# CSIT242 Mobile Application Development

LECTURE 5 - ANIMATIONS AND MEDIA

### Outline

- Android Animations, Transitions
- Android Multimedia Framework
- Android Camera
- iOS Animations
- iOS Core Animation
- iOS Media Layer Core Graphics, Core Image, AVFoundation
- iOS Camera



- Animation is actually illusion of motion
  - It is a technique in which successive images which differs very lightly creates effect of motion
- Animations can add visual cues that notify users about what's going on in the app
  - such as when new content loads or new actions become available
- Animations add a polished look to the app a higher quality look and feel





- Animate bitmaps animating a bitmap graphic such as an icon or illustration
  - These animations are defined statically with a drawable resource, but the animation behaviour can be defined at runtime as well
  - For example, animating a play button transforming into a pause button
- Animate UI visibility and motion changing the visibility or position of views in the layout
  - including subtle animations to help the user understand how the UI is changing
- Physics-based motion the animations should apply real-world physics so they are natural-looking
  - For example, they should maintain momentum when their target changes, and make smooth transitions during any changes



- Animate layout changes on Android 4.4 (API level 19) and higher, the transition framework is used to create animations for swapping the layout within the current activity or fragment
  - For example, when the user taps an item to see more information, the layout is replaced with the item details
- Animate between activities on Android 5.0 (API level 21) and higher, can be created animations for transition between activities
  - This is based on the same transition framework as animate layout changes, but it allows creating animations between layouts in separate activities



- Generally, an Animation resource can define two types of Android animation:
  - View animations
    - Tween animations these animations are applied to View objects
    - Frame animations these display a sequence of drawable images
  - Property animations these enable you to change the properties of an object, like text size or colour



- View animation system can be used to perform tween animation on Views
  - Tween animation calculates the animation with information such as the start point, end point, size, rotation, and other common aspects of an animation
- A tween animation can perform a series of simple transformations on the contents of a View object
  - For example, a TextView object can move, rotate, grow, or shrink the text
- The animation package provides all the classes used in a tween animation
  - Packages that need to be included are: android.view.animation.Animation and android.view.animation.AnimationUtils
- A sequence of animation instructions that defines the tween animation can be defined by XML or Android code



- The animation instructions define the transformations to occur, when they will occur, and how long they should take to apply
- Transformations can be sequential or simultaneous
  - For example, you can have the contents of a TextView move from left to right, and then rotate 180 degrees, or you can have the text move and rotate simultaneously.
- Each transformation takes a set of common parameters (start time and duration) and a set of parameters specific for that transformation
  - starting size and ending size for size change,
  - starting angle and ending angle for rotation, etc.,
- To make several transformations happen simultaneously
  - they should have the same start time
- To make several transformations happen sequential
  - the start time plus the duration of the preceding transformation need to be calculated



- The animation XML files belongs in the res/anim/ directory of the Android project
- The file must have a single root element:
  - <alpha>
    - attributes: android: fromAlpha, android: toAlpha
  - <scale>
    - attributes: android:fromXScale, android:toXScale, android:fromYScale, android:toYScale, android:pivotX, android:pivotY
  - <translate>
    - attributes: android:fromXDelta, android:toXDelta, android:fromYDelta, android:toYDelta
  - <rotate>
    - attributes: android:fromDegrees, android:toDegrees, android:pivotX, android:pivotY
  - interpolator element or
  - <set> element that holds groups of these elements (which may include another <set>)
- By default, all animation instructions are applied simultaneously; To make them occur sequentially, you must specify the startOffset attribute



• Example:

```
/* file spaceship anim.xml */
                            <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
                             <set xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
                                 android:interpolator="@android:anim/decelerate interpolator">
                                     <scale
                                         android:fromXScale="1.4"
                                         android:toXScale="0.5"
                                         android:fromYScale="1.4"
                                         android:toYScale="0.5"
                                         android:pivotX="50%"
                                         android:pivotY="50%"
                                         android:startOffset="700"
                                         android:duration="1000"
                                         android:fillBefore="false" />
                                     <rotate</pre>
                                         android:fromDegrees="0"
                                         android:toDegrees="-360"
                                         android:pivotX="50%"
                                         android:pivotY="50%"
                                         android:startOffset="1700"
                                         android:duration="4000" />
                             </set>
/*in MainActivity.java*/
   ImageView spaceshipImage = (ImageView) findViewById(R.id.imageView);
   Animation animation = AnimationUtils.loadAnimation(getApplicationContext(), R.anim.spaceship anim);
    spaceshipImage.startAnimation(animation);
```



- The property animation system is a robust framework that allows animating almost anything
  - It define an animation to change any object property over time, regardless of whether it draws to the screen or not
- A property animation changes a property's (a field in an object) value over a specified length of time



- The property animation system allows defining the following characteristics of an animation:
  - Duration of an animation
  - Time interpolation how the values for the property are calculated as a function of the animation's current elapsed time
  - Repeat count and behavior whether or not to have an animation repeat when it reaches the end of a duration and how many times to repeat the animation specify whether the animation to play back in reverse
  - Animator sets group animations into logical sets that play together or sequentially or after specified delays
  - Frame refresh delay how often to refresh frames of the animation
- The animation XML file belongs in the res/animator/ directory of the Android project



- Most of the property animation system's APIs are in android.animation
- Some important components (class/interface) of the property animation system are:
  - ValueAnimator keeps track of the animation's timing, such as how long the animation has been running, and computes the value of the property that it is animating
  - ObjectAnimator (subclass of ValueAnimator) allows setting a target object and object property to animate updates the property accordingly when it computes a new value for the animation
  - AnimatorSet provides a mechanism to group animations together so that they run in relation to one another



- Evaluators tell the property animation system how to calculate values for a given property it take the timing data that is provided by an Animator class, the animation's start and end value, and calculate the animated values of the property based on this data
- Time interpolator defines how specific values in an animation are calculated as a function of time
  - For example, you can specify animations to happen linearly across the whole animation, meaning the animation moves evenly the entire time, or you can specify animations to use non-linear time, for example, accelerating at the beginning and decelerating at the end of the animation
  - Because the view animation system already defines many interpolators in android.view.animation, those interpolators can be used in the property animation system as well



- Animation Listeners can be implemented to listen for important events during an animation's duration:
  - Animator.AnimatorListener
    - onAnimationStart() Called when the animation starts
    - onAnimationEnd() Called when the animation ends
    - onAnimationRepeat() Called when the animation repeats itself
    - onAnimationCancel() Called when the animation is canceled
  - ValueAnimator.AnimatorUpdateListener
    - onAnimationUpdate() called on every frame of the animation
- Instead of implementing the Animator. AnimatorListener interface AnimatorListenerAdapter class can be extended
  - The AnimatorListenerAdapter class provides empty implementations of the methods that can be overriden



#### • Example:

```
/* file sun swing.xml */
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<set xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android:interpolator="@android:anim/accelerate decelerate interpolator"
    android:ordering="sequentially" >
    <objectAnimator</pre>
        android:duration="3000"
        android:propertyName="x"
        android:repeatCount="infinite"
        android:repeatMode="reverse"
        android:valueTo="-400"
        android:valueType="floatType" />
</set>
                                      /* file wheel spin.xml */
                                      <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
                                      <set xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
                                          android:interpolator="@android:anim/accelerate decelerate interpolator"
                                          android:ordering="sequentially" >
                                          <objectAnimator</pre>
                                              android:duration="3000"
                                              android:propertyName="rotation"
                                              android:repeatCount="infinite"
                                              android:repeatMode="reverse"
                                              android:valueTo="180"
                                              android:valueType="floatType" />
                                      </set>
```



### • Example:

```
/*in MainActivity.java*/
    //wheel animation
ImageView wheel = (ImageView) findViewById(R.id.wheel);
//load the wheel animation
AnimatorSet wheelSet = (AnimatorSet)
AnimatorInflater.loadAnimator(this, R.animator.wheel spin);
//set the view as target
wheelSet.setTarget(wheel);
//start the animation
wheelSet.start();
//get the sun view
ImageView sun = (ImageView) findViewById(R.id.sun);
//load the sun movement animation
AnimatorSet sunSet = (AnimatorSet)
AnimatorInflater.loadAnimator(this, R.animator.sun swing);
//set the view as target
sunSet.setTarget(sun);
//start the animation
sunSet.start();
```

```
//darken skv
ObjectAnimator skyAnim =
ObjectAnimator.ofInt(findViewById(R.id.car layout),
     "backgroundColor", Color.rgb(0x66, 0xcc, 0xff),
                       Color. rgb(0x00, 0x66, 0x99));
skyAnim.setDuration(3000);
skyAnim.setRepeatCount(ValueAnimator.INFINITE);
skyAnim.setRepeatMode(ValueAnimator.REVERSE);
skyAnim.setEvaluator(new ArgbEvaluator());
skyAnim.start();
//move clouds
ObjectAnimator cloudAnim = ObjectAnimator.ofFloat(
             findViewById(R.id.cloud1), "x",
                                                350);
cloudAnim.setDuration(3000);
cloudAnim.setRepeatCount(ValueAnimator.INFINITE);
cloudAnim.setRepeatMode(ValueAnimator.REVERSE);
cloudAnim.start();
//other cloud
ObjectAnimator cloudAnim2 = ObjectAnimator.ofFloat(
               findViewById(R.id.cloud2), "x", 300);
cloudAnim2.setDuration(3000);
cloudAnim2.setRepeatCount(ValueAnimator.INFINITE);
cloudAnim2.setRepeatMode(ValueAnimator.REVERSE);
cloudAnim2.start();
```



### Android – Property Animation vs View Animation

- The view animation system provides the capability to only animate View objects, so to animate non-View objects, additional own code is needed
- The view animation system only exposes a few aspects of a View object to animate,
   such as the scaling and rotation of a View
- View animation system only modifies where the View was drawn, and not the actual
   View itself
- The property animation system can animate any property of any object (Views and non-Views) and the object itself is actually modified
- The property animation system is more robust in the way it carries out animation
  - Animators can be assign to the properties to be animated (colour, position, size) and can be defined aspects of the animation as interpolation and synchronization of multiple animators
- The view animation system takes less time to setup and requires less code to write
- Both animation systems can be used for different situations



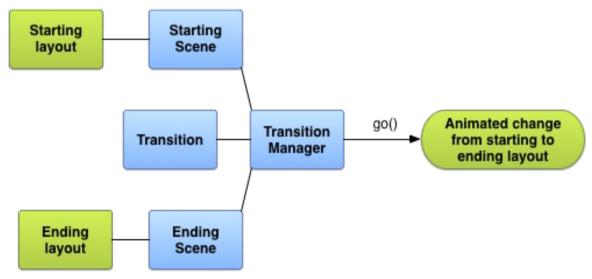
### Android – Transition

- android.transition package enables "scenes & transitions" functionality for view hierarchies
- Android's transition framework allows animation of all kinds of motion in the UI by simply providing the starting layout and the ending layout
  - the transition framework figures out how to animate from the starting layout to the ending layout based on the selected type of animation (e.g. fade the views in/out or change the view sizes)
- The transition framework includes the following features:
  - Group-level animations apply one or more animation effects to all of the views in a view hierarchy
  - Built-in animations use predefined animations for common effects such as fade out or movement
  - Resource file support load view hierarchies and built-in animations from layout resource files
  - Lifecycle callbacks receive callbacks that provide control over the animation and hierarchy change process



### Android – Transition

- The basic process to animate between two layouts is as follows:
  - Create a Scene object for the starting layout and the ending layout
    - The starting layout's scene is often determined automatically from the current layout
  - Create a Transition object define what type of animation should be applied
  - Call TransitionManager.go() the system runs the animation to swap the layouts



Source: https://developer.android.com/training/transitions



# Android – Multimedia framework

- The Android multimedia framework includes support for playing variety of common media types, allowing easy integration of audio, video and images into the applications
- By using Android APIs, the app can offer playing audio or video from media files stored in:
  - the application's resources (raw resources)
  - from standalone files in the file system
  - or from a data stream arriving over a network connection
- Classes that are used to play sound and video in the Android framework are:
  - MediaPlayer this class is the primary API for playing sound and video
  - AudioManager this class manages audio sources and audio output on a device



- MediaPlayer class one of the most important components of the media framework
- An object of this class can fetch, decode, and play both audio and video with minimal setup
- It supports different media sources:
  - Local resources
  - Internal URIs (e.g. obtained from a Content Resolver)
  - External URLs (streaming)



- Depending on the files that will be used and the related features used by the MediaPlayer, some permissions need to be requested
- The manifest file must have the appropriate declarations for:
  - Internet Permission (network access) if the app is using MediaPlayer to stream network-based content

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

• Wake Lock Permission - If the app media player needs to keep the screen from dimming or the processor from sleeping - uses the methods

```
MediaPlayer.setScreenOnWhilePlaying() or
MediaPlayer.setWakeMode() methods
```

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WAKE\_LOCK"/>



- Example:
  - play audio that is available as a local raw resource (saved in the application's res/raw/ directory)

A "raw" resource is a file that the system does not try to parse in any particular way. It should be a properly encoded and formatted media file in one of the supported formats.



### • Example:

 play audio from a URI available locally in the system (can be obtained through a Content Resolver or other way)

```
Uri myUri = ....; // initialize Uri here
MediaPlayer mediaPlayer = new MediaPlayer();
mediaPlayer.setAudioAttributes(
    new AudioAttributes.Builder()
        .setContentType(AudioAttributes.CONTENT TYPE MUSIC)
        .setUsage(AudioAttributes.USAGE MEDIA)
        .build()
);
mediaPlayer.setDataSource(getApplicationContext(), myUri);
mediaPlayer.prepare(); // Prepares the player for
                       //playback, synchronously
mediaPlayer.start();
```



- Example:
  - play audio from a remote URL via HTTP streaming

```
String url = "http://....;
MediaPlayer mediaPlayer = new MediaPlayer();
mediaPlayer.setAudioAttributes(
    new AudioAttributes.Builder()
        .setContentType(AudioAttributes.CONTENT TYPE MUSIC)
        .setUsage (AudioAttributes.USAGE MEDIA)
        .build()
); mediaPlayer.setDataSource(url);
mediaPlayer.prepare();
// might take long! (for fetching, buffering)
mediaPlayer.start();
```

If a URL is passed for streaming an online media file, the file must be capable of progressive download.



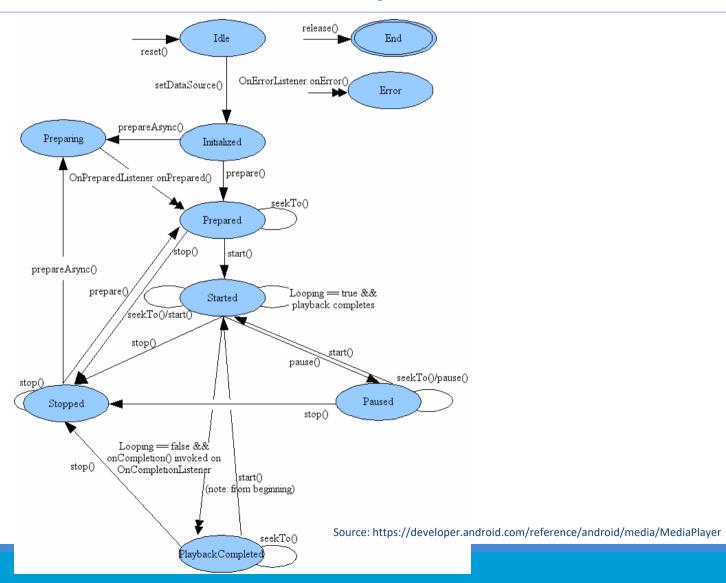
- The call to prepare () can take a long time to execute, because it involve fetching and decoding media data
  - Should never be called from the application's UI thread
- Another way to overcome this is using the prepareAsync() method that starts preparing the media in the background and returns immediately
  - MediaPlayer.OnPreparedListener, setOnPreparedListener(), onPrepared()
- MediaPlayer is a state-based has an internal state and certain operations are only valid when the player is in specific states
  - Calling MediaPlayer methods from the wrong state is a common cause of bugs
- MediaPlayer release() method should be called (when the instance is no longer needed) to make sure that any system resources allocated to it are properly released:

```
mediaPlayer.release();
mediaPlayer = null;
```



- The media can be played in the background (even when the application is not onscreen)
- For this purpose the app needs to start Service that will control the MediaPlayer instance
- All work in a Service is done in a single thread by default if an activity and a service are running from the same application, they use the same thread (the "main thread")
  - When using a MediaPlayer from the main thread, should be called prepareAsync() rather than prepare(), and implement a MediaPlayer.OnPreparedListener (onPrepared() method) in order get notification when the preparation is complete and the playing can start







- When designing applications that play media in the background, the device may go to sleep while your service is running
  - In order to ensure that the service continues to run under those conditions, "wake locks" should be used
- A wake lock is a way to signal to the system that the application is using some feature that should stay available even if the phone is idle
  - Possible solution is to call the setWakeMode() method when initializing your
     MediaPlayer

If you are streaming media over the network and you are using Wi-Fi, you probably want to hold a WifiLock as well!



- When a MediaPlayer is used as the main activity where user would like to have full control of it, should be used as Foreground service
- A foreground service holds a higher level of importance within the system the system will almost never kill the service, because it is of immediate importance to the user
- When running in the foreground, the service also must provide a status bar notification to ensure that users are aware of the running service and allow them to open an activity that can interact with the service

More readings: https://developer.android.com/guide/components/services



# Android – Supported media format

#### Audio

Format/Codec	File Type	
AAC LC	3GPP (.3gp)	
HE-AACv1, HE-AACv2, xHE-AAC	.mp4, .m4a .aac	
AAC ELD	MPEG-TS(.ts)	
AMR-NB and AMR-WB	3GPP (.3gp)	
FLAC	.flac only	
MP3	.mp3	
MIDI	.mid, .xmf, .mx	mf, .rtttl,
Vorbis	.ogg and .mkv	
PCM/WAVE	.wav	
Opus	.mkv	Source: https://developer.and



# Android – Supported media format

#### Video

Format/Codec	File Type
H.263	.3gp, mp4
H.264 AVC	.3gp, .mp4, .ts
H.265 HEVC	.mp4
MPEG-4 SP	.3gp
VP8	.webm, .mkv
VP9	
AV1	.mp4, .mkv

Source: https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/media/media-formats



### Android – Camera

- The Android framework includes support for various cameras and camera features available on devices, allowing to capture pictures and videos in the applications
- For performing basic camera actions (capturing a photo or video) by using the device's default camera application, camera intents should be used
- For the implementation of camera functionality in an Android app, there are three main options:
  - CameraX (recommended)
  - Camera2
  - Camera (deprecated)



### Android – Camera

- Use of an Intent to invoke an existing Android camera app a quick way to enable taking pictures or videos in the application without writing a lot of code
- A camera intent makes a request to capture a picture or video clip through an existing camera app and then returns control back to your application
  - Create the Intent
  - Start the external Activity
  - Handle the image data/video when focus returns to the activity



### Android – Camera

- Camera2 is the low-level Android camera package (it replaces the deprecated Camera class)
- Camera2 provides in-depth controls for complex use cases, but requires managing device-specific configurations
  - e.g. use multiple camera streams simultaneously



### Android – Camera

- CameraX provides a consistent, easy-to-use API that works across the vast majority of Android devices
- Advantages:
  - Broad device compatibility (backward-compatibility to Android 5.0)
  - Ease of use, by supporting
    - Preview
    - Image analysis
    - Image capture
    - Video capture
  - Consistency across devices (consistent API experience across different device types and manufacturers)
  - Camera extensions (optional Extensions API)



### Android – Camera

- Camera Permission request permission to use a device camera
  - This permission do not need to be included if the camera is used by invoking an existing camera app

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

Storage Permission – declare use of device's external storage for devices running
 Android 9 and below

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

• CameraX has minimum version requirements for *Android API level 21* and *Android Architecture Components 1.1.1* 



- Animation is the visible change of an attribute over time
  - The changing attribute might be positional: something moves or changes size; But other kinds of attribute can animate as well
- Animation is crucial to the character of the iOS interface



- UIImageView provides a form of very simple animation
- **UIImageView** can be supplied with an array of **UIImages**, as the value of its **animationImages** or **highlightedAnimation** images property
  - This array represents the "frames" of a simple cartoon so when the startAnimating message is sent, the images are displayed at a frame rate determined by the animationDuration property and repeating as many times as specified by the animationRepeatCount property (the default is 0, meaning to repeat forever) or until the stopAnimating message is received
- Before and after the animation, the image view continues displaying its image (or highlightedImage)
- An image itself can be an animated image the difference is that an animated image is always animating, repeating its sequence as long as it appears in the interface



- UIView can be animated directly for a limited range of properties (alpha, bounds, center, frame, transform, and in some cases backgroundColor)
- The view animation API has evolved historically in three distinct major stages

#### •1. Begin and commit

 A view animation constructed imperatively using a sequence of UIView class methods

#### For example:

```
UIView.beginAnimations(nil, context: nil)
UIView.setAnimationDuration(1)
self.v.backgroundColor = .red
UIView.commitAnimations()
```



- 2. Block-based animation
  - Starting with iOS 4, the entire operation of configuring a view animation was reduced to a single UIView class (static) method, to which we need to pass a block in which is set an animatable property

```
animate (withDuration:delay:options:animations:completitions)
For example:
    UIView.animate(withDuration:1) {
        self.v.backgroundColor = .red
}
```

• Block-based animation completely supersedes begin-and-commit animation

In a UIView.animate class method, the options: argument combines additional options: timing curve, repeat, autoreverse.



• New solution in iOS 13, is to omit .autoreverse and .repeat from the animation options, and instead call another UIView class method

```
modifyAnimations(withRepeatCount:autoreverses:)
```

inside the animations function containing the actual animations:



- 3. Property animator
  - In iOS 10 was introduced the property animator (UIViewPropertyAnimator)
  - It receives an animations function in which an animatable property/ies is set For example:

```
let anim = UIViewPropertyAnimator(duration: 1, curve: .linear)
{
    self.v.backgroundColor = .red
}
anim.startAnimation()
```

• Instead of the standard initializers, If we want to start the animations immediately after the creation of the animator, the following method can be used

• This method creates the property animator object, configures it, and calls its startAnimation() method



- The property animator does not supersede block-based animation it supplements and expands it
- For certain kinds of animation (repeating animation, autoreversing animation, transition animation) the block-based animation is more applicable
- The property animator advantages
  - a full range of timing curves : .curveEaseInOut, .curveEaseIn, .curveEaseOut, .curveLinear
  - multiple completion functions that contains commands to be executed when the animation finishes
  - state of the animation: .inactive, .active, .stopped
  - ability to pause, resume, reverse (isReversed property), and interact by touch with a view animation

If there is need for the delay of the animation can be used: func addAnimations(() -> Void, delayFactor: CGFloat) or
startAnimation(afterDelay: TimeInterval)



#### Example

```
var scaleFactor: CGFloat = 2
var angle: Double = 180
let timing = UICubicTimingParameters(animationCurve: .easeIn)
let animator = UIViewPropertyAnimator(duration:2.5,
                                              timingParameters:timing)
animator.addAnimations {
      let scaleTrans = CGAffineTransform(scaleX: self.scaleFactor,
                                                    y: self.scaleFactor)
      let rotateTrans = CGAffineTransform( rotationAngle:
                                   CGFloat(self.angle * Double.pi/180))
      self.smileImq.transform = scaleTrans.concatenating(rotateTrans)
      self.angle = (self.angle = 180 ? 360 : 180)
      self.scaleFactor = (self.scaleFactor == 2 ? 1 : 2)
      self.label?.backgroundColor = UIColor.purple
animator.addCompletion { in
               self.label?.backgroundColor = UIColor.green }
animator.startAnimation()
```



### iOS — Transitions

- A transition is an animation that emphasizes a view's change of content
- Transitions are ordered using one of two UIView class methods:
  - transition(with:duration:options:animations:completion:)
  - transition(from:to:duration:options:completion:)
  - The transition animation types are expressed as part of the options: bitmask:
    - .transitionFlipFromLeft, .transitionFlipFromRight
    - .transitionCurlUp, .transitionCurlDown
    - .transitionFlipFromBottom, .transitionFlipFromTop
    - .transitionCrossDissolve



### iOS – Transitions

For example

a UIImageView containing an image of smiley curl up / flips over as its image changes to a other smiley face

```
let opts: UIView.AnimationOptions = .transitionCurlUp

UIView.transition(with: self.smileImg, duration:0.8, options: opts, animations: {
        if self.smileImg.tag == 1 {
            self.smileImg.image = UIImage(named: "smile2")
            self.smileImg.tag = 2}
        else{
            self.smileImg.image = UIImage(named: "smile1")
            self.smileImg.tag = 1
        }
    })
```



- Core Animation is the fundamental underlying iOS animation technology
- Core Animation is explicit layer animation, and revolves primarily around the **CAAnimation** class and its subclasses, which allows creating far more elaborate specifications of an animation than other animations
- Core Animation works on a view's underlying layer it is the only way to apply full-on layer property animation to a view
  - permits fine control over the intermediate values and timing of an animation
  - allows animations to be grouped into complex combinations
  - provides transition animation effects that aren't available otherwise, such as new content "pushing" the previous content out of a layer

Animating a view's underlying layer with Core Animation is layer animation, not view animation — so you don't get any automatic layout of that view's subviews. This can be a reason for preferring view animation.



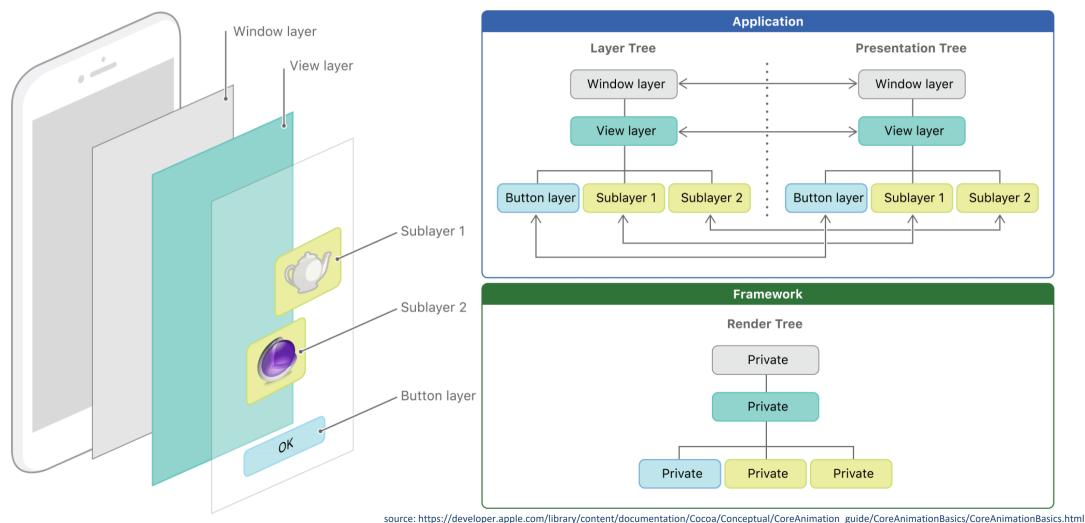
- Core Animation is a graphics rendering and animation infrastructure that can be used for animation of the views and other visual elements in the app
  - It is not a drawing system itself and is not replacement for the app's views
- Core Animation is doing most of the work required to draw each frame of an animation
  - only few animation parameters (such as the start and end points) needs to be configured and tell Core Animation to start
- Core Animation is handing most of the actual drawing work
  - It achieves this behavior by caching the contents of views into bitmaps that can be manipulated directly by the graphics hardware
  - This automatic graphics acceleration results in high frame rates and smooth animations without burdening the CPU and slowing down the app



- An app using Core Animation has three sets of layer objects
- •Each set of layer objects has a different role in making the content of the app appear onscreen:
  - Objects in the model layer tree (or simply "layer tree") are the ones the app interacts
    with the most; The objects in this tree are the model objects that store the target
    values for any animations; Whenever you change the property of a layer, you use one
    of these objects
  - Objects in the presentation tree contain the in-flight values for any running animations; The objects in the presentation tree reflect the current values as they appear onscreen
  - Objects in the render tree perform the actual animations and are private to Core Animation

You should never modify the objects in the presentation tree. Instead, you use these objects to read current animation values, perhaps to create a new animation starting at those values.







- Layers are not a replacement for the app's views, so a visual interface cannot be created based solely on layer objects
- Layers provide infrastructure for the views
  - Layers make it easier and more efficient to draw and animate the contents of views and maintain high frame rates while doing so
  - Layers do not handle events, draw content, participate in the responder chain, or do many other things
  - Every app must still have one or more views to handle those kinds of interactions
- In iOS, every view is backed by a corresponding layer object



## iOS – Media Layer

- Technologies of the Media layer allow 2D and 3D graphics, animations, image effects, and professional-grade audio and video functionality into the app
- This layer has the many frameworks like:
  - Core Graphics provides support for managing the graphic context and for drawing (primitive shapes, images, text, ...)
  - Core Animation provides support for animating views and other content
  - Core Image provides support for manipulating video and still images
  - OpenGL provide support for 2D and 3D rendering using hardware-accelerated interfaces
  - Core Text provides a text layout and rendering engine
  - AVFoundation provides services for audiovisual media
  - Core Audio provides sophisticated services for manipulating multichannel audio

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## iOS – Core Graphics

- The Core Graphics framework is based on the Quartz advanced drawing engine
- It provides low-level, lightweight 2D rendering with high-fidelity output
- Core graphics framework can be used to handle
  - path-based drawing
  - transformations
  - color management
  - offscreen rendering
  - patterns
  - gradients and shadings
  - image data management
  - image creation, and image masking
  - PDF document creation, display, and parsing



### iOS – Core Image

- The Core Image is an image processing and analysis technology that provides high-performance (near real-time) processing for still and video images
- It allows use of many built-in image filters to process images and build complex effects by chaining filters
- Core Image hides the details of low-level graphics processing by providing an easy-to-use application programming interface (API)
- Core Image operates on image data types from the Core Graphics, Core Video, and Image I/O frameworks, using either a GPU or CPU rendering path

You can use both the built-in and custom image processing filters in your app to implement special effects and perform other types of image manipulations.



### iOS – Core Image

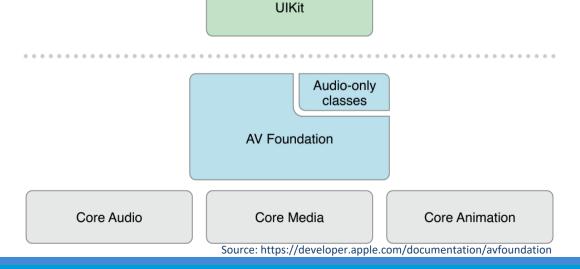
- The Core Image framework provides:
  - Crop, composite, blur, and sharpen images
  - Correct colour (including white-point adjustments)
  - Apply colour effects (e.g. sepia tone)
  - Generate colour, checkerboard patterns, Gaussian gradients, other pattern images
  - Warp the geometry of an image applying an affine transform or a displacement effect
  - Add transition effects to images or video
  - Provide real-time control (e.g. colour adjustment and support for sports mode, vivid mode, and other video modes)
  - Apply linear lighting effects (e.g. spotlights)
  - Face detection including mouth and eye bounds



 AVFoundation is one of several frameworks that can be used to play and create time-based audiovisual media

•The AV Foundation framework (AVFoundation.framework) provides services for capturing, playing, inspecting, editing, and reencoding time-based

audiovisual media



**AVKit** 



- The services offered by this AVFoundation framework include:
  - Movie or audio capture
  - Movie or audio playback, including precise synchronization and audio panning
  - Media editing and track management
  - Media asset and metadata management
  - Audio file inspection (e.g. data format, sample rate, and number of channels)
- For most audio recording and playback requirements, can be used the following classes:
  - AVAudioPlayer to play sound files,
  - AVAudioRecorder to record audio.



- An audio player (AVAudioPlayer) is part of the AVFoundation framework and is the easiest way to play sounds with any degree of sophistication
  - Acceptable sound types include: MP3, AAC, ALAC, AIFF and WAV starting in iOS 11 FLAC and Opus
  - Advantages: setting a sound's volume and stereo pan features, loop a sound, change the playing rate, set playback to begin somewhere in the middle of a sound
  - An audio player should always be used in conjunction with an audio session

A single audio player can possess and play only one sound; but you can have multiple audio players, they can play separately or simultaneously, and you can even synchronize them.



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### iOS – AVFoundation

 Example (MyAudioPlayer) var myAudioPlayer : AVAudioPlayer? let soundPath = Bundle.main.path(forResource: "MySong", ofType: "mp3") let fileData = URL.init(fileURLWithPath: soundPath!) do{ try myAudioPlayer = AVAudioPlayer(contentsOf: fileData) myAudioPlayer?.prepareToPlay() //load the buffers + initialize hardware catch{ print("error playing sound file") myAudioPlayer?.play()

/\* if let player = myAudioPlayer(. player.play()



- Video playback can be performed using classes such as AVPlayer provided by the AVFoundation framework
  - It supports a standard movie format like .mov or .mp4, as well as a sound files
- An AVPlayer is not a view!
  - An AVPlayer's content is made visible through a AVPlayerLayer (subclass of CALayer) which can be added to the app's interface
- An AVFoundation video playback interface can be wrapped in a simple view controller
  - AVPlayerViewController (provided by the AVKit framework) automatically hosts an
    associated AVPlayerLayer in its own main view, providing standard playback transport
    controls start and stop play or seek to a different frame
- If the app being sent into the background AVPlayer will pause and resume when the app returns to the foreground

A mobile device does not have unlimited power for decoding and presenting video in real time. A video that plays on your computer might not play at all on an iOS device.



Example: MyAVPlayer

```
let av = AVPlayerViewController()
let url = Bundle.main.url(forResource: "myVideo", withExtension:
"mov")!
let player = AVPlayer (url: url)
av.player = player
self.addChild(av)
self.view.addSubview(av.view)
av.view.frame = self.view.frame
//player.play()
let av = seque.destination as! AVPlayerViewController
let videoPath = Bundle.main.path(forResource: "myVideo", ofType: "mov")
let fileData = URL.init(fileURLWithPath: videoPath!)
let player = AVPlayer (url: fileData)
av.player = player
//av.player?.play()
self.present(av, animated: true)
```



# iOS – Supported media format

Some of the media formats supported by MacOS (OS X)

Format/Codec	File Type
Image formats	PICT, BMP, GIF, JPEG, TIFF, PNG, DIB, ICO, EPS, PDF
Audio file and data formats	AAC, AIFF, WAVE, uLaw, AC3, MPEG-3, MPEG-4 (.mp4, .m4a), .snd, .au, .caf, Adaptive multi-rate (.amr)
Video file formats	AVI, AVR, DV, M-JPEG, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, AAC, OpenDML, 3GPP, 3GPP2, AMC, H.264, iTunes (.m4v), QuickTime (.mov, .qt)
Web streaming protocols	HTTP, RTP, RTSP

Source: https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/MacOSX/Conceptual/OSX Technology Overview/MediaLayer/MediaLayer.html

Apple lists compatible media formats for each iOS device under the "Tech Specs" page (on apple website)



- Photos framework (Photo Kit) provides support for manipulating photo albums and editing user's photos
- The UIImagePickerController is a class that:
  - can provide an interface in which the user can choose an item from the photo library
  - be used to give the user an interface similar to the Camera app, letting the user take photos and videos on devices with the necessary hardware
- introduced in iOS 14 the PHPickerViewController class
  - can give the user an interface for exploring the photo library and choosing a photo (need to import PhotosUI)
- To use the photo library or camera, first need to be checked if it is available using UIImagePickerController.isSourceTypeAvailable(\_:) method with:
  - .photoLibrary parameter for the photo library
  - .camera paremeter for camera.



- Access to the camera and photo library requires user authorization
  - There is need for explicit authorization of the user for camera and photo library use
  - AVCaptureDevice.authorizationStatus(forMediaType:
     .video) returns current authorization status for camera use.
  - PHPhotoLibrary.authorizationStatus() returns
     information about app's authorization for accessing the user's Photos
     library



- App's Info.plist file must provide a value for the Photo Library Usage Description, Photo Library Additions Usage and Camera Usage Description key
  - The first time any objects for a media type that requires permission is created, the system automatically displays an alert to request recording permission
  - Alternatively, can be called other methods to prompt the user at a time of your choosing
    - AVCaptureDevice.requestAccess (...) method should be used for requesting the user's permission for recording a specified media type
    - PHPhotoLibrary.requestAuthorization (...) method should be used for requesting the user's permission to access the photo library

If your app will let the user record actual video (as opposed to stills), you will also need to obtain permission from the user to access the microphone.



- Camera can be controlled and images can be captured directly by using the AVFoundation framework
- This approach allows more detailed control
  - For example, you can control focus and exposure directly and independently, and for video, you can determine the quality, size, and frame rate of the resulting movie
- With this approach AVCaptureSession object should be used

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