GUI Widgets

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Recall: Android widgets



Button (link)

A clickable widget with a text label



• key attributes:

android:clickable=" bool "	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick=" <i>function</i> "	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text=" <i>text</i> "	text to put in the button

represented by Button class in Java code

Button b = (Button) findViewById(R.id.theID);

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ImageButton

A clickable widget with an image label

• key attributes:

android:clickable=" bool "	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick=" <i>function</i> "	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:src="@drawable/ img "	image to put in the button (must correspond to an image resource)

- to set up an image resource:
 - put image file in project folder app/src/main/res/drawable
 - use @drawable/foo to refer to foo.png
 - use simple file names with only letters and numbers

ImageView

Displays an image without being clickable

• key attributes:



- to change the visible image, in Java code:
 - get the ImageView using findViewById
 - call its setImageResource method and pass R.drawable.filename



EditText (link)

An editable text input box

• key attributes:



android:hint=" <i>text</i> "	gray text to show before user starts to type
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:inputType=" <i>type</i> "	<pre>what kind of input is being typed; number,phone,date,time,</pre>
android:lines=" int "	number of visible lines (rows) of input
android:maxLines=" int "	max lines to allow user to type in the box
android:text=" <i>text</i> "	initial text to put in box (default empty)
android:textSize=" <i>size</i> "	size of font to use (e.g. "20dp")

 others: capitalize, digits, fontFamily, letterSpacing, lineSpacingExtra, minLines, numeric, password, phoneNumber, singleLine, textAllCaps, textColor, typeface

CheckBox (link)

An individual toggleable on/off switch



• key attributes:

android:checked=" bool "	set to true to make it initially checked
android:clickable=" bool "	set to false to disable the checkbox
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick=" <i>function</i> "	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text=" <i>text</i> "	text to put next to the checkbox

• In Java code:

CheckBox cb = (CheckBox) findViewById(R.id.theID); cb.toggle(); cb.setChecked(true); cb.performClick();

RadioButton (link)



- A toggleable on/off switch; part of a group
- key attributes:

android:checked=" bool "	set to true to make it initially checked
android:clickable=" bool "	set to false to disable the button
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:onClick=" <i>function</i> "	function to call in activity when clicked (must be public, void, and take a View arg)
android:text=" <i>text</i> "	text to put next to the button

 need to be nested inside a RadioGroup tag in XML so that only one can be selected at a time

RadioGroup example

```
<LinearLayout ...
        android:orientation="vertical"
                                                                   C Lions () Tigers C Bears, oh my!
        android:gravity="center top">
    <RadioGroup ...
             android:orientation="horizontal">
         <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/lions"
                            android:text="Lions"
                            android:onClick="radioClick" />
         <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/tigers"
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                                                                         android:text="Tigers"
                            android:checked="true"
                            android:onClick="radioClick" />
         <RadioButton ... android:id="@+id/bears"
                            android:text="Bears, oh my!"
                            android:onClick="radioClick" />
    </RadioGroup>
</LinearLayout>
```

Reusing onClick handler

// in MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends Activity {

}

```
public void radioClick(View view) {
    // check which radio button was clicked
    if (view.getId() == R.id.lions) {
        // ...
    } else if (view.getId() == R.id.tigers) {
        // ...
    } else {
        // bears ...
    }
```



Spinner (link)

Home

Home

Work

Other

Custom

android:clickable=" bool "	set to false to disable the spinner
android:id="@+id/ <i>theID</i> "	unique ID for use in Java code
android:entries="@array/ <i>array</i> "	<pre>set of options to appear in spinner (must match an array in strings.xml)</pre>
android:prompt="@string/ <i>text</i> "	title text when dialog of choices pops up

- also need to handle events in Java code (see later)
 - must get the Spinner object using findViewById

A drop-down menu of selectable choices

• key attributes:

then call its setOnItemSelectedListener method (see example)

String resources

 Declare constant strings and arrays in res/values/strings.xml: <resources>

```
<string name="name">value</string>
<string name="name">value</string>
```

- Refer to them in Java code:
 - as a resource: R.string.name, R.array.name
 - as a string or array: getResources().getString(R.string.name), getResources().getStringArray(R.array.name)

Spinner example



Spinner event example

```
// in MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
    ...
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
        Raphael
```

```
Spinner spin = (Spinner) findViewById(R.id.tmnt);
spin.setOnItemSelectedListener(new AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener() {
    public void onItemSelected(AdapterView<?> spin, View v, int i, long id) {
        TextView result = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.turtle_result);
        result.setText("You chose " + spin.getSelectedItem());
    }
```

public void onNothingSelected(AdapterView<?> parent) {} // empty
});

TMNT app exercise

- Write an app to select TMNT characters from a spinner.
 - When a character is selected, an image about that character and other information is presented to the user.
 - Assume that relevant image files are already available for each character.



ScrollView

A container with scrollbars around another widget or container

```
is a fictional character and one of the four
protagonists of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
comics and all related media. His mask is typically
portrayed as orange outside of the Mirage/Image
Comics and his weapons are dual nunchucks,
though he has also been portrayed using other
weapons. such as a grappling hook. manriki-gusari.
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mucherangero, mike or mikey (as he is usually called),

<LinearLayout ...>

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<ScrollView

```
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content">
<TextView ... android:id="@+id/turtle_info" />
</ScrollView>
```

</LinearLayout>

List (link)

A visible menu of selectable choices

• lists are more complicated, so we'll cover them later ...

Android
iPhone
WindowsMobile
Blackberry
WebOS
Ubuntu
Windows7
Max OS X