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## User Preferences

```
public static final String MY_PREFS = "mySharedPreferences";
public static final String USERNAME = "username";
public static final String PASSWORD = "password";

protected void savePreferences(String chatUsername, char[] password) {
    // Create or retrieve the shared preference object.
    int mode = Activity.MODE_PRIVATE;
    SharedPreferences mySharedPreferences =
        getSharedPreferences(MY_PREFS, mode);

    // Retrieve an editor to modify the shared preferences.
    SharedPreferences.Editor editor = mySharedPreferences.edit();

    // Store new primitive types in the shared preferences object.
    editor.putString(USERNAME, chatUsername);
    editor.putString(PASSWORD, new String(password));

    // Commit the changes.
    editor.commit();
}
```

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public void loadPreferences() {
    // Restore preferences
    int mode = Activity.MODE_PRIVATE;
    SharedPreferences mySharedPreferences =
        getSharedPreferences(MY_PREFS, mode);

    String username = mySharedPreferences.getString(USERNAME, null);

    char[] password =
        mySharedPreferences.getString(PASSWORD, "").toCharArray();
}
```

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## User Preferences

- Preferences
  - Cached in-memory prefs object
  - Shared by app components
  - Saved in app file space
- Concurrency and reliability
  - Saving is atomic
  - No concurrency control i.e. no locking
  - No transactions i.e. keep prefs file small

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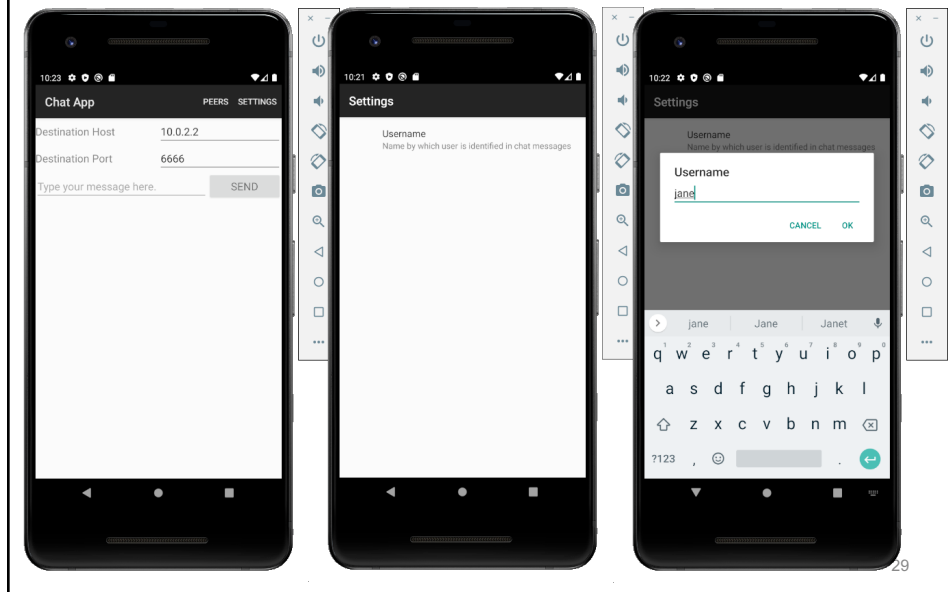
## User Preferences

- Classes
  - `Preferences`: just one file
  - `SharedPreferences`: multiple files
  - `PreferenceActivity`: UI for setting preferences
- Modes
  - `MODE_PRIVATE`: only visible to app
  - ~~`MODE_MULTI_PROCESS`: for multi-process app~~
    - ~~Always check file for updates~~

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## Editing Preferences



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## Using Preferences Library

- App Gradle dependencies:
 

```
dependencies {
    ...
    implementation "androidx.preference:preference:1.1.0"
    ...
}
```
- Preferences File (e.g. `res/xml/settings.xml`):
 

```
<PreferenceScreen
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <EditTextPreference
        app:key="user-name"
        app:title="@string/user_name"
        app:summary="@string/user_name_summary"
        app:defaultValue="@string/user_name_default"/>
    </PreferenceScreen>
```

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# Using Preferences Library

- Referencing Default Preferences:

```
import androidx.preference.PreferenceManager;

public static final String CHAT_NAME_KEY = "user-name";

public static String getChatName(Context context) {
    SharedPreferences prefs =
        PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences(context);
    return prefs.getString(CHAT_NAME_KEY, null);
}
```

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# Preferences Activity

```
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity;
import androidx.preference.PreferenceFragmentCompat;

public class SettingsActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    public static class SettingsFragment extends PreferenceFragmentCompat {
        @Override
        public void onCreatePreferences(Bundle savedInstanceState, String key) {
            setPreferencesFromResource(R.xml.settings, key);
        }
    }

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        getSupportFragmentManager().beginTransaction()
            .replace(android.R.id.content, new SettingsFragment())
            .commit();
    }
}
```

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```

<activity
    android:name=".activities.SettingsActivity"
    android:theme="@style/Theme.AppCompat.Light.DarkActionBar"
    android:label="@string/title_activity_settings" />

import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity;
import androidx.preference.PreferenceFragmentCompat;

public class SettingsActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    public static class SettingsFragment extends PreferenceFragmentCompat {
        @Override
        public void onCreatePreferences(Bundle savedInstanceState, String key) {
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    }
}

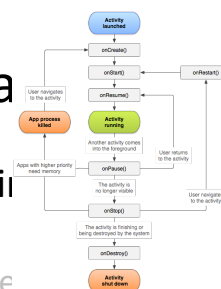
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# Application UI State

```
// Save UI state while activity is not active
// (i.e. UI state for a single user session)
```

```
private static final String USERID_KEY = "userid";
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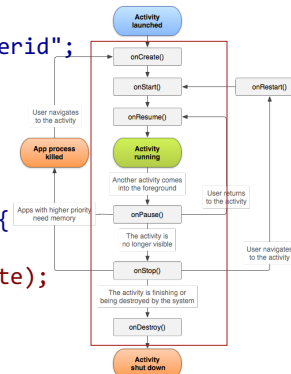
```
private String loggedInUser;
```

```
@Override
```

```
public void onSaveInstanceState(
    Bundle savedInstanceState) {

    super.onSaveInstanceState(savedInstanceState);
```

```
    savedInstanceState.putString(
        USERID_KEY,
        loggedInUser);
}
```



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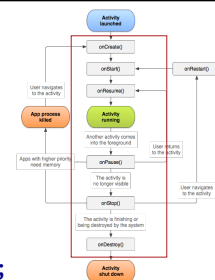
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```

```
private String loggedInUser;
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```
@Override
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);

    loggedInUser = savedInstanceState.getString(USERID_KEY);
}
```



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