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# CUSTOMIZING ANDROID UI VIEW ELEMENTS

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### Introduction

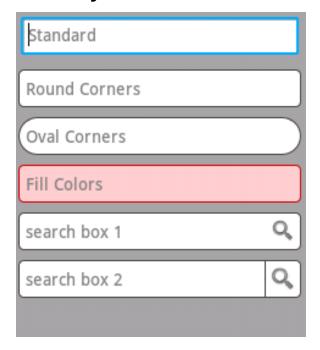
#### ☐ Customizing Android UI view elements

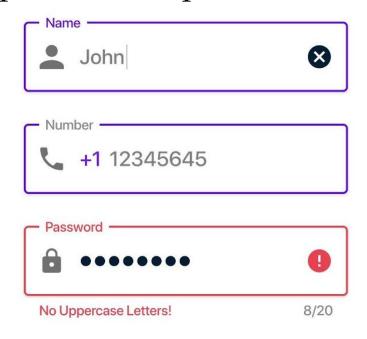
Involves altering the appearance & behavior of standard
 UI elements to match the design & functionality of an app

- Customizing Android UI view elements gives you the flexibility to create visually appealing and unique user interfaces that match your app's design and functionality requirements
- You can use XML attributes, styles, theming, and programmatic code to achieve the desired customization

### **EditText View**

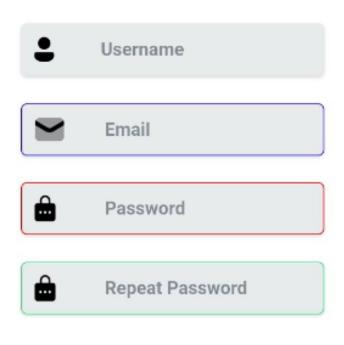
- ☐ A UI element in Android that provides a text input field where users can enter or edit text
  - It is commonly used in Android app forms, search bars, or any interaction that requires text input.

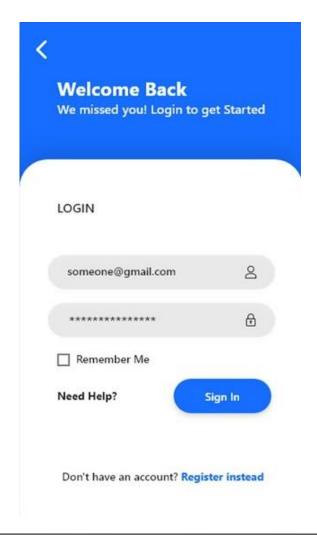




### **EditText View**

☐ More Images Showing a Customized EditText View





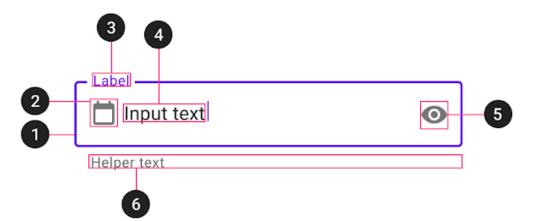
# Customizing an EditText View

#### ☐ What is a Material Design EditText Input View?

- It is a UI element in Android that follows the Material Design guidelines provided by Google
  - It is a specialized form of an EditText used for text input but with a distinctive visual and interactive style consistent with the Material Design principles
  - It is implemented by a **TextInputLayout** 
    - It is a view container that is used to add more features to an EditText. It acts as a wrapper for EditText and has some features like: *Floating hint, animation* that can be disabled or enabled, *error labels* that display error messages when an error occurs, *character counter* that displays the number of characters that the user enters, and a *password visibility toggle*

#### ☐ Anatomy and key properties of a material EditText

 An outlined text field has a stroked container, input text, a label, optional helper/error text and optional leading/trailing icons.



- 1. Container
- 2. Leading icon
- Label
- 4. Input text
- Trailing icon
- 6. Helper/error/counter text
- Prefix/suffix/placeholder (not shown)

- ☐ Steps to creating a Material EditText Field
  - 1. Add a dependency to the Material Components Library in the project's build.gradle file (added automatically)
    - implementation 'com.google.android.material:material:1.10.0'
      - Then, sync your project with the updated Gradle files
  - 2. Set the MaterialComponent theme in your layout file android:theme="@style/Theme.MaterialComponents.Bridge">
  - 3. Add 'TextInputLayout' to the 'layout' file
    - It is a child element inside the ConstraintLayout
  - 4. Add a TextInputEditText inside a TextInputLayout
    - This creates a Material Design input field used to enter data

- ☐ Steps to creating a Material EditText Field
  - 5. Customize the appearance of the material EditText by adding the following attributes in the **TextInputLayout** 
    - Add the ID, height and width attributes in both views
    - Add a hint attribute: android:hint="Enter Your Name:"
    - Add an outline to the view: app:boxBackgroundMode="outline"
    - Add an outline stroke color: app:boxStrokeColor="@color/blue"
    - Set a box background color:
       app:boxBackgroundColor="@color/lightbrown"
    - Set a DenseFilledBox style to the TextInputLayout view style="@style/Widget.MaterialComponents.TextInputLayout.FilledBox.Dense"

- ☐ Steps to creating a Material EditText Field
  - 5. Customize the appearance of the material EditText by adding the following attributes in the **TextInputLayout** 
    - Add boxCornerRadius attributes
      - It is needed to change the corner radius of the box outline app:boxCornerRadiusBottomEnd="16dp" app:boxCornerRadiusBottomStart="16dp" app:boxCornerRadiusTopEnd="16dp" app:boxCornerRadiusTopStart="16dp"
    - Add: app:helperText="Required" app:helperTextTextColor="@color/red"
      - Though optional, it provides additional information about a field's input, such as how it will be utilized

- ☐ Steps to creating a Material EditText Field
  - 5. Customize the appearance of the material EditText
    - Add

```
app:counterEnabled="true"
app:counterMaxLength="5"
```

- Optional, it provides a character count validation for text input
- Add

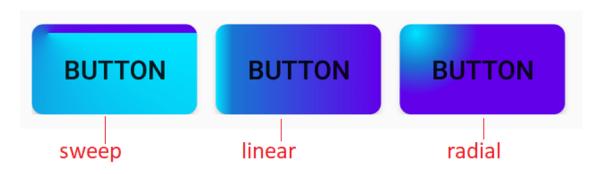
```
app:endIconMode="password_toggle"
app:endIconTint="@color/black"
```

- Used to specify the mode of the end icon in the input field, it can also be set to clear text or custom
- Add start icon

```
app:startIconDrawable="@drawable/user"
```

# **Using Shape Drawables**

- ☐ In addition to graphical files, Android supports shape drawables
  - A shape drawable is an XML file that defines a geometric shape such as rectangle, oval, line, and ring with size, style e.g. color, borders and gradients which can be assigned to views
    - For example, you can use a shape drawable to change the shape, border, and gradient of a Button background



# Types of Shape Drawables

- ☐ Shape drawables provide four basic shapes:
  - Rectangle,
  - Oval,
  - Line and
  - Ring
    - From these shapes you can create an almost unlimited number of effects and styles for your app

- ☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape
  - 1. In your Android Studio project, navigate to the "res" folder.
  - 2. Right-click on the "drawable" directory (or create one if it doesn't exist) and choose "New" -> "Drawable resource file."
  - 3. Give your drawable resource file a name, for example, "rectangle shape.xml."
  - 4. Specify the root element as shape
  - 5. Open the "rectangle\_shape.xml" file in the XML editor

☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape

android:shape="rectangle"

6. Within the root **shape element**, define shape attribute and set it to the shape you are creating;

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<shape
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:shape="rectangle">
```

</shape>

- ☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape
  - 6. Add the following child tags that further customizes the drawable shape
    - The **stroke**, of the shape with stroke width and color <stroke

```
android:width="2dp"
android:color="@color/black">
</stroke>
```

• The **padding**, that defines the view padding all round

```
<padding
    android:bottom="16dp" android:top="16dp"
    android:right="16dp" android:left="16dp"
    >
</padding>
```

- ☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape
  - 6. Add the following child tags that further customizes the drawable shape
    - The **size**, of the shape by width and heigh

```
<size
    android:width="200dp"
    android:height="150dp">
</size>
```

• The **corner**, that defines the corners all round

```
<corners
    android:radius="45dp"
    >
</corners>
```

- ☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape
  - 6. Add the following child tags that further customizes the drawable shape
    - The solid, of the shape defines the color filled on to the shape

```
<solid
    android:color="@color/red"
    >
</solid>
```

- ☐ Steps to creating a Rectangle Drawable Shape
  - 6. Add the following child tags that further customizes the drawable shape
    - The **gradient**, that defines a gradient color effect, giving a smooth transition between two or more colors

```
<gradient
    android:startColor="@color/red"
    android:endColor="@color/black"
    android:centerColor="@color/white"
    android:angle="50"
    android:type="linear"
    >
</gradient>
```

## Creating a Circular Shape Drawable

☐ You can create oval shape drawable as shown below and apply it to button to create oval shaped button



You can specify similar child tags used in the case of a rectangle shape, such as; corners, gradient, padding, size, solid and stroke of the shape to define a drawable

## Creating a Ring Shape Drawable

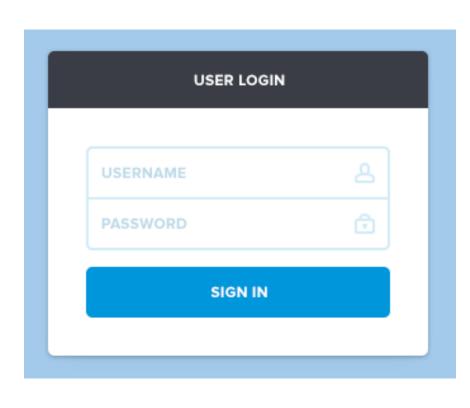
☐ To create ring shape drawable, use the xml codes below;

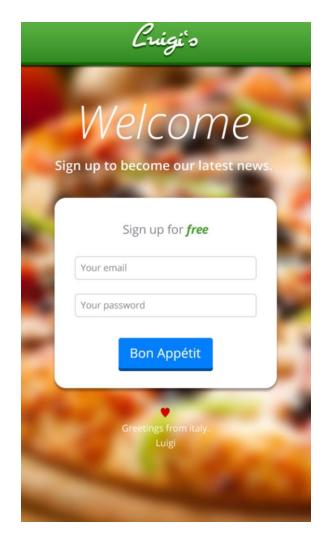
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<shape
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:innerRadius="45dp"
    android:shape="ring"
    android:thickness="50dp"
    android:useLevel="false">
    <solid
        android:color="@color/red"
        >
    </solid>
</shape>
```

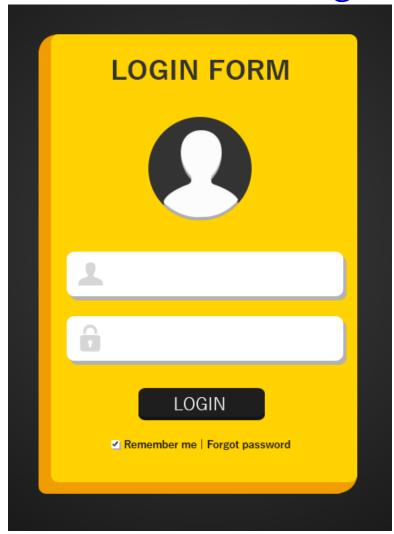
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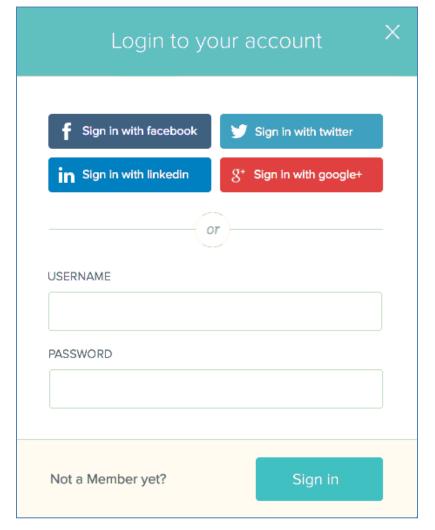
- ☐ To define line shape drawable, you need to;
  - 1. Set shape attribute of shape element to line
  - 2. Add stroke element with color and size element

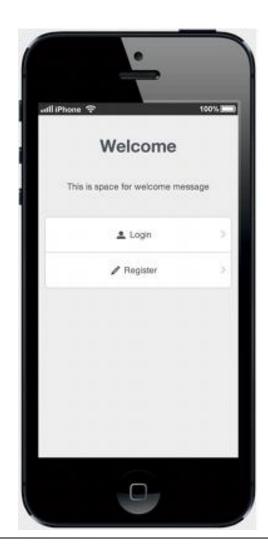
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<shape
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:shape="line">
    <stroke
        android:width="10dp"
        android:color="#b71c1c">
    </stroke>
    <size android:height="8dp" />
</shape>
```

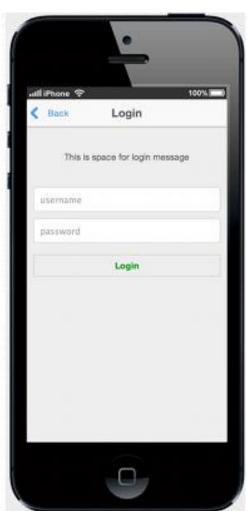


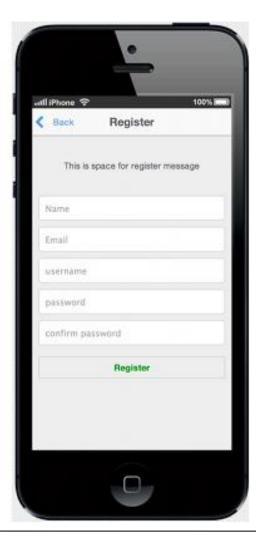


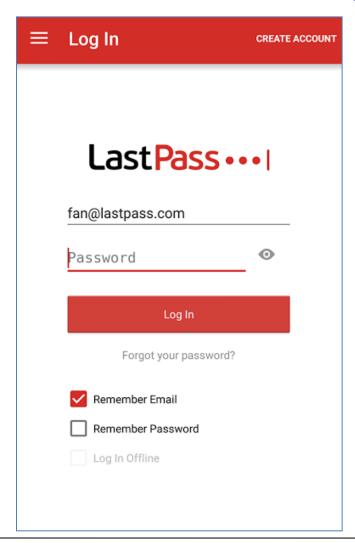


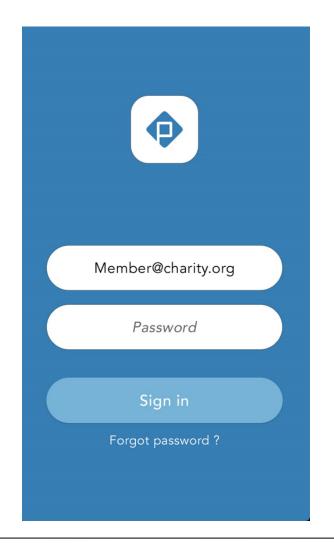


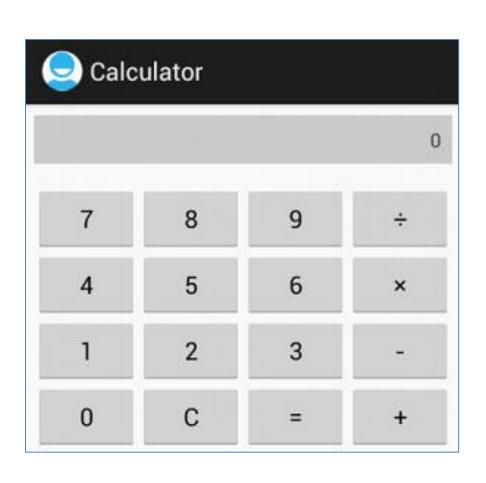




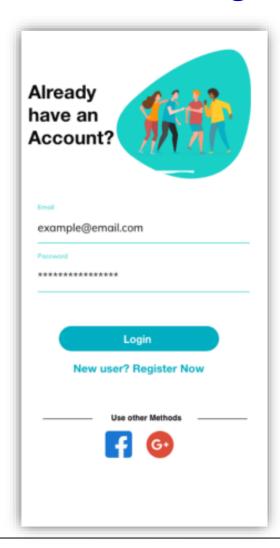




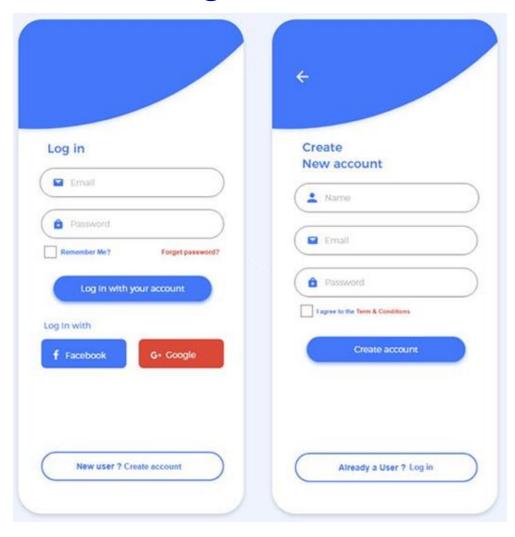


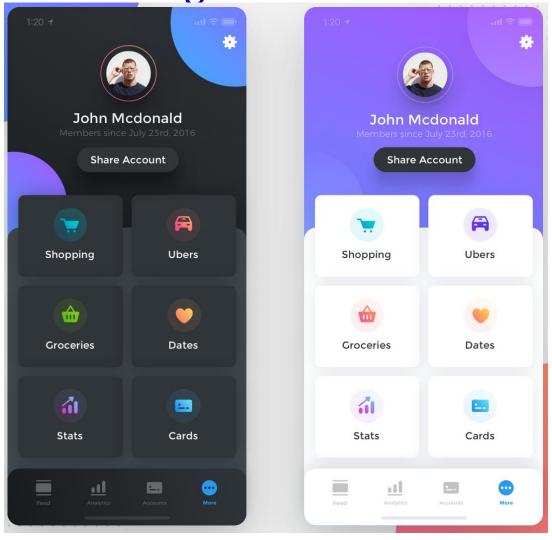


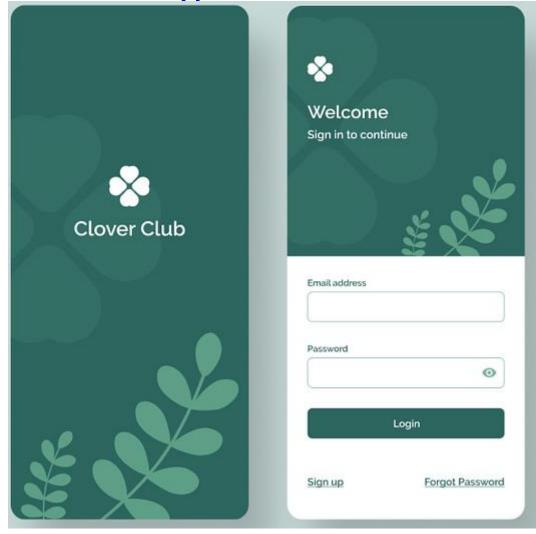












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