

Assignment - 1

Q.1

Based on your understanding, identify a recent business trend that has influenced the Android platform. Explain how this trend impacts Android app developers and business in the mobile app industry.

As per my knowledge, one notable trend in the mobile app industry that was influencing the Android platform was the rise of progressive web apps (PWAs). PWAs are web applications that offer app-like experience directly through web browsers.

Impact on android developers:

1. Cross platform connectivity: PWAs are designed to work seamlessly across various platforms and devices, including Android.
2. Enhanced user experience: PWAs are designed to provide a smoother and more engaging user experience, which set higher expectations for Android app developers.
3. Progressive Enhancement: Developers needed to adopt progressive enhancement strategies to ensure that Android app remained competitive by offering progressive user.

- Impact on Business in the mobile App Industry:

1. Cost Saving: Businesses could potentially save on development cost by investing in a single PWA that works across multiple platforms, including Android, rather than building separate native apps.
2. Increased Reach: PWAs enabled business to reach a wider range, including user with android devices, without relying on app store distribution.
3. Improved Engagement: To focus on delivering app-like experience through PWAs encourage business to prioritize user engagement and retention.
4. Competition and Innovation: The rise of PWAs introduce competition driving business to innovate their android apps to keep up with evolving user expectations.

Q.2

What is the purpose of Inflater of layout in android development and how does it fit into the architecture of android layouts.

In android development, an Inflater refers to the LayoutInflater which plays an crucial role in creating a user interface from XML layout.

1. XML Layout files: In android, UI components are often defined using XML layout files. These files describe the structure and appearance of the UI, specifying things like widgets, their properties, within UI.
2. Layout Inflation: When your android app runs, it needs to turn these XML layout files into actual view object that can be displayed on the screen.
3. Layout Inflater: It is responsible for reading the XML layout files and instantiating the corresponding view object in memory. It takes the XML file as input.
4. Dynamic UI creation: Layout inflation is particularly valuable when you need to create UI elements dynamically.
5. Binding data: Once the view objects are created, they can be further customized and data can be bound to them.
6. Displaying UI: after inflation and customization, the view objects can be added to the app's layout hierarchy and display on screen.

Q.3 Explain the concept of a custom dialog box in android applications. provide example to illustrate its use.

In android applications, a custom dialog box is a pop-up window that overlays the current activity and it often used to interact with the user, gather input or display information.

Purpose: Custom dialogs are used when you want to present information, receive user input or perform action within a self-contained UI element.

Components: A custom dialog typically consists of various elements like button, text view, images, or input fields.

Customization: developers can design the dialog appearance, layout, behaviour according to their app branding or requirements.

ex: fun ShowCustomDialog () {

~~Val Custom Dialog = Dialog (this)~~

```
CustomDialog. getContentView(). layout. CustomDialog  
val messageTextView = CustomDialog. findViewById<TextView>(
```

val okButton = customDialog.findViewById<Button>(R.id.okButton)

message Text view.txt = "This is custom dialog!"

OK Button . setOnLine {
Custom Dialog . dismiss () }

Q4

How do activities, services and the android manifest file work together to make a android app. Can you describe their main roles and provide a basic example of how they cooperate to design a mobile app.

1. Activities:

Role: Activities represent the individual screen or UI components in an android app. They message the user interface and user interaction.

2. Services:

Role: Services are background components that perform long running operations or handle tasks that don't require a user interface.

3. Android Manifest file:

Role: The android manifest file is like the app's blueprint. It declare the app's components and defines how they interact with the android system and other components.

ex: In android manifest.XML, you specify which activities are part of your app, their launch modes, permissions and services declaration.

```

class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState) {
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main)
        startServiceButton.setOnClickListener {
            val serviceIntent = Intent(this, NotificationService::class.java)
            startService(serviceIntent)
        }
    }
}

```

```

class NotificationService : IntentService("Notification Services") {
    override fun onHandleIntent(intent: Intent) {
        if (intent != null) {
            createNotification()
        }
    }
}

```

```

private fun createNotification() {
    val channelID = "my-channel"
    if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT > Build.VERSION_CODES.O) {
        val name = "my-channel"
        val notificationManager = getSystemService(NotificationManager)
    }
    val builder = NotificationCompat.Builder(this, channelID)
        .setSmallIcon(R.drawable.ic_launcher_foreground)
        .setContentText("This is notification from service")
    }
}

```

Q.5

How does the android manifest file impact the development of android application? provide an example to demonstrate its significance.

The android manifest file is a crucial component in the development of an android application. It serves several important purpose, and its content significantly impacts how the android system interacts.

- App Configuration
- Component declaration
- Permission
- Intent filters
- App Lifecycle.

Example

```
<manifest xmlns:android="https://schemas.android.com/apk"
    package="com.example.myapp">
```

```
    <application>
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme"
        android:supportRtl="true" >
```

```
    <activity>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
        <intent-filter>
            </activity>
```

<activity android:name = "Second Activity">
.... declare additional activities here.
</activity>

<uses permission android:name = "android.permission. Intent">
.... declare require permission
</application>
</manifest>

Ques What is the role of resources in android development? discuss the various types of resources and their significance in creating well structured applications. provide example to clarify your points.

Resources play a fundamental role in android development by providing a structural way to manage assets, values, layouts, and other elements, used in your app. They help you create flexible, maintainable, and device independent application.

1 Layout resources:

Type: XML files in the res/layout.

Significance: define the structure and appearance of app user interface.

<Button

android:id = "@+id/mybutton"

android:layout_width = "wrap-content"

android:text = "Click me"

2. Draw Resources:

Type: Images are drawable assets in the res/drawable directory.

Significance: Store graphics, icons, and images used in your apps.

3. String Resources:

Type: String defined in XML files under 'res/values'.

Significance: Store text images, making it easier to provide translations.

4. String Resources:

Type: String defined in XML files under 'res/values'.

Significance: Store text string, making it easier to provide translation and maintain consistency.

Ex. res/values /string.xml

```
<string name = "app-name"> my app </string>
```

```
<string name = "Welcome msg"> welcome </string>
```

5. Style Resources:

Type: Style defined in XML files under 'res/values'.

Significance: Define reusable styles for UI components.

Ex: 'res/values /styles.xml' define styles.

```
<styles name = "mybuttonstyle">
```

```
<item name = "android.background"> @drawable /my-button
```

```
<item name = "android:text colour"> @color /primary-color</item>
```

```
</styles>
```

Q.7

How does android service contribute to the functionality of a mobile application? describe the process of developing an android service.

Contribution of android services:

1. Background Processing: Services allow app to perform task in the background without blocking user interface.
2. Long running operations: Services are ideal for handling operations that require more time to complete.
3. Inter-component communication: Services enable components like Activities that broadcast receiver, and others.
4. Foreground services: Android services can run in the foreground even when an app isn't in foreground.

Process of developing an android services:

1. Define the Service class: Create a new Java class or Kotlin class that extends the 'Service class' override method like onCreate(), onDestroy()
2. Configure service in manifest: declare your service in the android manifest.xml file to inform the android system about the existence.
3. Start or bind the service: decide whether you want to start service or bind it to other components.
4. Implement Service logic: In service class implement the specific logic your service need to perform.

5. Handle lifecycle: Release resources when you no longer needed.
6. Interact with other components: Use appropriate mechanism like intent, broadcast or callback to facilitate communication.
7. Foreground Services: For this 'start foreground'
8. Testing: Throughout test your services to ensure it functions as expected, including handling various scenarios.
9. Optimization: Optimize your service for performance and resources to manage battery usage.
10. Error handling and logging: Implement proper error handling and logging mechanism to diagnose and address issues.

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