



## Android User Interface (UI) (Cont.)

The name of an XML element for a view is respective to the Android class it represents. So a `TextView` element creates a [TextView](#) widget in your UI, and a `LinearLayout` element creates a [LinearLayout](#) view group. For example, a simple vertical layout with a text view and a button looks like this:

```
01 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
02 <LinearLayout
03     xmlns:android          = "http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
04     android:layout_width   = "fill_parent"
05     android:layout_height  = "fill_parent"
06     android:orientation   = "vertical" >
07     <TextView
08         android:id          = "@+id/text"
09         android:layout_width = "wrap_content"
10         android:layout_height = "wrap_content"
11         android:text        = "I am a TextView" />
12     <Button
13         android:id          = "@+id/button"
14         android:layout_width = "wrap_content"
15         android:layout_height = "wrap_content"
16         android:text        = "I am a Button" />
17 </LinearLayout>
```



When you load a layout resource in your app, Android initializes each node of the layout into a runtime object you can use to define additional behaviors, query the object state, or modify the layout. For a complete guide to creating a UI layout, see [XML Layouts](#).

### User Interface Components

You don't have to build all of your UI using [View](#) and [ViewGroup](#) objects. Android provides several app components that offer a standard UI layout for which you simply need to define the content. These UI components each have a unique set of APIs that are described in their respective documents, such as [Adding the App Bar](#), [Dialogs](#), and [Status Notifications](#).

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