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# Dependability Assessment of Mobile Computing Systems

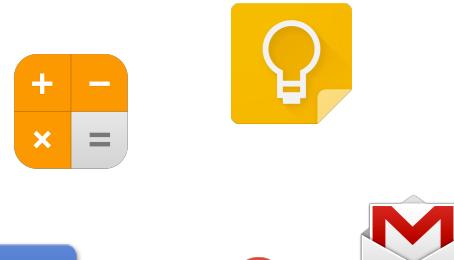
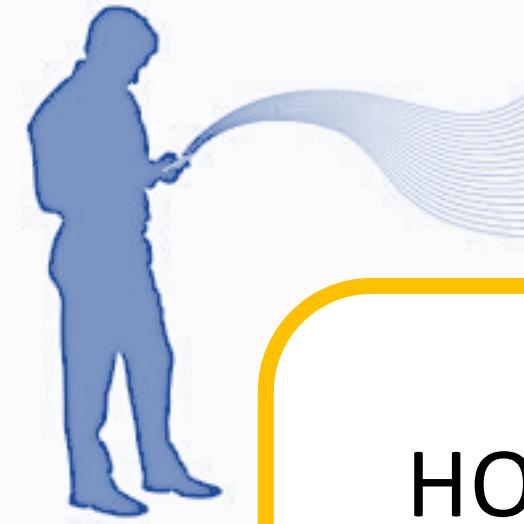
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# Background

- Master Science degree:
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- Type of Fellowship:
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- DIETI group:
  - MobiLab
- Cooperation:
  - Critware s.r.l.



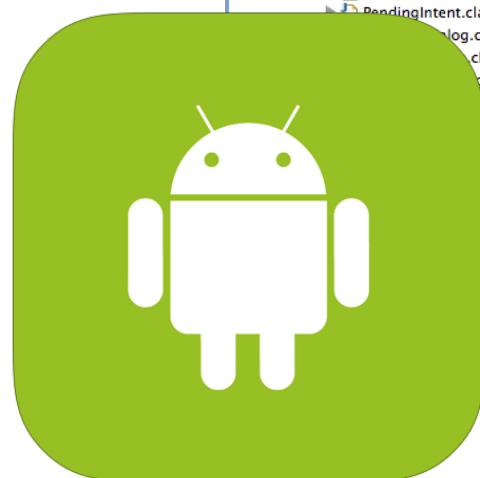
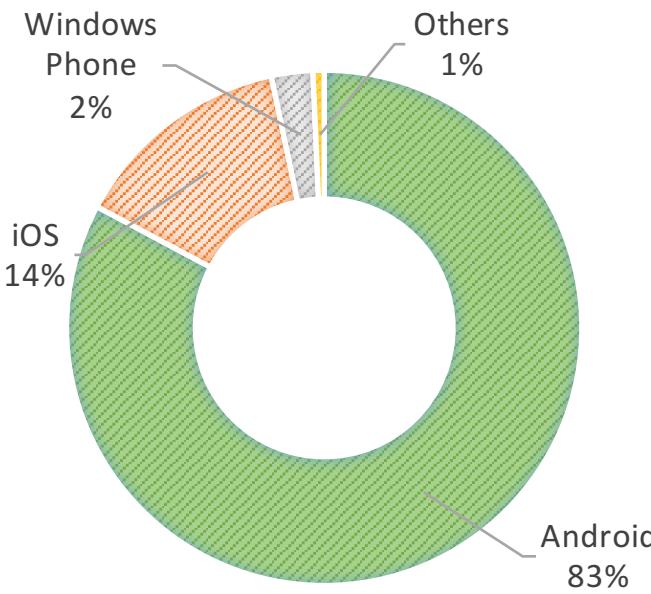
# Mobile devices and us



HOW CAN A MANUFACTURER  
ASSESS THE DEPENDABILITY OF  
ITS MOBILE DEVICES?



# Android



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The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. The left panel, 'Package Explorer', displays the project structure for 'com.example.notifications'. It includes the 'src' folder, 'gen [Generated Java Files]', and the 'Android 2.2' folder which contains the 'android.jar' file and various Java classes. The 'Activity.class' file is selected and highlighted in blue. The right panel, 'Activity.class', shows the source code for the 'Activity' class.

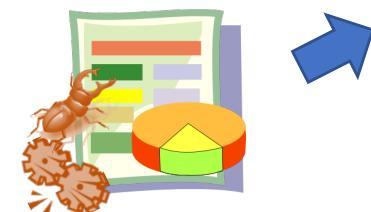
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# Android Fault Injection Testing

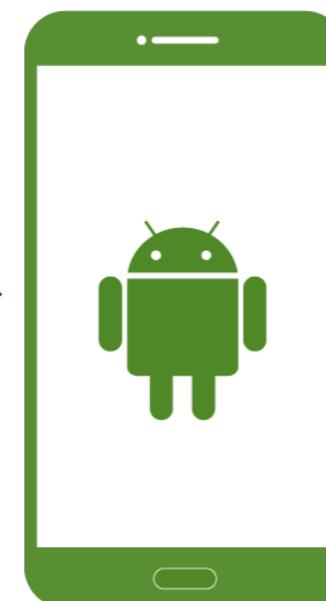
## Workload

- Application in use
- Active services
- User input to the device



## Faultload

- Library of actual hardware/software fault to emulate



## DEPENDABILITY ASSESSMENT

**PASS**

Android is tolerant to the fault in that context

**FAILED**

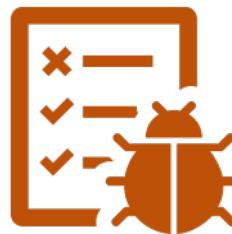
Android cannot handle the fault in that context

- Failure type (did the system or app fail? Crash or freeze?)
- Fault propagation (what are the weak components?)

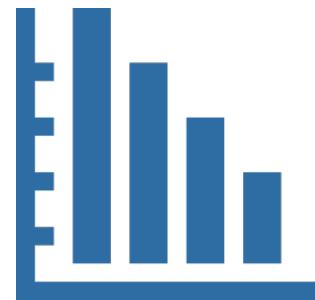
# Research Activity



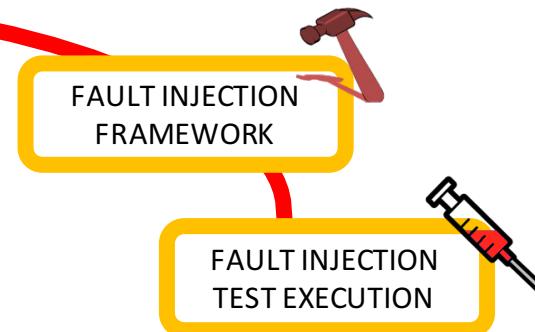
- Collect failure data from actual devices thanks to a monitoring app
- [AndroMoniT](#) campaign



- Collect failure data from publicly available bug repositories
- Semi-automated extraction of robustness bugs



- Fault Model for the faultload
- Workload and contextload information



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# Products – Conference Papers

- “**Improving Usability of Fault Injection**” – Cotroneo, D.; De Simone, L. ; Iannillo, A.K. ; Lanzaro, A. ; Natella, R.  
Published in: *Software Reliability Engineering Workshops (ISSREW), 2014 IEEE International Symposium on*  
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To be published in: *Software Reliability Engineering Workshops (ISSREW), 2014 IEEE International Symposium on*  
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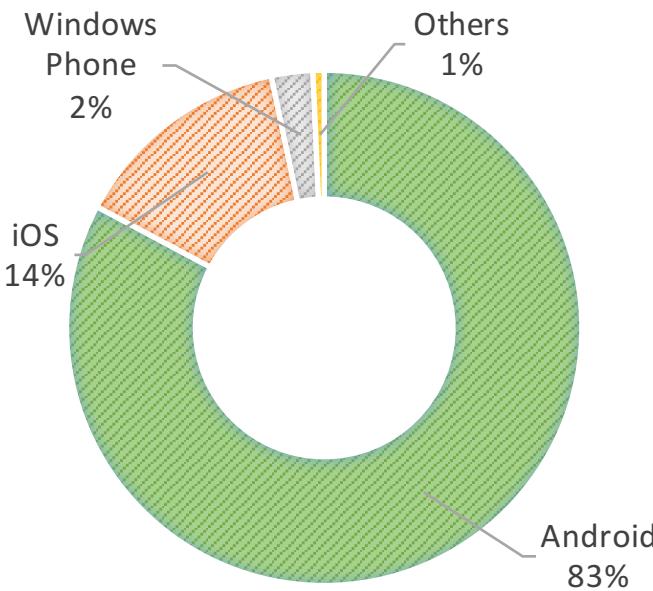
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# MONITORING ANDROID FAILURES



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DEPENDABILITY  
THREATS

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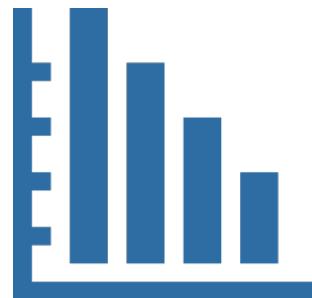
# Research Activity



- Failure Monitoring Tool
- Actual failures, with environment and configuration info
- [AndroMoniTo](#) campaign



- Extraction of robustness faults from bug reports
- The components affected by robustness bugs
- The failures caused by robustness bugs



- Fault Model
- Component Fault Distribution
- Workload condition
- Environment condition



# Dependability and its threats

- Dependability is the ability to deliver service that can be justifiably trusted
- Dependability is the ability of a system to avoid service failures
- The threats to dependability are:
  - Fault: something wrong in the software or hardware that activates an error (static);
  - Error: the deviation from the correct internal state (dynamic);
  - Failure: the manifestation of errors at the external interfaces (perceived by the user)

# Fault Injection Testing

- Deliberately inject faults into the software in order to understand how the system behaves in presence of faults
- Dependability assessment:
  - How dependable is the system?
  - How can we enhance fault-tolerant mechanisms?
- Need to inject representative faults