

Advanced Programming 2

Recitation 12 – Android Part I

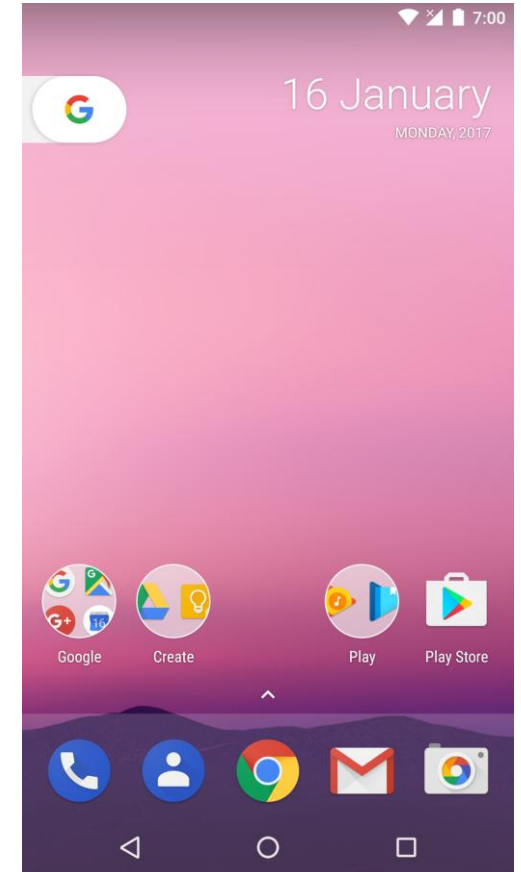
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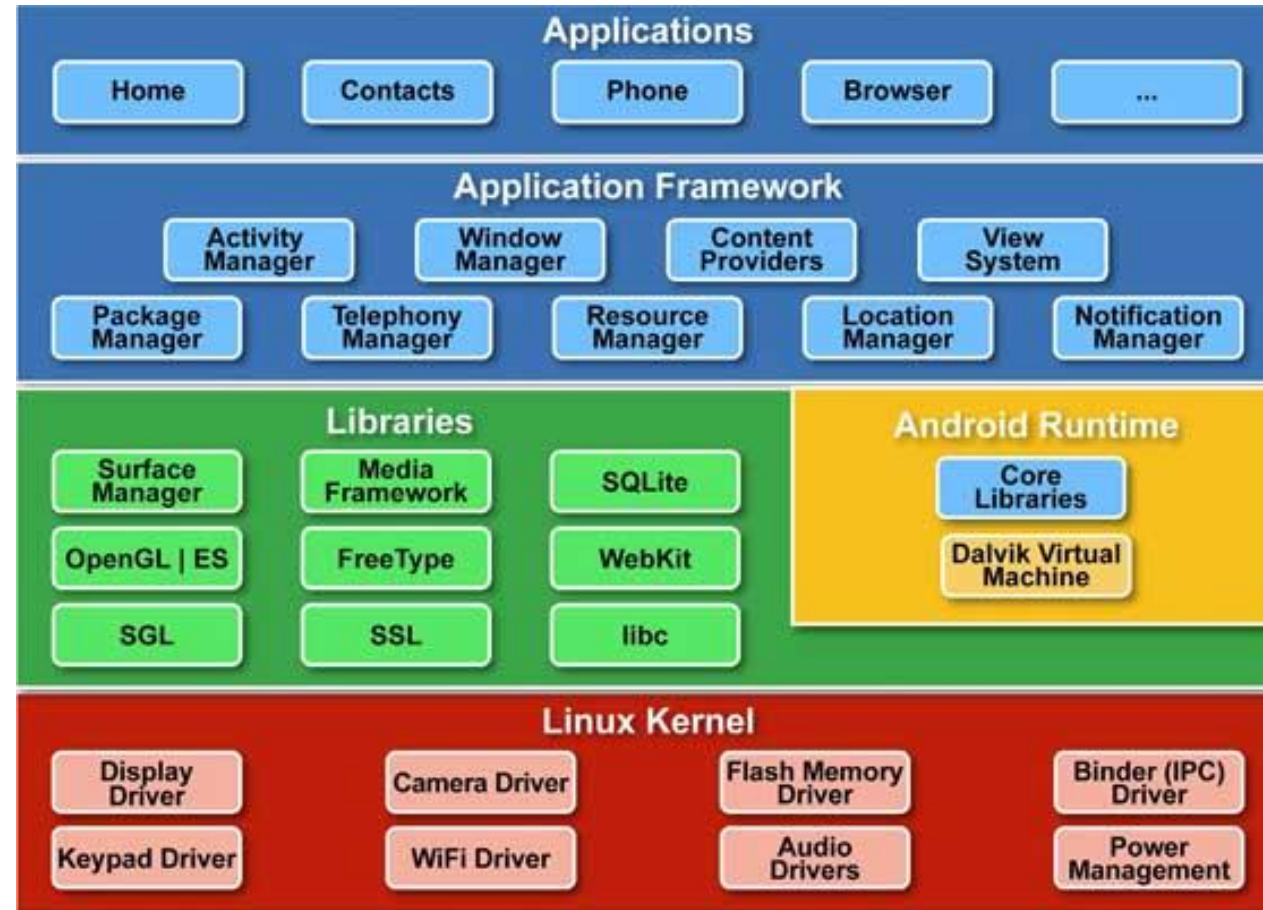
Android



- ▶ Android is a mobile operating system developed by Google
- ▶ Based on the Linux kernel
- ▶ Created as an open-source project by Android Inc in 2003 and purchased by Google in 2005
- ▶ Dominates the smartphone market with a share of 86.8%
- ▶ The official site for Android developers
 - ▶ <http://developer.android.com>
 - ▶ Contains documentation and tutorials



Android Architecture



Android SDK

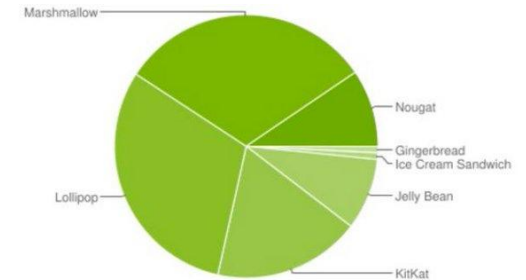
- ▶ The **Android Software Development Kit (SDK)** provides the tools and APIs necessary to develop Android applications
- ▶ The Android SDK supports most of the Java platform Standard Edition
 - ▶ except for the AWT and Swing libraries
- ▶ The Android SDK includes a comprehensive set of development tools, which include a debugger, libraries, a handset emulator , documentation, sample code, and tutorials

Android API Level

- ▶ Each major release of Android version is named after something sweet
- ▶ **API Level** is an integer value that uniquely identifies the framework API revision offered by a version of the Android platform
 - ▶ It lets applications describe the framework API revision that they require
 - ▶ You can have a new Android version with the same API release as the previous version

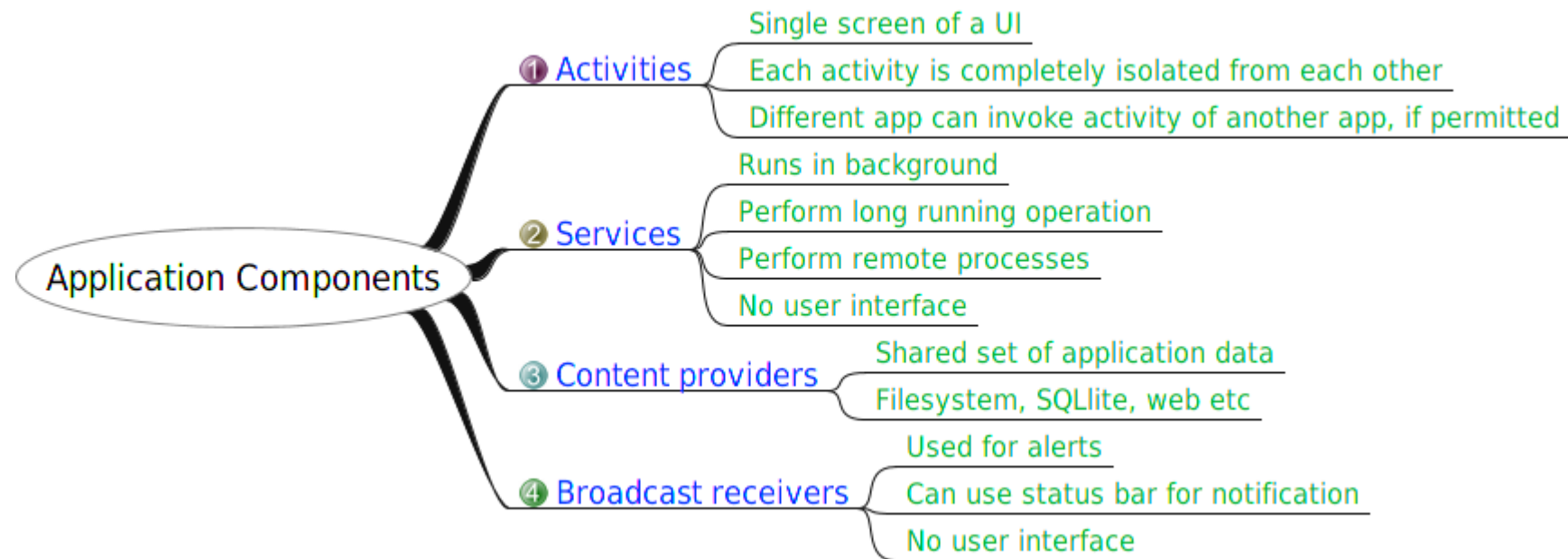
Android version distribution as of June 2017

Version	Codename	API	Distribution
2.3.3 - 2.3.7	Gingerbread	10	0.8%
4.0.3 - 4.0.4	Ice Cream Sandwich	15	0.8%
4.1.x	Jelly Bean	16	3.1%
4.2.x		17	4.4%
4.3		18	1.3%
4.4	KitKat	19	18.1%
5.0	Lollipop	21	8.2%
5.1		22	22.6%
6.0	Marshmallow	23	31.2%
7.0	Nougat	24	8.9%
7.1		25	0.6%



Android Application Components

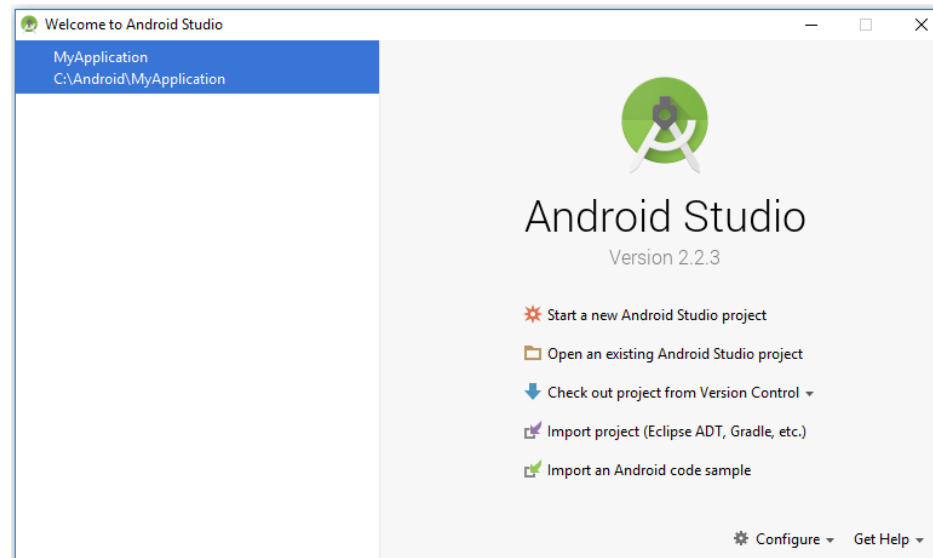
- ▶ App components are the essential building blocks of an Android app
- ▶ Each component is an entry point through which the system can enter your app
- ▶ There are four different types of app components:



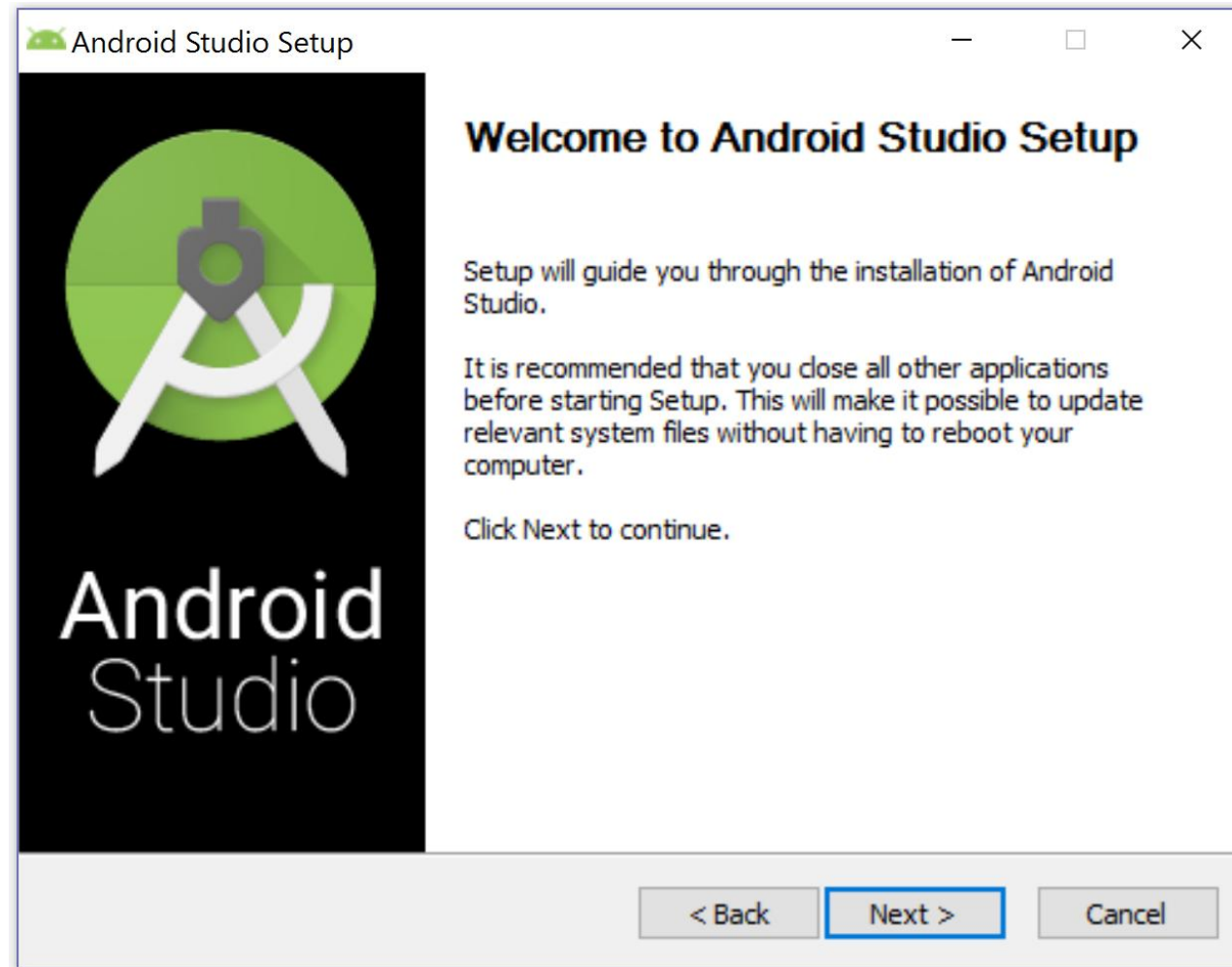
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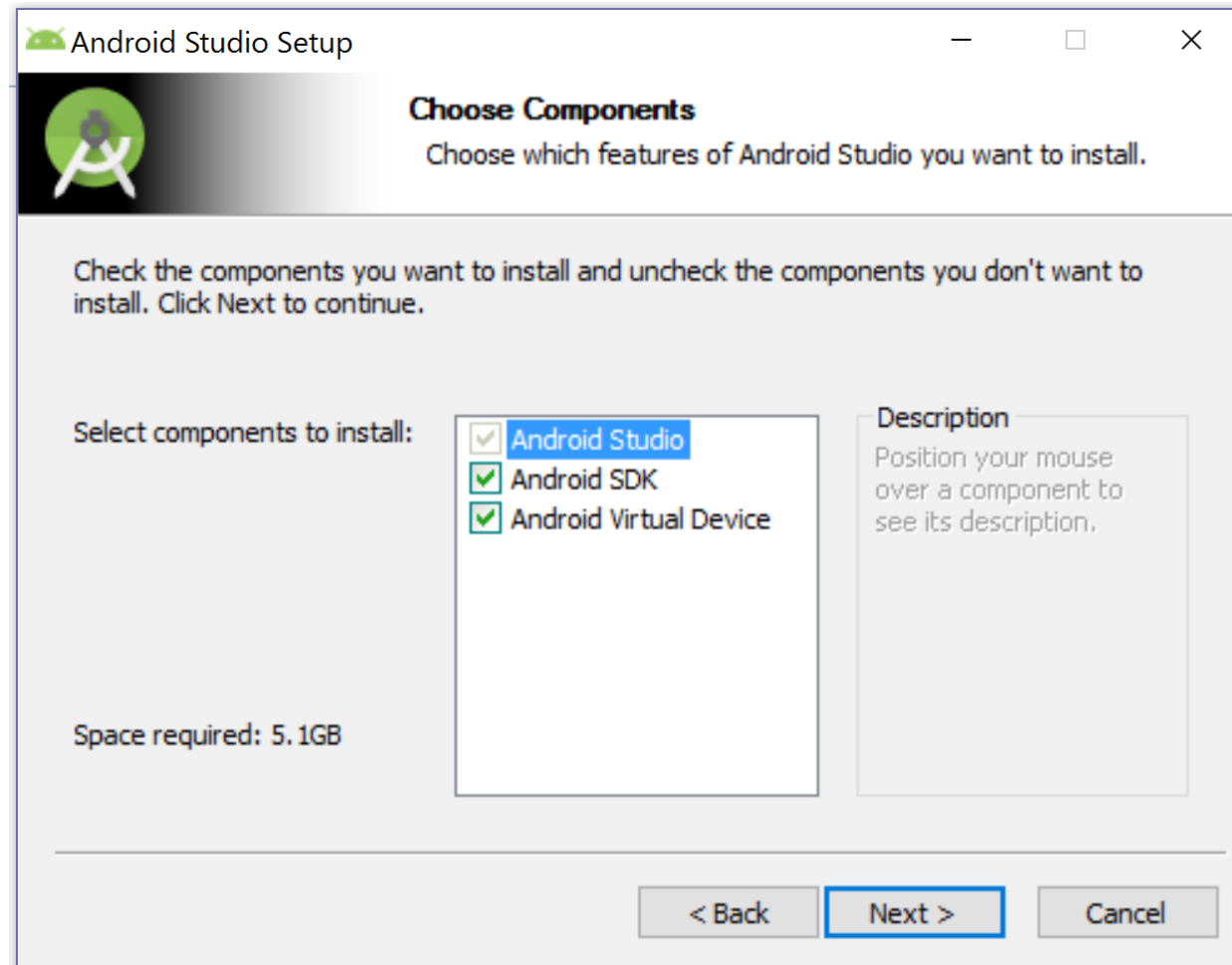
- ▶ The Official IDE for Android
- ▶ Supports code editing, debugging, fast and rich emulator, performance tooling, flexible build system, and GitHub integration
- ▶ Download <https://developer.android.com/studio/index.html#downloads>
 - ▶ There are versions for Windows, Mac and Linux



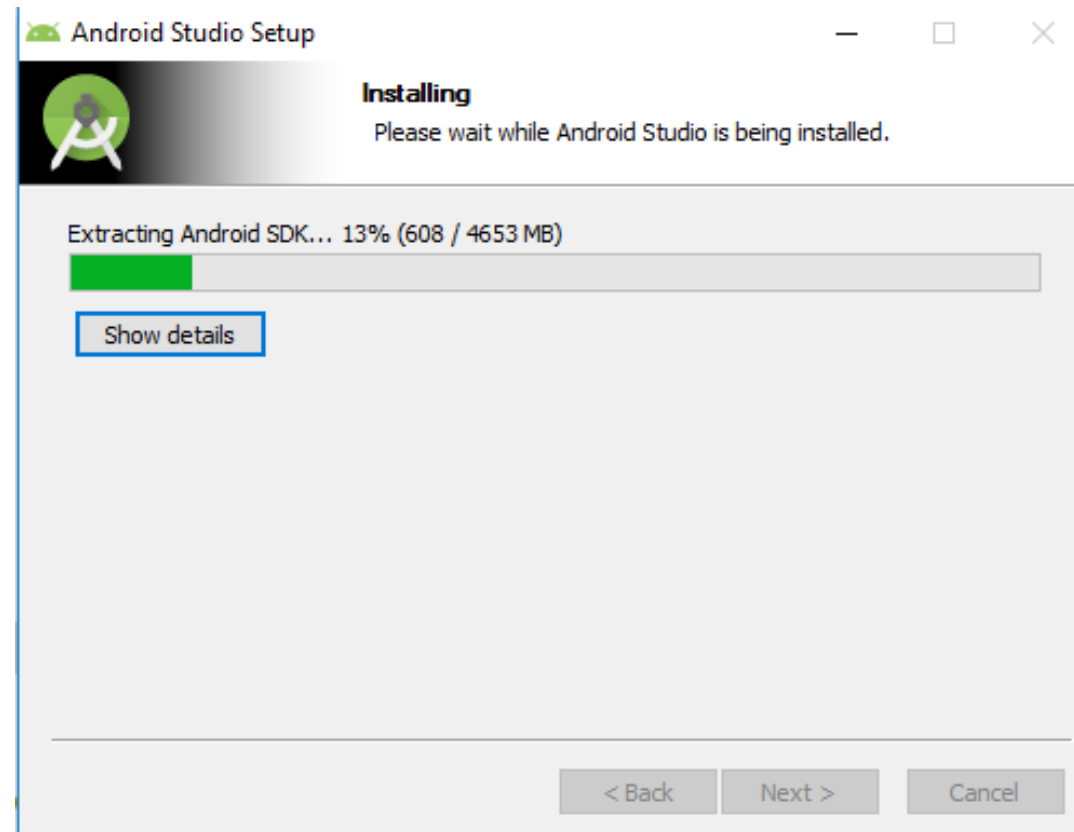
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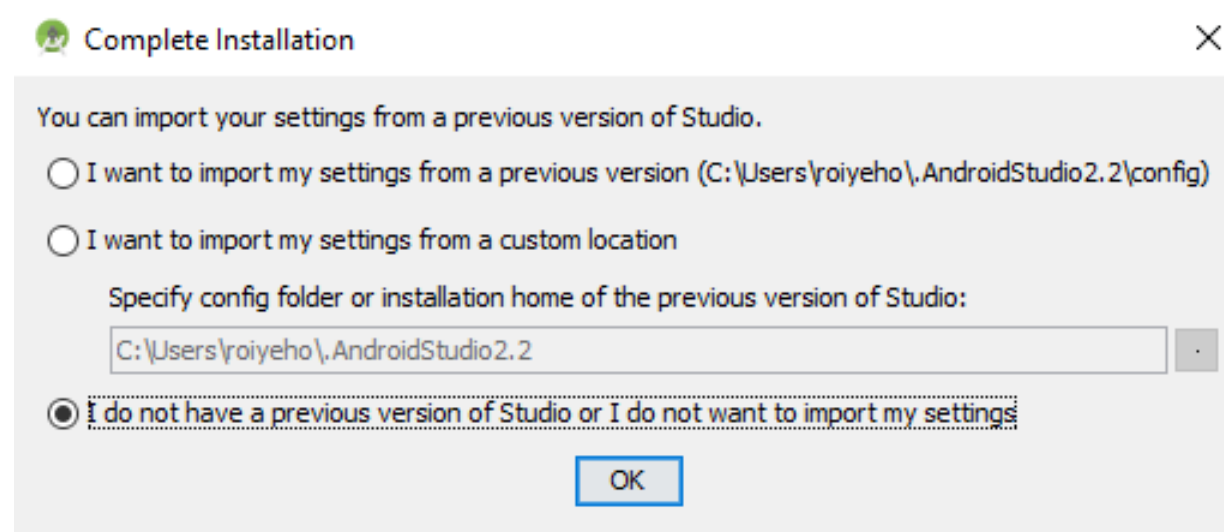
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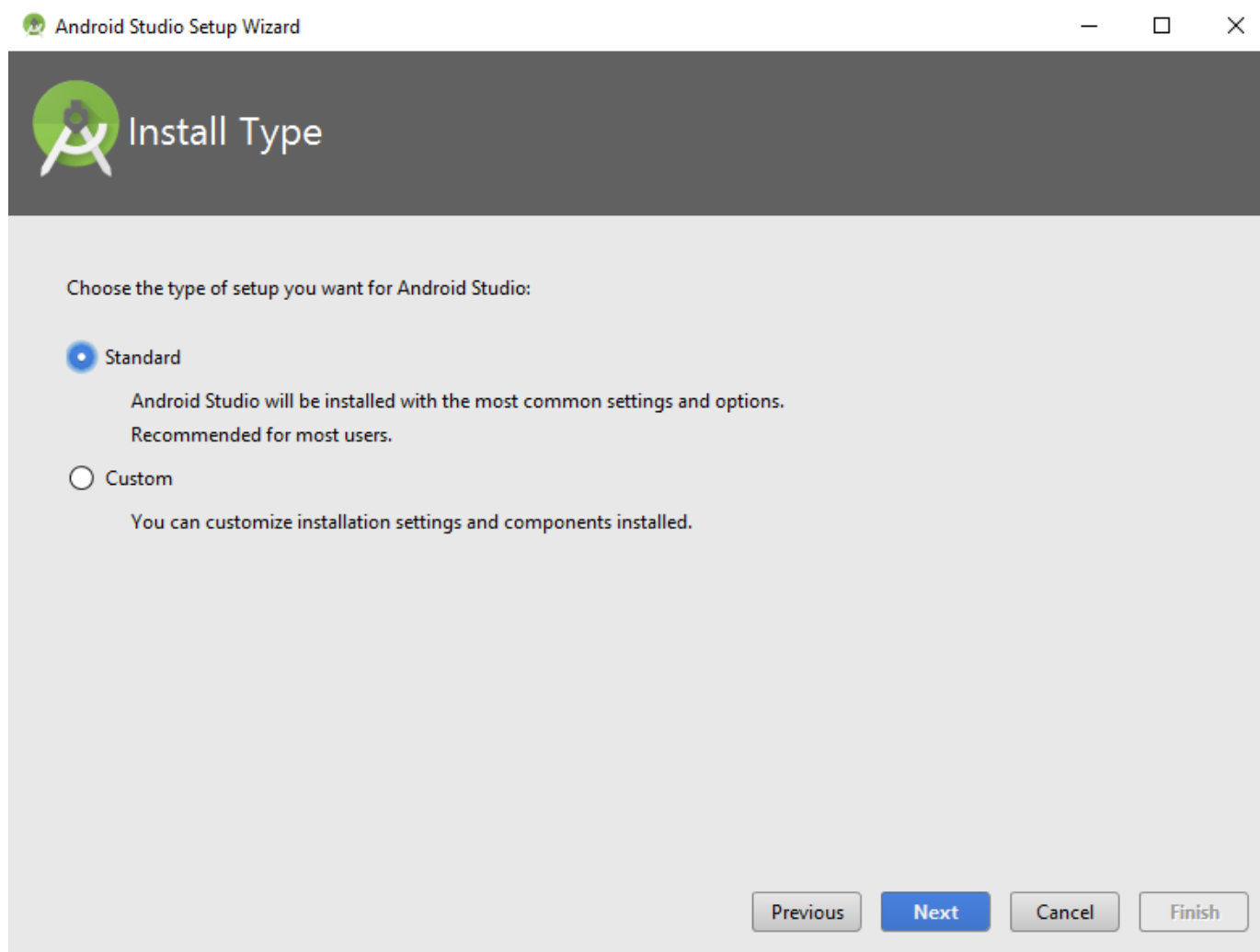
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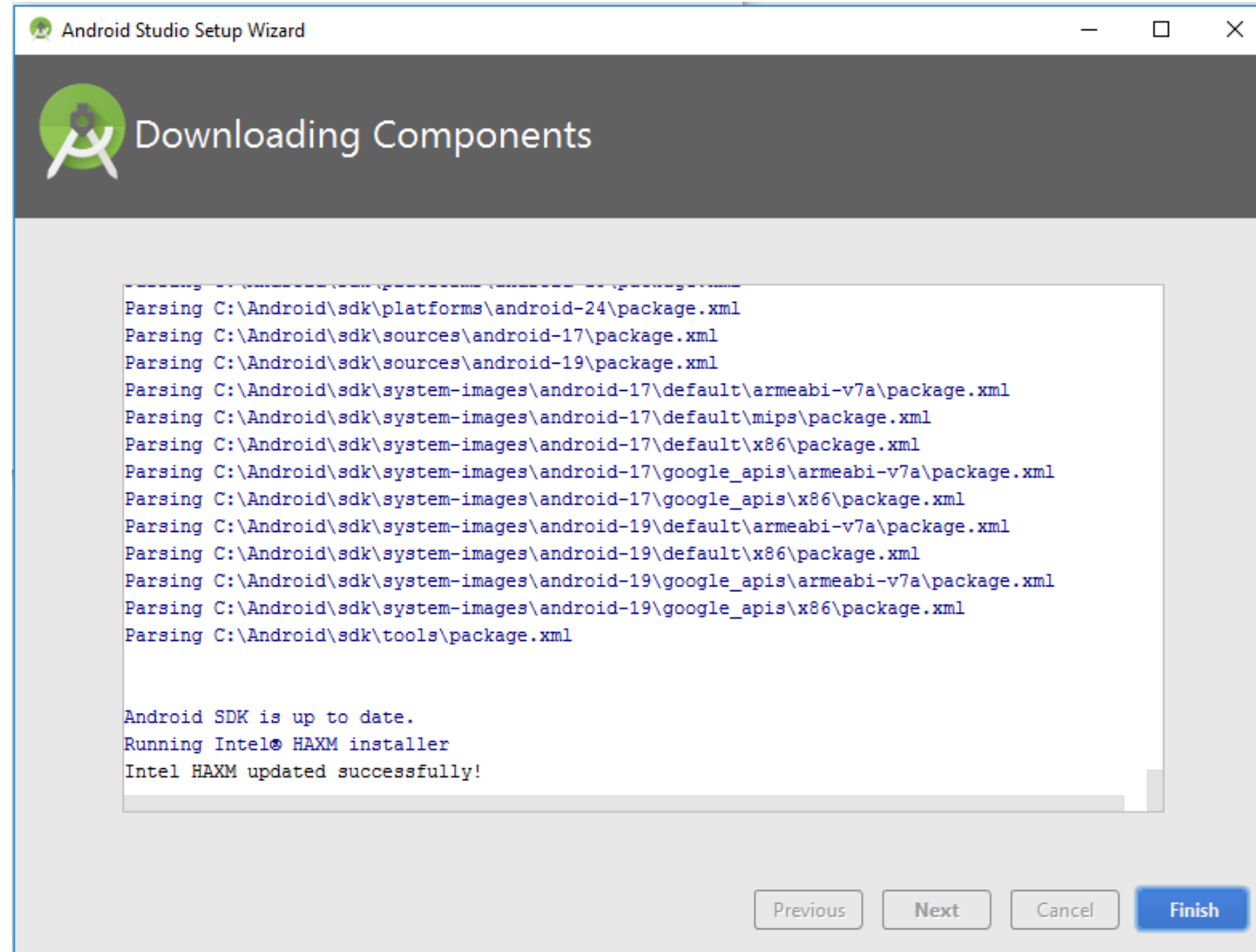
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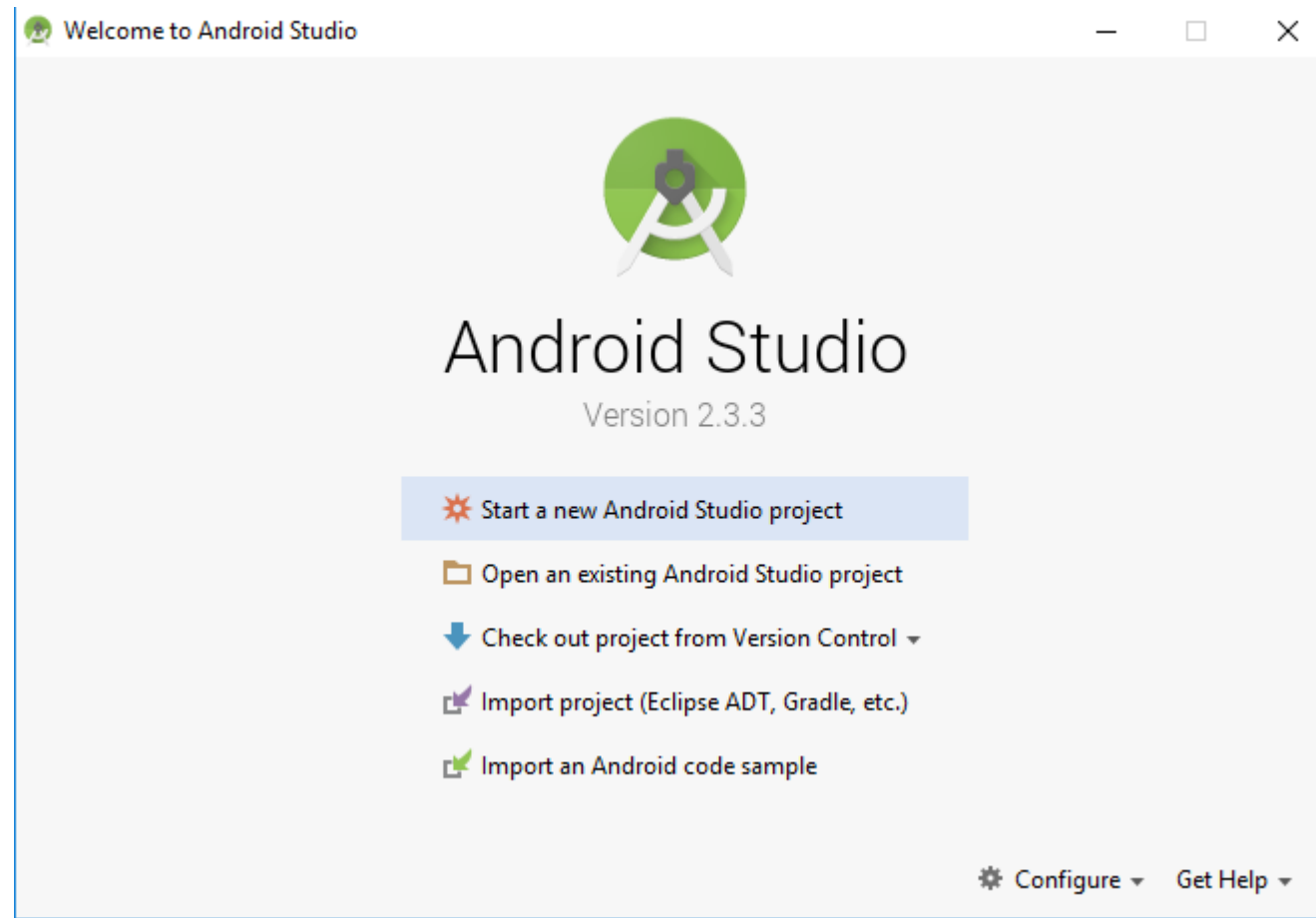
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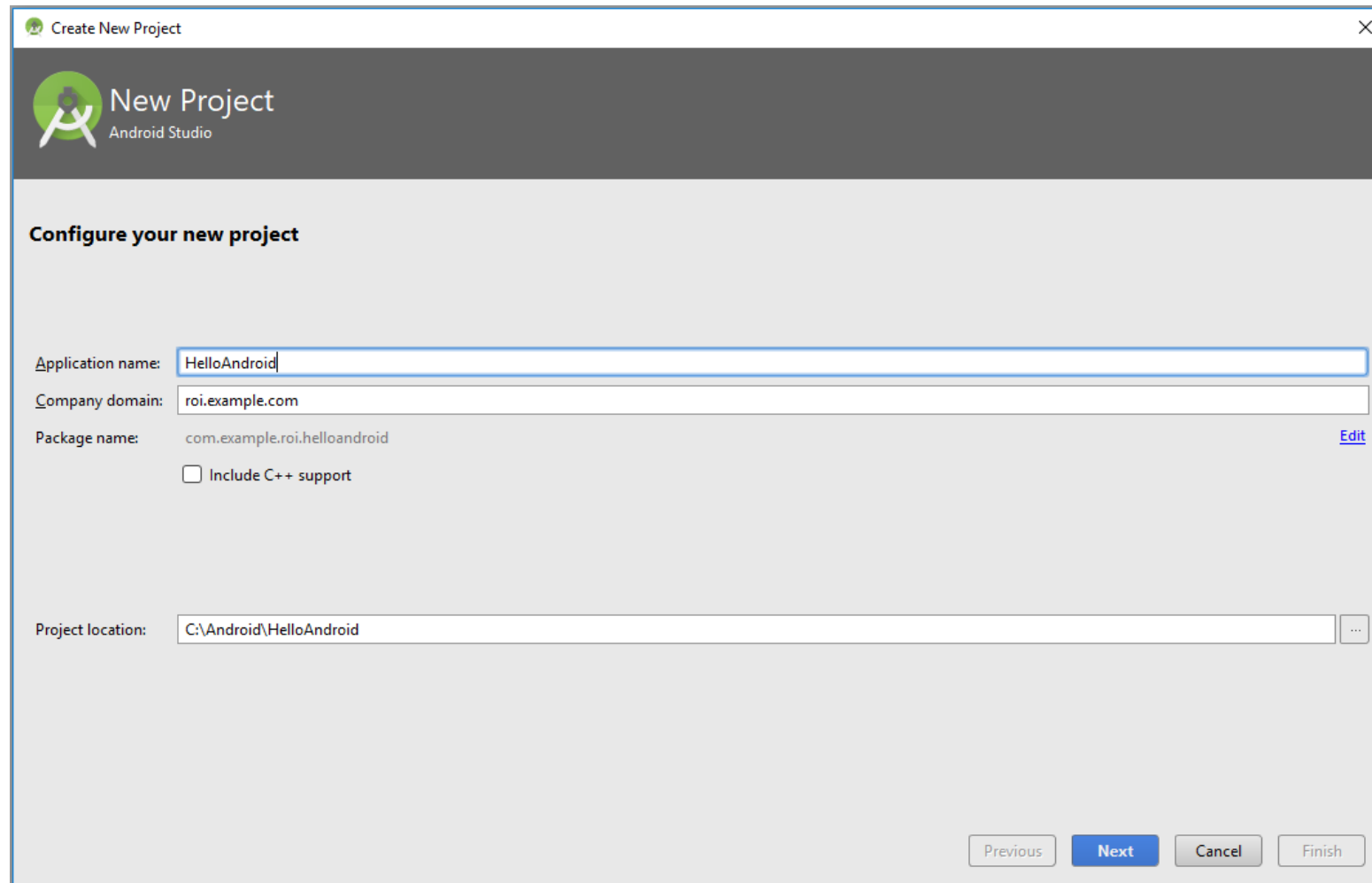
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Launch Android Studio



Create a New Project



Create New Project

 New Project
Android Studio

Configure your new project

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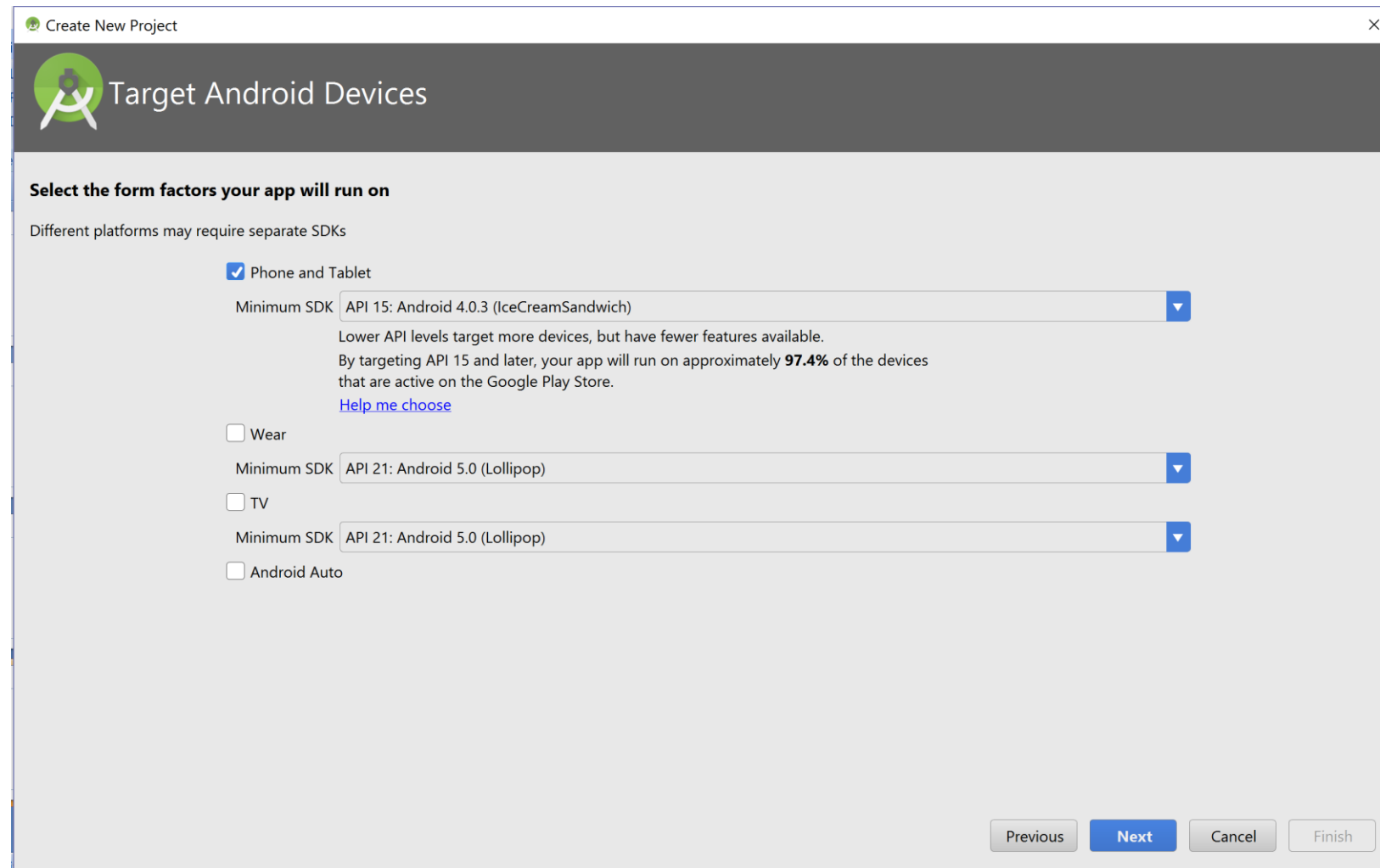
Company domain:

Package name: [Edit](#)


☐ Include C++ support

Project location:

Create a New Project



Create New Project

 Target Android Devices

Select the form factors your app will run on

Different platforms may require separate SDKs

☒ Phone and Tablet

Minimum SDK

Lower API levels target more devices, but have fewer features available.
By targeting API 15 and later, your app will run on approximately **97.4%** of the devices that are active on the Google Play Store.
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Minimum SDK

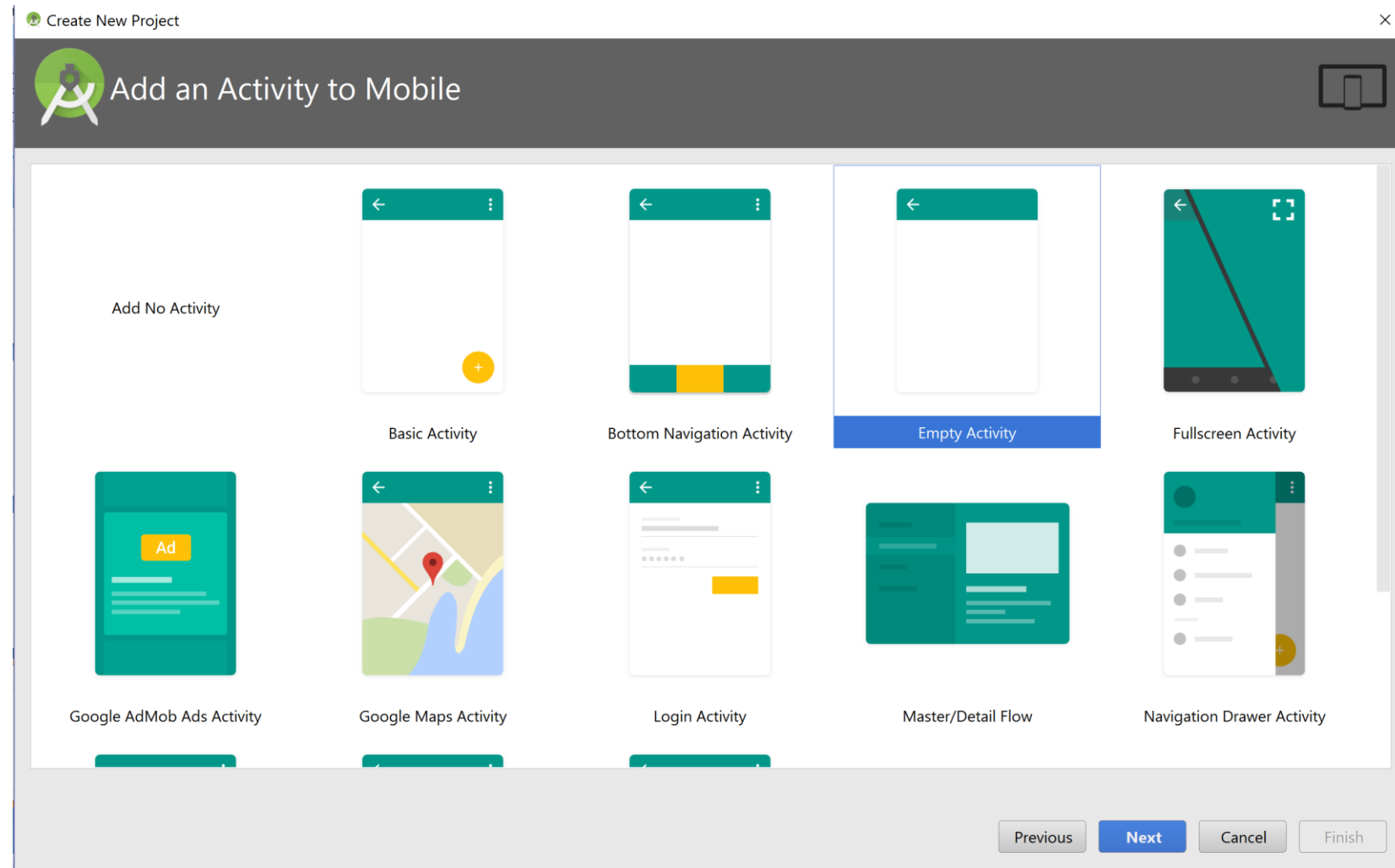
☐ TV

Minimum SDK

☐ Android Auto

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Create a New Project



Create a New Project

Create New Project

Customize the Activity

Creates a new empty activity

Activity Name: MainActivity

☒ Generate Layout File

Layout Name: activity_main

☒ Backwards Compatibility (AppCompat)

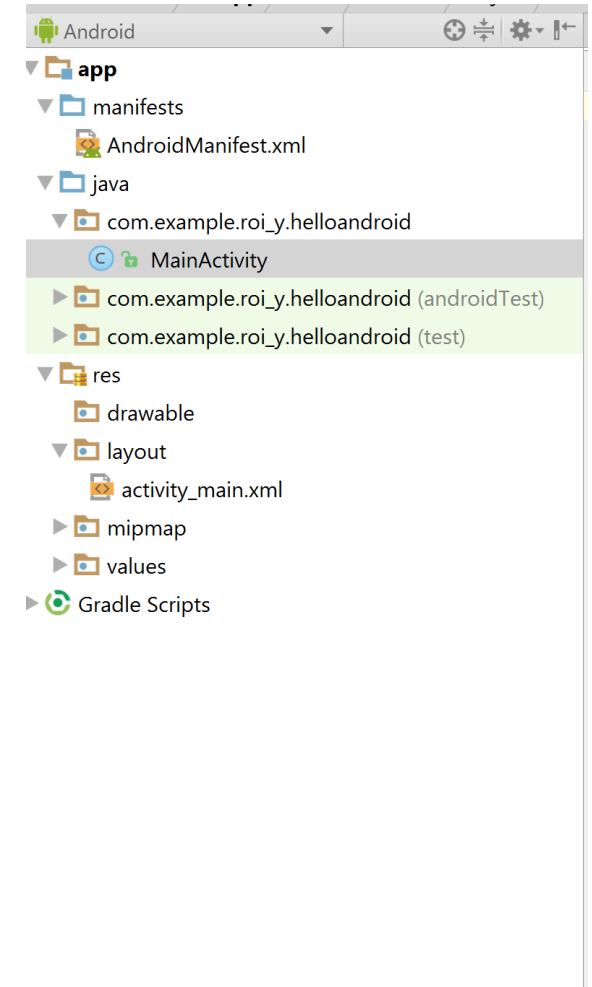
Empty Activity

The name of the activity class to create

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Project Structure

- ▶ Within each Android app module, files are shown in the following groups:
 - ▶ **manifests** - contains the AndroidManifest.xml file
 - ▶ **java** - contains the Java source code files, separated by package names,
 - ▶ **res** - contains all non-code resources, such as XML layouts, UI strings, and bitmap images, divided into corresponding sub-directories



App Manifest

- ▶ AndroidManifest.xml provides essential information about your app:
 - ▶ The Java package name for the application
 - ▶ The minimum level of the Android API that the application requires
 - ▶ The components of the application, including the classes that implement them and the processes that host them
 - ▶ The permissions that the application must have in order to interact with other processes
 - ▶ The permissions that others are required to have in order to interact with the application's components

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    package="com.example.roi.helloandroid">

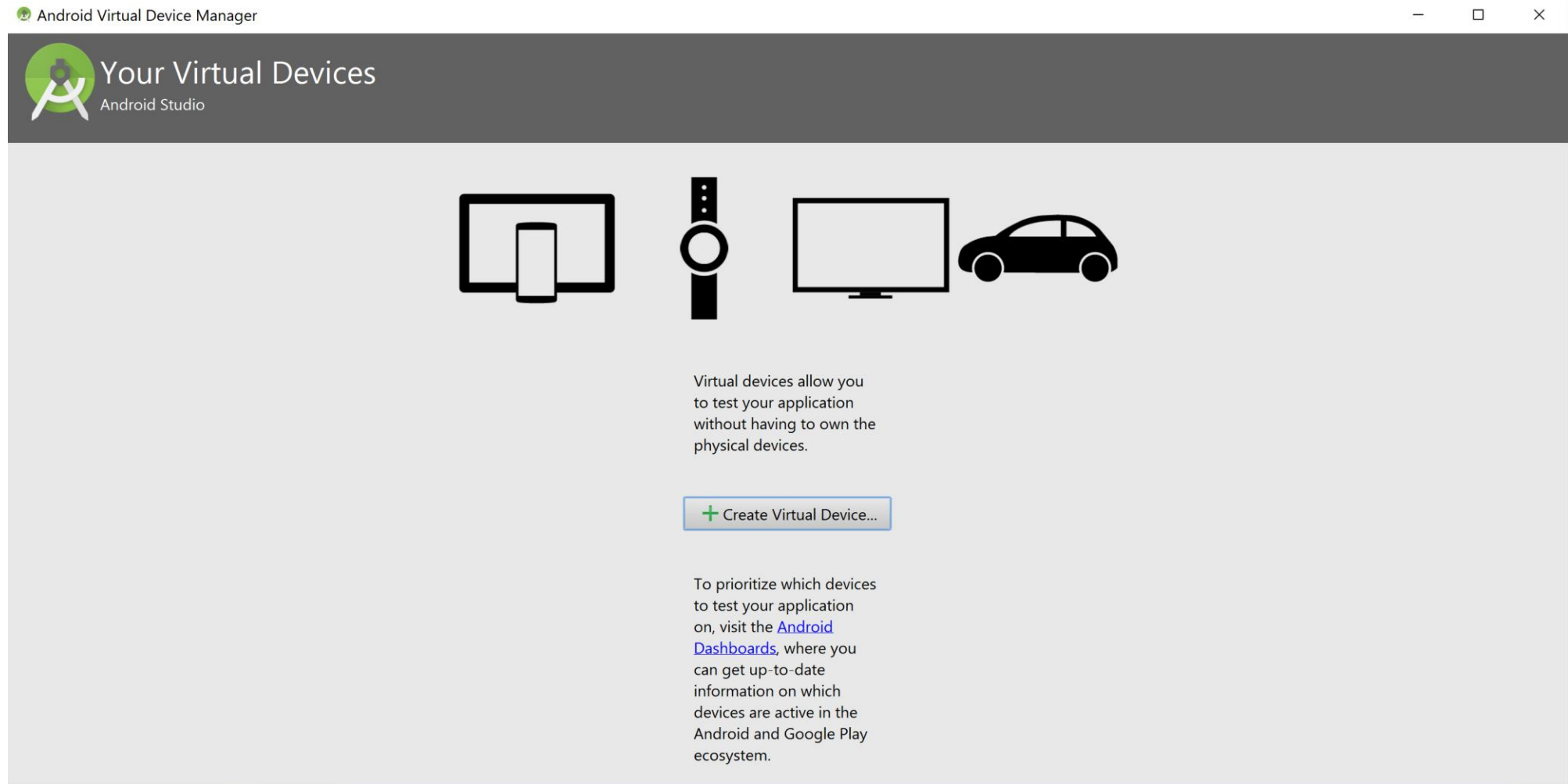
    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="HelloAndroid"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:supportsRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
        <activity android:name=".MainActivity">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />

                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
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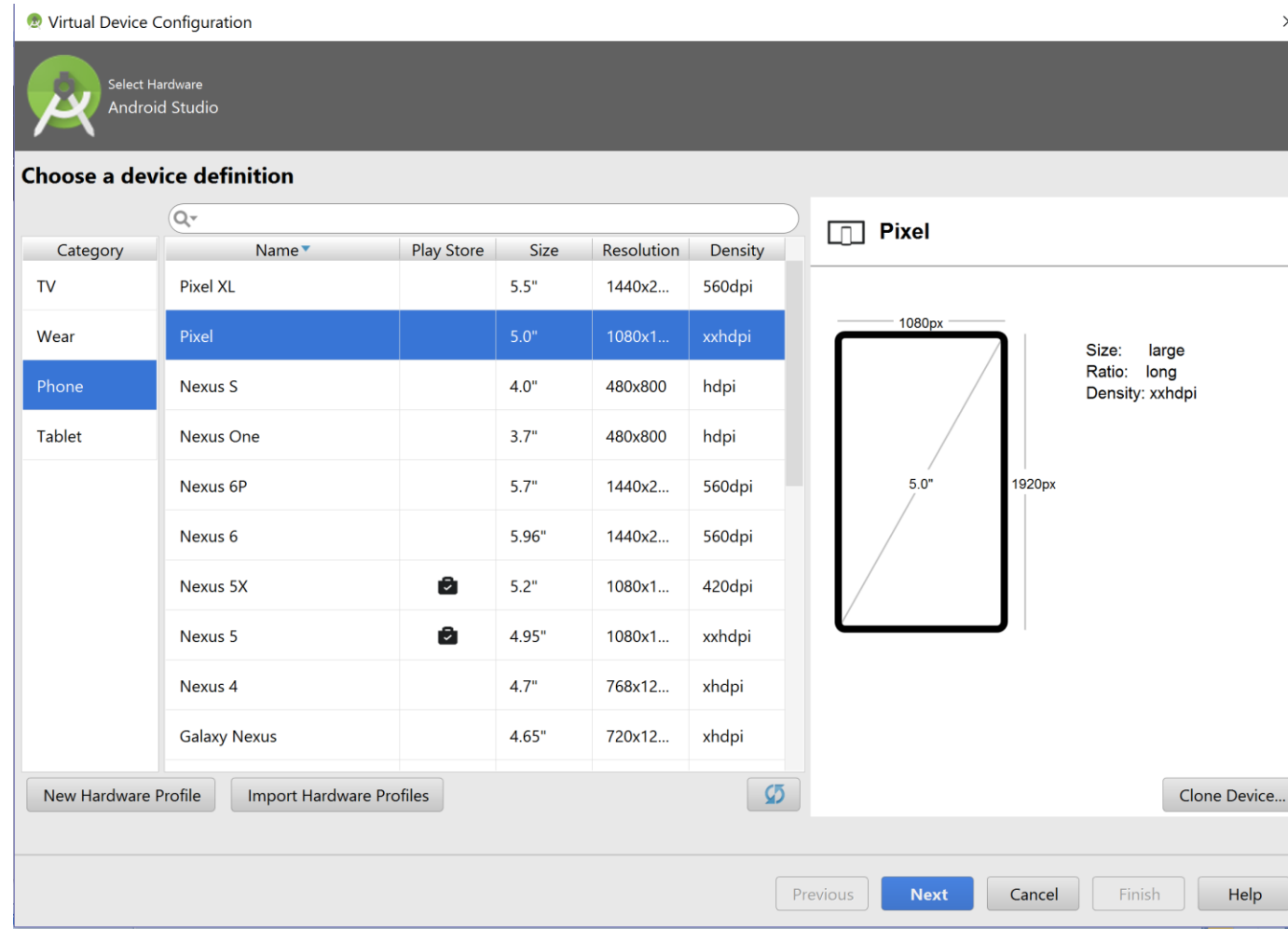
Android Virtual Device (AVD)

- ▶ Before you run your app on an emulator, you need to create an Android Virtual Device (AVD)
- ▶ An AVD definition specifies the characteristics of the Android device that you want to simulate
- ▶ Create an AVD Definition as follows:
 - ▶ Launch the Android Virtual Device Manager by selecting **Tools > Android > AVD Manager**, or by clicking the AVD Manager icon in the toolbar.
 - ▶ In the **Your Virtual Devices** screen, click **Create Virtual Device**.
 - ▶ In the **Select Hardware** screen, select a phone device, such as Pixel, and then click **Next**.
 - ▶ In the **System Image** screen, click **Download** for one of the recommended system images. Agree to the terms to complete the download.
 - ▶ After the download is complete, select the system image from the list and click **Next**.
 - ▶ On the next screen, leave all the configuration settings as they are and click **Finish**.
 - ▶ Back in the **Your Virtual Devices** screen, select the device you just created and click **Launch this AVD in the emulator**.

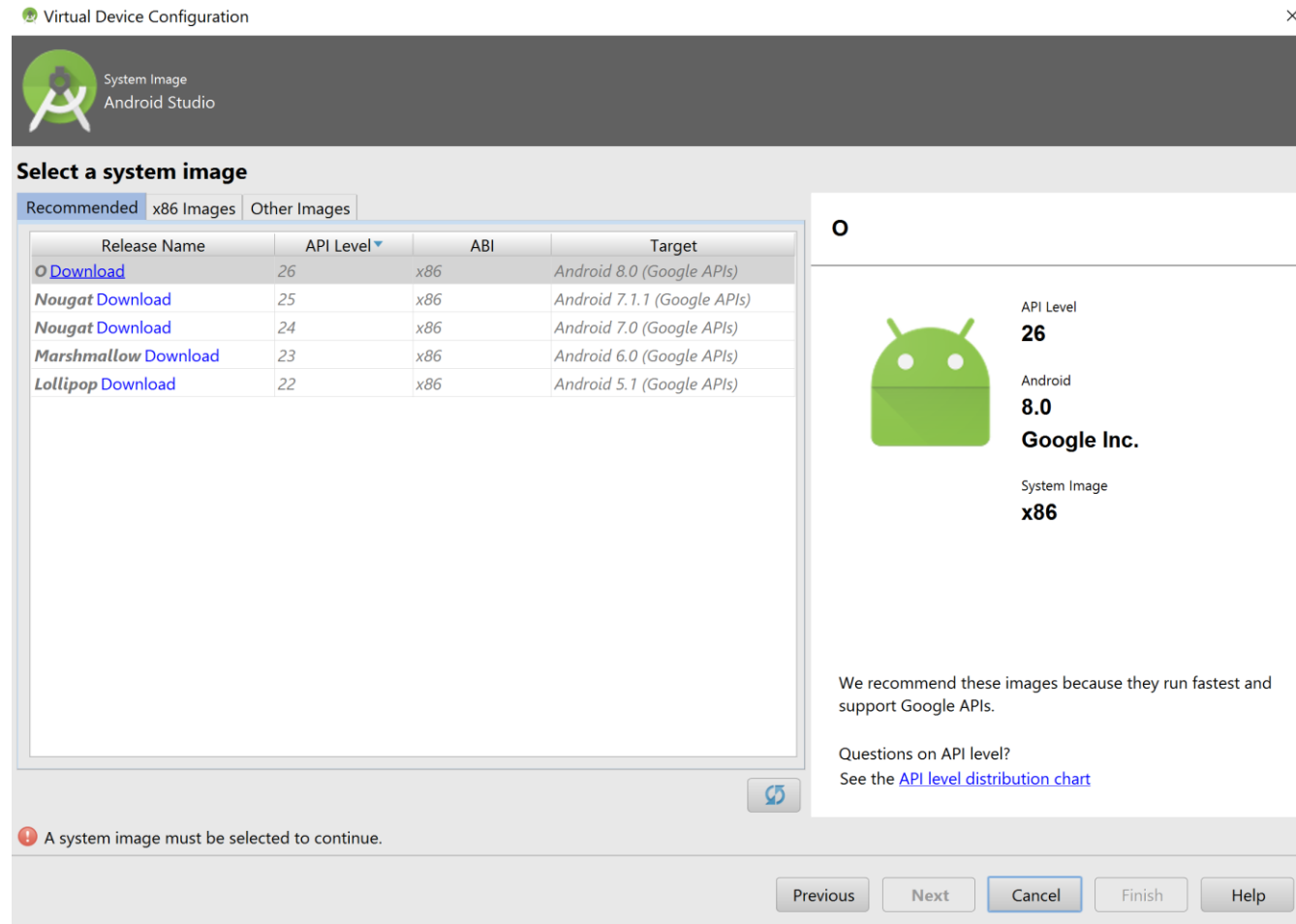
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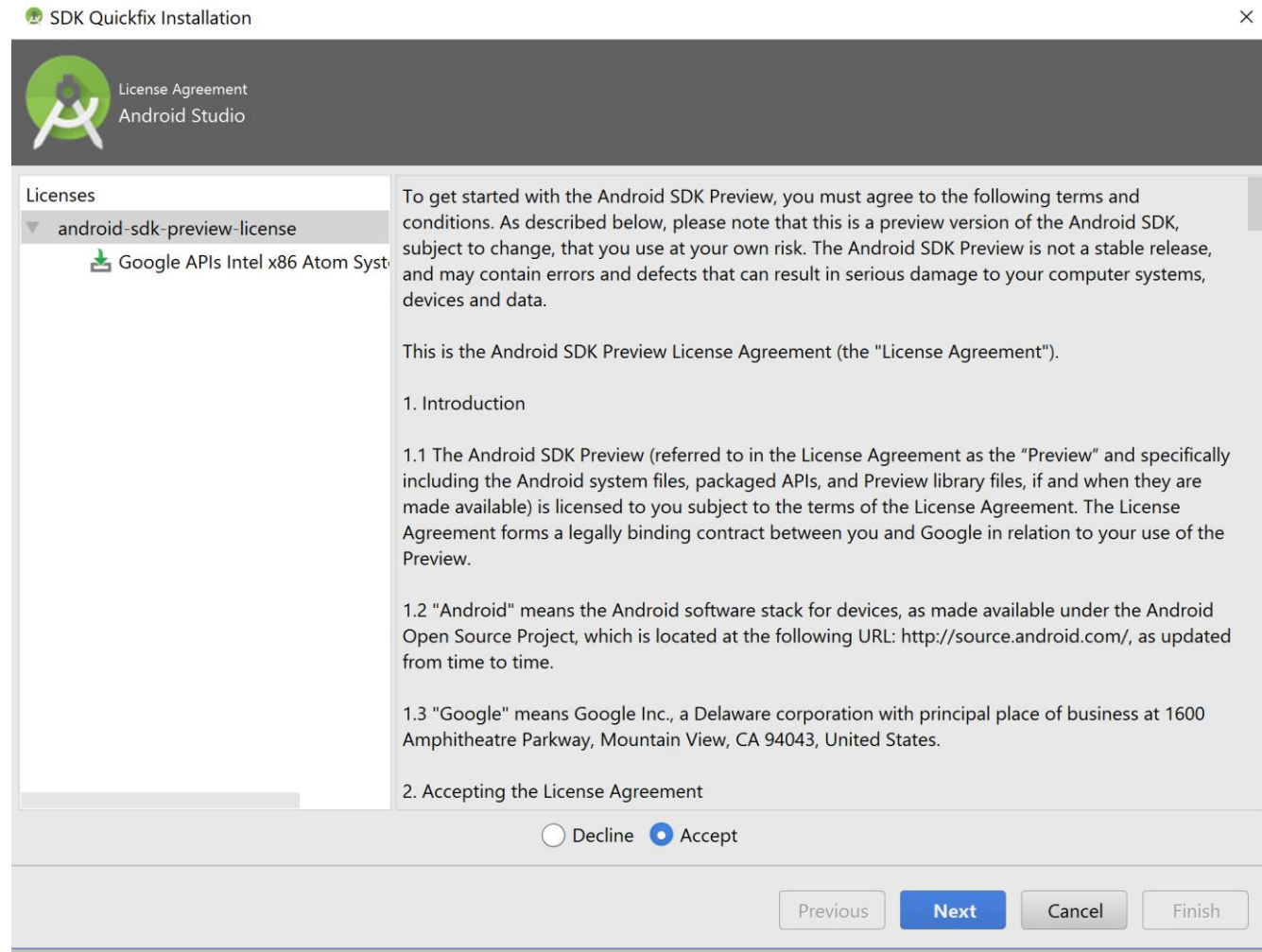
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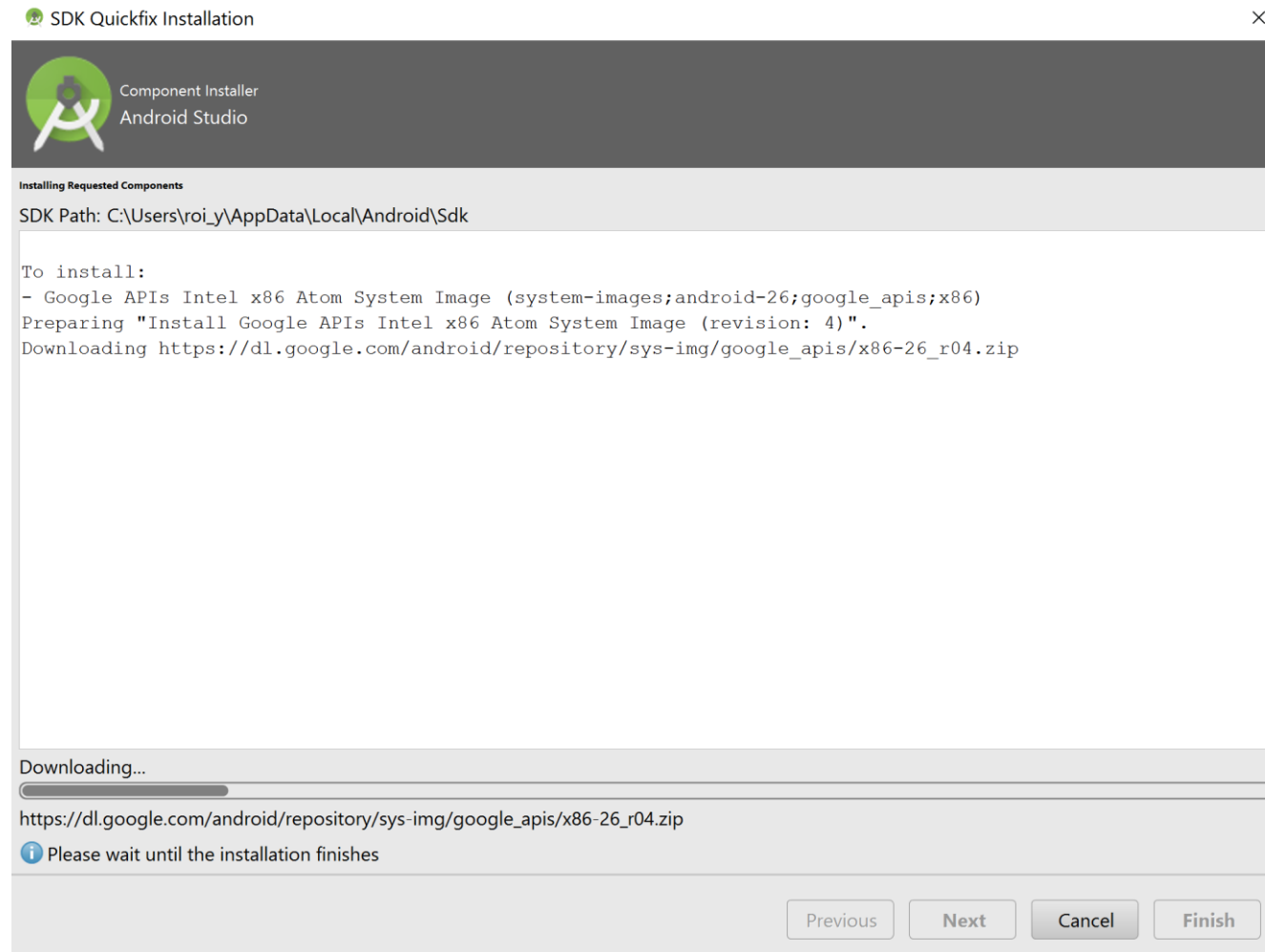
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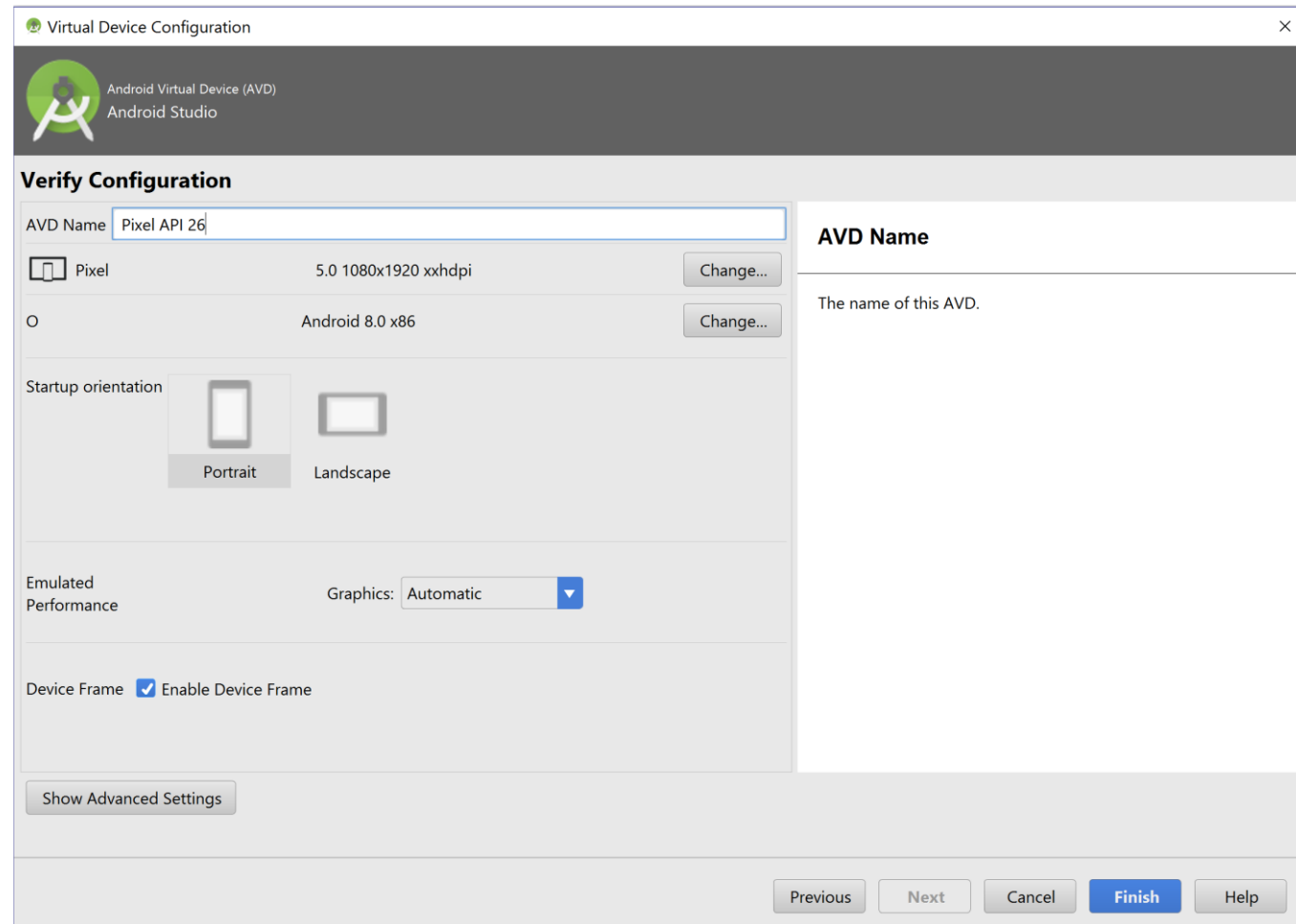
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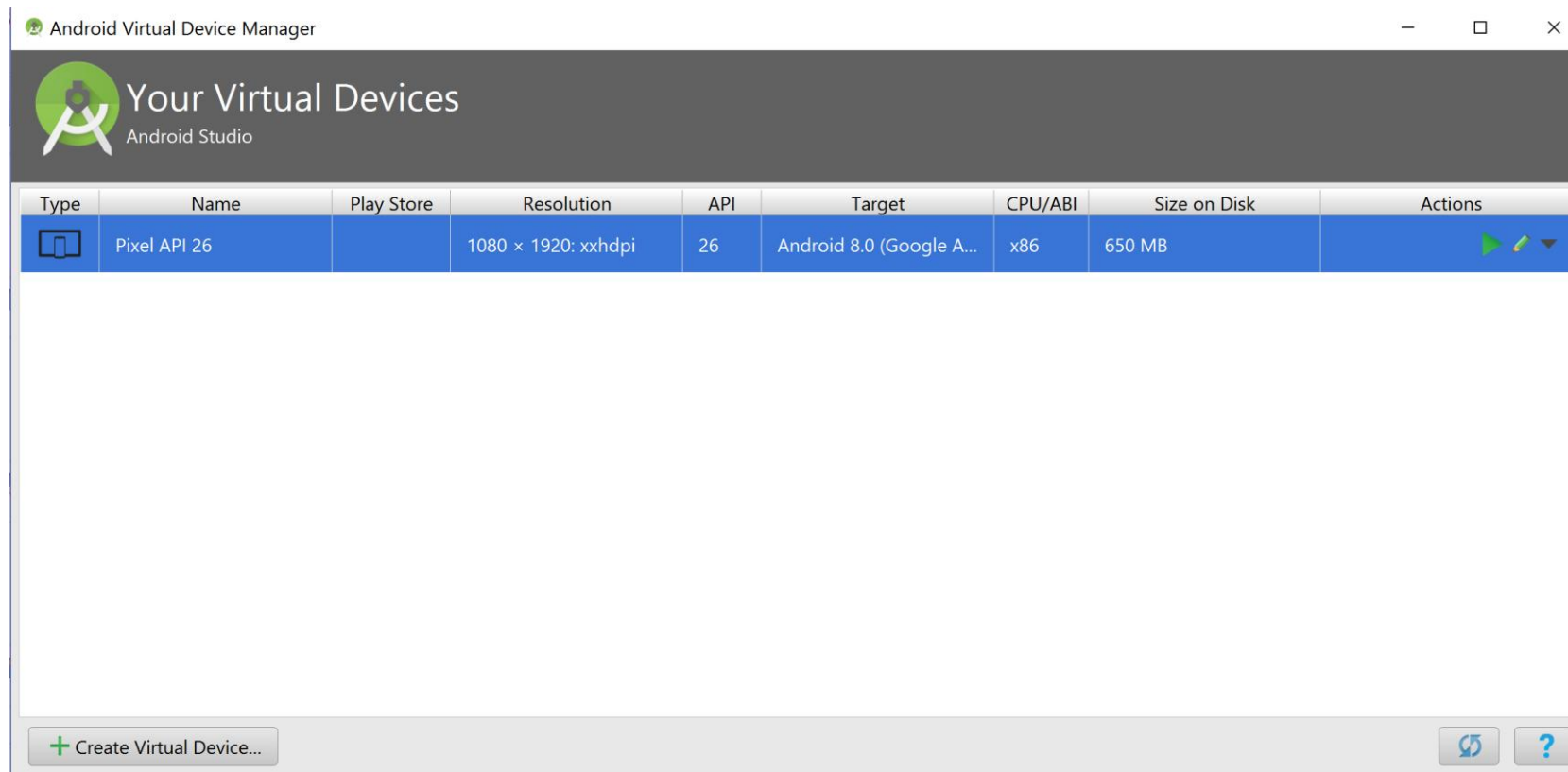
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Run the Emulator

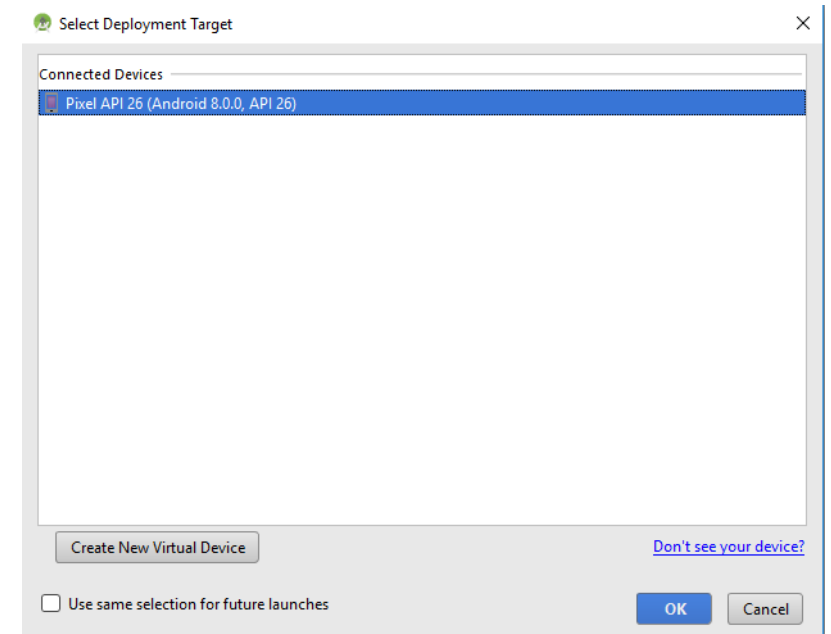


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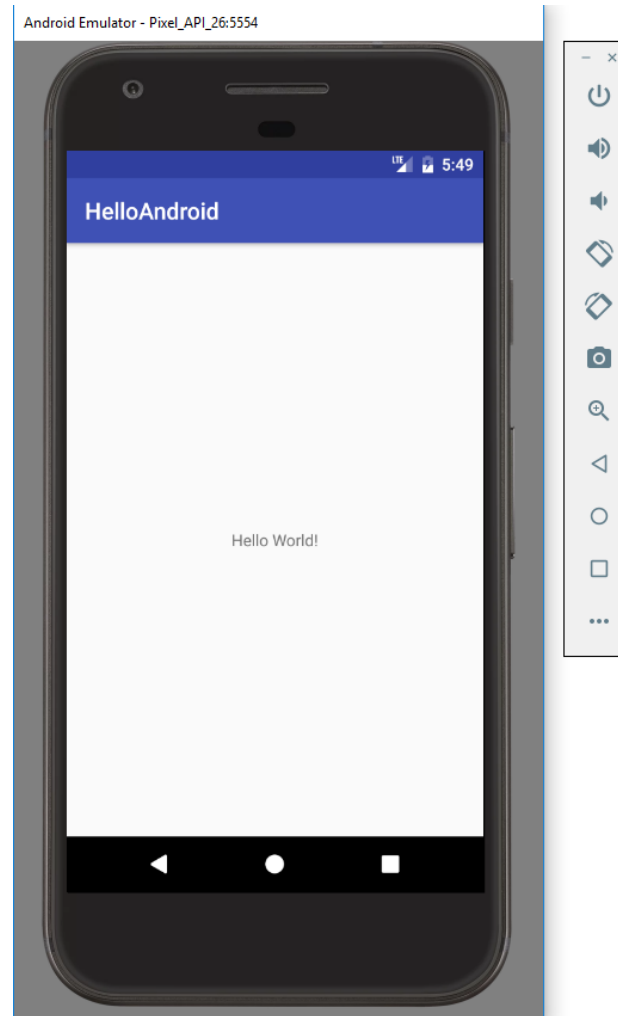


Run Your App on the Emulator

- ▶ Once the emulator is booted up, click the **app** module in the **Project** window and then select **Run > Run** (or click **Run** in the toolbar)
- ▶ In the **Select Deployment Target** window, select the emulator and click **OK**
- ▶ Android Studio installs the app on the emulator and starts it
- ▶ That's "hello world" running on the emulator!



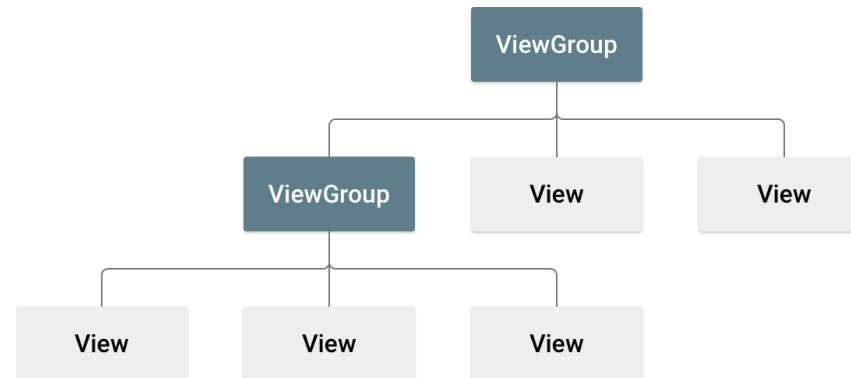
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Building User Interface

Build a Simple User Interface

- ▶ The UI for an Android app is built using a hierarchy of layouts and widgets
 - ▶ Layouts (**ViewGroup** objects) are invisible containers that control how its child views are positioned on the screen
 - ▶ Widgets (**View** objects) are UI components such as buttons and text boxes

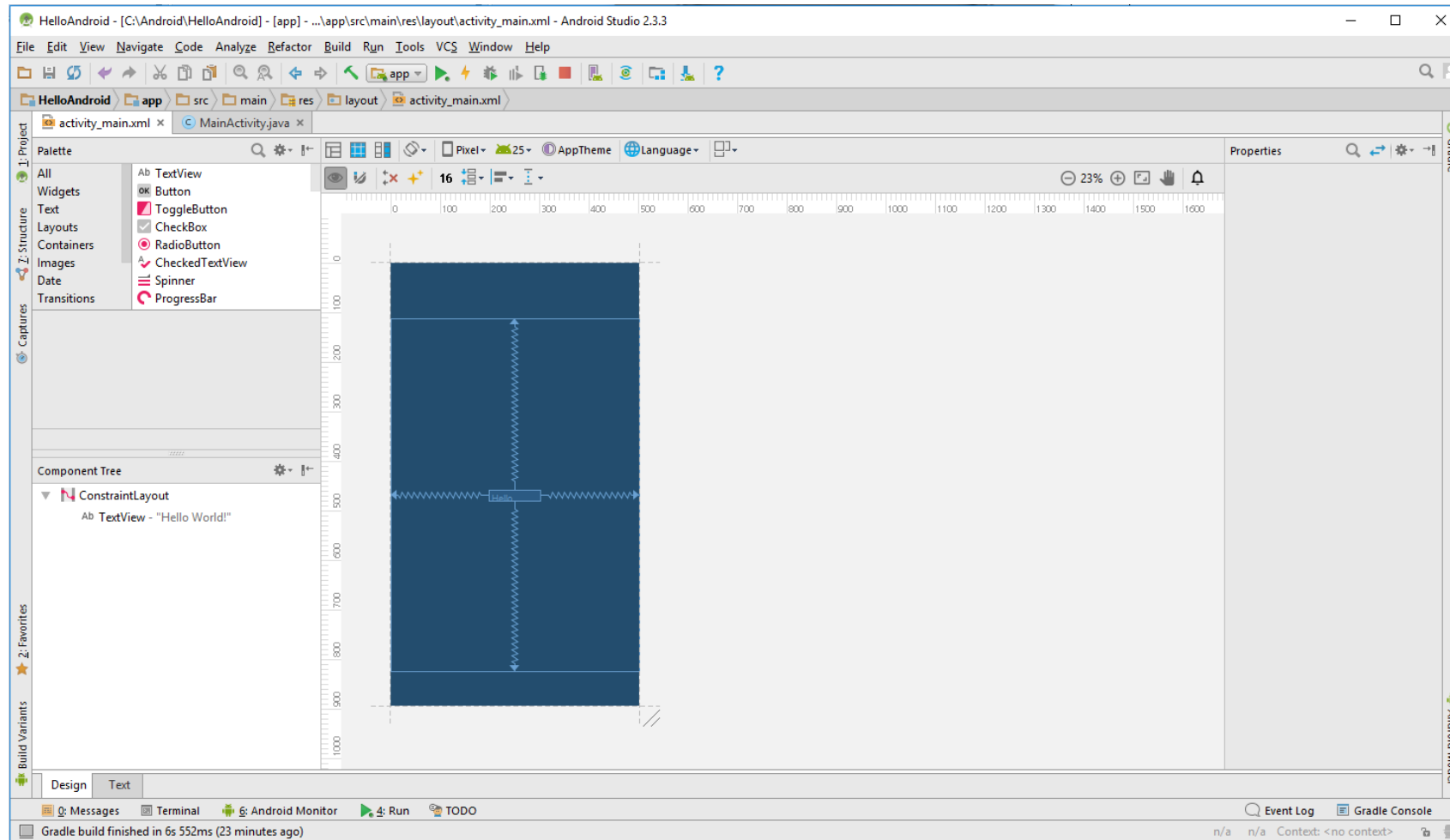


- ▶ The UI is defined in XML files stored in the **res/layout** folder
- ▶ You can use the Layout Editor to build the layout by drag-and-dropping views

Open the Layout Editor

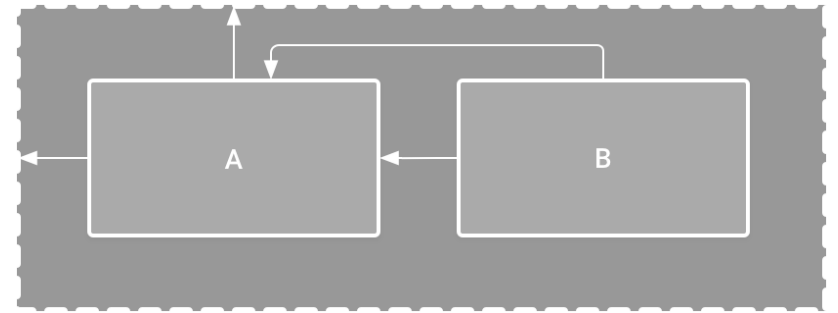
- ▶ In Android Studio's Project window, open **app > res > layout > activity_main.xml**
- ▶ To get started, set up your workspace as follows:
 - ▶ To make more room for the Layout Editor, hide the **Project** window by clicking **Project** on the left side of Android Studio
 - ▶ Click **Show Blueprint** so only the blueprint layout is visible
 - ▶ Make sure Show Constraints is on
 - ▶ Click **Default Margins** in the toolbar and select **16**
 - ▶ Click **Device in Editor** in the toolbar and select **Pixel XL**

Layout Editor



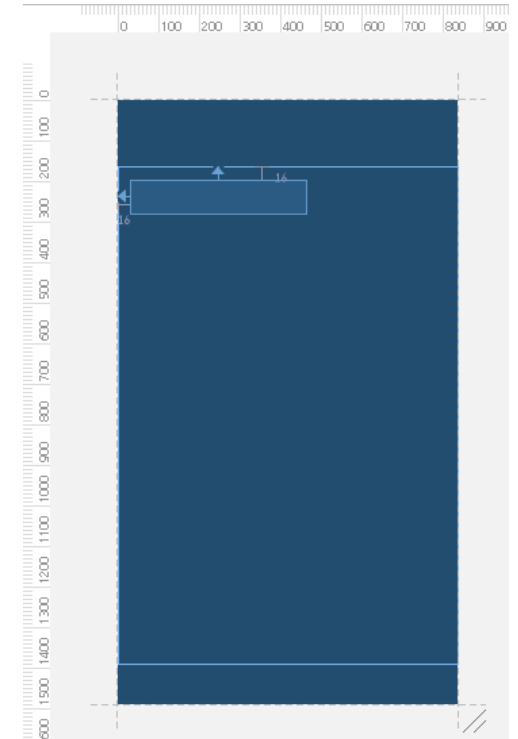
ConstraintLayout

- ▶ **ConstraintLayout** is a layout that defines the position for each view based on constraints to sibling views and the parent layout
- ▶ It allows you to create both simple and complex layouts with a flat view hierarchy, i.e., it avoids the need for nested layouts, which can increase the time required to draw the UI
- ▶ For example, you can declare the following layout:
 - ▶ View A appears 16dp from the top of the parent layout
 - ▶ View A appears 16dp from the left of the parent layout
 - ▶ View B appears 16dp to the right of view A
 - ▶ View B is aligned to the top of view A
- ▶ **dp** is a device-independent pixel - a virtual pixel unit that you should use to express layout dimensions or position in a density-independent way
 - ▶ $px = dp * (dpi / 160)$




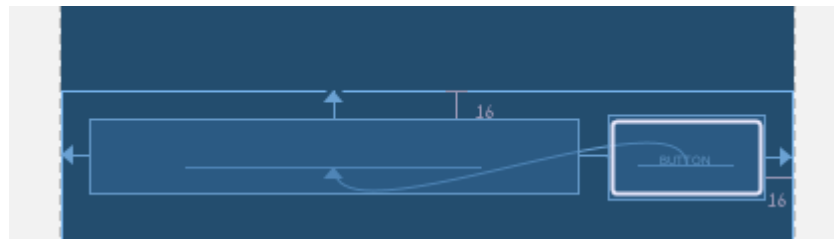
Add a TextBox

- ▶ First, you need to remove what's already in the layout
 - ▶ So click **TextView** in the **Component Tree** window, and then press Delete
- ▶ From the **Palette** window on the left, click **Text** in the left pane, and then drag **Plain Text** into the design editor and drop it near the top of the layout
 - ▶ This is an EditText widget that accepts plain text input
- ▶ Click the view in the design editor
- ▶ You can now see the resizing handles on each corner (squares), and the constraint anchors on each side (circles)
- ▶ Click-and-hold the anchor on the top side, and then drag it up until it snaps to the top of the layout and release
 - ▶ That's a **constraint** - it specifies the view should be 16dp from the top of the layout (because you set the default margins to 16dp).
- ▶ Similarly, create a constraint from the left side of the view to the left side of the layout



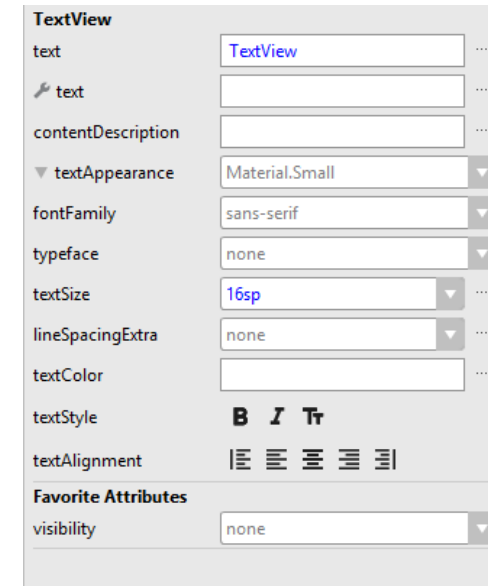
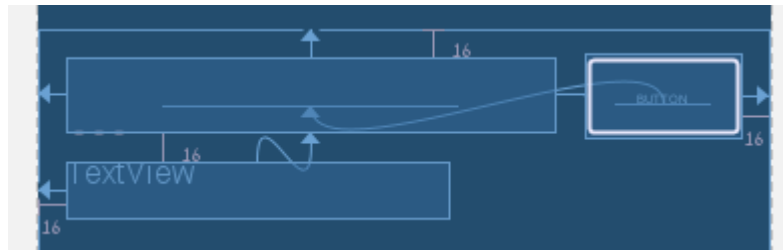
Add a Button

- ▶ From the **Palette** window, click **Widgets** in the left pane, and then drag **Button** into the design editor and drop it near the right side
- ▶ Add a constraint from the right side of the button to the right side of the layout
- ▶ Add a constraint from the right side of the text box to the left side of the button
- ▶ To constrain the views in a horizontal alignment, you need to create a constraint between the text baselines
 - ▶ So click the button, and then click **Baseline Constraint**  below the button
- ▶ Click-and-hold the baseline anchor inside the button and then drag it to the baseline anchor that appears in the text box



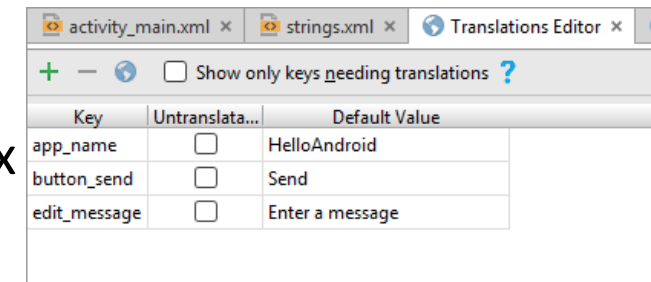
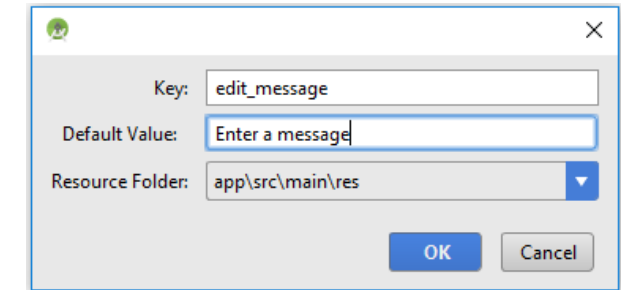
Add a TextView

- ▶ From the **Pallete** window, drag a **TextView** into the layout and place it below the text
- ▶ Anchor its left to the left side of the layout
- ▶ Anchor its top to the bottom side of the text box
- ▶ In the Properties window change its id to textView
- ▶ Expand **textAppearance** change the **textSize** to 16sp



Change the UI Strings

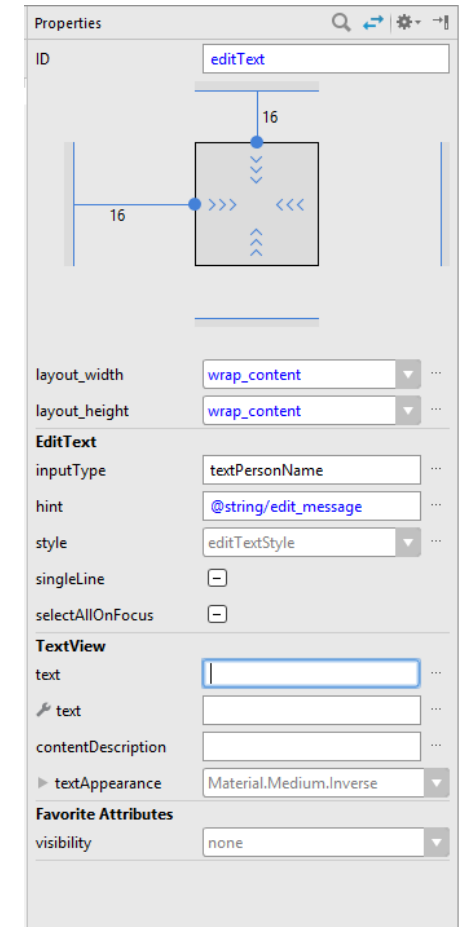
- ▶ Click **Show Design** in the toolbar to preview the UI
- ▶ Notice that the text input is pre-filled with "Name" and the button is labeled "Button." So now you'll change these strings.
- ▶ Open the **Project** window and then select **res > values > strings.xml**.
 - ▶ This is a string resources file where you should specify all your UI strings
- ▶ Click **Open editor** at the top of the editor window.
 - ▶ This opens the **Translations Editor**, which provides a simple interface for adding and editing your default strings
- ▶ Click **Add Key** to create a new string as the "hint text" for the text box
 - ▶ Enter "edit_message" for the key name
 - ▶ Enter "Enter a message" for the value
 - ▶ Click **OK**
- ▶ Add another key named "button_send" with a value of "Send."



Key	Untranslata...	Default Value
app_name	<input type="checkbox"/>	HelloAndroid
button_send	<input type="checkbox"/>	Send
edit_message	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter a message

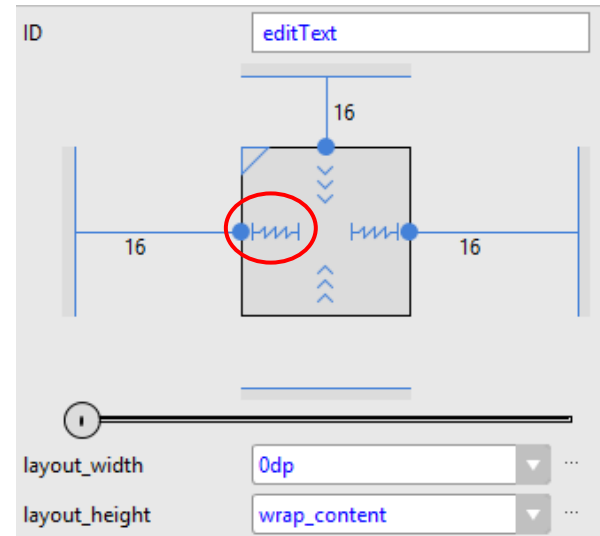
Change the UI Strings

- ▶ Now you can set these strings for each view
- ▶ Return to the layout file by clicking **activity_main.xml**
- ▶ Add the strings as follows:
 - ▶ Click the text box in the layout and, if the **Properties** window isn't already visible on the right, click **Properties** on the right sidebar
 - ▶ Locate the **hint** property and then click **Pick a Resource** to the right of the text box
 - ▶ In the dialog that appears, double-click on **edit_message**
 - ▶ Also delete the **text** property (currently set to "Name")
- ▶ Click the button in the layout, locate the **text** property, click **Pick a Resource**, and then select **button_send**.
- ▶ Click the text view in the layout and delete its **text** property



Make the Text Box Size Flexible

- ▶ To create a layout that's responsive to different screen sizes, you'll now make the text box stretch to fill all remaining horizontal space (after accounting for the button and margins)
- ▶ Open the **Properties** window for the text box and then click the width indicator until set to **Match Constraints**
 - ▶ “Match constraints” means that the width is now determined by the horizontal constraints and margins. Therefore, the text box stretches to fill the horizontal space.



XML Layout File

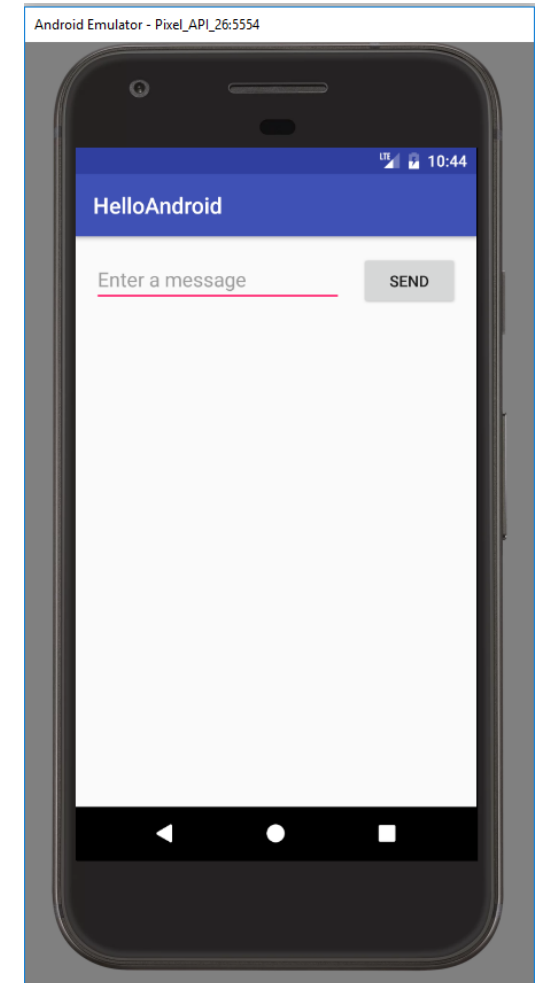
- ▶ Click the Text tab to see the final XML layout code



```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.c
3     xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
4     xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
5     android:layout_width="match_parent"
6     android:layout_height="match_parent"
7     tools:context="com.example.roi.helloandroid.MainActivity">
8
9     <EditText
10         android:id="@+id/editText"
11         android:layout_width="0dp"
12         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
13         android:layout_marginLeft="16dp"
14         android:layout_marginTop="16dp"
15         android:ems="10"
16         android:hint="@string/edit_message"
17         android:inputType="textPersonName"
18         app:layout_constraintLeft_toLeftOf="parent"
19         app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
20         app:layout_constraintRight_toLeftOf="@+id/button"
21         android:layout_marginRight="16dp" />
22
23     <Button
24         android:id="@+id/button"
25         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
26         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
27         android:text="Button"
28         app:layout_constraintBaseline_toBaselineOf="@+id/editText"
29         tools:text="@string/button_send"
30         android:layout_marginRight="16dp"
```

Run the App

- ▶ If your app is already installed on the device, click Apply Changes ⚡ from the toolbar
- ▶ Or click **Run** to install and run the app
- ▶ Next we will show the message entered in the text box on the text view when the button is tapped



Main Activity

- ▶ Open the file **app > java > com.example.myfirstapp > MainActivity.java**

Base class for activities that use
action bar features

onCreate() is where you initialize
your activity

Sets the activity content from a
layout resource

```
package com.example.roi.helloandroid;

import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
import android.os.Bundle;

public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    }
}
```

Handle Events

- ▶ In **MainActivity.java**, add the `sendMessage()` method as shown below:

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    }

    // Called when user taps the Send button
    public void sendMessage(View view) {
        EditText editText = (EditText)findViewById(R.id.editText);
        TextView textView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.textView);

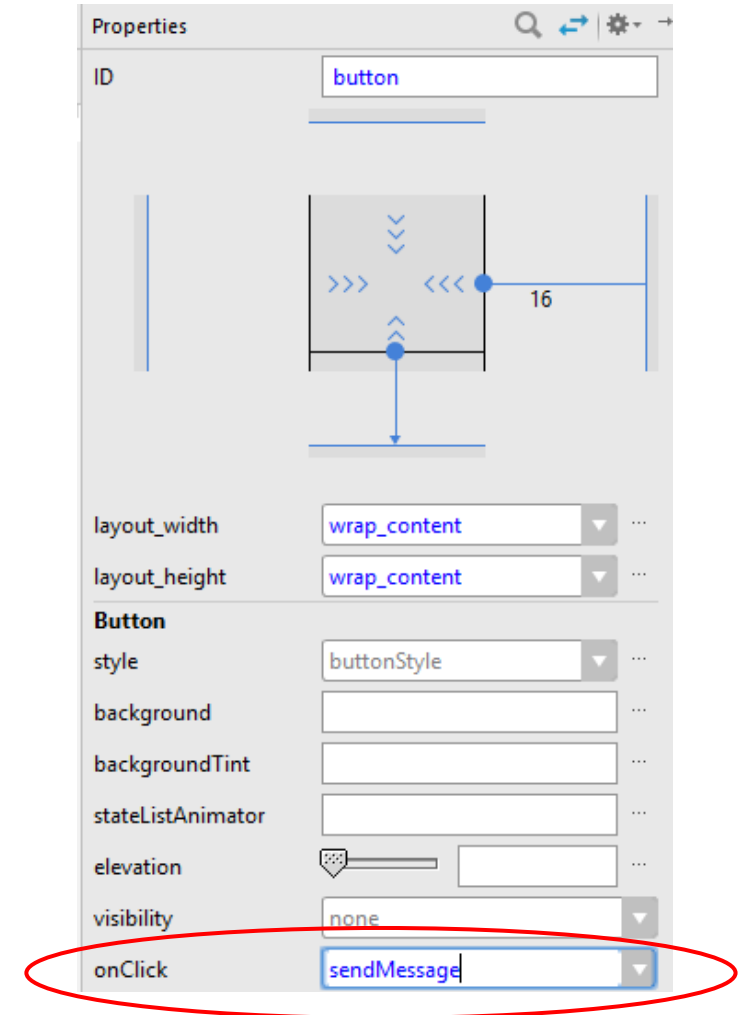
        textView.setText("Message: " + editText.getText().toString());
    }
}
```

`findViewById()` finds a view that is identified by the `android:id` XML attribute

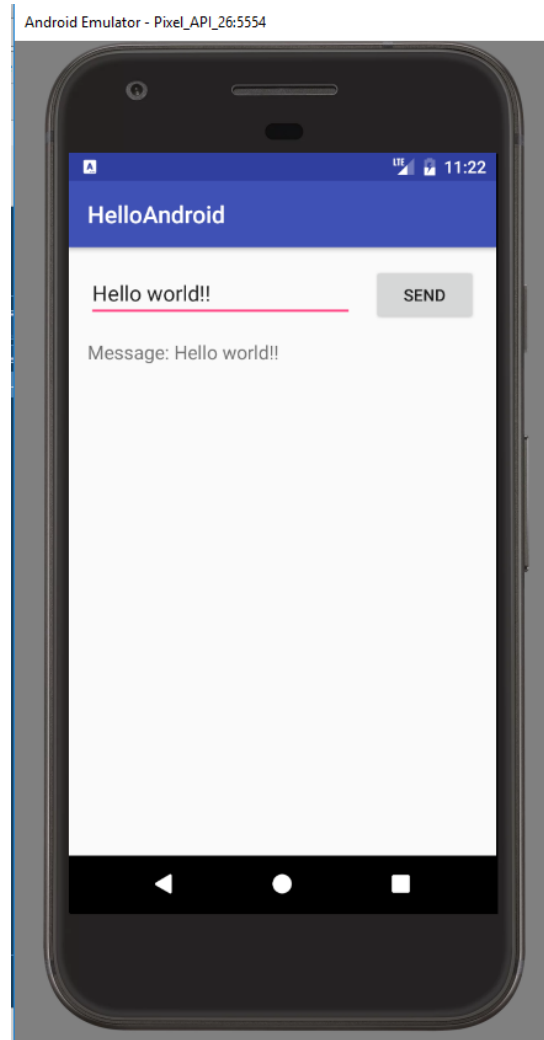
`R.java` is a dynamically generated class that identifies all assets (from strings to layouts), for usage in java classes

Handle Events

- ▶ Now return to the **activity_main.xml** file to call this method from the button:
 - ▶ Click to select the button in the Layout Editor.
 - ▶ In the **Properties** window, locate the **onClick** property and select **sendMessage [MainActivity]** from the drop-down list.



Run the App



Run Your App on a Real Device

- ▶ Set up your device as follows:
 - ▶ Connect your device to your development machine with a USB cable.
 - ▶ If you're developing on Windows, you might need to install the appropriate USB driver for your device. For help installing drivers, see the [OEM USB Drivers](#) document.
 - ▶ Enable **USB debugging** on your device by going to **Settings > Developer options**.
 - ▶ **Note:** On Android 4.2 and newer, **Developer options** is hidden by default. To make it available, go to **Settings > About phone** and tap **Build number** seven times. Return to the previous screen to find **Developer options**.
- ▶ Run the app from Android Studio as follows:
 - ▶ In Android Studio, click the **app** module in the **Project** window and then select **Run > Run** (or click **Run** in the toolbar).
 - ▶ In the **Select Deployment Target** window, select your device, and click **OK**.
 - ▶ Android Studio installs the app on your connected device and starts it.

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