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The GNU Taler merchant POS (point of sale) terminal allows sellers to

- process customers' orders by adding or removing products
- calculate the amount owed by the customer
- let the customer make a Taler payment via QR code or NFC

ANDROID APP

Note: The Android app is currently optimized for tablet devices, not phones.

At first start, the Android app asks you for a configuration URL and a user name as well as a password for HTTP basic authentication.

At every start of the app, it uses the saved configuration data to fetch the current configuration (defined below) and populates the currency, the products and their categories.

The Tabled UI is separated into three columns:

- Right: Product categories that the user can select to show different products.
- Middle: Products available in the selected category and their prices.
- Left: The current order, the ordered products, their quantity and prices as well as the total amount.

At the bottom of the main UI there is a row of buttons:

- Restart: Clears the current order and turns into an Undo button which restores the order.
- -1/+1: Available when ordered items are selected and allows you to increment/decrement their quantity.
- Prev: Goes to the previous order (if available).
- Next: Goes to the next order or creates a new one if the current is not empty and there is no next.
- Complete: Finalize an order and prompt the customer to pay.

The top left corner features a hamburger icon. Clicking this opens a menu with these items:

- Orders: Show current open orders.
- History: Shows the payment history.
- Settings: Allows you to change the app configuration settings (URL and username/password) and to forget the password (for locking the app).

1.1 Testing nightly builds

Every change to the app's source code triggers an automatic build that gets published in a F-Droid repository. If you don't have it already, download the [F-Droid app](#) and then click the following link (on your phone) to add the nightly repository.

[GNU Taler Nightly F-Droid Repository](#)

Note: Nightly apps can be installed alongside official releases and thus are meant **only for testing purposes**. Use at your own risk!

While not recommended, APKs can also be [downloaded directly](#).

1.2 Building from source

Import in and build with Android Studio or run on the command line:

```
$ git clone https://git.taler.net/merchant-terminal-android.git
$ cd merchant-terminal-android
$ ./gradlew assembleRelease
```

If you do not have the proprietary Android SDK installed, see the [taler-developer-manual](#) for build instructions using free SDK rebuilds.

APIS AND DATA FORMATS

The GNU Taler merchant POS configuration is a single JSON file with the following structure.

```
interface MerchantConfiguration {
    // Configuration for how to connect to the backend instance.
    config: BackendConfiguration;

    // The available product categories
    categories: MerchantCategory[];

    // Products offered by the merchant (similar to Product).
    products: MerchantProduct[];

    // Map from labels to locations
    locations: { [label: string]: [location: Location], ... };
}
```

The elements of the JSON file are defined as follows:

```
interface BackendConfiguration {
    // The URL to the Taler Merchant Backend
    base_url: string;

    // The name of backend instance to be used (see Backend Options )
    instance: string;

    // The API key used for authentication
    api_key: string;
}
```

```
interface MerchantCategory {
    // A unique numeric ID of the category
    id: number;

    // The name of the category. This will be shown to users and used in the_
    ↪order summary.
    name: string;

    // Map from IETF BCP 47 language tags to localized names
    name_i18n?: { [lang_tag: string]: string };
}
```

```
interface MerchantProduct {
    // A merchant-internal unique identifier for the product
```

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```
product_id?: string;  
  
// Human-readable product description  
// that will be shown to the user and used in contract terms  
description: string;  
  
// Map from IETF BCP 47 language tags to localized descriptions  
description_i18n?: { [lang_tag: string]: string };  
  
// The price of the product  
price: Amount;  
  
// An optional base64-encoded product image  
image?: ImageDataUrl;  
  
// A list of category IDs this product belongs to.  
// Typically, a product only belongs to one category, but more than one is_  
→supported.  
categories: number[];  
  
// Where to deliver this product. This may be an URL for online delivery  
// (i.e. 'http://example.com/download' or 'mailto:customer@example.com'),  
// or a location label defined inside the configuration's 'locations'.  
delivery_location: string;  
}
```

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