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ANDROID LISTVIEW

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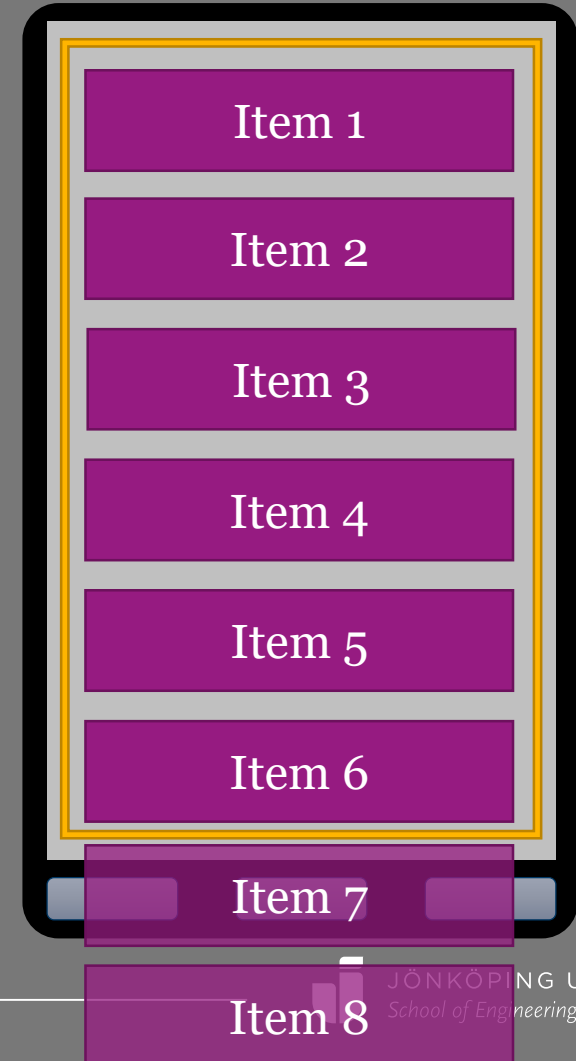
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VERTICAL LISTS OF VIEWS

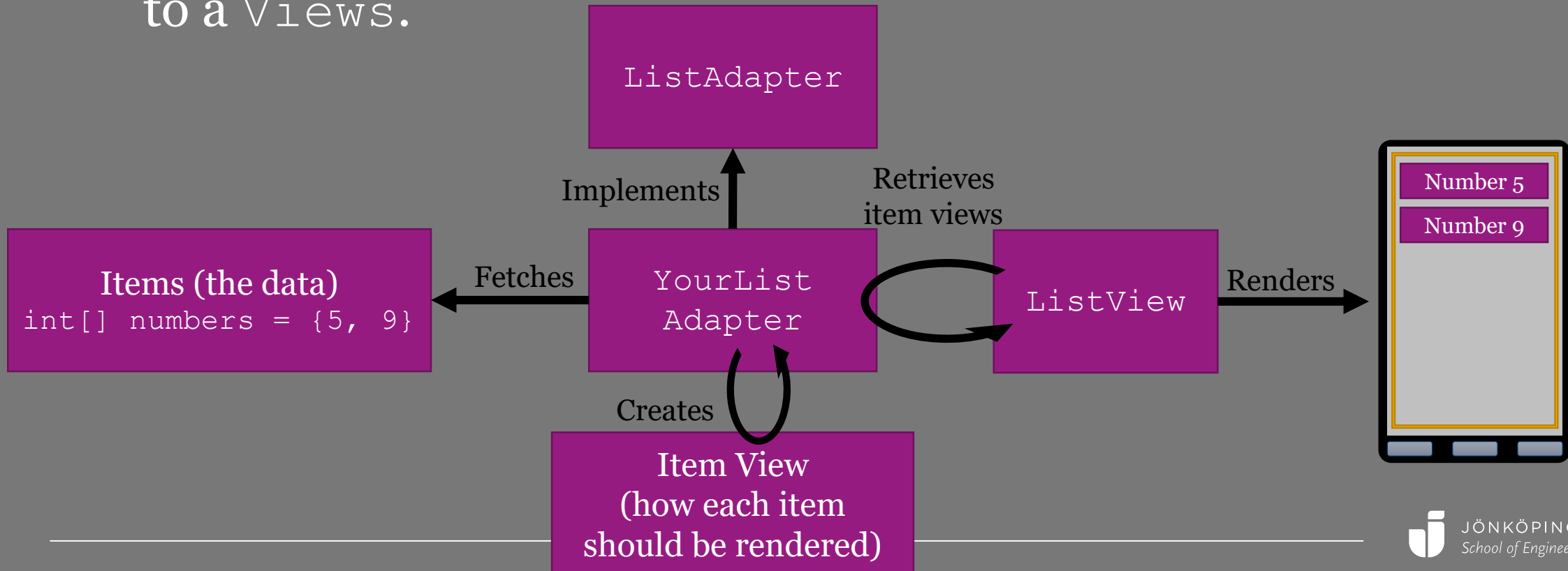
Showing a vertical list of items.

- `ScrollView + LinearLayout?`
 - 1000 items → 1000 item views created.
 - Only ~7 shown on the screen at the same time → a lot of memory wasted.
- `ListView` to the rescue.
 - Will only create ~7 item views.
 - When an item view scrolls out at the top, it will be inserted at the bottom for another item (the item view is re-used for another item).



USING ListView

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USING `ListView`

- The class `ListView` is responsible for rendering the list.
- The interface `ListAdapter` is used by `ListView` to map items to a `Views`.
- Additional things good to know:
 - `ListView` can be used to select one or multiple items.
 - Different item views can be used for different items.
 - Individual items can be marked as disabled (not selectable).

USING ListView

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
        ListView listView = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.list_view);  
        listView.setAdapter(new MyListAdapter());  
    }  
}
```

```
<ListView  
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent"  
    android:id="@+id/list_view">  
    </ListView>
```

layout/activity_main.xml

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public boolean areAllItemsEnabled() {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
}
```

- Return `false` if some items should not be selectable, e.g.:
 - If it should only be possible to pick even numbers.

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public boolean isEnabled(int position) {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
}
```

- If `areAllItemsEnabled` returned false, this will be used to figure out which items that are selectable.

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public int getCount() {  
        return numbers.length;  
    }  
}
```

- Should return the total number of items.

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public boolean isEmpty() {  
        return getCount() == 0;  
    }  
}
```

- Should return `true` if there are no items, otherwise `false`.

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public Object getItem(int position) {  
        return numbers[position];  
    }  
  
}
```

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public long getItemId(int position) {  
        return position;  
    }  
  
}
```

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```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public boolean hasStableIds() {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
}
```

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public int getViewTypeCount() {  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
}
```

USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
  
    public int getItemViewType(int position) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
  
}
```

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We should reuse this one if it's not null!

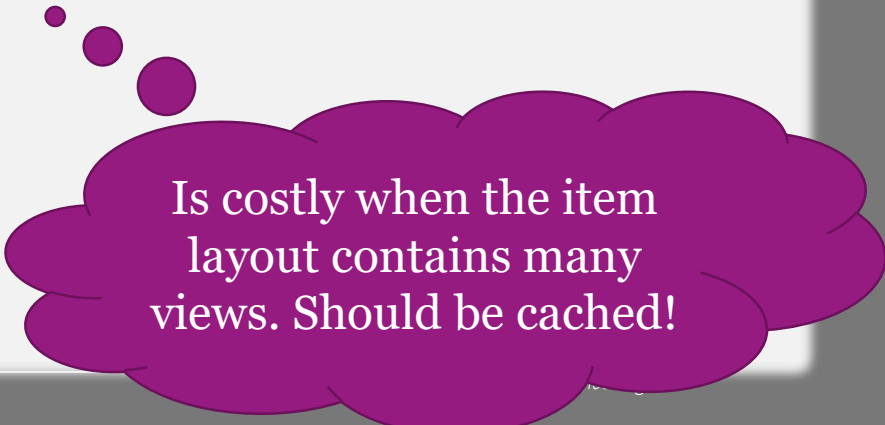
```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
    public View getView(int position, View convertView, ViewGroup parent) {  
        LayoutInflater inflater = LayoutInflater.from(aContext);  
        View rootView = inflater.inflate(R.layout.item, parent, false);  
        TextView textView = (TextView) rootView.findViewById(R.id.textView);  
        textView.setText("Number "+numbers[position]);  
        return rootView;  
    }  
}
```

layout/item.xml

```
<TextView  
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
    android:id="@+id/textView"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"/>
```


USING ListView

```
public class MyListAdapter implements ListAdapter {  
    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
    public View getView(int position, View convertView, ViewGroup parent){  
        if(convertView == null){  
            LayoutInflater inflater = LayoutInflater.from(aContext);  
            convertView = inflater.inflate(R.layout.item, parent, false);  
        }  
        TextView textView = (TextView) convertView.findViewById(R.id.textView);  
        textView.setText("Number "+numbers[position]);  
        return convertView;  
    }  
}
```



Is costly when the item layout contains many views. Should be cached!

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    private int[] numbers = {5, 9, 4, 1, 6};  
    public View getView(int position, View convertView, ViewGroup parent){  
        if(convertView == null){  
            LayoutInflater inflater = LayoutInflater.from(aContext);  
            convertView = inflater.inflate(R.layout.item, parent, false);  
            ViewHolder viewHolder = new ViewHolder();  
            viewHolder.textView = (TextView) convertView.findViewById(R.id.textView);  
            convertView.setTag(viewHolder);  
        }  
        ((ViewHolder)convertView.getTag()).textView.setText("Number "+numbers[position]);  
        return convertView;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class ViewHolder{  
    public TextView textView;  
}
```

USING ListView

Android comes with some pre-defined list adapters we can use:

- `ArrayAdapter<T>` for arrays and `Lists`.
- `CursorAdapter` for cursors (e.g. when reading from database).