Software Engineering Large Practical Feedback on Part 1 of the SELP

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The submissions for Part 1 of the SELP are necessarily incomplete. Some of them contained problems which obviously should be fixed before Part 2 is submitted. Nonetheless, these are pointed out below in case some of them were not thought to be problems which needed to be fixed.

Java problems

Some submitted projects had Java problems. These are often relatively easy to fix, and simply require knowledge of the Java language and its libraries. The fixes which need to be applied here are general ones which would be relevant for any Java application: there is nothing Android-specific about them.

Java: Unused variable errors



Java: static analysis errors

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30 errors, 24 warnings, 0 others											
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😘 The import java.io.File is never used	Course.java										
😡 The import java.net.URL is never used	Database.java										
😘 The import java.net.URLConnection is never used	Database.java										
😘 The import java.util.ArrayList is never used	Course.java										
😘 The import javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilder is never used	Course.java										
😘 The import javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilderFactory is never used	Course.java										
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Document is never used	Course.java										
😡 The import org.w3c.dom.Element is never used	Course.java										
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Node is never used	Course.java										
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.NodeList is never used	Course.java										
😪 The method getRequestParameters() from the type Main_table_view is never used locally	Main_table_view.java										
😘 The static method format(CharSequence, Date) from the type DateFormat should be accessed in a static way	Main_table_view.java										
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😘 The value of the field Database.courses_url is not used	Database.java										
😘 The value of the field Database.timetable_url is not used	Database.java										
🗞 The value of the field Database.venues_url is not used	Database.java										
😼 The value of the field Main_table_view.GridCellAdapter.weekdays is not used	Main_table_view.java										
he value of the local variable leadSpaces is not used	Main_table_view.java										
Solution The value of the local variable semester1End is not used	Database.java										

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Java: should use generic classes correctly, don't use raw types



Java: Type safety warnings on generic parameters

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0 errors, 16 warnings, 0 others	
Description	Resource
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😪 The import android.graphics.Color is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The import android.R.drawable is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The import android.view.ViewGroup is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The import android.view.ViewGroup.LayoutParams is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The import android.widget.AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The import android.widget.ListView is never used	CourseInfo.java
😘 The import android.widget.Toast is never used	BrowseCourses.java
😘 The value of the field ParserActivity.GetXMLTask.context is not used	ParserActivity.java
${igwedge}_{igwedge}$ The value of the local variable courseList is not used	CourseList.java
🗞 Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	BrowseCourses.java
${igwedge}_{igwedge}$ Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	CourseList.java
🗞 Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	Year1courses.java
${igwedge}_{igwedge}$ Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	Year2courses.java
🗞 Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	Year3courses.java
🔈 Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	Year4courses.java
${ m Q}_8$ Type safety: A generic array of ArrayList <course> is created for a varargs parameter</course>	Year5courses.java

Java: Suppressing warnings is not usually the right way to solve a problem, but don't suppress unnecessarily

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0 errors, 48 warnings, 0 others	
Description	Resource
Sa The import org.w3c.dom.Document is never used	MainActivity.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Element is never used	Course.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Element is never used	DatabaseHandler.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Element is never used	MainActivity.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.Node is never used	Course.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.NodeList is never used	Course.java
😘 The import org.w3c.dom.NodeList is never used	DatabaseHandler.java
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😘 The value of the field Database.venues_url is not used	Database.java
😘 The value of the field Main_table_view.GridCellAdapter.weekdays is not used	Main_table_view.java
😘 The value of the local variable leadSpaces is not used	Main_table_view.java
$\Im_{f B}$ The value of the local variable semester1End is not used	Database.java
😘 The value of the local variable semester1Start is not used	Database.java
${ m V}_{ m b}$ The value of the local variable semester2End is not used	Database.java
😘 The value of the local variable semester2Start is not used	Database.java
埦 Unnecessary @SuppressWarnings("deprecation")	Database.java
🖓 Unnecessary @SuppressWarnings("deprecation")	Main_table_view.java

Java: avoid deprecation, don't write legacy code

```
;);
dialog.show();
dialog.getWindow().setLayout(LayoutParams.FILL_PARENT, LayoutParams.FILL_PARENT);
} else
```

Java: "Static method should be accessed in a static way"—use the class name, not the object name

<pre>currentMonth = (Button) this.findViewById(R currentMonth.setText(dateFormatter.format(d))</pre>	.id.currentMonth); ateTemplate,calendar.getTime()));								
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Java: Exception handling—you should treat different cases differently

```
} catch (ParserConfigurationException e) {
   Log.e("Error: ", e.getMessage(), e);
   return null;
} catch (SAXException e) {
   Log.e("Error: ", e.getMessage(), e);
   return null;
} catch (IOException e) {
   Log.e("Error: ", e.getMessage(), e);
   return null;
}
```

The practical asks you to include logging in your app. Logging has many purposes, including debugging, and giving information messages and error messages. The value which is brought by logging depends on how useful the text string supplied is, and whether it can be traced back to the class which generated it.

Logging: had logging, took it out when the code was working



Logging: Commenting out the debug statements

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	60: Log.d(tag, "+++++>" + extras.getString("params"));										
	=> 16	56: Log.d(tag, "M	onth: " + month	+ " " + "Year	: " + year);						
	=> 25	51: Log.d(tag, "N	EXT MONTH:= " ·	+ months[ne	xtMonth]);						
	=> 26	55: // <mark>Log.</mark> d(tag, "	getView"+list));							
	=> 27	70: // <mark>Log.</mark> d(tag, "	Starting XML Rov	w Inflation	");						
	=> 27	74: // <mark>Log.</mark> d(tag, "	Successfully con	pleted XML	Row Inflation!");					
	=> 28	36: // Log.d(tag, "	Current Day: " +	currentDay	OfMonth);						
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	V J Co	ourseSelectionMa	nager.java (2 ma	itches)							
	=>	49: Log.e(TAG,	'Could not load J	SON array");							
	- - -	61: Log.d(TAG,	"Serialized JSON	result: " + re	sult);						
	V J Da	atabaseManager.	java (5 matches)	6 1 B							
	=>	94: Log.I(TAG, "	Data loaded from	n files");							
	⇒	97: Log.e(TAG,	Could not load o	data from file	es", e);						
	=>	112: Log.i(TAG,	"Database popu	lated");							
	⇒ 129: Log. (TAG, "Data loaded from network");										
_	⇒ • ⊡ c	IST: Log.e(TAG	, "Failed to parse	data", e);							
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Logging: Not enough logging



Logging: Use TAG to identify the class which is logging



Logging: making progress



Logging: Good style



Android projects must be structured correctly to allow them to be compiled by Eclipse.

- Java files have their place (in src).
- XML files have their place (in res/layout).
- Image files have their place (in res/drawable).

Drag-and-drop errors which move files into the wrong location can prevent your project from compiling at all.

Structure: add libraries to your project



Structure: courses.xml in the wrong place; this shouldn't be in res/drawable



Android Lint

Eclipse provides a service to debug the non-Java part of an Android project, called Android Lint.

Android Lint looks for problems and bad style in XML parts of the project, and lack of integration with the Java part. Issues checked include:

- Performance,
- Correctness,
- Usability,
- Security,
- Internationalisation, and others.

Lint: security warnings



Lint: Error; missing method handler

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🕨 🍡 [I18N]	Hardcoded s	tring "Find course	e", should us	e @string res	ource (6 iten	ns)	Internationalization	activity_database_handler.xml:19 in			
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🕨 💧 Possib	e overdraw:	Root element pai	nts backgro	und @drawabl	le/bg with a	thei	Performance	activity_database_handler.xml:6 in la			
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Lint: a few minor problems



Lint: "The resource appears to be unused"

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0 errors, 48 warnings		
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A Not targeting the latest versions of Android; compatibility modes apply. Const.	si Correctness	AndroidManifest.xml:7 (SELP)
Ma [118N] Hardcoded string "Course Information", should use @string resource (1 Internationalization	activity_course_info.xml:28 in layou
Missing the following drawables in drawable-mdpi: blue.xml, charback.xml,	Usability:Icons	SELP
A Possible overdraw: Root element paints background #535250 with a theme the second	h Performance	activity_years.xml:6 in layout (SELP)
The resource R.drawable.blue appears to be unused (18 items)	Performance	blue.xml in drawable-hdpi (SELP)
The resource R.menu.browse_test appears to be unused	Performance	browse_test.xml in menu (SELP)
A The resource R.raw.button_click appears to be unused	Performance	button_click.mp3 in raw (SELP)
The resource R.menu.comp_logic appears to be unused	Performance	comp_logic.xml in menu (SELP)
A The resource R.menu.course_list appears to be unused	Performance	course_list.xml in menu (SELP)
The resource R.dimen.activity_horizontal_margin appears to be unused	Performance	dimens.xml:4 in values (SELP)
A The resource R.dimen.activity_vertical_margin appears to be unused	Performance	dimens.xml:5 in values (SELP)
The resource R.drawable.ic_launcher_orange appears to be unused	Performance	ic_launcher_orange.png in drawable
The resource R.drawable.list_select_item appears to be unused	Performance	list_select_item.xml in drawable-hd
A The resource R.color.orange appears to be unused	Performance	strings.xml:8 in values (SELP)
The resource R.string.title_activity_main appears to be unused	Performance	strings.xml:22 in values (SELP)
A The resource R.string.hello_world appears to be unused	Performance	strings.xml:28 in values (SELP)
A The resource R.menu.yearloptions appears to be unused	Performance	yearloptions.xml in menu (SELP)

Lint: Accessibility warnings: missing contentDescription

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1 errors, 59 warnings		
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Scorresponding method handler 'public void removeCourse(android.view.View)' not found	Correctness	activity_us
Consider making the text value selectable by specifying android:textIsSelectable="true" (11 items)	Usability	activity_co
A Not targeting the latest versions of Android; compatibility modes apply. Consider testing and updating	Correctness	AndroidMa
🕨 🕭 The <activity> com.elbatemitfni.inftimetable.DatabaseHandler is not registered in the manifest (4 item</activity>	Correctness	DatabaseH
A To get local formatting use getDateInstance(), getDateTimeInstance(), or getTimeInstance(), or use new	Correctness	Database.j
A Found bitmap drawable res/drawable/add_journal_icon.png in densityless folder (13 items)	Usability:Icons	add_journa
[118N] Hardcoded string "Find course", should use @string resource (6 items)	Internationalization	activity_da
A Should use "sp" instead of "dp" for text sizes	Correctness	activity_us
😘 Use a layout_width of Odip instead of wrap_content for better performance	Performance	activity_ma
🕨 🕭 Possible overdraw: Root element paints background @drawable/bg with a theme that also paints a bac	Performance	activity_da
The resource R.drawable.add_journal_icon appears to be unused (10 items)	Performance	add_journa
A The resource R.drawable.blue_bg_without_text appears to be unused	Performance	blue_bg_w
The resource R.drawable.btn_toggle_off appears to be unused	Performance	btn_toggle
The resource R.menu.database_handler appears to be unused	Performance	database_H
A The resource R.drawable.ic_action_settings appears to be unused	Performance	ic_action_s
A The resource R.drawable.ic_more_info appears to be unused	Performance	ic_more_in
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A The resource R.menu.main_table_view appears to be unused	Performance	main_table
A The resource R.drawable.right_arrow appears to be unused	Performance	right_arrov
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Lint: "Consider making the text value selectable"

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💧 Con	sider making	g the text value s	electable by	specifying an	droid:textIsSe	lectable="tru	ie"	Usabilit	y	timetable_i
💧 Con	sider making	g the text value s	electable by	specifying an	droid:textIsSe	lectable="tru	ie"	Usabilit	y	timetable_i
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Lint: I18N (Internationalisation)—hardcoded strings

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	💧 The	resource R.s	tring.title_activit	y_personal_	timetables a	ppears to be u	nused		Performan	nce	strings.xm
	💧 The	resource R.s	tring.title_activit	y_whole_tim	etable appea	rs to be unuse	d		Performar	nce	strings.xm
	💧 The	resource R.s	tring.title_activit	y_browse_co	urses appear	s to be unused	ł		Performan	nce	strings.xm
	💧 The	resource R.s	tring.title_activit	y_help appe	ars to be unu	sed			Performar	nce	strings.xm
	💧 Mislead	ling file exte	nsion; named .pr	ng but the fi	e format is JF	PEG			Usability:	cons	backgroun
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Lint: "Invalid package reference"; some Java packages will not work with Android

