Enabling the Back Button with Backstack



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Why Back Navigation?





Default Case

Problem Statement?

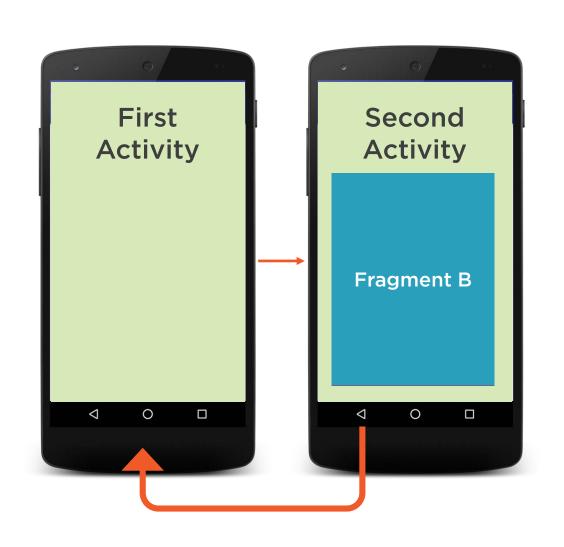
Default Case

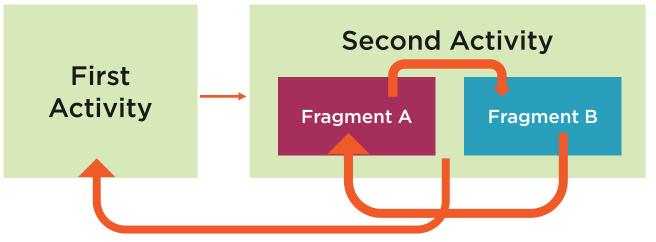
- Activity responds to Back Button
- Fragments are not aware of Back Button
 - Fragments do not respond to Back Press

How to make Fragments respond to Back Button Press?



Solution: Use Back Stack





- Fragments by default do not respond to Back Button of Android Device
- If we use Back Stack concept
 - Then we can enable back press for Fragments
 - And we can switch back to our previous desired Fragment



Objective



Understand FragmentTransaction and BackStack

How to Add a Transaction to Back Stack

- addToBackStack(null)
- addToBackStack(String TAG)

How to Pop the Back Stack

- popBackStack()
- popBackStack(String TAG, int FLAG)
 - int FLAG
 - O
 - POP_BACK_STACK_INCLUSIVE

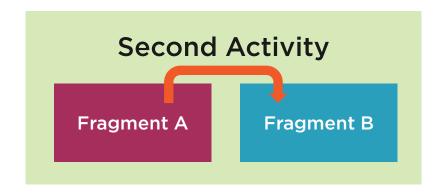
Using Back Android Button to Undo the Transaction or Pop the Back Stack



Initial Project Setup



FragmentTransaction and Back Stack



AddFragB

AddFragA

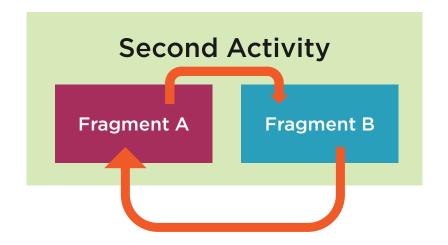
Back Stack

LIFO: Last in First out



```
FragmentManager manager = getFragmentManager();
manager.popBackStack();
manager.popBackStack();
```

FragmentTransaction and Back Stack







```
FragmentManager fm = getFragmentManager();
fm.popBackStack("AddFragD", 0);
fm.popBackStack("RemFragC", POP_BACK_STACK_INCLUSIVE);
fm.popBackStack("AddFragA", 0);
fm.popBackStack();
```

```
FragmentManager fm = getFragmentManager();
fm.popBackStack();
fm.popBackStack();
fm.popBackStack();
fm.popBackStack();
fm.popBackStack();
```

Case 1

Back Stack

5 FragmentEaddToBackStack("AddFragE")4 FragmentDaddToBackStack("AddFragD")3 FragmentCaddToBackStack("RemFragC")2 FragmentCaddToBackStack("AddFragC")1 FragmentBaddToBackStack("AddFragB")0 FragmentAaddToBackStack("AddFragA")

Activity
Frag E

Case 2

Back Stack

5 FragmentEaddToBackStack(null)4 FragmentDaddToBackStack(null)3 FragmentCaddToBackStack(null)2 FragmentCaddToBackStack(null)1 FragmentBaddToBackStack(null)0 FragmentAaddToBackStack(null)

Multiple Changes in Single FragmentTransaction



```
FragmentManager fm = getFragmentManager();
FragmentTransaction tn = fm.beginTransaction();
tn.add(R.id.container1, fragmentA);
tn.add(R.id.container2, fragmentB);
tn.replace(R.id.container3, fragmentC);
tn.addToBackStack("AddThreeFrag");
tn.commit();
fm.popBackStack("AddThreeFrag");
```

Empty Empty Empty Empty Empty Empty AddThreeFrag **Back Stack**

MainActivity



Conclusion



We can perform multiple changes to different Fragments in a single Transaction

When Back Stack is popped

- All the changes in the Transaction are undone



Summary



FragmentTransaction and Back Stack

Interface OnBackStackChangedListener

onBackStackChanged()

Back Navigation

- addToBackStack(...)
- popBackStack(...)

Customised the Navigation of a Fragment similar to an Activity

