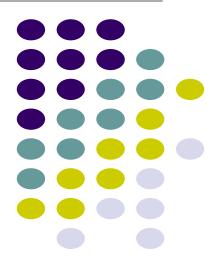
# Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing on Smartphones Lecture 6a: Mobile and Location-Aware Computing

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# **Locations in Android: Some Updates**





- My slides: Covered Android.location:
  - As I mentioned, Google would prefer you NOT use this way to access location
  - But used by most books, available code
- Preferred way: Google Location Services API. Can retrieve
  - Geographical location (latitude, longtitude)
  - location updates at regular intervals using requestLocationUpdates()
- Can also retrieve location object using fused location provider
  - Contains bearing (direction of horizontal travel), altitude, velocity





- Official Google documentation for Google Location Services API looks good, adequate
  - Overview: https://developer.android.com/training/location
  - Request location permissions: https://developer.android.com/training/location/permissions
  - Get last known location: https://developer.android.com/training/location/retrieve-current
  - Change location settings (e.g. GPS vs WiFi):
     https://developer.android.com/training/location/change-location-settings
  - Request location updates: https://developer.android.com/training/location/request-updates
  - Access location in background: https://developer.android.com/training/location/background



# **GeoFencing in Android: Some Updates**



- Old way: GeofencingApi deprecated
- Code sample in Android studio implements old way unfortunately
- GeofencingApi typically used in conjunction with a GoogleApiClient



# **GeoFencing: New Way**

- New way: GeofencingClient
- Create, start monitoring geoFences
  - Need to create instance of GeofencingClient
- Specify GeoFences using:
  - GeofencingRequest
  - GeofencingRequestBuilder
- Create broadcast receiver to be notified of geofence transitions
- Add geofences using GeofencingClient.addGeofences()
- Remove geofences using geofencingClient.removeGeofences()







- Official Google documentation
  - https://developer.android.com/training/location/geofencing
  - https://developers.google.com/location-context/geofencing

- Good reference articles with good examples, gentle walkthrough:
  - https://techpaliyal.com/android-geofencing/



# MediaPlayer in Android: Minor Updates



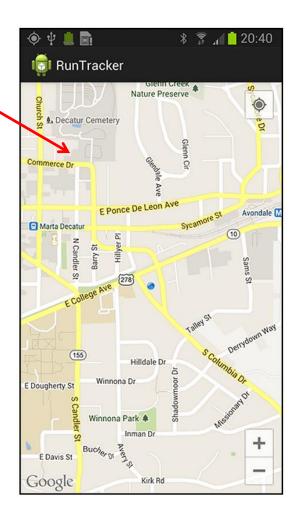
- Main API (MediaPlayer) is same
- Slight changes in some methods. Needs to be updated.
  - E.g Now set audio attributes using mediaPlayer.setAudioAttributes(..)
  - Also material on WakeLocks (Power savings), etc
- Official Google documentation (looks good), adequate documentation:
  - https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/media/mediaplayer



# **Using Maps**



- MapView: UI widget that displays maps
- MapActivity: java class (extends Activity), handles map-related lifecycle and management for displaying maps.



## 7 Steps for using Google Maps Android API

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start



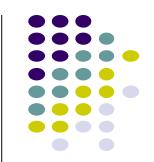
- https://developer.android.com/studio/index.html
- 2. Add Google Play services to Android Studio
- 3. Create a Google Maps project
- 4. Obtain Google Maps API key
- 5. Hello Map! Take a look at the code
- Connect an Android device
- 7. Build and run your app



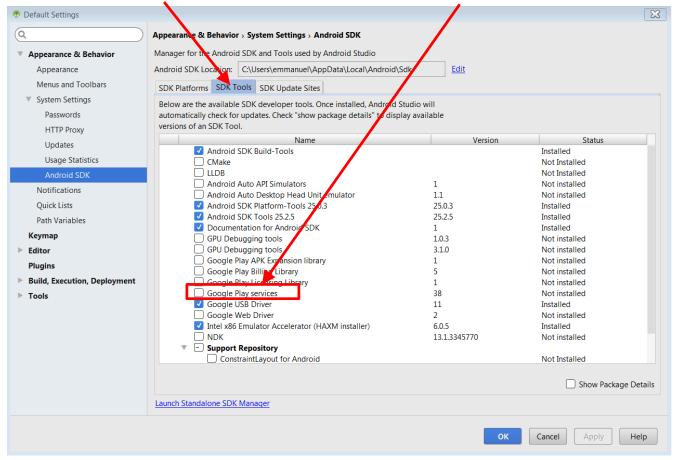
## **Step 2: Add Google Play Services to Android Studio**

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start

- Google Maps API v2 is part of Google Play Services SDK
- Use Android Studio SDK manager to download Google Play services



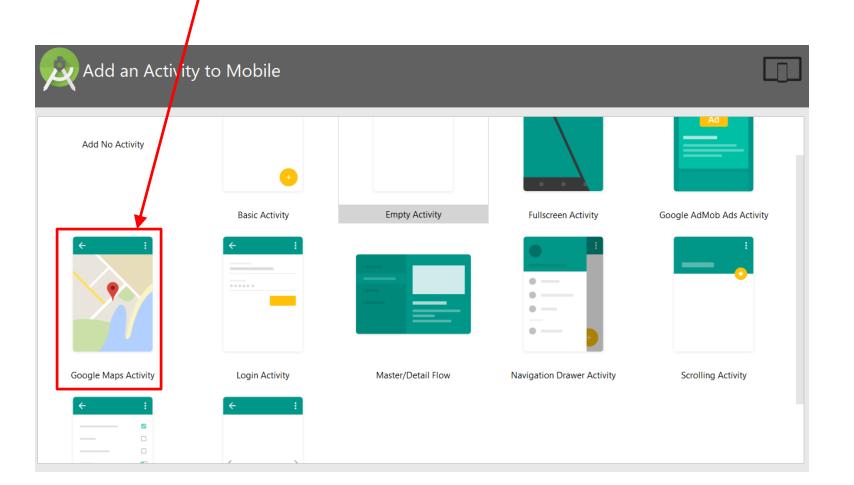
Open SDK Manager
Click on SDK Tools Check Google Play Services, then Ok



# **Step 3: Create new Android Studio Project**

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start

Select "Google Maps Activity, click Finish





# **Step 4: Get Google Maps API key**

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start

- To access Google Maps servers using Maps API, must add Maps API key to app
- Maps API key is free. E.g.



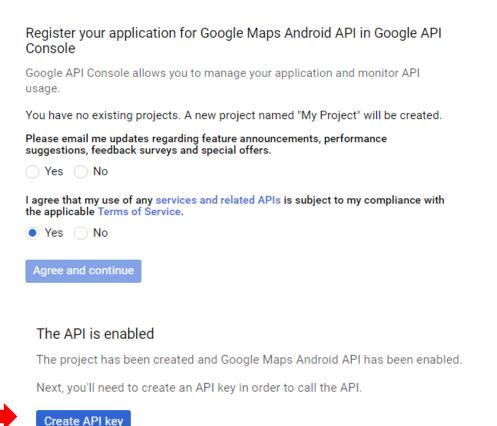
• Google uses API key to uniquely identify your app, track its resource usage, etc

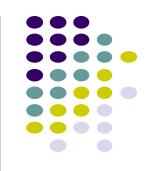


# Step 4a: Fast, Easy way to get Maps API Key

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/start

- Copy link provided in google\_maps\_api.xml of Maps template into browser
- Goes to Google API console, auto-fills form
- Creates API key

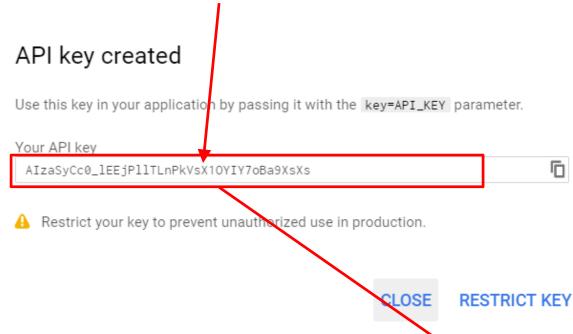




# Step 4a: Fast, Easy way to get Maps API Key

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Copy key, put it in <string> element in google\_maps\_api.xml file



# Step 4b: Longer (older) way to API key

- If easy way doesn't work, older way to obtain a Maps API key
- Follow steps at:
  - See: https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/android-api/signup



# Step 5: Examine Code Generated buy Android Studio Maps Template



XML file that defines layout is in res/layout/activity\_maps.xml

```
<fragment xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:id="@+id/map"
    tools:context=".MapsActivity"
    android:name="com.google.android.gms.maps.SupportMapFragment" />
```

# Step 5: Examine Code Generated buy Android Studio Maps Template



Default Activity file is
 MapActivity.java

```
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.support.v4.app.FragmentActivity;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.CameraUpdateFactory;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.GoogleMap;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.OnMapReadyCallback;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.SupportMapFragment;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.model.LatLng;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.model.MarkerOptions;
public class MapsActivity extends FragmentActivity implements OnMapReadyCallback {
    private GoogleMap mMap;
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
       setContentView(R.layout.activity_maps);
       SupportMapFragment mapFragment = (SupportMapFragment) getSupportFragmentManager()
                .findFragmentById(R.id.map);
       mapFragment.getMapAsync(this);
    @Override
    public void onMapReady(GoogleMap googleMap) {
        mMap = googleMap;
       // Add a marker in Sydney, Australia, and move the camera.
       LatLng sydney = new LatLng(-34, 151);
       mMap.addMarker(new MarkerOptions().position(sydney).title("Marker in Sydney"));
       mMap.moveCamera(CameraUpdateFactory.newLatLng(sydney));
```



- Step 6: Connect to an Android device (smartphone)
- Step 7: Run the app
  - Should show map with a marker on Sydney Australia
- More code examples at:
  - https://github.com/googlemaps/android-samples







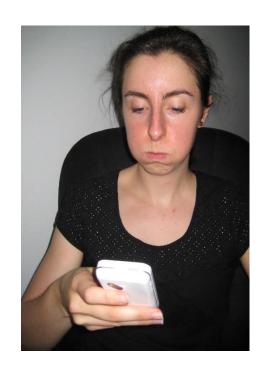
# **AsyncTask API**





- For compute intensive tasks, remote or tasks that take a long time, doing it in main activity blocks
- AsyncTask: spawn separate thread to offload such task, free up main Activity









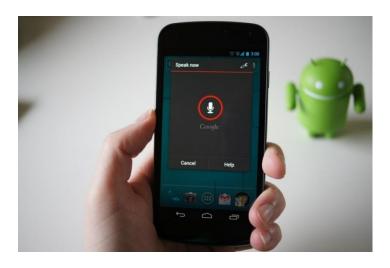
# What other Android APIs may be useful for Mobile/ubicomp?

## **Speaking to Android**

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/speech/SpeechRecognizer.html https://developers.google.com/voice-actions/

#### Speech recognition:

- Accept inputs as speech (instead of typing) e.g. dragon dictate app?
- Note: Requires internet access
- Two forms
  - 1. Speech-to-text
    - Convert user's speech to text. E.g. display voicemails in text
  - 2. **Voice Actions:** Voice commands to smartphone (e.g. set alarm)







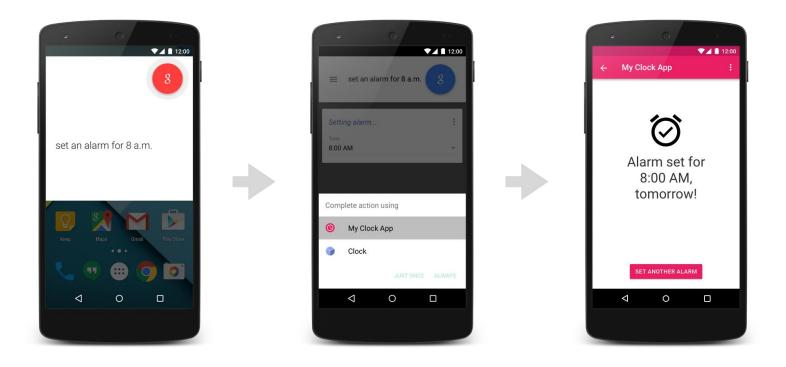




# **Google Voice Actions**

https://developers.google.com/voice-actions/

• E.g. Tell Google to set an alarm





### **Gestures**

https://developer.android.com/training/gestures/index.html http://www.computerworld.com/article/2469024/web-apps/android-gestures--3-cool-ways-to-control-your-phone.html

- Gesture: Hand-drawn shape on the screen, swipe pattern
- Example uses:
  - Search your phone, contacts, etc by handwriting onto screen
  - Speed dial by handwriting first letters of contact's name
  - Multi-touch, pinching







## More MediaPlayer & RenderScript

http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/renderscript/compute.html https://developer.android.com/reference/android/media/MediaRecorder



- MediaRecorder is used to record audio
  - Manipulate raw audio from microphone/audio hardware, PCM buffers
    - E.g. if you want to do audio signal processing, speaker recognition, etc
    - **Example:** process user's speech, detect emotion, nervousness?
  - Can playback recorded audio using MediaPlayer

#### RenderScript

- High level language for computationally intensive tasks/GPGPU,
- Can be used to program phone CPU, GPU in a few lines of code
- Use Phone's Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) for computational tasks
- Useful for heavy duty tasks. E.g. image processing, computational photography, computer vision

## **Wireless Communication**

http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/connectivity/bluetooth.html http://developer.android.com/reference/android/net/wifi/package-summary.html



#### Bluetooth

- Discover, connect to nearby bluetooth devices
- Communicating over Bluetooth
- Exchange data with other devices
- Killer app now: COVID contact tracing,
   Too Close for Too Long (< 6 ft for > 15 mins)

#### WiFi

- Scan for WiFi hotspots
- Monitor WiFi connectivity, Signal Strength (RSSI)
- Do peer-to-peer (mobile device to mobile device) data transfers



## **Wireless Communication**

http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/connectivity/nfc/index.html

#### • NFC:

- Contactless, transfer small amounts of data over short distances
- **Applications:** Share spotify playlists, Google wallet
- Android Pay
  - Store debit, credit card on phone
  - Pay by tapping terminal







# **Telephony and SMS**

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/telephony/package-summary.html http://developer.android.com/reference/android/telephony/SmsManager.html

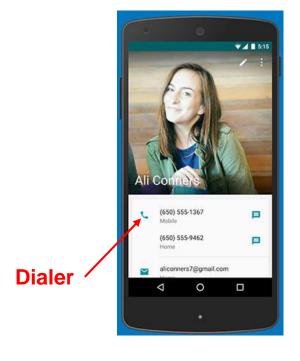


## Telephony:

- Initiate phone calls from within app
- Access dialer app, etc

#### SMS:

- Send/Receive SMS/MMS from app
- Handle incoming SMS/MMS in app







## **Google Play Services: Nearby Connections API**

https://developers.google.com/nearby/connections/overview

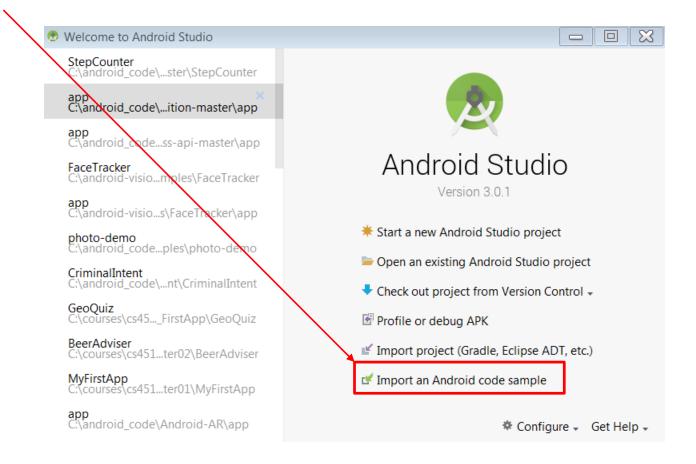
- Peer-to-peer networking API, allows devices communicate over a LAN
- One device serves as host, advertises
- Other devices can discover host, connect, disconnect
- Use case: Multiplayer gaming, shared virtual whiteboard





# **Google Android Samples**

- Android Studio comes with many sample programs
- Just need to import them



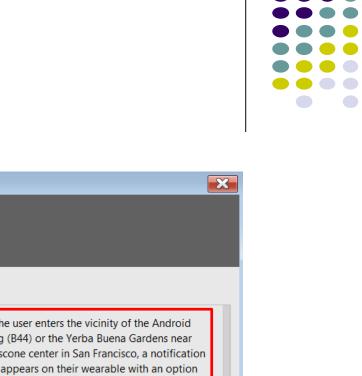
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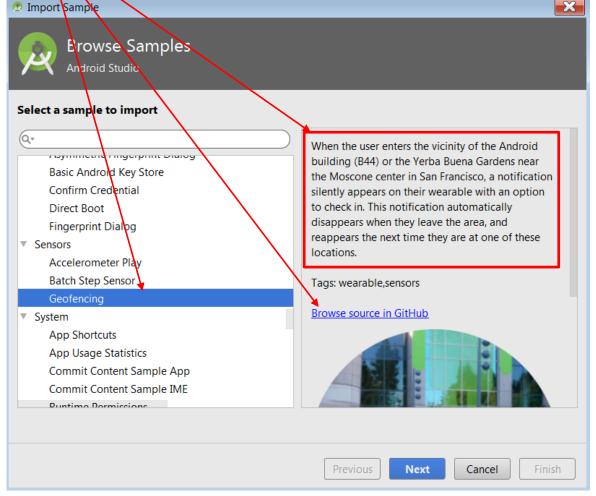
Can click on any sample, read overview.

Source code available on github

Tested, already working

 Note: Some code may use deprecated APIs

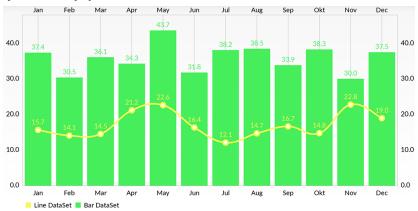




# **Other 3rd Party Stuff**

http://web.cs.wpi.edu/~emmanuel/courses/ubicomp\_projects\_links.html https://developer.qualcomm.com/software/trepn-power-profiler

MPAndroid: Add charts to your app



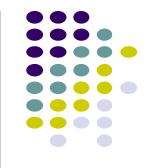
- Trepn: Profile power usage and utilization of your app (CPU, GPU, WiFi, etc)
  - By Qualcomm





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- Programmable Web APIs: 3<sup>rd</sup> party web content (e.g RESTful APIs) you can pull into your app with few lines of code
  - **Weather:** Weather channel, yahoo weather
  - **Shared interests:** Pinterest
  - **Events:** Evently, Eventful, Events.com
  - **Photos:** flickr, Tumblr
  - Videos: Youtube
  - **Traffic info:** Mapquest traffic, Yahoo traffic
- E.g. National Geographic: picture of the day





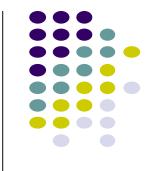
- Depth Sensing: Project Tango (Dead? Delete?)
- MPAndroid: 3<sup>rd</sup> party charts
- Trepn: Measure resource consumption (power, CPU, GPU, etc)
- Programmable Web APIs: E.g. National Geographic API, new picture in your app daily
- Augmented Reality: ARtoolkit, vuforia, EasyAR
- Mobile Commerce:
  - Android Pay
  - Analytics
  - Advertising: E.g. Adwords, Admobs
- Other Google APIs (that could be used by mobile devices):
  - Google Fit: Health and fitness, nutrition, steps, etc.
  - Google Cast: allows screen-sharing



- Mobile Communication:
  - Wireless Communication: Bluetooth, WiFi, NFC, etc
  - Telephone/SMS
  - Nearby Connections API
- Mobile Cloud:
  - Google Drive API, Google cloud, etc
- Mobile computation:
  - Renderscript: Easy computational programming (smartphone GPU, CPU)

# **Other Mobile Technology**

- Mobile programming/develpment:
  - Kotlin
  - iPhone development
  - 3rd part libraries, app frameworks: Xamarin, flutter, ionic, etc
  - Mobile web programming
  - PhoneGap
  - Applnventor
  - Mobile game development tools: Unity,
- Machine/Deep Learning:
  - Deep Learning/machine learning in Android: Tensorflow, etc
  - Mobile machine/deep learning support in MATLAB
  - Keras support for Android Deep learning
  - Neural Networks API (NNAPI)







- John Corpuz, 10 Best Location Aware Apps
- Liane Cassavoy, 21 Awesome GPS and Location-Aware Apps for Android,
- Head First Android
- Android Nerd Ranch, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- Busy Coder's guide to Android version 6.3
- CS 65/165 slides, Dartmouth College, Spring 2014
- CS 371M slides, U of Texas Austin, Spring 2014