



# **Programming with Android: Geo-localization and Google Map Services**

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# Outline

## Geo-localization techniques

Location **L**istener and Location **M**anager

Google Maps Library: *Getting an activation key*

Google Maps Library: *Display a Map*

Google Maps Library: *Adjust the Camera*

Google Maps Library: *Manage events*

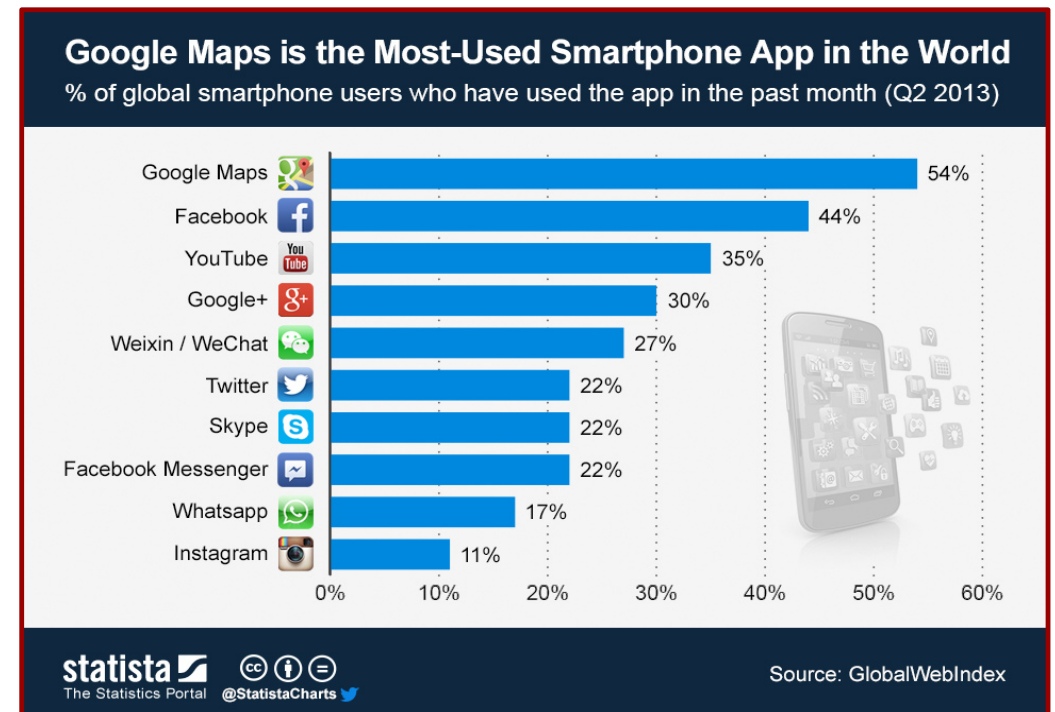
Google Maps Library: *Manage overlays*



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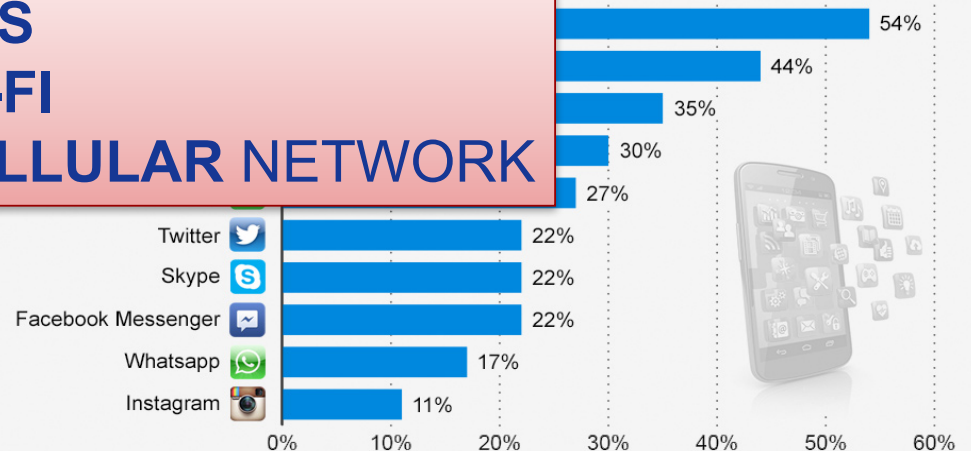
- ✧ LOCALIZATION THROUGH GPS
- ✧ LOCALIZATION THROUGH WI-FI
- ✧ LOCALIZATION THROUGH CELLULAR NETWORK

smartphone devices.

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## Google Maps is the Most-Used Smartphone App in the World

% of global smartphone users who have used the app in the past month (Q2 2013)



statista  
The Statistics Portal @StatistaCharts

Source: GlobalWebIndex





# Context Awareness



Where we are

What we are doing



Context Aware Computing is the possibility for a system to make its computation dependent on the context.



With whom we are



Our activity



What time is it



# Context Awareness

## ❖ Context may not be unique

- For some applications it may be “Alice is running in the park alone”
- Other may focus on different aspects “Alice has her phone running out of battery and is 5km away from her car”

Application



Context  
Definition

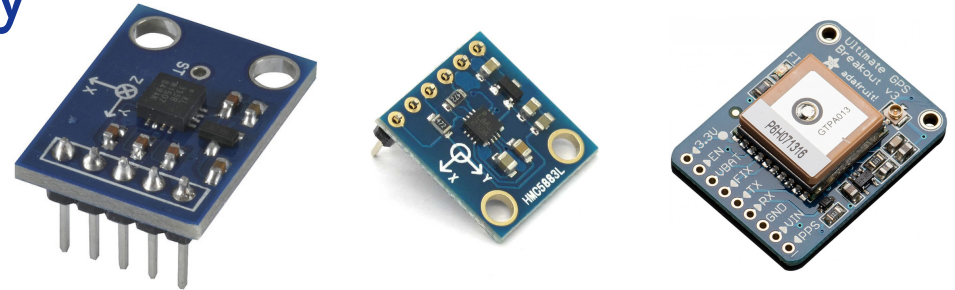
*“Context is any information that can be used to characterize the situation of an entity. An entity is a person, place, or object that is considered relevant to the interaction between a user and an application, including the user and applications themselves”  
(Dey, Abowd 1999)*



# Context types

## ❖ Context can be either Primary

- If it is defined as raw data
  - Sensors, GPS, time



## ❖ Or it can be secondary

- If some form of data fusion has been performed
  - Calculate the season
  - Identify a face
  - ...





# Context LifeCycle

## What to do with context

Inferred context may be useful for **other service**

Publishing

Gathering

Gathering can be performed by **reading sensor values**, or getting information from social networks

**Learning and deriving** context from extracted data.

**Machine learning** and rule based systems.

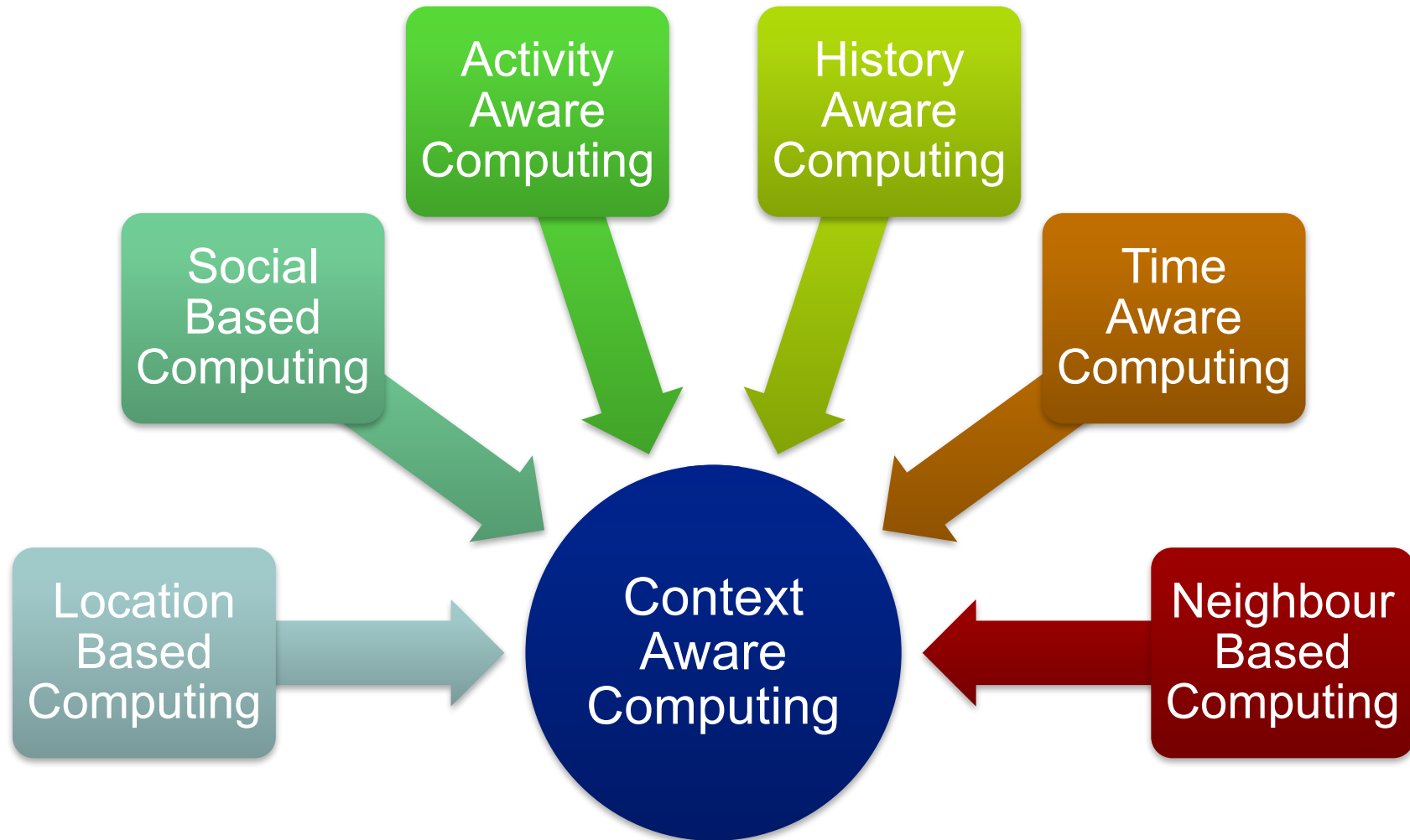
Processing

Modeling

How to extract context from raw data. Several possibilities (**graph** based, **ontologies**, **manual**, ...)



# Context Aware **Systems**





# A popular example: IFTTT



## ❖ If This Then That (IFTTT)

- Define rules (recipes) to perform action depending on previous states (context)
- ❖ Community based
- ❖ Integrated with external devices (location, buttons, ...)





## Other examples

### ❖ I search “Milano”

- If I am close to Milano, I may be looking for the city
- If I am close to Via Milano in Rome, I may be looking for it

### ❖ So Context Awareness based on what?

- Sky's the limit:
  - Geolocation data, Calendar Events, Neighbors, Activity recognition, Previous Events, External Events, Running pace, ...





## Some **use cases**

### ❖ E-health

- Monitoring of patients

### ❖ Proximity marketing

- Discounts on watched products

### ❖ Networking

- Dynamic Adaptive Video Streaming

### ❖ IoT

- Perform actions on closeness to other devices



## And some challenges

### ❖ Battery

- No one would use a systems if it depletes the battery
- Keep in mind that most of the computation is performed on mobile devices

### ❖ Context Definition

- Has to be defined per-scenario
- How to generalize?
- Liability?



# Android: **Localization basics ...**

GPS stands for **Global Positioning System**

- Fleet of satellites orbiting at a height of 20000km.
- Fleet composed of 24/32 operative satellites.
- Orbit period of 12 hours, speed of 3.9 Km/s.



Navigation systems available:

- ✧ **Navstar** → operated by the US Department of Defence (DoD) for civil/military applications
- ✧ **Glonass** → operated by the Russian Defence Forces.
- ✧ **Galileo** → operated by the EU (still under deployment)



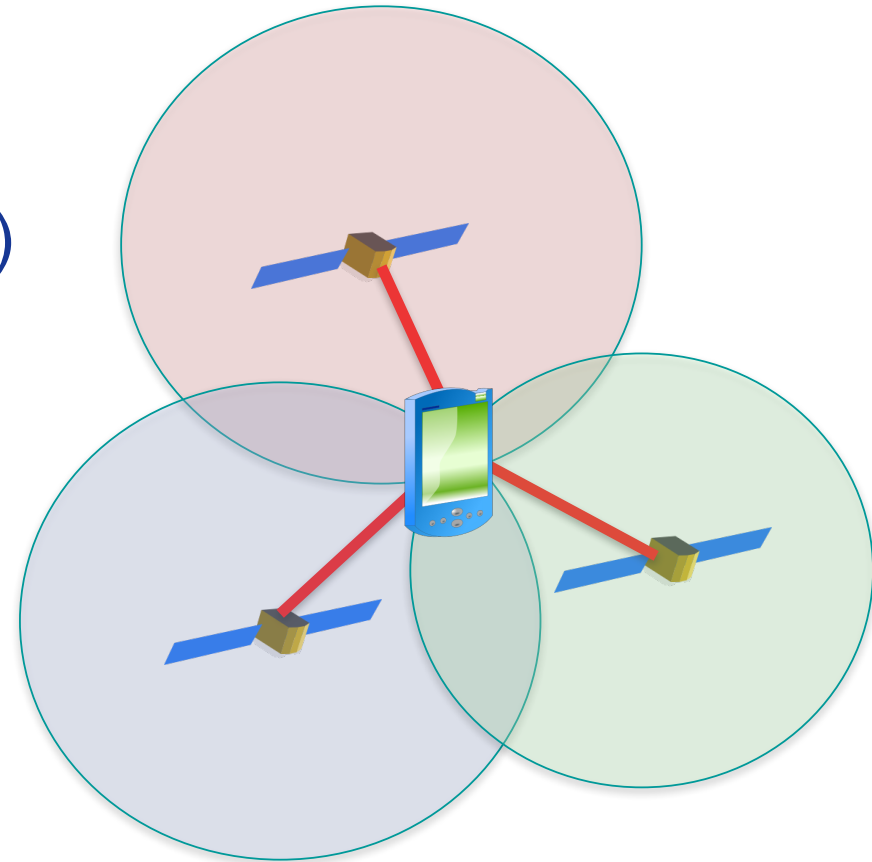
# Android: **Localization basics ...**

Each satellite sends periodically:

- Its current **location**
- Current **time** of the day (atomic clock)

**GPS receiver operations:**

- 1.Passively receive data (no transmit)
- 2.Compute delay of received signal
- 3.From delay compute the distance to the satellite (distance= delay \* c)
- 4.From multiple distance (at least 3), determine current locations.





# Android: **Localization basics ...**

**PROBLEM:** In order to calculate delay of received signal, the end-user clock must be synchronized with the satellite clock...

## **SOLUTION**

- ✧ Utilize four satellite instead of three (minimum)
- ✧ GPS receiver solves a system with four unknown variables

$$(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2 + (z - z_i)^2 = ([\tilde{t}_r + b - t_i]c)^2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$x_i, y_i, z_i \rightarrow$  user's location

$b \rightarrow$  user clock skew



# Android: **Localization basics ...**

Each satellite transmits on two **frequencies** in the UHF band:

- ✧ L1 channel → **civilian** data
- ✧ Signals encoded using code division multiple access (**CDMA**)
- ✧ Together with data/location, each satellite transmits the **almanac** data, i.e. orbital courses of the satellites.
- ✧ Through the almanac, GPS receiver knows about satellites visible at its location.



# Android: **Localization basics ...**

Wi-Fi Localization is performed through triangulation or through **radio fingerprinting** approach (this latter used by Android):

1. Smartphone turns on the WiFi interface, and detects MAC and SSID of WiFi routers in its range.
2. Smartphone makes a query to the Google location service.
3. Based on stored information about known WiFi networks, Google provides hints about current location.

**Q.** HOW is the Google database populated?

**A.** By users, enabling the Google's location service.



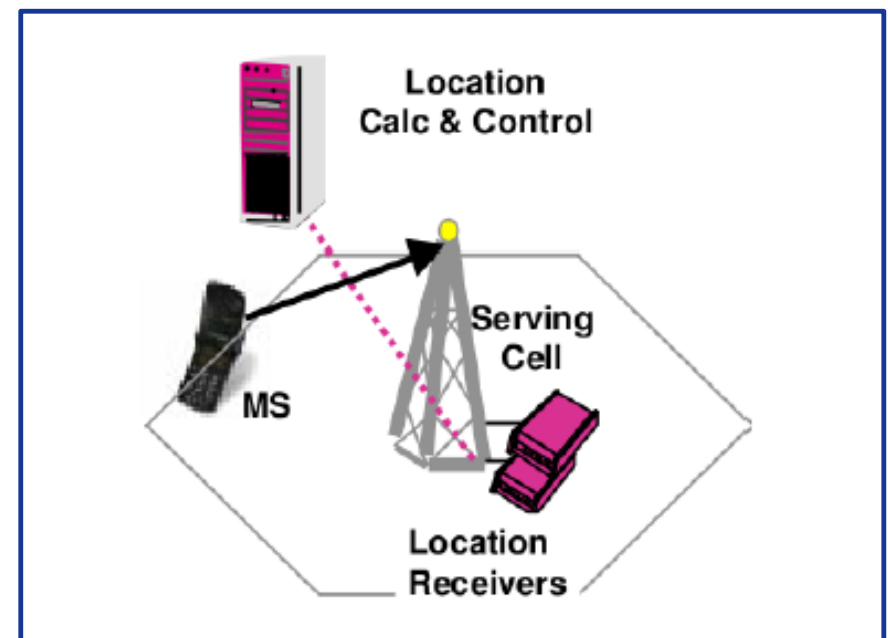




# Android: **Localization basics ...**

✧ Cellular Localization is performed by recognizing the **mobile cell tower** which the smartphone is attached to. HOW?

✧ Similar to previous case, current location is determined on the basis of the ID of the cellular BTS which the smartphone is currently attached to.





# Android: **Localization essentials ...**

✧ Cellular Localization is performed by recognizing the **mobile cell** where is located. HOW?

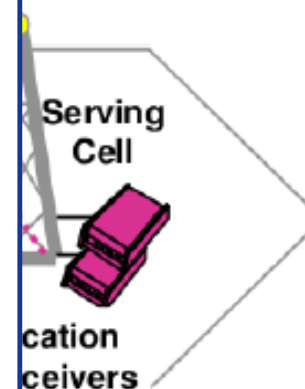
✧ Similar to previous case,

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Method	Accuracy
Cell-ID	10m-35km
Timing Advance (TA)	100m-550m
Angle of Arrival (AOA)	50m-150m
Uplink Time Of Arrival (U-TDOA)	50m-150m
Enhanced Observed Time Difference (E-OTD)	60m-200m
(Assisted-) GPS ((A)-GPS)	3m-10m



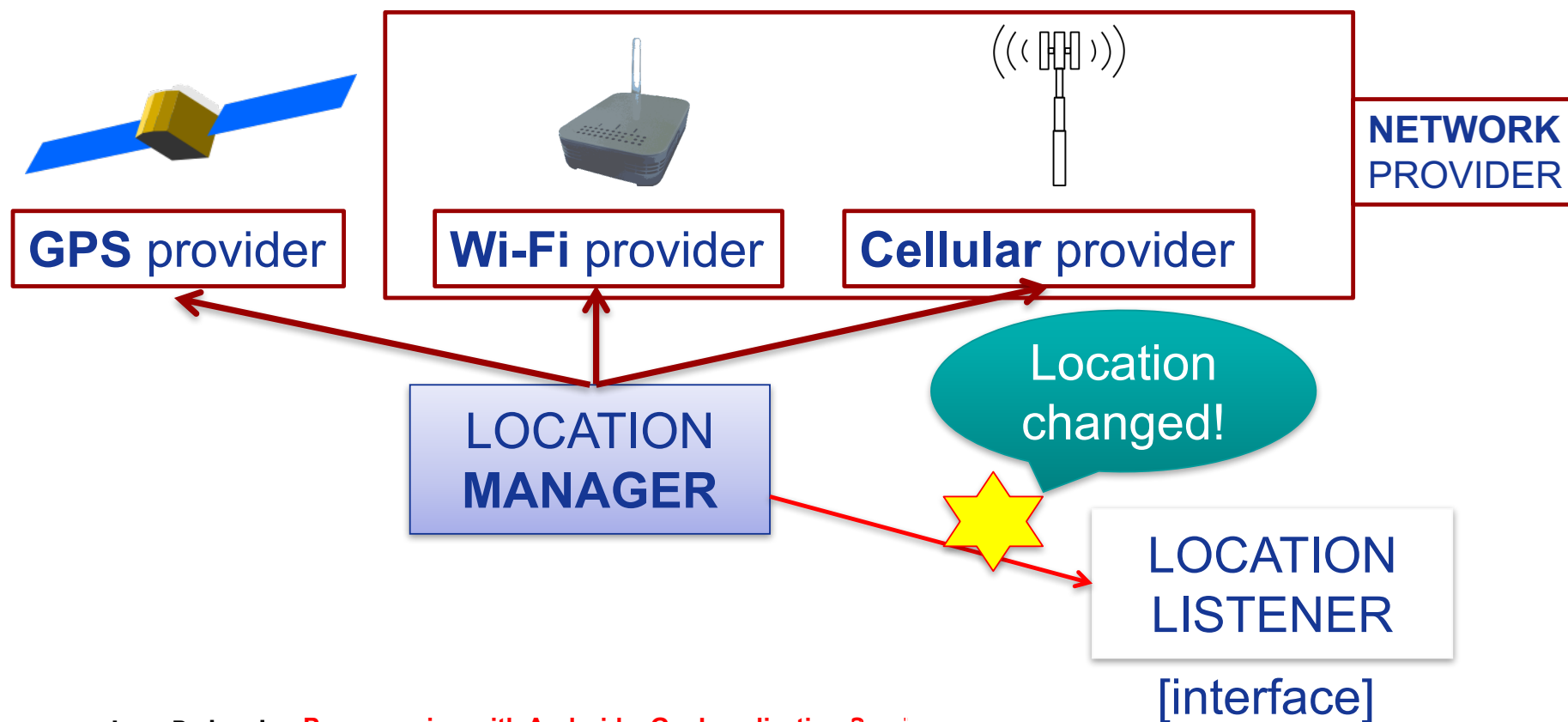
Location  
Calc & Control





# Android: **Localization in Android**

**Q . HOW to retrieve the current position in Android?**





# Android **Permission System**

## ❖ Up to 6.0 (excluded)

- Just declare them in the manifest

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION"/>
```

## ❖ Starting from 6.0

- User can only grant a subset of the permission set
- User can revoke permission after installing the app
- Declare them in the manifest
  - And check if the permission is granted



# Android Permission System $\geq 6.0$

## ❖ Check if permission is granted

- When: before performing a permission needed action

```
if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(thisActivity, Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION)
    != PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
    // Permission is not granted
}
```

## ❖ If it is not requested, ask for it

```
ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(thisActivity,
    new String[]{Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION},
    MY_PERMISSIONS_LOCATION);
```



# Android Permission System **>= 6.0**

- ❖ Wait for the user response asynchronously
  - When: before performing a permission needed action

```
@Override
public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode, String permissions[], int[] grantResults) {
    switch (requestCode) {
        case MY_PERMISSIONS_LOCATION: {
            if (grantResults.length > 0
                && grantResults[0] == PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
                // GRANTED
            } else {
                // DENIED
            }
            return;
        }
    }
}
```



# Localization in Android

## ❖ Currently, two main systems

- android.location
- Location Services
  - Advised, easier and more efficient

## ❖ How?

- Main idea is to use a provider which returns the location
- With Location Services you use a FusedLocation provider which account for the device current status





# Android: Localization in Android

1. **Create a Location Listener object**, and implement the callback methods.

```
LocationListener locListener=new LocationListener() {  
    public void onLocationChanged(Location location) {  
    }  
    public void onStatusChanged(String provider, int status,  
Bundle extras) {  
    }  
    public void onProviderEnabled(String provider) {  
    }  
    public void onProviderDisabled(String provider) {  
    }  
}
```



# Android: **Localization in Android**

2. **Get a reference** to the Location Manager (system service).

LocationManager

```
lm=(LocationManager)getService(Context.LOCATION_SERVICE)
```

3. **Register the LocationListener** in order to receive location updates from the Location Manager.

```
lm.requestLocationUpdates(provider,  
                           minTime,  
                           minDistance,  
                           locListener)
```

GPS\_PROVIDER

NETWORK\_PROVIDER

PASSIVE\_PROVIDER



# Android: Localization in Android

## 4. Add user permissions in the XML Manifest

```
<manifest>
  <uses-permissions
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION" />
  <uses-permissions
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION" />
  <uses-permissions android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"
/>
</manifest>
```



# Android: **Localization in Android**

5. Get the **last known location** to reduce the latency caused by first location fix.

```
Location lastKnownLocation=locationManager.  
getLastKnownLocation(locationProvider)
```

6. To save energy, **stop listening** to location updates when they are not needed anymore by the application.

```
locationManager.removeUpdates(locationListener)
```



# Android Location Based Services

- ❖ Added to make development easier
  - Introduces a FusedLocationProvider
- ❖ May also determine activity (more on this later ...)
- ❖ Background apps have their number of request reduced
- ❖ Need to add:

implementation 'com.google.android.gms:play-services-location:15.0.0'

- In the build.gradle file



# Location Services: **get the location**

## ❖ Obtain the FusedLocationProviderClient

```
mFusedLocationClient = LocationServices.getFusedLocationProviderClient(this);
```

## ❖ Get the location

```
mFusedLocationClient.getLastLocation()
    .addOnSuccessListener(this, new OnSuccessListener<Location>() {
        @Override
        public void onSuccess(Location location) {
            // do something
        }
    });
```



# Location Services: updates

## ❖ Create a LocationRequest

```
LocationRequest mLocationRequest = new LocationRequest();  
mLocationRequest.setInterval(10000);  
mLocationRequest.setPriority(LocationRequest.PRIORITY_HIGH_ACCURACY);
```

## ❖ Location is then updated every 10 seconds

## ❖ Get it with getLastLocation()





# Location Services: update callback

- ❖ Some application may need a more continuous tracking

```
mLocationCallback = new LocationCallback() {  
    @Override  
    public void onLocationResult(LocationResult locationResult) {  
        // do something  
    };  
};
```

- ❖ Request updates

```
mFusedLocationClient.requestLocationUpdates(mLocationRequest,  
    mLocationCallback,  
    null /* Looper */);
```

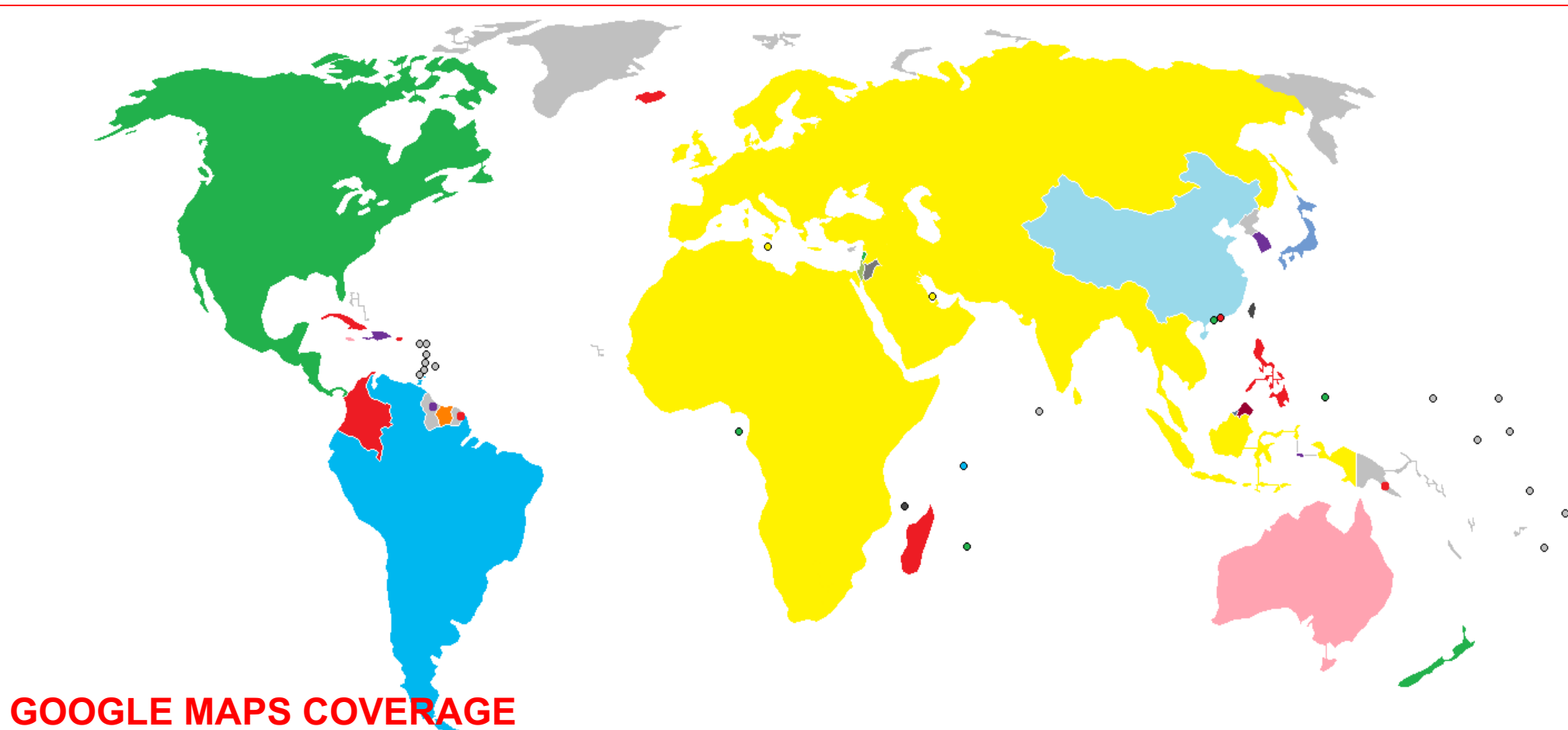


# Android: **Gmaps Important Dates ...**

- **2004** → Google Inc bought the Australian company *Where 2 Technologies*, that developed a prototype WebMap system.
- **2005** (February) → Google Maps was announced
- **2006** → Google Maps updated to use the same satellite image database as Google Earth
- **2007** → Google Street View launched
- **2010** → On Christmas and New Years day, mobile usage of Google Maps surpassed desktop usage for the first time
- **NOW**: Google Maps, Google Sky, Google Moon, Google Mars, Google Transit, Google Aerial View, etc

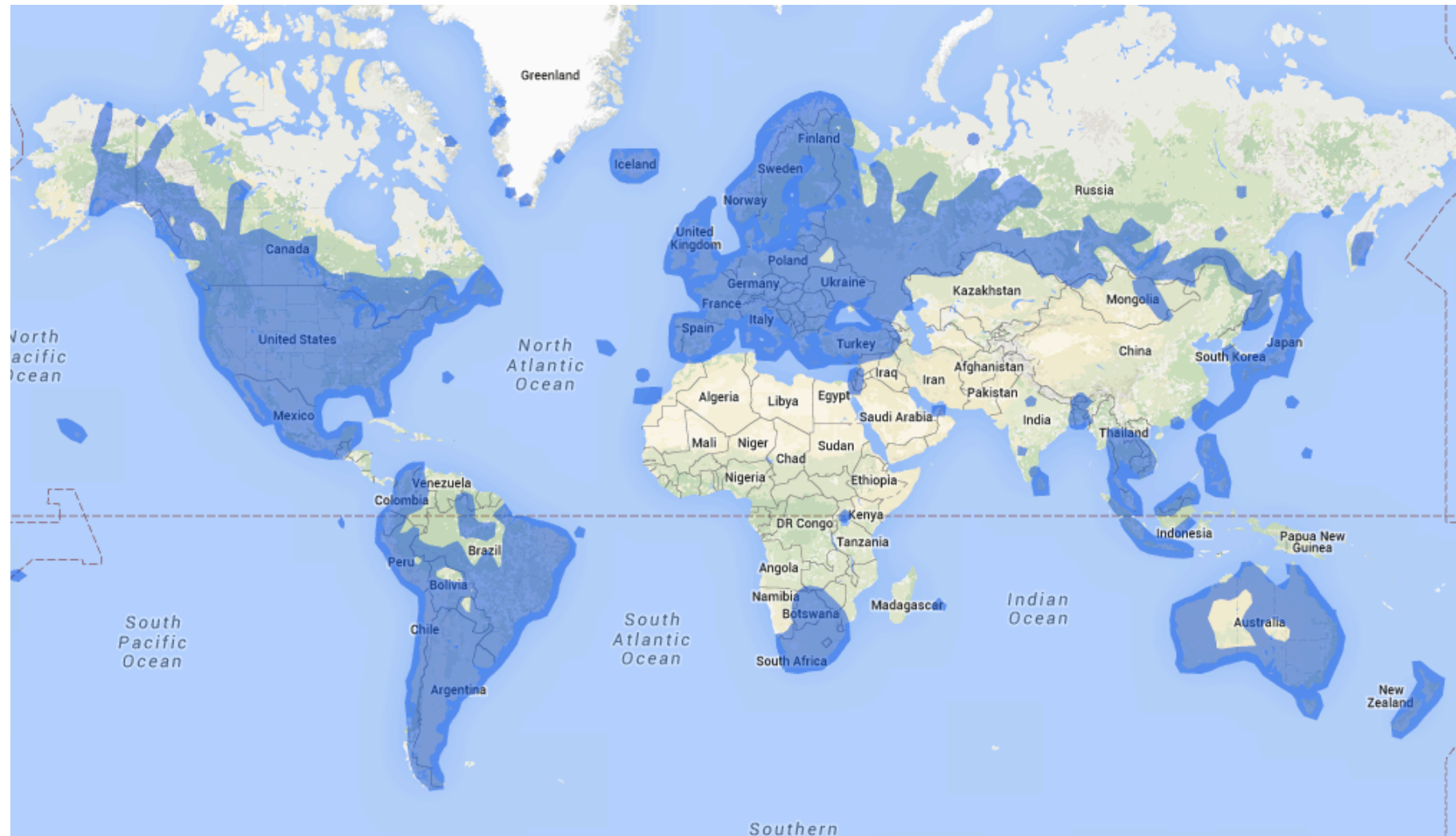


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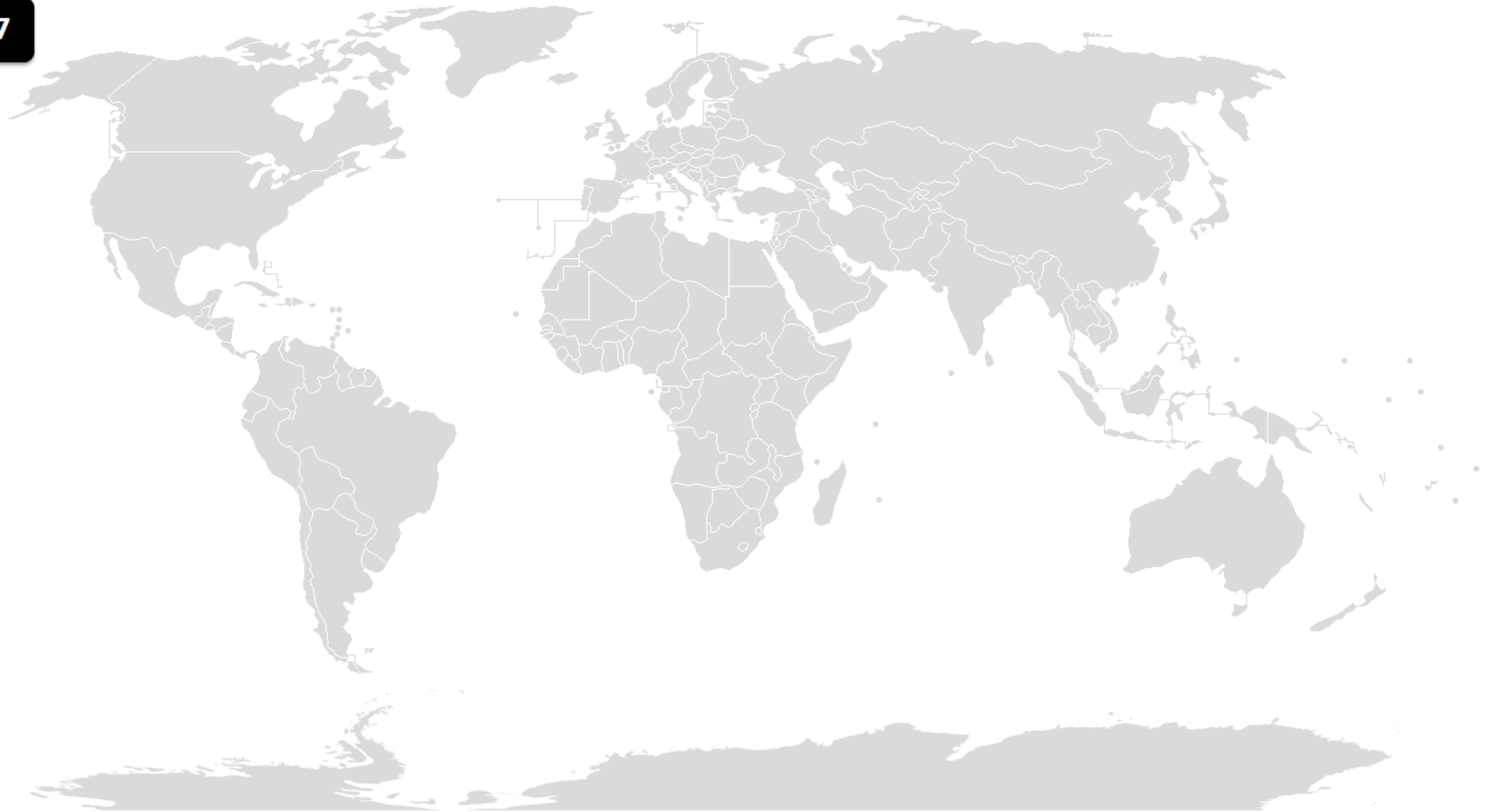


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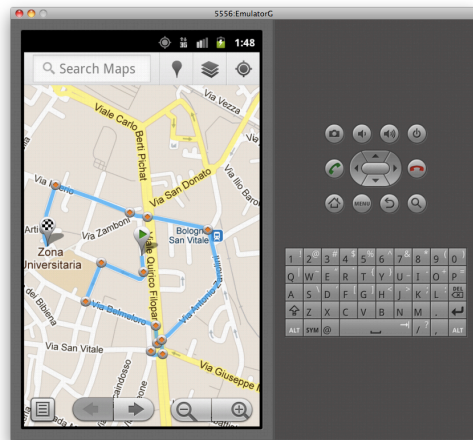
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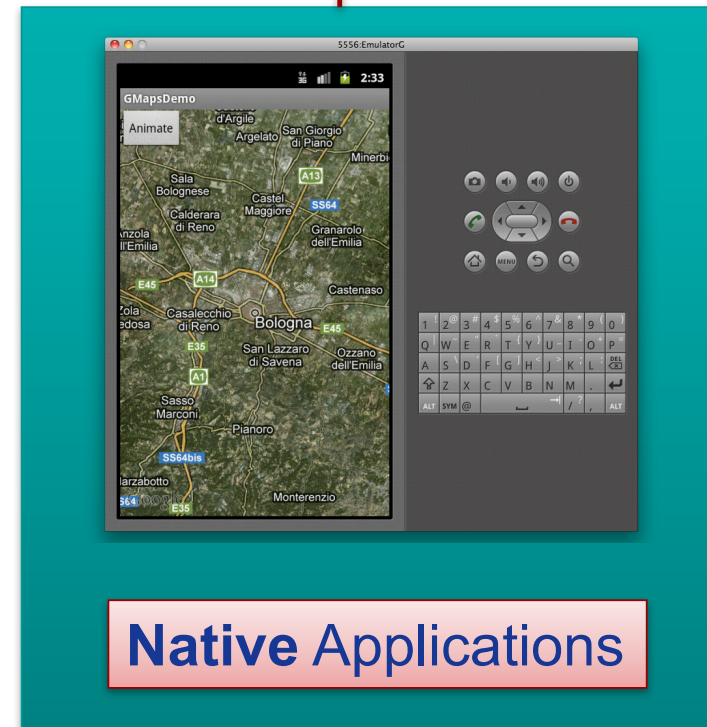
# Android: Deploying Map-based Apps

## Deploying Map-based Applications in Android



**WebView +  
Google Maps +  
Web technologies**

**Hybrid Applications**



**Native Applications**



# Android: Deploying Map-based Apps

## Two versions of Android Google Maps API

API v1



- Deprecated, not supported anymore since 18th March 2013.
- Still used for Android device with versions < 3.0 (unless API set is extended with support packages)

API v2



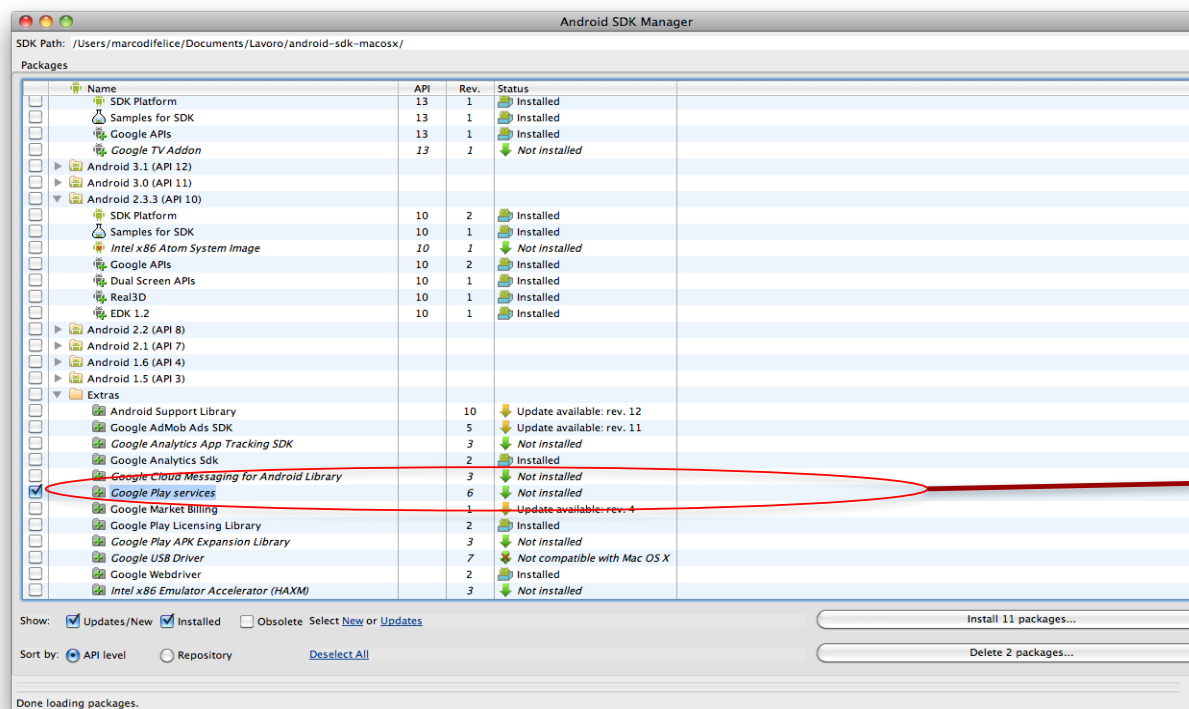
- Different installation procedures.
- Novel methods to insert a Map inside an Android app.
- Improved caching and visualization capabilities.





# Android: Installing Google APIs

## STEP -1: Install and Setup Google Play Service SDK



Window → Android SDK Manager  
→ Installed packages

Check Google Play and Google Repository are **installed**, or **install** them otherwise

<http://developer.android.com/google/play-services/setup.html>





# Android: **Getting a Google Play API Key**

**STEP 0:** Get a valid Google Play **API Key** to utilize the Google Maps library.

**0.1:** Retrieve the fingerprint SHA1 of the certificate used to sign the apps.

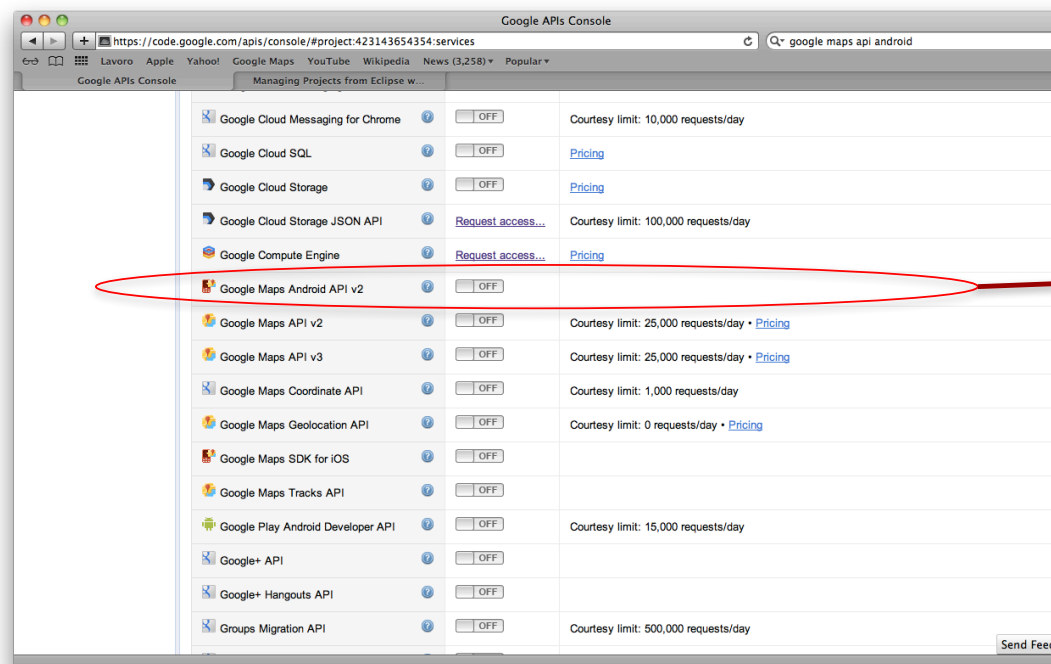
```
mylaptop:~ marco$ keytool -list -keystore  
/Users/marcodifelice/.android/debug.keystore -  
storepass android -keypass android  
...  
androiddebugkey, Feb 1, 2011, PrivateKeyEntry,  
Certificate fingerprint (SHA1):  
A2:34:B1:A3:A5:BB:11:21:21:B3:20:56:92:12:AB:DB
```



# Android: Getting a Google Play API Key

**STEP 1:** Navigate with a browser to <https://accounts.google.com/>

**1.1:** Select the Google service you intend to use for your apps.



Enable Google Maps  
Android v2 API



# Android: **Getting a Google Play API Key**

**STEP 1:** Navigate with a browser to <https://accounts.google.com/>

## 1.2: Get an **Google Play API Activation Key**

- Select the API Access
- Insert the SHA1 Key, followed by the package's name:

BB:0D:AC:74:D3:21:E1:43:67:71:9B:62:91:AF:A1:66:6E:44:5D:75;  
**com.example.android.mapexample**

- Generate and save the obtained Activation Key
- For each application/package → get a new Activation Key.**



# Android: **Google MAPs library overview**

**What can I do with Google MAPs v2 library in Android?**

- 1. Integrate** a Google Map into an Android application
- 1. Manage** the camera
- 1. Add** information layers to the Map
- 1. Manage** user events



# Android: **Inserting a Map inside the App**

**Permissions** should be added to the AndroidManifest.xml, and the Activation Key must be specified in the meta-data.

- Internet Access
- Localization capabilities
- Access to Google Web services
- OpenGL ES version 2 libraries
- Access to network state



# Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

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```
<meta-data
    android:name="com.google.android.maps.v2.API_KEY"
    android:value="API_activation_key"/>
```

```
<permission
    android:name="com.example.mapdemo.permission.MAPS_RECEIVE"
    android:protectionLevel="signature"/>
<uses-permission
    android:name="com.example.mapdemo.permission.MAPS_RECEIVE"/>
<uses-feature
    android:glEsVersion="0x00020000"
    android:required="true"/>
```



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```
<meta-data  
    android:name="com.google.android.maps.v2.API_KEY"  
    android:value="API_activation_key" />
```

Specifically for the **Android Studio** projects:

```
<meta-data  
    android:name="com.google.android.gms.version"  
    android:value="@integer/  
        google_play_services_version" />
```



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```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="com.google.android.providers.gsf.permission.READ_GSERVICES"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION"/>
```





# Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

In order to insert a Google Map into a mobile Application:

- Add a **MapFragment** to the current Activity:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<fragment
    android:id="@+id/map"
    android:name="com.google.android.gms.maps.MapFra
gment"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />
```



# Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

A MapFragment is a container of the **GoogleMap** object, which is a View containing the map and managing the events.

```
private GoogleMap mMap;  
...  
mMap = ((MapFragment)  
getFragmentManager().findFragmentById(R.id.map)).getMap();
```

Differences with **Android Maps v1 libs**:

- No need to use a MapActivity, use a regular Activity instead.
- Improved caching and drawing functionalities.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

## How to customize the Google Map?

- Define the **Map type**, governing the overall representation of the map

```
nMap.setMapType(GoogleMap.MAP_TYPE_HYBRID);
```

**Normal** → Typical road map.

**Hybrid** → Satellite photograph data with road maps added.

**Satellite** → Satellite photograph data. Road and feature labels are not visible.

**Terrain** → Topographic data. The map includes colors, contour lines and labels, and perspective shading.

**None** → no tiles, empty grid.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

The **LatLng** class allows to define a point on the map, expressed through the latitude/longitude coordinates.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
LatLng(44.496781,11.356387);
```

```
private static final LatLng FLORENCE_POINT = new  
LatLng(43.771373,11.248069);
```

**LatLng** class (API v2) → **Geopoint** class (API v1)



# Android: **Customize** the Map

Q. How to customize the Google Map?

A. Define the **properties of the Camera** applied to the Map.

**Location** → expressed in forms of latitude/longitude coordinates.

**Zoom** → defines the scale levels of the map.

**Bearing** → defines the map orientation, i.e. the direction in which a vertical line on the map points, measured in degrees clockwise from north.

**Tilt** → viewing angle, measured as degrees from the nadir.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

Camera properties can be set individually, or collectively through the **CameraPosition** object.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
LatLng(44.496781,11.356387);
```

```
CameraPosition cameraPosition = new CameraPosition.  
    Builder()  
        .target(BOLOGNA_POINT)  
        .zoom(17)  
        .bearing(90)  
        .tilt(30)  
        .build();
```



# Android: **Customize** the Map

Two methods to modify the position of the camera:

```
mMap.moveCamera(cameraPosition);
```

- Update the camera properties immediately.

```
mMap.animateCamera(cameraPosition);
```

```
mMap.animateCamera(cameraPosition, duration, call);
```

- Update the camera properties through an animation, eventually adding a delay and a callback to be invoked when the animation stops.

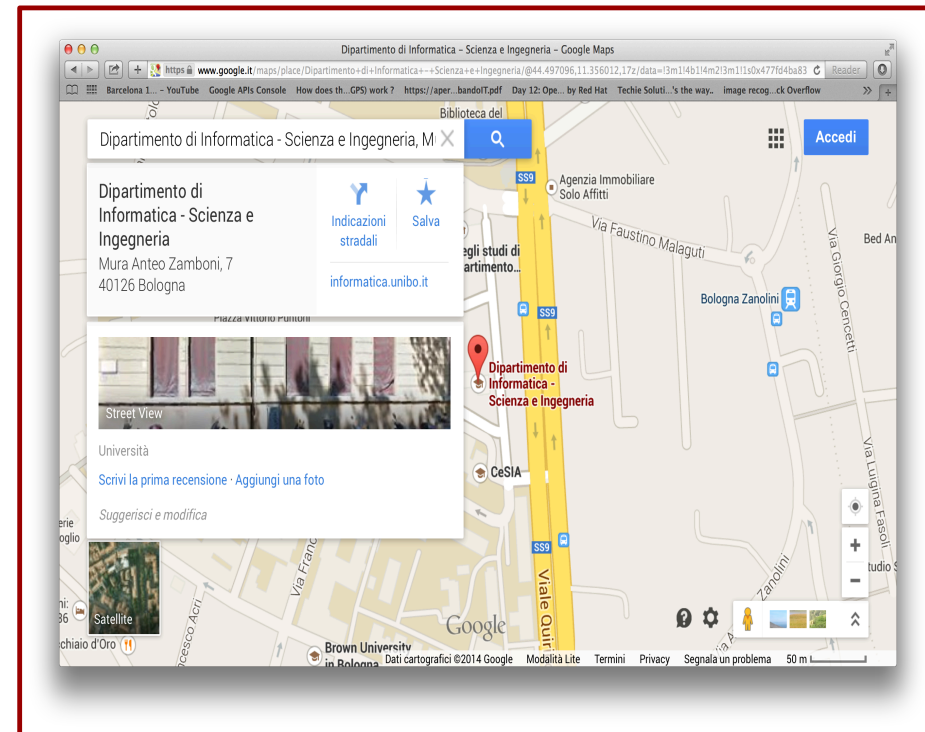


# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Markers** can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

Markers can be customized in terms of:

- **Icon** to be displayed
- **Position** of the marker on the map
- **Title** and text to be displayed
- **Events** to be managed







# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Markers** can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

**position** → Lat/Long coordinates

**title** → string displayed in the info window when the user taps the marker

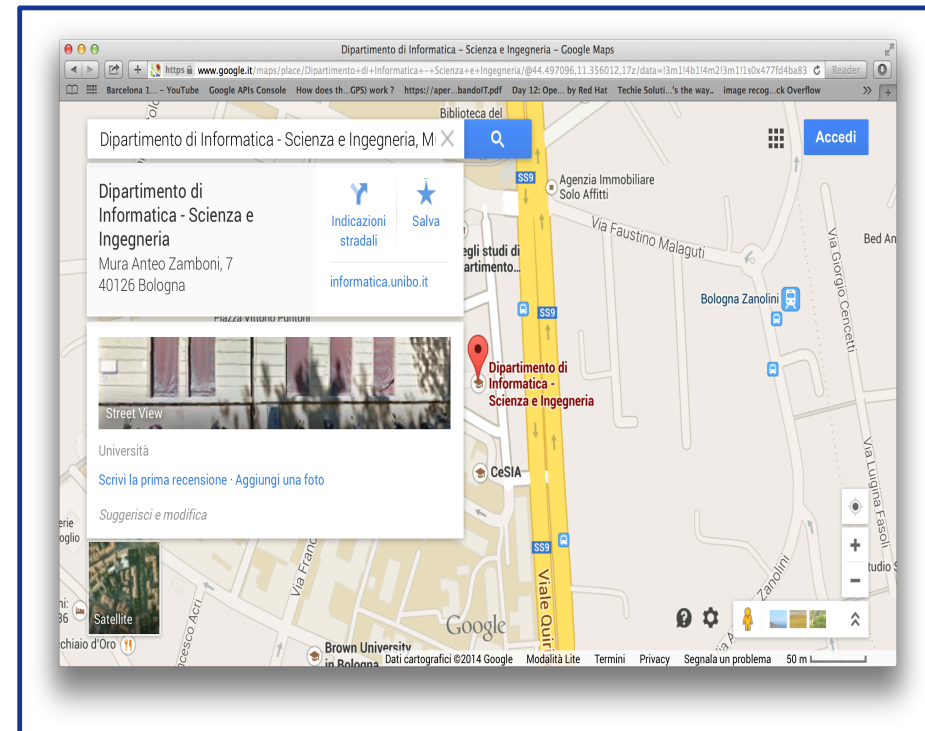
**snippet** → additional text in the info window

**icon** → image/color of the marker

**alpha** → opacity of the marker

**draggable** → (true/false)

**visible** → (true/false)





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**Markers** can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
    LatLng(44.496781, 11.356387);
```

```
Marker bologna =  
    myMap.addMarker(new MarkerOptions().position(BOLOGNA_POINT));
```

```
Marker bologna = mMap.addMarker(new MarkerOptions()  
    .position(Bologna)  
    .title("Bologna downtown")  
    .snippet("visit the city centre"));
```



# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Markers** can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

**EVENTS** associated to a Marker:

**ClickEvents** → implement the `OnMarkerClickListener` interface, and the `onMarkerClick(Marker)` method.

**DragEvents** → implement the `OnMarkerDragListener` interface, and the `onMarkerDragEnd(Marker)` method.

**InfoWindow Click Events** → implement the `onInfoWindowClickListener` interface, and the `onInfoWindowClick(Marker)` method.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

Developers can handle the **events** on the Google Map.

Events are managed through the **listener mechanism** seen so far ...

**CLICK** events → Implement the `OnMapClickListener` interface and the `OnMapLongClickListener` method.

**CAMERA** events → Implement the `OnCameraChangeListener` interface and the `onCameraChange(CameraPosition)` method.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

Developers can handle the **events** on the Google Map.

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity
                                implements OnMapClickListener {
    private GoogleMap mMap;

    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        ...
        mMap.setOnMapClickListener(this);
        ...
    }

    public void onMapClick(LatLng position) {
        // Handle the click events here ...
    }
}
```



# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Shapes** can be used to identify sections of the GoogleMap.

**Polylines** → define a set of LatLong objects, and connect them through a set of lines. Possible to define the stroke and colors of the lines.

**Polygons** → define a set of LatLong objects, and connect them through a closed polygon. Possible to define the stroke and colors of the lines.

**Circles** → define a LatLong object and a radius, and draw a circle centered at the point. Define pen color/stroke as above.



# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Shapes** can be used to identify sections of the GoogleMap.

```
PolygonOptions rectOptions = new PolygonOptions()  
    .add(BOLOGNA_P1)  
    .add(BOLOGNA_P2)  
    .add(BOLOGNA_P3);  
Polygon polyline = mMap.addPolygon(rectOptions);
```

```
CircleOptions circleOptions = new CircleOptions()  
    .center(BOLOGNA_P1)  
    .radius(1000)  
    .strokeColor(Color.RED);
```

```
Circle circle = mMap.addCircle(circleOptions);
```



# Android: **Customize** the Map

**Google Direction API** → services that calculates directions between a source and a destination, including different transportations modes (e.g. driving, walking, biking).

- ✧ **Remote Service:** send an HTTP request and get an HTTP reply
- ✧ **Activation key** needed from the Google API Console
- ✧ Subject to **usage limits**: 2500 directions/day for free API, 100000 directions/day for business API (8 vs 24 waypoints)
- ✧ Direction API data must be displayed on the Map
- ✧ It is not designed to support real-time navigation applications





# Android: **Customize** the Map

- Direction API requests takes the following form:

`http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/output?parameters`

**JSON** (recommended) or **XML**

## **REQUIRED**

**origin** → latitude/longitude coordinates or address (**geocoding** performed)

**destination** → latitude/longitude coordinates or address

**sensor** → request comes from a device with location sensor (true/false)

**key** → **API Key** of the Google Direction Service



# Android: **Customize** the Map

- Direction API requests takes the following form:

<https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/output?parameters>

## OPTIONAL

**mode** → transportation mode (driving, walking, bicycling, transit)  
**waypoints** → array of waypoints which must appear on the route  
**alternatives** → (true/false) decide to show single or multiple routes  
**avoid** → avoid specific features (tolls, highways, ferries)  
**departure\_time** → desired time of departure  
**arrival\_time** → desired time of arrival  
**language** → language of the results (e.g. route indications)



# Android: **Customize** the Map

## ➤ Example of Google Direction requests

```
https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/json?origin=Bologna&destination=Modena&sensor=false&key={API_KEY}
```

```
https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/json?origin=Bologna&destination=Modena&sensor=false&key={API_KEY}&avoid=highways  
&mode=transit
```

```
https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/json?origin=Bologna&destination=Modena&waypoints=Vignola|Maranello&sensor=false&  
key={API_KEY}&avoid=highways&mode=transit
```



# Android: **Customize** the Map

```
{
  "status": "OK",
  "routes": [ {
    "summary": "I-40 W",
    "legs": [ {
      "steps": [ {
        "travel_mode":
"DRIVING",
        "start_location": {
          "lat": 41.8507300,
          "lng": -87.6512600
        },
        "end_location": {
          "lat": 41.8525800,
          "lng": -87.6514100
        },

```

## JSON result of the query

```
"polyline": {
  "points": "a~l~Fjk~uOwHJy@P"
},
"duration": {
  "value": 19,
  "text": "1 min"
}
"html_instructions": "Head Morgan St",
"distance": {
  "value": 207,
  "text": "0.1 mi"
}
},
.....
```



# Android: Google Maps library overview

**GeoCoding** → Technique to convert an Address into a Geo (lat/long) point, or viceversa (reverse geocoding)...

Implemented by the Geocoder class

```
public Geocoder(Context contex)
```

Main methods:

- **public List<Address> getFromLocation(double latitude, double longitude, int maxResults)**
- **public List<Address> getFromLocationName(String locationName, int maxResults)**



# GeoCoder Example

## ❖ getFromLocation

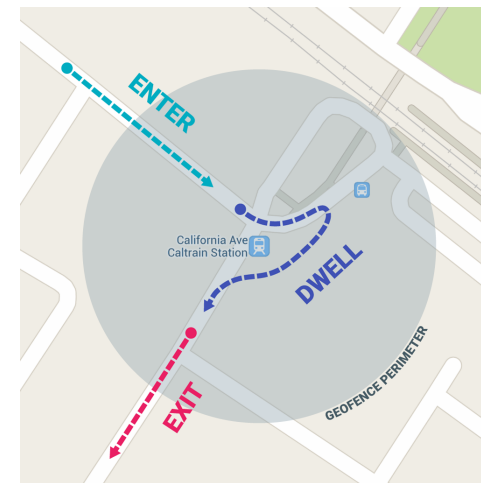
```
addresses = geocoder.getFromLocation(  
    location.getLatitude(),  
    location.getLongitude(),  
    1);
```

- ❖ Each coordinate may have multiple addresses
  - Specify the addresses you want with the third parameter



# Geofencing

- ❖ Sometimes your app tracks the user to retrieve the path
- ❖ But it may also track it to understand when the user enters/stays/exits a certain area
- ❖ Solution 1: polling
- ❖ Solution 2: Geofencing
  - Technique which creates geo boundaries





# Geofencing Examples

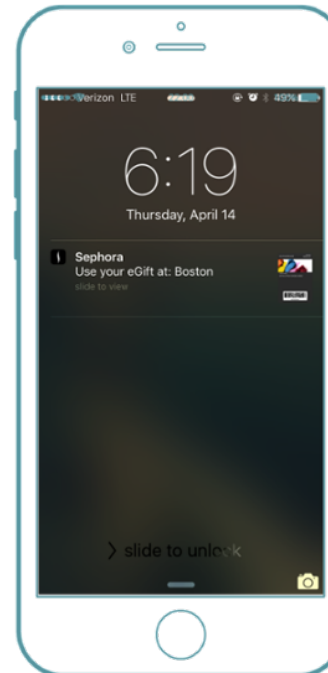
❖ Proximity Marketing

❖ Smart Home optimization

❖ Safety

❖ Social networking

❖ Smart calendar







# Geofencing: **basics**

- ❖ Combines user location with proximity
  - Specify latitude-longitude-radius
  
- ❖ Can have multiple geofences
  - Limit of 100
  - Can configure Location Services to inform you about events
  - Geofences also have an expiration time
  
- ❖ Need `ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION`



# Geofencing: **example**

## ❖ Get the GeofencingClient

```
mGeofencingClient = LocationServices.getGeofencingClient(this);
```

## ❖ Create a list and add geofences

```
mGeofenceList.add(new Geofence.Builder()  
    .setRequestId(myID)  
    .setCircularRegion(myLatitude, myLongitude, myRadius)  
    .setExpirationDuration(myExpirationInMilliseconds)  
    .setTransitionTypes(Geofence.GEOFENCE_TRANSITION_ENTER |  
        Geofence.GEOFENCE_TRANSITION_EXIT)  
    .build());
```

```
GeofencingRequest.Builder builder = new GeofencingRequest.Builder();  
builder.setInitialTrigger(GeofencingRequest.INITIAL_TRIGGER_ENTER);  
builder.addGeofences(mGeofenceList);  
builder.build();
```



# Geofencing: best practices

- ❖ Battery efficiency
  - Use a higher `setNotificationResponsiveness`
  - Use a larger radius
- ❖ Reduce number of alerts
  - Explore `GEOFENCE_TRANSITION_DWELL`
  - Set a reasonable loitering delay
- ❖ Geofences are destroyed when they expire
  - Re-register them only if needed