

## PROGRAMMING HANDHELD SYSTEMS

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# THE BROADCASTRECEIVER CLASS

## TODAY'S TOPICS

THE BROADCAST CLASS

REGISTRATION

BROADCAST

PROCESSING

## BROADCASTRECEIVER

BASE CLASS FOR COMPONENTS THAT RECEIVE AND REACT TO EVENTS

## BROADCASTRECEIVER

BROADCASTRECEIVERS REGISTER TO RECEIVE EVENTS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED

## BROADCAST RECEIVER

When Events occur they are represented as Intents

THOSE INTENTS ARE THEN BROADCAST TO THE SYSTEM

## BROADCAST RECEIVER

ANDROID ROUTES THE INTENTS TO BROADCASTRECEIVERS THAT HAVE REGISTERED TO RECEIVE THEM

BROADCASTRECEIVERS RECEIVE THE INTENT VIA A CALL TO OnReceive()

## TYPICAL USE CASE

REGISTER BROADCASTRECEIVERS
BROADCAST AN INTENT

Android delivers Intent to registered recipients by calling their onReceive() method

EVENT HANDLED IN OnReceive()

## REGISTERING FOR INTENTS

BROADCASTRECEIVERS CAN REGISTER IN TWO WAYS

STATICALLY, IN ANDROIDMANIFEST.XML

DYNAMICALLY, BY CALLING A registerReceiver() METHOD

## STATIC REGISTRATION

Put <receiver> and <intent-filter> tags in AndroidManifest.xml

#### <RECEIVER> FORMAT

```
<receiver
    android:enabled=["true" | "false"]
    android:exported=["true" | "false"]
    android:icon="drawable resource"
    android:label="string resource"
    android:name="string"
    android:permission="string"
    android:process="string" >
</receiver>
```

## INTENT FILTER

Specify <intent-filter> TAG WITHIN THE <receiver>

## STATIC REGISTRATION

RECEIVERS ARE REGISTERED WITH THE SYSTEM AT BOOT TIME OR WHEN THEIR APPLICATION PACKAGE IS ADDED AT RUNTIME



## BCASTRECSINBCASTSTATREG

```
package course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.singleBroadcastStaticRegistration;
import android.app.Activity;
public class SimpleBroadcast extends Activity {
    private static final String CUSTOM INTENT = "course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.show toast";
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.main);
        Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
        button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
            @Override
            public void onClick(View v) {
                sendBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT),
                        android.Manifest.permission.VIBRATE);
       });
```

## BCASTRECSINBCASTSTATREG

```
package course.examples.BroadcastReceiver.singleBroadcastStaticRegistration;
import android.content.BroadcastReceiver;
public class Receiver extends BroadcastReceiver {
   private final String TAG = "Receiver";
   @Override
   public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
       Log.i(TAG, "INTENT RECEIVED");
       Vibrator v = (Vibrator) context
                .getSystemService(Context.VIBRATOR SERVICE);
       v.vibrate(500);
       Toast.makeText(context, "INTENT RECEIVED by Receiver", Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
```

### DYNAMIC REGISTRATION

CREATE AN INTENTFILTER

CREATE A BROADCASTRECEIVER

REGISTER BROADCASTRECEIVER USING registerReceiver()

LOCALBROADCASTMANAGER

CONTEXT

CALL unRegisterReceiver() to unregister BroadcastReceiver

## BCASTRECSINBCASTDYNREG

## EVENT BROADCAST

SEVERAL BROADCAST METHODS SUPPORTED

NORMAL VS. ORDERED

NORMAL: PROCESSING ORDER UNDEFINED

ORDERED: SEQUENTIAL PROCESSING IN

PRIORITY ORDER

## EVENT BROADCAST

STICKY VS. NON-STICKY

STICKY: STORE INTENT AFTER INITIAL BROADCAST

NON-STICKY: DISCARD INTENT AFTER INITIAL BROADCAST

WITH OR WITHOUT RECEIVER PERMISSIONS

## SOME DEBUGGING TIPS

#### LOG EXTRA INTENT RESOLUTION INFORMATION

Intent.setFlag(FLAG\_DEBUG\_LOG\_RESOLUTION)

#### LIST REGISTERED BROADCASTRECEIVERS

#### DYNAMICALLY REGISTERED

% adb shell dumpsys activity b

#### STATICALLY REGISTERED

% adb shell dumpsys package

## EVENT DELIVERY

Intents delivered by calling onReceive(), passing in:

THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE RECEIVER IS RUNNING

THE INTENT THAT WAS BROADCAST

## EVENT HANDLING IN onReceive()

HOSTING PROCESS HAS HIGH PRIORITY WHILE On Receive() IS EXECUTING

## EVENT HANDLING IN ONRECEIVE()

onReceive() runs on the main Thread, so it should be short—lived If event handling is lengthy, consider starting a Service, rather than performing complete operation in onReceive()

## EVENT HANDLING IN ONRECEIVE()

RECEIVER IS NOT CONSIDERED VALID ONCE OnReceive() RETURNS

NORMALLY BROADCASTRECEIVERS CAN'T START ASYNCHRONOUS OPERATIONS

E.G., SHOWING A DIALOG, STARTING AN ACTIVITY VIA startActivityForResult()



## ORDERED BROADCASTS

```
// send Intent to BroadcastReceivers in priority order
void sendOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,
                            String receiverPermission)
// send Intent to BroadcastReceivers in priority order
// includes multiple parameters for greater control
void sendOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,
                    String receiver Permission,
                    BroadcastReceiver resultReceiver,
                    Handler scheduler,
                    int initialCode,
                    String initial Data,
                    Bundle initialExtras)
```



## BCASTRECCOMPORDBCAST

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    IntentFilter intentFilter = new IntentFilter(CUSTOM INTENT);
    intentFilter.setPriority(3);
    registerReceiver(mReceiver, intentFilter);
    Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
    button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            sendOrderedBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT),
                    android.Manifest.permission.VIBRATE);
  });
```



#### BCASTRECCOMPORDBCASTWITHRESREC

```
private final Receiver1 mReceiver1 = new Receiver1();
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    IntentFilter intentFilter = new IntentFilter(CUSTOM INTENT);
    intentFilter.setPriority(3);
    registerReceiver(mReceiver1, intentFilter);
    Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);
    button.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            sendOrderedBroadcast(new Intent(CUSTOM INTENT), null,
                    new BroadcastReceiver() {
                        @Override
                        public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
                            Toast.makeText(context,
                                    "Final Result is " + getResultData(),
                                    Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
                    }, null, 0, null, null);
   });
```

## STICKY BROADCASTS

STICKY INTENTS ARE CACHED BY ANDROID

NEW INTENTS OVERWRITE OLDER INTENTS
THEY MATCH

## STICKY BROADCASTS

# WHEN BROADCASTRECEIVERS ARE DYNAMICALLY REGISTERED

CACHED STICKY INTENTS MATCHING THE SPECIFIED INTENTFILTER ARE BROADCAST TO THE BROADCAST RECEIVER

ONE MATCHING STICKY INTENT IS RETURNED TO THE CALLER

## STICKY BROADCASTS

```
//public abstract class Context ...

// send sticky Intent to interested BroadcastReceivers

void sendStickyBroadcast (Intent intent)

// send sticky Intent to interested BroadcastReceivers in priority order

// sender can provide various parameters for greater control

void sendStickyOrderedBroadcast (Intent intent,

BroadcastReceiver resultReceiver,

Handler scheduler,

int initialCode,

String initialData,

Bundle initialExtras)
```

BROADCASTER MUST HAVE BROADCAST\_STICKY PERMISSION TO SEND STICKY INTENTS

#### BCASTRECSTICKYINT

```
registerReceiver(new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        if (intent.getAction().equals(Intent.ACTION BATTERY CHANGED)) {
            String age = "Reading taken recently";
            if (isInitialStickyBroadcast()) {
                age = "Reading may be stale";
            }
            currentStateView.setText("Current Battery Level:"
                    + String.valueOf(intent.getIntExtra(
                            BatteryManager. EXTRA LEVEL, -1))
                    + System.getProperty("line.separator") + age);
}, new IntentFilter(Intent.ACTION_BATTERY_CHANGED));
```

## NEXT TIME

THREADS, ASYNCTASKS & HANDLERS