AUTOMOTIVE AOSP APP FRAMEWORK STANDARDIZATION EXPERT GROUP

COVESA AMM Update September 25th , 2024



ANTITRUST NOTE

Before we begin, we would like to make clear that COVESA is committed to compliance with the antitrust laws in all of its activities, and that it expects all participants to similarly comply with the antitrust laws. We will not engage in--and members must refrain from--any discussion of, or understandings regarding competitively sensitive topics. If you have any doubts regarding whether a matter is appropriate for discussion, please consult with your antitrust counsel.



CO-CHAIRS STANDARDIZATION EXPERT GROUP



Richard Fernandes

Connectivity Standards Engineer





Melina Mascolo Product Owner 3rd Party Apps





Gabriel Gautron
Innovation Project Manager

FORVIA Inspiring mobility

TECHNICAL EXPERTS



Maximilian Galanis





José Freitas





WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE AUTOMOTIVE APP ECOSYSTEM?



WHITELABEL APP STORES ARE ALL AROUND AUTOMOTIVE. ... AND AROUND DROIDCON.. ;)





WITH AN AOSP-BASED APP STORE, OEMS SUPPORT A RELEVANT 3RD PARTY ECOSYSTEM TO EMERGE.





Platform ecosystems **need to attract and coordinate two different target groups** – app developers and OEM customers. The OEMs need to start focusing on the **App Providers as an important customer** group in order to grow their content portfolio.



Develop app once, deploy to many OEMs via an App Store.# No need for OEM specific development work.



GOALS AUTOMOTIVE AOSP APP FRAMEWORK STANDARDIZATION.



1 Enabling innovation and rich experiences.

2 Frictionless onboarding and testing for app developers.

3 Building a Cross-OEM App Ecosystem.

3 Avoid fragmentation.





WHAT ARE WE DOING WITHIN COVESA?







G faurecia aptoide







ONGOING WORK STREAMS.



WORKING MODE OF THE EXPERT GROUP.



FIRST SUCCESS STORIES.

Release of the COVESA-AOSP SDK 1.0



Alignment on UnifiedPush as Open Source solution for Push Notifications



Definition of requirements and specification of UnifiedPush extension



Zoom as first 3rd Party App Provider to support UnifiedPush



Secured funding to start reference implementation and specs for UnifiedPush solution

ON GOING WORK STREAMS IN THE EXPERT GROUP.

PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Agreeing upon a common service/protocol of how 3rd Parties can provide push notifications in AOSP. **Deliverables**: Push server reference implementation, Distributor App, Client Lib, Documentation

ENTERTAINMENT

Reducing access barriers for content providers by standardizing the technical implementation in the car (e.g. geolocalization) **Deliverable**: **Deliverable**: Client SDK, Documentation

COVESA SDK

Collection of all "COVESA libraries" allowing 3rd party apps to access automotive features in a way that is agnostic of manufacturer and model. Available in Open Source Repo, (soon) open for contributions.

Deliverable: Open source code, Build on Maven

ON GOING WORK STREAMS IN THE EXPERT GROUP.

Projects started

- Push notifications
- Covesa SDK / ambiant lights
- Entertainment
- In-vehicle Camera API access

Official candidates

Emulators

Proposals

- App host
- Documenting fragmentation

PARTICIPATION TO INDUSTRY EVENTS

Droidcon (Berlin) on July 4th



CC Mona Levacher et 89 autres personnes

```
2 commentaires • 4 republications
```

IBC24 (Amsterdam) on Sept 2024

Workshop Objectives

Connect leading car OEMs with Content Providers

Discuss the role of the car as the next platform of entertainment

Identify ways to remove friction to accelerate content adaptation in the car

Freely exchange views on the main use cases and onboarding bottlenecks between Content Partners and car OEMs

Attendees

Multiple leading global and local content providers

COVESA Car OEM members and nonmembers

🔅 General Information

Friday, September 13th, 2024 (onsite + remote)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm CET

Meeting Room G107 at RAI Amsterdam On top of the main/central halls (Hall 2)

Online: The link to be sent prior the event

Beach Party: 5:00 pm CET after the workshop (Drinks & Snacks) → Details to be shared





PUSH NOTIFICATION



PROBLEM STATEMENT – PUSH NOTIFICATIONS.



"A push notification (also known as a *server push notification*) is the delivery of information to a computing device from an application server where the request for the transaction is initiated by the server rather than by an explicit request from the client" [1]

Common use-cases:

- Delivery of messages
- Incoming VoIP calls
- Live updates in a running app (e.g., update list of upcoming meetings)

Problem

- Apps get killed by the system and cannot rely on being able to communicate with their backend
- There exists no standardized push notification service for AOSP/AAOS



THE ARCHITECTURE OF A PUSH NOTIFICATION SERVICE.

- A push notification service (PNS) generally consists of four parts
- Notifications are triggered by an HTTP POST request to the respective push-server
- The exact type of the connection between the distributor and the push server varies
- The mechanism used by the distributor to talk to the application depends on the platform



PUSH NOTIFICATIONS – UNIFIED PUSH

- From previous analysis performed independently by different parties UnifiedPush is the most promising solution:
 - Provides a specification
 - Apache 2.0 licensed, same as AOSP
- However, it lacks some important features:
 - **No support** for message receipts
 - No support for time-to-live
 - No support for urgency
 - **No support** for collapsible messages
 - No support for VAPID



OVERVIEW: HOW WE ARE EXTENDING UNIFIED PUSH





- Taken care of:
 - Libraries and the Example App
 - Specification for push server and distributor
 - Reference implementation

***** TODO OEMs:

- Provide a distributor app in the car / Host the reference implementation
- **TODO 3**rd parties:
 - Implement UnifiedPush support in their app and their application backend



OVERVIEW: CURRENT STATUS

- Unified Push Notification Project Time Plan:
- 1. UnifiedPush Specification:
 - a. Implementation: September 2nd, 2024 September 20th, 2024
 - b. Review Period: September 20th October 4th
- 2. UnifiedPush Connector & UnifiedPush Example App:
 - a. Implementation: September 23rd, 2024 October 25th, 2024
 - b. Review Period: November 8th, 2024 November 22nd, 2024
- 3. Reference Implementation:
 - a. Implementation: October 28th, 2024 December 20th, 2024
 - b. Review Period: December 23rd, 2024 January 17th, 2025







ENTERTAINMENT



COVESA Entertainment Working Group Goal

Reducing access barriers for content providers by standardizing the technical implementation in the car.



What can we impact within COVESA?

Reduce entry barriers to explore with in-vehicle video streaming.



ENTERTAINMENT WORKING GROUP SCOPE

1. DRM

- Challenge: closing the gap between GAS Systems with Widevine DRM L1 vs. non-GAS
- Solution: defining the minimal requirements and standardizing the certification process

2. GEOLOCATION

- Challenge: using IP for geo-blocking streaming content is not feasible when using a local IP hub
 - Solution: standardize non-IP-based location sharing following privacy laws

3. CERTIFICATION

- Challenge: clustered and undefined process per car brand
- Solution:
 - 1. Introducing a standardized way to certify entertainment apps for automotive
 - 2. introducing readiness on non-GAS systems (streaming technologies, codecs, frame rates, ...)

4. ANALYTICS

- Challenge: lack of device & app monitoring capabilities
- Solution:
 - 1. standardization of streaming analytics data and reporting formats to easily track
 - 2. standardization of the quality of experience across all automotive platforms (average bitrate, error rate, ...)

5. TECHNOLOGY

- Challenge: automotive hardware not seen as a relevant content distribution platform
- Solution:
 - 1. defining the minimum requirements on hardware performance and software testing & specs
 - 2. defining the requirements to become attractive for global streaming providers
 - 3. Multi-screen behaviour & the right aspect ratio & sidepanel reusage for wider display (gradient/ambient)

Selected topic

prime video Video Services Roku App stores Ó androidty firety Platforms/ Aggregators fire Gaming Streaming Stick Set-Top-Box Hardware Console, PC, Smartphone/Tablet (bespoke) others













The Car as a New **Entertainment Platform**

Connect With Top Content Partners And Car OEMs!















Workshop Stats

First workshop between Content Providers and OEMs to discuss In-Car Entertainment

- 2h workshop during IBC Amsterdam
- 60 signups
- 2 x presentation from Content Providers:
 - YouTube presentation on content distribution across vehicle platforms and YouTube's technology outlook
 - **BBC** on distribution and usage in terrestrials
- Discussion panel between 3SS, BMW, Mercedes, BBC, Faurecia and CARIAD on in-car entertainment







Global Streamer: YouTube insights



- More board adoption of AV1 (faster video startup, fewer rebuffers, higher quality while using less bandwidth)
- Supporting new technologies for spatial audio such as IAMF (Immersive Audio Model and Formats)
- Reducing implementation fragmentation by providing common solutions mainly for Android based infotainment systems.



Public Broadcaster: BBC insights



BBC's plans for cars through 2026



- Needs to work closer with OEM on improving content discovery and convenience
- Radio / Audio experience remains super important
- Integrating new use cases via native AAOS apps



Outcome: More cooperation between OEMs and Content Partners to leverage vehicle platform and to create new value for our customers



We need more OEMs joining the COVESA Entertainment Group to convince Content Partners to join us!





Building Car App 2.0, together!

Use Case #1 : Contextualized Recommendations

Situation:

- Vehicles are moving sensors
- People use cars to solve a task

Solution:

- Use vehicle data to trigger and contextualize the app content
- App content is adjusted to the right situation

Outcome:

- A new type of personalization
- The new data point for App Developers to create new automotive content

Example data points \rightarrow Route information, ETA, driving state





Building Car App 2.0, together!

Use Case #2 : Vehicle APIs

Situation:

• Many features are not known in the car

Solution:

- Use specific scenarios to guide customers to explore what's available in the car
- Use Notifications for App Activation

Outcome:

- Car as a smart companion
- Crafting valuable services for customers that ease their life

Example data points \rightarrow EV charge state, remaining charging time





What's next?



- Define the short-term objective for the COVESA Entertainment Working Group
 - 3SS proposal from last work stream meetings -> Geolocation
- Involve more Content Partners in COVESA Entertainment Working Group
- Create a dedicated COVESA session between Car Makers and Content Providers during CES 2025 -> to be confirmed



How to join?

COVESA Bi-weekly / Monthly Sync

- When?
 - Thursday 11:00 am ET
- Write us message or go to <u>COVESA</u> <u>Common Calendar</u> to add it to your calendar



CES 2025

- Preparing another meeting between
 Content Providers & Carmakers
 - To be confirmed







Contact Us





Felix Walter Head of Automotive felix.walter@3ss.tv Tomasz Dzikowski Product Manager tomasz.dzikowski@3ss.tv



Robert Glas Director Technology

robert.glas@3ss.tv





COVESA SDK PROOF OF CONCEPT



WHAT IT IS

- ...

- A single Android SDK that integrates the standardization work developed by the Covesa AOSP group
 - Soon : Push notification client
 - Ambiant light feature

- The SDK will be made available on Maven
- Github page: <u>https://github.com/COVESA/covesa-aosp-sdk</u>



RESOURCES

- Group wiki on covesa wiki: <u>link</u>
- Covesa github: <u>link</u>
 - Project to create an AOSP group repository with documentation and specifications
- SDK github: <u>link</u>









POC – LIGHTS SERVICE

Third-party client apps can:

- Set lights state
 - Zone (driver, passenger, front, rear, all, etc)
 - Color
 - Brightness
- Get updates about lights statuses
- Get version of the installed lights service





FOR APP DEVELOPERS

- Client Library
 - AIDL definition
 - .aar
 - Soon to be in Maven
- Samples
- Code
- Documentation
- Ambient light service implementation
- Mock version of services
 - APK
 - Runs on any emulator

COVESA SDK Client sample

This first version of the COVESA SDK client sample shows how to use the COVESA Lights Service to update the values of internal lights and receive and updated state of all the lights.

Client SDK artifacts

The client SDK library is composed (at the moment) of two AAR files: aidl-debug.aar and client-debug.aar

These need to be added as dependencies for third-party applications. Please refer to the samples/client module for an example of setup.

Services Catalog API

The main API entry point is global.covesa.sdk.api.client.ServicesCatalog. It is the service that informs a client at runtime about the other installed COVESA services.

It can be created with a Context constructor parameter and it exposes the following:

- getInstalledServices() returns a list of String, each one representing the action needed to connect to a supported COVESA Service via Intent.
- getServiceApiVersion() returns a nullable Int specifying the API level exposed by the service or null if the service is not installed

Lights Client API

LightsService

The main API entry point is global.covesa.sdk.api.client.LightsService. It can be created with a Context constructor parameter and it exposes the following:

- LightsStates : it's a kotlin flow of LightState. Clients should collect from this flow to get reactive updates about the current state of all the lights.
- getServiceApiVersion() returns a nullable Int specifying the API level exposed by the service or null if the service is not installed
- setInternalLight(lightState: LightState) which should be used to update the value of a specific zone lighting.

Due to the remote client-service communication at the base of the SDK, all methods are suspend and for that reason should be invoked from a <u>CoroutineScope</u>.

LightState





AIDL



interface ICovesaLightsRemoteService {

const int API_VERSION = 1;

int getApiVersion();

}

void setInternalLight(in LightState state);

void registerLightsStateListener(in ILightsStateListener listener);

void unregisterLightsStateListener(in ILightsStateListener listener);



CLIENT API

```
private var serviceConnection: ServiceConnection? = null
try {
    check(serviceConnection == null) { "service is already connected" }
    Log.i(TAG, "connecting to remote service")
    serviceConnection = object : ServiceConnection {
        override fun onServiceConnected(name: ComponentName, service: IBinder) {
            trySend(interfaceFromBinder(service))
        3
        override fun onServiceDisconnected(name: ComponentName) {
            cancel("connection to service lost")
        3
        override fun onNullBinding(name: ComponentName?) {
           Log.i(TAG, "received null binding from remote service")
           cancel(
                "connection to remote service failed",
                NullPointerException("received null binding from remote service")
                                                                        val listener = object : ILightsStateListener.Stub() {
        override fun onBindingDied(name: ComponentName?) {
                                                                           override fun onLightsStateUpdate(states: MutableList<LightState>?) {
           Log.i(TAG, "connection died from remote service")
                                                                               if (states != null) {
            cancel("connection to remote service lost")
                                                                                    trySend(states)
        3
    val serviceBound = context.bindService(
        serviceIntent(),
                                                                        service.registerLightsStateListener(listener)
        serviceConnection!!,
        Context.BIND_AUT0_CREATE
                                                                        awaitClose {
                                                                            try {
    check(serviceBound) { "Service was not found" }
                                                                               service.unregisterLightsStateListener(listener)
} catch (e: SecurityException) {
                                                                           } catch (e: DeadObjectException) {
    cancel("connection to remote service failed", e)
                                                                               Log.w(TAG, "service died before unregistering lights listener")
    Log.w(TAG, "could not connect to remote service", e)
    serviceConnection = null
} catch (e: IllegalStateException) {
    cancel("connection to remote service failed", e)
    Log.w(TAG, e.message, e)
```

CLIENT API



class LightsServiceClient {

}

val lightsStates: Flow<List<LightState>>

suspend fun setInternalLight(lightState: LightState)

suspend fun getServiceApiVersion(): Int?



FOR CAR MANUFACTURERS

Samples

Code

.aar



Shared Library **COVESA SDK Server sample** This version of the COVESA SDK server sample shows how to implement the COVESA Lights Service to listen for lights update requests and AIDL definition Catalog Service to provide clients information about the installed services. Server SDK artifacts The server SDK library is composed (at the moment) of an AAR file: `aidl-debug.aar. These need to be added as dependencies for third-party applications. Please refer to the samples/client module for an example of setup. Soon to be in Maven Services Catalog This service needs to be exported and have an intent filter defined in its manifest with the action global.covesa.sdk.server.CovesaCatalogService.BIND.It's possible to find a sample implementation in global.covesa.sdk.server.CovesaCatalogService. The default implementation should list an action for each of the installed services among the known ones. The list of all the known COVESA services is defined in the AIDL file global.covesa.sdk.api.ICovesaCatalogRemoteService **Lights Service** This service needs to be exported and have an intent filter defined in its manifest with the action global.covesa.sdk.server.CovesaLightService.BIND . It's possible to find a sample implementation in global.covesa.sdk.server.CovesaLightService. The service must expose, in its binder, several methods defined in the AIDL: • registerLightsStateListener(...) / unregisterLightsStateListener(...) : these allow clients to register for updates about the state of all the available lights zones setInternalLight(lightState: LightState) : this allows clients to update the light state for a given zone The sample implementation correctly notifies the registered listeners every time a client invokes setInternalLight(...), and internally logs and shows a Toast which can be used by client applications developers to test their client implementation. A manufacturer implementing their version of the service should instead invoke the lower-level methods to interact with the hardware, where the sample

app invokes logReceivedState()



SERVICE SAMPLE

```
class CovesaLightService : Service() {
    private val lightsListeners = mutableListOf<ILightsStateListener>()
    private var currentLights = mutableMapOf<Int, LightState>()
    . . .
    private val binder = object : ICovesaLightsRemoteService.Stub() {
        override fun getApiVersion(): Int = ICovesaLightsRemoteService.API_VERSION
        override fun setInternalLight(lightState: LightState?) {
            // update internal state of lights
            // notify listeners
        }
        override fun registerLightsStateListener(listener: ILightsStateListener?) {
            // add a new listener
        }
        override fun unregisterLightsStateListener(listener: ILightsStateListener?) {
            // remove a listener
```





OPEN-SOURCE REPOSITORY



https://github.com/COVESA/covesa-aosp-sdk

covesa-aosp-sdk Public		☆ Edit Pins ▼ ③ Unwatch 5	i v v Fork 0 v ti Star 1 v	
🐉 main 👻 🐉 1 Branch 🚫 0 Tags	Q Go to file t	Add file 👻 <> Code 👻	About	
g danybony Update README.md	Update README.md 2911a4b · last week 🕥 6 Comm		No description, website, or topics provided.	
🖿 api	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	vith lights service and services catalog 2 months ago		
gradle-plugins	First PoC with lights service and services catalog 2 months First PoC with lights service and services catalog 2 months		40 Apache-2.0 license √ Activity 30 E Custom properties	
🖿 gradle				
amples	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago	2 months ago ☆ 1 star 2 months ago 5 watching 2 months ago % 0 forks 2 months ago Report repository	
🗋 .gitignore	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago		
	Create LICENSE	2 months ago		
README.md	Update README.md last week		Releases	
build.gradle.kts	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago	0 No releases published	
gradle.properties	First PoC with lights service and services catalog 2 months ag		Create a new release	
🗋 gradlew	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago	Packages	
🗋 gradlew.bat	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago	No packages published Publish your first package	
settings.gradle.kts	First PoC with lights service and services catalog	2 months ago	Our de la comme	
다 README 화 Apache-2.0 license		∅ :≡	paulboyes Paul J. Boyes	
STATUS INCUBATING			danybony Daniele Bonaldo	
COVESA AOSP SDK			Languages	
Objective of this SDK			• Kotlin 85.0% • AIDL 15.0%	
The main goal of this SDK is to provide a set automotive features in a way that is agnostic	of libraries which allow third-party applications	s to access some		



SDK components



JOIN US!

Contact us

- COVESA chair: melina.mascolo@bmw.de
- COVESA chair: gabriel.gautron@forvia.com
- COVESA chair: richard.fernandes@gm.com

Join our weekly call



General info



zoom



QUESTIONS

