





# Unleashing the Power of Android for Vehicle Cockpit Solutions IoTShow.in @ India Electronics Week By

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# Session Agenda

#### Overview

- Quick intro to Vehicle Cockpit & Infotainment
- Android scope for Software Defined Vehicles
- Introduction to Android, Android Automotive, Feature listing
- Architecture Insights of Android, Android Automotive OS (AAOS)

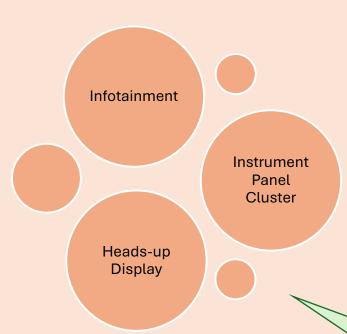
#### Internals

- Android Framework Components HAL, System Services, APIs
- Automotive HAL Extensions, VHAL
- Car Services & Car API
- Consumption of Services by Car Apps

#### **Android Auto & Other Concepts**

Introduction to Infotainment

#### Software Defined Vehicles – Cockpit Solutions







Ref:- https://www.arm.com/solutions/automotive/digital-cockpit

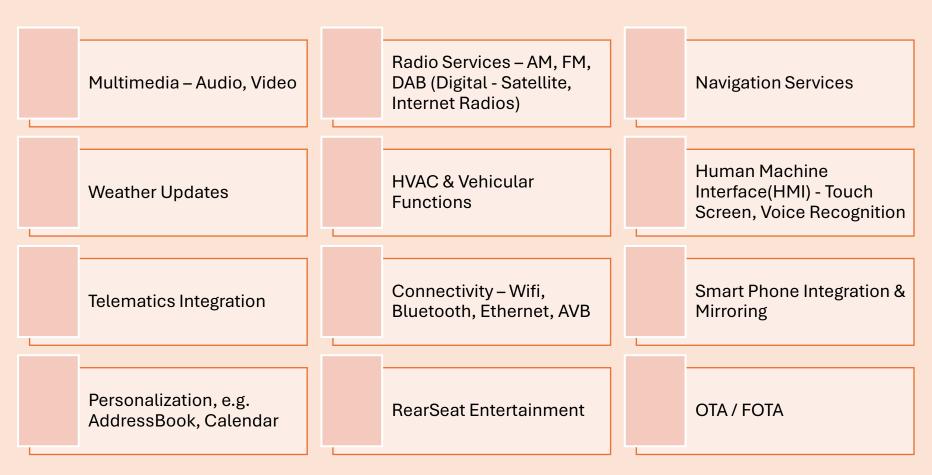
**Contemporary Trends:-**

- ☐ Virtualization (Hypervisor)s
- Cockpit Domain Controller (CDC)

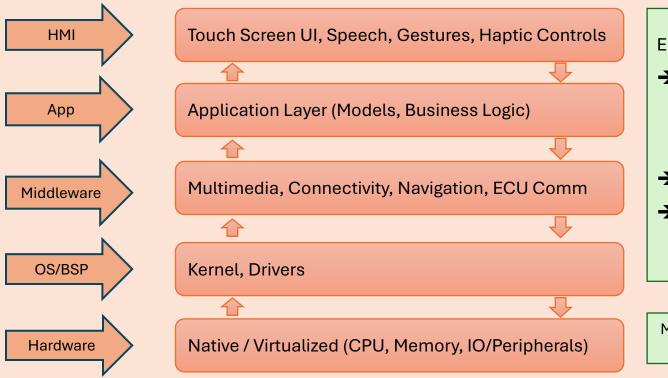
Additional Reading:-

Reshaping\_Cockpit\_Architecture - Infineon Technologies

## Infotainment - Functionality & Services



#### Infotainment - Layered Architecture

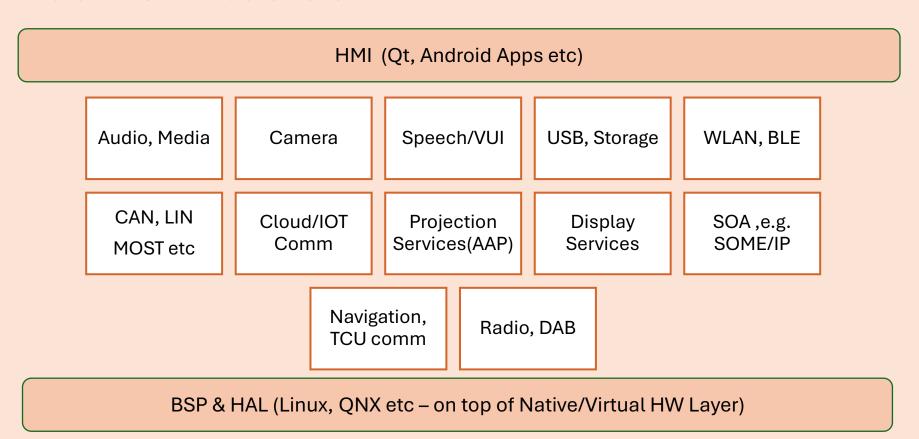


#### **Enabling Technologies:-**

- → Linux/QNX as platform base + QtQML or alternative HMI
- → Yocto baseline for Linux
- → Android Automotive

Mapping of these layers w.r.t Android Architecture

#### Infotainment Middleware



## Introduction to Android

#### Scope of Android for Cars

- □ Connected Apps [Remote Control], e.g., SmartDeviceLink [Not in scope of this session]
- ☐ Mirroring/Projection Android Auto [Small focus at end]
- □ Complete OS for Head Unit Android Automotive OS (AAOS) [Major focus]



Android may not meet all
Safety Critical
requirements
Not a choice for certain ASIL
levels of ISO26262

#### What is Android and Why Android?

- ☐ Familiar UI and Apps
- ☐ Larger Developer Eco System
- ☐ Consistent releases & improvements from Google
- ☐ Clear Models for Chip Vendors, OEMs and Tier-x suppliers

(HAL, Service Layers, Vendor Additions etc)

#### AA vs AAOS

#### **Android Auto**

- Projection or Mirroring Technology
- Limited/no access to Vehicular functions/information

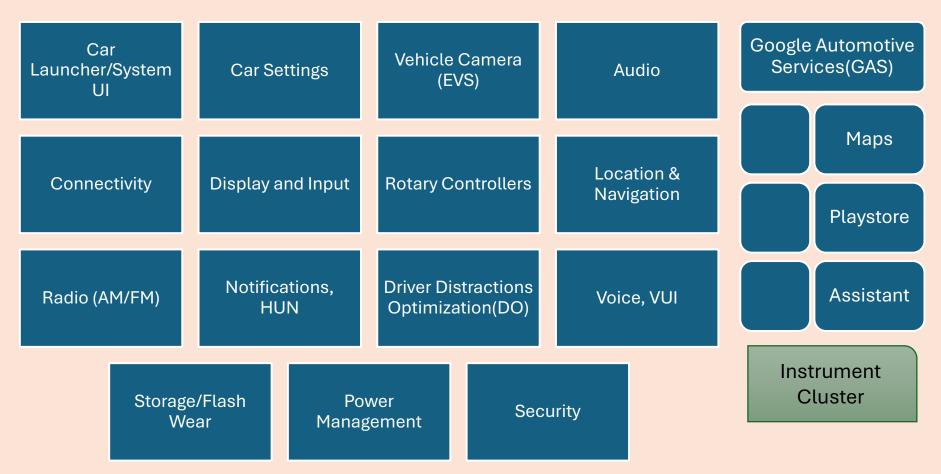
#### **Android Automotive**

- Full OS/Platform solution for Infotainment in Head Unit
- Better access to Vehicle info, thru ECU communication





## Key Features/Considerations in AAOS



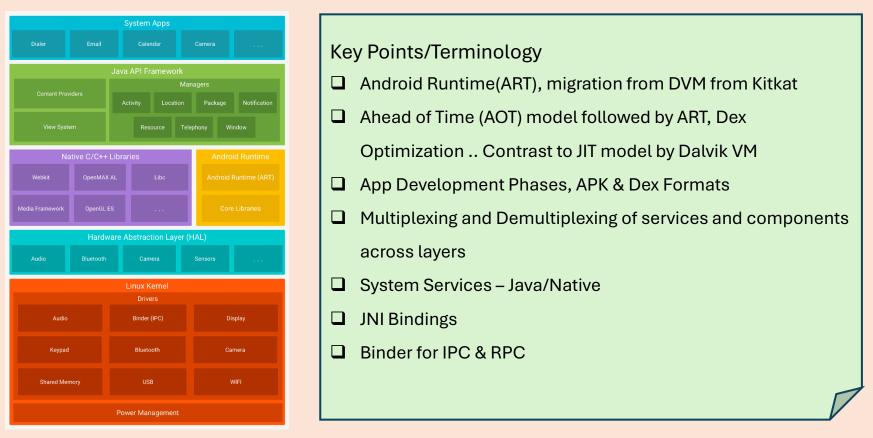
**Architecture Insights** 

#### Android Architecture – Key Layers



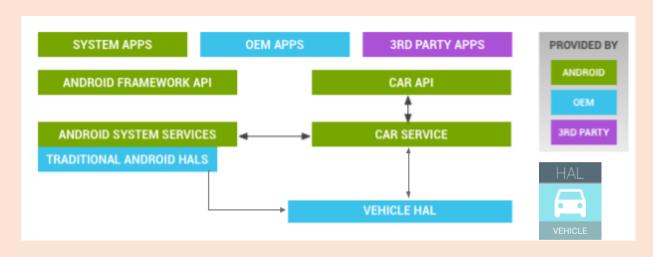
Ref:- https://source.android.com

#### Android Platform – Developer View



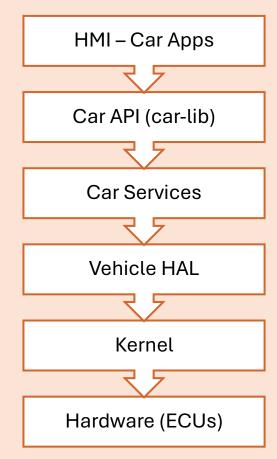
Ref:- <a href="https://developer.android.com/guide/platform">https://developer.android.com/guide/platform</a>

#### Android Automotive Architecture



#### Code Pointers:-

- ☐ HAL :- hardware/interfaces/automotive/\*
- ☐ Car Service:- platform/packages/services/Car/service
- ☐ Car API :- platform/packages/services/Car/car-lib



#### Android File System

- ☐ Imp file systems and mount points in Android
  - /
  - /system (system.img)
  - /vendor (vendor.img)
  - /cache (cache.img)
  - /data (data.img)
  - /mnt/sdcard

- Imp top level directories in root (/), /system
- Mapping of AOSP top dirs. with File System Components

#### Pseudo File Systems

- /acct
- /dev
- /proc
- /sys
- /sys/kernel/debug

#### Android Boot Sequence

- ☐ Std Linux Boot Sequence
  - ☐ Primary bootloader
  - ☐ Secondary Boot loader
  - □Kernel
  - ☐ Init, initrc scripts
- ☐ Staring Native Daemons
- □app\_process
- **□**Zygote
- ☐System Server
- □Android runtime
- ☐ Service Managers/Activity Manager

Linux Boot Sequence



#### Init

- Launch Native Services
- app\_process



#### Invokes Zygote

- Start System Server (Register Java Services)
- Spawn ART

Self
Replicate
for every
new
Android
APp

#### Android Kernel & ABI

Few changes/differences from std Linux kernel (Androidism)

- Binder
- ashmem
- pmem
- logger
- wakelocks
- oom handling
- alaram manager

Android Common Kernels (ACK)

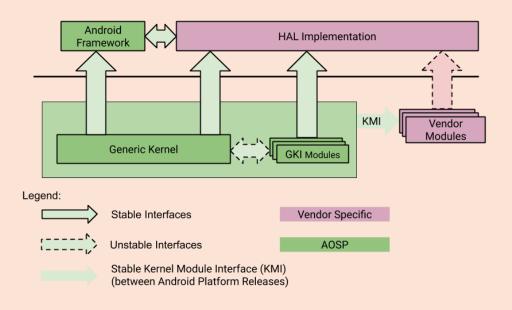
Bionic – libc implementation in Android

Toybox for shell commands

Android Kernel source is not part of AOSP. Pre-built kernel images are part of AOSP. If you wish for custom kernel, sources should be downloaded and build externally

Building
Kernels | Android
Open Source Project

#### General Kernel Image (GKI) Architecture



#### Ref:-

https://source.android.com/docs/core/architecture/kernel

https://source.android.com/docs/core/arc hitecture/kernel/generic-kernel-image

- Android/AOSP Common Kernel (ACK)
- General Kernel Image (GKI)
- Kernel Module Interface(KMI)
- Kernel Branches
- DLKM, Vendor Specific

# Demo/Tutorial: AOSP Build

#### AOSP Code base & Android Build System

**Preparing System** 

**Build Steps** 

Build Tips/Tricks

**Build Insights** 





#### Ref:-

- 1) https://source.android.com/docs/setup/create/gsi
- 2) https://developer.android.com/topic/generic-system-image
- 3) Understand the impact of Generic System Images (GSI) (Android Dev Summit '18)

#### **Build Steps & Tricks**

```
☐ Build Steps
                                                                        Build Trickshmm
   ☐ Install necessary Ubuntu packages – Click Here
   ☐ Setting up repo client – Click Here
                                                                        m
   ☐ Fetching AOSP Sources
                                                                        mm
   ☐ Choose build target – lunch menu (Car Emulator target)
                                                                        mmm
   ☐Building AOSP – m or make –j x
                                                                        mma
   ☐ Emulating built system image - emulator
                                                                        mmma
 repo init -u https://android.googlesource.com/platform/manifest
                                                                        godir
                                -b android-11.0.0 r2 -depth=1
                                                                        croot
 repo sync -c
 source build/envsetup.sh
                                                                        clean
 lunch aosp car x86 64-userdebug # 10 or 11 or 12
 m # make -j x
                                                                       cgrep, jgrep
 emulator
                                                                        allmod
                                                                        gomod
```

https://source.android.com/docs/setup/build/building

#### **Supported Targets**

■ Supported Architecture & Target Boards ☐ Flashing Devices (adb, fastboot) Check via AOSP Build https://source.android.com/docs/setup/build/flash lunch menu!! https://source.android.com/docs/setup/build/running ☐ Emulated Target – goldfish ■Emulator on cloud – cuttlefish, WebRTC Streaming (https://source.android.com/docs/setup/create/cuttlefish) ☐ Adding new device support (https://source.android.com/docs/setup/create/new-device)

#### Debugging - ADB

☐ ADB tool generated from AOSP build

(https://source.android.com/docs/setup/build/adb)

- ☐ Some imp commands to run in ADB shell
  - ☐ adb device –l
  - ☐ logcat / adb logcat
  - ☐ dumpsys / adb dumpsys
  - □ Ishal
  - ☐ install
  - □ push
  - pull
  - ☐ root

#### Top level dirs. Under AOSP

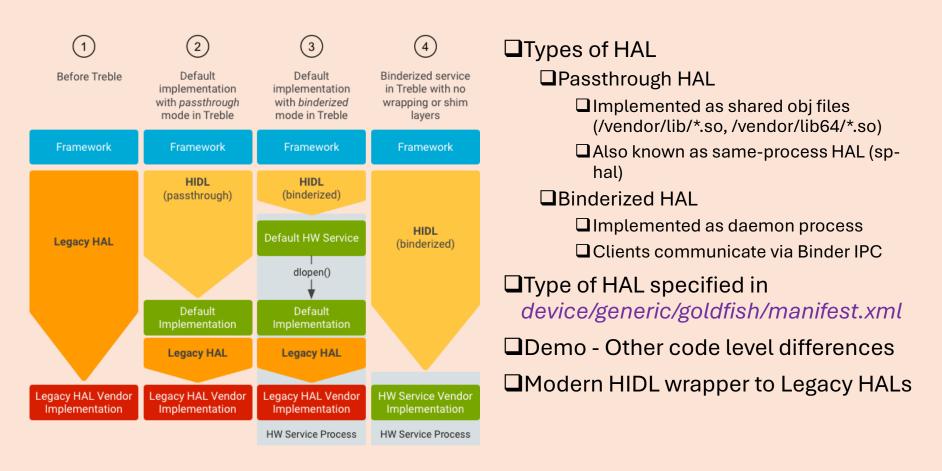
☐ art □ kernel ☐ bionic ☐ libcore □ bootable packages ☐ build platform\_testing ☐ cts prebuilts ☐ dalvik □ sdk ☐ development system device ☐ test □ external ☐ toolchain ☐ frameworks ☐ tools □ hardware

# **Android Framework Internals: HAL**

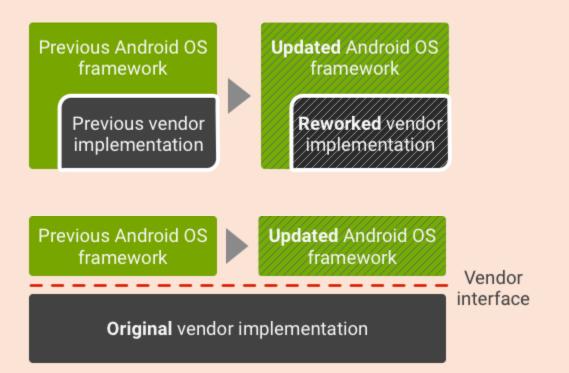
#### Android HAL

- ☐ Before Treble (8.x) Legacy HAL
  - ➤ HAL interfaces as C Header files (hardware/libhardware/include/hardware/\*.h)
  - Change of headers across versions
  - ➤ HAL libraries loaded at boot time (statically)
  - Interoperability issues across Android version upgrades
- ☐ Modern HAL, from 8.x, Project treble
  - Freezed HAL Signatures, Immutable (By Google)
  - ➤ HIDL Syntax (hardware/interfaces/\*/?.?/\*.hal)
  - > HAL implementations by Chip Vendors
- ☐ Types of HAL Passthrough HAL and Binderized HAL
- ☐Some more imp concepts
  - > VNDK
  - ➤ VINTF Vendor Interface Object
  - ➤ AVB Android Verified Boot

#### **HAL Types**



#### Android HAL





Android HAL – Key Concepts

HIDL Syntax

Stub Creation - C++ / Java Skelton Code

Implementation code

HIDL Data Types

**HIDL Callbacks** 

Few examples - light, vibrator

AIDL Syntax for HAL
Interfaces in recent AOSP
Versions

```
# hardware/interfaces/example/2.0/IExample.hal
package android.hardware.example@2.0;

interface IExample {
   add(int32_t op1, int32_t op2) generates (int32_t valueRet);
   multiply(int32_t op1, int32_t op2) generates (int32_t valueRet);
   compute(int32_t valueIn) generates (int32_t valueRet);
   greet(string buffer) generates (int32_t result);
};
```

```
Uncommented code in generated Example.h
  extern "C" IExample* HIDL_FETCH_IExample(const char* name);

Uncommented code in generated Example.cpp
  IExample* HIDL_FETCH_IExample(const char* /* name */) {
      return new Example();
  }
```

```
//hardware/interfaces/example/2.0/default/Example.cpp
Return<int32 t> Example::add(int32 t op1, int32 t op2) {
   ALOGD("Example HAL -- add is invoked");
   return int32_t {op1 + op2};
Return<int32_t> Example::multiply(int32_t op1, int32_t op2) {
   ALOGD("Example HAL -- multiply is invoked");
   return int32 t {op1 * op2};
Return<int32 t> Example::compute(int32 t valueIn) {
   ALOGD("Example HAL -- compute is invoked");
   return int32 t { valueIn * valueIn};
Return<int32 t> Example::greet(const hidl string& buffer) {
   ALOGD("Example HAL -- greet is invoked, received:%s\n", buffer.c str());
   int32 t len = buffer.size();
   return int32 t {len};
```

Entries to device/generic/goldfish/vendor.mkEntries to build/target/product/gsi/30.txt # current.txt

Testing HAL:lshal
ls /vendor/lib64/hw
ls /vendor/lib/hw

```
//Client Code
#include <android/hardware/example/2.0/IExample.h>
using android::hardware::example::V2 0::IExample;
//other headers and type aliased
int main() {
      android::sp<IExample> hal = IExample::getService();
      char str[]="Hello Android";
      android::hardware::Return<int32 t> ares = hal->greet(str);
      printf("Length is %d\n", ares);
      android::hardware::Return<int32 t> cres = hal->compute(10);
      printf("Square is %d\n", cres);
      int ares = hal->compute(10,20);
      printf("Square is %d\n", mres);
      int mres = hal->compute(12,15);
      printf("Square is %d\n", mres);
      return 0;
```

#### Additional Code/Changes for Binderized HAL

```
# android.hardware.sample@2.0-service.rc
service samplehwserv /vendor/bin/hw/android.hardware.sample@2.0-service
   class hal
   user root
   group root
   seclabel u:r:su:s0
```

#### Additional Code/Changes for Binderized HAL

```
- Fetching HAL instance
- hardware/interfaces/sample/2.0/default/Sample.h

static ISample* getInstance(void);
- hardware/interfaces/sample/2.0/default/Sample.cpp

ISample * ISample ::getInstance(void){
    return new Sample();
}
- HIDL_FETCH_ISample code is commented in both header & source
```

```
lshal
ls /vendor/bin/hw
ps -A | grep sample
/vendor/etc/init/  # locate rc file
sampletest
logcat | grep Sample
```

**Automotive Specific HAL (VHAL)** 

#### **Automotive HAL Extensions**

Vehicle HAL, VHAL Properties

Audio HAL

Camera HAL (EVS)

**Ocuupant Awareness** 

Surround View (SV)

SocketCAN

From Android 11

#### Vehicle HAL

- □ IVehicle interface (hardware/interfaces/automotive/vehicle/2.0/IVehicle.hal)
- □VHAL Properties (hardware/interfaces/automotive/vehicle/2.0/types.hal)
  - 5000+ lines of code in Android 12 with 150+ properties
- ☐ Two types of properties
  - ☐ System properties by Google
  - ■Vendor specific properties
- □VHAL Callbacks

#### **VHAL Property Structure**

Group (4 bits)

Area/Zone (4 bits)

Property Type (8 bits)

Unique ID (16 bits)

**Vehicle Property** 

**Groups:-**

SYSTEM

**VENDOR** 

**Property Area/Zones:-**

GLOBAL

**WINDOW** 

**MIRROR** 

**SEAT** 

DOOR

WHEEL

**Vehicle Property** 

Types:-

STRING, BOOLEAN

INT32, INT32\_VEC

INT64, INT64\_VEC

FLOAT, FLOAT\_VEC

**BYTES** 

MIXED

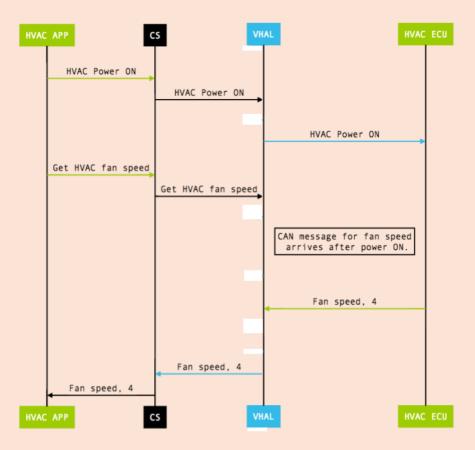
#### Browsing/Debugging VHAL

☐ Debugging via Ishal in ADB shell

lshal debug android.hardware.automotive.vehicle@2.0::IVehicle

- ☐ Browsing VHAL Properties, via Emulator Extended Controls
- ☐ Browsing VHAL Properties, via KitchenSink app

#### Property Flow – HVAC Example



Ref:- https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/vhal/properties

#### CanBus HAL in Android

- ☐Based on SocketCAN
- ☐ Key Interfaces
  - **□**ICanBus
  - □ ICanController
  - **□**ICanErrorListener
  - □ICanMessageListener
  - ☐ICloseHandle
- ■Types
  - ☐struct CanMessage
  - ☐struct CanMessageFilter
  - □enum FilterFlag
  - □enum Result
  - □enum ErrorEvent

# Android Framework Internals: Services

#### Java Services – Code Hints

- ➤ AIDL files (<a href="https://source.android.com/docs/core/architecture/aidl">https://source.android.com/docs/core/architecture/aidl</a>)
- ➤ AIDL → framework/base/core/java/android/os/\*.aidl
- ➤ Adding entries to build system (frameworks/base/Android.bp)
- ➤ Generated Stub code Java ()
- ➤ Entries to SystemServer class frameworks/base/services/java/com/android/server/SystemServer.java
- ➤ API Extensions Manager class and added entries to Context.java, SystemServerRegistry.java
- ➤ JNI Bindings to HAL code implemented in C++
- Code Walk Through of existing Services Lights / Vibrator

#### Some Android Services (Java)

☑ Activity Manager

☑DropBox Service

**☑**PowerManager

✓ Network Management

☑ Package Manager

**☑**ContentManager

☑AccountManager

**☑**SensorService

**☑**BatteryService

**☑**BluetoothService

**<u>Institution</u>** LightsService

**☑**WindowManager

☑ConnectivityService

**☑**AudioService

☑AlarmManager

**⊻**AlarmiManager

Refer AOSP source, for detailed listing of services per version and few additional references

#### Some Android Services (Native)

- ☑ servicemanager
- **☑** logd
- ☑lmkd
- ☑Installd
- ✓vold
- ☑netd
- ☑rild
- ☑keystore

#### System Service (Java) – AIDL File

```
# frameworks/base/core/java/android/os/IHelloService.aidl
package android.os;
interface IHelloService {
    /**
    * {@hide}
    */
    int sayHello(String msg);
    int test(int val);
}
```

Entry to frameworks/base/Android.bp

core/java/android/os/IHelloService.aidl

#### System Service (Java) – Service Implementation

frameworks/base/services/core/java/com/android/server/HelloService.java as

```
package com.android.server;
import android.content.Context;
import android.os.IHelloService;
import android.util.Log;
public class HelloService extends IHelloService.Stub {
    private static final String TAG = "JHelloService";
    private Context mContext;
    private long mNativePointer;
    public HelloService(Context context) {
        super();
        mContext = context;
        Log.i(TAG, "System service initialized");
        //Log.i(TAG, "length of msg : " +
                        sayHello("abcdxyz"));
        //Log.i(TAG, " test returns " + test(10));
```

```
protected void finalize() throws Throwable {
  super.finalize();
public int sayHello(String msg)
    int res = msg.length();
    Log.i(TAG, "Hello service -- sayHello invoked");
    return res;
public int test(int op1)
    int res = op1 * op2;
    Log.i(TAG, "Hello service -- test invoked");
    return res:
```

#### Adding and Testing Service

Add service entry to frameworks/base/services/java/com/android/server/SystemServer.java

```
traceBeginAndSlog("HelloService");
try {
    ServiceManager.addService("hello", new HelloService(context));
    //ServiceManager.addService(Context.HELLO_SERVICE,HelloService(context));
}catch(Throwable e) {
    reportWtf("starting Hello Service", e);
}
traceEnd();
```

```
logcat | grep -i hello
service list
dumpsys -l
service call hello 1 s16 "Hello IOT" # sayHello
service call hello 2 i32 10
```

#### System Service (Java) – Manger Code

frameworks/base/core/java/android/os/HelloManager.java

```
package android.os;
import android.os.IHelloService;
public class HelloManager
    public int sayHello(String mString) {
             try {
                 return
mService.sayHello(mString);
             } catch (RemoteException e) {
                 return 0;
    public int test(int value) {
             try {
                 return mService.test(value);
             } catch (RemoteException e) {
                 return 0:
    public HelloManager(IHelloService service) {
        mService = service;
    IHelloService mService;
```

```
Register service
frameworks/base/core/java/android/content
/Context.java
public static final string HELLO_SERVICE="hello";
//necessary changes to
SystemServerRegistry.java/ContextImpl.jav
a
```

```
sepolicy entry to
system/sepolicy/private/service_contexts
hello u:object_r:serial_service:s0
```

#### **API Extension**

#### Consuming Services from Android Apps

```
import android.os.ServiceManager; // Will only work in AOSP, Stock Apps
import android.os.IHelloService; // Interface "hidden" in SDK
THelloService hm =
IHelloService.Stub.asInterface(getSystemService(Context.HELLO SERVICE));
try {
  hm.sayHello("Hello Android");
  hm.test(10)
}catch(Exception e) {
    //...
```

```
Entries to Android.bp file ==> platform_apis: true,
```

```
place app code in Packages/apps/Car and add entry to suitable mk file, under section PRODUCT_PACKAGES
```

## Car Services & Car APIs

#### Car Service

- ☐ Registered Service : car\_service (multiplexing service)
- ☐ Code walk through
  - □packages/services/Car/car-lib/src/android/car/ICar.aidl
  - packages/services/Car/service/src/com/android/car/ICarImpl.java
- □ App Developer Reference
  - □https://developer.android.com/reference/android/car/classes

#### Interfaces

- **□**ICarProperty
- □ ICarAudioService
- □ICarEvsService
- **□**IAppFocus
- □ ICarPackageManager
- □ ICar Diagnostic
- **□**ICarPower
- □ ICarProjection
- **□**ICarBluetooth
- **□**ICarMedia
- □IInstrumentClusterNavigation
- □ IClusterHomeService
- **□**ICarTelemetryService

- □ICarStorageMonitoring
- □ICarDrivingState
- □ICarUxRestrictionsManager
- □IOccupantAwarenessManager
- □ ICarOccupantZone
- □ ICarBugreportService
- □ ICarUserService
- □ ICarWatchdogService
- ☐ ICarInput
- □ ICarDevicePolicyService
- □IVmsBrokerService

- CarNightService
- FixedActivityService
- GarageModeService
- CarLocationService
- PerUserCarServiceHelper
- CarUserNoticeService
- CarStatsService
- InstrumentClusterService

#### **Underlying Services**

- □ CarPropertyService
- ■CarAudioService
- □ CarEvsService
- ■AppFocusService
- □ CarPackageManagerService
- □ Car Diagnostic Service
- □ CarPowerManagementService
- □ CarProjectionService
- □ CarBluetoothService
- □ CarMediaService
- □ InstrumentClusterService
- **□**ClusterNavigationService
- □ ClusterHomeService
- **□**CarTelemetryService

- □CarStorageMonitoringService
- □ CarDrivingStateService
- ☐ CarUxRestrictionsManagerService
- □ OccupantAwarenessService
- □ CarOccupantZoneService
- □ CarBugreportManagerService
- □ CarUserService
- □ CarWatchdogService
- ☐ CarInputService
- □ CarDevicePolicyService
- **□**VmsBrokerService

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- CarStatsService

#### Case Study – VHAL Properties, Services & App Access

#### Example-1:-

- ❖One VHAL Property
- Car Service
- ❖Car API
- Access in Android app

- → HVAC\_FAN\_SPEED
- → Car.HVAC\_SERVICE
- → CarPropertyManager, VehiclePropertyIds
- → hvac app, KitchenSink app / Own App

#### Example-2:-

- ❖VHAL Properties PERF\_VEHICLE\_SPEED
- Car Service
- Car API
- \*\*
- Access in Android App

- → GEAR\_SELECTION, PARKING\_BRAKE\_ON,
- → CarDrivingStateService.java
- → ICarDrivingState.getCurrentDrivingState, CarDrivingStateManager.java
  - → KitchenSink App / Own App

## Car Apps

#### Android HMI & User Interaction

■Stock Apps (part of AOSP) – Platform internal API □ System UI (https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/hmi/system\_ui) □Car Launcher (Home Screen) ■Car Settings □ Unbundled Apps - Car UI Library, Dialer, Media and SMS (Ref:- https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/unbundled\_apps) ■Notifications, Set up Notifications, Heads-up Notifications (HUN) ∟ess ⊦ocus Resource Overlays - Build Time, Static RROs, Dynamic RROs (e.g. HVAC Ref is not a std Android Activity, instead it's an overlay) Session!! https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/hmi/car\_ui ☐ Users and Accounts

https://developer.android.com/reference/android/car/Car

#### Accessing VHAL Properties from Android Apps

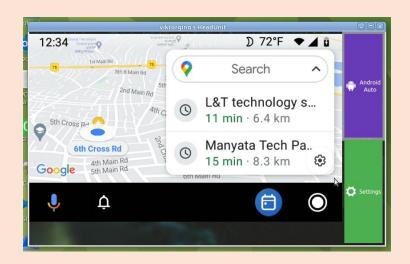
```
Best Ref App code with max coverage:-
packages/services/Car/tests/EmbeddedKitchenSinkApp
```

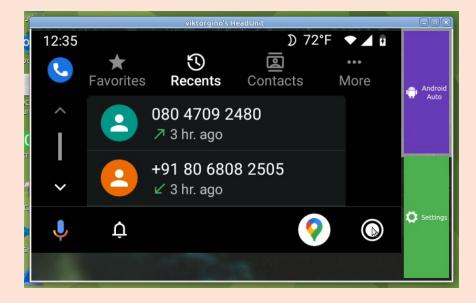
## **Android Auto**

#### Android Auto – Mirroring Demo

□AA client demo on Linux,

Ref code:- https://github.com/viktorgino/headunit-desktop





#### Virtualization

☐ Android trout target

☐Ref:-

https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/virtualization/reference\_platform

☐One of talk in <u>aaosandaaos.github.io</u>

### **Testing Android Components & Compliance**

- CTS <a href="https://source.android.com/docs/compatibility/cts">https://source.android.com/docs/compatibility/cts</a>
- VTS <a href="https://source.android.com/docs/core/tests/vts">https://source.android.com/docs/core/tests/vts</a>
- UI Test Automation UI Automator, Google Mobly, Espresso (https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/tools/ui-frameworks)
- Complete Automotive Tests (CATBOX)
  <a href="https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/tools/catbox">https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/tools/catbox</a>
- System Performance
  https://source.android.com/docs/devices/automotive/tools/sys-perf
- ❖Network Simulation
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