Embedded Systems Programming - PA8001

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Lecture 10

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Hello World!

What could an Android *hello world* application be like?

Android 101

Download and install Android SDK (ADT Bundle) from:
`http://developer.android.com/sdk/`

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In order to run your Hello World! app:

1. connect your Android cell-phone and enable USB debug on your device, or
2. install a virtual device.

Hello World!

1. Create a new Android Virtual Device (AVD)
2. Create a new Android application project
3. Run and see the behavior
4. Check out the res/layout and res/values

What did we see?

Two screens: this will be reflected in the program as *two* Activities.

UI components: in the program these are Views.

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This is something a button can do when clicked! We just have to associate this function with the right button!

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A kind of `View` called an `EditText` can be used this way!

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An `Intent` has an action and some data. It is something the program can ask the OS to deliver to some app that can do this!

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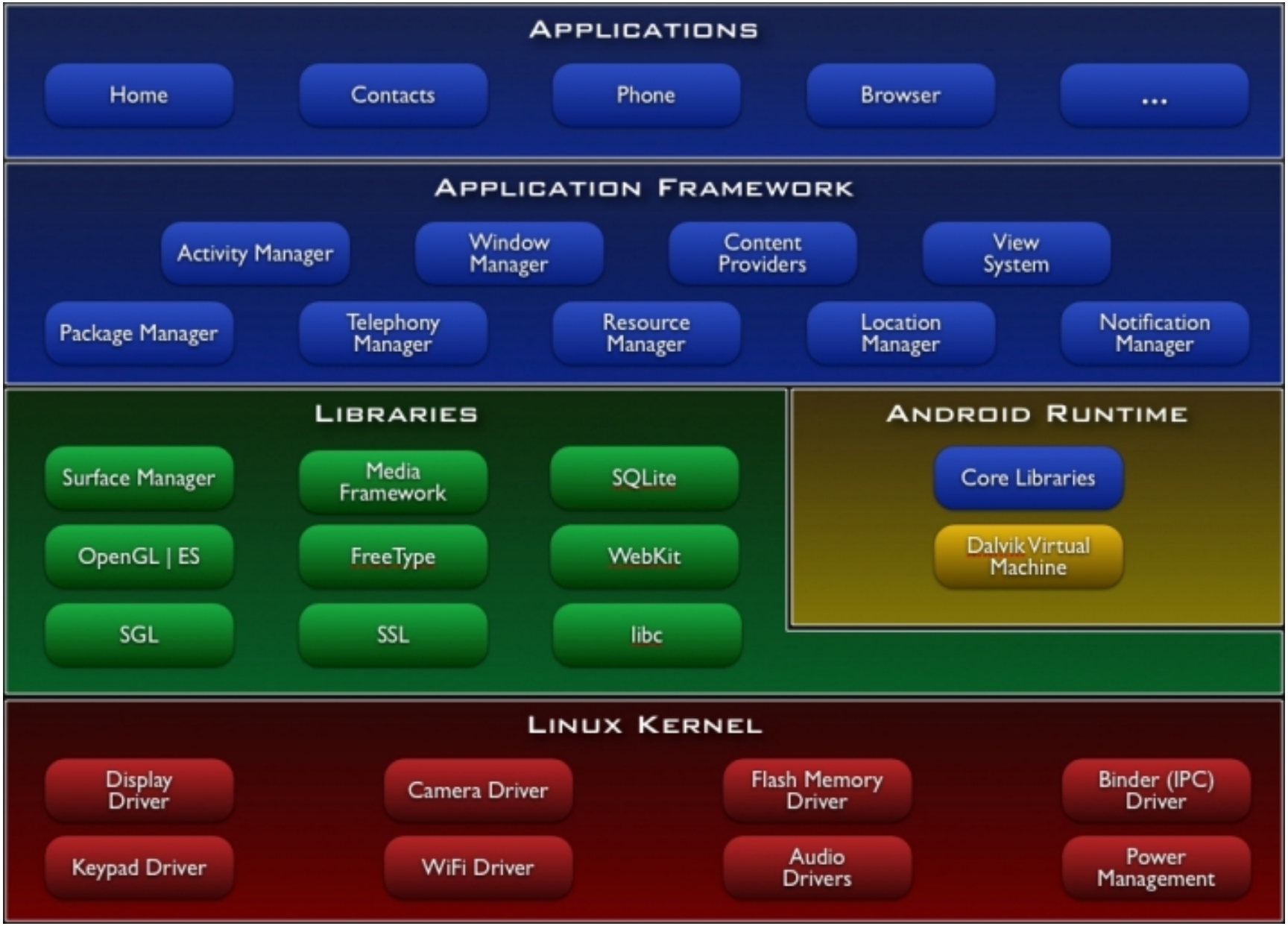

Linux kernel

- Device drivers
- Process management (process creation, memory management)
- Interprocess communication

We will not use this directly but it is important to know that each application that is started is a Linux user! So: applications run in isolation from other apps!

The android runtime makes use of some services from the kernel.

Dalvik VM

Every Android application runs in its own process, with its own instance of the Dalvik virtual machine.

Dalvik has been written so that a device can run multiple VMs efficiently.

The Dalvik VM executes files in the Dalvik Executable (.dex) format which is optimized for minimal memory footprint.

The Dalvik VM relies on the Linux kernel for underlying functionality such as threading and low-level memory management.

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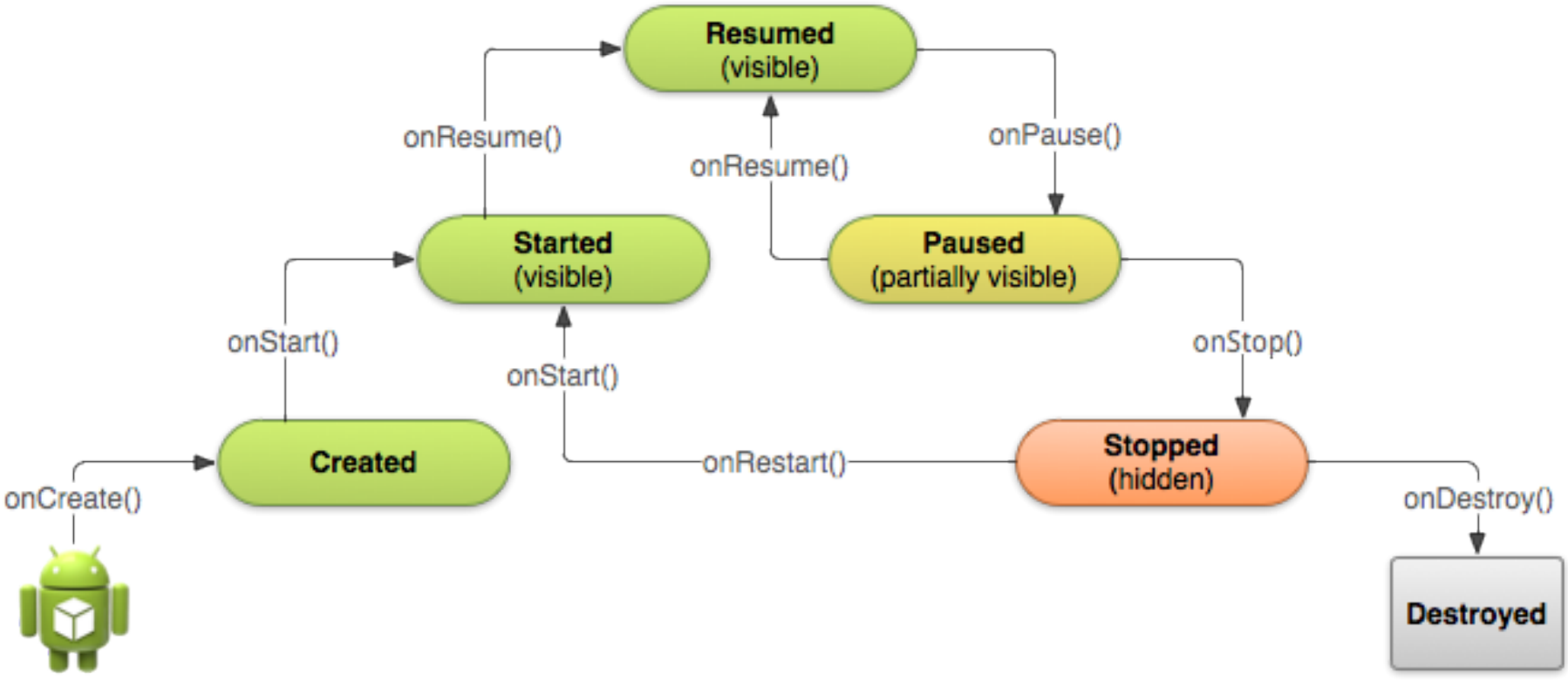
Resumed
(visible)
onResume()
onResume()
onPause()
Started
(visible)
Paused
(partially visible)
onStart()
onStart()
onStop()
Created
onRestart()
Stopped
(hidden)
onCreate()
onDestroy()
Destroyed

An application with one activity

```
public class Quiter extends Activity{

  public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState){
     super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);

     setContentView(R.layout.main);

     Button q = (Button)findViewById(R.id.quitButton);

     q.setOnClickListener(
           new Button.OnClickListener(){
              public void onClick(View view){
                 finish();
              }});
   }
}
```

The AndroidManifest (generated automatically!)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="...>
    <application android:label="@string/app_name"
                 android:icon="@drawable/icon">
            <activity android:name="Quiter"
                      android:label="@string/app_name">
                <intent-filter>
                    <action android:name=
                     "android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                    <category android:name=
                     "android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
                </intent-filter>
            </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

The resources: main layout

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="...
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    >
  <Button
      android:id="@+id/quitButton"
      android:layout_width="fill_parent"
      android:layout_height="fill_parent"
      android:text="@string/quitText"
      />
</LinearLayout>
```

The resources: string values

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">Quitter</string>
    <string name="quitText">Stop this!</string>
</resources>
```

The resources: drawables

res/drawable-hdpi/icon.png

Exploring the life cycle

We implement all the methods that are called by the system:

```
public class Quitter extends Activity{
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState){...}
    public void onPause(){...}
    public void onStop(){...}
    public void onDestroy(){...}
    public void onResume(){...}
    public void onStart(){...}
    public void onRestart(){...}
}
```

Don't forget to call `super.onSomething` before doing other stuff when you override these methods!

Exploring the life cycle

We can use `android.util.Log` to produce debugging messages in the development terminal.

```
public void onResume(){
  super.onResume();
  Log.d("quitter", "onResume");
}
public void onStart(){
  super.onStart();
  Log.d("quitter", "onStart");
}
public void onRestart(){
   super.onRestart();
   Log.d("quitter", "onRestart");
}
```