

Exploring Building Blocks

Based on Chapter 7, but expanded by KJK

Overview

- Understand Android views, controls, and layouts
- Accept input with EditText
- Display text to users with TextView
- Give users choices using Spinner controls
- Allow simple user selections with buttons, check boxes, switches, and radio groups
- Retrieve dates and times from users
- Use indicators to display data to users
- Play a movie



The Android Controls

- The Android SDK contains a Java package named android.widget.
- An Android control typically refers to a class within this package.
- The Android SDK includes classes to representing most common UI controls, including:
 - ImageView
 - FrameLayout
 - EditText
 - Button
- As mentioned previously, all controls are typically derived from the View class.



The Android Controls

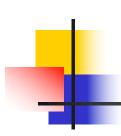
- Each control you want to be able to access programmatically must have a unique identifier specified using the android:id attribute.
 - You use this identifier to access the control with the findViewById() method in your Activity class, e.g.,

```
TextView view = findViewById( R.id.textView );
```



Retrieving Data from Users with EditText

- The Android SDK provides a number of controls for retrieving data from users.
- One of the most common types of data that applications often need to collect from users is text.
- Two frequently used views to handle this type of job are EditText and Spinner controls.



- The Android SDK provides an EditText to handle text input from a user (it is similar to a TextField in JavaFX).
- The EditText class is derived from TextView.
- Most of its functionality is contained within TextView but is enabled when created as an EditText.



```
<EditText

android:id="@+id/editText01"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:hint="Enter name"

android:lines="4"

android:layout_width="match_parent" />
```

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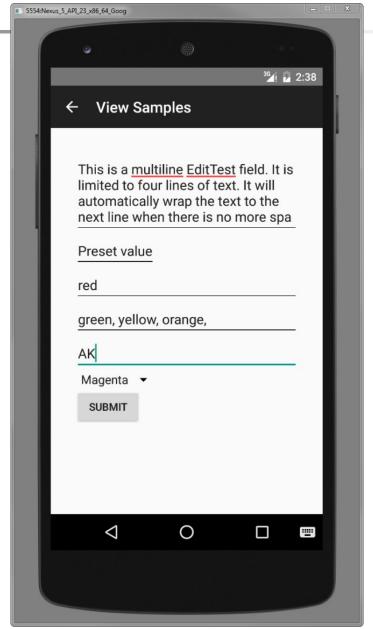
Reading data from EditText:

```
EditText nameET = findViewById( R.id.editText01 );
String name = nameET.getText().toString();
```

• nameET.getText() returns an Editable type and toString is necessary.



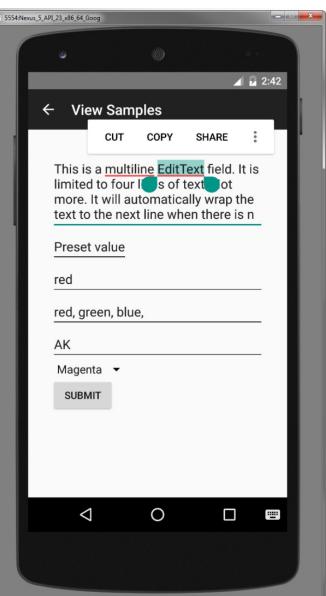


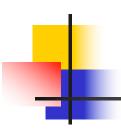






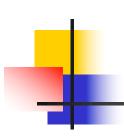






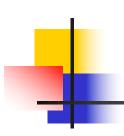
EditText InputTypes

- EditText has a few specific subtypes,
 each for a different type of input
- They are specified with the android:inputType attribute
 - number, numberSigned, numberDecimal
 - phone
 - textPassword
 - textEmailAddress
 - datetime
 - many others



Constraining User Input with Input Filters

- There are times when you don't want the user to type just any string.
 - Validating input after the user has entered something is one way to do this.
 - A better way to avoid wasting the user's time is to filter the input.
 - The EditText control provides a way to set an InputFilter that does this.



Constraining User Input with Input Filters

- The Android SDK provides InputFilter objects.
 - InputFilter objects enforce such rules as allowing only uppercase text or limiting the length of the text entered
 - You can create custom filters by implementing the InputFilter interface, which contains the single method called filter().



Constraining User Input with Input Filters



- The Android SDK also provides a way to help the user with entering commonly used data into forms.
 - This functionality is provided through the autocomplete feature.

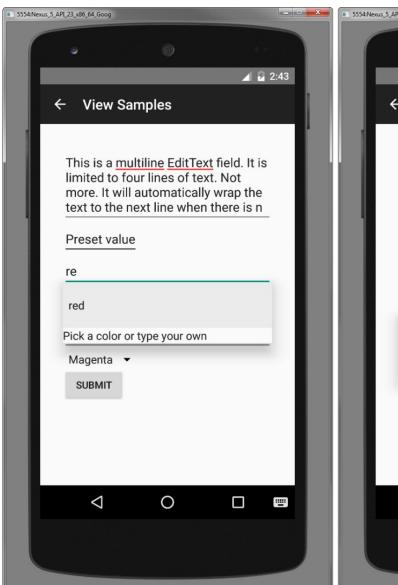


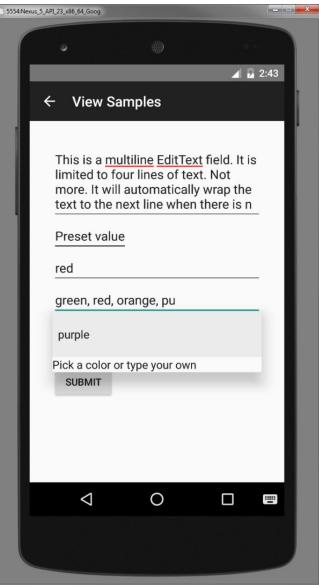
- There are two forms of autocomplete:
 - One is the more standard style of filling in the entire text entry based on what the user types.
 - If the user begins typing a string that matches a word in a developer-provided list, the user can choose to complete the word with a tap.
 - This is done through the AutoCompleteTextView control.



- The second method allows the user to enter a list of items, each of which has autocomplete functionality.
 - These items must be separated in some way by providing a Tokenizer to the MultiAutoCompleteTextView object.
 - A common Tokenizer implementation is provided for comma-separated lists using the

MultiAutoCompleteTextView.CommaTokenizer object.







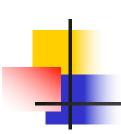
 Both of the autocomplete text editors use an Adapter to get the list of text they use to provide completions to the user.



This example shows how to provide an

AutoCompleteTextView that can help users type some of the basic colors from an array in the code:

```
final String[] COLORS = {
  "red", "green", "orange", "blue", "purple",
   "black", "yellow", "cyan", "magenta" };
ArrayAdapter < String > adapter =
  new ArrayAdapter<String>(this,
     android.R.layout.simple_dropdown_item_1line,
     COLORS);
AutoCompleteTextView text = (AutoCompleteTextView)
  findViewById(R.id.AutoCompleteTextView01);
text.setAdapter(adapter);
```



```
<AutoCompleteTextView
    android:id="@+id/AutoCompleteTextView01"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:completionHint="Pick a color or type your own"
    android:completionThreshold="1" />
```



The MultiAutoCompleteTextView is essentially the same as the regular autocomplete, except that you must assign a Tokenizer to it so that the control knows where each autocompletion should begin.



The following is an example that uses the same Adapter as the previous example but includes a Tokenizer for a list of user color responses, each separated by a comma:



- One of the most basic user interface elements, or controls, in the Android SDK is the TextView control.
 - You primarily use it to display fixed text strings or labels.
- The TextView control is a child control within other screen elements and controls.
- As with most of the user interface elements, it is derived from View and is within the android.widget package.
- Because it is a View, all the standard attributes such as width, height, padding, and visibility can be applied to the object.



- However, because this is a text-displaying control, you can apply many other TextView attributes to control behavior and how the text is viewed in a variety of situations.
- <TextView> is the XML layout file tag used to display text on the screen.
- You can set the android: text property of the TextView to be either a raw text string in the layout file or a reference to a string resource.

```
<TextView
  android:id="@+id/TextView01"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="Some text for display here" />
<TextView
  android:id="@+id/TextView02"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="@string/sample_text" />
```

The last example references one of the string resources (sample_text), which we will discuss later.



- You can change the text displayed programmatically by calling the setText() method on the TextView object.
- Retrieving the text is done with the getText() method.



- The TextView control has a number of attributes that dictate how the text is drawn and flows.
- You can set the TextView to be just a single line and a fixed width.
- If you enter a long string of text that can't fit, the text truncates abruptly.
- Special attributes can handle this problem.



- The width of a TextView can be specified in terms of ems rather than in pixels.
- An em is a term used in typography that is defined in terms of the point size of a particular font.
 - For example, the measure of an em in a 12-point font is 12 points (in digital typography, 1 pt is 1/72 of an inch).
 - Through the ems attribute, you can set the desired width of a TextView.
 - Additionally, you can use the maxEms and minEms attributes to set the maximum width and minimum width, respectively, of the TextView in terms of ems.



- The height of a TextView can be set in terms of lines of text rather than pixels.
 - This is useful for controlling how much text can be viewed regardless of the font size.
 - The lines attribute sets the number of lines that the TextView can display.
 - You can also use maxLines and minLines to control the maximum height and minimum height, respectively, that the TextView displays.



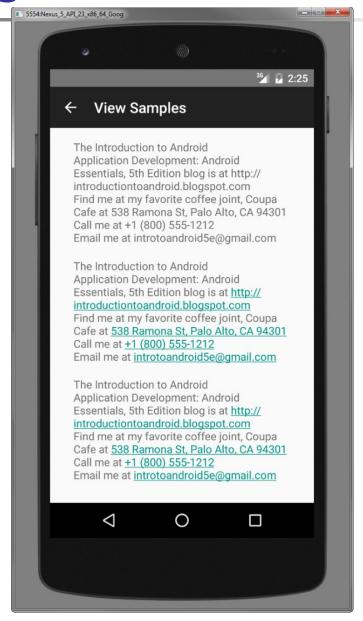
```
<TextView
    android:id="@+id/TextView04"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:lines="2"
    android:ems="12"
    android:text="@string/autolink_test" />
```



- If your text contains references to email addresses, Web pages, phone numbers, or even street addresses, you might want to consider using the attribute autoLink.
- The autolink attribute has four values that you can use in combination with each other.
- When enabled, these autoLink attribute values create standard Web-style links to the application that can act on that data type.
- For instance, setting the attribute to web automatically finds and links any URLs to Web pages.



- Your text can contain the following values for the autoLink attribute:
 - none: disables all linking
 - web: enables linking of URLs to Web pages
 - email: enables linking of email addresses to the mail client with the recipient filled in
 - phone: enables linking of phone numbers to the dialer application with the phone number filled in, ready to be dialed
 - map: enables linking of street addresses to the map application to show the location
 - all: enables all types of linking





```
<TextView
```

```
android:id="@+id/TextView02"
```

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

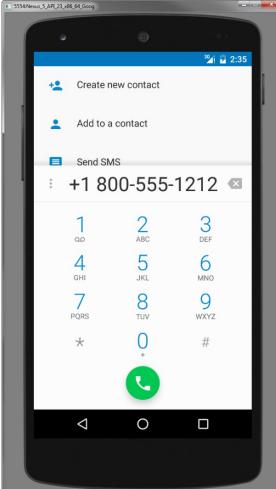
android:layout_height="wrap_content"

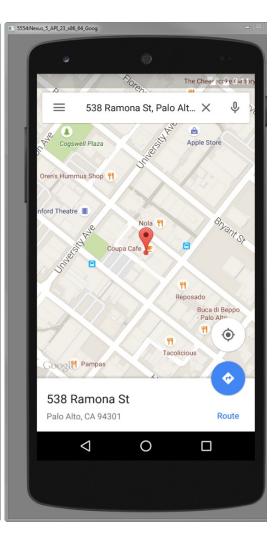
android:text="@string/autolink_test"

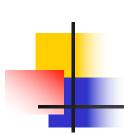
android:autoLink="web|email" />

Creating Contextual Links in Text









- Sometimes you want to limit the choices available for users to type.
 - For instance, if users are going to enter the name of a state, you might as well limit them to only the valid states, because this is a known set.
 - Although you could do this by letting them type something and then blocking invalid entries, you can also provide similar functionality with a Spinner control.

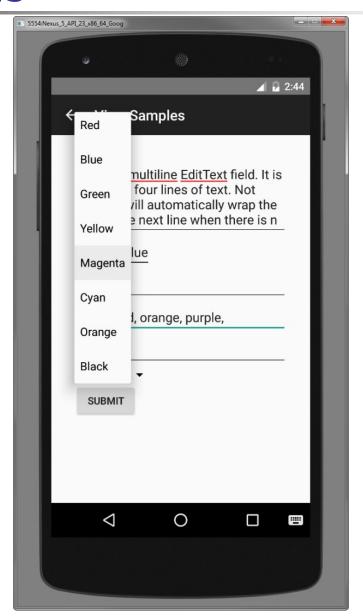


- As with the autocomplete method, the possible choices for a Spinner can come from an Adapter.
- It is also possible to set the available choices in the layout definition by using the entries attribute with an array resource.
 - Specifically, this is a string array that is referenced as something, such as @array/state-list.
- The Spinner control isn't actually an EditText, although it is frequently used in a similar fashion.



```
<Spinner
android:id="@+id/Spinner01"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:entries="@array/colors"
android:prompt="@string/spin_prompt" />
```







- Because the Spinner control is not a TextView but a list of TextView objects, it is not possible to directly request the selected text from it.
- Instead, the app must retrieve the specific selected option (each of which is a TextView control) and extract the text directly from it



For example:

```
Spinner spin = findViewById(R.id.Spinner1);
TextView text_sel = spin.getSelectedView();
String selected_text = text_sel.getText().toString();
```

Alternatively, we could call the getSelectedItem()
 or getSelectedItemId() method to deal with
 other forms of selection.



Selections: Buttons, Check Boxes, Switches, Radio Groups

- Other common UI elements are the basic Button, CheckBox, ToggleButton, and RadioButton.
- A basic Button is often used to perform some sort of action, such as submitting a form or confirming a selection.
- A CheckBox is a button with two states—checked and unchecked.

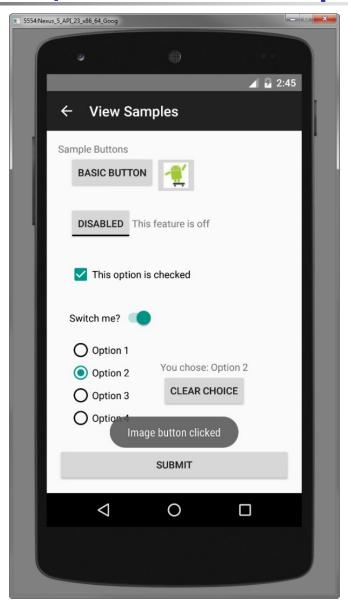


Selections: Buttons, Check Boxes, Switches, Radio Groups

- A ToggleButton is similar to a CheckBox, but you use it to show the state visually.
- A Switch is similar to a CheckBox, in that it is a two-state control.
- A Switch should be used to present a single choice, while CheckBoxes are usually shown as a group.
- A RadioButton provides an exclusive selection of an item out of a group of items.



Selections: Buttons, Check Boxes, Switches, Radio Groups





- The android.widget.Button class provides a basic Button implementation in the Android SDK.
- Within the XML layout resources, buttons are specified using the Button element.
- The primary attribute for a basic Button is the text field.
- This is the label that appears on the middle of the button's face.
- You often use basic Button controls for buttons with text such as "OK," "Cancel," or "Submit."



```
<Button
  android:id="@+id/basic_button"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="Basic Button" />
```



```
setContentView( R.layout.buttons );
final Button basic_button = (Button)
                             findViewById(R.id.basic_button);
basic_button.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
  public void onClick(View v) {
     Toast.makeText( ButtonsActivity.this,
                       "Button clicked",
                       Toast.LENGTH_SHORT ).show();
});
```

A Toast is a small pop-up message.



- A Button-like control whose primary label is an image is an ImageButton.
- An ImageButton is almost exactly like a basic Button.
- Click actions are handled in the same way.
- The primary difference is that you can set its src attribute to be an image.



```
< Image Button
```

```
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

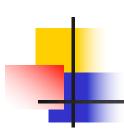
android:id="@+id/image_button"

android:src="@drawable/droid"

android:contentDescription="@string/droidSkater"/>



- The CheckBox button is often used in lists of items where the user can select multiple items.
- The Android CheckBox contains a text attribute that appears to the side of the check box.
- Because the CheckBox class is derived from the TextView and Button classes, many of the attributes and methods behave in a similar fashion.



```
<CheckBox
```

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

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="Check me?" />



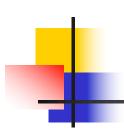
```
CheckBox check_button = findViewById(R.id.checkbox);
check_button.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
  public void onClick (View v) {
     CheckBox cb = findViewById(R.id.checkbox);
     cb.setText( check_button.isChecked() ?
                  "This option is checked":
                  "This option is not checked");
});
```



- A ToggleButton is similar to a CheckBox in behavior but is usually used to show or alter the "on" or "off" state of something.
- Like the CheckBox, it has a state (checked or not).
- Also like the CheckBox, the act of changing what displays on the button is handled for us.



- Unlike the CheckBox, it does not show text next to it. Instead, it has two text fields:
 - The first attribute is texton, which is the text that displays on the button when its checked state is on.
 - The second attribute is textOff, which is the text that displays on the button when its checked state is off.
 - The default text for these is "ON" and "OFF," respectively.

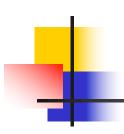


```
<ToggleButton
  android:id="@+id/toggle_button"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="Toggle"
  android:textOff="Disabled"</pre>
```

android:textOn="Enabled" />



- The Switch control, android.widget.Switch, provides similar two-state behavior to the ToggleButton control, only instead of the control being clicked to toggle between the states, it looks more like a slider.
 - The Switch control was introduced in API Level 14.



```
<Switch android:id="@+id/switch1"

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="Switch me?"

android:textOn="Wax On"

android:textOff="Wax Off" />
```



- You often use radio buttons when a user should be allowed to select only one item from a small group of items.
 - For instance, a question asking for gender can give three options: male, female, and unspecified.
 - Only one of these options should be checked at a time.



- The RadioButton objects are similar to CheckBox objects.
 - They have a text label next to them, set via the text attribute, and they have a state (checked or unchecked).
 - However, you can group RadioButton objects inside a RadioGroup that handles enforcing their combined states so that only one RadioButton can be checked at a time.
 - If the user selects a RadioButton that is already checked, it does not become unchecked.
 - You can provide the user with an action to clear the state of the entire RadioGroup so that none of the buttons are checked.



```
< Radio Group
  android:id="@+id/RadioGroup01"
  android:layout width="wrap content"
  android:layout height="wrap content">
  <RadioButton android:id="@+id/RadioButton01"
    android:layout width="wrap content"
     android:layout_height="wrap content"
    android:text="Option 1" />
  <RadioButton android:id="@+id/RadioButton02"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="Option 2" />
  <RadioButton android:id="@+id/RadioButton03"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
     android:text="Option 3" />
  <RadioButton android:id="@+id/RadioButton04"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Option 4" />
</RadioGroup>
```

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```
final RadioGroup group = findViewById(R.id.RadioGroup01);
final TextView tv = findViewById(R.id.TextView01);
group.setOnCheckedChangeListener(new
  RadioGroup.OnCheckedChangeListener() {
     public void onCheckedChanged(
        RadioGroup group, int checkedId) {
        if (checkedId != -1) {
           RadioButton rb = findViewById(checkedId);
           if (rb != null) {
             tv.setText("You chose: " + rb.getText());
        } else {
          tv.setText("Choose 1");
});
```



Clearing the selection

```
Button clear_choice = findViewById(R.id.Button01);
clear_choice.setOnClickListener( new View.OnClickListener() {
  public void onClick(View v) {
     RadioGroup group = findViewById(R.id.RadioGroup01);
     if (group != null) {
        group.clearCheck();
```



Using ImageView

```
<ImageView
     android:id="@+id/imageView2"
     android:layout_width="wrap_content"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:paddingLeft="40dp"
     android:paddingRight="40dp"
    android:scaleType="fitCenter"
     app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
    app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
     app:srcCompat="@drawable/uga_seal" />
```



- The Android SDK provides a couple of controls for getting date and time input from the user.
- One particular control is the DatePicker control.
 - It can be used to get a month, day, and year from the user.







```
<DatePicker
  android:id="@+id/DatePicker01"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:calendarViewShown="false"
  android:datePickerMode="spinner"
  android:spinnersShown="true" />
or
  android:datePickerMode="calendar"
and/or
  android:calendarViewShown="false" or "false"
```



```
final DatePicker date = findViewById(R.id.DatePicker01);
date.init( 2015, 7, 17,
  new DatePicker.OnDateChangedListener() {
     public void onDateChanged( DatePicker view, int year,
        int monthOfYear, int dayOfMonth ) {
        Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance();
        calendar.set( year,
              monthOfYear,
             dayOfMonth,
             time.getCurrentHour(),
             time.getCurrentMinute());
        text.setText( calendar.getTime().toString() );
```



```
time.setOnTimeChangedListener(new
TimePicker.OnTimeChangedListener() {
  public void onTimeChanged( TimePicker view,
     int hourOfDay, int minute ) {
     Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance();
     calendar.set( calendar.get( Calendar.YEAR ),
          calendar.get( Calendar.MONTH ),
          calendar.get( Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH ),
          hourOfDay,
          minute);
     text.setText( calendar.getTime().toString() );
```



- Android also provides a NumberPicker widget, which is very similar to the TimePicker widget.
- You can use a NumberPicker to present to users a selection mechanism for choosing a number from a predefined range.
- There are two different types of NumberPicker you can present; both are entirely based on the theme your application is using.
- To learn more about the NumberPicker, see:
 - http://d.android.com/reference/android/widget/NumberPicker.html



Using Indicators to Display Progress and Activity to Users

- The Android SDK provides a number of controls that can be used to show some form of activityin-progress information to the user.
- These indicator controls include the ProgressBar, clocks, and other similar controls.



- Applications commonly perform actions that can take a while.
- A good practice during this time is to show users some sort of progress indicator that informs them that the application is off "doing something."
- Applications can also show how far a user has progressed through some operation.



- The Android SDK provides several types of ProgressBar.
 - The standard ProgressBar is a circular indicator that only animates.
 - It does not show how complete an action is.
 - It can, however, show that something is taking place.
 - This is useful when an action is indeterminate in length.
 - There are three sizes for this type of progress indicator.



- The second type is a horizontal ProgressBar that shows the completeness of an action.
 - For example, you can see how much of a file has downloaded.
 - The horizontal ProgressBar can also have a secondary progress indicator on it.
 - This can be used to show the completion of a downloading media file while that file plays.



```
<ProgressBar
android:id="@+id/progress_bar"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```



- The default style is for a medium-size circular progress indicator.
 - This is not a "bar" at all.
- The other two styles for indeterminate ProgressBar are progressBarStyleLarge and progressBarStyleSmall.
- These styles animate automatically.



```
<ProgressBar
android:id="@+id/progress_bar"
style="?android:attr/progressBarStyleHorizontal"
android:layout_width=" match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:max="100" />
```



We can set the indicator progress status programmatically as follows:

```
mProgress = findViewById(R.id.progress_bar);
mProgress.setProgress(75);
```



- You can also put a ProgressBar in your application's title bar (on top of the screen).
- This can save screen real estate and can also make it easy to turn an indeterminate progress indicator on and off without changing the look of the screen.
- Indeterminate progress indicators are commonly used to display progress on pages where items need to be loaded before the page can finish drawing.
- This is often employed on Web browser screens.



```
<android.support.v7.widget.Toolbar xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-
auto"
  android:id="@+id/toolbar_progress"
  android:background="@color/bg_color"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:minHeight="?attr/actionBarSize"
  app:popupTheme="@style/ThemeOverlay.AppCompat.Light"
  app:theme="@style/ToolbarTheme">
  < Progress Bar
     android:id="@+id/toolbar spinner"
     android:layout_width="wrap_content"
     android:layout height="wrap content"
     android:layout gravity="end"
     android:indeterminate="true"
     android:visibility="gone" />
</android.support.v7.widget.Toolbar>
```



supportRequestWindowFeature(Window.

```
FEATURE INDETERMINATE PROGRESS);
supportRequestWindowFeature(Window.FEATURE_PROGRESS);
setContentView(R.layout.indicators);
Toolbar toolbar = (Toolbar) findViewById(R.id.toolbar_progress);
toolbar.setTitleTextColor(Color.WHITE);
setSupportActionBar(toolbar);
if (getSupportActionBar() != null) {
  getSupportActionBar().setDisplayHomeAsUpEnabled(true);
}
ProgressBar toolbarProgress = findViewById(R.id.toolbar_spinner);
toolbarProgress.setVisibility(View.VISIBLE);
toolbarProgress.setProgress(5000);
```

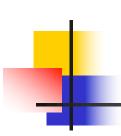


- To use the indeterminate indicator on your Activity object's ActionBar, you need to request the feature Window.FEATURE_INDETERMINATE_PROGRESS, as previously shown.
 - This shows a small circular indicator in the right side of the ActionBar.
 - For a horizontal ProgressBar style that shows behind the ActionBar, you need to enable Window.FEATURE_PROGRESS.
 - These features must be enabled before your application calls the setContentView() method, as shown in the preceding example.



Indicating Activity with Activity Bars and Activity Circles

When there is no telling how long an operation will take to complete, but you need a way to indicate to the user that an operation is taking place, you should use an activity bar or an activity circle.



Indicating Activity with Activity Bars and Activity Circles

You define an activity bar or circle exactly like you define a ProgressBar, with one small change: you need to tell Android that the operation running will continue for an indeterminate amount of time by either setting the attribute within your layout file using android:indeterminate, or from within your code by setting the ProgressBar's visibility to indeterminate using the

setProgressBarIndeterminateVisibility() **method**.



Adjusting Progress with SeekBars

- You have seen how to display progress to the user.
- If it is necessary to allow user to adjust the current cursor position in a playing media file or to adjust a volume setting, use a SeekBar.
- SeekBar control is provided by the Android SDK.



Adjusting Progress with SeekBars

- It's like the regular horizontal ProgressBar but includes a thumb, or selector, that can be dragged by the user.
- A default thumb selector is provided, but you can use any drawable item as a thumb.



Adjusting Progress with SeekBar

```
<SeekBar
```

```
android:id="@+id/seekbar1"
```

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:layout_width="240dp"

android:max="500"

android:thumb="@drawable/droidsk1" />



Adjusting Progress with SeekBar

```
SeekBar seek = findViewById(R.id.seekbar1);
seek.setOnSeekBarChangeListener(
  new SeekBar.OnSeekBarChangeListener() {
     public void onProgressChanged(
        SeekBar seekBar, int progress, boolean
        fromTouch)
        ((TextView)findViewById(R.id.seek_text))
          .setText("Value: "+progress);
        seekBar.setSecondaryProgress(
          (progress+seekBar.getMax())/2);
});
```



Other Valuable User Interface Controls

- Android has a number of other ready-to-use user interface controls to incorporate into your applications.
- The following section is dedicated to introducing the following:
 - RatingBar
 - Time controls, such as
 - Chronometer
 - DigitalClock
 - TextClock
 - AnalogClock



Displaying Rating Data with RatingBar

- Although the SeekBar is useful for allowing a user to set a value, such as the volume, the RatingBar has a more specific purpose:
 - Showing ratings or getting a rating from a user
- By default, this ProgressBar uses the star paradigm, with five stars by default.
- A user can drag across this horizontally to set a rating.
- A program can set the value as well.
- However, the secondary indicator cannot be used because it is used internally by this particular control.



Displaying Rating Data with RatingBar

```
<RatingBar
android:id="@+id/ratebar1"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:numStars="4"
android:stepSize="0.25" />
```



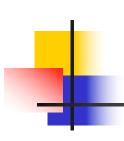
Displaying Rating Data with RatingBar

```
RatingBar rate = findViewById(R.id.ratebar1);
rate.setOnRatingBarChangeListener(new
  RatingBar.OnRatingBarChangeListener() {
  public void onRatingChanged(RatingBar ratingBar,
     float rating, boolean fromTouch) {
     ((TextView)findViewById(R.id.rating_text))
        .setText("Rating: "+ rating);
});
```



Showing Time Passage with the Chronometer

- Sometimes you want to show time passing instead of incremental progress.
- In this case, you can use the Chronometer control as a timer.
- This might be useful if it is the user who is taking time doing some task or playing a game where some action needs to be timed.



Showing Time Passage with the Chronometer

```
<Chronometer
```

```
android:id="@+id/Chronometer01"
```

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:format="Timer: %s" />



Showing Time Passage with the Chronometer

```
final Chronometer timer = findViewById(R.id.Chronometer01);
long base = timer.getBase();
Log.d(ViewsMenu.debugTag, "base = "+ base);
timer.setBase(0);
timer.start();
```



Displaying the Time

- Displaying the time in an application is often not necessary because Android devices have a status bar to display the current time.
- However, two clock controls are available to display this information:
 - The TextClock and AnalogClock controls



Using the TextClock

- The TextClock control was added in API Level 17.
 - It is meant to be a replacement for the DigitalClock, which was deprecated in API Level 17.
- The TextClock has many more features than the DigitalClock.
 - It allows you to format the display of the date and/or time.
- The TextClock allows you to display the time in 12hour mode or 24-hour mode and even allows you to set the time zone.
- By default, the TextClock control does not show the seconds.

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Using the TextClock

```
<TextClock

android:id="@+id/TextClock01"

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```



Using the AnalogClock

- The AnalogClock control is a dial-based clock with a basic clock face with two hands.
- It updates automatically as each minute passes.
- The image of the clock scales appropriately with the size of its View.



Using the AnalogClock (Cont'd)

```
<AnalogClock
```

```
android:id="@+id/AnalogClock01"
```

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content" />



- The VideoView control is a video player View used for playing video in your application.
- This View has controls of to play, pause, skip forward, skip backward, and seek.



```
< Video View
```

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

android:layout_width="match_parent"

android:layout_height="match_parent" />



```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
  super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
  setContentView(R.layout.activity_simple_video_view);
  VideoView vv = findViewById(R.id.videoView);
  MediaController mc = new MediaController(this);
  Uri video = Uri.parse("http://andys-veggie-
garden.appspot.com/vid/reveal.mp4");
  vv.setMediaController(mc);
  vv.setVideoURI(video);
```



```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
  super.onCreate( savedInstanceState );
  setContentView( R.layout.activity_simple_video_view );
  VideoView vv = findViewById( R.id.videoView );
  MediaController mc = new MediaController( this );
  Uri video = Uri.parse(
   "https://ia802205.us.archive.org/31/items/Unexpect2001/Unexpect2001_512kb.mp4");
  mc.setAnchorView( vv );
  vv.setMediaController( mc );
  vv.setVideoURI( video );
  vv.requestFocus();
  vv.setOnPreparedListener( new MediaPlayer.OnPreparedListener() {
                              public void onPrepared(MediaPlayer mp) { vv.start(); }
                            });
```



- You first want to get the VideoView from the layout.
 - Then you need to create a MediaController object.
- In our case, we are obtaining the video from the Internet.
 - We first need to parse the URL of the video using the Uri.parse method so that our code uses a valid Uri object.
- We then use the setMediaController() method for adding the MediaController object to your VideoView, and then we use the setVideoURI() method to pass the Uri to our VideoView.



 In order to play a video from the Internet, add this line to AndroidManifest.xml

```
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
```

Summary

- We have learned how to use a TextView and how to define many of its attributes.
- We have learned how to use an EditText control and how to implement its InputFilter interface.
- We have learned about the different types of autocompletion and how to implement an Adapter for the different autocomplete views.
- We have learned how to populate Spinner controls with different choices and are able to retrieve the selected option.



- We have learned how to use and implement different forms of user selections, such as buttons, check boxes, switches, and radio groups.
- We are now able to retrieve the date and time from users.
- We are now able to use indicators to display data to users.



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