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to use HTTP to send and receive data, we have two clients on Android

HttpURLConnection or HttpClient (Apache)

- general purpose, lightweight, optimized to suit the needs of most Android API

log & log error messages, with the adb command !netd, type adb logcat to see the debug and error messages printed to the logcat



Android apps run by default on the main thread (UI Thread)
it handles all the user input and output.

We want to avoid ~~the UI~~ to stutter

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Background thread for long running work

Working with threads can be difficult, AsyncTask simplifies it for us.

With your own thread you have to make it thread-safe and you cannot directly update the UI from a background thread. This is done for you with AsyncTask.

Even the most trivial network access can take time, so instead of AsyncTask we use a Service.

It is an application component without the UI, that's less likely to be interrupted. Possibly scheduled by using an intent repeating alarm.

Android has a special solution known as SyncAdapter. It is designed especially to schedule your background data sync as efficiently as possible.

Better, if we use Google Cloud Messaging. It lets you notify your SyncAdapter or changes in the service side. So you'll be able to handle network requests when you know there's something to be updated.

Working with ↗

```
public void onClick(View v) {  
    new Thread(new Runnable() {  
        public void run() {  
            Bitmap b = loadImageFromNetwork(...);  
            ImageView img = (ImageView) findViewById(R.id.imageView1);  
            img.setImageBitmap(b);  
        }  
    }).start();  
}
```

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```
public void onClick(View v) {  
    new DownloadImageTask().execute(...);  
}
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AsyncTask
The problem with ~~the UI~~ is that the thread is tied to a UI component, in this case an activity. So if the activity is terminated the thread will also be terminated.

It should run for less

To update a listview when new data is modified, the adapter will notify the listview when we use `adapter.notifyDatasetChanged`.

ArrayAdapter calls that method every time you add or remove elements from it.

New options can be add in the XML file in `res/menu` for your given activity or fragment. `<item>` You can add ~~onCreateOptionsMenu~~ by using the ~~onCreateOptionsMenu~~ tag. The file will have the same name of your activity or fragment.

When added to a fragment, make sure to call `setHasOptionsMenu(true)` on the `onCreate` method. Override `onCreateOptionsMenu` and in there inflate the XML resource file (`inflate.inflate(R.menu... , menu)`)

Applications run in their own instance of the VM and have their own memory. To access other applications you must request permission. Permissions are declared in `AndroidManifest.xml`. Request only the permissions you need.

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

In a list view, if an item is clicked, we want something to happen to implement that behavior we use setOnItemClickListener. We should register an OnItemClickListener via that method. Then, when an item is clicked, the callback is invoked.

When a list item is clicked, we can show a Toast. It is a pop-up that displays a message for a few seconds.

It can be useful for debugging to include status.

setOnItemClickListener is called within onCreateView, inside it we add clickListener which we can instantiate in place.

listView.setOnItemClickListener(AdapterView.OnItemClickListener);

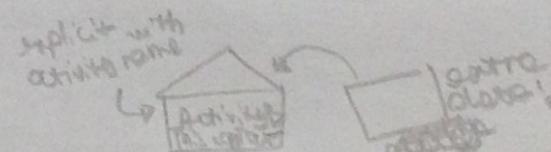
```
@Override  
public void onItemClick(AdapterView<AdapterView> adapter, View view, int i, long l)  
{  
    ...  
}
```

When creating a new activity, you're going to be asked for the hierarchical parent of it, that defines the up button nested by the app icon and the left-pointing arrow. It is not a back button as it ~~will~~ brings to your previous visited screen.

```
@Override  
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)  
{  
    ...  
}
```

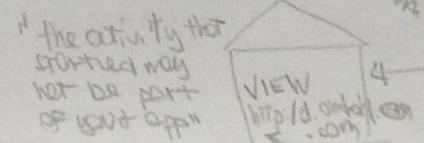
```
Intent intent = getActivity().getIntent();  
if (intent != null && intent.hasExtra(Intent.EXTRA_TEXT))  
{  
    String message = intent.getStringExtra(Intent.EXTRA_TEXT);  
    ((TextView) rootView.findViewById(R.id.detail_text))  
        .setText(message);  
}
```

Intents supported by native apps can be found in "Common Intents" page



Still find a way to the recipient

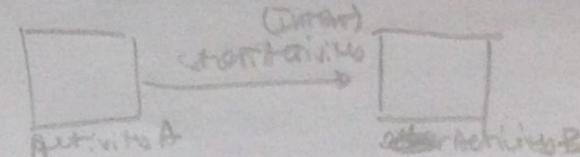
in android that means finding an activity capable of performing the action you specify on the associated data



"the activity that started may not be part of your app"

action you'd like an activity to perform and on what date that action should be performed

To move from one activity to the other we call startActivity



When using start activity, rather than specifying the class name to start directly, we use an Intent. That makes the code more reusable. We use it whenever we need app components to communicate with each other, or the system.

With the Intent explicitly indicating the target using the context and a class name for the activity.

These intents that use the name of the component you're targeting directly. They are called explicit intents.

Intents are like envelopes that include which component you want to deliver to. And there's room for a small amount of data to be delivered

How's rest will be
I am not up
per body to tell you
your brodcast

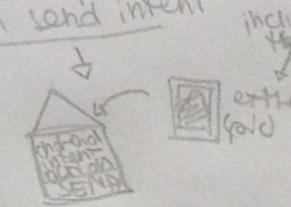
CIVILIAN DEFENSE
SECTION . . . /

```
using IntentFilter  
by including an intent filter with the  
current-filter  
<action name="android.intent.action.MAIN"/>  
<category android:name="geo"/>  
<intent-filter>
```

That proves that this app is capable of performing this batch action on all those which has a file scheme  optional attribute kind of name.

The share intent is the most used, with the intent, should manage it for you by showing a list of choices ~~leads~~ for you. ☺

We use Protocol action provider, it uses the action send intent.

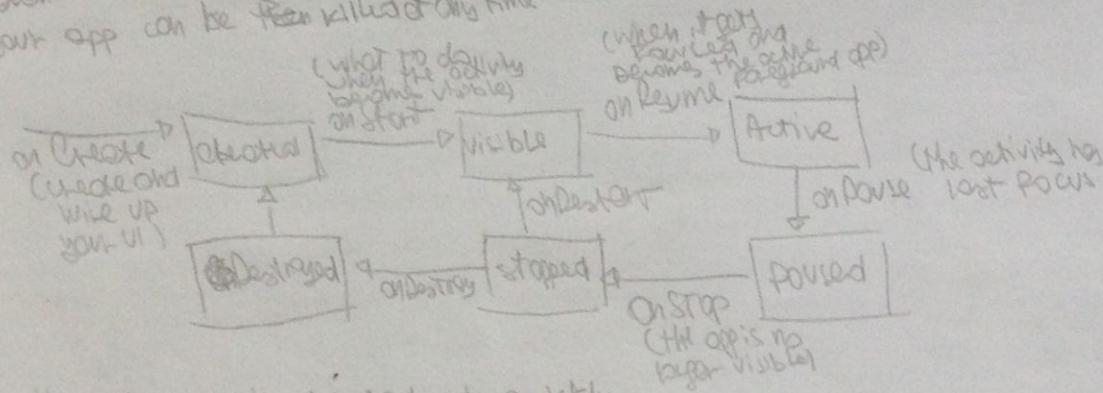


included either of
texts UP1 to
binary data

The MMIS type indicates what the VFI points to

To broadcast a message to
more apps we use `SendBroadcast`
to send an intent. This is
received by broadcast receivers.
They're using intent filters they
indicate which broadcast they're
interested in.

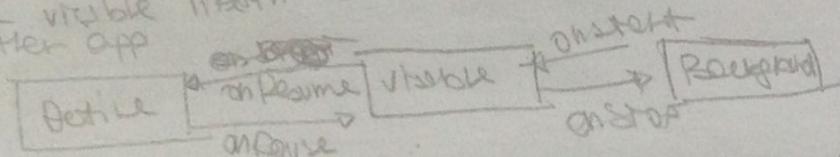
With you having lot of apps in your background can use the limited resources your device has. Android takes it. Put us by killing low priority applications that you haven't used in a while. Your app can be been killed at any time.



When the app is created, it quickly moves through created, start, resume. The more will move through that cycle several times.

Active is when the app is in the foreground and has focus. Here can receive input from user events and no other activities are obscuring it.

Paused is called and the active lifetime ends, or soon as your activity is partially obscured (like when another activity takes to fulfill an implicit intent). You can pause stored UI in paused but not the ones showing your UI. Update your UI in onPaused but not the ones showing your UI. It is still visible. The visible lifetime ends when it is completely obscured by another app.



Android apps can rely on onStop being called before the app is at risk of being terminated. But if you're supporting pre-Honeycomb devices, you should prepare for termination on onPause.

Android does everything it can to make resource limitations on the device invisible to the user. That means the foreground app ~~stunning~~ smoothly and switching between apps continues. That means killing of app in the background. It does that if it needs their resources. On onPause and onStop we need to clean up any resources.

Any task that needs to keep happening, even when your activity is focused, shouldn't really happen within onVisible or on

To prevent the app with the same UI it's held when they left on restart. ~~onCreate~~ To help, Android has some handlers, specifically for pending start.

onBackgroundState is called immediately before onVisible.

onDestoryInstanceState is called immediately after onCreate, but only if the app is being restored, after being terminated by the system.

You can read the bundle of data information saved the last time the app was moved from foreground, for switching to the ~~state~~ same state it was the last time the user saw it.

We want to save data before ~~close~~ the application is closed. Fetching data again ~~soon~~ is not good for user experience, and it will drain battery, we could spend internet data, when ~~the~~ requests increases, ~~of~~ live users.

Shared Preferences, provide a general framework that allows you to save and retrieve persistent key value pairs of primitive data. ~~And they do have raw files~~

When you need ~~more~~ more flexibility we use SQLite. It provides a light weight relational database. That helps you organize and find data easily.

In the database we'll define a contract, which is an agreement between the data model, storage and views, presentation describing how information is accessed. ~~This~~ agreement is implemented in a ~~contract class~~.

This class usually contains a list of constraints, typically db table column names, that are used to associate data from the data source, with the UI of an application.

~~Three ways to implement the contract~~

To create a ~~new~~ row, extend SQLiteOpenHelper which helps creating a db and with versioning.

Create a class to extend SQLiteOpenHelper, pass our context, db name, (name) and version in the constructor.

In the onCreate, here, SQL and the contract are used together. It is called the first time the db is used. Call db.execSQL and create the tables you need.

Android has an built in testing framework that allows us to create a test APT that ~~executes~~ a JUnit test that call into classes in our main APT.

You use it by extending AndroidTestCase. Now you can override the setUp method. It uses the same tokens as JUnit.

By extending TestSuite, you can ~~to~~ have code to include all ~~the~~ test classes in your package into a suite of tests that JUnit will run.

That way you can add tests just by adding a source class file to the test directory.

Testable aren't project specific. You can just copy the one in sunshine.

Each test should have a check (use assertEquals) to see if the program applies the correct output. You can just call "fail" if a certain code path should never have been reached.

onUpgrade, in the DBHelper, is called when the db has already been created, but the version has changed.

SQLiteOpenHelper from the version has changed because the version passed into the constructor has changed.

Here we go change the version when you make changes to the database tables

We can get an instance of our database from our SQLiteOpenHelper. The instance is a SQL db object. getWritableDatabase () if also writing on the db. ContentValues are used to represent the new we want to insert. It contains a set of key, value pairs, you'll put to add again we call db.insert with the ContentValues, table name and ContentValues, to create the new row. It returns the new row_id. If there's an error, it will return -1.

For this we query the db and receive a Cursor back. A query method is just a helper function to make it easier to execute select statement. query changes statement according to the number of parameters we ~~use~~ ~~use~~ or ~~use~~ or ~~use~~

A cursor enables to traverse over the rows and columns of our query result set. You can use moveToFirst() to change row and getColumnIndex to receive the index of the column you're in. Then you can call get methods and use that index to to return values on that column index.

Content Provider: it allows to share your data across app boundaries by abstracting the underlying data source (SQLite, File or anything else) so that other apps can access it without fully understanding how you stored it

By using Content providers it's easier to switch out the data source, and much for someone else to modify the UI without having to understand your data storage implementation.

On the UI layer, it is a generic method that returns Cursor

If you want to interact with anything outside of your app, you'll need it for that too.

Content Providers are also needed when using CursorAdapter and SyncAdapter (and similar APIs for synchronizing and querying data). Those allow you to efficiently sync with your server, load data in your UI layer by using ContentObserver which updates your UI automatically when the underlying data changes.

We implement a content provider by extending the ContentProvider class

- 1 Determine the UI you'll need to support
- 2 Update the content to include URIs
- 3 Fill out the URI Matcher to support these URIs
- 4 Implement all the required functions

URI to pass to ContentProvider

`CONTENT://COM.EXAMPLE.ANDROID.SUNSHINE.API/WEATHER/134043`

↓ content refers to a ContentProvider.
ContentProvider itself returns a cursor with the database rows that correspond to the URI
↓ we'll use scheme identifier

ContentProvider

Content Resolver = getContentResolver();
resolver

Cursor cursor = resolver.query(Uri.parse("CONTENT_URI"), null, null, null);

App → Content → Content Resolver

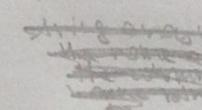
Helps bolt app to communicate with the content provider

(Dictionary) your Intent → It helps your app connect with the content provider by looking at whatever request your app sends to the Content Resolver.

It also allows you to talk to multiple content providers

Always remember to call cursor.close(). This avoid memory leakage, and eventually lead to your app crashing

CursorAdapter it's like an ArrayAdapter but we use a cursor to populate the list view



Simple CursorAdapter adapter = new ... (this, R.layout.list_item, ~~LIST_TO_BE_BOUND~~, ~~column~~, ~~LIST_ITEM_TO_FILL, 0~~, ~~flags~~, ~~listView.setAdapter(adapter);~~)

↳ You can define the URI you're going to use in the content!

↳ Android provider expect to offend on ID to the very first, to indicate a specific record

Universal Resource Identifier, they identify a resource (on URI, which has identifier contact with a HTTP or HTTPS schema)

authority, unique string used to locate your content (it is the provider specified in home)

location, in this case sub-table

Uri.rawQuery, it could be followed by a question mark

After our initial query, android registers a content observer against the URI, so that when the db is updated, it will requery and update the UI

these parameters say which tabs and which column you want to include in the UI. Will do if you want to load all data. getCount() returns the # of rows implemented to move through the data through. returns bad to take a value you use .get(0) or the column where that value is. Or you can use .getColumnName(0) takes the name of the column as an argument

URI Matcher helps us write a content provider.

Content providers implement functionality based on URIs referred to them.

It will implement four types of URIs, each type will be used to execute different types of operations against the underlying db.

Content providers tie ~~with~~ each URI type to an integer constant.

These constants are already added when you extend ContentProvider.

Android provides Uri matcher to help match incoming URIs to the content provider helper constants. ~~This part~~ But to which type our URI is passed to our content provider we can perform ~~use~~ the requested operation. We can use the integer constants in switch statement ~~as~~.

You must register your content provider in your manifest. Now you can use content resolver to refer to it. It locates our class using the content authority and makes direct calls to the weather provider on our behalf.

Now we'll look at the content provider's functions query, insert, update, delete ~~update~~, ~~get~~ type, ~~insert~~.

bulkInsert is an optional method that ~~allows~~ allows you to put a bunch of items into a single transaction. This is much faster than doing it individually.

URI TYPES:

PATH o STRING
PATH /# # NUMBER
PATH /
PATH /OTHER

Loaders are the best practice implementation for asynchronous data loading within activity or fragment.

When you create a loader, it creates an AsyncTask to load data on the background thread, it then syncs with the UI thread when the initial loading is complete. Can be set up to monitor the underlying data, and deliver any updates to the UI thread.

Cursor Loader is an implementation of the Async Task loader designed to query content providers and return a cursor which you can then bind to the UI. That cursor will be automatically updated whenever the content provider changes, based on changes to the underlying database.

It will reconnect to the last returned cursor after being reconnected, after a configuration change (such as screen rotation)

By not using content providers, you cannot use content loaders and you have to create your own loader by extending AsyncTaskLoader directly

Loaders are registered by ID with a LoaderManager, which allows them to live beyond the life cycle of the activity or fragment as they're associated with

AsyncTask is ~~extended~~ with the ~~onCreate~~ loader implements the same functionality of AsyncTasks, but because it's a loader its lifecycle is different. In AsyncTaskLoader, once we ~~create~~ restore the device, the LoaderManager will make sure the old loader is connected to the AsyncTaskLoader equivalent on postExecute. The loader keeps running in ~~onLoadInBackground~~. Once it finishes, the activity gets notified through onLoadFinished

CursorLoader is derived from AsyncTaskLoader but has an additional optimization, if the cursor has already finished reading before the activity starts, it recognizes this in the loader initialisation and the cursor is immediately delivered to the UI

To create a cursor loader, first create an integer constant for your loader ID, then implement Loader callback. Finally initialise the loader with the LoaderManager.

private static final int MY_LOADER_ID = [MY_ID];
(A single activity can have multiple loaders, and they're differentiated by IDs)

- Loader callback are OnCreateLoader, OnLoader
Died, OnLoaderReset.
When using cursor loader, the parameterized type (~~Cursor~~) is cursor.

In OnCreateLoader we create and return our Cursor Loader → Finished onLoadCompleted is called when our load is complete and our data is ready. To use the data in our CursorAdapter we just call swapCursor. Here we also perform any other UI updates we'd want to perform when our data is ready.

OnLoaderReset is only called when our loader is being destroyed. We need to remove all references to our loader data. We can

~~super~~ → ~~onReset~~ cursorAdapter.

swapCursor(null);

We use LoaderManager to initialize our loader
getLoaderManager().initLoader
([LoaderID], [Bundle], [LoaderCallback]), optional

When using it on a fragment we initialize it in the OnActivityCreated method

RECAP

In order to build our UI we use views. Views are rectangles on the screen (which borders may not be visible)

It handles drawing and event handling that is extended by all the base widgets.

Views here
google.com/design/spec/components/bottom-sheets.html

Viewgroup is a container for children views. There's FrameLayout, a child that gets added will be default positioned in the top left corner of the view group. If another view is added it'll overlap the first one. Typically we have one child per frame layout.

LinearLayout is composed of children either in horizontal row or vertical column. We can specify layout_weight which allows us to distribute the width or height of a parent across the children.

RelativeLayout where we can specify that a view should to the parent's top, right, bottom or left edge or that one view should be relative to another view.

In a GridLayout the view fills out cells in a grid. You can also have views that span multiple cells.

A Viewgroup is a view, so in our code we refer to a list item layout or being a single view, that just means the root view of the whole view hierarchy. For that layout a Viewgroup can be nested in another Viewgroup.

A view can look the same on a device, when either "match_parent", or "wrap_content". That's because we cannot see the boundaries. You'll see the difference when you'll have other children on that view.

Gravity = center, will center the content within the TextView, layout_gravity = center will center the view within the parent.

Padding = shifts the content inside by x amount. layout_margin = x the parent will be interpreted if this layout param, it adds a margin of x off around the TextView. A view can be visible, invisible or gone

In ForecastAdapter, for each row of the cursor we're going to go through and extract out the values. We call it binding the data to the views because we take the value from each column and set it to a different view. For next row we do the same, until we have a list item for each row in the cursor.

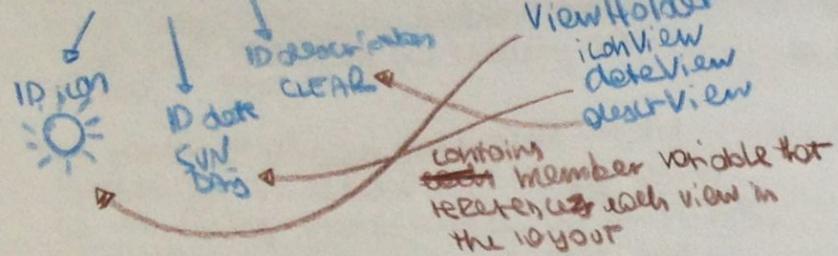
From Cursor Adapter we're extending it to need to add the bindView and notifyDataSetChanged. bindView takes an existing list item layout and updates it with the data from the cursor. newView inflates the list item layout and in bindView we bind data to the individual views.

ItemViewTypes, this is a general concept for all adapters. Instead of just having one item view type which yields the same layout for all list items, the adapter can decide multiple item view types, so it will have different list item layouts. For a given row in the cursor, the Rowset adapter needs to decide if it should be a regular list item or a today list item. Then it will inflate and bind data for the appropriate layout.

- 1 Set `get viewTypeCount()` to return two.
After defining it.
- 2 Overide `getItemViewType()` and let based on the passed position.
"each view type is represented by an integer, we bind them in constant fields"
- 3 In `newView(...)` get the viewType and layout in a slot pass them to `layoutInflater.inflate(intent, (-))`.

To remove unnecessary `findViewById` calls, we can use the `ViewHolder` pattern

`list_item.layout`



The `ViewHolder` is stored in the top field of the view. That way you use it again by just setting `data` onto these fields without having to find the views again.

A `ViewHolder` is just a `Java class`. Given a `list item layout` we do all the `find_id` calls of the child view in the `constructor`.

In `newView`, inflate the layout and pass it to the `ViewHolder`.

You can now set the `ViewHolder` as the top of the view.

In the `bindView` method we read the top from the view to get back the `ViewHolder`

- Inflating complex layouts can be expensive, could impact performance and responsiveness of your app.
The rules of thumb are keep your layout shallow and wide (more siblings and fewer children), and avoid nesting excessive views.

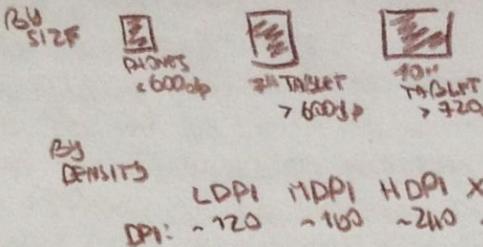
Also avoid using the `Frame layout` as the root layout that will always be inserted as a child into another one.

In these circumstances, the `merge tag` is a better alternative.

You can use Lint to optimize your layout

- ~~to target your UI must be responsive~~ - Apps which adopt by using multiple layouts.
- combine multiple views together

to make your app responsive
crossing devices



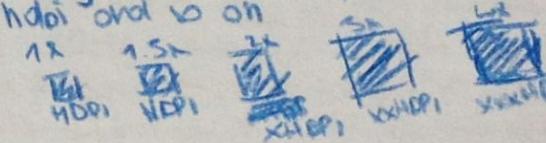
BY DENSITY

DPI: ~120 ~160 ~240 ~320

"Whether you need to convert from dp to pixels, we use `getDisplayMetrics`, `Density` ~~and `getResources`~~ to get the screen density and convert pixels to dp"

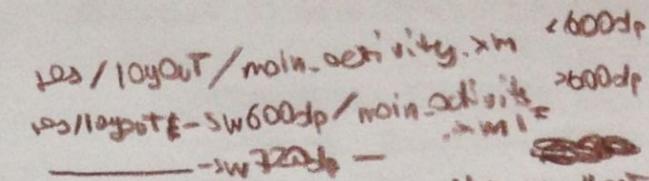
"View Configuration lets you express common options, speeds, times used by the Android system. Such as `setAffinity`"

TO TRANSLATE AN IMAGE ~~WE USE~~ TO THE DIFFERENT ~~RESOLUTIONS~~ ~~WE USE~~ TO THE DIFFERENT ~~RESOLUTIONS~~ DEPS. WE START FROM HDPI, WHICH EQUALS PIXELS. THEN MULTIPLY BY 1.5 FOR MDPI, THEN 2 FOR XHDPI AND SO ON



"When building an APK for a target screen, the asset pipeline will do an strip out the ones that are not needed. You don't need, but if it's in the mipmap folder, these assets will stay in the APK regardless of the target resolution."

OR
we use mipmap
for the launcher icon.



`sw <N>p` specifies the smallest of the screen's two sides. That way you can ignore orientation

Declare which screens your app supports in your manifest `<supports-screens android:>`

"If your app supports all screen sizes you don't need to support all of them as it is used as filtering for your app against unsupported devices"

At runtime android will check our layout configuration. And then load the right layout according and handles.

You can also chain those things such as a specific layout for a long edge or a screen size for some device configuration.

Like with orientation that's why android doesn't it it just replace those resources.

Building a flexible UI.

We can have a multi-pane with both ~~multiple~~ activities in a folder and just one ~~activity~~ per activity on phone. Fragment

The power of fragments goes beyond grouping UI elements. They allow us to fully modularize our activities, including the lifecycle events they receive in the app store that they maintain.

These were released in Honeycomb, along with ~~no~~ tablet support so that we could use multiple layout.

~~UI Components~~ Fragments ~~UI Components~~

Fragment Lifecycle

The basic lifecycle events are the same as on Activity. It moves through ~~host~~, ~~parent~~, ~~leave~~, ~~enter~~, ~~stop~~, ~~start~~ with the activity ~~parent~~.

In most cases you just put in ~~the~~ fragment lifecycle handlers, what you've put in the activity's corresponding handlers. With some exceptions:

UIs are constructed in ~~onCreateView~~ instead of ~~onCreate~~. (~~inflated~~) ~~onCreateView~~ is used to look up with any static sources and return them to the ~~host~~ activity as well.

A corresponding ~~onDestroyView~~ method is called immediately before the fragment is added to the ~~backstack~~.

The Fragment Manager (on odd ~~any~~ fragment transactions: updating, removing, or replacing fragments to the ~~backstack~~ with a single parent activity's ~~activities~~ activities.)

... Fragments can move through the cycle, multiple times, independent from the host activity.

In OnDestroyView you clean up resources specific to the UI (bitmaps, what ever). As soon the fragment returns to the back stack, onCreateView is called so you can recreate the UI and reconstruct state status, before your fragment onDestroy.

Since a fragment only exists within an activity, we need ~~callbacks~~ to tell us when a fragment is attached or detached from ~~its~~ its parent.

In onAttach you can set a reference to ~~its~~ parent activity. While onDetach is the last thing that happens.

OnActivityCreated, notifies our fragment that the parent activity has completed its onCreate handler. ~~So~~ In that callback we can safely interact with its UI.

Once the fragment is no longer visible, there's a chance it will be terminated. That happens in onStop (in the activity) or after onDestoryView.

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Fragments are also used to create logical modules, we call them non-UI Fragments.

Since they're non-visible, there's no need to recreate them every time the UI needs updating.

Within onCreate of the Fragment, will set retain instance passing in true, and return null in onCreateView. This cuts off any connections, threads or tasks which don't need to be interrupted!

~~layout~~ is the standard layout folder. We can support additional layouts by creating folders. For instance layout-sw600dp contains layouts for portrait devices where the smallest width (sw) is 600dp.

In that way we specify the layout regardless the current orientation. We ~~can~~ can use ~~as~~ like layout-w600dp, or

~~layout-in�~~ to specify the target ~~width~~ width ~~parent~~ ~~parent~~ whether the screen provides at least 600dp of width. You can do the same with height by using h.