QtQuick Training Course



Module Five



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Objectives

1 Organizing your app

Comparing applications

Common applications structure

Using Loader

Preparing your app for a more complex C++ logic

2 Understanding a simple app

Avoiding spaghetti code

Creating components

All together now



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Common apps screenflows and conclusions

Single main screen

Fixed main menu

Main menu and internal screens

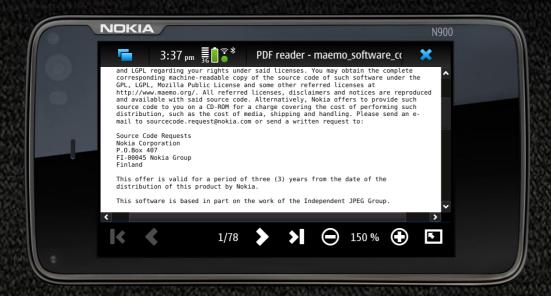
Conclusions



Single main screen

No navigation is necessary and there are no internal screens

n900: PDF Reader



The simplest type of application

It usually has few (but really focused) features

One or two screens to fulfill the app's purpose



How to implement it in QtQuick

A piece of code demonstrating how you could implement this app

Understanding Casual Games

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The Market for Casual Games

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What is a Casual Game?

Once considered "games for the rest of us," casual games have quickly transform emerging niche market to a mainstream force that is changing not only the video but arguably the entertainment industry as a whole.

According to the Casual Games Association 2007 Market Report, "Casual games



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See video: addon/module-005/videos/pdf_viewer.mov

Single main screen

n900: TweeGo





Login and read your twitter timeline

Screens that don't exist together

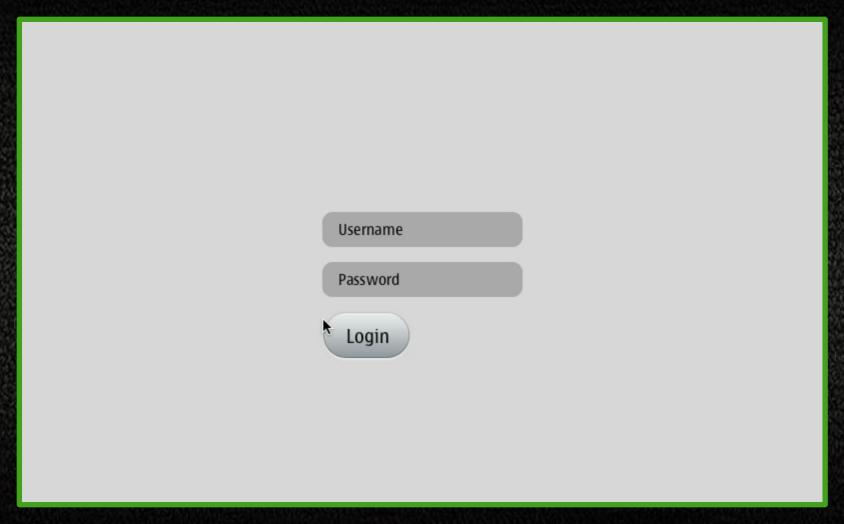
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No settings to store accounts or other data



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See video: addon/module-005/videos/twitter_client.mov



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iPhone: Echofon





Features exposed by the menu on the bottom

Architecture is based on modifying a ListModel

Very common structure in iPhone apps



Fixed main menu

iPhone: TweetDeck



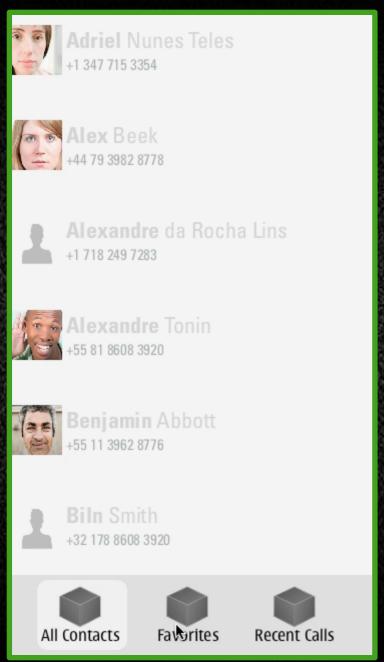


Three ListModels already loaded

Zoom in and out each one of them

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See video: addon/module-005/videos/contacts.mov

See example: addon/module-005/examples/fixed-main-menu.qml



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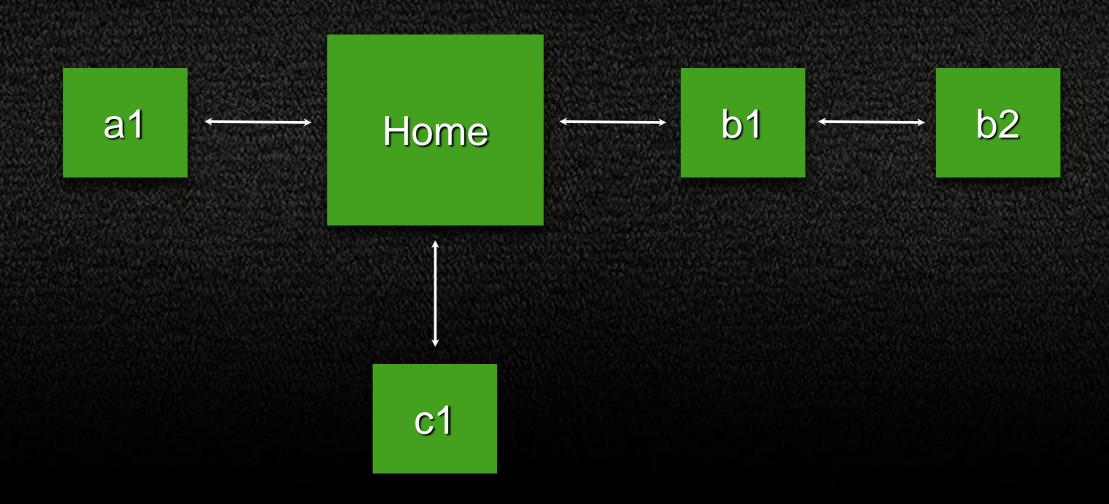
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Main menu and internal screens

This one is reserved for the more complex applications. It usually has a home screen and a back button for you to return there. It is a simple structure for apps that have lots of features.





Main menu and internal screens

n900: Canola









Main menu and internal screens

5800: Ovi Maps





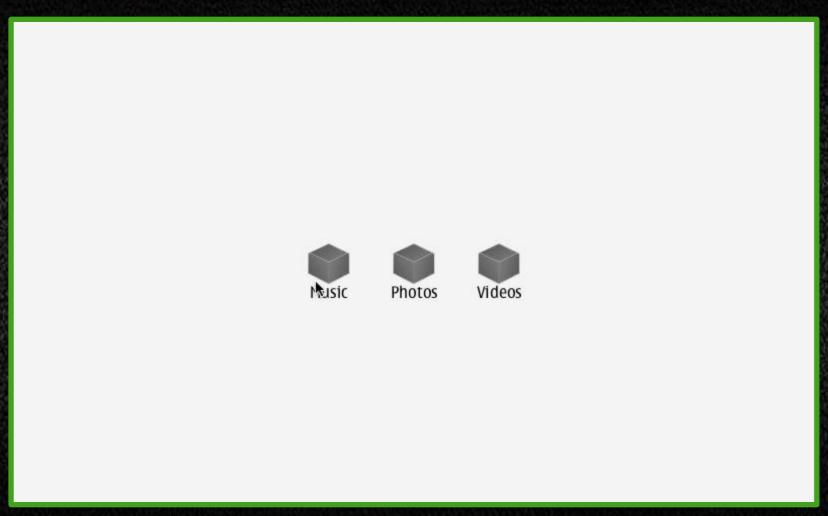




Favorites

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A piece of code demonstrating how you could implement this app



See video: addon/module-005/videos/internal_screens.mov



Common apps screenflows and modules

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Modules



Modules

A QML module is a collection of QML types

Organize your QML content into independent units

Modules defined by a URL or defined by a URI

Optional versioning mechanism



Module amldir File

You must have a 'qmldir' file that must be inside your package folder. It must look like this

<Comment>
<TypeName> [<InitialVersion>] <File>
internal <Name> <File>
plugin <Name> [<Path>]

qmldir

In the end, it will be similar to this

Button 1.0 Button.qml Slider 1.0 Slider.qml StartStopButton 1.0 StartStopButton.qml qmldir



Module Examples

You can use modules that are defined by a URL or by a URI. See it in action in the example below

```
import QtQuick 1.0
import "http://ian.factorium.com.br/qml" as ModuleExample

Rectangle {
    width: 640
    height: 480
    ModuleExample.StartStopButton {
        id: button
    }
}
```

See example: addon/module-005/examples/modulesExample.qml

To know more about QtQuick Modules: http://doc.qt.nokia.com/4.7-snapshot/qdeclarativemodules.html



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Avoiding spaghetti code

Tips for you to write a better and optimized code

Variable names must have a logic through the app

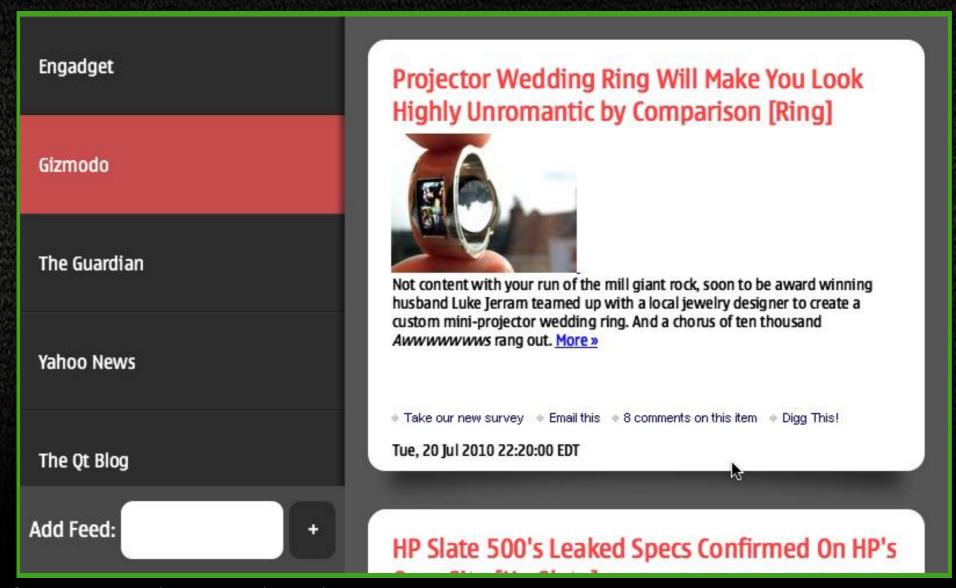
Reusing your code is not always a priority

It is fundamental to make it comprehensible to anyone



Dissecting an app

Below there is a RSS Reader app. How do you think its code was organized and how it is its navigation?



See video: addon/module-005/videos/rss_reader.mov



App diagram



BusyIndicator.qml
Loading status for each feed

Yahoo News

Category Delegate.qml

Component for each element on the left ListView

RssFeeds.qml

ListModel that contains all feeds data



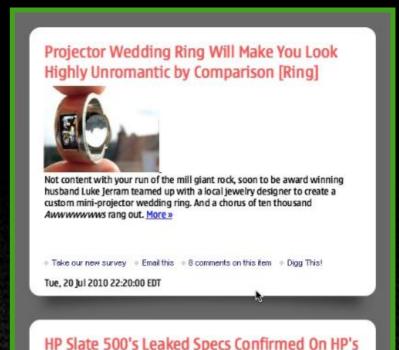
Add Feed: +

AddFeed.qml

TextInput to add new feeds

rssNews.qml
Main File

See example: addon/module-005/examples/rssnews



NewsDelegate.qml

Component for each element on the right ListView

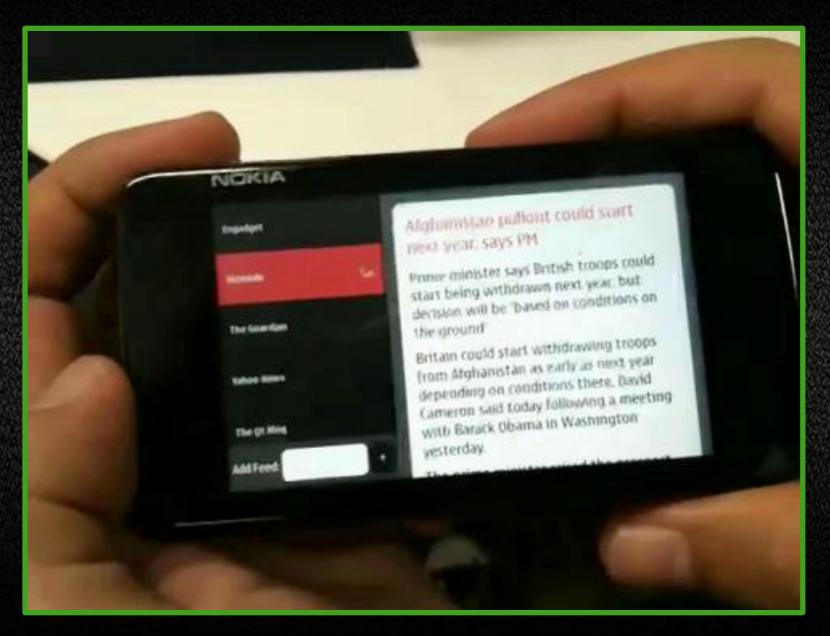
ScrollBar.qml

The scrollbar that is related to each ListView



Running it on the device

Once you have Qt installed, it is easy to test your app on the n900



See video: addon/module-005/videos/n900_rss_reader.mov

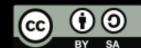


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Questions

What is a Loader element?

How your app can be prepared to load data from C++?

Name three common applications' screenflow cases.

When is it necessary to create a Component?

How can you avoid spaghetti code?



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Now it is time to use pen and paper

Think about an app and its structure (touch screen or keypad). Draw your screens and ideas.

Apps suggestions:

Music Player

Game

Twitter Client

Picture Viewer

Contact Merger

Spending tracker

Optional: Think about Components you would create or reuse



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