Mobile Application Development



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User Interface Design & Development – Part 2





- Be able to create and use some more different widgets (views) and features such as Spinners and Filters
- □ Share data between Activities using the **Application** object
- Understand how to develop and reuse Fragments in a multiscreen app
- Be able to create and use a NavigationDrawer to implement more effective navigation within an app (CoffeeMate 4.0+)

Case Study

- CoffeeMate an Android App to keep track of your Coffees, their details, and which ones you like the best (your favourites)
- App Features with Google+ Sign-In
 - List all your Coffees
 - View specific Coffee details
 - Filter Coffees by Name and Type
 - Delete a Coffee
 - List all your Favourite Coffees
 - View Coffees on a Map





Using Spinners and Filters





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CoffeeMate.3.0 > 🗖 app > 🗖 src > 🗖 main

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4 new java source files 2 new xml layouts 1 new xml file for resources (specifically the Spinner widget, arrays.xml)



Using Spinners



Spinners provide a quick way to select one value from a set.
 In the default state, a spinner shows its currently selected value.

Touching the spinner displays a dropdown menu with all other available values, <u>jay@gmail.com</u> Home from which the user can select a new one.

Custom

Work

Other



You can add a spinner to your layout with the Spinner object. You should usually do so in your XML layout with a <Spinner> element. For example:

<Spinner

android:id="@+id/searchCoffeeTypeSpinner"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:prompt="Choose a Type of Coffee" />

To populate the spinner with a list of choices, you then need to specify a SpinnerAdapter in your Activity or Fragment source code (next slide).

Populate the Spinner with User Choices

<string-array name="coffeeTypes"> <item>All Types</item> <item>Favourites</item> </string-array>

ArrayAdapter<CharSequence> spinnerAdapter = ArrayAdapter
.createFromResource(activity, R.array.coffeeTypes,
android.R.layout.simple_spinner_item);

□ Then, bind to the **Spinner** widget and set its Adapter (and Listener) to display the options to the user.

spinnerAdapter

.setDropDownViewResource(android.R.layout.simple_spinner_dropdown_item);

Spinner spinner = ((Spinner) activity.findViewById(R.id.searchCoffeeTypeSpinner));
spinner.setAdapter(spinnerAdapter);
spinner.setOnItemSelectedListener(this);



Populate the Spinner with User Choices

<string-array name="coffeeTypes"> <item>All Types</item> <item>Favourites</item> </string-array>

This is the data we use to populate our spinner widget

Key classes

> Spinner

- > SpinnerAdapter
- > AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener





Code Highlights (1)

VERY similar to our **Home** Activity





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Favourites *

EXACTLY similar to our **Home** Activity







Using Filters

Filtering & Sorting



- □ ListView supports filtering of elements via its adapter.
- For example the ArrayAdapter class implements the Filterable interface and contains a default filter implementation called ArrayFilter as an inner class.
- □ This default implementation allows you to filter based on a String, via

youradapter.getFilter().filter(searchString)

Typically you might want to add an EditText field to your layout and attach a TextChangeListener to it. (as with our example)



Filtering & Sorting

- Because we're using a Custom Adapter (our nice rows ③) and a Custom object (a Coffee) the default implementation isn't sufficient for our needs.
- Our approach is to
 - create a Custom Filter (CoffeeFilter)
 - maintain a reference to in in our Fragment (CoffeeFragment)
 - tell the filter what and how to filter the data (our Coffee object)
- Our **CoffeeFilter** has two abstract methods we need to implement
 - FilterResults performFiltering(CharSequence constraint) : invoked in worker thread, that has the task to filter the results according to the constraint
 - **void publishResults (CharSequence constraint, FilterResults results)** : that has the task to show the result set created by performingFiltering method
- □ So let's have a look...



Code Highlights (2)



CoffeeFragment – Filtering *



CoffeeFragment - Filtering after Multiple Deletes *



public class CoffeeFragment extends ListFragment implements OnClickListener

protectedBaseprotected staticCoffeeListAdapterprotectedListViewprotectedCoffeeFilter

activity;
listAdapter;
listView;
coffeeFilter;

```
private void deleteCoffees(ActionMode actionMode)
```

```
for (int i = listAdapter.getCount() - 1; i >= 0; i--)
```

```
if (listView.isItemChecked(i))
    Base.coffeeList.remove(listAdapter.getItem(i));
```

```
actionMode.finish();
```

```
if (activity instanceof Favourites) {
    coffeeFilter.setFilter("favourites");
    coffeeFilter.filter(null);
```

```
listAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
```

We need to filter again after deleting multiple coffees to get our remaining 'Favourites'.

SearchFragment – Filtering after Multiple Deletes *



public class SearchFragment extends CoffeeFragment
 implements AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener, TextWatcher {



CoffeeFragment - Helper Method *















Using the Application Object



Maintaining Global Application State

- Sometimes you want to store data, like global variables which need to be accessed from multiple Activities – sometimes everywhere within the application. In this case, the Application object will help you.
- Activities come and go based on user interaction
- Application objects can be a useful 'anchor' for an android app
- □ You can use it to hold information shared by all activities



- onConfigurationChanged() Called by the system when the device configuration changes while your component is running.
- onCreate() Called when the application is starting, before any other application objects have been created.
- onLowMemory() This is called when the overall system is running low on memory, and would like actively running processes to tighten their belts.
- onTerminate() This method is for use in emulated process environments. It will never be called on a production Android device, where processes are removed by simply killing them; no user code (including this callback) is executed when doing so.



- □ In order to make full use of our Application object we need to refactor some of the classes in the project.
- This will form part of the Practical Lab (Lab 4) but we'll have a quick look now at some of the refactoring that needs to be done to both include, and make use of, our Application object.



Code Highlights (3)

The Application Object *





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CoffeeMate 3.0 - code extracts *







CoffeeMate 4.0+

Using The Navigation Drawer



Navigation Drawer Overview

- https://developer.android.com/ training/implementing-navigation/ nav-drawer.html
- The navigation drawer is a panel that displays the app's main navigation options on the left edge of the screen. It is hidden most of the time, but is revealed when the user swipes a finger from the left edge of the screen or, while at the top level of the app, the user touches the app icon in the action bar.





- Android Studio does a lot of the heavy lifting for you, but generally the following steps are necessary to add a Navigation Drawer to your app
 - Create drawer layout
 - Bind to navigation drawer layout
 - Handle navigation drawer click and
 - Update content based on user selection
Overview - Create Drawer Layout

- For creating a navigation drawer, first we need to declare the drawer layout in your main activity where you want to show the navigation drawer.
- You add
 - **android.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout** as the root view of your activity layout.
- As already mentioned, Android Studio does a lot of this for you so it's more about understanding how it all pieces together to allow you to modify as necessary.
- □ We'll use CoffeeMate as the example to illustrate...

Overview - Create Drawer Layout *

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <android.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto" xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools" android:id="@+id/drawer_layout" android:layout_width="match_parent" android:layout_height="match_parent" android:fitsSystemWindows="true" tools:openDrawer="start">

<include

layout="@layout/app_bar_home"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent" />

<android.support.design.widget.NavigationView android:id="@+id/nav_view" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="match_parent" android:layout_gravity="start" android:layout_gravity="start" android:fitsSystemWindows="true" app:headerLayout="@layout/nav_header_home" app:menu="@menu/activity home drawer" />

|<____ndroid.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout>





Overview - Create Drawer Layout *

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Android.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout>

activity_home.xml contains the Navigation Header (nav_header_home) AND the Navigation Drawer Menu (activity_home_drawer) inside a NavigationView.

- activity_home includes app_bar_home which will display our content
- Also, note the 'ids' of the widgets (for later on)

UPDATE





UPDATE







Overview – nav_header_home *



</LinearLayout>



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Overview – app_bar_home *

<2xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <android.support.design.widget.CoordinatorLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto" xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools" android:layout_width="match_parent" android:layout_height="match_parent" android:fitsSystemWindows="true" tools:context=".activities.Home">

<android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout android:layout_width="match_parent" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:theme="@style/AppTheme.AppBarOverlay">

<android.support.v7.widget.Toolbar...>

</android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout>

<include layout="@layout/content_home" />

<android.support.design.widget.FloatingActionButton...>
</android.support.design.widget.CoordinatorLayout>





Overview - content_home *

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> ³⁶ 2 10:58 <RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre> Â ≡ CoffeeMate xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto" xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools" android:layout width="match parent" Recently Added Coffee's android:layout height="match parent" €1.99 2.5 * Standard Black android:paddingBottom="6dp" ome Shop android:paddingLeft="6dp" €2.99 3.5* Regular Joe x android:paddingRight="6dp" android:paddingTop="6dp" Espresso €1.49 4.5* app:layout_behavior="android.support.design.widget.AppBarLayout\$ScrollingVie..." tools:context=".activities.Home" tools:showIn="@layout/app_bar_home" <TextView...> <FrameLayout android:layout width="match parent" android:layout_height="match_parent" android:id="@+id/homeFrame" android:layout_above="@+id/footerLinearLayout" \sim android:layout_below="@+id/recentAddedBarTextView" /> ddrohan.gitbooks.io <LinearLayout...> Ο \triangleleft RelativeLayout>



Overview – Bind to the Drawer Layout etc.

Once you have the necessary layouts and menu in place, you then need to bind to the Drawer and Navigation View to allow you to handle the user navigation and switching content based on user selection.

□ In your onCreate() you'll have something like the following

DrawerLayout drawer = (DrawerLayout) findViewById(R.id.drawer_layout);
ActionBarDrawerToggle toggle = new ActionBarDrawerToggle(
 this, drawer, toolbar, "Open navigation drawer", "Close navigation drawer");
drawer.addDrawerListener(toggle);
toggle.syncState();

NavigationView navigationView = (NavigationView) findViewById(R.id.nav_view);
navigationView.setNavigationItemSelectedListener(this);

We also setup GooglePhoto and Email for the Drawer here (Labs)



Overview – Bind to the Drawer Layout etc.

- You'll probably want to display some kind of initial landing page once the app starts so in our example, we load up the list of user coffees (maintained in our CoffeeFragment).
- Again, in your onCreate() you'll have something like the following

FragmentTransaction ft = getFragmentManager().beginTransaction();

CoffeeFragment fragment = CoffeeFragment.newInstance();
ft.replace(R.id.homeFrame, fragment);
ft.commit();

This creates a new instance of a CoffeeFragment and replaces the fragment in our FrameLayout with this instance.

Overview – Handle Drawer Click & Update Content *



To handle users menu selection we implement the following



Summary



- □ We looked at how to use **Spinners** and **Filters** to allow users to **Search** on our list of coffees
- □ We're now able to share data efficiently and easily between Activities using the **Application** object
- □ We reused Fragments in a multi-screen app to go '*Green*' (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
- And we made use of a **NavigationDrawer** to implement more effective navigation within our app (**CoffeeMate 4.0+**)







Questions?



Features Not Used in the Case Study

Spinners (setup via XML)Context menus (long Click)Notifications



Using Spinners



Approach : Choices in XML (NOT used in this Case Study)

🗅 Idea

- A combo box (drop down list of choices)
 - Similar purpose to a RadioGroup: to let the user choose among a fixed set of options
- Main Listener types
 - AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener
 - AdapterView.OnItemClickedListener
 - The first is more general purpose, since it will be invoked on programmatic changes and keyboard events as well as clicks.



Approach (continued)

- Key XML attributes
 - android:id
 - ◆ You need a Java reference to assign an event handler
 - android:prompt
 - The text shown at the top of Spinner when user clicks to open it.
 - Since text is *not* shown when the Spinner is closed, the string used for the prompt is typically also displayed in a TextView above the Spinner.
 - android:entries
 - An XML entry defining an array of choices. Can be in strings.xml or a separate file (e.g., arrays.xml as in our case study)
 <string-array name="some_name">
 <item>choice 1</item>
 <item>choice 2</item>

</string-array>



OnItemSelectedListener (interface)

onltemSelected

- Invoked when an entry is selected. Invoked once when Spinner is first displayed, then again for each time the user selects something.
- Arguments
 - AdapterView: the Spinner itself
 - View: the row of the Spinner that was selected
 - int: the index of the selection. Pass this to the Spinner's getItemAtPosition method to get the text of the selection.
 - ◆ long: The row id of the selected item

onNothingSelected

 Invoked when there is now nothing displayed. This cannot happen due to normal user interaction, but only when you programmatically remove an entry.

XML: Sample Layout File Entry



<TextView

android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="@string/spinner1_prompt"/>

<Spinner

android:id="@+id/spinner1" android:prompt="@string/spinner1_prompt" android:entries="@array/spinner1_entries" android:layout_width="match_parent" android:layout_height="wrap_content"/>



An array of entries. If you have lots of arrays, you typically put them in arrays.xml. However, if there's just the one set of choices, it makes more sense to keep the array of entries in strings.xml with the spinner prompt and the spinner message template.

XML: Sample Strings File Entries

```
<string name="spinner1_prompt">
```

Current Android Vendors (Choices from XML)

</string>

```
<string-array name="spinner1_entries">
```

- <item>Acer</item>
- <item>Dell</item>
- <item>HTC</item>
- <item>Huawei</item>
- <item>Kyocera</item>
- <item>LG</item>
- <item>Motorola</item>
- <item>Nexus</item>
- <item>Samsung</item>
- <item>Sony Ericsson</item>
- <item>T-Mobile</item>
- <item>Neptune</item>

</string-array>

```
<string name="spinner_message_template">
```

```
You selected \'\ss'.
```

```
</string>
```

The event handler method will use String.format, this template, and the current selection to produce a message that will be shown in a Toast when a Spinner selection is made.

Java (Relevant Parts)



public class SpinnerActivity extends Activity {
 private String mItemSelectedMessageTemplate;

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.spinners);
    mItemSelectedMessageTemplate =
        getString(R.string.spinner_message_template);
    Spinner spinner1 = (Spinner)findViewById(R.id.spinner1);
    spinner1.setOnItemSelectedListener(new SpinnerInfo());
  }
```

```
private void showToast(String text) {
    Toast.makeText(this, text, Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
}
```

// Continued on next slide with the SpinnerInfo inner class

Java (Relevant Parts, Cont'd)



```
private class SpinnerInfo implements OnItemSelectedListener {
    private boolean isFirst = true;
   @Override
    public void onItemSelected(AdapterView<?> spinner, View selectedView,
                                                                            Don't want the Toast when the screen is first displayed, so ignore the
                                   int selectedIndex, long id) {
                                                                             first call to onItemSelected. Other calls are due to user interaction.
         if (isFirst) {
             isFirst = false;
         } else {
             String selection =
                       spinner.getItemAtPosition(selectedIndex).toString();
             String message =
                       String.format(mItemSelectedMessageTemplate, selection);
              showToast(message);
    Override
    public void onNothingSelected(AdapterView<?> spinner) {
         // Won't be invoked unless you programmatically remove entries
```



Results (Emulator)





Adding a Context Menu



Step 1 : Register View for a context menu

- By calling registerForContextMenu() and passing it a View (a TextView in this example) you assign it a context menu.
- □ When this View (TextView) receives a long-press, it displays a context menu.

public class DemoActivity extends Activity {

/** Called when the activity is first created. */

@Override

<u>public void onCreate(Bundle</u>

savedInstanceState) {

super.onClassinter(2savedInstanceState) ⁶³



Define menu's appearance

By overriding the activity's context menu create callback method, onCreateContextMenu().

MenuInflater inflater = getMenuInflater(); inflater.inflate(R.menu.mymenu, menu); Same menu options but doesn't have to be menu.setHeaderTitle("Please Choose an Option");

menu.setHeaderIcon (R.drethwenterlmensprongtanpricen group);



Define menu's behavior

By overriding your activity's menu selection callback method for context menu, onContextItemSelected().

public boolean onContextItemSelected(MenuItem item) { Log.v("Context Menu", "Item Selected : " + item.getTitle()); We're just printing a message to the togCat window, as we're using the same menu options, but you can put whatever you need here.



Results on Emulator – A Sample App





Status Bar Notifications

Status Bar Notifications (2)



- A status bar notification should be used for any case in which a background service needs to alert the user about an event that requires a response.
- A background service should never launch an activity on its own, in order to receive user interaction. The service should instead create a status bar notification that will launch the activity when selected by the user.





To create a status bar notification:

1. Get a reference to the NotificationManager:

String ns = Context.NOTIFICATION_SERVICE;
NotificationManager mManager = (NotificationManager) getSystemService(ns);

2. Instantiate the Notification:

int icon = R.drawable.notification_icon; CharSequence tickerText = "Hello"; long when = System.currentTimeMillis();

Notification notification = new Notification(icon, tickerText, when);

Status Bar Notifications (4)



3. Define the notification's message and PendingIntent:

```
A description of an Intent and target action
Context context = getApplicationContext(); to perform with it
CharSequence contentTitle = "My notification";
CharSequence contentText = "Hello World!";
Intent notificationIntent = new Intent(this, MyClass.class);
PendingIntent contentIntent = PendingIntent.getActivity(this, 0,
notificationIntent, 0);
```

4. Pass the Notification to the NotificationManager:

private static final int HELLO_ID = 1;

mManager.notify(HELLO_ID, notification);



Status Bar Notifications (5)



Status Bar Notifications (6)



```
private void postStatusbarMessage(int icon, String tickerText,
                 String contentTitle, String contentText, Class<?> activityClass)
                    Intent notificationIntent = new Intent(this, activityClass);
PendingIntent contentIntent = PendingIntent.getActivity(this, 0,
                                                                              notificationIntent, 0);
                              Context context = getApplicationContext();
                               long when = System.currentTimeMillis();
             Notification notification = new Notification(icon,tickerText,when+5000);
notification.setLatestEventInfo(context, contentTitle, contentText,
                                                                                      contentIntent);
                              String ns = Context.NOTIFICATION SERVICE;
             NotificationManager mManage = (NotificationManager)getSystemService(ns);
                         notification.flags |= Notification.FLAG AUTO CANCEL;
                                  mManage.notify(ID, notification);
                                                ID++;
```
Results on Emulator



