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In Android, RecyclerView is an advanced and flexible version of ListView and GridView. It is a container that is used to display large amounts of data sets that can be scrolled very efficiently by maintaining a limited number of views. RecyclerView was introduced in Material Design in API level 21 (Android 5.0 ie Lollipop). Material Design brings many new features in Android that changed a lot of the visual design patterns regarding the design of modern Android applications. This new widget is a great step to display data because GridView is one of the most commonly used UI widget. In RecyclerView android provides a lot of new features that are not present in existing ListView or GridView. XML code for basic recovery six files: `<?xml version=1.0 encoding=utf-8?><RelativeLayout xmlns:android= xmlns:tools= android:layout_width=match_parent android:layout_height=match_parent tools:context=abhiandroid.com.recyclerviewexample.MainActivity> <android.support.v7.widget.RecyclerView android:id=@+id/recyclerView android:layout_width=match_parent android:layout_height=match_parent></RelativeLayout>` Gradle Dependency to use RecyclerView: The RecyclerView widget is part of separate library valid for API 7 level or higher. Add the following dependency to the gradle build file to use the recycling robe. `dependencies { ... compile com.android.support.recyclerview-v7:23.2.3.4.0 } RecyclerView As GridView In Android: In this article we will discuss how to use a RecyclerView As GridView. For that we need to understand the layoutManager component of RecyclerView. Layout Manager is a very new concept introduced in RecyclerView to define the type of layout that RecyclerView needs. It contains the references for all views filled in by the data in the record. We can create a Custom Layout Manager by expanding RecyclerView.LayoutManager Class, but RecyclerView includes three types of built-in layout managers. 1. LinearLayoutManager: It is used to display vertical or horizontal list. To understand this, read RecyclerView as Listview 2. GridLayoutManager: It is used to display the items in the form of grids. 3. StaggeredGridLayoutManager: It is used to display the items in the offset grid. In this article, our primary focus is on GridLayoutManager because it is used to display data in the form of grids. By using this Layout Manager, we can easily create grid items. A common example of grid elements is our phone's gallery, where all the images are displayed in the form of grids. GridLayoutManager is used to display the data elements in grid format, and we can easily define the orientation of the items. In simple words, we can say that we use to display RecyclerView as a GridView. GridLayoutManager public constructors: Below we define Builder for GridLayoutManager to use to define the direction (vertical or horizontal) of RecyclerView. 1- GridLayoutManager: It is used to create a vertical grid layoutManager. In this constructor first parameter is used to set the current context and the second parameter is used to set the span number Of 2000 means the number of columns in the grid. Example: In the snippet below, we'll show you how to use this constructor in Android. With standard vertical orientation: // get reference to RecyclerView RecyclerView = (RecyclerView) findViewById(R.id.recyclerView); Specify a GridLayoutManager with default vertical orientation and 3 number of columns GridLayoutManager layoutManager = new GridLayoutManager(getApplicationContext(),3);`

