

Gesture Detection

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Touch Detection



Implement onTouchEvent(MotionEvent)

Return true if the event has been capture, false otherwise

Event	Description
MotionEvent.ACTION_DOWN	New touch
MotionEvent.ACTION_MOVE	The touch is moving
MotionEvent.ACTION_UP	The finger is up
MotionEvent.ACTION_CANCEL	Current touch is cancelled (an another touch as the focus)
MotionEvent.ACTION_POINTER_DOWN	New touch
MotionEvent.ACTION_POINTER_UP	End of a touch (multitouch)

How to build a Drawing Canvas? (1/3)

There is no drawing canvas

- 🗣️ But building a fresh one is easy!
 - ▶ Detect touches down, up and move
 - ▶ updates the view according to these
 - ▶ View.onDraw() allows to draw on a View

Extend the View Class

```
public class DrawCanvas extends View {
    private Paint paint = null;
    private Path path = null;

    public DrawCanvas(Context context, AttributeSet attrs) {
        super(context, attrs);
        reset();
    }
}
```

How to build a Drawing Canvas? (2/3)

```
public void reset(){
    path = new Path();
    paint = new Paint();
    paint.setAntiAlias(true);
    paint.setStrokeWidth(6f);
    paint.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    paint.setStyle(Paint.Style.STROKE);
    paint.setStrokeJoin(Paint.Join.ROUND);
    invalidate();
}

@Override
protected void onDraw(Canvas canvas) {
    canvas.drawPath(path, paint);
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How to build a Drawing Canvas? (3/3)

```
@Override
public boolean onTouchEvent(MotionEvent event) {
    float eventX = event.getX();
    float eventY = event.getY();
    switch (event.getAction()) {
        case MotionEvent.ACTION_DOWN:
            path.moveTo(eventX, eventY);
            return true;
        case MotionEvent.ACTION_MOVE:
            path.lineTo(eventX, eventY);
            break;
        case MotionEvent.ACTION_UP:
            // nothing to do
            break;
        default:
            return false;
    }
    // Schedules a repaint.
    invalidate();
    return true;
}
}
```

Instanciate the Component



How to instantiate programmatically a *new* Component

```
setContentView(new DrawCanvas(this, null));
```



Though the graphical interface (XML)

- 🔊 Declare the new component in res/values/attr.xml

```
<resources>  
    <declare-styleable name="DrawCanvas">  
    </declare-styleable>  
</resources>
```

- 🔊 The component is now available for drag-and-drop in the Visual Editor
Custom > CustomView

Handle Multitouch



Implement onTouchEvent(MotionEvent event)

🔊 Get the action

```
int maskedAction = event.getActionMasked();
```

🔊 Get the number of actions in progress

```
event.getPointerCount()
```

🔊 Get the index of a new touch (ACTION_DOWN, ACTION_POINTER_DOWN) or a touch released (ACTION_UP, ACTION_POINTER_UP, ACTION_CANCEL)

```
event.getActionIndex()
```

🔊 Get the coordinates of an event

```
event.getX(i);  
event.getY(i);
```

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```

 Get the index of ACTION_POINTER_1, ACTION_POINTER_2, ACTION_POINTER_3, ACTION_POINTER_4, ACTION_POINTER_5

```
event.getActionIndex();
```

 Get the coordinates of an event

```
event.getX(i);  
event.getY(i);
```

Works as in single touch mode

You only have to keep touches in memory!

DOWN,
UP (ACTION_UP,

Predefined gestures



GestureDetector helps to catch predefined gestures

- All events detected by onTouchEvent must be forwarded to GestureDetector
- **Warning:** onTouchEvent must call the super constructor to trigger the callback



Implement GestureDetector.OnGestureListener

- onDown: detects a single touch
- onShowPress: detects a touch not yet up/cancelled
- onSingleTapUp: detects a single tap
- onScroll: detects a scrolling move
- onLongPress: detects a long press
- onFling: detects a dynamic move

Implement Swipe Up-Down-Left-Right

```
private static final int SWIPE_MIN_DISTANCE = 120;
private static final int SWIPE_THRESHOLD_VELOCITY = 200;

@Override
public boolean onFling(MotionEvent e1, MotionEvent e2,
    float velocityX, float velocityY) {
    try {
        if(e1.getX() - e2.getX() > SWIPE_MIN_DISTANCE &&
            Math.abs(velocityX) > SWIPE_THRESHOLD_VELOCITY)
            // Left Swipe ...
        else if (e2.getX() - e1.getX() > SWIPE_MIN_DISTANCE &&
            Math.abs(velocityX) > SWIPE_THRESHOLD_VELOCITY)
            // Right Swipe ...
        if(e1.getY() - e2.getY() > SWIPE_MIN_DISTANCE &&
            Math.abs(velocityY) > SWIPE_THRESHOLD_VELOCITY)
            // Swipe up ...
        else if (e2.getY() - e1.getY() > SWIPE_MIN_DISTANCE &&
            Math.abs(velocityY) > SWIPE_THRESHOLD_VELOCITY) {
            // Swipe down ...
        } catch (Exception e) { }
        return false;
    }
}
```



Scaling effects

- 📱 ScaleGestureDetector: works similarly to `GestureDetector` and must analyse events received in `onTouchEvent`
- 📱 Implement `ScaleGestureDetector.OnScaleGestureListener`
 - ▶ **`onScale`, `onScaleBegin`, `onScaleEnd`**
- 📱 There is a default listener `ScaleGestureDetector.OnScaleGestureListener` if we only want to track special events



Double tap

- 📱 `ScaleGestureDetector.OnDoubleTapGestureListener`
 - ▶ **`onDoubleTap`, `onDoubleTapEvent`, `onSingleTapConfirmed`**

Summary



Detect single or multiple touches

- 🔊 implement `onTouchEvent`
- 🔊 For multi-touches the developer must keep track of previous events



Detecting touches helps to define a drawing canvas

- 🔊 A new component can then be used directly in the GUI Editor



Predefined events can be easily detected

- 🔊 `onFling` can capture almost all events
- 🔊 Scaling, tap, doubletap, can easily be capture without reinventing the wheel



