

ANDROID

Programming basics

Overview

- Mobile Hardware History
 - Android evolution
- Android smartphone overview
 - Hardware components at high level
 - Operative system
- Android App development
- Why Android Apps?



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History of Mobile Hardware

PDA – Personal Digital Assistants were precursors

- Personal data management and productivity (contacts, address book, etc)
- Online synchronization
- Limited dialup Internet connectivity
- Bluetooth
- Cell data services eventually 3G
- WiFi



- Mobile Phones (early '90)
- PDAs and Phones merge Palm Pilot, etc,
- Smartphones replaced PDA more capabilities, browser, apps

Mobile Phones

- Ist mobile phone Motorola Brick DynaTAC 8000x 1983
- Bag phones car phones early 90s
- Camera phones late '90s
- Addition of data services







Mobile Development Evolves

- WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) standard/browsers. Wireless Markup Language
 - Considered clunky and limited, but it was cross platform
- Proprietary formats emerged to better take advantage of hardware capabilities:
 - Palm OS (became Garnet OS)
 - RIM Blackberry OS
 - Java Micro Edition
 - Symbian OS (Sony Ericsson, Motorola, Samsung)
 - Windows Phone (Nokia)
 - iPhone iOS
- Major players now:
 - ▶ iOS
 - Android
 - Windows Phone 7

Samsung Galaxy S4 communications board, front

Samsung Exynos 5410 Exynos Octa Eight-Core processor

COMPONENTS

- Samsung K3QF2F200C-XGCE 2GB LP DDR3 (K4E4E324EB die) mobile DRAM
- Intel PMB9820 X-GOLD 636 Baseband Processor
- Samsung KMV3W000LM-B310 Multichip Memory 64 MB Mobile DDR SDRAM, 16 GB MLC NAND Flash, Controller
- Samsung S2MPS11
- Wolfson Micro WM5102E Audio Hub CODEC with Voice Processor DSP
- Atmel UC128L5-U 32 bit Microcontroller with 128KB Flash (custom package)
- Broadcom BCM4335 Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac, dual-band, DLNA, Wi-Fi Direct, Wi-Fi hotspot all-in-one IC



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COMPONENTS

Samsung Galaxy S4

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD, BACK

- Intel PMB5745 Intel SMARTI UE3 RF Transceiver
- Broadcom BCM20794
 NFC controller IC
- SkyWorks SKY77615-11 Multimode Multiband Power Amplifier Module (WCDMA-HSDPA-HSUPA)
- Murata SWC GKF48
- Maxim MAX77803
 Power Management
- SIMG (Silicon Image) Sil8240 MHL 2.0 transmitter with HDMI input

TECHINSIGHTS



SMARTPHONE: INTERNAL STRUCTURE (simplified)



Smart Sensors for Domotics and Health Care, Alessandra Flammini, Brescia University

Main HW Difference with iOS

Different device size (more HW manufactors)

> Expandable memory

> USB connection

> External HW easier to product











Android evolution

THE EVOLUTION OF ANDROID



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Android project starts ...

- 2003: The project starts (OS for mobiles)
- 2005: Google purchased the initial developer of the OS, Android Inc.
 - Start Dalvik VM development



- 2007: Open Handset Alliance (OHA) consortium announced (34 founding members)
 - Mobile handset makers (i.e. HTC), software developers (Google), some mobile carriers (i.e. Telecom) and chip makers (i.e. Qualcomm)
 - SDK development

... continues ...

- 2008: T-Mobile GI announced
 - SDK I.0 released
 - Google sponsors first Android Developer Challenge
 - Android Open Source Project (Apache license)
 - Android Dev Phone I released
- > 2009: New SDK release
 - Cupcake (SDK 1.5)
 - Softkeyboard with autocomplete feature
 - Auto-rotation option
 - Donut (SDK 1.6)
 - New camera features
 - Search features improved (Quick/Voice)
 - Éclair (SDK 2.0/2.0.1/2.1)
 - New camera features
 - Multiple accounts



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ansans open source project

... until ...

- 2010: Nexus One released to the public
 - Froyo (SDK 2.2)
 - Expandable memory
 - USB tethering
 - Gingerbread (SDK 2.3)
 - UI update
 - ► NFC
- 2011: New SDK release
 - Honeycomb (SDK 3.0/3.1/3.2) for tablets only
 - New UI tablet oriented
 - Multi-core processor supporting
 - Ice Cream Sandwich (SDK 4.0/4.0.1/4.0.2/4.0.3)
 - WIFI direct
 - Changes to the UI
 - Face unlock
- ► 2012:
 - Ice Cream Sandwich (SDK 4.0.4)
 - Stability improvement
 - Jelly Bean (SDK 4.1)
 - Google Now













... last days

► 2013:

- Kit Kat (SDK 4.4)
 - NFC capabilities through Host Card Emulation
 - Wireless printing support
 - Storage access framework
 - New framework for UI transition
- ► 2014:
 - Lollipop (SDK 5)
 - Android RunTime (ART) with ahead-on-time (AOT) compilation
 - 64-bit CPU



Last release: Marshmallow [2015]

► 2016:

- Marshmallow(SDK 6.0)
 - Introduction of Doze mode, which reduces CPU speed while the screen is off in order to save battery lifeWireless printing support
 - Post-install/run-time permission requests
 - App permissions now granted individually at run-time, not all-or-nothing at install time.



Last Year Releases Distribution

- Froyo: 0.3%
- Gingerbread: 5.7%
- IceCreamS: 5.3%
- JellyBean: 39.2%
- KitKat: 39.8%
- Lollipop: 9.7%



Current Releases Distribution

- Froyo: 0.1%
- Gingerbread: 2.2%
- IceCreamS: 2.0%
- JellyBean: 20.9%

- KitKat: 32.5%
- Lollipop: 35.6%
- Marshmallow: 7.5%



Android is Growing Fast

- It's the largest installed base of any mobile platform and growing fast (1.4 billion users)
 - Every day more than 1.5 million new Android devices are activated worldwide
 - ▶ 53.3% of the total smartphone' market in 2016
 - 70% of the overall tablet market
 - Not only smartphone: Smart tv, radio (more than 4000 devices)

2011

2010

Android is Growing Fast



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Smartphone high level block diagram



Android Architecture



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Linux Kernel

- Android Linux Kernel has differentiated from Linux Kernel
 - From 2.6 ver to 3.8
- Basic SO services
 - Abstraction between hardware and software
 - Security
 - Memory management
 - Process management



Libraries

- Run in system background
- Use C/C++ language
- Four types of libraries
 - Bionic Libc, system C libraries
 - Function libraries, supporting multimedia, web browser, SQlite
 - Native servers
 - Hardware Abstraction Libraries

Core Libraries

- Android includes a set of core libraries that provides most of the functionality available in the core libraries of the Java programming language
 - Core APIs for Java language provide a powerful, yet simple and familiar development platform

Dalvik Virtual Machine

- Android custom implementation virtual machine
 - Provides application portability and runtime consistency
 - Runs optimized file format (.dex) and Dalvik bytecode
 - > Java .class / .jar files converted to .dex at build time
- Designed for embedded environment
 - Supports multiple virtual machine processes per device
 - Each process an instance of the DVM
 - Highly CPU-optimized bytecode interpreter
 - Efficiently Using runtime memory
- The Dalvik VM relies on the Linux kernel for underlying functionality (threading and low-level memory management)

Application Framework

Simplify the reuse of components

- Applications can publish their capabilities and any other application may then make use of those capabilities
- Applications is a set of services and systems, include
 - Views system, content providers, resources manager and so on

Frameworks

- Activity Manager
- Notification Manager
- Resource Manager
- Content Providers
- Views

Applications

 Contain a set of core applications including an email client, SMS program, calendar, maps, browser, contacts, and others



- All yours Apps will belong to this layer
- All applications are written in Java programming language

Software Development Kit (SDK)

- Software Development Kit (SDK) enables developers to create applications for the Android platform
- Sample projects source code
- Custom virtual machine
- Development tools:
 - Dalvik Debug Monitor Service (DDMS)
 - Android Debug Bridge (ADB)
 - Android Emulator
- SDK download link: http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html

Emulator

- Virtual mobile device on PC
- Allows to develop and test apps on PC without a physical device (simulate interrupt)

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Android SDK Emulator



Traditional VS App programming

- Only one App at a time ("multitasking")
- Only one window \rightarrow Simplified UI
- Limited system access ("sandboxing")
- Limited resources and memory.
- Instant App opening and closing: application should start and quit instantaneously.
- App has her own lifecycle....
- Code must apply to many kind of devices

Android App Basic Components

Activities

- Single screen of application, only "on screen" activity is in running state
- Single App many Activities which can exchange data
- Activities have a event-driven life-cycle
- Activities is composed by graphic components
 - UI is built using a hierarchy of View and ViewGroup objects
 - □ View are usually UI widgets (e.g. textfield, button)
 - ViewGroup are invisible view containers that define how the child views are laid out (grid or list)
 - Android provides an XML vocabulary that corresponds to View and ViewGroup so you can define your UI in XML using a hierarchy of UI elements

Widgets



- Text View
- Button
- Toggle Button
- Check Box
- Radio Button
- Checked Text View
- Progressing Bar
- Seek Bar
- Quick Contact Badge
- Radio Group
- Rate Bar

Activity Life Cycle



Callback	When
onCreate()	App creation
onStart()	Activity visible
onResume()	after onStart
onRestart()	after onStop
onPause()	another Activity called
onStop()	Activity invisible
onDestroy()	Before Activity destruction

Programming Pattern: MVC



More Basic Components

Intents

 Asynchronous message that allow Activity to request functionality from other components (e.g. Activity)

Services

- Like Activities but run in background
- No user interactions

Content providers

- Standard interface for sharing data among Applications
- Broadcast receivers
 - Receive notification from Android system

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Project Files: Values



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Project Files: R.java



 R.java file, an index of all resources defined in the file

R.java

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<pre> public static final class attr { } </pre>	
<pre> public static final class drawable { </pre>	 Drawable resource such as images
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<pre>public static final int shaker_fig_2=0x7f020002;</pre>	
}	Resource such as Text View
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Project Files: Manifest



Describe the essential information about the application to the Android system

Manifest



Sensor layers in smartphone

Sensor-Enabled Apps (maps, games, ...)



HW based sensors

- Physical component built into the device
- The data is directly acquired measuring specific environmental properties
- SW based sensors
 - Emulate a HW based sensor behavior
 - The data are derived from one or more HW based sensors

Sensor typologies

Motion sensors

- e.g. acceleration, rotation
- Position sensors
 - e.g. GPS, proximity
- Environmental sensors
 - e.g. light, temperature, sound

Sensor List

Sensor	Function Type	Software-based or Hardware-based
Accelerometer	Motion Sensor	Hardware-based
Gyroscope	Motion Sensor	Hardware-based
Gravity	Motion Sensor	Software-based
Rotation Vector	Motion Sensor	Software-based
Magnetic Field	Position Sensor	Hardware-based
Proximity	Position Sensor	Hardware-based
GPS	Position Sensor	Hardware-based
Orientation	Position Sensor	Software-based
Light	Environmental Sensor	Hardware-based
Thermometer	Environmental Sensor	Hardware-based
Barometer	Environmental Sensor	Hardware-based
Humidity	Environmental Sensor	Hardware-based

Accelerometer

Typically usages

- screen orientation
- inclination for game input
- vibrations measurements

Example	G Force
Standing on earth at sea level	lg
Bugatti Veyron from 0 to 100 km/h (2.4s)	1.55g
Space Shuttle, maximum during launch and reentry	3g
Formula I car, peak lateral in turns	5-6g
Death or serious injury	50g
Shock capability of mechanical Omega watches	5000g

GPS

Typically usages:

- Location
- Lateration/Triangulation of cell towers or wifi networks (with database of known locations for towers and networks)
- Location of associated cell tower or wifi network
- Need connect to 3 satellites for 2D positioning, 4 satellites for 3D positioning
- More visible satellites increase precision
- Typical precision 20-50m
- Maximum precision: 10m



Gyroscope

Usages:

Measurements of rate of rotation (angular speed)

3 values related to the axes

- Pitch value (rotation around X axis)
- Roll value (rotation around Y axis)
- Yaw value (rotation around Z axis)



Why Android Apps?

- Cloud computing sharing computational resources
 - Seattle Project

Seattle Open peer-to-peer computing

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- Data from smartphones sensors useful for multidisciplines analysis e.g.
 - GPS and accelerometers for behavior analysis
 - WI-FI elaboration for network analysis
- Sensibility Testbed (cloud sensing) is yet in development





Sensibility Testbed – Work in progress



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Sensibility Testbed – noise issue

- Residential zone close to night life locals or concert place (well-known 'Movida' in Milan)
- Industrial activities (daily and overnight)







Sensibility Testbed – advantages

No need the direct present of officer

Can prevent citizens complaint



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Provide multiple measurements distributed on all the area at different time periods

Sensibility Testbed – advantages



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Athlet monitoring







System



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Final Application

ECG (smartphone) and PPG (tablet) acquisition. ECG through input jack audio – PPG through Bluetooth



