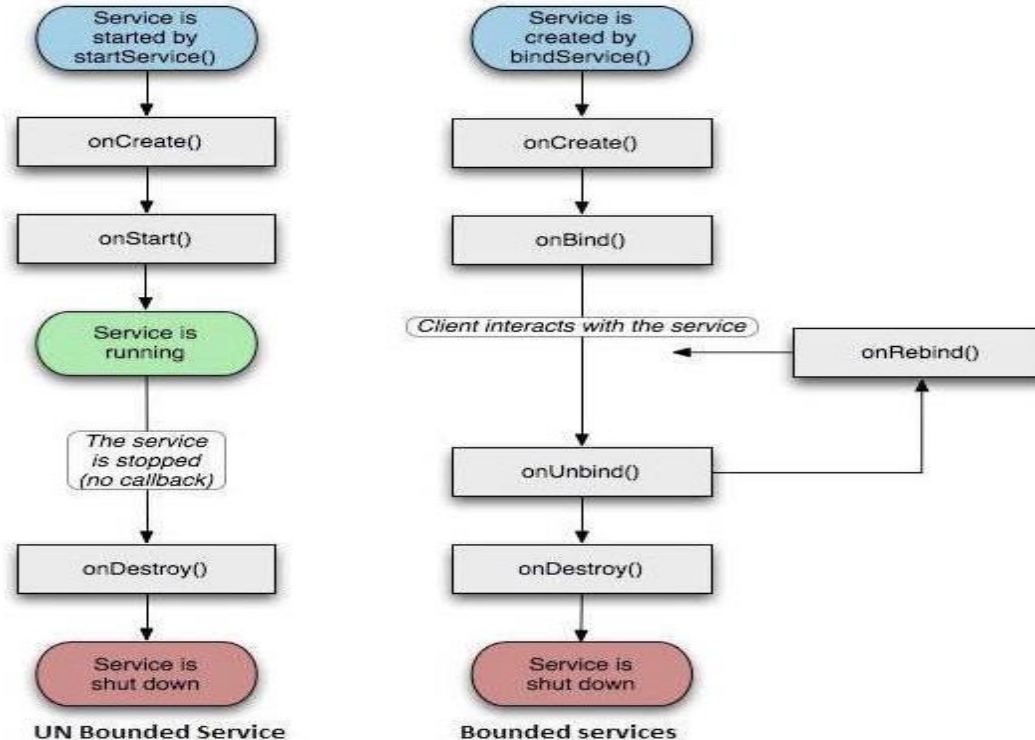


Remote Service





Service Life cycle





Service methods

- **onStartCommand()**

The system calls this method when another component, such as an activity, requests that the service be started, by calling ***startService()***. If you implement this method, it is your responsibility to stop the service when its work is done, by calling ***stopSelf()*** or ***stopService()*** methods.



Service methods

- **onBind()**

The system calls this method when another component wants to bind with the service by calling *bindService()*. If you implement this method, you must provide an interface that clients use to communicate with the service, by returning an *IBinder* object. You must always implement this method, but if you don't want to allow binding, then you should return *null*.



Service Life cycle

- **onUnbind()**

The system calls this method when all clients have disconnected from a particular interface published by the service.

- **onRebind()**

The system calls this method when new clients have connected to the service, after it had previously been notified that all had disconnected in its *onUnbind(Intent)*.



Service Life cycle

- **onCreate()**

The system calls this method when the service is first created using *onStartCommand()* or *onBind()*. This call is required to perform one-time set-up.

- **onDestroy()**

The system calls this method when the service is no longer used and is being destroyed. Your service should implement this to clean up any resources such as threads, registered listeners, receivers, etc.



Broadcast Receiver

- Android BroadcastReceiver is a dormant component of android that listens to system-wide broadcast events or intents.
- When any of these events occur it brings the application into action by either creating a status bar notification or performing a task.
- Unlike activities, android BroadcastReceiver doesn't contain any user interface. Broadcast receiver is generally implemented to delegate the tasks to services depending on the type of intent data that's received.

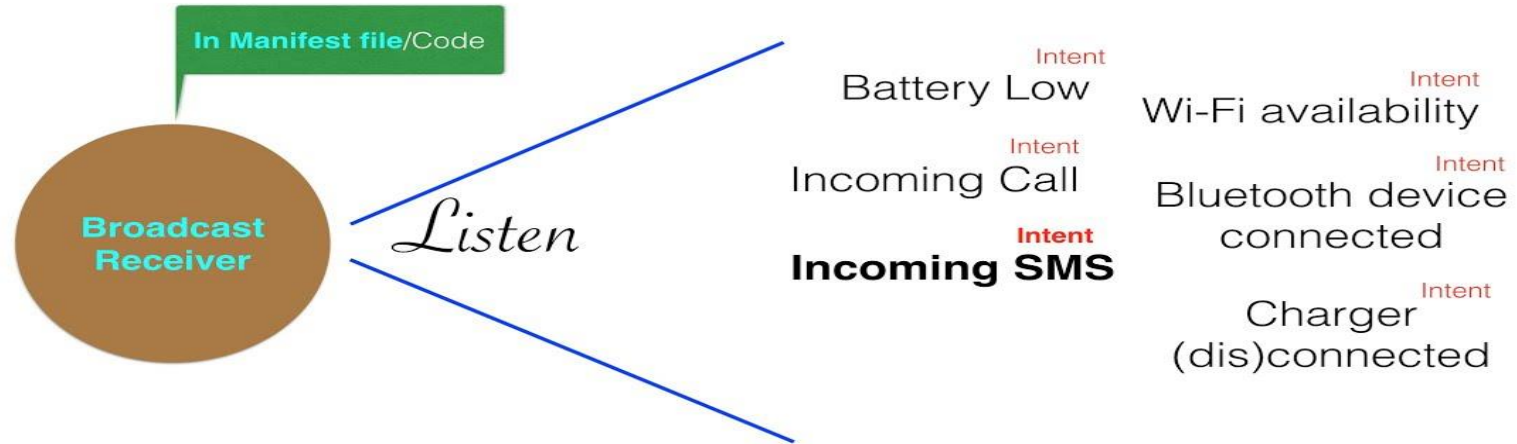
Broadcast Receiver



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BROADCAST RECEIVER - AN INTRODUCTION



Typically occurring events in Android



Broadcast Receiver

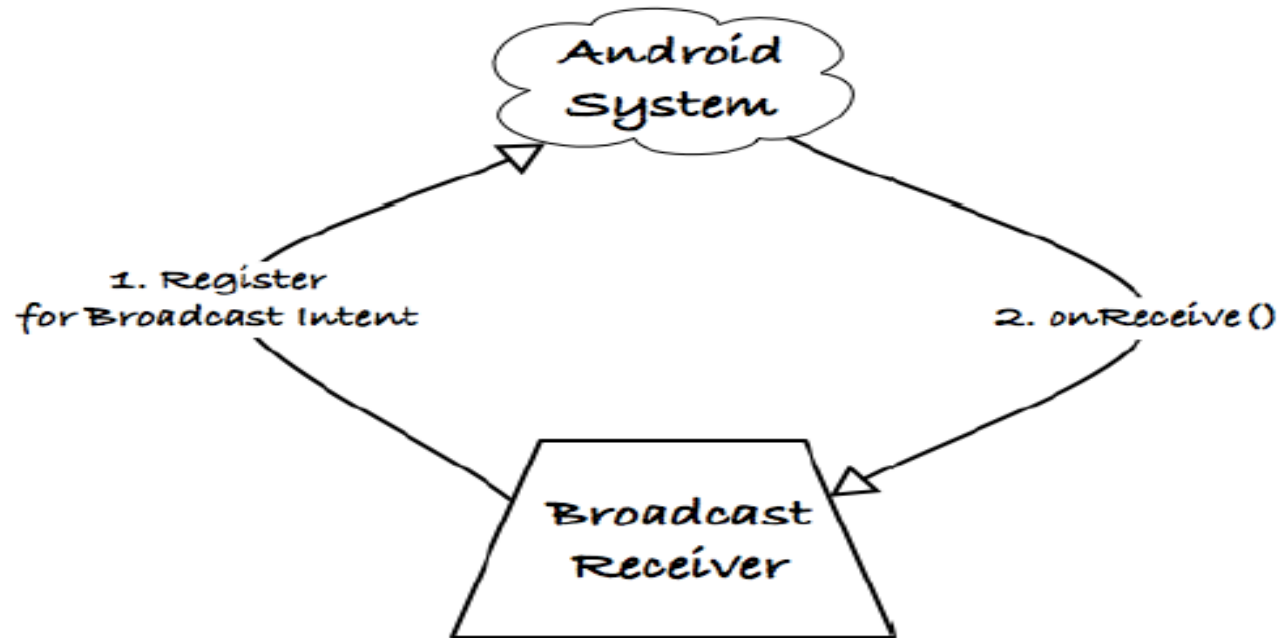
- Following are some of the important system wide generated intents.
1. **android.intent.action.BATTERY_LOW** : Indicates low battery condition on the device.
 2. **android.intent.action.BOOT_COMPLETED** : This is broadcast once, after the system has finished booting
 3. **android.intent.action.CALL** : To perform a call to someone specified by the data
 4. **android.intent.action.DATE_CHANGED** : The date has changed
 5. **android.intent.action.REBOOT** : Have the device reboot
 6. **android.net.conn.CONNECTIVITY_CHANGE** : The mobile network or wifi connection is changed(or reset)

Broadcast Receiver in Android

- To set up a Broadcast Receiver in android application we need to do the following two things:
 1. Creating a BroadcastReceiver
 2. Registering a BroadcastReceiver



Broadcast Receiver



An Intent-based publish-subscribe mechanism. Great for listening system events such as SMS messages.



Broadcast Receiver

Creating the Broadcast Receiver

A broadcast receiver is implemented as a subclass of **BroadcastReceiver** class and overriding the `onReceive()` method where each message is received as a **Intent** object parameter.

```
import android.content.BroadcastReceiver
import android.content.Context
import android.content.Intent
```

```
class MyReceiver : BroadcastReceiver() {

    override fun onReceive(context: Context, intent: Intent) {
        // TODO: This method is called when the BroadcastReceiver is receiving
        // an Intent broadcast.
        throw UnsupportedOperationException("Not yet implemented")
    }
}
```




Broadcast Receiver

Registering Broadcast Receiver

An application listens for specific broadcast intents by registering a broadcast receiver in *AndroidManifest.xml* file. Consider we are going to register *MyReceiver* for system generated event ACTION_BOOT_COMPLETED which is fired by the system once the Android system has completed the boot process.

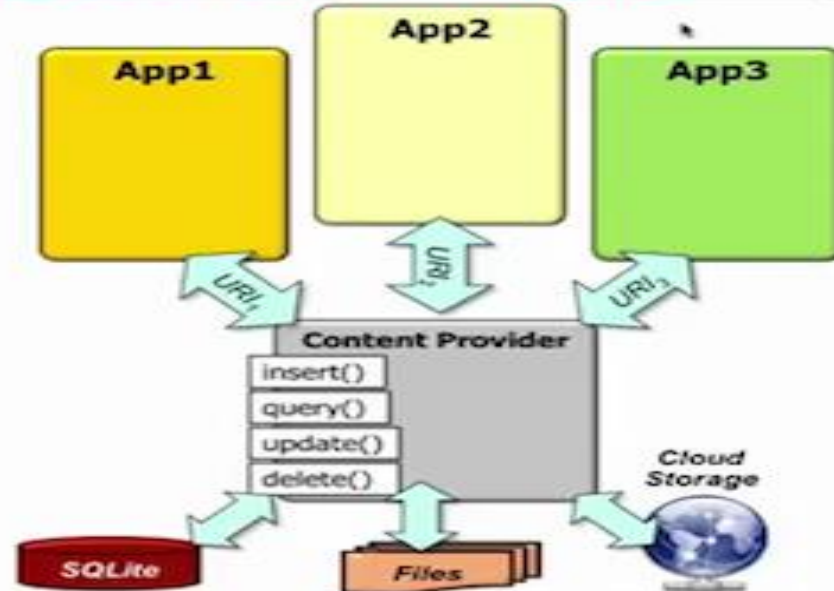
```
<application android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher" android:label="@string/app_name"
android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
    <receiver android:name="MyReceiver">
        <intent-filter>
            <action android:name="android.intent.action.BOOT_COMPLETED">
        </action>
        </intent-filter>
    </receiver>
</application>
```



Content Provider

Overview of Android Content Providers

- Manage & mediate access to data shared by one or more applications
- Data can be stored various ways
 - e.g., SQLite database, files, cloud storage, etc.

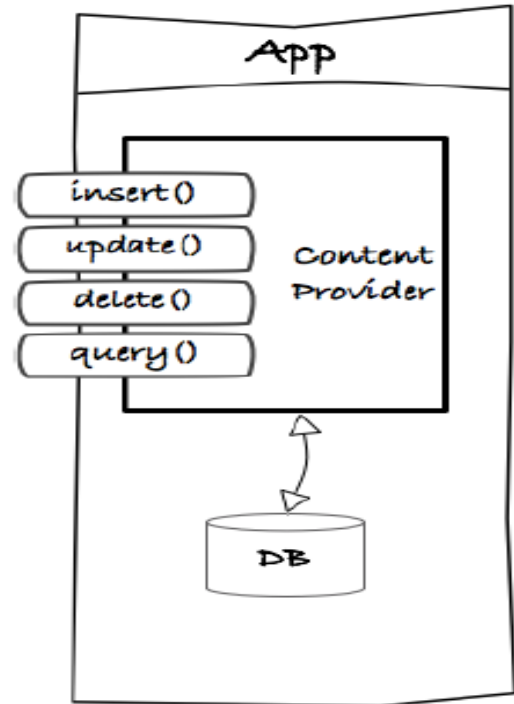




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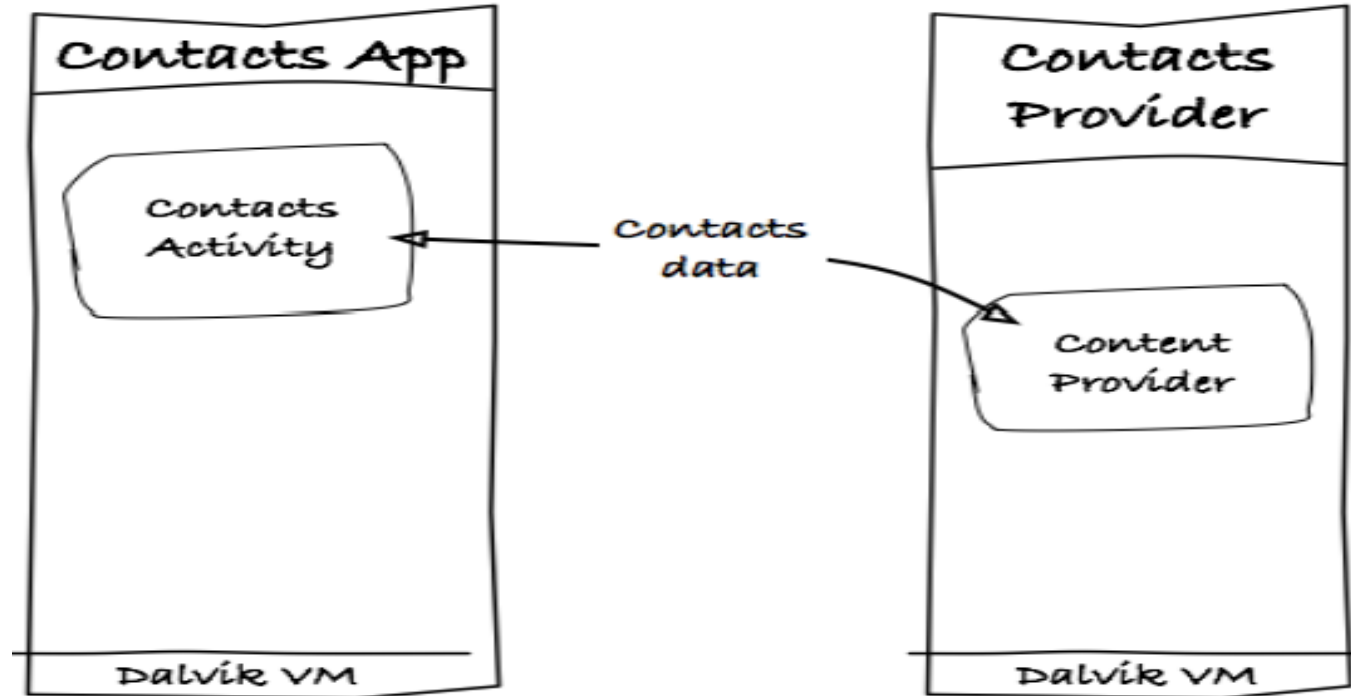
Content Providers share content with applications across application boundaries.

Examples of built-in Content Providers are: Contacts, MediaStore, Settings and more.





Content Provider





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