

Task 4.2P

Browsing, Not Eating

1. Browsing Favourite Foods

Code Snippet – How the Two Activities are Connected:

Click Listeners are set up for each button, each calling viewFood with a different parameter so the correct information is passed.

```
/**
 * Click Listeners for each button.
 * The char they pass is a key to tell which items viewFood needs to send.
 */
private final View.OnClickListener anzacListener = (v) -> { viewFood( item: 'a'); };
private final View.OnClickListener bologneseListener = (v) -> { viewFood( item: 'b'); };
private final View.OnClickListener croissantListener = (v) -> { viewFood( item: 'c'); };
private final View.OnClickListener pizzaListener = (v) -> { viewFood( item: 'p'); };

/**
 * Activity for launching the biggerer food view activity.
 * Switch statements are more fun to than nested if statements. (Subjective)
 * @param item a char key used to identify which food to examine.
 */
private void viewFood(char item) {
    Intent i = new Intent();
    i.setClass(getApplicationContext(), com.example.a9726446.a4_2p.ViewActivity.class);
    Bundle b = new Bundle();
    switch (item){
        case 'a':
```

At the end of the switch, it's put into a bundle that's added to the intent, and the new activity is started.

```
        break;
        case 'p':
            b.putInt("imageID", R.drawable.pizza_1024px);
            b.putInt("captionID", "Pizza with Pineapple! Controversial!");
            b.putInt("captionID", R.string.strPizza);
            break;
        default:
            //Stops the launch of the next activity if switch fails.
            Log.e( tag: "Activity Launch", msg: "Could not launch subsequent activity - Switch defaulted");
            return;
    }
    i.putExtra( name: "bundle", b);
    startActivity(i);
}
```

Code Snippet – XML Layout of Activities

The layout is designed to give the image maximum space while leaving room for the header and caption.

```
2  <!--
3  Default string resources (and @android:colour/darker_grey)
4  are used to populate fields as needed as placeholders.
5  Image is constrained between the header and description to ensure
6  they aren't cut off.
7  -->
8  <ImageView
9      android:id="@+id/ivBigFood"
10     android:layout_width="wrap_content"
11     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
12     android:layout_marginBottom="8dp"
13     android:layout_marginEnd="8dp"
14     android:layout_marginStart="8dp"
```

Code Snippet – How the Image and Text are Loaded / Set

// Please refer to 2b and 2d

// Please refer to Appendix for Screenshots

2. Intents

In the context of the given quote....

- a) The Intent messaging is considered as a late run-time binding between two components as:
 - Intents are generated at runtime, rather than (for instance) during compilation.
 - They also serve as a 'bridge' between activities, allowing them to share information with each other.
- b) The contents of the passive data structure (of an intent) are:
 - In a word: Elsewhere
 - In more words: Determined at runtime.

```
Intent i = new Intent();
i.setClass(getApplicationContext(), com.example.a9726446.a4_2p.ViewActivity.class);
Bundle b = new Bundle();
switch (item){
    case 'a':
        b.putInt("imageID", R.drawable.anzac_1024px);
        b.putInt("captionID", "Anzac Biscuits");
        b.putInt("srcID", "https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ANZAC_biscuits.JPG");
        break;
    case 'b':
        b.putInt("imageID", R.drawable.bolognese_1024px);
```

Here an intent is created, and told what context and activity it's going to. A bundle is also set up and loaded...

```
i.putExtra( name: "bundle", b);
startActivity(i);
```

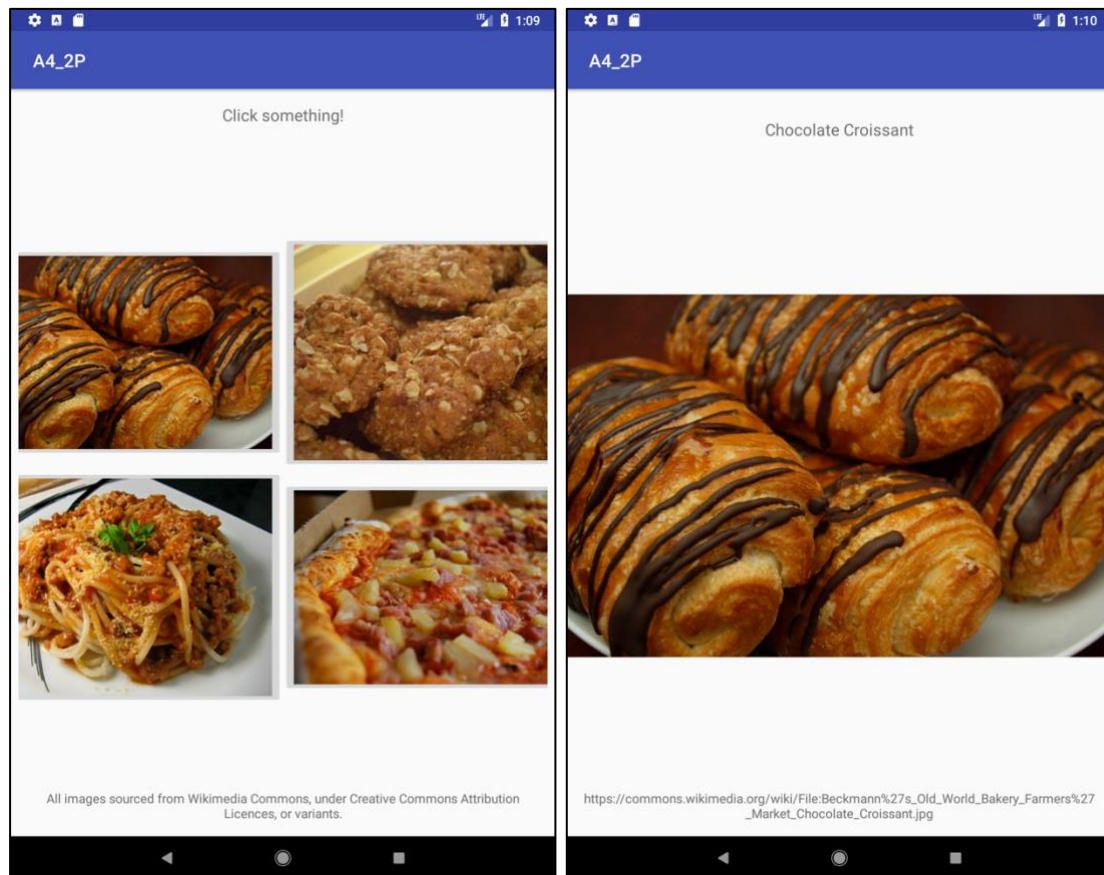
...which is then given to the intent for delivery. In that sense an Intent could be described like a Postal service for Activities.

- c) The word "passive" is used for the intent data structure as the logic for any data manipulation and integrity required is contained elsewhere.
- d) "[An Intent holds an] abstract description of an operation to be performed"
 - This means that an Intent only contains a summary of a given operation, such as holding two numbers and an operator for – another – object to make use of.
 - In the above example (b) an Intent receives an item. It doesn't know what to do with it or what it's for – processing and validation is done by the 'sender'.
 - Below, the receiving activity then processes the data (in this case just the bundle) and then unpacks it.

```
private void initialiseUI() {
    try {
        Bundle b = getIntent().getExtras().getBundle("bundle");
        if (b == null) return;
        ((ImageView)(findViewById(R.id.ivBigFood))).setImageResource(b.getInt( key: "imageID"));
        findViewById(R.id.ivBigFood).setContentDescription(getString(b.getInt( key: "captionID")));
    } catch (Exception e) {
```

try / catch is only used to appease some of Android Studio's warnings...

Appendix – Screenshots



Clockwise from top left: Main activity, View activity featuring croissants, View activity featuring pizza!

