LAB#03

INTRODUCING BASIC LAYOUT IN ANDROID ACTIVITY

Layout

Using layouts to construct your screens in XML is best practice in Android. Each layout definition is stored in a separate file, each containing a single layout, in the res/layout folder. The filename then becomes the resource identifier.

The following list includes some of the most commonly used layout classes available in the Android SDK

- LinearLayout
- RelativeLayout.
- GridLayout.

Linear Layout:

The Linear Layout is one of the simplest layout classes. It allows you to create simple UIs (or UI elements) that align a sequence of child Views in either a vertical or a horizontal line.

Let's try this:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
   xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
android:orientation="vertical"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
   android:layout_height="match_parent"
   >

   <TextView
      android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Name:"
      />

   <EditText
```

```xml
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Name"


    />

  <TextView
        android:id="@+id/textView"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Email"
        tools:text="Email" />

  <EditText
        android:id="@+id/editText"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"        android:ems="10"
        android:inputType="textEmailAddress"
        android:text="Email"
        tools:text="Email" />

  <Button
        android:id="@+id/button"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="Submit" />

</LinearLayout>
```

Relative Layout

The Relative Layout lets you define the positions of each child View relative to the others and to the screen boundaries.

Let's try this:

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

  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent"
 >
```

```
<LinearLayout android:id="@+id/buttonbar"
android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:orientation="vertical"
   android:padding="5dp"
   >


   <Button
      android:id="@+id/button2"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
      android:text="Cancel" />

   <Button
      android:id="@+id/button3"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
      android:text="Ok" />

</LinearLayout>

   <ListView
      android:id="@+id/lstvw"
android:layout_marginTop="100dp"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
      android:entries="@array/player">

   </ListView>

</RelativeLayout>
```

Grid Layout:

The Grid Layout is incredibly flexible and can be used to greatly simplify layouts and reduce or eliminate the complex nesting often required to construct UIs using the layouts described above.

The Grid Layout uses an arbitrary grid to position Views. By using row and column spanning, the Space View, and Gravity attributes, you can create complex without resorting to the often complex nesting required to construct UIs using the Relative Layout described previously.

Let's try this:

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

    android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:orientation="vertical"
  >
  <ListView

  android:layout_gravity="fill"
    android:entries="@array/player"
    >
</ListView>
<LinearLayout
    android:layout_gravity="fill_horizontal"
android:orientation="horizontal"
android:padding="5dp">
  <Button
    android:text="Cancel"
android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_weight="1"/>
  <Button
    android:text="OK"
android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_weight="1"/>
  </LinearLayout>

</GridLayout>
```

Lab Task

1. Create a Grid Layout based on tiles using Image Button group