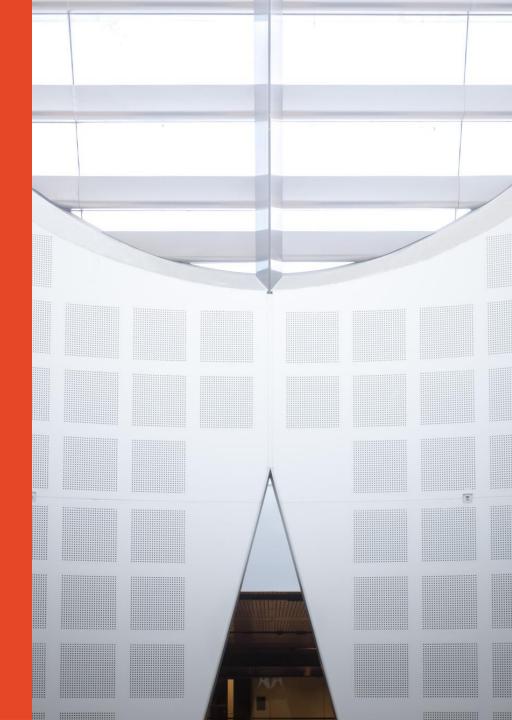
# Mobile Computing COMP5216/COMP4216

Week 03 Semester 2, 2023

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### **Announcements**

Assignment 1 submission.



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#### Assignment 1 – Grocery List App

Total: 5 marks

Due date: 11.59 pm 27 Aug 2023

Submission Requirements:

- 1. Submit all project files as one zipped file.
- 2. You will demonstrate your app to your tutor during the tutorial time for CC classes or on pre-scheduled time for RE classes.

In this assignment, you need to extend ToDoList app you started in Tutorials to a Grocery List app which contains items you plan to buy on a selected day.

The main feature of the app should include the following.

- Your app should be able to take grocery items as inputs from user. [1 mark]
- 2) The items should be added for a particular day(i.e., the user should be able to select the date before adding the grocery items) [1 mark]
- 3) The user should be able to view the items that need to be purchased as a list when a specific date is selected. [2 marks]

# **Group Project**

- Refer to the Project Guidelines document on Canvas
- Two Phases Proposal and Final
- Minimum feature set: This is essential !!!
  - Graphical user interface (GUI) to effectively interact with the user.
  - At least one form of data communication using either Cellular, WiFi,
     Bluetooth, etc.
  - At least one technique to save network bandwidth usage, computation resource usage and device battery usage.
  - At least one method to secure the communication and data storage, or strategy to protect user privacy in handling user data.

Come and test/discuss your idea with me!

# App development workflow

### Six Steps

- Define Goals
- 2. Analyse Requirements
- 3. Design Workflow: wireframe or storyboard
- 4. Design project structure
- 5. Implement codes
- 6. Test, debug, and release

**Proposal Phase** 

Final Phase

# **Group Project submission**

- Refer to the Project Guidelines document on Canvas
- Proposal Phase: Report (hard & electronic)
- Final Phase:
  - Report (hard & electronic)
  - Presentation slides
  - Video
  - Source Code
  - Presentation and Demo

| Deliverables |                       | Due Time                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Proposal     | Electronic submission | 11.59pm, 03/09/2023 ( Week 06) |
| Final        | Electronic submission | 11:59pm, 01/10/2023 (Week 11)  |
|              | Presentation & Demo   | 11:59pm, 08/10/2023 ( Week 12) |

### **Group enrolment**

- Maximum Group size is SEVEN, Minimum Group Size is FIVE
- Enroll to groups via Canvas.
- Pick a group number attached to the tutorial of most number of group members.

# Project Assessment - Proposal [10 marks]

- (3 marks) App: justification of the app, significance and challenge in developing the app.
- (2 marks) Solution: clear description of the workflow of the app with wireframes or UI designs for every user category of the app.
- (2 marks) Technical approach: clear description of how you
   plan to implement the app with technical requirements.
- (1 mark) Plan: application specific implementation schedule, appropriate workload distribution and collaborative development approaches.
- (1 mark) Potential setbacks: identification of application
   specific potential setbacks and solutions.

(1 mark) Overall proposal writing.

# Project Assessment - Final [30 marks]

- 15 marks will be allocated by a panel of judges evaluating all deliverables including in-class presentation and demo at Week 12 in-class presentation. These 15 marks are distributed as follows;
  - (2 marks) Novelty and significance of the problem,
  - (4 marks) Creativity of the solution including proper presentation/demonstration of the solution.
  - (2 marks) Challenges involved in developing your app and the amount of effort that you have put in developing the final app.
  - (2 marks) Readiness to distribute the app to users.
  - (2 marks) Presentation.
  - (3 marks) Demo.
- 15 marks will be allocated by the course coordinator and tutors evaluating the following three deliverables offline.
  - (4 marks) Source code of the app.
  - (8 marks) Final report.
  - (3 marks) Project video.

# **Group Project**

- Register your group in Canvas.
- Discuss your idea with me.
- Sometimes I ask questions, argue, ...
  - Don't agree with me always, come with evidence!
- How do I look at your idea...
  - As a teacher, As an Engineer/Developer, As an Investor

# Android Programming Basics - 1 COMP5216/ COMP4216 S2, 2023



### What is Android?

Major components of Android
Stack

**System Apps** 

User Apps

Java API Framework

Native C/C++
Libraries

Android Runtime

Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL)

**Linux Kernel** 

- Applications: Users interact with the device via the apps. Can be either first party or third party.
- Android Framework: Provides basic functions such as communication between apps, managing voice calls or managing app life cycles.
- Native Libraries: C/C++ libraries that contain instructions to the device on handling different types of data. E.g. Webkit, SSL, SQLite, and OpenGL.
- Android Runtime: Dalvik Virtual Machine and Core Libraries.
- Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL): Converts the Java API calls to system calls that is understood by the Linux kernel.
- Linux Kernel: Additional modifications done by Google to make it suitable for smartphones (E.g. power management). Handles all conventional operating system functions such as process management and memory management.

# **Building blocks of Android**

### **App components**

- Activities
- Services
- Broadcast Receivers
- Content Providers

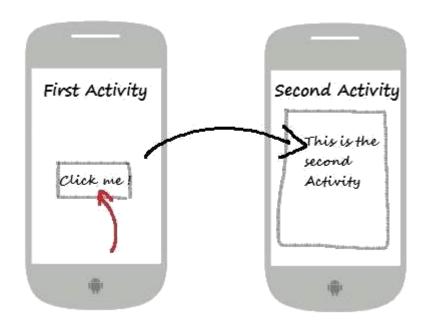
### **Activating components**

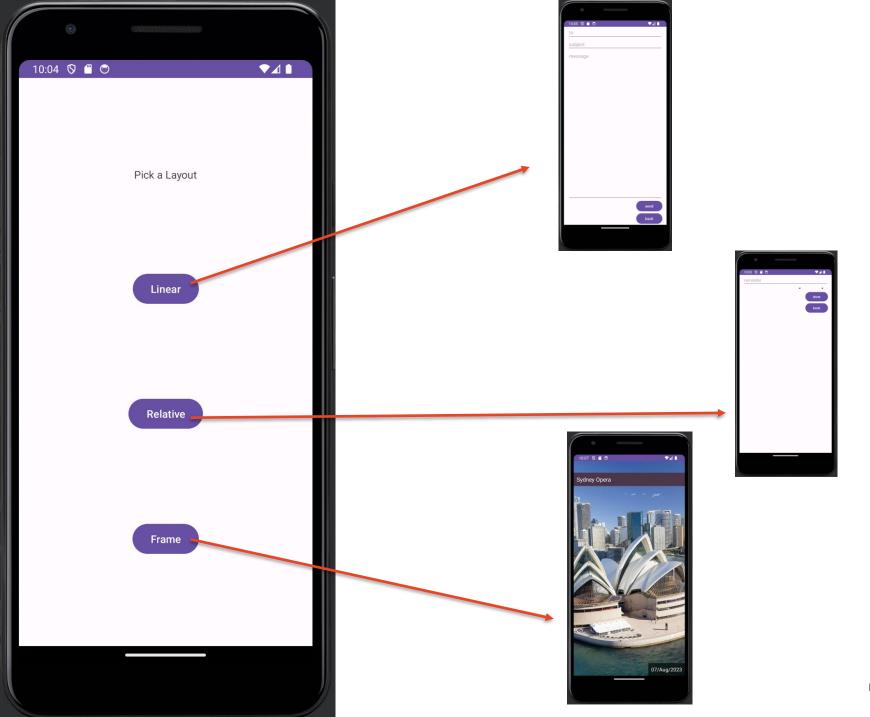
Intent

# **Activity**

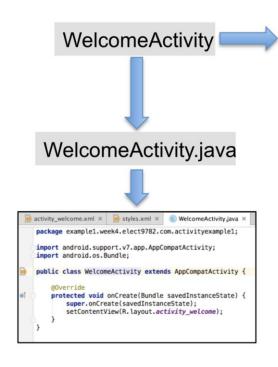
- One of the basic building block of Android
- Most common component of Android development
- Represents a single screen with a user interface
- A single app can have multiple activities.
   E.g. A game app might have different activities for login screen, scores page, and the game play screens
- Associated with a XML file that defines the arrangement of GUI components.
- https://developer.android.com/guide/components/activities/introactivities

# **Activity**





# **Activity Example**



Activity Operation is written in Java



Design View

### activity\_main.xml

```
RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
             android: layout_width="match_parent
             android: layout height="match parent"
       android:gravity="center_horizontal|top"
      android:textAlignment="center">
       <TextView
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Welcome to ELEC9782"
android:id="@+id/textView"
             android:layout_marginTop="49dp"
android:background="#edcccc"
             android:textStyle="bold"
android:width="300dp"
              android:height="48dp"
             android: gravitys"center'
             android:textAlignment="center"
android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
              android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
             android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:id="@-id/editText1"
             android:la="@+id/editTextl"
android:textAlignment="center"
android:layout_below="@+id/editText3"
android:layout_alignStart="@+id/textView"
             android:layout_alignEnd="@+id/textView" />
             android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android: Layout_Might="wrap_content"
android: layout_height="wrap_content"
android: inputType="textPassword"
android: ems="18"
android: id="@+id/editText2"
              android:password="true"
             android:gravity="center_horizontal"
             android:textAlignment="center"
android:layout_below="@+id/editText4"
android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:id="@+id/editText3"
android:text="User Name"
             android:layout_centerVertical="true"
android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:id="@+id/editText4"
android:text="Password"
             android:layout_marginTop="30dp"
android:layout_below="0+id/editText1"
              android:layout_alignStart="@+id/editText3" />
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Submit"
             android:id="@+id/button
             android:layout_below="@+id/editText2"
android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
android:layout_marginTop="28dp" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

Text View

Activity Layout and other resources

### **Android Manifest File**

- Every app project must have an AndroidManifest.xml file
  - with precisely that name, at the root of the project source set.
- The manifest file describes essential information about your app to the Android build tools, the Android operating system, and Google Play.
- The manifest file is declares;
  - The components of the app
  - The permissions that the app needs
  - The hardware and software features the app requires
  - **–** ...

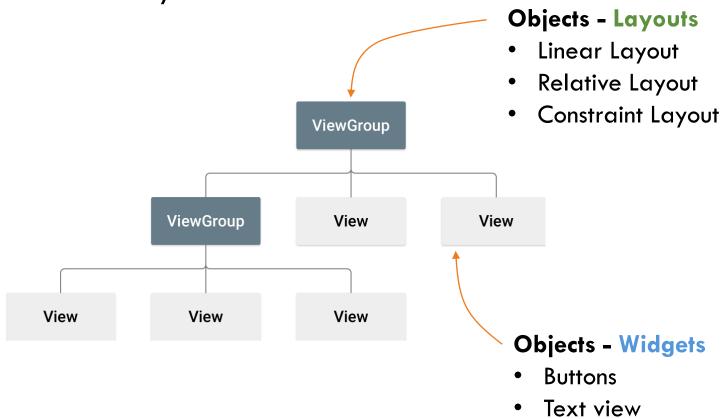
### Android Manifest File- Permissions

```
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">
    <uses-feature
        android:name="android.hardware.camera"
        android:required="false" />
    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.CAMERA"/>
    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:dataExtractionRules="@xml/data_extraction_rules"
```

# **Various Layouts**

Layout defines the visual structure of the GUI.

View hierarchy

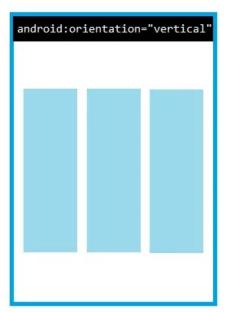


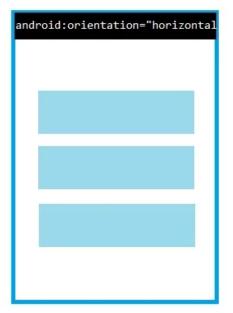
# Layouts

- Can declare Layouts
  - Writing the XML
  - Using Android Studio's "Layout Editor"



### Types of Ul Layouts in Android - Linear Layout

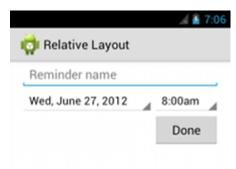




```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:paddingLeft="16dp"
    android:paddingRight="16dp"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
                                                                                     subject
    <EditText
                                                                                     message
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:hint="to" />
    <EditText
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:hint="subject" />
    <EditText
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="0dp"
        android:layout_weight="1"
        android:gravity="top"
        android:hint="message" />
    <Button
        android:layout_width="100dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="right"
                                                                                                                 send
        android:text="send" />
    <Button
                                                                                                                 back
        android:id="@+id/btnback"
        android:layout_width="100dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="right"
        android:text="back" />
                                                                                                              Page 22
</LinearLayout>
```

### Types of Ul Layouts in Android - Relative Layout

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:paddingLeft="16dp"
    android:paddingRight="16dp" >
    <EditText
        android:id="@+id/name"
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:hint="@string/reminder" />
    <Spinner
        android:id="@+id/dates"
        android:layout_width="0dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_below="@id/name"
        android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout_toLeftOf="@+id/times" />
    <Spinner
        android:id="@id/times"
        android:layout_width="96dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_below="@id/name"
        android:layout_alignParentRight="true" />
    <Button
        android:layout_width="96dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_below="@id/times"
        android:layout_alignParentRight="true"
        android:text="@string/done" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

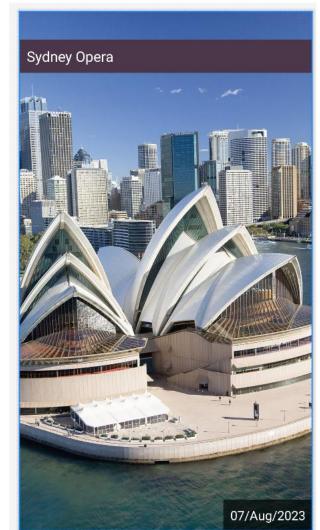


# Types of Ul Layouts in Android - Frame Layout

FrameLayout is designed to block out an area on the

screen to display a single item

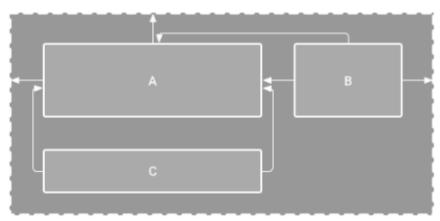
```
<FrameLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
   android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical">
    < Image View
        android:id="@+id/imgvw1"
       android:layout_width="wrap_content"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:scaleType="centerCrop"
        android:src="@drawable/sydney" />
    <TextView
       android:id="@+id/txtvw1"
       android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:layout_marginTop="40dp"
       android:background="#4C374A"
        android:padding="10dp"
        android:text="Sydney Opera"
        android:textColor="#FFFFFF"
       android:textSize="20sp" />
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/txtvw2"
       android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="right|bottom"
        android:background="#AA000000"
        android:padding="10dp"
        android:text="07/Aug/2023"
        android:textColor="#FFFFFF"
        android:textSize="18sp" />
</FrameLavout>
```



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# Types of UI Layouts in Android - Constraint Layout

- ConstraintLayout permits the creation of complicated layouts with a flat view hierarchy
- Each view must have a minimum of one constraint for each axis, but often more are necessary.



**Figure 1.** The editor shows view C below A, but it has no vertical constraint.

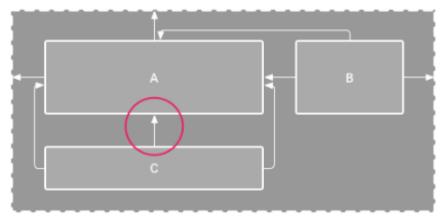


Figure 2. View C is now vertically constrained below view A.

Build a responsive UI with ConstraintLayout | Android Developers (HW)

### **Activity Lifecycle**

- You can override lifecycle methods to develop your customized activity.
  - E.g. What to do after starting the app  $\rightarrow$  Override onCreate() method
  - From tutorial 1;

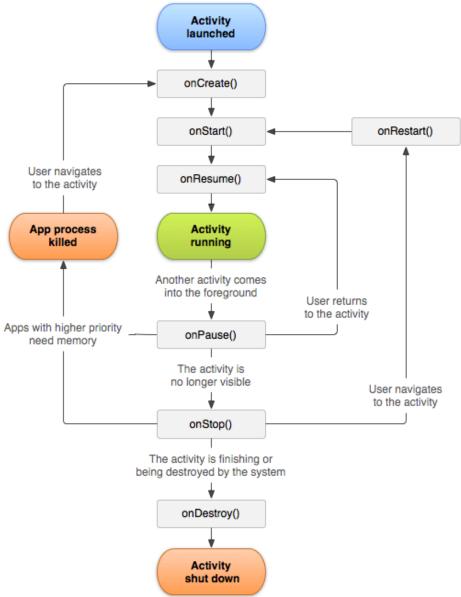
```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);

    // Use "activity_main.xml" as the layout
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);

    // Reference the "listView" variable to the id "lstView" in the layout
    listView = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.lstView);
    addItemEditText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.txtNewItem);

    // Create an ArrayList of String
    items = new ArrayList<String>();
    items.add("item one");
    items.add("item two");
```

# **Activity Lifecycle**



# **Activity Lifecycle**

#### onCreate()

 The Android activity lifecycle starts with the onCreate() method. This method is called when the user clicks on your app's icon, which causes this method to create the activity.

#### - onStart()

 After views have been initialized and the layout has been set in the onCreate() method, the onStart() method is called. This method makes the activity visible to the user.

#### - onResume()

 After the activity is visible to the user, the onResume() method is called when the user starts interacting with it.

#### onPause()

 When the user leaves the current activity, the system pauses all operations occurring on the activity and calls the onPause() method.

#### - onStop()

 When the user presses the back button or navigates to another activity, the onStop() method is called since the activity is no longer visible to the user.

#### onDestroy()

- This method is called before the system destroys the activity.

# Activity Lifecycle - on Pause method

- Always save the user's data on the onPause() method.

```
@Override
    protected void onPause() {
        super.onPause();

        SharedPreferences sharedPreferences = getSharedPreferences("MySharedPreferences.Editor myEdit = sharedPreferences.edit();

//use the putString and putInt methods to store the users text.
        myEdit.putString("model", model.getText().toString());
        myEdit.putInt("price", Integer.parseInt(price.getText().toString()));

//save the text by invoking the apply() method
        myEdit.apply();
}
```

Releasing resources when the app is inactive

```
protected void onPause() {
    super.onPause();
    sensorManager.unregisterListener(this);
}
```

### Intents

Intent is a messaging object to request an action from another app component.

Intent

System

startActivity()

**Activity A** 

Intent

onCreate()

**Activity B** 

- Primary use-cases:
  - To start an activity
  - To start a service
  - To deliver a broadcast
- Intent types:
  - Explicit Intents: Communicate within the same application. Need to specify the exact name of the component, e.g. class name. ??
  - Implicit Intents: Communicate between applications. Requested by declaring the general action to perform, e.g. location. ??

https://developer.android.com/guide/components/intents-filters

### **Explicit vs Implicit Intents**

 Explicit Intents: specify which application will satisfy the intent, by supplying either the target app's package name or a fully-qualified component class name.

```
Intent intent = new Intent(FirstActivtiy.this,
SecondActivity.class);
startActivity(intent);
```

 Implicit Intents: do not name a specific component, but instead declare a general action to perform, which allows a component from another app to handle it.

```
Intent intent = new Intent();
intent.setAction(android.content.Intent.ACTION_VIEW);
intent.setData(Contract.Contacts.CONTENT_URL);
startActivity(intent);
```

### **Building bocks of an Intent**

#### 1. Component name

- Name of the component to start
  - Must specify the name for Explicit Intent, e.g. class name of the new Activity.
  - Empty for Implicit Intent

#### 2. Action

- String that specifies the desired operation, e.g. view or pick
  - ACTION\_VIEW to show information to a user

```
Uri webpage = Uri.parse("https://www.android.com");
Intent webIntent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION VIEW, webpage);
```

- ACTION\_SEND to share data through another app e.g email, social media
- ACTION DIAL Dial a number
- ACTION EDIT Display data to edit
- ACTION SYNC Synchronise device data with a server
- ACTION MAIN Start as initial activity of the app.

• ...

### **Building bocks of an Intent**

#### 3. Data

- Data and type of data (<u>MIME type</u>) associated with the Intent
- Type of data should be related to the action
  - E.g. If the action is ACTION\_DIAL, data should be the phone number.
- Formatted as URI object (Uniform Resource Identifier)
  - Uri.prase("http://www.google.com")
- To set only the data URI, call setData().
- To set only the MIME type, call setType().
- If necessary, you can set both explicitly with setDataAndType().

### **Building bocks of an Intent**

### 4. Category

- String containing additional information about the component
  - CATEGORY\_BROWSABLE To start a web browser to display data
  - CATEGORY\_LAUNCHER The activity is the initial activity of a task and is listed in the system's application launcher.
- Specify the category with addCategory()

#### Extras

- Key-value pairs that carry additional information to complete the action
- Add extra info with putExtra()

### 6. Flags

- Metadata for the intent
  - E.g. How to launch the activity, how to treat it after launching, etc.
- Can set flags using setFalgs()

```
public void myMethod() {
    // first parameter is the context, second is the class of the activity to launch
    Intent i = new Intent( packageContext: MainActivity.this, FrameActivity.class);
    // put "extras" into the bundle for access in the second activity
    i.putExtra( name: "username", value: "foobar");
    i.putExtra( name: "in_reply_to", value: "george");
    i.putExtra( name: "code", value: 400);
    // brings up the second activity
    startActivity(i);
}
```

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_example);

    String username = getIntent().getStringExtra( name: "username");
    String inReplyTo = getIntent().getStringExtra( name: "in_reply_to");
    int code = getIntent().getIntExtra( name: "code", defaultValue: 0);
}
```

# **Example**

- Start another activity using an Intent
- Example: Tutorial 2
  - What type of an Intent is used?

```
@Override
public void onItemClick(AdapterView<?> parent, View view, int position, long id) {
    String updateItem = (String) itemsAdapter.getItem(position);
    Log.i("MainActivity", "Clicked item " + position + ": " + updateItem);

Intent intent = new Intent(MainActivity.this, EditToDoItemActivity.class);
    if (intent != null) {
        // put "extras" into the bundle for access in the edit activity
        intent.putExtra("item", updateItem);
        intent.putExtra("position", position);
        // brings up the second activity
        startActivityForResult(intent, EDIT_ITEM_REQUEST_CODE);
        itemsAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
}
```

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        // put "extras" into the bundle for access in the edit activity
        intent.putExtra("item", updateItem);
        intent.putExtra("position", position);
        // brings up the second activity
        startActivityForResult(intent, EDIT_ITEM_REQUEST_CODE);
        itemsAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
}
```

Key-value pairs carrying additional information

Explicitly mention second activity name – Explicit Intent

# Example 2

- Communicate between apps.
- By declaring the general action to perform. In this case,
  - Action: ACTION SEND
  - Extra: Content to share with other people

```
// Create the text message with a string.
Intent sendIntent = new Intent();
sendIntent.setAction(Intent.ACTION_SEND);
sendIntent.putExtra(Intent.EXTRA_TEXT, textMessage);
sendIntent.setType("text/plain");
```

– What type of intent is this?

### **Implicit Intent**

- Communicate between apps.
- By declaring the general action to perform. In this case,
  - Action: ACTION\_SEND
  - Extra: Content to share with other people

```
// Create the text message with a string.
Intent sendIntent = new Intent();
sendIntent.setAction(Intent.ACTION_SEND);
sendIntent.putExtra(Intent.EXTRA_TEXT, textMessage);
sendIntent.setType("text/plain");
```

- What type of intent is this?
- What can go wrong with the code above code block?
  - If no other apps can handle the intent, you should catch the <u>ActivityNotFoundException</u> to avoid crashing your app

```
// Try to invoke the intent.
try {
    startActivity(sendIntent);
} catch (ActivityNotFoundException e) {
    // Define what your app should do if no activity can handle the intent.
}
```

- Declare which Intents that your app can receive with intentfilter element in your AndroidManifest.xml
- This is how Android pass Implicit Intents to relevant apps
- Define <action/>, <data/> and <category/>
- E.g.

### **Intent Filters Example**

- Assume you're developing a music player app
  - Your app might have an activity to play music
  - You want your app to be able to respond to certain intents, like when a
    user selects a music file in a file explorer app and chooses to play it
    using your music player app.

This Intent Filter specifies that the activity can respond to the "ACTION\_VIEW" intent action when the data type is "audio/\*

- Who had a look at the AndroidManifest.xml files of Tutorial 1?
- Were there any Intent filter?

- We were not planning to receive any Intents. We still have default filters!
  - E.g. Tutorial 1 AndroidManifest.xml

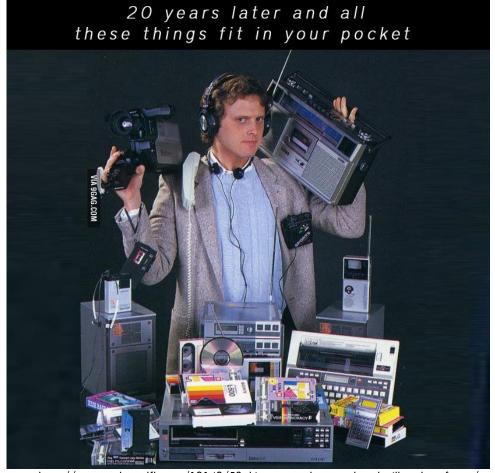
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    package="comp5216.sydney.edu.au.todolist">
    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android: label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:supportsRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
        <activity android:name=".MainActivity">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
        <activity
            android:name=".EditToDoItemActivity"
            android: label="@string/app_name" >
        </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

- ACTION\_MAIN indicates this activity is the main entry point when the user launch the app and does not expect any intent data.
- CATEGORY\_LAUNCHER indicates that activity's icon should be placed in the system's app launcher.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    package="comp5216.sydney.edu.au.todolist">
    <application
       android:allowBackup="true"
       android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
       android:label="@string/app_name"
       android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
       android:supportsRtl="true"
       android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
       <activity android:name=".MainActivity">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
       </activity>
        <activity
           android:name=".EditToDoItemActivity"
            android: label="@string/app_name" >
       </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

### **Next Week**

- Capabilities of modern smartphones
  - Sensors
  - Audio
  - Connectivity
  - Camera
- Android Basics 2
  - Broadcast Receiver
  - Content Provider
  - Services



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