

Assignment:- 7

Based on your understanding of recent business trend that has influenced the Android platform Explain how this trend impacts ~~mobile~~ app developers and business in the mobile app industry

→ As per my knowledge, one notable trend in the mobile app industry that has since the rise of people the android platform over the rise of pivoting platforms like web applications that offer app-like experiences directly through web browsers.

- Impact on android app developers

1) Cross platform compatibility: PWAs are designed to work seamlessly across various platforms and devices including android. Developers tend to consider creating pwas ~~alongside~~ alongside traditional android apps to ensure broad accessibility.

2) Enhanced user experience: PWAs aimed to provide a smoother and more engaging user experience which set higher expectation for android app developers. This encouraged them to focus on improving the quality and performance of their app to complete efficiency.

3) progressive Enhancement Developers needed to adopt progressive enhancement strategies to ensure that android apps remained competitive by offering progressive and responsive user experiences similar to pwas.

Industry

Impact on business in the mobile app industry:

- 1) cost saving: Business could potentially save on development cost by investing in a single platform rather than building multiple platforms, including Android, rather than building separate native apps.
- 2) Increased reach: PWAs enabled business to reach a wider audience, including users with android rather than building separate native apps.
- 3) Improved engagement: The focus on delivering app-like experiences through PWAs encouraged business to prior user engagement and retention ultimately benefiting their mobile strategy.
- 4) competition and innovation: The rise of PWAs introduced competition driving businesses to innovate their android apps to keep up with ever-evolving user expectations and tech trends.

What is the purpose of an Inflater of layout in Android development and how does it fit into the architecture of Android layout?

→ In Android development an 'Inflater' is a crucial component that is used to instantiate or inflate the layout XML into their corresponding view objects.

- Here's how it fits into the architecture of Android layouts.

I Layout XML files: In Android UI elements are defined in XML files within the 'res' / 'Layout' directory of an Android project. These XML files contain the structure of the user interface specifying things like buttons, fields, images, etc. along with their attributes.



- 2) Inflating layouts: When an Android app runs, the layout XML files need to be converted into actual view objects that can be displayed on the screen. This is where the 'Inflater' comes in. It's used to read the XML files and create the corresponding view objects.
- 3) Inflating ~~Layouts~~: When working with context, the 'Inflater' requires a Context object which provides essential information about the current state of the application. About text is typically provided by an Activity or Fragment.
- 4) Attaching to parents: The 'Inflater' also has the option to attach the inflated layout to a parent view if specified. This allows the newly created views to be automatically added to the specified container within the parent view.
- 5) Returning views: Once the inflation process is complete, the 'Inflater' returns the root view of the inflated layout which can then be used within the views, such as setting text or applying styles, then be used within the application.
- 6) Manipulating views programmatically: After inflation, developers can programmatically interact with the views, such as setting text or applying styles, adding event listeners, and more.
- 7) Displaying in the UI: Finally, the manipulated views can be added to the user interface using methods like 'setContentView' for activities.

or by adding them to the view hierarchy through their parent ViewGroup.

Q) Explain the concept of a CustomDialog Box in Android application. provide examples to illustrate its use.

- In an Android application, a CustomDialog Box is a pop-up window that overlays the current activity and is used to interact with the user after input or displaying information overview of a custom Dialog Box or displaying information overview of a CustomDialog Box
- purpose: custom dialogs are used when you want to present information or receive user input or performing actions within a self-contained, isolated UI element that temporarily interrupts.
- simple example of creating and using a custom dialog in Android

Fun showCustomDialog()

 CustomDialog = Dialog(this)

 CustomDialog.setContentView(R.layout.custom_dialog, layout)

 View messageTextView, text = "This is a custom dialog".
 OKButton.setOnClickListener { }

 CustomDialog.dismiss()

 CustomDialog.show()

use cases of CustomDialog Box: login confirmation dialog setting information pop-up media playback controls

How do activities services and the Android manifest file work together to make an Android app? can you describe their main roles and provide a basic example of how they cooperate to design a mobile app?

→ 1) Activities:

- Role: Activities represent individual screens or UI component in an Android app. They manage the user interface and user interaction.

2) services.

- Role: services use background components that perform long running operations or handle tasks that don't require a user interface. They can run even if the app is not visible.

3) Android manifest file

- Role: The Android manifest file is like the app's blueprint. It declares the app's components and defines how they interact with the Android system and other components.

→ class MainActivity: AppCompatActivity {
 override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {

super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

setContentView(R.layout.activity_main)

startService(Intent(this, MyService::class.java))

val intent = Intent(this, MyService::class.java)

startService(intent)

```
override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main)
    squareServiceButton.setOnClickListener {
        val serviceIntent = Intent(this@NotificationService, Service::class.java)
        startService(serviceIntent)
    }
}
```

```
→ class NotificationService : IntentService("Notification") {
    override fun onHandleIntent(intent: Intent) {
        if (intent != null) {
            executeNotification()
        }
    }

    private fun executeNotification() {
        val channelID = "my-channel"
        if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT > Build.VERSION_CODES.O) {
            val name = "my channel"
            val notificationManager = getSystemService(NotificationManager::class.java)
            val builder = NotificationCompat.Builder(this, channelID)
                .setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launcher_foreground)
                .setContentText("this is notification from service")
                .setContentTitle("from service")
        }
    }
}
```



5) How does the Android manifest file impact the development of an Android application - provide an example to demonstrate its significance.

→ the Android manifest file is a crucial component in the development of an Android application. It serves several important purposes and its content significantly impacts how the android system interacts with and manages your App's significance of the Android manifest file.

- App - Configuration - Component Declaration

- permission - Intent filter - App Lifecycle.

→ ex. <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

```
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas  
android.com/apk/res/android"
```

```
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com  
    tools:uses-permission android:name="android.permission"
```

```
        <application>          permission INTERNET  
            android:allowBackup="true"  
            android:fullBackupContent="@xml/backup-database"
```

```
            android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher  
            android:label="Assignment"
```

```
            android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher  
                -round"
```

```
            android:supportRtl="true"
```

```
            android:theme="@style/Theme.Assignment
```

```
            tools:targetApi="31">
```

<activity>

```
            android:name=".MainActivity"
```

android:exported = "true"

<intent-filters>

<action android:name = "android.intent.action.MAIN"/>

<category android:name = "android.intent.category.LAUNCHER"/>

</intent-filters>

<activity>

</manifest>

Q) what is the role of resources in Android development?
Discuss the various types of resources and their significance in creating well-structured applications. provide examples to clarify your points.

→ Resources play a fundamental role in Android development by providing a structured way to manage assets like layouts and other elements used in your app. They help create flexible, maintainable, and device-independent applications. The various types of resources and their significance with examples?

1. Layout Resources:

- Type : XML files in the `res/layout/d` directory
- Significance : Define the storage and appearance of the app's user interface
- Example: `activity_main.xml` defines the layout for your main activity, `main.xml` specifying UI components like buttons, text views and their arrangement

<button

`android:id = "@+id/btn1"`

Q) How does one Android service contribute to the functionality of a mobile application & describe the process of developing one Android service.

A) Contributions of An android services:-

1) Background processing : services enable apps to perform tasks in the background without blocking the user interface.

2) Long-running operation: services are ideal for handling operations that require more time to complete such as playing music.

3) Inter-component communication : services enable components like activities broadcast receivers and other services to communicate with each other efficiently.

4) Foreground services: Android services can run in the foreground even when the app isn't in the foreground even when the app is not in the foreground and this is useful for features that require ongoing user interaction like music playback, process of developing an Android service:-

i) Define the service class : create a new class or kotlin class that extends the IService class that extend the Service class. override methods like onStartCommand() or onBind() to define the behavior of your service.

ii) configure service in manifest : declare your service in the android system about its existence and configuration <service android:name = "MyService"/>

iii) start or bind the service. decide whether you want to start your service or bind it to other components use startService() or bindService()

- ★ Implement the specific logic your service needs to perform its task.
- 5) Handle lifecycle : release resources when they're no longer needed and consider using `stopSelf()` or `stopService()`
- 6) Interact with other components. use appropriate mechanism like intents, broadcast or callbacks to facilitate communication
- 7) Foreground service (optional) - If your service needs to run in the foreground, start `foreground()`
- 8) Testing : thoroughly test your service to ensure it functions as expected including start foreground,
- 9) Optimization : optimize your service for performance and resource efficiency to minimize battery usage
- 10) Error handling and logging : implement proper error handling and logging mechanisms to diagnose and address issues that may occur while service is running

android:layout_width = "wrap_content"

android:layout_height = "wrap_content"

android:text = "click me" />

2) Drawable Resources.

Type: Images and drawable assets in the 'res/drawable' directory.

- Significance: Store graphics, icons and images used in your app.

- Example: 'ic_launcher.png' is the app's launcher icon.

→ 3) mipmap Resources.

- Type: storing cat multiple resolutions cat sizes in the 'res/mipmap' directory.

- Significance: used to provide multiple versions of an image at different resolutions. It ensures that images look crisp and clear on screens with varying pixel densities.

- Example: 'ic_launcher' → mipmap-hdpi: mipmap-xhdpi

4) String Resources.

- Type: strings defined in xml files under 'res/values'

- Significance: store text strings making it easier to provide translations and maintain consistency.

<string name="app-name">my App</string>

<string name="welcome_message"> welcome
to my app </string>

5) Color Resources:

- type: colors defined in XML files under 'res/values'
- significance: store color values, ensuring consistency with app's design.

<example> res/values/colors.xml defining color resources

```
<color name="primary_color">#007ACC</color>
```

6) Style Resources:

- type: styles defined in XML files under 'res/values'

- significance: store color values, ensuring consistency
- example: 'res/values/styles.xml' define style

<style name="my_buttonstyle">

```
<item name="android:background">@drawable/my_b  
utton</item>
```

```
</style>
```

7) Dimension Resources:

- type: dimension define in XML files under 'res/values'
- Example: 'res/values/dimensions.xml' files, such as JSON data, audio, video.
- example: store a JSON file for app configuration.

8) Raw Resources:-

- type: files stored in the 'res/raw' directory
- significance: store non-XML files such as JSON data, audio, video
- example: store a JSON file for app configuration

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