

Mobile Application Development

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Review of Lecture 3

- ☐ Declaration of Application resources:
 - Declare resources, such as Strings, Integers, Booleans, Colors, Drawables, String Arrays, etc., in XML files
 - Common files to use:
 - strings.xml
 - color.xml
 - dimens.xml
 - drawbles.xml
 - Also, you can declare resources in Java code

- ☐ Introduction to Android User Interface elements
 - View, superclass of UI classes
 - ViewGroup, inherits from View, represents a container which holds views
 - Android Layout classes:
 - LinearLayut
 - FrameLayout
 - RelativeLayout
 - ConstraintLayout
 - TableLayout
 - ScrollView



Review of Lecture 3

- □ Simple UI controls and event handling:
 - Declare Android controls in XML files, in res\layout folder
 - Use Layout editor to create the UI
 - Use the toolbars in Layout editor to arrange UI controls in the screen
 - Drag UI controls from the palette to the layout
 - Use Attributes window to set the values for attributes of UI controls

- ☐ Simple UI controls and event handling:
 - TextView
 - EditText
 - Button
- Use findViewById method to instantiate UI objects in Java code
 - android.widget package
 - Use onClick attribute to handle Button click events
 - Use Attributes window to associate an event handler method in the activity class with onClick attribute



Designing UI with Views

Objectives:

- ☐ Use Menus in Android Apps
- □ Use Check boxes, RadioGroup & RadioButton, ImageButton, ToggleButton, ImageButton, Spinner, Progress Indicators
 - Defining UI elements
 - Event Handling
 - Handling threads



Using Menus in Android Apps

- ☐ There are three fundamental types of menus or action presentations on all versions of Android:
 - ➤ The **options menu** is the primary collection of menu items for an activity.
 - It's where you should place actions that have a global impact on the app, such as "Search," "Compose email," and "Settings."
 - A **context menu** is a floating menu that appears when the user performs a long-click on an element.
 - ➤ A **popup menu** displays a list of items in a vertical list that's anchored to the view that invoked the menu
- ☐ Each menu resource is stored as a specially formatted XML files in the /res/menu directory
- ☐ Here's an example of a simple menu resource file /res/menu/game_menu.xml that defines a short menu with three items in a specific order:



Options Menu

```
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?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
                                                                        Simple Menu Example
                                                                                              Start game
  <item
                                                                                              Stop game
     android:id="@+id/start"
     android:title="@string/start">
                                                                                              Help
  </item>
  <item
    android:id="@+id/stop"
     android:title="@string/stop">
  </item>
                                                                                        Options Menu
  <item
    android:id="@+id/help"
     android:title="@string/help">
  </item>
</menu>
```



Options Menu

☐ To access the preceding menu resource called /res/menu/game_menu.xml, simply override the method onCreateOptionsMenu() in your application:

@Override
public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {
 MenuInflater inflater = getMenuInflater();
 inflater.inflate(R.menu.game_menu, menu);
 return true;
}



Options Menu

☐ Handling the event when a menu option item is selected:

```
@Override
```

```
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
  // Handle item selection
  switch (item.getItemId()) {
    case R.id.start:
       Toast.makeText(this, "You selected start!", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
       break;
    case R.id.stop:
       Toast.makeText(this, "You selected stop!", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
       break;
    case R.id.help:
       Toast.makeText(this, "You selected help!", Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
       break:
    default:
       return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
  return true;
```

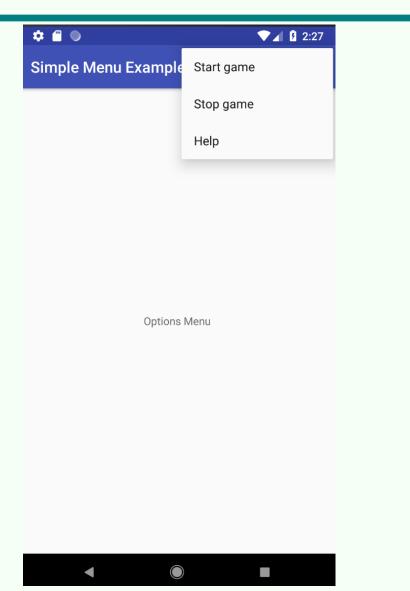


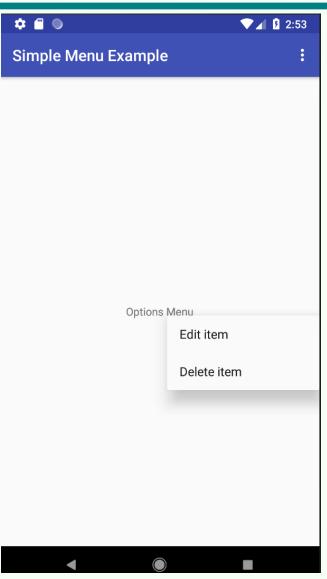
Context Menu

- □ Register the View to which the context menu should be associated by calling registerForContextMenu() and pass it the View.
- ☐ Implement the onCreateContextMenu() method in your Activity or Fragment.
- ☐ Implement onContextItemSelected() in your activity



SimpleMenuExample app







Action Bar

- ☐ Another newer feature introduced in Android 3 and 4 is the Action Bar.
- ☐ Located at the top of the device's screen, the Action Bar displays the application icon together with the activity title.
 - > Optionally, on the right side of the Action Bar are action items.
- ☐ SimpleActionBar example

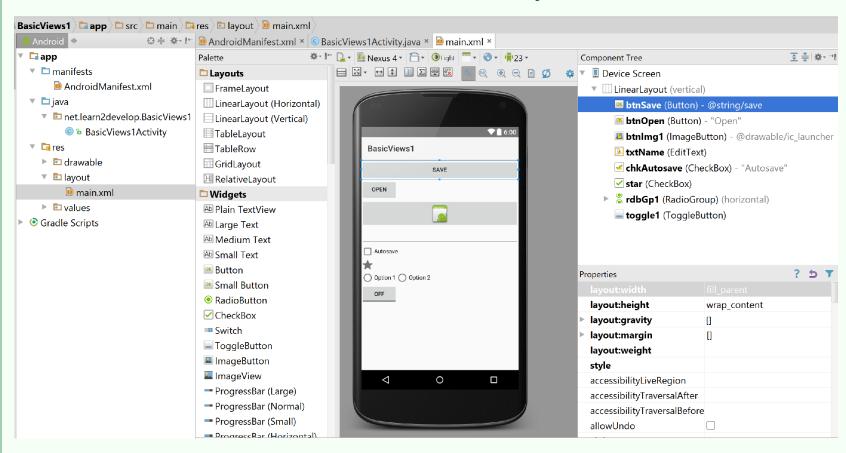
Hello World!

You clicked on Item 1



Designing UI

- ☐ Use design editor (drag and drop)
- ☐ XML definitions will be stored in layout files





Event Handling of Basic Views

1. Create a reference to the control using findViewByld method:

```
Button btnOpen = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.btnOpen);
```

2. Register the control with a proper listener:

```
btnOpen.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {

//Implement the event handler method

public void onClick(View v) {

    DisplayToast("You have clicked the Open button");
    }
});
```

☐ The code above does all it's needed for a button control click event.



Using Check Boxes

- ☐ The Android check box contains a **text** attribute that appears to the side of the check box.
- ☐ This is used in a similar way to the label of a basic button.
 - ➤ In fact, it's basically a TextView next to the button.
- □ Here's an XML layout resource definition for a CheckBox control:

<CheckBox

android:id="@+id/checkbox"

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="Check me?" />



Event handling of Check Boxes

```
//1- create the check box reference
CheckBox checkBox = (CheckBox) findViewByld(R.id.chkAutosave);
//2- register the checkbox reference with a click
listener
       checkBox.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener()
//3- implement the event handler method
               public void onClick(View v) {
                       if (((CheckBox)v).isChecked())
                           DisplayToast("CheckBox is checked");
                       else
                           DisplayToast("CheckBox is unchecked");
       });
```



Using Check Boxes

□ The following example checks the state of the button programmatically and changes the text label to reflect the change:
final CheckBox check button = (CheckBox)

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



- ☐ The RadioButton controls are similar to CheckBox controls.
- ☐ They have a **text label** next to them, set via the text attribute, and they have a **state** (checked or unchecked)
- □ However, you should group RadioButton objects inside a RadioGroup that handles enforcing their combined states so that only one RadioButton can be checked at a time.



☐ The XML layout resource definition below shows a RadioGroup containing four RadioButton objects

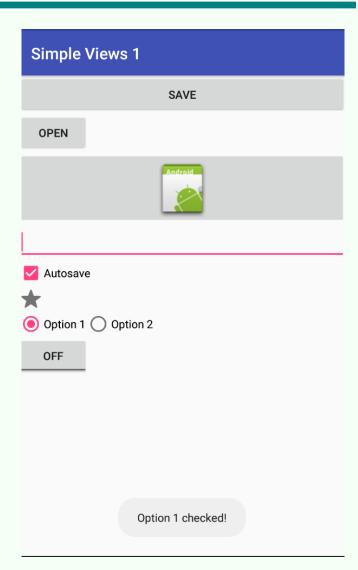
```
<RadioGroup android:id="@+id/RadioGroup01"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
    <RadioButton
    android:id="@+id/RadioButton01"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Option 1">
    </RadioButton>
```



```
< Radio Button and roid: id="@+id/Radio Button 02"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:text="Option 2"></RadioButton>
   < Radio Button and roid: id="@+id/Radio Button 03"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:text="Option 3"></RadioButton>
   < Radio Button and roid: id="@+id/Radio Button 04"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:text="Option 4"></RadioButton>
</RadioGroup>
```



- □ You handle actions on these RadioButton objects through the RadioGroup object.
- □ The following example shows event handling of RadioButton objects for a click event.





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Event handling of Radio buttons

//1- create the radio group reference RadioGroup radioGroup = (RadioGroup) findViewById(R.id.rdbGp1); //2- register the radio group reference with a click listener radioGroup.setOnCheckedChangeListener(new OnCheckedChangeListener() //3- implement the event handler method public void onCheckedChanged(RadioGroup group, int checkedId) RadioButton rb1 = (RadioButton) findViewById(R.id.rdb1); if (rb1.isChecked()) { DisplayToast("Option 1 checked!"); } else { DisplayToast("Option 2 checked!"); **})**;



The following example checks for the state of the radio button and changes the text label to reflect the change:

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



- ☐ The entire RadioGroup can be cleared so that none of the RadioButton objects are selected.
- ☐ The following example demonstrates how to do this in response to a button click outside of the RadioGroup:

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



Toggle buttons

- □ A Toggle Button is similar to a check box 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).
- □ 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.



Toggle buttons

□ The following layout code shows a definition for a toggle button that shows "Enabled" or "Disabled" based on the state of the button:

< Toggle Button

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

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="Toggle"

android:textOff="Disabled"

android:textOn="Enabled" />



Event handling of Toggle buttons

```
//1- create the toggle button reference
ToggleButton toggleButton = (ToggleButton) findViewByld(R.id.toggle1);
//2- register the radio group reference with a click listener
        toggleButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener()
//3- implement the event handler method
                 public void onClick(View v) {
                         if (((ToggleButton)v).isChecked())
                                  DisplayToast("Toggle button is On");
                         else
                                  DisplayToast("Toggle button is Off");
        });
```



Validating Input

- ☐ Using attributes of UI controls:
 - > maxLength

```
<EditText
android:id="@+id/editText1"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:maxLength="5" />
```

- □ Using Input Filters programmatically:
 - Here is an example of an EditText control with two built-in filters that might be appropriate for a two-letter state abbreviation:

```
final EditText text_filtered = (EditText)
  findViewById(R.id.input_filtered);
text_filtered.setFilters(new InputFilter[] {
  new InputFilter.AllCaps(), new InputFilter.LengthFilter(2)
});
```



Using Spinner Controls

- ☐ Limit the choices available for users to type:
 - > set the available choices in the layout definition by using **the entries attribute** with an array resource (specifically a string-array that is referenced as something such as @array/state/province-list):
- □ Here is an example of the XML layout definition for a Spinner control for choosing a color:

```
<Spinner
```

```
android:id="@+id/Spinner01"
```

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:entries="@array/colors"

android:prompt="@string/spin_prompt" />



Spinner Control example

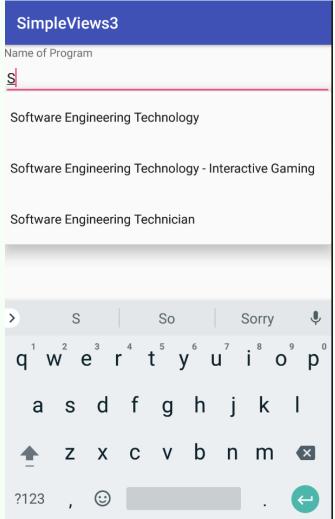
Retrieve the selected View and SpinnerTest1 extract the text directly: Ontario SUBMIT final Spinner spin = (Spinner) findViewById(R.id.provinces_spinner); final Button submit = (Button)findViewByld(R.id.submit); submit.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() { public void onClick(View v) { TextView text_sel = (TextView)spin.getSelectedView(); Toast.makeText(MainActivity.this, "\n spinner = "+text_sel.getText(), Province = Ontario Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show(); Filtering choices with a **spinner** control **})**;



AutoCompleteTextView View

☐ The AutoCompleteTextView is a view

that is similar to EditText
(in fact it is a subclass of EditText),
except that it shows a list of
completion suggestions
automatically while the user
is typing.





AutoCompleteTextView View

```
☐ An ArrayAdapter object manages the array of strings that
  will be displayed by the AutoCompleteTextView.
   String[] programs = { "Software Engineering Technology",
          "Interactive Gaming", "Health Informatics Technology",
          "Mobile Apps Development", "Software Engineering
   Technician" };
☐ You set the AutoCompleteTextView to display in the
  simple_dropdown_item_1line mode:
ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(this,
      android.R.layout.simple_dropdown_item_1line, programs);
AutoCompleteTextView textView = (AutoCompleteTextView)
      findViewById(R.id.txtPrograms);
textView.setThreshold(2);
textView.setAdapter(adapter);
```



Using ImageButton

- ☐ An **ImageButton** is, for most purposes, 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.
- ☐ Here is an example of an ImageButton definition in an XML layout resource file:

<ImageButton</pre>

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:id="@+id/image_button"

android:src="@drawable/droid" />



- ☐ The Android SDK provides several types of progress bars.
- ☐ The **standard progress** bar is a **circular** indicator that only animates.
 - It only shows that something is taking place
 - ➤ There are three sizes of this type of progress indicator
- ☐ A basic **indeterminate** progress bar:
 - < Progress Bar

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





- ☐ Two other styles for indeterminate progress bar are progressBarStyleLarge and progressBarStyleSmall.
 - This style animates automatically
 - ➤ When the value reaches the maximum value, the indicators fade away so that they aren't visible.
- ☐ The following code demonstrates how to place this type of indeterminate progress indicator on your Activity screen:

```
requestWindowFeature(Window.FEATURE_INDETERMINATE _PROGRESS);
```

```
requestWindowFeature(Window.FEATURE_PROGRESS);
setContentView(R.layout.indicators);
```

setProgressBarIndeterminateVisibility(true);

setProgressBarVisibility(true);

setProgress(5000);



☐ We can set the indicator progress status programmatically as follows:

Progress = (ProgressBar) findViewById(R.id.progress_bar); Progress.setProgress(75);

➤ Setting the progress to 75 shows the indicator at 75 percent complete



- ☐ The second type is a **horizontal progress** bar that **shows the completeness** of an action.
 - For example, you can see how much of a file is downloading.
 - ➤ This horizontal progress bar can also have a secondary progress indicator on it
- ☐ This example shows the layout definition for a horizontal progress indicator:

```
<ProgressBar android:id="@+id/progressbar"
android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
style="@android:style/Widget.ProgressBar.Horizontal"/>
```



Android UI thread

- □ Android's main thread launched by the system is called UI thread. Android requires:
 - ➤ Do not block the UI thread create other threads to do some time consuming work
 - ➤ Do not access the Android UI toolkit from outside the UI thread to communicate with the UI thread from your new thread, just post a message to the Handler created on the UI thread:

```
while (progressStatus < 500)
{
    progressStatus = doSomeWork();
    //Update the progress bar
    handler.post(new Runnable()
    {
        public void run() {
            progressBar.setProgress(progressStatus);
        }
     });
}</pre>
```



SimpleVews2 example

SimpleViews2

My Text shown here Text

Do other things



Adjusting Progress with SeekBar

- □ SeekBar looks like the regular horizontal progress bar, 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.

<SeekBar

android:id="@+id/seekbar1"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:layout_width="240px"

android:max="500" />



Adjusting Progress with SeekBar

- □ To show the user what exact value the user is selecting
 - Just provide an implementation of the onProgressChanged()

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



Displaying Rating Data with RatingBar

- □ RatingBar has a more specific purpose: showing ratings or getting a rating from a user:
- ☐ Here's an example of an XML layout resource definition for a RatingBar with four stars:

<RatingBar android:id="@+id/ratebar1"</pre>

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:numStars="4"

android:**stepSiz**e="0.25" />

□ Here, users can choose any rating value between 0 and 4.0, but only in increments of 0.25, the stepSize value



Displaying Rating Data with RatingBar

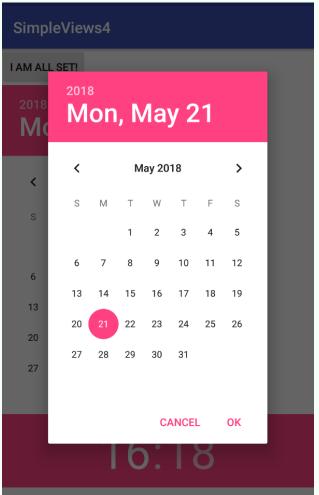
☐ To show a numeric representation of this value to the user implement onRatingChanged() method of the RatingBar.OnRatingBarChangeListener class.

```
RatingBar rate = (RatingBar) 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);
});
```



- □ DatePicker control can be used to get a month, day,
 - and year from the user
- □ The basic XML layout resource definition for a DatePicker follows:

<DatePicker
android:id="@+id/DatePicker01"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content" />





☐ Your code can register to receive a method call when the date changes. ☐ You do this by implementing the onDateChanged() method. final **DatePicker** date = (DatePicker)findViewById(R.id.DatePicker01); date.init(date.getYear(), date.getMonth(), date.getDayOfMonth(), new DatePicker.OnDateChangedListener() { public void onDateChanged(DatePicker view, int year, int monthOfYear, int dayOfMonth) { Date dt = new Date(year-1900, monthOfYear, dayOfMonth, time.getCurrentHour(), time.getCurrentMinute()); text.setText(dt.toString()); **})**;



- ☐ The preceding code sets the DatePicker.OnDateChangedListener by a call to the DatePicker.init() method.
- □ A DatePicker control is initialized with the current date.
- □ A TextView is set with the date value that the user entered into the DatePicker control.
- ☐ The value of 1900 is subtracted from the year parameter to make it compatible with the java.util.Date class.



- ☐ A **TimePicker** control is similar to the DatePicker control.
 - > It also doesn't have any unique attributes.
 - ➤ To register for a method call when the values change, you call setOnTimeChangedListener() method:

```
time.setOnTimeChangedListener(new
    TimePicker.OnTimeChangedListener() {
public void onTimeChanged(TimePicker view,
int hourOfDay, int minute) {
Date dt = new Date(date.getYear()-1900, date.getMonth(),
date.getDayOfMonth(), hourOfDay, minute);
text.setText(dt.toString());
}
});
```

☐ Sets a TextView to a string displaying the time value that the user entered



Android user interface designers can group layout element attributes together in styles
 Styles are tagged with the <style> tag and should be stored in the /res/values/ directory.
 Style resources are defined in XML and compiled into the application binary at build time
 Styles in Android share a similar philosophy to cascading stylesheets in web design—they allow you to separate the design from the content.



☐ For example, by using a style, you can take this layout XML: <TextView android:layout_width="fill_parent" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:textColor="#00FF00" android:typeface="monospace" android:text="@string/hello"/> And turn it into this: <TextView **style** = "@style/mandatory_text_field_style" android:text="@string/hello"/>



- ☐ Here's an example of a simple style resource file /res/values/styles.xml containing two styles:
 - one for mandatory form fields, and one for optional form fields on TextView and EditText objects:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="mandatory_text_field_style">
    <item name="android:textColor">#000000</item>
    <item name="android:textSize">14pt</item>
    <item name="android:textStyle">bold</item>
    </style>
    <style name="optional_text_field_style">
    <item name="android:textColor">#0F0F0F</item>
    <item name="android:textSize">12pt</item>
    <item name="android:textStyle">italic</item>
    </style>
</resources>
```



☐ Here's the **styles.xml** file again; this time, the color and text size fields are available in the other resource files: colors.xml and dimens.xml: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <resources> <style name="mandatory_text_field_style"> <item name="android:textColor">@color/mand_text_color</item> <item name="android:textSize">@dimen/important_text</item> <item name="android:textStyle">bold</item> </style> <style name="optional_text_field_style"> <item name="android:textColor">@color/opt_text_color</item> <item name="android:textSize">@dimen/unimportant_text</item> <item name="android:textStyle">italic</item> </style> </resources>



☐ You can set each control's style attribute by referencing it as:

style="@style/name_of_style"

For example:

```
<TextView
```

android:id="@+id/TextView01"

style="@style/mandatory_text_field_style"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="@string/mand_label"

android:layout_width="wrap_content" />



Working with Themes

- □ Themes are like styles, but instead of being applied to one layout element at a time, they are applied to all elements of a given activity.
- ☐ Themes are defined in exactly the same way as styles.
 - ➤ Themes use the <style> tag and should be stored in the /res/values directory.
- ☐ The only difference is that instead of applying that named style to a layout element, you define it as the theme attribute of an activity in the AndroidManifest.xml file



Working with Themes

☐ To set a theme for all the activities of your
application, open the AndroidManifest.xml file and
edit the <application> tag to include the</application>
android:theme attribute with the style name. For
example:
<application android:theme="@style/CustomTheme"></application>
☐ To apply a theme to just one Activity in your
application, add the android:theme attribute to the <activity> tag instead:</activity>
<activity android:theme="@android:style/CustomTheme"></activity>
☐ You can inherit built-in themes. For example:
<activity android:theme="@android:style/Theme.Dialog"></activity>
will make your activity to look like a dialog box



Styles Example

☐ SimplyStylesTest app SimplyStyleTest

mandatory label 2 mandatory

optional label 1

optional default

optional label 1

optional default



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