## **App Development for Smart Devices**

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Lec #5: Android Sensors

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## **Objective**



- Working in Background
  - Sensor Manager
  - Examples

Sensor Types

### What is a Sensor



 A converter that measures a physical quantity and converts it into a signal which can be read by an observer or by an instrument ...





 Sensors have been used in cellphones since they were invented



- Microphone, number keys
- Instead of carrying around 10 separate devices, now you just need 1

### **Android Sensors**



- MIC
- Camera
- Temperature
- Location (GPS or Network)
- Orientation
- Accelerometer
- Proximity
- Pressure
- Light



## **Android.hardware Package**



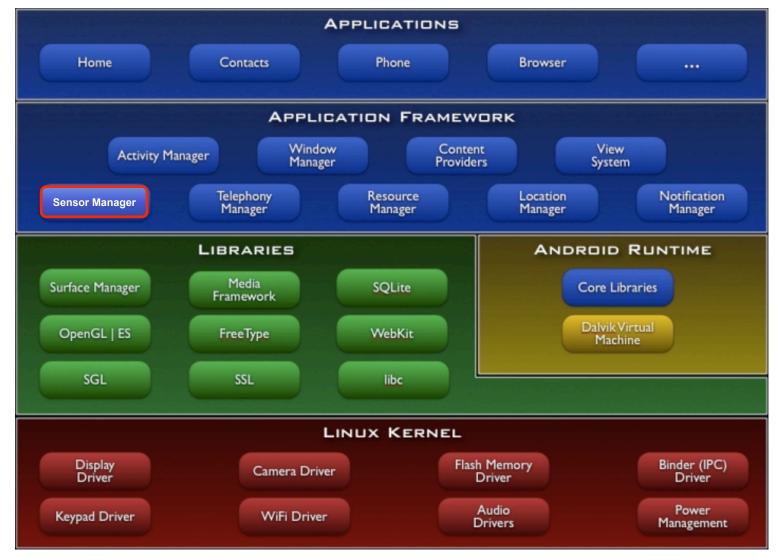
#### Support for Hardware classes with some interfaces

- Camera: used to set image capture settings, start/stop preview, snap pictures, and retrieve frames for encoding for video.
- Camera.CameraInfo: Information about a camera
- Camera.Parameters: Camera service settings.
- Camera.Size: Image size (width and height dimensions).
- GeomagneticField: Estimate magnetic field at a given point on Earth and compute the magnetic declination from true north.
- Sensor: Class representing a sensor.
- SensorEvent: Represents a Sensor event and holds information such as sensor's type, time-stamp, accuracy and sensor's data.
- SensorManager: SensorManager lets you access the device's sensors.

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/hardware/package-summary.html

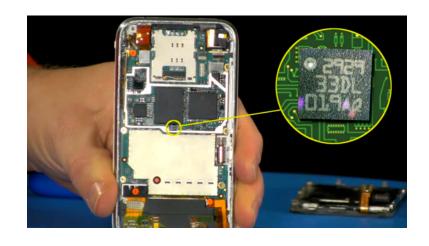
### **Android Software Stack**







- Not every device has every kind of sensor
- Constants from Sensor class
- Sensor.TYPE\_ACCELEROMETER
  - hardware
  - acceleration force in m/s<sup>2</sup>
  - x, y, z axis
  - includes gravity



#### Accelerometer Sensor

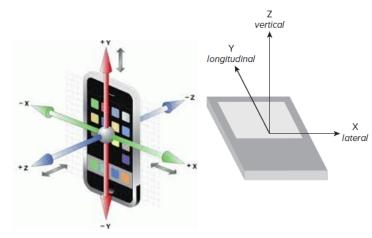


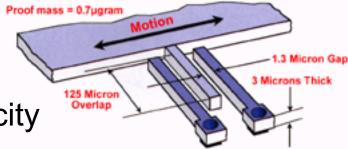
- Acceleration is defined as the rate of change of velocity.
- Accelerometers measure how quickly the speed of the device is changing in a given direction.
- Detect movement and corresponding speed's rate of change.





- How does it work?
  - The "proof mass" shown above is allowed to move in a plane.
  - The attached fingers form a capacitor with the two plates around it.
  - The rate of change of the capacitance is measured and translated into an acceleration







#### Sensor.TYPE\_AMBIENT\_TEMPERATURE

- hardware
- "room" temperature in degrees Celsius
- no such sensor on dev phones

#### Sensor.TYPE\_GRAVITY

- software or hardware
- just gravity
- if phone at rest same as TYPE\_ACCELEROMETER

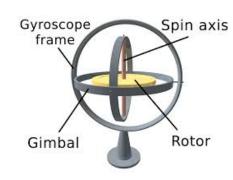


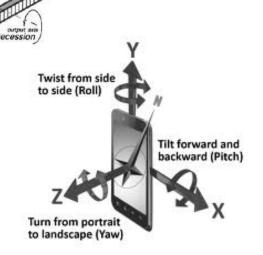
#### Sensor.TYPE\_GYROSCOPE

- hardware
- measure device's rate of rotation in radians / second around 3 axis



- hardware
- light level in lx,
- lux is SI measure illuminance in luminous flux per unit area







#### Sensor.TYPE\_LINEAR\_ACCELERATION

- software or hardware
- measure acceleration force applied to device in three axes excluding the force of gravity

#### Sensor.TYPE\_MAGNETC\_FIELD

- hardware
- ambient geomagnetic field in all three axes
- uT micro Teslas



#### Sensor.TYPE\_ORIENTATION [deprecated]

- software
- measure of degrees of rotation a device makes around all three axes

#### Sensor.TYPE\_PRESSURE

- hardware
- ambient air pressure in hPa or mbar
- force per unit area
- 1 Pascal = 1 Newton per square meter
- hecto Pascals (100 Pascals)
- milli bar 1 mbar = 1hecto Pascal

#### **Orientation Sensor**



- Orientation Sensor is a combination of the magnetic field Sensors, which function as an electronic compass, and accelerometers, which determine the pitch and roll.
- Two alternatives for determining the device orientation.
  - Query the orientation Sensor directly
  - Derive the orientation using the accelerometers and magnetic field Sensors.
- x-axis (azimuth) 0/360 degrees is north, 90 east, 180 south, and 270 west
- y-axis (pitch) 0 flat on its back, -90 standing upright.
- z-axis (roll) 0 flat on its back, -90 is the screen facing left

heading



#### Sensor.TYPE\_PROXIMITY

- hardware
- proximity of an object in cm relative to the view screen of a device
- most just binary (see range, resolution)
- typically used to determine if handset is being held to person's ear during a call

#### Sensor.TYPE\_RELATIVE\_HUMIDITY

ambient humidity in percent (0 to 100)



#### Sensor.TYPE\_ROTATION\_VECTOR

- hardware or software
- orientation of device, three elements of the device's rotation vector

#### Sensor.TYPE\_TEMPERATURE

- hardware
- temperature of the device in degrees Celsius

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/hardware/Sensor.html

# **Availability of Sensors**

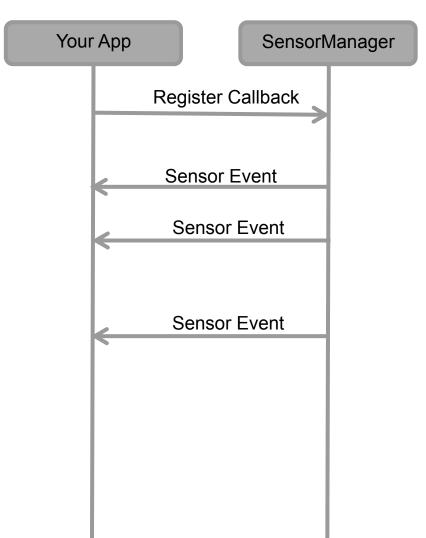


Sensor	Android 4.0 (API Level 14)	Android 2.3 (API Level 9)	Android 2.2 (API Level 8)	Android 1.5 (API Level 3)
TYPE ACCELEROMETER	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TYPE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
TYPE GRAVITY	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
TYPE GYROSCOPE	Yes	Yes	n/a <sup>1</sup>	n/a <sup>1</sup>
TYPE LIGHT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TYPE LINEAR ACCELERATION	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
TYPE MAGNETIC FIELD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TYPE ORIENTATION	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes
TYPE PRESSURE	Yes	Yes	n/a <sup>1</sup>	n/a <sup>1</sup>
TYPE PROXIMITY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TYPE RELATIVE HUMIDITY	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
TYPE ROTATION VECTOR	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
TYPE TEMPERATURE	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **Async Callbacks**

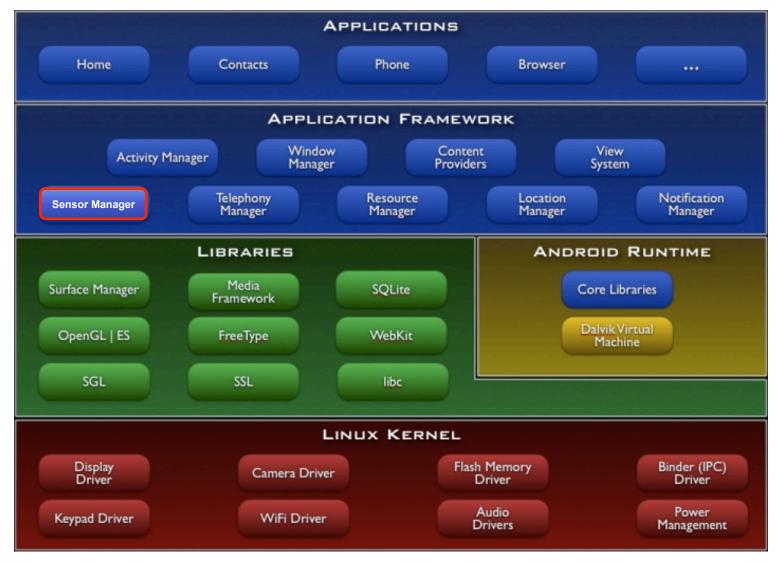


- Android's sensors are controlled by external services and only send events when they choose to
- An app must register a callback to be notified of a sensor event
- Each sensor has a related XXXListener interface that your callback must implement
  - E.g. LocationListener



#### **Android Software Stack**





## Sensing & Sensor Manager



- Device specific
- ServiceManager provides access to Sensor Manager Service
- Use Context.getSystemService(SENSOR\_SERVICE) for access

```
String service_name = Context.SENSOR_SERVICE;
SensorManager sensorManager = (SensorManager) getSystemService(service_name)
```

- Note that you should disable any sensors you don't need, especially when activity paused.
  - System will not disable automatically when screen turns off
  - Battery will drain quickly otherwise.

## SensorManager's Methods



- Sensor getDefaultSensor(int type) Use this method to get the default sensor for a given type
- List<Sensor> getSensorList(int type) Use this method to get the list of available sensors of a certain type
- boolean registerListener(SensorEventListener listener, Sensor sensor, int rate) Registers a SensorEventListener for the given sensor.
- void unregisterListener(SensorEventListener listener, Sensor sensor) Unregisters a listener for the sensors with which it is registered.

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/hardware/SensorManager.html

### Sensor's Methods



- public float getMaximumRange () maximum range of the sensor in the sensor's unit.
- public int getMinDelay () the minimum delay allowed between two events in microsecond or zero if this sensor only returns a value when the data it's measuring changes.
- public String getName () name string of the sensor.
- public float getPower () the power in mA used by this sensor while in use.
- public float getResolution () resolution of the sensor in the sensor's unit.

## getPower() Methods



- The device's battery has a 1500 mA
- Under normal use, the battery lasts 10hours.
- If we use orientation, rotation vector, & magnetic field sensors
- How long would it last now?



## **Checking for Sensors**



```
Sensor defaultGyroscope = sensorManager.getDefaultSensor
      (Sensor.TYPE GYROSCOPE);
//(Returns null if none)
//Or, get a list of all sensors of a type:
List<Sensor> pressureSensors =
      sensorManager.getSensorList(Sensor.TYPE PRESSURE);
//Or, get a list of all sensors of a type:
List<Sensor> allSensors =
      sensorManager.getSensorList(Sensor.TYPE ALL);
```

## **Listening for Sensors**



```
final SensorEventListener mySensorEventListener = new SensorEventListener() {
  public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent sensorEvent) {
     // TODO Monitor Sensor changes.
  public void onAccuracyChanged(Sensor sensor, int accuracy) {
     // TODO React to a change in Sensor accuracy.
```

#### Accuracy:

- SensorManager.SENSOR STATUS ACCURACY LOW
- SensorManager.SENSOR\_STATUS\_ACCURACY\_MEDIUM
- SensorManager.SENSOR STATUS ACCURACY HIGH
- SensorManager.SENSOR STATUS ACCURACY UNRELIABL

### **SensorEvent**



- SensorEvent parameter in the onSensorChanged method includes four properties used to describe a Sensor event:
  - sensor: The sensor that triggered the event.
  - accuracy: The accuracy of the Sensor when the event occurred.
  - values: A float array that contains the new value(s) detected.
  - *timestamp:* The time in nanosecond at which the event occurred.

### **Sensor Values**



SENSOR-TYPE	VALUE COUNT	VALUE COMPOSITION	COMMENTARY
TYPE_ACCELEROMETER	3	value[0] : Lateral value[1] : Longitudinal value[2] : Vertical	Acceleration along three axes in m/s <sup>2</sup> . The Sensor Manager includes a set of gravity constants of the form SensorManager.GRAVITY_*
TYPE_GYROSCOPE	3	value[0] : Azimuth value[1] : Pitch value[2] : Roll	Device orientation in degrees along three axes.
TYPE_ LIGHT	1	value[0] : Illumination	Measured in lux. The Sensor Manager includes a set of con- stants representing different standard illuminations of the form SensorManager.LIGHT_*
TYPE_MAGNETIC_FIELD	3	value[0] : Lateral value[1] : Longitudinal value[2] : Vertical	Ambient magnetic field measured in microteslas (μT).
TYPE_ORIENTATION	3	value[0] : Azimuth value[1] : Roll value[2] : Pitch	Device orientation in degrees along three axes.
TYPE_PRESSURE	1	value[0] : Pressure	Measured in kilopascals (KP).
TYPE_PROXIMITY	1	value[0] : Distance	Measured in meters.
TYPE_TEMPERATURE	1	value[0] : Temperature	Measured in degrees Celsius.

## Register



#### Update Rate:

- SensorManager.SENSOR\_DELAY\_FASTEST
- SensorManager.SENSOR\_DELAY\_GAME
- SensorManager.SENSOR\_DELAY\_NORMAL
- SensorManager.SENSOR\_DELAY\_UI

### Accelerometer, Compass, & Orientation



#### Allow you to:

- ➤ Determine the current device orientation
- ➤ Monitor and track changes in orientation
- Know which direction the user is facing
- ➤ Monitor acceleration—changes in movement rate—in any direction

#### Open possibilities for your applications:

- ➤ Use these with a map, camera, and location-based services to create augmented reality interfaces.
- Create user interface that adjust dynamically to suit device orientation.
- Monitor rapid acceleration to detect if a device is dropped or thrown.
- Measure movement or vibration (e.g., locking application).
- User interface controls that use physical gestures and movement.

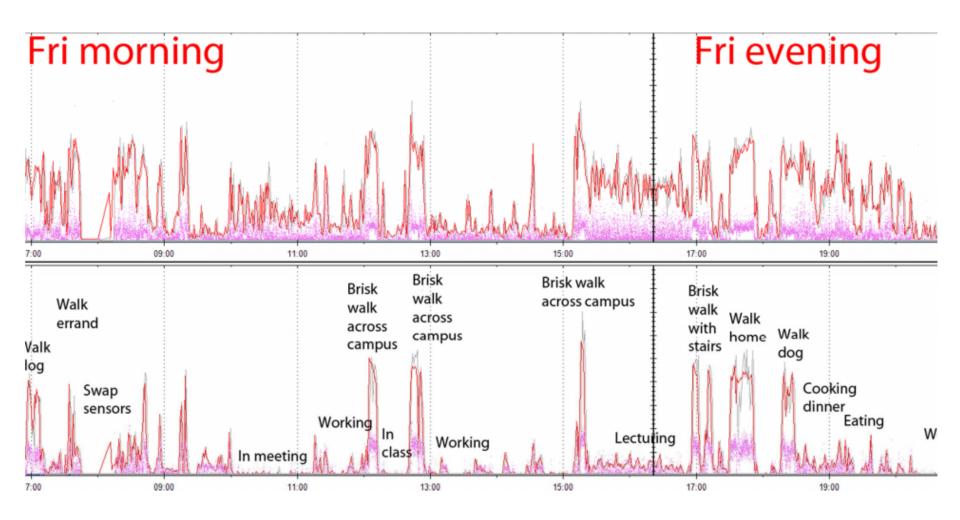
## **Listener for Changes (Accel)**



```
public void setupSensorListener() {
   SensorManager sm =
       (SensorManager)getSystemService(Context.SENSOR_SERVICE);
   int sensorType = Sensor.TYPE ACCELEROMETER;
   sm.registerListener(mySensorEventListener,
       sm.getDefaultSensor(sensorType),
       SensorManager.SENSOR DELAY NORMAL);
final SensorEventListener mySensorEventListener = new SensorEventListener() {
  public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent sensorEvent) {
     if (sensorEvent.sensor.getType() == Sensor.TYPE_ACCELEROMETER) {
        float xAxis lateralA = sensorEvent.values[0];
        float yAxis longitudinalA = sensorEvent.values[1];
        float zAxis verticalA = sensorEvent.values[2];
        // TODO apply the acceleration changes to your application.
```

### **Accelerometer Data**





#### **Collecting Sensor Data**

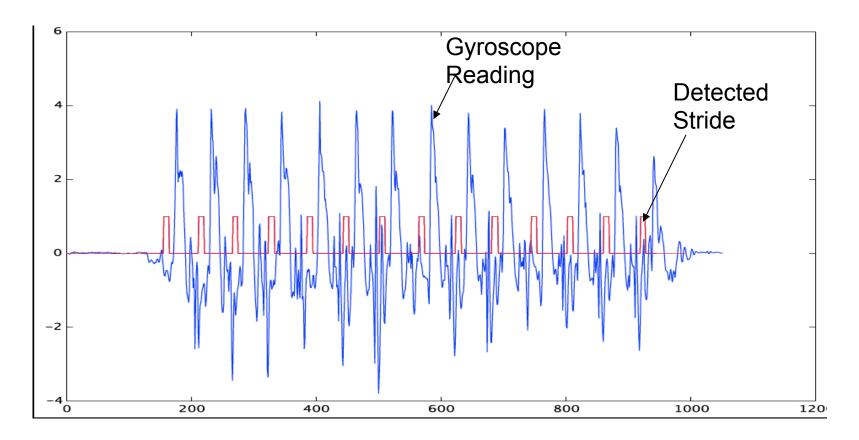


How we have collected the data

## Walking Experiment



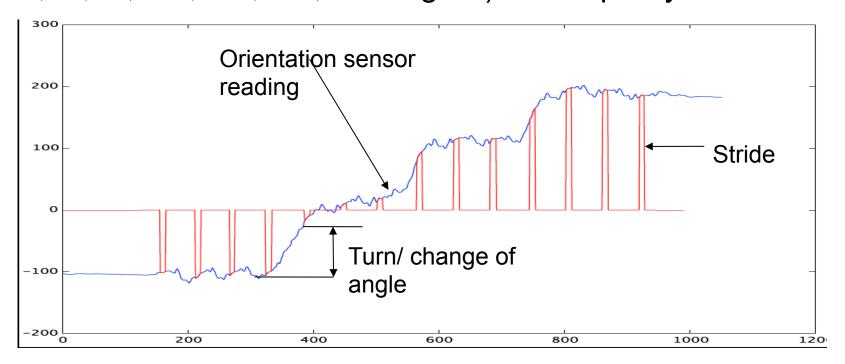
• We use the sensors (Accelerometer+Gyroscope) reading to count the stride.



## Walking Experiment



- We use the orientation and magnetic field sensor to detect the turns.
- We limit each turn to fixed angles(i.e. 0,45,90,135,180,225,270 degree) for simplicity.



# **Listener for Changes (Orientation)**



```
public void setupSensorListener() {
   SensorManager sm =
       (SensorManager)getSystemService(Context.SENSOR SERVICE);
   int sensorType = Sensor.TYPE ORIENTATION;
   sm.registerListener(mySensorEventListener,
       sm.getDefaultSensor(sensorType),
       SensorManager.SENSOR DELAY NORMAL);
final SensorEventListener mySensorEventListener = new SensorEventListener() {
  public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent sensorEvent) {
     if (sensorEvent.sensor.getType() == Sensor.TYPE_ORIENTATION) {
        float headingAngle = sensorEvent.values[0];
        float pitchAngle = sensorEvent.values[1];
        float rollAngle = sensorEvent.values[2];
        // TODO apply the orientation changes to your application.
```

## **Controlling Vibration**



- Vibration is an excellent way to provide haptic user feedback.
- Applications needs the VIBRATE permission in application manifest:

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

#### Example:

```
String vibratorService = Context.VIBRATOR_SERVICE;
Vibrator vibrator = (Vibrator)getSystemService(vibratorService);

long[] pattern = {1000, 2000, 4000, 8000, 16000 };
vibrator.vibrate(pattern, 0); // Execute vibration pattern.
vibrator.vibrate(1000); // Vibrate for 1 second.
```



# **Questions?**

#### To DO



Example 1 (in slides)

Example 2 (in slides)

• Example 3 (in slides)

Assignment #3: Assignment Tracker App v2.0



Create an activity with accelerometer and orientation data.

```
package com.exercise.AndroidSensorList;
                                                                  SensorListener
                                                                  ccelaration x:-0.5720546
import android.app.ListActivity;
                                                                  sccelaration y:0.14982383
import android.content.Context;
                                                                  ccelaration z:9.915613
import android.hardware.Sensor;
                                                                  rientation x:304.0
import android.hardware.SensorManager;
                                                                  orientation y:-1.0
import android.os.Bundle;
                                                                  rientation 2:-3.0
import android.widget.ArrayAdapter;
public class SensorTest extends Activity implements SensorEventListener {
  SensorManager sensorManager = null;
  //for accelerometer values
  TextView outputX;
  TextView outputY;
  TextView outputZ;
  //for orientation values
  TextView outputX2;
  TextView outputY2;
  TextView outputZ2;
```

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```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
  super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
  sensorManager = (SensorManager) getSystemService(SENSOR SERVICE);
  setContentView(R.layout.main);
  //just some textviews, for data output
  outputX = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.TextView01);
  outputY = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.TextView02);
  outputZ = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.TextView03);
  outputX2 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.TextView04);
  outputY2 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.TextView05);
  outputZ2 = (TextView) findViewByld(R.id.TextView06);
```



```
@Override
protected void onResume() {
  super.onResume();
  sensorManager.registerListener(this,
        sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ACCELEROMETER),
        sensorManager.SENSOR DELAY_GAME);
  sensorManager.registerListener(this,
        sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ORIENTATION),
        sensorManager.SENSOR DELAY GAME);
@Override
protected void onStop() {
   super.onStop();
   sensorManager.unregisterListener(this,
        sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ACCELEROMETER));
   sensorManager.unregisterListener(this,
        sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ORIENTATION));
```



```
public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent event) {
   synchronized (this) {
      switch (event.sensor.getType()){
         case Sensor.TYPE ACCELEROMETER:
            outputX.setText("x:"+Float.toString(event.values[0]));
            outputY.setText("y:"+Float.toString(event.values[1]));
            outputZ.setText("z:"+Float.toString(event.values[2]));
            break.
         case Sensor.TYPE ORIENTATION:
            outputX2.setText("x:"+Float.toString(event.values[0]));
            outputY2.setText("y:"+Float.toString(event.values[1]));
            outputZ2.setText("z:"+Float.toString(event.values[2]));
            break.
@Override
public void onAccuracyChanged(Sensor sensor, int accuracy) {}
```



- Create a simple device to measure g-force using the accelerometers to determine the current force being exerted on the device.
- Forceometer Activity & Layout (main.xml)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</p>
           android:orientation="vertical" android:layout width="fill parent"
           android:layout height="fill parent">
   <TextView android:id="@+id/acceleration" android:gravity="center"
           android:layout_width="fill_parent" android:layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:textStyle="bold" android:textSize="32sp"
           android:text="CENTER" android:editable="false"
           android:singleLine="true" android:layout margin="10px"
   <TextView android:id="@+id/maxAcceleration" android:gravity="center"
           android:layout width="fill parent" android:layout height="wrap content"
           android:textStyle="bold" android:textSize="40sp"
           android:text="CENTER" android:editable="false"
           android:singleLine="true" android:layout margin="10px"
</LinearLayout>
```



Within Forceometer Activity class, create instance variables

```
SensorManager sensorManager;
TextView accelerationTextView;
TextView maxAccelerationTextView;
float currentAcceleration = 0;
float maxAcceleration = 0;
```

Within Forceometer Activity class, create a new SensorEventListener implementation



 Update the onCreate method to register your new Listener for accelerometer updates using the SensorManager.



 Create a new updateGUI method that synchronizes with the GUI thread based on a Timer before updating the Text Views

```
private void updateGUI() {
    runOnUiThread(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
            String currentG = currentAcceleration/SensorManager.STANDARD_GRAVITY + "Gs";
            accelerationTextView.setText(currentG);
            accelerationTextView.invalidate();

            String maxG = maxAcceleration/SensorManager.STANDARD_GRAVITY + "Gs";
            maxAccelerationTextView.setText(maxG);
            maxAccelerationTextView.invalidate();
        }
    });
};
```



 Update the onCreate method to start a timer that's used to update the GUI every 100ms:

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.main);
   accelerationTextView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.acceleration);
   maxAccelerationTextView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.maxAcceleration);
   sensorManager = (SensorManager)getSystemService(Context.SENSOR_SERVICE);
   Sensor accelerometer =
          sensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ACCELEROMETER);
   sensorManager.registerListener(sensorEventListener, accelerometer,
          SensorManager.SENSOR DELAY FASTEST);
   Timer updateTimer = new Timer("gForceUpdate");
   updateTimer.scheduleAtFixedRate(new TimerTask() {
      public void run() {
          updateGUI();
   }, 0, 100);
```



```
package com.example.android.apis.graphics;
import android.content.Context;
import android.graphics.*;
import android.hardware.Sensor;
import android.hardware.SensorEvent;
import android.hardware.SensorEventListener;
import android.hardware.SensorManager;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.util.Config;
import android.util.Log;
import android.view.View;
public class Compass extends GraphicsActivity {
    private static final String TAG = "Compass";
    private SensorManager mSensorManager;
    private Sensor mSensor;
    private SampleView mView;
    private float[] mValues;
```



```
private final SensorEventListener mListener = new SensorEventListener()
        public void onSensorChanged(SensorEvent event) {
            if (Config. DEBUG) Log.d (TAG,
                    "sensorChanged (" + event.values[0] + ", " +
event.values[1] + ", " + event.values[2] + ")");
            mValues = event.values;
            if (mView != null) {
                mView.invalidate();
        public void onAccuracyChanged(Sensor sensor, int accuracy) {
    };
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle icicle) {
        super.onCreate(icicle);
        mSensorManager =
(SensorManager) getSystemService (Context.SENSOR SERVICE);
        mSensor = mSensorManager.getDefaultSensor(Sensor.TYPE ORIENTATION);
        mView = new SampleView(this);
        setContentView (mView);
```



```
@Override
protected void onResume()
   if (Config.DEBUG) Log.d(TAG, "onResume");
   super.onResume();
   mSensorManager.registerListener(mListener, mSensor,
           SensorManager.SENSOR DELAY GAME);
@Override
protected void onStop()
   if (Config.DEBUG) Log.d(TAG, "onStop");
   mSensorManager.unregisterListener (mListener);
   super.onStop();
private class SampleView extends View {
   private Paint    mPaint = new Paint();
   private boolean mAnimate;
   public SampleView(Context context) {
       super(context);
```



```
// Construct a wedge-shaped path
   mPath.moveTo(0, -50);
    mPath.lineTo(-20, 60);
    mPath.lineTo(0, 50);
    mPath.lineTo(20, 60);
   mPath.close();
@Override protected void onDraw(Canvas canvas) {
    Paint paint = mPaint;
    canvas.drawColor(Color.WHITE);
    paint.setAntiAlias(true);
    paint.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    paint.setStyle(Paint.Style.FILL);
    int w = canvas.getWidth();
    int h = canvas.getHeight();
    int cx = w / 2;
    int cy = h / 2;
```



```
canvas.translate(cx, cy);
            if (mValues != null) {
                canvas.rotate(-mValues[0]);
            canvas.drawPath (mPath, mPaint);
        @Override
        protected void onAttachedToWindow() {
            mAnimate = true;
            if (Config.DEBUG) Log.d(TAG, "onAttachedToWindow. mAnimate=" +
mAnimate);
            super.onAttachedToWindow();
        @Override
        protected void onDetachedFromWindow() {
            mAnimate = false;
            if (Config.DEBUG) Log.d(TAG, "onDetachedFromWindow. mAnimate=" +
mAnimate);
            super.onDetachedFromWindow();
```