CSc 317 Service

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Services

- A Service is an android API component that can be used for doing long-running background tasks
- Continues to run in background, even if user changes application
- Three types:
 - Foreground
 - Background
 - Bound

Recall: Four Main Building blocks of apps

- <u>Activities</u> The entry point for interacting with the user. It represents a single screen with a user interface.
- <u>Services</u> A general-purpose entry point for keeping an app running in the background for all kinds of reasons. For instance, a download or music.
- Broadcast Receivers A component that enables the system to deliver events to the app outside of a regular user flow, allowing the app to respond to system-wide broadcast announcements.
- Content providers Manages a shared set of app data.



Implement the ImageFetcher

- Download the starter code
- Four ImageViews
- Download and display a new image every second
- Alternate updating the image between the four ImageViews
- Finish implementing the TODOs





ImageFetcher

- An Intent service that would download images at an interval, and would send a message with the bitmap
- Does it continue to run in background?

