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## Spinner (Drop Down Selection)

[Tutorial](https://tutorial.eyehunts.com/android/android-spinner-with-example-in-kotlin/), [my github repo](https://github.com/emm-an-uel/spinner)

***Using a string resource as the options for the spinners*** *(below code goes in strings.xml)*

<string-array name="city\_list">  
 <item>Bangkok</item>  
 <item>London</item>  
 <item>Paris</item>  
 <item>Singapore</item>  
 <item>New York</item>  
 <item>Istanbul</item>  
 <item>Dubai</item>  
 <item>Kuala Lumpur</item>  
 <item>Hong Kong</item>  
 <item>Barcelona</item>  
</string-array>

### Dynamically created spinner

**activity\_main.xml**

<Spinner  
 android:id="@+id/spinner"  
 android:layout\_width="match\_parent"  
 android:layout\_height="wrap\_content"  
 android:layout\_alignParentTop="true"  
 android:layout\_margin="10dp" />

**MainActivity.kt**

// create an ArrayAdapter  
val adapter = ArrayAdapter.createFromResource(this,  
R.array.*city\_list*, android.R.layout.*simple\_spinner\_item*)  
  
// specify the layout to use when the list of choices appears  
adapter.setDropDownViewResource(android.R.layout.*simple\_spinner\_dropdown\_item*)  
  
// apply adapter to the spinner  
spinner.*adapter* = adapter

val spinnerValue = spinner.*selectedItem*.toString()

### Statically created spinner

**activity\_main.xml**

<Spinner  
 android:id="@+id/spinner2"  
 android:layout\_width="match\_parent"  
 android:layout\_height="wrap\_content"  
 android:layout\_below="@+id/spinner"  
 android:layout\_margin="10dp"  
 android:entries="@array/city\_list" />

**MainActivity.kt**

val spinner2Value = spinner2.*selectedItem*.toString()

*Note: entries is pre-set to @array/city\_list, whereas dynamically created spinner has it set using the adapter.*

## Parcelize

Build.gradle (app):

plugins **{** id 'org.jetbrains.kotlin.android.extensions'  
**}**

Kotlin class:

@Parcelize  
class Task(  
 val id: String,  
 val subject: String,  
 val task: String,  
 val dueDate: String,  
 val dateInt: Int,  
 var status: Boolean,  
 val notes: String  
 ) : Parcelable

*Note the “@Parcelize” and return a “Parcelable”*

## For Loops – Maps

for ((subjectID, colorID) in idMap) {  
 // do something  
}

*where subjectID is the key, colorID is the corresponding value.*

## Generate a View Id

etSubject.*id* = View.generateViewId()

## ActionBar

[Youtube tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYBsbsasZwo)

[my github repo](https://github.com/emm-an-uel/action-bar)

* ActionBar is created as a menu resource file
* The menu resource file (xml) is inflated in MainActivity (or wherever the menu is hosted) – onCreateOptionsMenu:
* override fun onCreateOptionsMenu(menu: Menu?): Boolean {  
   *menuInflater*.inflate(R.menu.*custom\_menu*, menu)  
   return true  
  }
* onOptionsItemSelected is called when a menu item is clicked:

override fun onOptionsItemSelected(item: MenuItem): Boolean {  
 return when(item.*itemId*) {  
 R.id.*Search* -> {  
 Toast.makeText(this,"You clicked Search", Toast.*LENGTH\_LONG*).show()  
 return true  
 }  
  
 R.id.*Favourite* -> {  
 Toast.makeText(this,"You clicked Favourite", Toast.*LENGTH\_LONG*).show()  
 return true  
 }  
  
 R.id.*Share* -> {  
 Toast.makeText(this,"You clicked Share", Toast.*LENGTH\_LONG*).show()  
 return true  
 }  
  
 R.id.*whatsapp* -> {  
 Toast.makeText(this,"You clicked Whatsapp", Toast.*LENGTH\_LONG*).show()  
 return true  
 }  
  
 R.id.*instagram* -> {  
 Toast.makeText(this,"You clicked Instagram", Toast.*LENGTH\_LONG*).show()  
 return true  
 } else -> super.onOptionsItemSelected(item)  
 }  
}

*Note the placement of the “else” line is within the “return when” loop.*

## Random Number Generator

val num = (0..6).*random*()

## Table Layout Formatting

**Getting TextViews to occupy the full width of a TableRow**

* TableLayout to have width = 0dp, height = wrap\_content
* TextView to be inside a TableRow (which is itself inside a TableLayout) with the following code (done dynamically):

tvDie.*layoutParams* = TableRow.LayoutParams(  
 TableRow.LayoutParams.*WRAP\_CONTENT*,  
 TableRow.LayoutParams.*WRAP\_CONTENT*,  
 1f  
)

*Note: “1f” refers to weight of the TextView*

## Issue: Recycler View Not Showing Contents

**Issue:**

*Setting up RecyclerView and RVAdapter*

RVTodo = binding.rvTodo  
todoList = ArrayList()  
RVAdapter = RVAdapter(todoList)  
  
// set adapter to recycler view  
RVTodo.*adapter* = RVAdapter

*Initializing todoList, which is passed into RVAdapter*

*setFragmentResultListener*("rqTodoList") **{** requestKey, bundle **->** todoList = bundle.getParcelableArrayList("todoList")!!  
**}**

When the fragment is launched, RVAdapter is not called, and thus does not display the items in todoList.

**Solution:**

todoList is initialized only after the setFragmentResultListener gets a result. So until then, todoList is empty, and an empty todoList is passed to RVAdapter, so it does nothing. createRV() should be called only after todoList has been populated (shown below).

*setFragmentResultListener*("rqTodoList") **{** requestKey, bundle **->** todoList = bundle.getParcelableArrayList("todoList")!!  
 createRV()  
**}**

## issue: crash when removing a “completed task”

**The issue:** completedTask is deleted from todoList, app crashes when running line “todoList.removeAt (viewHolder.adapterPosition)”

**Solution:** if completedTask is deleted before “todoList.removeAt(viewHolder.adapterPosition)”, the item to be removed in todoList is null, so app crashes. completedTask should be deleted after the todoList.remove… line, as shown below.

override fun onSwiped(viewHolder: RecyclerView.ViewHolder, direction: Int) {  
 // change task status  
 val completedTask: Task = todoList[viewHolder.*adapterPosition*]  
 // *todo: implement completed task functionality* // this method is called when item is swiped.  
 // below line is to remove item from our array list.  
 todoList.removeAt(viewHolder.*adapterPosition*)  
  
 // below line is to notify our item is removed from adapter.  
 RVAdapter.notifyItemRemoved(viewHolder.*adapterPosition*)  
  
 taskCompleted(completedTask)  
}

## ViewPager2 and TabLayout

[Tutorial](https://medium.com/busoft/how-to-use-viewpager2-with-tablayout-in-android-eaf5b810ef7c)

## Using “Add On Tab Selected Listener”

**Example code:** (Using addOnTabSelectedListener to change fab visibility)

[Stack Overflow link](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/37235125/how-to-get-tab-click-event-in-activity-on-tablayout-android)

tabLayout.addOnTabSelectedListener(object : TabLayout.OnTabSelectedListener {  
 override fun onTabSelected(tab: TabLayout.Tab?) {  
 val position = tab?.*position* if (position == 0) {  
 fabTask.*visibility* = View.*VISIBLE* } else {  
 fabTask.*visibility* = View.*INVISIBLE* }  
 }  
  
 override fun onTabUnselected(tab: TabLayout.Tab?) {  
 }  
  
 override fun onTabReselected(tab: TabLayout.Tab?) {  
 }  
})

## Setting Button Clickability Dynamically

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Clickable**  button.isEnabled = true | **Unclickable**  button.isEnabled = false |

**Example code:** (including setting button opacity, where alpha ranges from 0 to 255)

private fun btnDisabled() {  
 btnConfirm.*isEnabled* = false  
 btnConfirm.*background*.*alpha* = 45  
}  
  
private fun btnEnabled() {  
 btnConfirm.*isEnabled* = true  
 btnConfirm.*background*.*alpha* = 255  
}

## Using TextWatcher

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/how-to-use-the-textwatcher-class-in-kotlin>

## Using NumberPicker

[YouTube tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSDMe9wnx9s)

**My code:** *(Setting min and max values)*

numberPicker.*minValue* = 1  
numberPicker.*maxValue* = 6

*(Getting value from numberPicker)*

val numDice = numberPicker.*value*

## Setting a Calendar Date (DatePicker)

// datePicker stuff  
val dateList = currentTask.dueDate.*split*(" ").*toList*()  
  
val year = dateList[2].*toInt*()  
val month = dateList[1].*toInt*() - 1  
val day = dateList[0].*toInt*()  
  
today = Calendar.getInstance()  
today.set(year, month, day) // convert to dueDate if there's a task being edited

## Combining Lists

// combine todoList and doneList  
val allList: ArrayList<Task> = ArrayList()  
allList.addAll(todoList)  
allList.addAll(doneList)

Use: *combinedList*.addAll (*List)* to combine multiple lists.

## Check if All Elements in a List Are Equal

// check if all dice have same number  
var isEqual = true   
for (num in diceList) {  
 if (num != diceList[0]) {  
 isEqual = false  
 }  
}

## Sum of a List of Integers

<https://www.techiedelight.com/calculate-sum-of-all-items-in-list-of-integers-in-kotlin/#:~:text=Using%20sum()%20function,%2C%20Double%20%2C%20Byte%20%2C%20Short%20.&text=Note%20that%20as%20of%20Kotlin%201.5%2C%20sumBy()%20function%20is%20deprecated>.

val diceSum = diceList.*sum*()

## Convert String to List

Text

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

## Trim a String

val subject = etSubject.*text*.toString().*trim*()  
val task = etTask.*text*.toString().*trim*()

## Insert Characters Into String

val dateString = currentTask.dateInt.toString()  
// insert "-" between year, month, day values (to allow parse to work)  
var dueDateYYYYMMDD = StringBuilder(dateString).insert(4, "-")  
dueDateYYYYMMDD = StringBuilder(dueDateYYYYMMDD).insert(7, "-")

## Send Data / Passing Values to New Activity

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/45157567/how-to-pass-the-values-from-activity-to-another-activity>

## Passing Data Using Bundle (Activity to Activity)

[My github repo](https://github.com/emm-an-uel/pass-data-activity-fragment)

**Example code:** (From activity to activity)

*First activity:*

val bundle = Bundle()  
bundle.putString("id", etId.*text*.toString())  
bundle.putString("name", etName.*text*.toString())  
bundle.putString("roll", etRoll.*text*.toString())  
  
val intent = Intent(this, SecondActivity::class.*java*)  
intent.putExtras(bundle)  
startActivity(intent)

*Second activity:*

val bundle = *intent*.*extras*if (bundle != null) {  
 tvId.*text* = "id = ${bundle.getString("id")}"  
 tvName.*text* = "Name = ${bundle.getString("name")}"  
 tvRoll.*text* = "RollNo = ${bundle.getString("roll")}"  
}

Using bundle.getString(“*key”*) to get the data passed from first activity.

## Passing Data Using Bundle (Activity to Fragment)

**Example code:** (From activity to fragment)

*Activity:*

val fragment = FirstFragment()  
val bundle = Bundle()  
bundle.putString("string", sendText.*text*.toString())  
fragment.*arguments* = bundle  
  
*supportFragmentManager*.beginTransaction().replace(R.id.*frameLayout*, fragment).commit()

*Fragment:*

val data = *arguments*tvText.*text* = data!!.get("string").*toString*()

## Passing Data Using FragmentManager (Fragment Result API)

[Android Developers Documentation](https://developer.android.com/guide/fragments/communicate#fragment-result)

[my github repo](https://github.com/emm-an-uel/pass-data-activity-fragment) – “completed: pass Person via FragmentManager”

**Receiving fragment**

*setFragmentResultListener*("requestKey") **{** requestKey, bundle **->** result = bundle.getString("bundleKey")!!  
 val tvName = view.findViewById<TextView>(R.id.*tvName*)  
 tvName.*text* = result  
**}**

*Note: I initially placed setFragmentResultListener in onCreate, and val tvName etc. in onViewCreated. This resulted in a crash since it tried running tvName.text = result before setFragmentResultListener got a value for result.*

**Sending fragment**

val result = "result"  
*setFragmentResult*("requestKey", *bundleOf*("bundleKey" *to* result))

**Sending activity**

*supportFragmentManager*.setFragmentResult("requestPerson", *bundleOf*("bundlePerson" *to* person))

*Note: above is from a different project; sending a bundle with Person, not String (as in fragment example).*

*Note: when setFragmentResult is called from activity, supportFragmentManager needs to be called first (as shown above).*

**Receiving activity**

supportFragmentManager  
                .setFragmentResultListener("requestKey", this) { requestKey, bundle ->  
            // We use a String here, but any type that can be put in a Bundle is supported  
            val result = bundle.getString("bundleKey")  
            // Do something with the result  
        }

*Note: when setFragmentResultListener is called from activity, “LifecycleOwner” is set as “this” (as shown above).*

## Dialog Fragments (eg. Popup Rating System)

[Youtube tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkFcDWt9GV4)

[My github repo](https://github.com/emm-an-uel/dialog-fragment)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Note: for buttons to have bottom margins as shown below, buttons need to be constrained to the bottom of parent, then include marginBottom. |

**Activity code:**

val dialog = CustomDialogFragment()  
  
 dialog.show(*supportFragmentManager*,"customDialog")

**Fragment code:**

import androidx.fragment.app.DialogFragment

class ColorDialogFragment : DialogFragment()

*Note: “DialogFragment” class*

## Referencing R.attr.(color)

private fun getColor(context: Context, colorResId: Int): Int {  
  
 val typedValue = TypedValue()  
 val typedArray = context.obtainStyledAttributes(typedValue.data, *intArrayOf*(colorResId))  
 val color = typedArray.getColor(0, 0)  
 typedArray.recycle()  
 return color  
}

**Implementation**

val actualColorAccent = getColor(requireContext(), R.attr.*colorAccent*)

## Saving a Json File Using Klaxon

**Example code:** (creating a new file “fileAssignment”)

} else { // if "fileAssignment" does not exist  
  
 // new val listAssignment, add newAssignment and serialize listAssignments  
 val listAssignment = *mutableListOf*(newAssignment)  
 val updatedFile = Klaxon().toJsonString(listAssignment)  
  
 // store in local file  
 this.openFileOutput("fileAssignment", Context.*MODE\_PRIVATE*).*use* **{  
 it**.write(updatedFile.*toByteArray*())  
 **}**}

## Reading a Json File Using Klaxon

**Example code:** (adding each item in saved array to allList)

val file = File(requireContext().*filesDir*, "fileAssignment")  
  
// \* deserialize and read .json \*  
// read json file  
val fileJson = file.*readText*()  
  
// convert fileJson into list  
JsonReader(StringReader(fileJson)).*use* **{** reader **->** reader.beginArray **{** while (reader.hasNext()) {  
 val t = Klaxon().parse<Task>(reader)  
 allList.add(t!!) // add task to allList either way  
 }  
 **}  
}**

## Adding Custom Icons (Drawables)

[Manage your app's UI resources with Resource Manager](https://developer.android.com/studio/write/resource-manager)

[icons8 - source for icons](https://icons8.com/icons)