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# Activities, Intents and Activity Lifecycle

## **Mobile Computing**

**LECTURE 09-10** 

Activities, Intents and Activity LifeCycle

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اعمال کا دارومدار نیتوں پر

### Little Efforts Daily Will Make You the Greatest

To systematically learn and get excellence in any concept / subject

- روز کا کام روز کریں
- اک مہینے کا کھانا ایک دن میں نہیں کھایا جا سکتا، ایسے ہی ایک مہینے کا کام ایک دن میں نہیں ہو سکتا

### Little Efforts Daily Will Make You the Greatest

### Importance of completing tasks on daily basis

### >> Main Reason of Failure in Life

- یہ کام کل کریں گے
- جو کام کبھی بھی ہو سکتا ہے وہ کبھی نہیں ہوتا
- زندگی ایک دن ہے اور وہ ہے آج۔ زندگی میں کل نام کی کوئی چیز نہیں ہے
  - جو دن آپ کی زندگی سے چلا گیا اب واپس نہیں آئے گا
    - آج کا کام آج ہی ہوسکتا ہے
  - جو گز گیا وہ آنا نہیں ، آنے والے دن کا پتہ نہیں ، آج میدان
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### How to Achieve BIG Goals in Life



To achieve BIG Goals in Life

- Make a Schedule of 24 Hours with a focus on Five main components of Human Life
  - Health
    - o Physical Health
    - o Mental Health
    - o Social Health
  - Spirituality
  - Work
  - Family
  - Friends

# جو کام کریں دل سے کریں

(دی) کام کرنا



فوشی خوشی کام کرنا . خوشی کام کرنا



اللہ کو ساتھ لے کرخوشی خوشی کام آيت إليّاك تعبدُ وإيّاك تستعين



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### **Lecture Outline**

- Revision
- Activity
- **3** Function of Activity
- 4 Addition of New Activity
- Manifest file
- 6 Intents
- 7 Explicit and implicit intents
- (8) Working of Activities
- Activity Lifecycle
- Stop Complaining! Stop Criticizing! Let's Start Contributing
- 11) Lecture Summary



 An Intent is a description of an operation to be performed. An Intent is an object used to request an action from another app component via the Android system.

Originator Intent Action Intent Component

### Intent can do

- Start an Activity
  - A button click starts a new Activity for text entry
  - Clicking Share opens an app that allows you to post a photo

- Start a service
  - Fetching data in the background

### Intent can do

- Deliver Broadcast
  - The system informs everybody that the phone is now charging
  - Battery level
  - Alarm

### **Explicit and implicit intents**

- Explicit Intent
  - Starts a specific Activity
    - Main activity starts Surah Activity
    - Main activity starts Parah Activity
- Implicit Intent
  - Asks system to find an Activity that can handle this request
    - Multiple options for sharing

### Send and Receive data

- Data—one piece of information whose data location can be represented by an URI
- Extras One or more pieces of information as a collection of key-value pair in a Bundle

### **Send and Receive data**

- In the first (sending) Activity:
  - Create the Intent object
  - Put data or extras into that Intent
  - Start the new Activity with startActivity()

- In the second (receiving) Activity:
  - Get the Intent object, the Activity was started with
  - Retrieve the data or extras from the Intent object

### **Intent Structure**

- The primary pieces of information in an intent are:
  - Action
    - The general action to be performed, such as ACTION\_VIEW, ACTION\_EDIT, ACTION\_MAIN, etc.
  - Data
    - The data to operate on, such as a person record in the contacts database, expressed as a Uri.
  - Category
    - Gives additional information about the action to execute. For example, CATEGORY\_LAUNCHER means it should appear in the Launcher as a top-level application



#### **Extras**

• This is a Bundle of any additional information. This can be used to provide extended information to the component. For example, if we have a action to send an e-mail message, we could also include extra pieces of data here to supply a subject, body, etc.

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### **Explicit Intents** – Dial a Number

```
public void CallingIntent(View view) {
    Uri uri = Uri.parse("tel:+923001234567");
    Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_DIAL, uri);
    startActivity(intent);
}
```

### **Explicit Intents**

```
@Override
  public void onClick(View v) {
    Intent intent;
    switch (v.getId()) {
       case
R.id.buttonOpenSecodActivity:
         intent = new
Intent(MainActivity.this,
MainActivity2.class);
         startActivity(intent);
         break;
```

```
case R.id.buttonCallingIntent:
         Uri uri =
Uri.parse("tel:+923001234567");
         intent = new
Intent(Intent.ACTION DIAL, uri);
         startActivity(intent);
         break;
      default:
         throw new
IllegalStateException("Unexpected
value: " + v.getId());
```

### Intent Web Browser

#### Web Browser

#### Load a web URL

To open a web page, use the ACTION\_VIEW action and specify the web URL in the intent data.

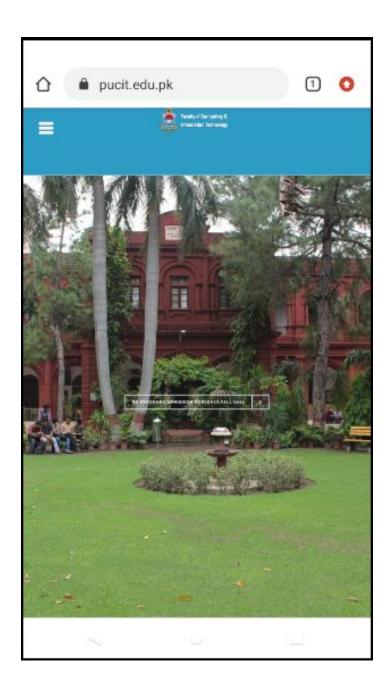
#### Action

```
ACTION_VIEW
```

#### Data URI Scheme

```
http:<URL>
```

```
public void openWebPage(String url) {
    Uri webpage = Uri.parse(url);
    Intent intent = new
Intent(Intent.ACTION_VIEW, webpage);
    startActivity(intent);
}
```



### Intent Email

#### Email

#### Compose an email with optional attachments 🖘

To compose an email, use one of the below actions based on whether you'll include attachments, and include email details such as the recipient and subject using the extra keys listed below.

#### Action

```
ACTION_SENDTO (for no attachment) or
ACTION_SEND (for one attachment) or
ACTION_SEND_MULTIPLE (for multiple attachments)
```

#### Data URI Scheme

None

#### MIME Type

```
"text/plain"
"*/*"
```

https://developer.android.com/guide/components/intents-common#Email

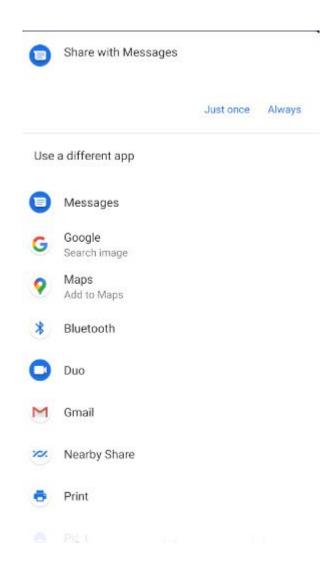
### Intent ACTION\_SEND

```
public void composeEmail(String address, String subject) {
    Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION SEND);
    intent.setType("*/*");
    intent.putExtra(Intent.EXTRA EMAIL, address);
    intent.putExtra(Intent.EXTRA SUBJECT, subject);
    if (intent.resolveActivity(getPackageManager()) != null) {
        startActivity(intent);
                                                Share with Messages
                                              Use a different app
                                                Messages
```

### **Intent Email**

If you want to ensure that your intent is handled only by an email app (and not other text messaging or social apps), then use the ACTION\_SENDTO action and include the "mailto:" data scheme. For example:

intent.setData(Uri.parse("mailto:"));
// only email apps should handle this



### resolveActivity()

Caution: If there are no apps on the device that can receive the implicit intent, your app will crash when it calls startActivity(). To first verify that an app exists to receive the intent, call resolveActivity() on your Intent object. If the result is non-null, there is at least one app that can handle the intent and it's safe to call startActivity(). If the result is null, you should not use the intent and, if possible, you should disable the feature that invokes the intent.

### Intent with Extra Features

```
String message = editTextNumber.getText().toString();
intent = new Intent();
intent.setAction(Intent.ACTION_SEND);
intent.setType("text/plain");
intent.putExtra(Intent.EXTRA_TEXT, message);
startActivity(intent);
```

### Passing values between activities

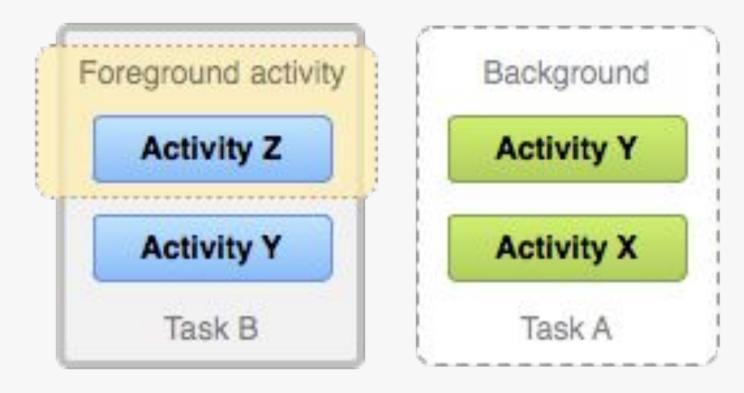
```
Intent intent = new Intent(ActivityMain.this, ActivityMain2.class);
startActivity(intent);
String message = editText.getText().toString();
intent.putExtra("ETM", message);

String staticString = "السلام عليكم";
intent.putExtra("SS", staticString);
intent.putExtra("abc", "It is another text");
```

```
Intent intent = getIntent();
textView.setText(intent.getStringExtra("value"));
```

### **Background and foreground tasks**

The user uses the Home button or gesture, then starts a new app from the app launcher. When the Home screen appears, Task A goes into the background. When the new app starts, the system starts a task for that app (Task B) with its own stack of activities.



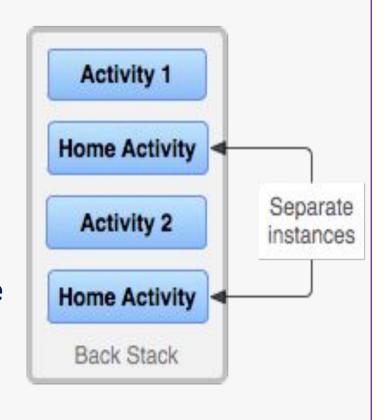
### **Background and foreground tasks**

• After interacting with that app, the user returns Home again and selects the app that originally started Task A. Now, Task A comes to the foreground



### **Multiple** activity instances

Because the activities in the back stack are never rearranged, if your app allows users to start a particular activity from more than one activity, a new instance of that activity is created and pushed onto the stack (rather than bringing any previous instance of the activity to the top). As such, one activity in your app might be instantiated multiple times (even from different tasks), as shown in figure 3. If the user navigates backward using the Back button or gesture, each instance of the activity is revealed in the order they were opened (each with their own UI state). However, you can modify this behavior if you do not want an activity to be instantiated more than once



### Lifecycle recap

- When Activity A starts Activity B, Activity A is stopped, but the system retains its state (such as scroll position and text entered into forms). If the user uses the Back or gesture while in Activity B, Activity A resumes with its state restored. A button click starts a new Activity for text entry
- When the user leaves a task using the Home button or gesture, the current activity is stopped and its task goes into the background. The system retains the state of every activity in the task. If the user later resumes the task by selecting the launcher icon that began the task, the task comes to the foreground and resumes the activity at the top of the stack.

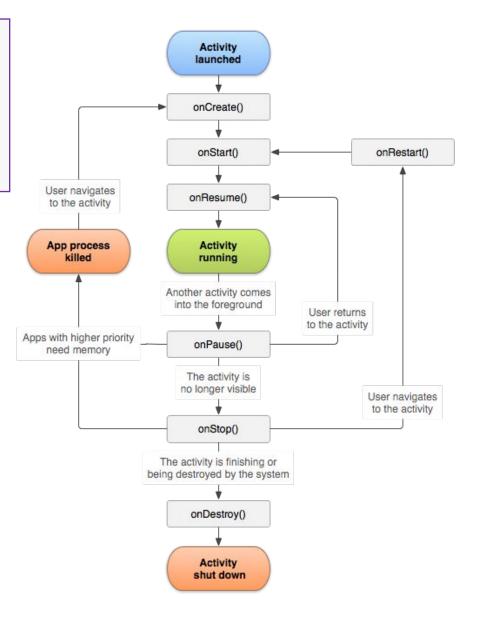
### Define launch modes using the manifest file

- standard
  - Multiple Instances A-B-C-D-D current task
- singleTop
  - A-B-C-D current task
- singleTask
  - The system creates a new task and instantiates the activity at the root of the new task. Only one instance of the activity can exist at a time.
- singleInstance
  - Same as "singleTask", except that the system doesn't launch any other activities into the task holding the instance. The activity is always the single and only member of its task; any activities started by this one open in a separate task.

### Activity Lifecycle

 To navigate transitions between stages of the activity lifecycle, the Activity class provides a core set of six callbacks:

- **▶** )onCreate
- onStart
- onResum
- onPause
- )onStop
- onDestroy



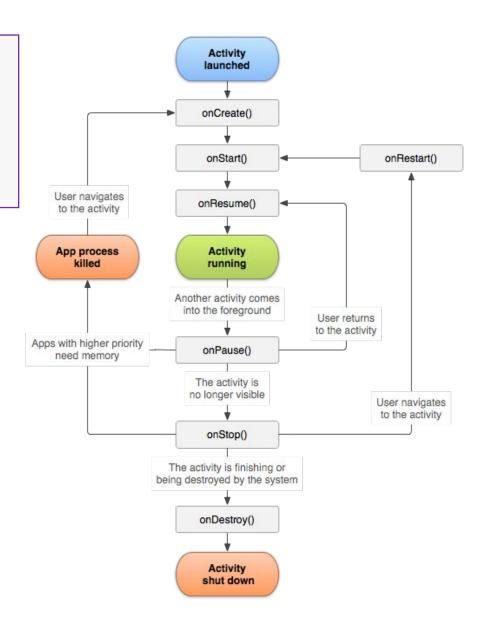
### **Working of Activities**

- All Activity instances are managed by the Android runtime
- Started by an "Intent", a message to the Android runtime to run an activity

### Activity Lifecycle

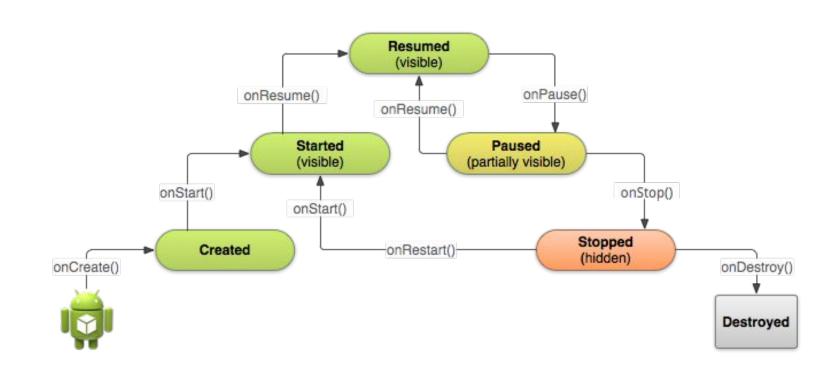
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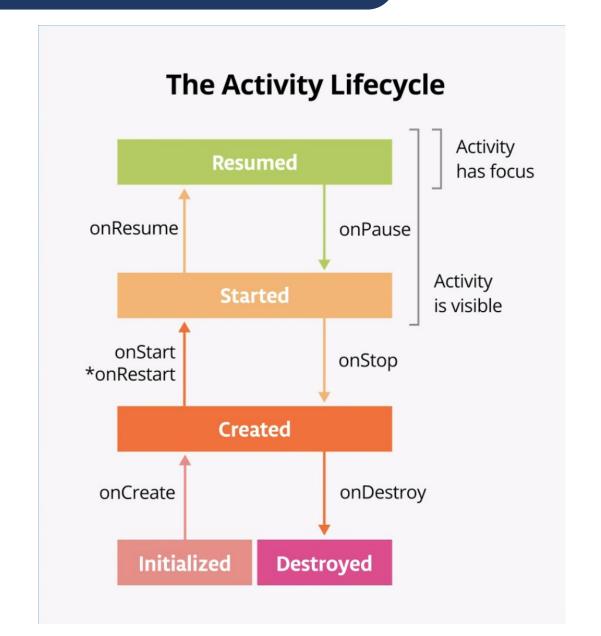
- onCreate
- □ ()onStart
- onResume
- □ )onPause
- ()onStop
- onRestart



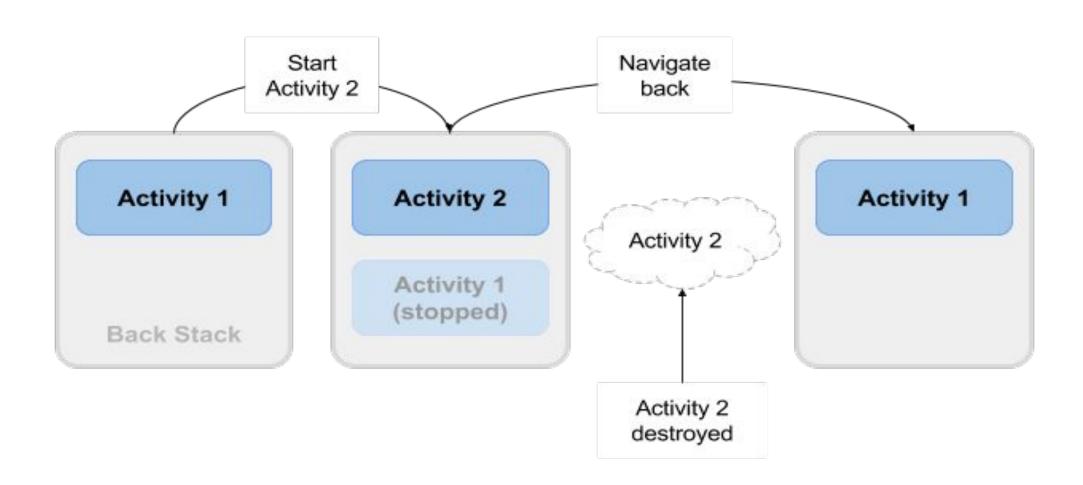
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- Created (not visible yet)
- Started (visible)
- Resume (visible)
- Paused(partially invisible)
- Stopped (hidden)
- Destroyed (gone from memory)

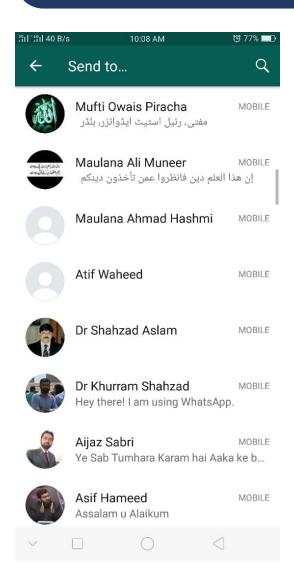






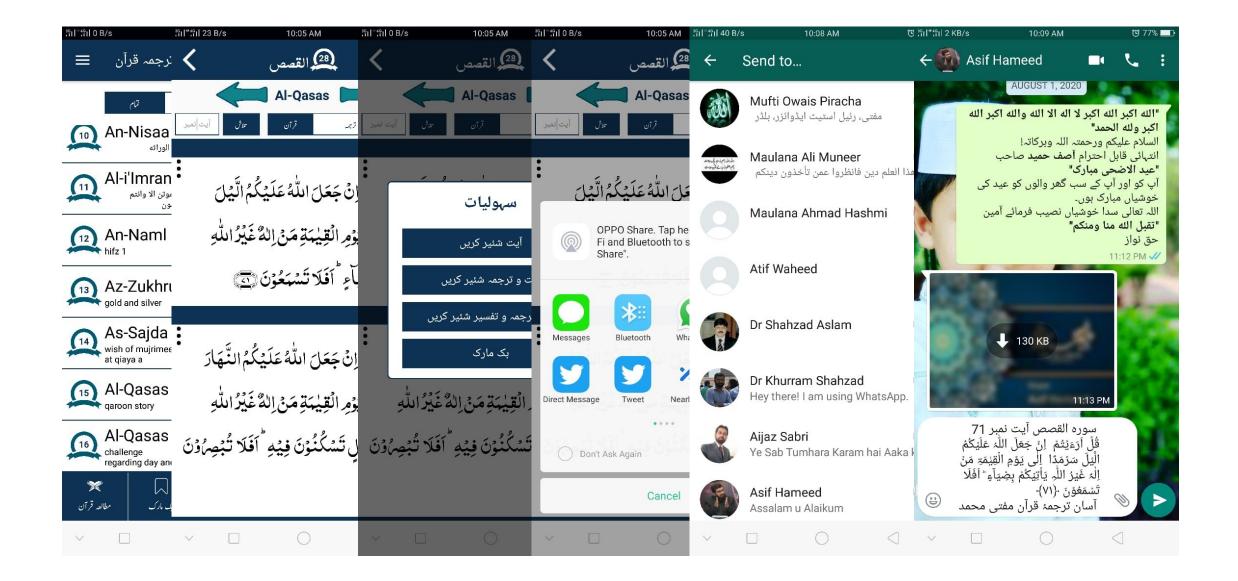


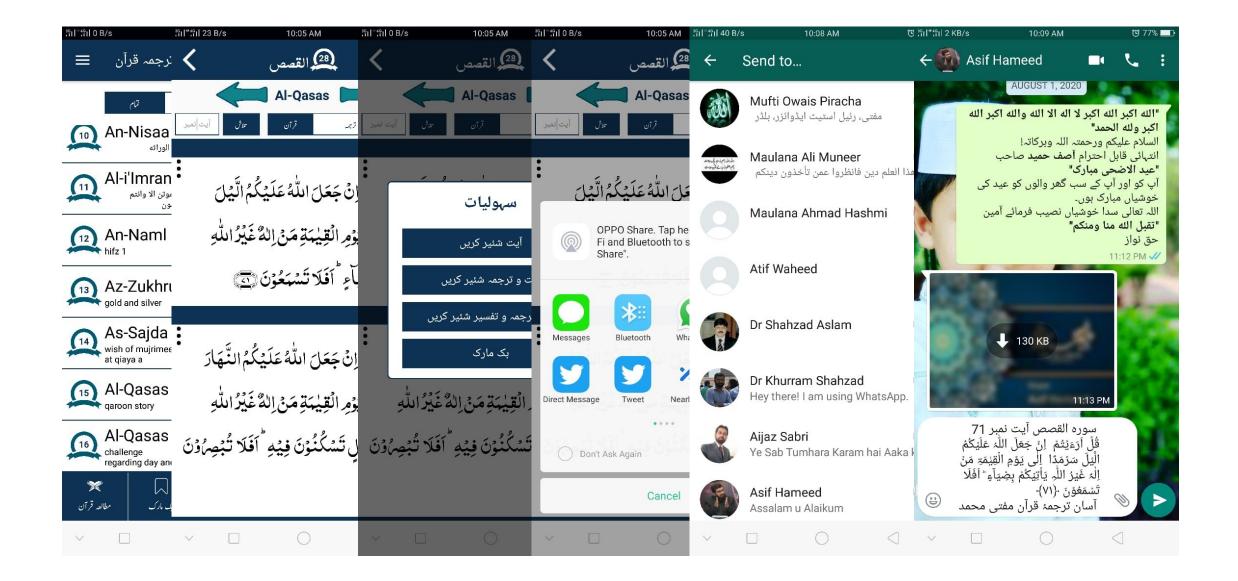












## **Start an Activity**

```
@Override
 public void onClick(View v) {
   switch(v.getId()) {
      case R.id.buttonOpenSecodActivity:
        Intent intent = new Intent(MainActivity.this, MainActivity2.class);
        startActivity(intent);
        break;
```

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#### ActivityCycle for an Activity

```
@Override
 protected void onCreate() {
   super. onCreate();
   Log.d(TAG, "onCreate Activity Main");
@Override
 protected void onStart() {
   super.onStart();
   Log.d(TAG, "onStart Activity Main");
@Override
 protected void onResume() {
   super. onResume();
   Log.d(TAG, "onResume Activity Main");
```

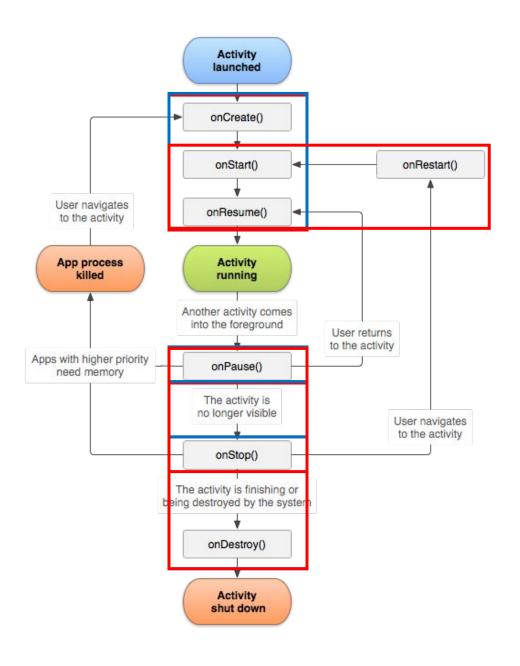
```
@Override
 protected void onPause() {
   super. onPause();
   Log.d(TAG, "onPause Activity Main");
@Override
 protected void onStop() {
   super. onStop();
   Log.d(TAG, "onStop Activity Main");
@Override
 protected void onDestroy() {
   super. onDestroy();
   Log.d(TAG, "onDestroy Activity Main");
```

## **ActivityCycle for an Activity**

Activity launched D/Activity Life Cycle: onCreate Activity Main onCreate() D/Activity Life Cycle: onStart Activity Main onStart() onRestart() D/Activity Life Cycle: onResume Activity Main User navigates onResume() to the activity D/Activity Life Cycle: onPause Activity Main Activity App process D/Activity Life Cycle: onStop Activity Main killed running Another activity comes D/Activity Life Cycle: onDestroy Activity Main into the foreground User returns to the activity Apps with higher priority onPause() need memory The activity is no longer visible User navigates to the activity onStop() The activity is finishing or being destroyed by the system onDestroy() Activity shut down

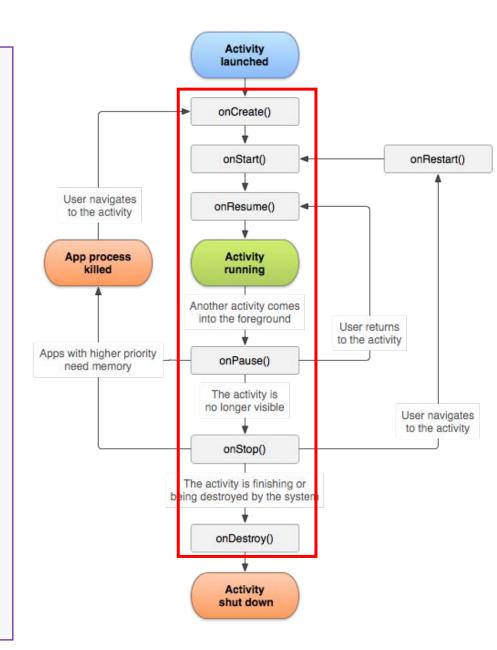
#### **ActivityCycle for two Activities**

Life Cycle: onCreate Activity Main Life Cycle: onStart Activity Main Life Cycle: onResume Activity Main Life Cycle: onPause Activity Main Life Cycle: onCreate Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onStart Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onResume Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onStop Activity Main Life Cycle: onPause Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onRestart Activity Main Life Cycle: onStart Activity Main Life Cycle: onResume Activity Main Life Cycle: onStop Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onDestroy Activity Main2 Life Cycle: onPause Activity Main Life Cycle: onStop Activity Main Life Cycle: onDestroy Activity Main



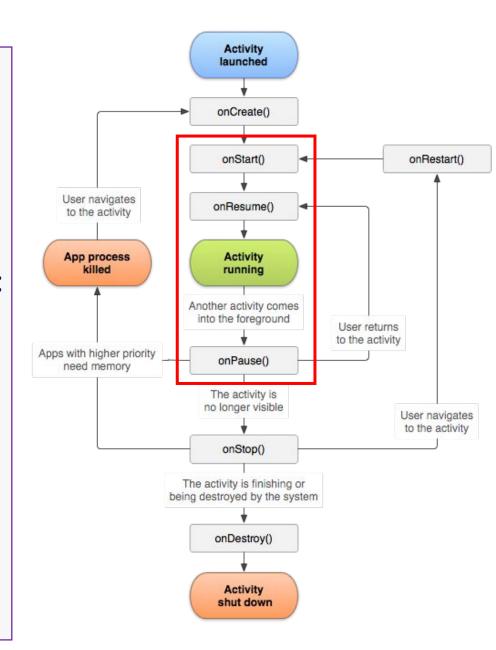
## **Entire Life for an Activity**

The entire lifetime of an activity happens between the first call to onCreate(Bundle) through to a single final call to onDestroy(). An activity will do all setup of "global" state in onCreate(), and release all remaining resources in onDestroy(). For example, if it has a thread running in the background to download data from the network, it may create that thread in onCreate() and then stop the thread in onDestroy()



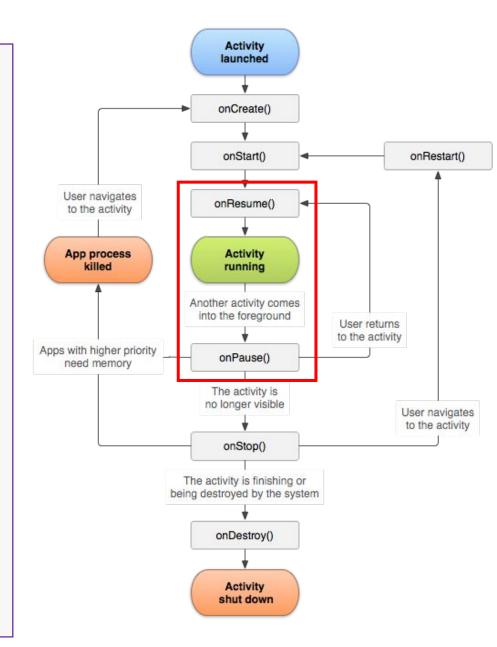
## visible lifetime for an Activity

The visible lifetime of an activity happens between a call to onStart() until a corresponding call to onStop(). During this time the user can see the activity on-screen, though it may not be in the foreground and interacting with the user. Between these two methods you can maintain resources that are needed to show the activity to the user. For example, you can register a BroadcastReceiver in onStart() to monitor for changes that impact your UI, and unregister it in onStop() when the user no longer sees what you are displaying. The onStart() and onStop() methods can be called multiple times, as the activity becomes visible and hidden to the user.



## **B** foreground lifetime for an Activity

The foreground lifetime of an activity happens between a call to onResume() until a corresponding call to onPause(). During this time the activity is in visible, active and interacting with the user. An activity can frequently go between the resumed and paused states -- for example when the device goes to sleep, when an activity result is delivered, when a new intent is delivered -- so the code in these methods should be fairly lightweight.



## **Up navigation**

- Back stack preserves history of recently viewed screens
- Back stack contains all the Activity instances that have been launched by the user in reverse order for the current task
- Each task has its own back stack
- Switching between tasks activates that task's back stack

```
@Override
 public void onSaveInstanceState(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onSaveInstanceState(savedInstanceState);
   savedInstanceState.putString("value", "asdf");
 @Override
 protected void onRestoreInstanceState(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onRestoreInstanceState(savedInstanceState);
   String myString = savedInstanceState.getString("value");
   textView.setText(myString);
```

## Two forms of navigation

- Temporal or back navigation
  - provided by the device's Back button
  - controlled by the Android system's back stack
    - Ancestral or up navigation
- provided by the Up button in app's action bar
  - controlled by defining parent-child relationships between activities in the Android manifest

# **Extract Resources**

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