

Packages and HomeScreen

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Home Screen







Goals

- Displays Widgets
- Provides access to applications
- Configurable by the user

Offers a screen that display "important" informations

An important information depend of the user

How to Access to Installed Application?



PackageInstaller

Interface for installing applications

Use PackageManager to manage applications

PackageManager

- 🗳 Linux Daemon
- During the install of an application
 - Open the APK
 - Grab all valuable information
- Applications are installed in directories
 - /system/app: the preinstalled applications
 - /data/app: user applications
 - /data/data/<app_name>: data of each application





Lifecycle



PackageManager Details

Access to a lot of informations

- QueryBroadcastReceiver:
 - What are the BroadcastReceiver that can reply to an Intent?
- QueryIntentActivities:
 - What are the Activities that can reply to an Intent?
- QueryIntentService:
 - What are the Servic that can reply to an Intent?
- GetApplicationEnabled Settings:
 - Read permission of an Application
- SetApplicationSettings:
 - Modify existing permissions



Accessing to Application's Basic Informations

```
public class AppDetail {
  CharSequence label; CharSequence name; Drawable icon;
}
private PackageManager manager;
private List<AppDetail> apps;
private void loadApps() {
  manager = getPackageManager();
  apps = new ArrayList<AppDetail>();
  Intent i = new Intent(Intent.ACTION MAIN, null);
  i.addCategory(Intent.CATEGORY LAUNCHER);
  List<ResolveInfo> availableActivities =
                    manager.queryIntentActivities(i, 0);
  for(ResolveInfo ri:availableActivities){
     AppDetail app = new AppDetail();
     app.label = ri.loadLabel(manager);
     app.name = ri.activityInfo.packageName;
```

app.icon = ri.activityInfo.loadIcon(manager); apps.add(app);

Define a GUI for displaying this information



Here a button that will launch a listView on click

... and modify AndroidManifest.xml

<activity

android:name=".MainActivity"

android:label="@string/app name"

android:theme=

"@android:style/Theme.Wallpaper.NoTitleBar.Fullscreen" android:launchMode="singleTask"

android:stateNotNeeded="true" >

<intent-filter>

<action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" /> <category android:name="android.intent.category.HOME"</pre> <category android:name=

"android.intent.category.DEFAULT" /> <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" /> </intent-filter>

The "Activity" HomeScreen



Build a simple App to access all existing Apps

Fill the list view with some information

```
private ListView list;
private void loadListView(){
    list = (ListView)findViewById(R.id.apps list);
    ArrayAdapter<AppDetail> adapter =
       new ArrayAdapter<AppDetail>(this, R.layout.list item, apps) {
        @Override
        public View getView(int position, View convertView, ViewGroup parent) {
           if(convertView == null){
            convertView = getLayoutInflater().inflate(R.layout.list item, null);
          ImageView appIcon =
                  (ImageView)convertView.findViewById(R.id.item app icon);
          appIcon.setImageDrawable(apps.get(position).icon);
          TextView appLabel =
                  (TextView)convertView.findViewById(R.id.item app label);
          appLabel.setText(apps.get(position).label);
          TextView appName =
(TextView)convertView.findViewById(R.id.item_app_name);
          appName.setText(apps.get(position).name);
         return convertView;
```

};



Setup the Home Screen



When you launch the Application, you are asked to decide if you want to change your default home screen







Summary



PackageManager helps to get informations about installed applications



This informations are useful when we want to build an HomeScreen

Defining Lock-Screen is possible

- Same mechanism
- Register to Events:
 - BOOT_COMPLETED: to trigger lock-screen after a reboot
 - ACTION_SCREEN_OFF, ACTION_SCREEN_ON: to trigger lock-screen activation
 - ... other events
- Be careful with security
 - You have to propose security schemes

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