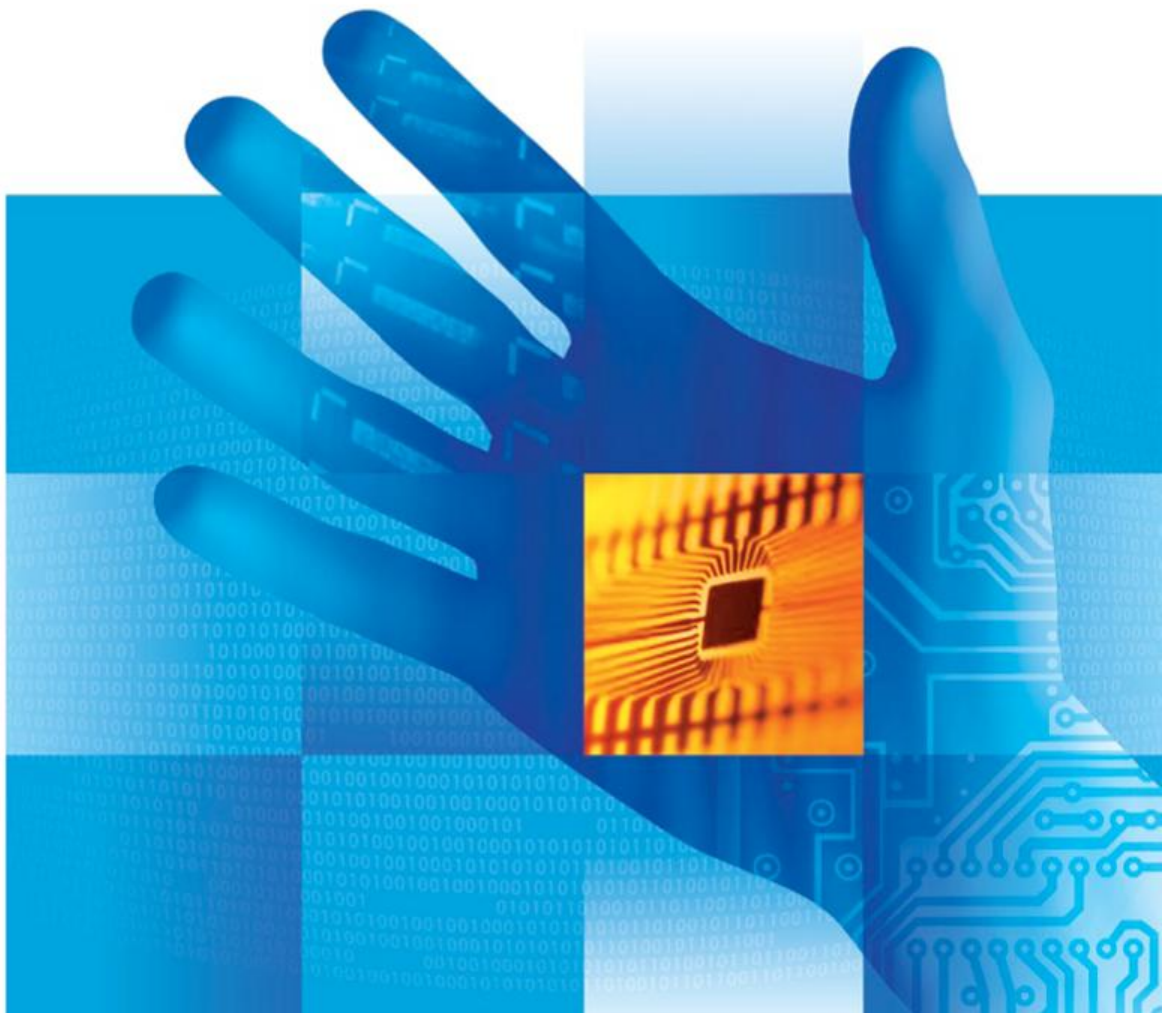




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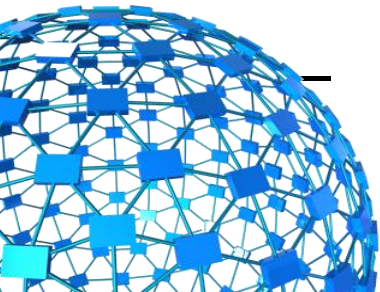
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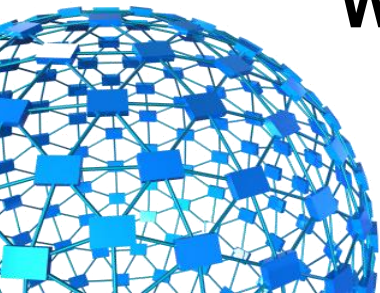
- Android provides several APIs in addition to standard network connection
 - **Network**
 - Cellular network / Ethernet
 - WiFi + “WiFi Direct”
 - SIP API
 - **Bluetooth (LE)**
 - **USB**
 - USB host
 - Android USB accessories
 - **NFC**
 - **Google Cloud**





Introduction

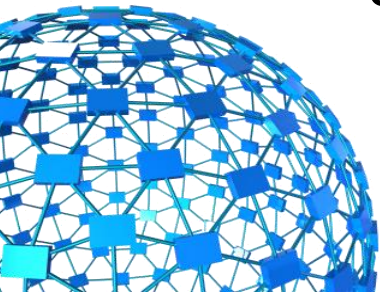
- Best way of accessing resources over the Internet from a smart device application is to use **XML Web services**.
- If Web services are not an appropriate solution, you can access network resources using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (**HTTP**) and **JSON**
- If you need to have direct control over a Transmission Control Protocol (**TCP/IP**) or a User Datagram Protocol (**UDP/IP**) connection use the *Socket* class.
- Web-based content can be also displayed in **WebView**.





Android - Networking

- **Socket class**
 - Lets you do general-purpose network programming
 - Same as with desktop Java programming
- **URLConnection / HTTPSURLConnection**
 - Simplifies connections to HTTP servers
 - Same as with desktop Java programming
- **HttpClient**
 - Simplest way to download entire content of a URL
 - Not standard in Java SE, but standard in Android
- **JSONObject**
 - Simplifies creation and parsing of JSON data
 - Not standard in Java SE, but standard in Android





Internet Permission

- **Apps that use internet must have permissions**
 - User will be notified that app wants internet permission, and can deny it. Apps that do not request permission will be denied access by the Android OS
 - It is possible with effort to circumvent this by launching a hidden Web browser that has data embedded in URL
 - See <http://dtors.org/2010/08/06/circumventing-android-permissions/>
- **AndroidManifest.xml**

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





Circumventing Android Permissions

BlackHat USA 2010

```
PowerManager pm = (PowerManager) getSystemService(Context.POWER_SERVICE);  
if (!pm.isScreenOn()) {  
    Log.e("NetHack", "Screen off");  
    startActivity(new Intent(Intent.ACTION_VIEW,  
        Uri.parse("http://mysite/data?lat=" + lat + "&lon=" +  
            lon)).setFlags(Intent.FLAG_ACTIVITY_NEW_TASK));  
    mBrowserDisplayed = true;  
  
} else if (mBrowserDisplayed) {  
    Log.e("NetHack", "Screen on");  
    startActivity(new Intent(Intent.ACTION_MAIN).addCategory  
        (Intent.CATEGORY_HOME));  
    mBrowserDisplayed = false;  
}
```





Manage Network Connection

- **ConnectivityManager**
 - Gives the state of network connectivity. It also notifies applications when network connectivity changes.
- **NetworkInfo**
 - Describes the status of a network interface of a given type (currently either Mobile or Wi-Fi).

```
ConnectivityManager connMgr =  
    (ConnectivityManager) getSystemService(Context.CONNECTIVITY_SERVICE);  
  
boolean isWifiConn = false; boolean isMobileConn = false;  
  
for (Network network : connMgr.getAllNetworks()) {  
    NetworkInfo networkInfo = connMgr.getNetworkInfo(network);  
    if (networkInfo.getType() == ConnectivityManager.TYPE_WIFI) {  
        isWifiConn |= networkInfo.isConnected();  
    }  
    if (networkInfo.getType() == ConnectivityManager.TYPE_MOBILE) {  
        isMobileConn |= networkInfo.isConnected();  
    }  
}
```



Basic Sockets

1. Create a Socket object

```
Socket client = new Socket("hostname", portNumber);
```

2. Create output stream to send data to the Socket

```
// Last arg of true means autoflush -- flush stream
```

```
// when println is called
```

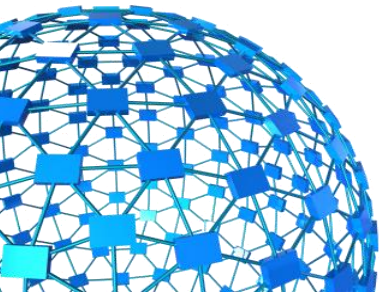
```
PrintWriter out =
```

```
    new PrintWriter(client.getOutputStream(), true);
```

3. Create input stream to read response from server

```
BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader
```

```
    (new InputStreamReader(client.getInputStream()));
```





Basic Sockets

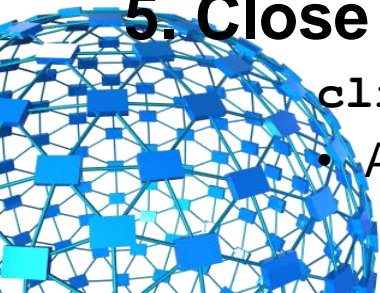
4. Do I/O with the input and output Streams

- For the output stream, `PrintWriter`, use *print*, *println*, and *printf*, similar to *System.out.print/println/printf*
 - The main difference is that you can create `PrintWriters` for different Unicode characters sets, and you can't with `PrintStream` (the class of `System.out`).
- For input stream, `BufferedReader`, call *read* to get a single char or an array of characters, or call *readLine* to get a whole line
 - Note that *readLine* returns null if the connection was terminated (i.e. on EOF), but waits otherwise
- You can use `ObjectInputStream` and `ObjectOutputStream` for Java-to-Java communication. Very powerful and simple.

5. Close the socket when done

```
client.close();
```

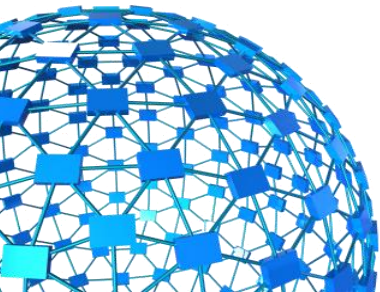
- Also closes the associated input and output streams





Exceptions

- **UnknownHostException**
 - If host passed to Socket constructor is not known to DNSserver.
 - Note that you may use an IP address string for the host
- **IOException**
 - *Timeout*
 - *Connection refused* by server
 - *Interruption* or other unexpected problem
 - Server closing connection does *not cause an error* when reading: null is returned from readLine





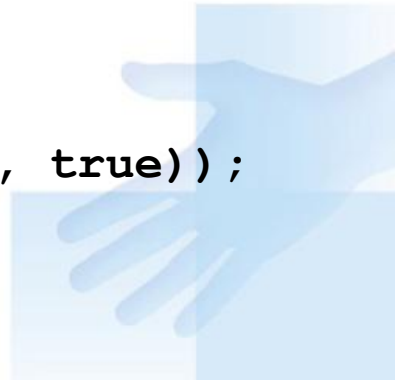
Helper Class: SocketUtils

- **Idea**

- It is common to make BufferedReader and PrintWriter from a Socket, so simplify the syntax slightly

```
public static BufferedReader getReader(Socket s) throws
    IOException {
    return(new BufferedReader
        (new InputStreamReader(s.getInputStream())));
}
```

```
public static PrintWriter getWriter(Socket s)
    throwsIOException {
    // Second argument of true means autoflush.
    return (new PrintWriter(s.getOutputStream(), true));
}
```





Helper Libraries - Volley

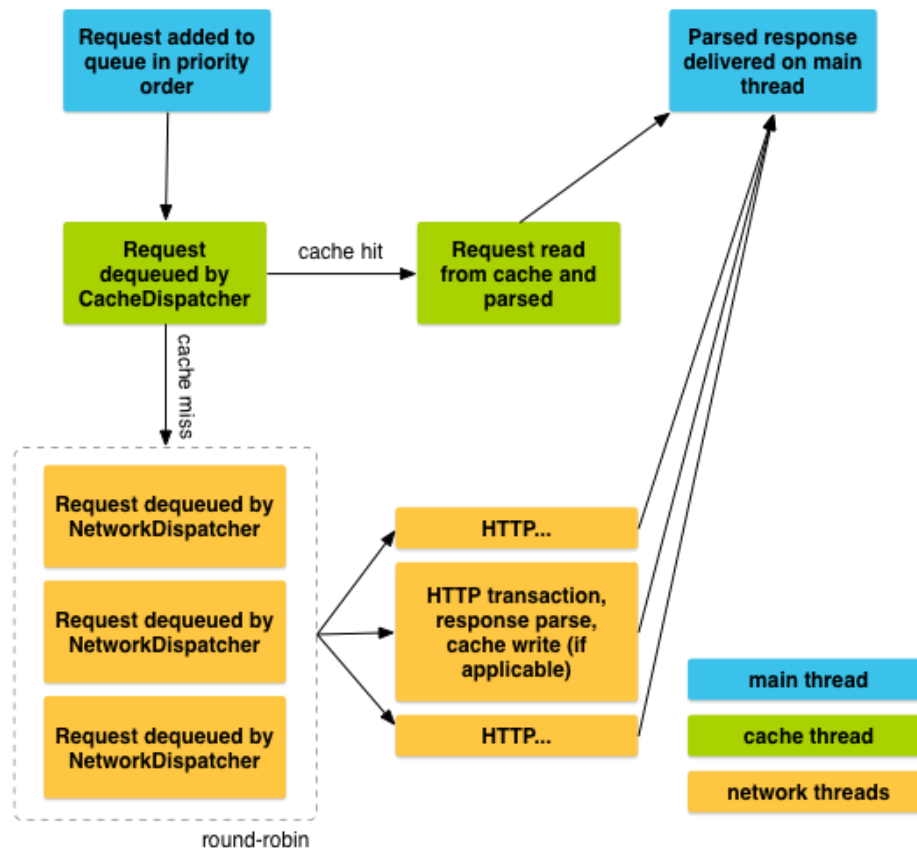
- **Volley** - <https://github.com/google/volley>
 - HTTP library that makes networking for Android apps easier
 - Automatic scheduling of network requests.
 - Multiple concurrent network connections.
 - Transparent disk and memory response caching with standard HTTP cache coherence.
 - Support for request prioritization.
 - ***RequestQueue*** manages worker threads for running the network operations, reading from and writing to the cache, and parsing responses.
 - ***Requests*** do the parsing of raw responses and Volley takes care of dispatching the parsed response back to the main thread for delivery.





Volley

- All expensive operations like blocking I/O and parsing/decoding are done on worker threads.
- Requests can be made from any thread, but responses are always delivered on the main thread.





Volley - Example

```
dependencies {  
    ...  
    compile 'com.android.volley:volley:1.0.0'  
}
```

```
final TextView mTextView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.text);  
...  
  
// Instantiate the RequestQueue.  
RequestQueue queue = Volley.newRequestQueue(this);  
String url = "http://www.google.com";  
  
// Request a string response from the provided URL.  
StringRequest stringRequest = new StringRequest(Request.Method.GET, url,  
    new Response.Listener<String>() {  
        @Override  
        public void onResponse(String response) {  
            // Display the first 500 characters of the response string.  
            mTextView.setText("Response is: " + response.substring(0,500));  
        }  
    }, new Response.ErrorListener() {  
        @Override  
        public void onErrorResponse(VolleyError error) {  
            mTextView.setText("That didn't work!");  
        }  
    });  
// Add the request to the RequestQueue.  
queue.add(stringRequest);
```



Helper Libraries - Cronet

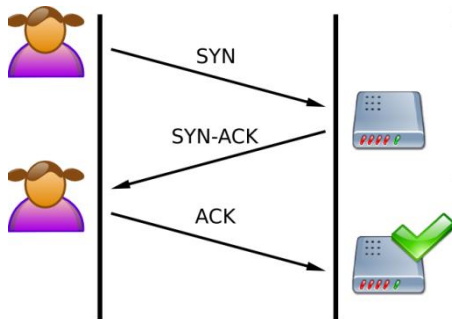
- **Cronet** - Chromium network stack
 - Used in YouTube, Google App, Google Photos, etc.
- Reduce the latency and increase the throughput of the network requests
 - Supports HTTP, HTTP/2 and QUIC
 - Request prioritization
 - Resource caching
 - Data compression using Brotli Compressed Data Format
 - LZ77 + Huffman coding





Connecting as Client

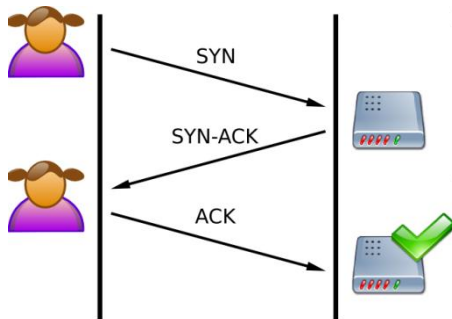
- Declare an end point and a **Socket** by passing the address and port number information into the constructor.
- Use the EndPoint to attempt to **connect** the socket to the host.
- Be sure to use a try/catch clause here because the attempt will throw an exception if there is a problem.





Receiving a Connection as a Server

- Create a new **socket** that **listens** for new connections.
- **Bind** the listening socket to a specific port so that it listens for connections on only that port.
- Call **Accept** on the listening socket to derive another socket when someone connects to you. Read and write to the deriving socket, listening socket continues to wait for new connections.





Using UDP Packets

- UDP packet, is useful for **real-time** streaming applications. In such applications, if a packet arrives damaged, it **does not matter** whether the **packet could be corrected or retransmitted**, because there is no time to do so.
- UDP packets differ from TCP packets in that they are **connectionless**, whereas the TCP protocol is a **connection-oriented** protocol, which means we need to connect a socket to a remote computer before we can start sending or receiving data using that socket.





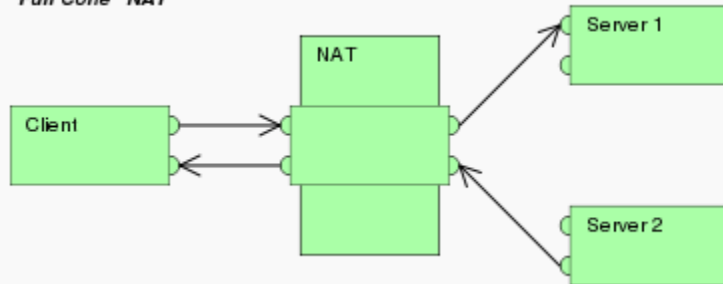
Session Traversal Utilities for NAT

- **STUN** is an Internet standards-track suite of methods, including a network protocol, used in **NAT traversal** for applications of real-time voice, video, messaging, and other interactive IP communications.
- The STUN protocol **allows** applications **operating through a network address translator** (NAT) to discover the presence of a network address translator and to obtain the mapped (public) IP address (NAT address) and port number that the NAT has allocated for the application's UDP connections to remote hosts.
- STUN is not a self-contained NAT traversal solution applicable in all NAT deployment scenarios and **does not work correctly with all of them.**

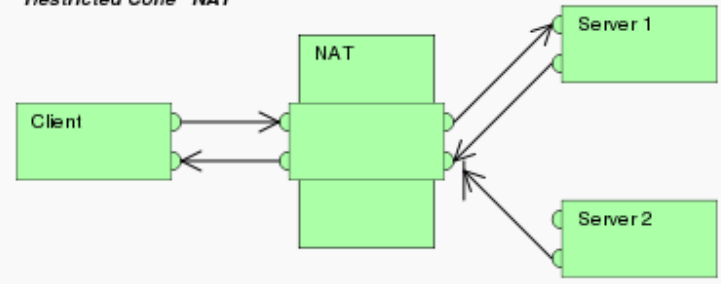


Types of NAT

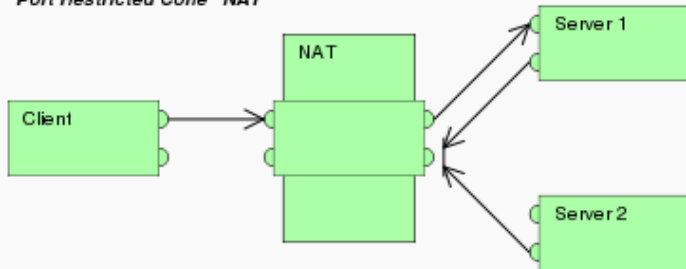
"Full Cone" NAT



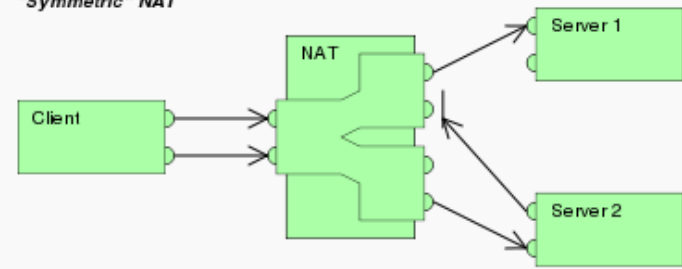
"Restricted Cone" NAT



"Port Restricted Cone" NAT



"Symmetric" NAT





Data Conversions

- It is possible to write code that sends the byte-wise representation of numerical values instead of converting them to strings or converting them to network-ordered representations. This is a dangerous habit to get into, because **different platforms** have **different internal representations** for fundamental data types.
 - **Big Endian / Little Endian**
 - **Integers of different size**
 - **Strings in different encodings ...**
- There are some simple techniques for converting byte arrays into fundamental data types.



Big Endian and Little Endian

- Hexadecimal number 12345678.

Address →	00	01	10	11
Big Endian	12	34	56	78
Little Endian	78	56	34	12

- Big endian** (Motorola 68k, AVR32, >ARMv3)
 - Is more natural.
 - The sign of the number can be determined by looking at the byte at address offset 0.
 - Strings and integers are stored in the same order.
- Little endian** (x86, 6502, 8051, Atmel AVR, <ARMv3)
 - Makes it easier to place values on non-word boundaries.
 - Conversion from a 16-bit integer address to a 32-bit integer address does not require any arithmetic.



Data Conversions

- It is simple to connect to a server and create Reader/Writer. So, the harder parts are formatting request and parsing response.
- **Approaches**
 - Formatting requests
 - Use *printf* (aka *String.format*)
 - Parsing response: simplest
 - Use *StringTokenizer*
 - Parsing response: more powerful
 - Use *String.split* with regular expressions
 - Parsing response: most powerful
 - Use *Pattern* and full regex library





Formatted output - printf

- **Takes a variable number of arguments**
 - `System.out.printf("Formatting String", arg1, arg2, ...);`
- **Advantages**
 - Lets you insert values into output without much clumsier String concatenation.
 - Lets you control the width of results so things line up
 - Lets you control the number of digits after the decimal point in numbers, for consistent-looking output
- **Very similar to C/C++ printf function**
 - If you know *printf* in C/C++, you can probably use Java's *printf* immediately without reading any documentation
 - Although some additions in time formatting and locales
 - Use *String.format* to get the equivalent of C's *sprintf*



Printf – Example

- **Example**

```
String firstName = "John";  
String lastName = "Doe";  
int numPets = 7;  
String petType = "chickens";
```

```
System.out.printf("%s %s has %s %s.%n", firstName,  
    lastName, numPets, petType);
```

```
System.out.println(firstName + " " + lastName + " has " +  
    numPets + " " + petType + ".");
```

- **Result:**

John Doe has 7 chickens.

John Doe has 7 chickens.





Printf – Formatting Options

- **Different flags**
 - %s for strings, %f for floats/doubles, %t for dates, etc.
 - Unlike in C/C++, you can use %s for *any type (even nums)*
- **Various extra entries can be inserted**
 - To control width, number of digits, commas, justification, type of date format, and more
- **Complete details**
 - printf uses mini-language, for complete coverage, see
 - <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/util/Formatter.html#syntax>
- **Most common errors**
 - Using + instead of , between arguments (printf uses varargs)
 - Forgetting to add %n at the end if you want a newline (not automatic)



Parsing using StringTokenizer

- Build a **tokenizer** from an initial string
- Retrieve tokens one at a time with ***nextToken***
- You can also see how many tokens are remaining (*countTokens*) or simply test if the number of tokens remaining is nonzero (*hasMoreTokens*)

```
StringTokenizer tok = new StringTokenizer(input,  
    delimiters);
```

```
while (tok.hasMoreTokens()) {  
    doSomethingWith(tok.nextToken());  
}
```





Parsing using StringTokenizer

- **Constructors**

- StringTokenizer(String input, String delimiters)
- StringTokenizer(String input, String delimiters, boolean includeDelimiters)
- StringTokenizer(String input)
 - Default delimiter set is " \t\n\r\f" (whitespace)

- **Methods**

- nextToken(), nextToken(String delimiters)
- countTokens()
- hasMoreTokens()

- **Also see methods in String class**

- split, substring, indexOf, startsWith, endsWith, compareTo, ...
- Java has good support for regular expressions



Parsing using String.split

- **Basic usage**

- `String[] tokens = mainString.split(delimiterString);`

- **Differences from StringTokenizer**

- *Entire string is the delimiter (not one-char delimiters)*

- `"foobar".split("ob")` returns "fo" and "ar"

- `"foobar".split("bo")` returns "foobar"

- You can use regular expressions in the delimiter

- `^`, `$`, `*`, `+`, `.`, etc for beginning of String, end of String, 0 or more, 1 or more, any one character, etc.

- Unless you use `"+"`, an empty string is returned between del.

- `"foobar".split("o")` returns "f", "", and "bar"

- `"foobar".split("o+")` returns "f" and "bar"

- You can supply second argument to split

- Giving max splits; any extras go in final string





Parsing using regular expressions

- String.split and other methods use regular expressions
- So do many other languages. *Knowing regex syntax is an important part of every programmer's repertoire.*
- **Tutorials**
 - <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/util/regex/Pattern.html#sum>
 - <http://www.regular-expressions.info/tutorialcnt.html>
 - <http://www.zytrax.com/tech/web/regex.htm>





JSON

- **JavaScript Object Notation**
- **Minimal, textual, subset of JavaScript**
- **A Subset of ECMA-262 Third Edition.**
 - **Language Independent.**
 - **Text-based.**
 - **Light-weight.**
 - **Easy to parse.**
- **RFC 4627**
- *JSON is not a document format.*
- *JSON is not a markup language.*
- *JSON is not a general serialization format.*





JSON Example

```
{"name":"Jack B. Nimble","at large":true,"grade":"A","level":3,"format":{"type":"rect","width":1920,"height":1080,"interlace":false,"framerate":24}}
```

[-] Object, 5 properties		
name	Jack B. Nimble	
at large	true	
grade	A	
level	3	
format	type	rect
	width	1920
	height	1080
	interlace	false
	framerate	24

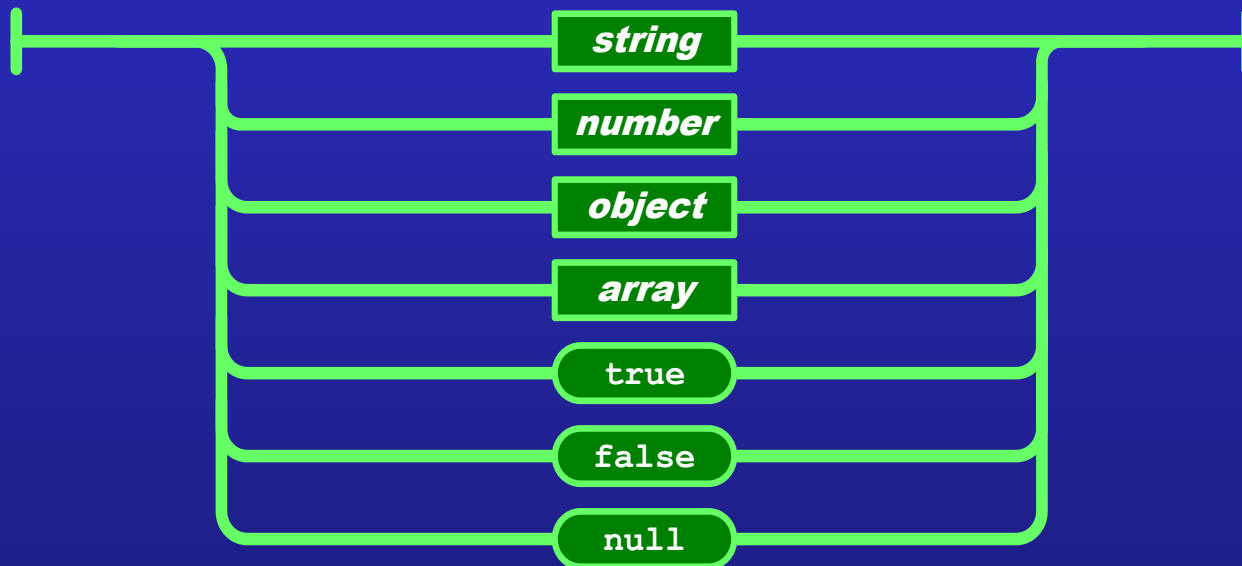




JSON Values

- **Strings**
- **Numbers**
- **Booleans**
 - true, false
- **Objects**
- **Arrays**
- **null**

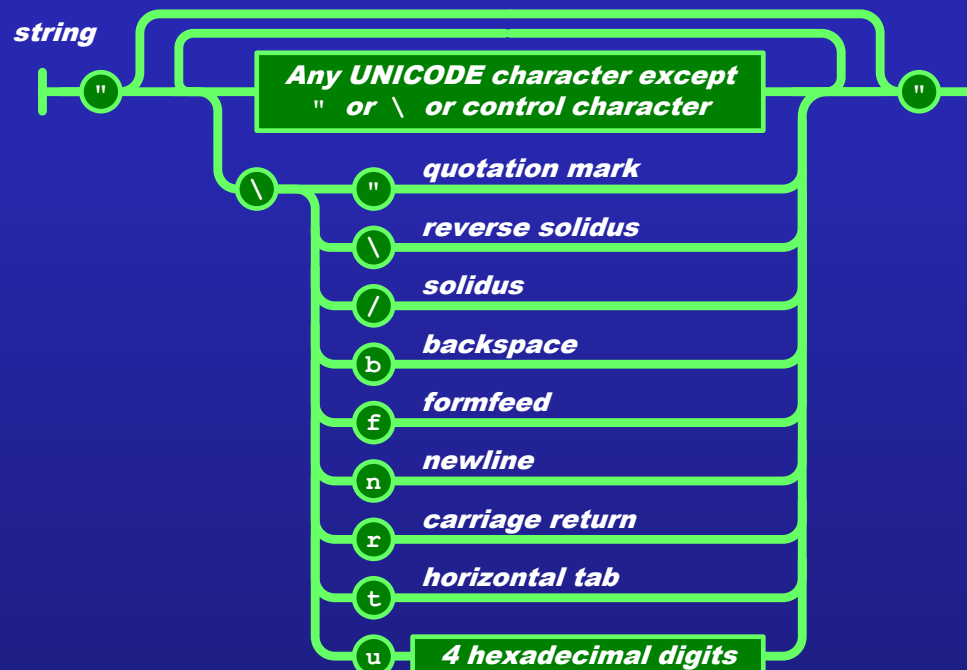
value





JSON Strings

- Sequence of 0 or more **Unicode characters**
- No separate character type.
 - A character is represented as a string length of 1.
- **Wrapped in „double quotes“,**
- **Backslash escapement**

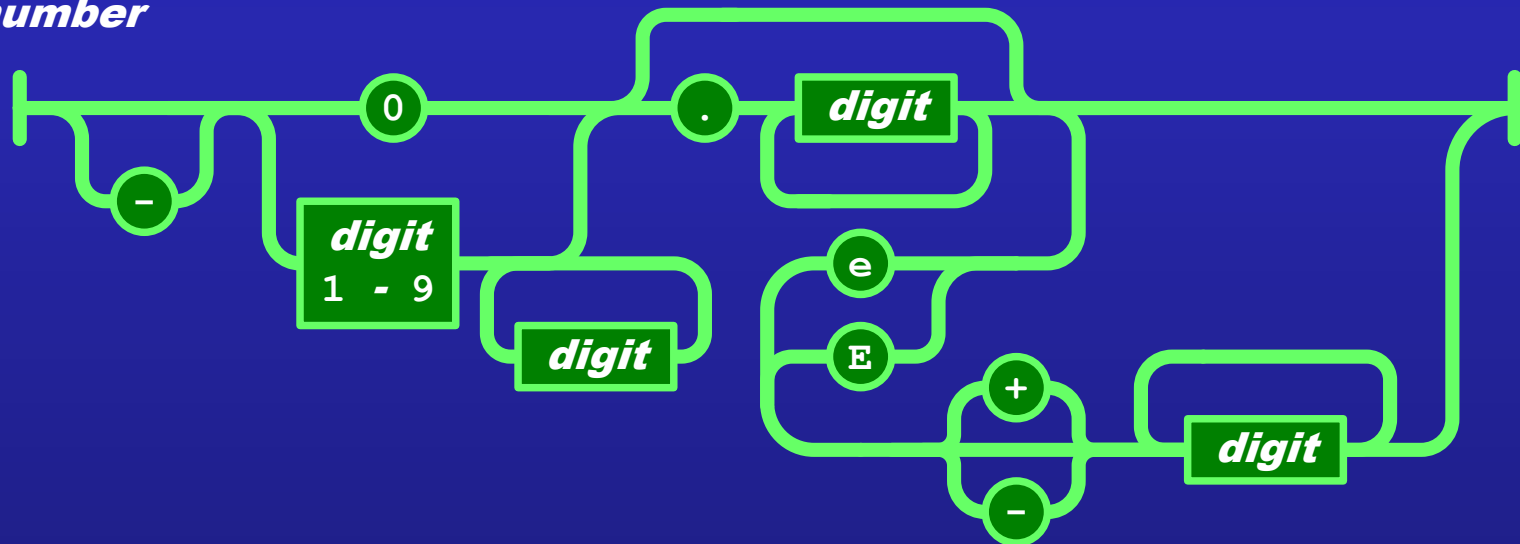




JSON Numbers

- Integer
- Real
- Scientific
- No octal or hex
- No NaN or Infinity
 - Use null instead

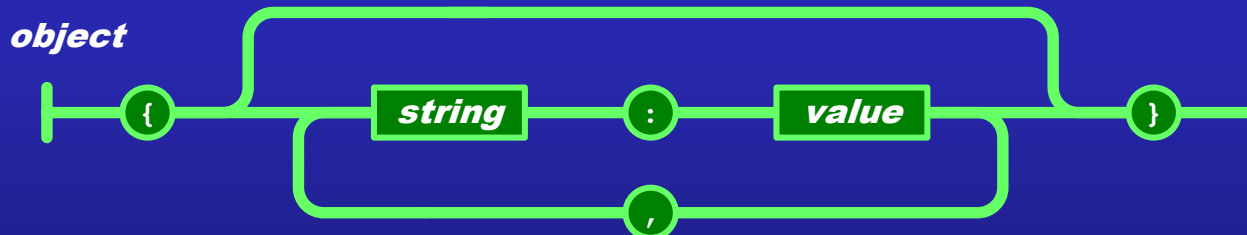
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JSON Objects

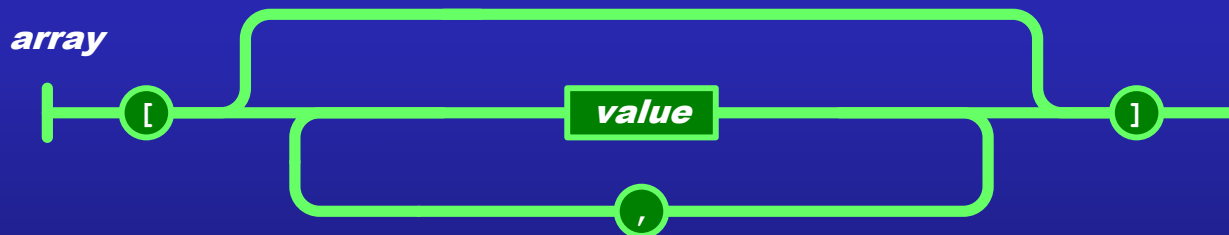
- Objects are **unordered containers of key/value pairs**
- Objects are **wrapped in { }**
 - , separates key/value pairs
 - : separates keys and values
- Keys are strings
- Values are JSON values





JSON Arrays

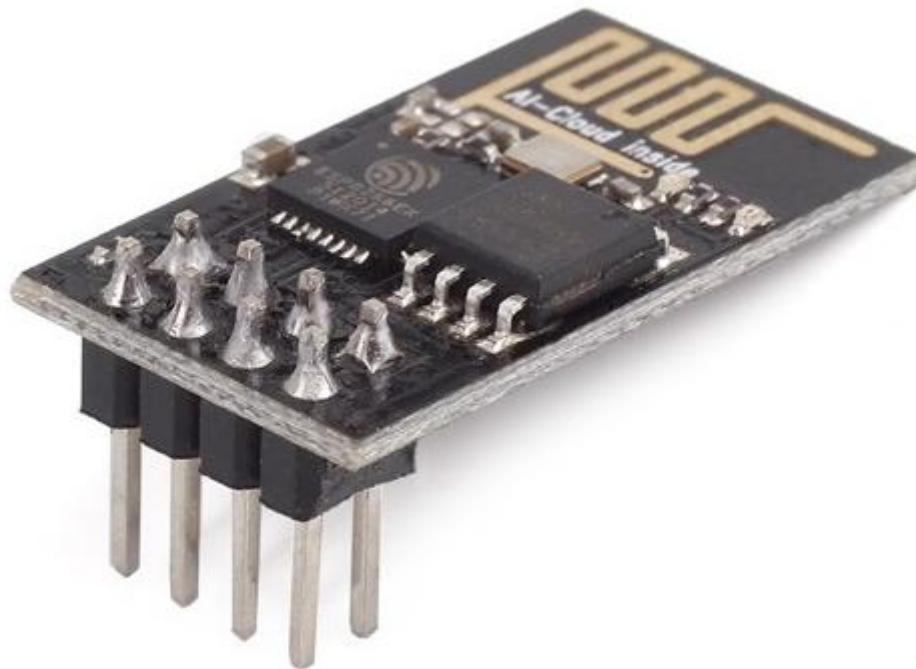
- Arrays are **ordered sequences** of values
- Arrays are **wrapped in []**
 - , separates values
- JSON does not talk about indexing.
- An implementation can start array indexing at 0 or 1.





DEMO

- **ESP8266 + Let's Control It + JSON parsing**





Libraries for Social Networks

- **Facebook** (908,000,000+)
 - <https://developers.facebook.com/docs/mobile/android/build/>
- **Twitter** (500,000,000+)
 - <http://twitter4j.org/>

Update according current trends ...





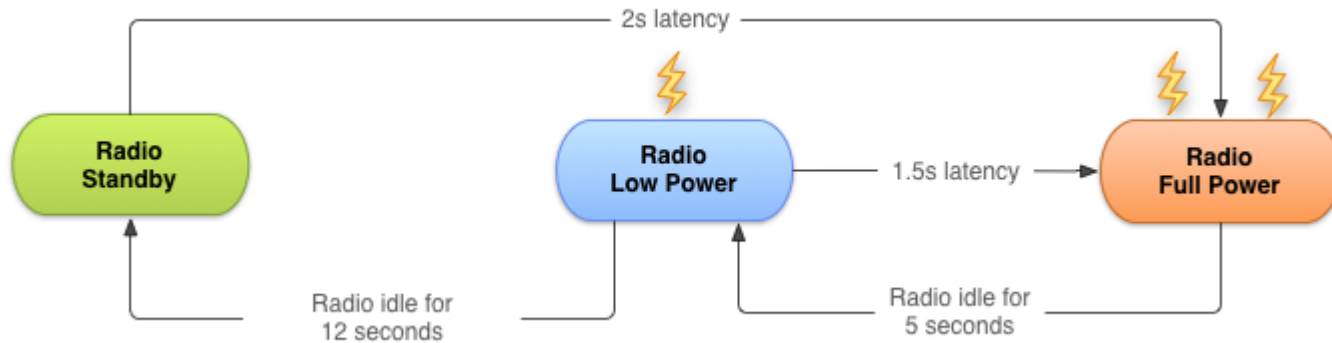
Wi-Fi

- Wi-Fi scanning capabilities provided by the **WifiManager API**
- Requires one of following permissions
 - **ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION**
 - **ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION**
 - **CHANGE_WIFI_STATE**
- **WiFi scanning process**
 - Register a broadcast listener for **SCAN_RESULTS_AVAILABLE_ACTION**
 - **Request a scan** using *WifiManager.startScan()*
 - **Get scan results** using *WifiManager.getScanResults()*
- **Throttling**
 - Android 8.0 and Android 8.1:
 - Each background app can scan one time in a 30-minute period.
 - Android 9 and higher:
 - Each foreground app can scan four times in a 2-minute period. This allows for a burst of scans in a short time.
 - All background apps combined can scan one time in a 30-minute period.



Optimize Network Access

- Radio states



- Network profiler





Wi-Fi Direct

- Requires Android 4.0 (API level 14) or later device
- Allows to connect directly between devices via Wi-Fi **without** an intermediate **access point**.
 - The Wi-Fi Direct devices negotiate when they first connect to determine which device shall act as an access point.
- Wi-Fi Direct API
 - Methods to discover, request, and connect to peers
 - Listeners that allow you to be notified of the success or failure of previous method calls
 - Intents that notify of specific events detected by the Wi-Fi Direct framework (dropped connection, discovered peer etc.)
- Creating a Wi-Fi Direct connection
 - *Initial setup*
 - *Discovering peers*
 - *Connecting to peers*





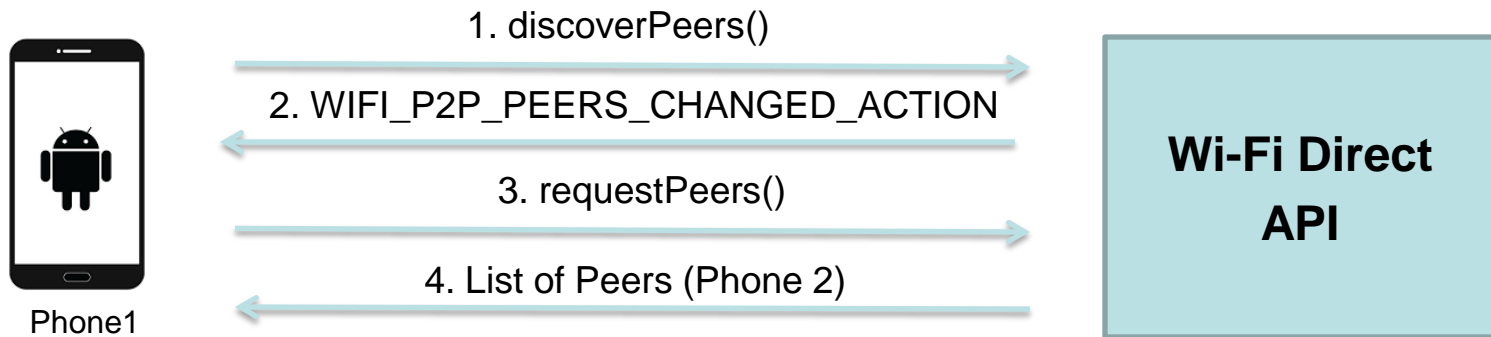
Wi-Fi Direct API

- Methods that interact with or discover peers
 - **WifiP2PManager**
 - When a p2p connection is formed over wifi, the device continues to maintain the uplink connection over mobile or any other available network for internet connectivity on the device.
- Listeners that respond to the results of *WifiP2PManager*
- Intents that are broadcast when certain events happen
- This class contains many methods for P2P interaction
 - Get using `getSystemService(Context.WIFI_P2P_SERVICE)`;
- Useful methods
 - *initialize()* – registers the application
 - *connect()* – connect to another device with P2P
 - *discoverPeers()* – initiates peer discovery
 - Will broadcast a `WIFI_P2P_PEERS_CHANGED_ACTION` intent if peer list has changed
 - *requestPeers()* – returns the current list of peers



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- Source codes
 - <https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/connectivity/wifip2p#java>

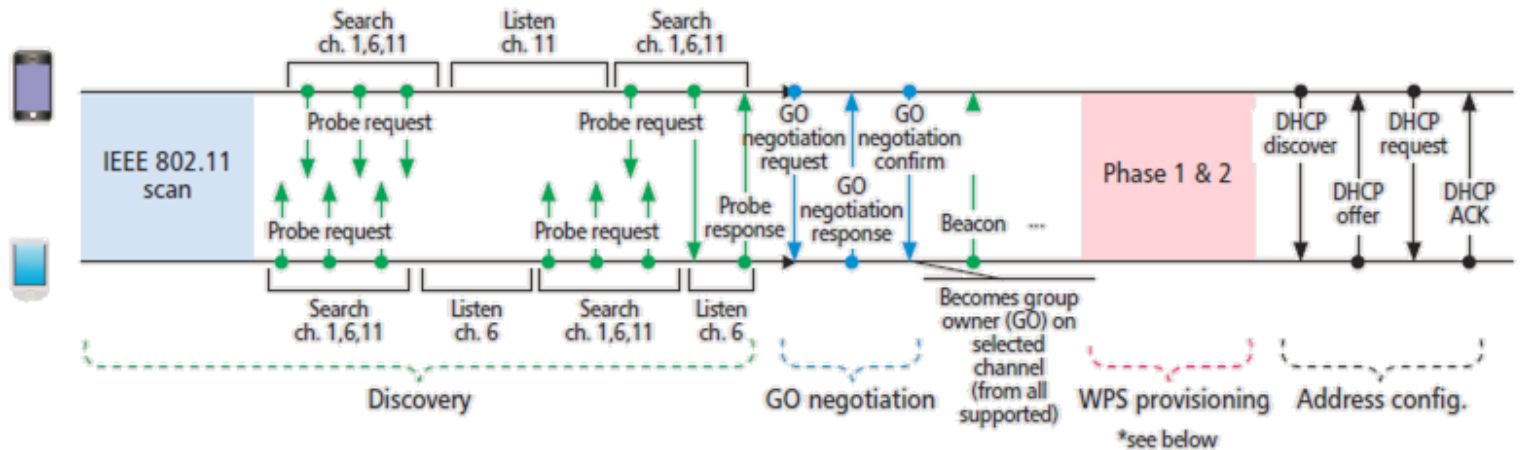


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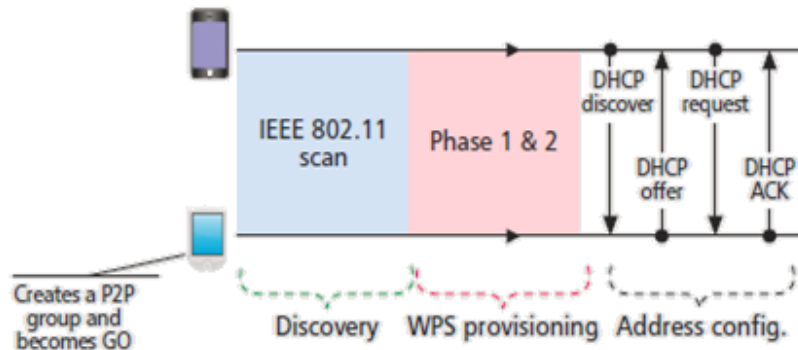


Wi-Fi Direct API

P2P standard
group formation



P2P autonomous
group formation





Wi-Fi Aware

- Also *Neighbor Awareness Networking* (NAN).
- Requires Android 8.0 (API level 26) or later device
 - Managed by the **Wi-Fi Aware system service**
 - Apps **have no control** over clustering behavior
 - `android.permission.NEARBY_WIFI_DEVICES`
- Allowed operations:
 - **Discover other devices**
 - **Create a network connection**

```
WifiAwareManager wifiAwareManager =  
(WifiAwareManager) context.getSystemService(Context.WIFI_AWARE_SERVICE)  
  
IntentFilter filter = new IntentFilter(WifiAwareManager.ACTION_WIFI_AWARE_STATE_CHANGED);  
  
BroadcastReceiver myReceiver = new BroadcastReceiver() {  
    @Override  
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent)  
    {  
        if (wifiAwareManager.isAvailable()) { ... }  
        else { ... }  
    }  
};  
context.registerReceiver(myReceiver, filter);
```



Bluetooth

- Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPAN)
 - Standard: IEEE 802.15.1
 - ISM band between 2.4-2.485GHz
 - Frequency hopping over 79 channels, 1600 hops/second
- Classes
 - Class 1 (100mW, 100m range)
 - **Class 2 (2.5mW, 10m range)**
 - Class 3 (1mW, 1m range)

Version	Data rate	Feature
1.2	721 kb/s	
2.0 + EDR	3 Mb/s	Enhanced Data Rate (EDR)
3.0 + HS	24 Mb/s	High-Speed
4.0	1 Mb/s (BLE)	Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)



Bluetooth Classic API

- **Scan** for other Bluetooth devices
- **Query** the local Bluetooth adapter for paired Bluetooth devices
- **Establish RFCOMM channels**
- Connect to other devices through **service discovery**
- **Transfer data** to and from other devices
- Manage multiple connections

- Bluetooth permissions
 - BLUETOOTH - Allows applications to connect to paired bluetooth devices
 - BLUETOOTH_ADMIN - Allows applications to discover and pair bluetooth devices





Bluetooth API

- Setup Bluetooth, get adapter

```
BluetoothAdapter mBluetoothAdapter = BluetoothAdapter.getDefaultAdapter();  
if (mBluetoothAdapter == null) {  
    // Device doesn't support Bluetooth  
}
```

- Enable Bluetooth

```
if (!mBluetoothAdapter.isEnabled()) {  
    Intent enableBtIntent = new Intent(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_REQUEST_ENABLE);  
    startActivityForResult(enableBtIntent, REQUEST_ENABLE_BT);  
}
```



Bluetooth API

- Find **paired** devices

```
Set<BluetoothDevice> pairedDevices = mBluetoothAdapter.getBondedDevices();

if (pairedDevices.size() > 0) {
    // There are paired devices. Get the name and address of paired device.
    for (BluetoothDevice device : pairedDevices) {
        String deviceName = device.getName();
        String deviceHardwareAddress = device.getAddress(); // MAC address
    }
}
```

Pair with My device?

Bluetooth pairing code

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☐ Allow My device to access your contacts
and call history

CANCEL PAIR

- If not paired start **discovery**, become discoverable

```
Intent discoverableIntent =
    new Intent(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_REQUEST_DISCOVERABLE);
discoverableIntent.putExtra(BluetoothAdapter.EXTRA_DISCOVERABLE_DURATION, 300);
startActivity(discoverableIntent);
```



Bluetooth API

- Accept connection as server

```
public AcceptThread() {
    BluetoothServerSocket tmp = null;
    try {
        tmp = mBluetoothAdapter.listenUsingRfcommWithServiceRecord(NAME, UUID);
    } catch (IOException e) { ... }
    mmServerSocket = tmp;
}

public void run() {
    BluetoothSocket socket = null;
    while (true) {
        try {
            socket = mmServerSocket.accept();
        } catch (IOException e) { ... }

        if (socket != null) {
            doSomething(socket);
            mmServerSocket.close();
        }
    }
}
```



Bluetooth API

- Connect to remote device as client

```
public ConnectThread(BluetoothDevice device) {
    BluetoothSocket tmp = null;
    mmDevice = device;

    try {
        tmp = device.createRfcommSocketToServiceRecord(UUID);
    } catch (IOException e) { ... }
    mmSocket = tmp;
}

public void run() {
    mBluetoothAdapter.cancelDiscovery();

    try {
        mmSocket.connect();
    } catch (IOException connectException) { ... }

    doSomething(mmSocket);
}
```



Bluetooth Low Energy

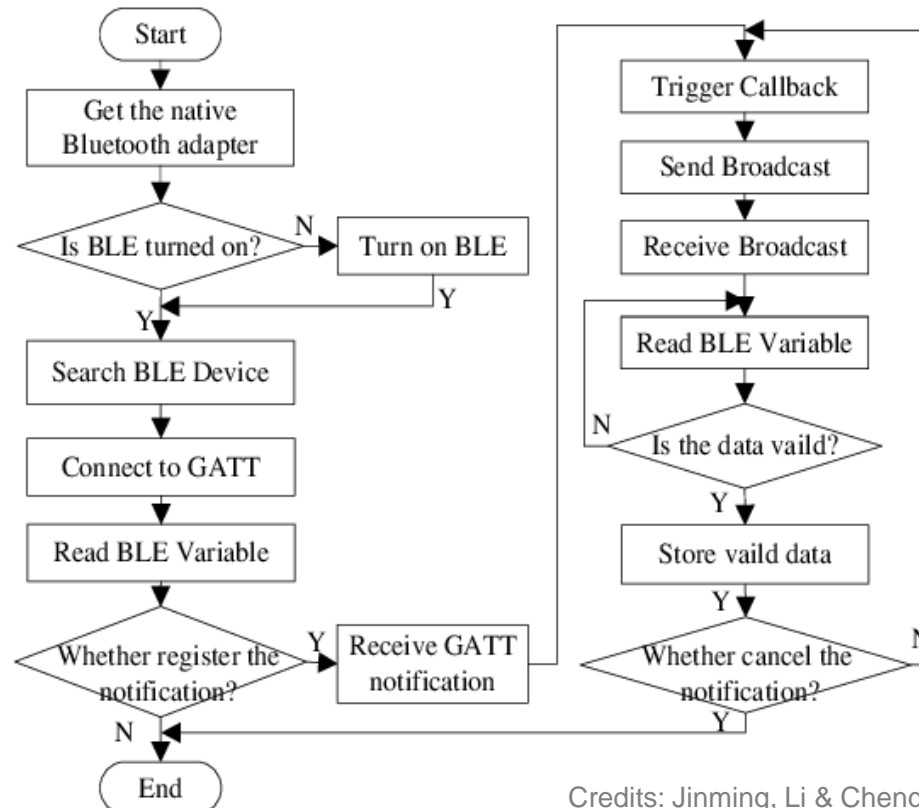
- Android BLE in the **central role**
 - Transferring **small amounts of data** between nearby devices.
 - Interacting with **proximity sensors**
 - **Significantly lower power consumption** compared to BT
- The device in the central role scans, looking for advertisement, and the device in the peripheral role advertises.
 - The phone—the central device—actively **scans** for BLE devices. The activity tracker—the peripheral device—**advertises** and waits to receive a request for connection.
 - After the phone and the activity tracker have established a connection, they start transferring **GATT (Generic Attribute Profile)** metadata to each other.





Bluetooth Low Energy

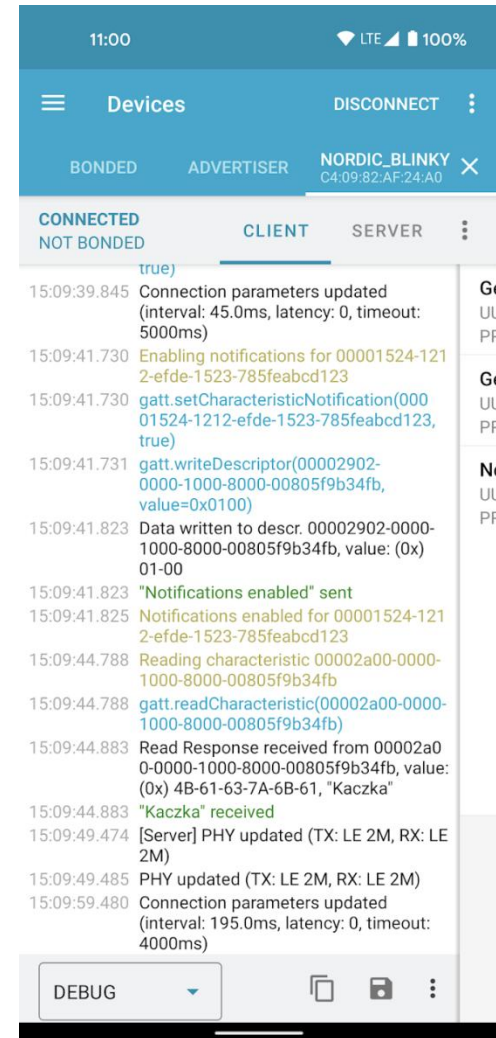
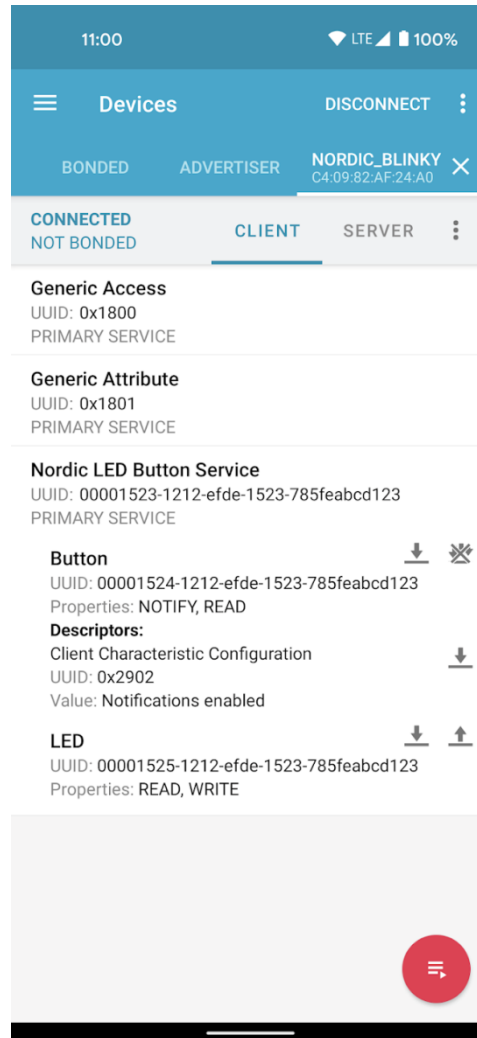
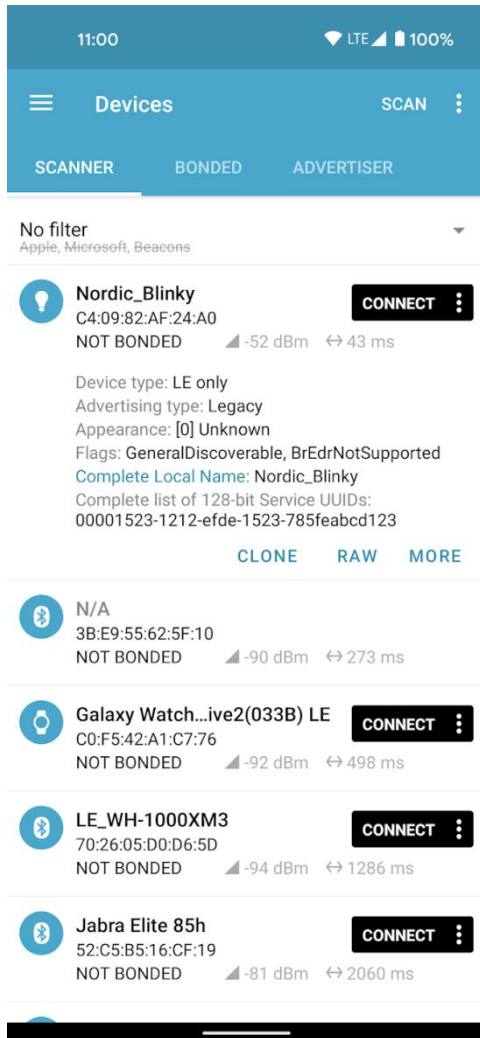
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Bluetooth Low Energy

— nRF Connect for Mobile, Nordic Semiconductor ASA





Bluetooth Low Energy

McDonald BLE locators ☺

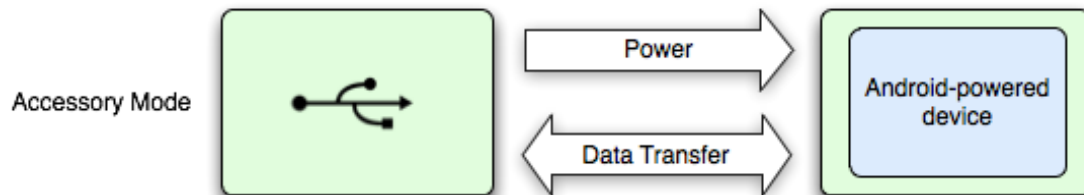
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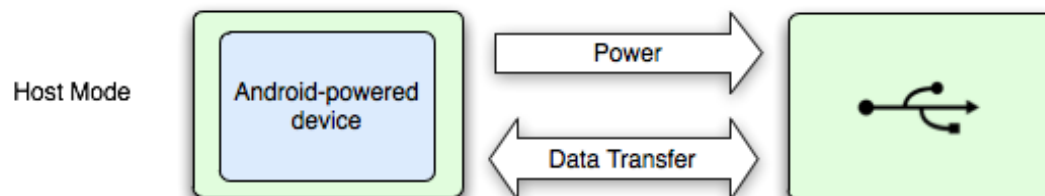


USB Connection

- **USB accessory mode** - backported to Android 2.3.4
 - the external USB hardware act as the USB hosts
 - robotics controllers; docking stations; diagnostic and musical equipment; kiosks; card readers



- **USB host mode** - since Android 3.1 (API level 12)
 - the Android-powered device acts as the host.
 - digital cameras, keyboards, mice, and game controllers.





USB Connection – Device Discovery

- **AndroidManifest.xml**

```
<activity ...>
    ...
    <intent-filter>
        <action
android:name="android.hardware.usb.action.USB_DEVICE_ATTACHED" />
        </intent-filter>

        <meta-data
android:name="android.hardware.usb.action.USB_DEVICE_ATTACHED"
            android:resource="@xml/device_filter" />
    </activity>
```

- **device_filter.xml**

```
<resources>
    <usb-device vendor-id="1234" product-id="5678" class="255" subclass="66"
protocol="1" />
</resources>
```



USB Connection – Use Device

- **Obtain device**

```
UsbManager manager = (UsbManager) getSystemService(Context.USB_SERVICE);  
...  
HashMap<String, UsbDevice> deviceList = manager.getDeviceList();  
Iterator<UsbDevice> deviceIterator = deviceList.values().iterator();  
while(deviceIterator.hasNext()){  
    UsbDevice device = deviceIterator.next();  
    //your code  
}
```

- **Start controlling USB devices**

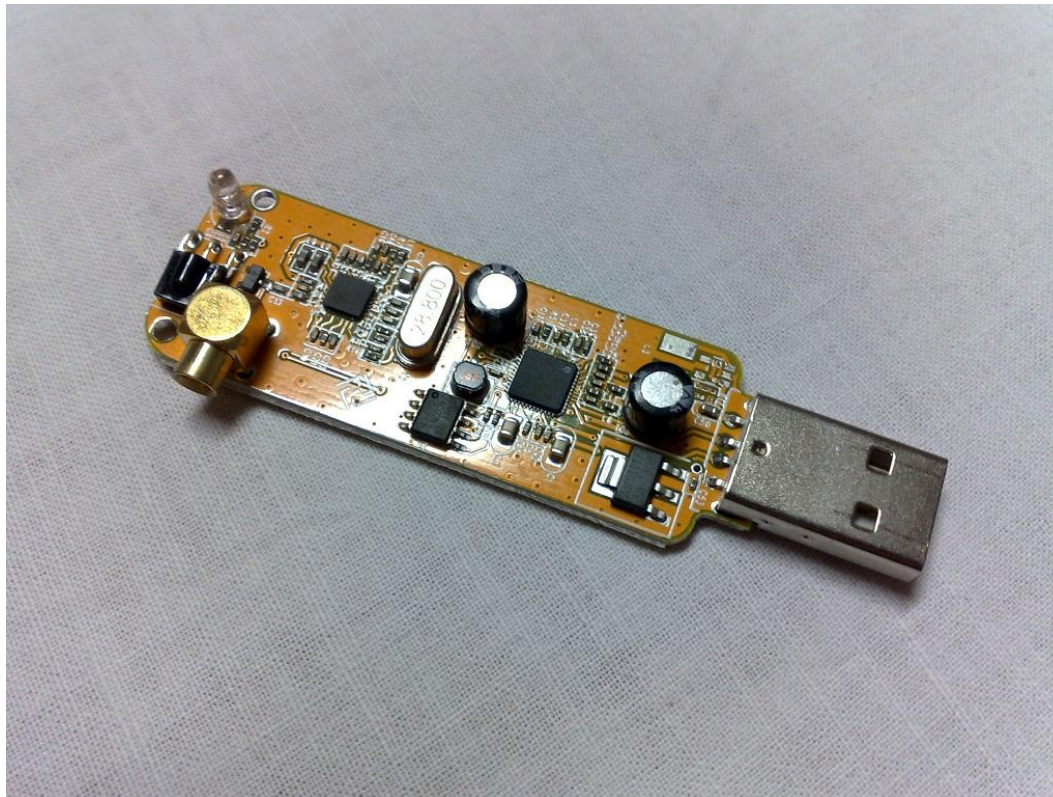
```
private Byte[] bytes;  
private static int TIMEOUT = 0;  
private boolean forceClaim = true;  
...  
UsbInterface intf = device.getInterface(0);  
UsbEndpoint endpoint = intf.getEndpoint(0);  
UsbDeviceConnection connection = mUsbManager.openDevice(device);  
connection.claimInterface(intf, forceClaim);  
connection.bulkTransfer(endpoint, bytes, bytes.length, TIMEOUT);
```



DEMO

- **RTL-SDR and Android**

low-cost DVB-T USB dongle that uses Realtek RTL2832U as the controller and Rafael Micro R820T as the tuner.





Printing

- Require Android 4.4 (API level 19) and higher
 - *PrintHelper* class provides a simple way to print images

```
private void doPhotoPrint() {  
    PrintHelper photoPrinter = new PrintHelper(getActivity());  
    photoPrinter.setScaleMode(PrintHelper.SCALE_MODE_FIT);  
    Bitmap bitmap = BitmapFactory.decodeResource(getResources(),  
        R.drawable.droids);  
    photoPrinter.printBitmap("droids.jpg - test print", bitmap);  
}
```

- *WebView* supports printing through *PrintManager*

```
PrintManager printManager = (PrintManager) getActivity()  
    .getSystemService(Context.PRINT_SERVICE);  
String jobName = getString(R.string.app_name) + " Document";  
PrintDocumentAdapter printAdapter = webView.createPrintDocumentAdapter(jobName);  
PrintJob printJob = printManager.print(jobName, printAdapter,  
    new PrintAttributes.Builder().build());  
mPrintJobs.add(printJob);
```



POS Printers

- Support **ESC/P** - Epson Standard Code for Printers
 - Used in dot matrix printers and some inkjet printers, and is still widely used in many receipt printers.
 - Escape sequences starts with the escape character ESC (ASCII code 27).

Mechanical control

ESC EM	Control paper loading/ejecting	•	•	•	C-157
ESC U	Turn unidirectional mode on/off	•	•	•	C-159
ESC <	Unidirectional mode (one line)	•	•	•	C-161
BEL	Beeper	•	•	•	C-163
ESC 8	Disable paper-out detector	—	—	•	C-165
ESC 9	Enable paper-out detector	—	—	•	C-166
ESC s	Select low-speed mode	—	•	•	C-167

Printing color and graphics

ESC (G	Select graphics mode	•	—	—	C-169
ESC (i	Select MicroWeave print mode	•	—	—	C-171
ESC .	Print raster graphics	•	—	—	C-172



IPP Protocol / Raw Socket

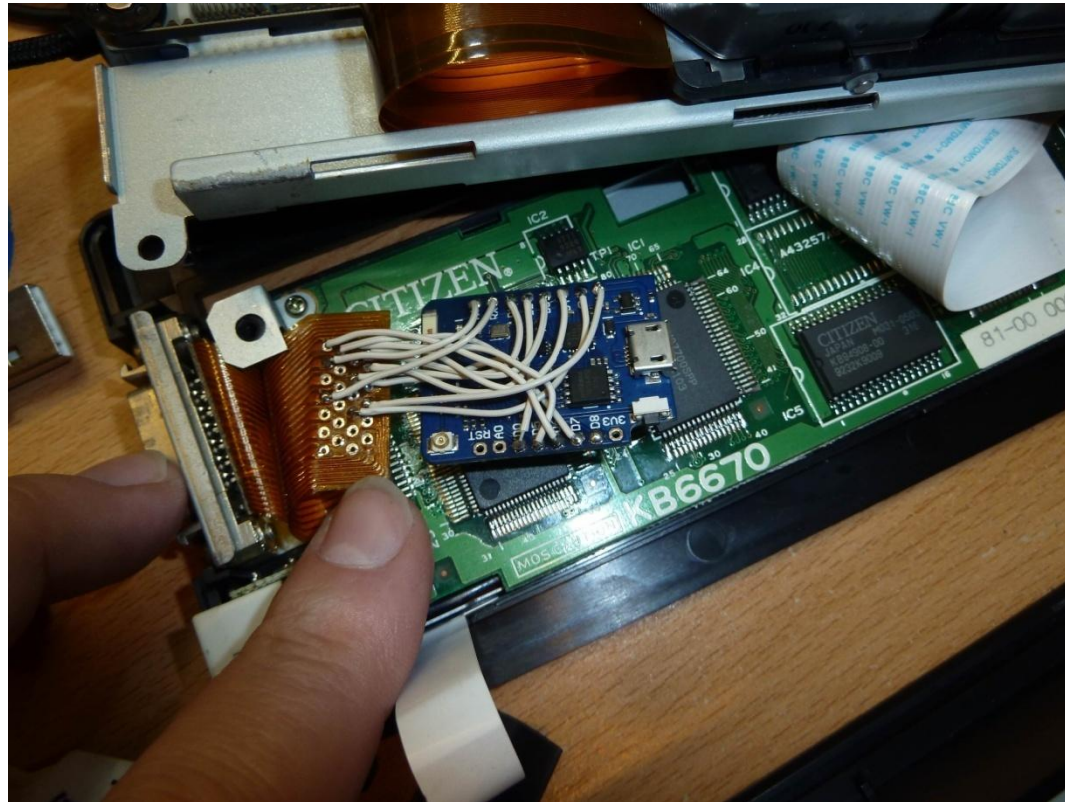
- Supported since Android Oreo
- **IPP** is implemented using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
 - IPP uses TCP with port 631 as its well-known port.
 - RFCs 8010 and 8011
 - Clients send IPP request messages with the MIME media type "application/ipp" in HTTP POST requests to an IPP printer.
- **Raw sockets**
 - TCP/IP connections that can be made directly to the physical device server or print server ports.
 - Usually port 9100/tcp
 - <http://lprng.sourceforge.net/LPRng-Reference-Multipart/socketapi.htm>





Demo - ESP8266 as IPP Server

- <https://github.com/gianluca-nitti/printserver-esp8266>





Resources

- <https://hackaday.com/2023/07/14/how-does-your-mcdonalds-burger-get-to-you/>

