

Networks

Overview

- Permissions
- Retrofit
- GSON Converter Factory
- Display Web Hosted Images



Permissions

Permissions

- Permissions can be granted during installation or runtime, depending on protection level.
- Each permission has a protection level: normal, signature, or dangerous.
- For permissions granted during runtime, prompt users to explicitly grant or deny access to your app.

Internet

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

Check Network State

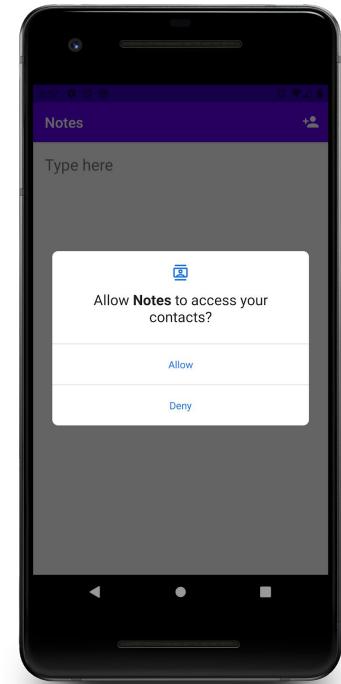
```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE"/>
```

Android Manifest

- Protect the privacy of an Android user
- Declare permissions with the `<uses-permission>` tag in the `AndroidManifest.xml`.

Permissions - Best Practices

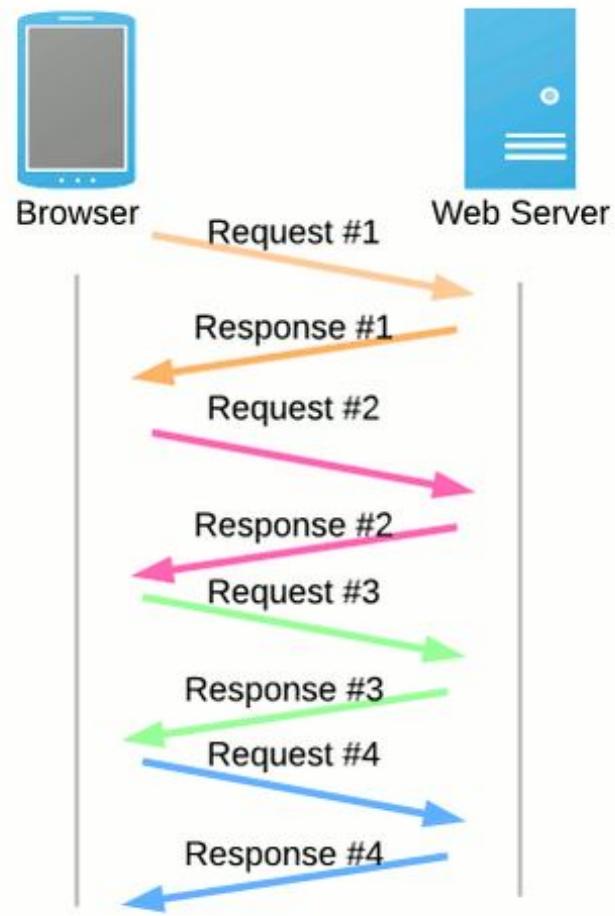
- Only use the permissions necessary for your app to work.
- Pay attention to permissions required by libraries.
- Be transparent.
- Make system accesses explicit.



Permissions - Protection Levels

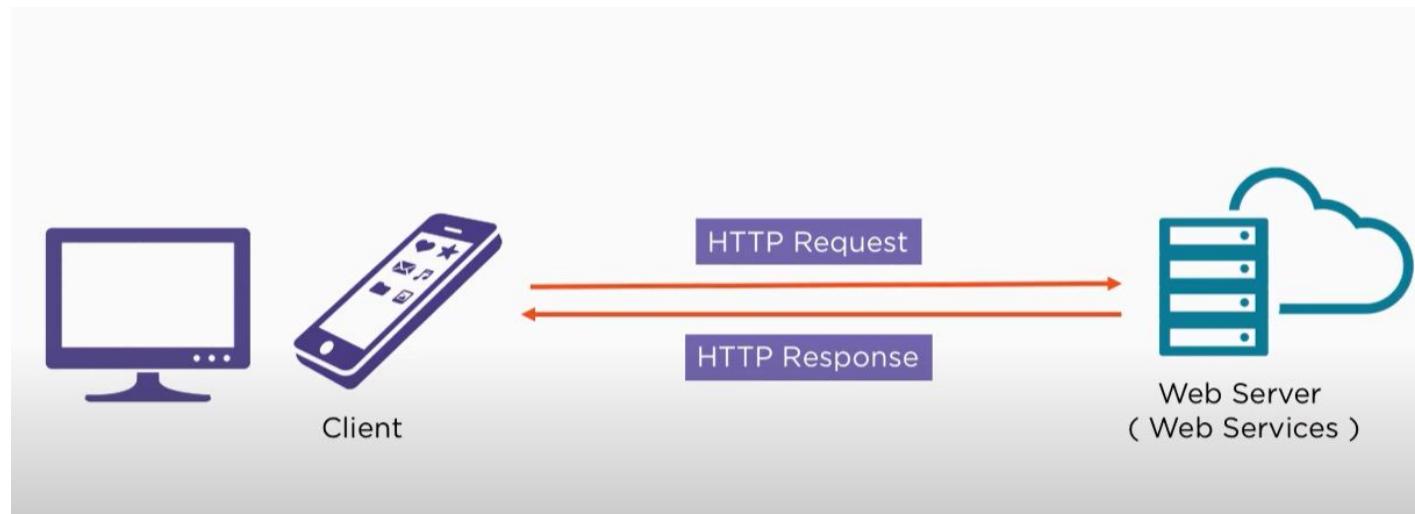
Protection Level	Granted when?	Must prompt before use?	Examples
Normal	Install time	No	ACCESS_WIFI_STATE, BLUETOOTH, VIBRATE, INTERNET
Signature	Install time	No	N/A
Dangerous	Runtime	Yes	GET_ACCOUNTS, CAMERA, CALL_PHONE

HTTP



How does HTTP work?

- Okhttp is a library that handles http at a much lower level
- Client makes an http request, while server sends an http response



HTTP Request Structure

Request Line: Method, URL, HTTP version

Request Headers: Meta Data

Request Body: (Optional) Send data to Server

Eg. JSON data for Student objects

```
{  
    "name" = "Joseph",  
    "age" = 17  
}
```

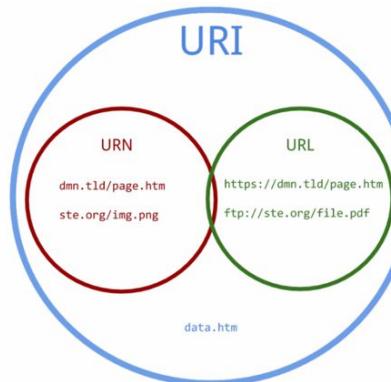
Request Line

Methods

- POST - add a resource
- GET - retrieve a resource
- PUT - replace a resource
- PATCH - update part of a resource
- DELETE - remove a resource

URI - point of connection to the API

- file://
- http:// and https://
- content://



Request Headers

- This is where you can specify the data format which information is packaged and transferred as

Request Body

- This is where you can specify the data you want to send to the server

Common HTTP Request Methods

HTTP verb	CRUD	Description
POST	Create	The POST method is used to submit an entity to the specified resource, often causing a change in state or side effects on the server.
GET	Read	The GET method requests a representation of the specified resource. Requests using GET should only retrieve data.
PUT	Update	The PUT method replaces all current representations of the target resource with the request payload.
DELETE	Delete	The DELETE method deletes the specified resource.

This allows for RESTful API services

Retrofit

What is Retrofit

- Type-safe HTTP client for Android and Java
- Networking library that turns your HTTP API into a Kotlin and Java interface
- Builds on industry standard libraries, like OkHttp, that provide:
 - HTTP/2 support
 - Connection pooling
 - Response caching and enhanced security
 - Frees the developer from the scaffolding setup needed to run a request

Why Retrofit

- Provides base support for parsing common response types, such as XML and JSON
- Abstracts away a lot of extra code
- Asynchronously runs in a background
- Can convert JSON into predefined Kotlin objects

Some other common alternatives include [HTTPURLConnection](#), [Volley](#), and more

Adding Dependencies for Retrofit

Add Internet permissions to Android Manifest

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

Add Retrofit and GSON libraries to app level gradle

```
Implementation 'com.squareup.retrofit2:retrofit:2.5.0'          // Retrofit
Implementation 'com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-gson:2.5.0'    // GSON
```

Alternative project-Gradle Dependencies for Moshi

```
implementation "com.squareup.retrofit2:retrofit:2.9.0"
implementation "com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-moshi:2.9.0"

implementation "com.squareup.moshi:moshi:$moshi_version"
implementation "com.squareup.moshi:moshi-kotlin:$moshi_version"
kapt "com.squareup.moshi:moshi-kotlin-codegen:$moshi_version"
```

Creating an Interface

Format

```
interface NameOfInterface{  
    @REQUESTMETHOD("api_endpoint")  
    fun FunctionThatDoesAPIRequest(): Call<returnType>  
}
```

Example

```
interface DestinationService {  
    @GET("destination")  
    fun getDestinationList(): Call<List<Destination>>  
}
```

Retrofit Object

```
val retrofit = Retrofit.Builder()
    .baseUrl("https://example.com/")      // Trailing slash is needed
    .addConverterFactory(GsonConverterFactory.create())
    .build()

val service = retrofit.create(DestinationService::class.java)
```

Example Interface

```
interface DestinationService {
    @GET("destination")
    fun getDestinationList(): Call<List<Destination>>
}
```

Use Retrofit to Make a Request

```
service.getDestinationList().enqueue(object : Callback<List<Destination>> {
    override fun onResponse(call: Call<List<Destination>>, response: Response<List<Destination>>) {
        Log.d("SERVER_CONNECTION_SUCCESS", response.toString())
    }

    override fun onFailure(call: Call<List<Destination>>, t: Throwable) {
        Log.d("SERVER_CONNECTION_ERROR", t.toString())
    }
})
```

In `onResponse`, you can access the data using `response.body`
This will give you a `List<Destination>`

More About Service Interfaces

Retrofit Service Example 1

```
interface SimpleService {  
  
    @GET("posts")  
    suspend fun listAll(): List<Post>  
  
    @GET("posts/{userId}")  
    suspend fun listByUser(@Path("userId") userId: String): List<Post>  
  
    @GET("posts/search") // becomes post/search?filter=query  
    suspend fun search(@Query("filter") search: String): List<Post>  
  
    @POST("posts/new")  
    suspend fun create(@Body post : Post): Post  
}
```

Retrofit Service Example 2

```
interface MyApiEndpointInterface {  
    // Request method and URL specified in the annotation  
    @GET("users/{username}")  
    fun getUser(@Path("username") username: String?): Call<User?>?  
  
    @GET("group/{id}/users")  
    fun groupList(@Path("id") groupId: Int, @Query("sort") sort: String?): Call<List<User?>?>?  
  
    @POST("users/new")  
    fun createUser(@Body user: User?): Call<User?>?  
}
```

Retrofit Service Example 3

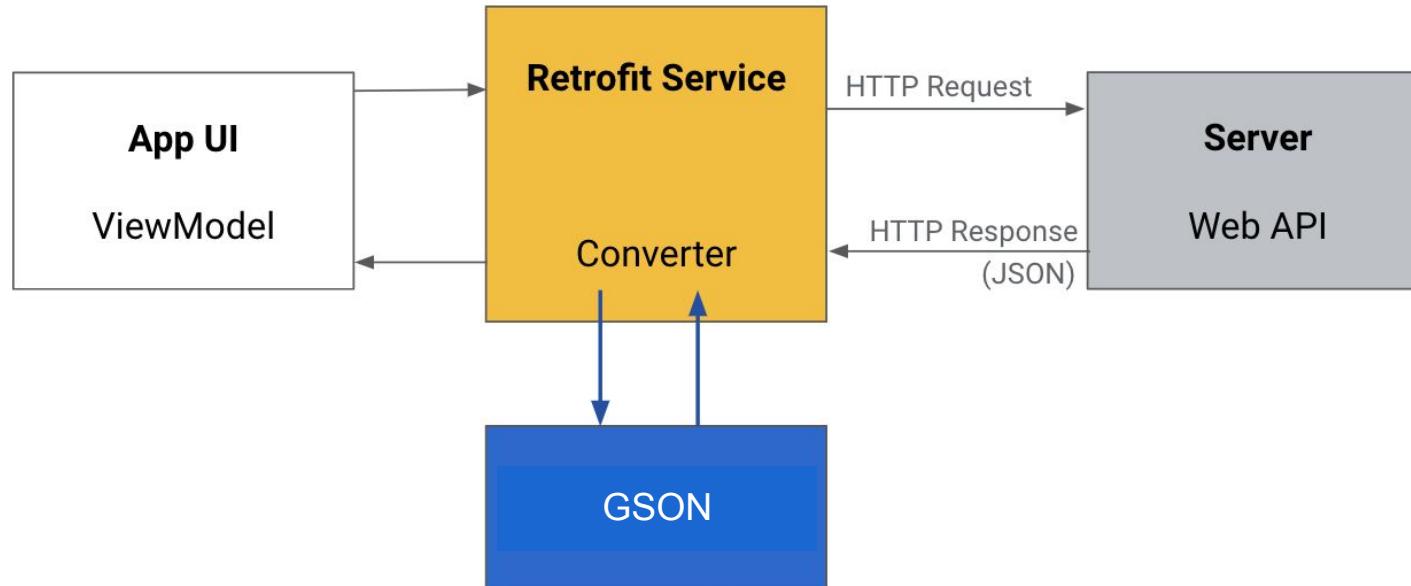
```
interface ShoppingService {  
    @GET("shopping/all")  
    fun getAll(): Call<List<Post>>  
  
    @POST("shopping")  
    fun create(@Body post: Post): Call<Message>  
  
    @Multipart  
    @POST("images/upload")  
    fun uploadImage(@Part image: MultipartBody.Part): Call<ImageUploadResponse>  
}
```

Retrofit Service Annotation

Annotation	Description
@Path	variable substitution for the API endpoint (i.e. username will be swapped for {username} in the URL endpoint).
@Query	specifies the query key name with the value of the annotated parameter.
@Body	payload for the POST call (serialized from a Java object to a JSON string)
@Header	specifies the header with the value of the annotated parameter

GSON Converter Factory

Our Retrofit Architecture Overview



Retrofit Class - Converter.Factory

Purpose

Helps convert from a response type into class objects

Example of Converters

- JSON (Gson or Moshi)
- XML (Jackson, SimpleXML, JAXB)
- Protocol buffers
- Scalars (primitives, boxed, and Strings)

JSON / Moshi

- JSON library for parsing JSON into objects and back
- Add Moshi library dependencies to your app's Gradle file.
- Configure your Moshi builder to use with Retrofit.



Moshi JSON encoding

Kotlin Class Definition

```
@JsonClass(generateAdapter = true)
data class Post (
    val title: String,
    val description: String,
    val url: String,
    val updated: String,
    val thumbnail: String,
    val closedCaptions: String?
)
```

JSON Sample

```
{
    "title": "Android Jetpack: EmojiCompat",
    "description": "Android Jetpack: EmojiCompat",
    "url": "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abcdefg",
    "updated": "2018-06-07T17:09:43+00:00",
    "thumbnail": "https://abcdefg.com/vihqdefault.jpg"
}
```

- Make sure member variables in the Kotlin class match the key's in the JSON object
- JSON objects are saved with comma separated “key”: value pairs

Set up Retrofit and GSON

```
// Trailing slash is needed
public static final String BASE_URL = "http://api.myservice.com/";
Retrofit retrofit = new Retrofit.Builder()
    .baseUrl(BASE_URL)
    .addConverterFactory(GsonConverterFactory.create())
    .build();
```

Display Images

Android Library - Glide

- Third-party image-loading library in Android
- Focused on performance for smoother scrolling
- Supports images, video stills, and animated GIFs

Add gradle dependencies

```
dependencies {  
    implementation 'com.github.bumptech.glide:glide:4.11.0'  
}
```

Using Glide to Display Images from the web

Simple

```
GlideApp.with(context)
    .load("http://via.placeholder.com/300.png")
    .into(myImageView);
```

Resizing images

```
GlideApp.with(context)
    .load("http://via.placeholder.com/300.png")
    .override(300, 200)
    .into(myImageView);
```

Placeholder and error images

```
GlideApp.with(context)
    .load("http://via.placeholder.com/300.png")
    .placeholder(R.drawable.placeholder)
    .error(R.drawable.imagenotfound)
    .into(myImageView);
```

Cropping images

```
GlideApp.with(context)
    .load("http://via.placeholder.com/300.png")
    .centerCrop()
    .into(myImageView);
```