Mastering Android's App Resources

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Resources



res

- -- drawable
- -- layout
- -- mipmap
- -- values
 - -- colors.xml
 - -- strings.xml
 - -- styles.xml



- drawable
- layout
- mipmap
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Resource Types



Plenty of resource types

res

-- drawable

-- layout

-- mipmap

-- values

-- raw

res

-- animator

-- anim

-- xml

-- menu

-- color

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Drawable

```
<selector>
    <item
        android:state_pressed="true"
        android:drawable="@drawable/button_pressed"/>
        <item android:drawable="@drawable/button_normal"/>
</selector>
```

Layout

```
<android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout</pre>
ayout
     activity_grid.xml
                                android:layout_width="match_parent"
                                android:layout_height="match_parent">
   activity_main.xml
     activity_text.xml
   view_grid_item.xml
                            </android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout>
layout-w600dp
   activity_grid.xml
   activity_text.xml
```

Mipmap

```
mipmap
ic_launcher.png (5)
   ic_launcher.png (hdpi)
     ic_launcher.png (mdpi)
   ic_launcher.png (xhdpi)
     ic_launcher.png (xxhdpi)
     ic_launcher.png (xxxhdpi)
ic_launcher.xml (anydpi-v26)
ic_launcher_foreground.png (5)
ic_launcher_round.png (5)
ic_launcher_round.xml (anydpi-v26)
```

Simple values

```
-- values
```

- -- colors.xml
- -- strings.xml
- -- styles.xml
- -- dimens.xml
- -- bools.xml
- -- integers.xml
- -- arrays.xml

```
<resources>
```

<color name="color_primary_dark">#e72743

</color>

</resources>

<string name="log_in">Log in</string>

<dimen name="fab_margin_bottom">12dp</dimen>

<bool name="is_landscape">false</pool>

<integer name="number_columns">2</integer>

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What are we learning today?

Know your resources Design and build for multiple screens Make your UI responsive Communicate with stakeholders Learn by example

Requirements

Scrollable grid of items

2 columns in phone - portrait & landscape





Pixel XL

Accessing Resources in xml

view grid item.xml <View android:layout_gravity="center" style="@style/Rectangle" android:id="@+id/rectangle" android:background="@color/blue"/>

styles.xml

```
<style name="Rectangle">
   <item name="android:layout_marginStart">@dimen/spacing_normal</item>
   <item name="android:layout_marginEnd">@dimen/spacing_normal</item>
  <item name="android:layout_marginTop">@dimen/spacing_medium</item>
   <item name="android:layout_width">160dp</item>
   <item name="android:layout_height">160dp</item>
</style>
```

dimens.xml

```
<resources>
   <dimen name="spacing_nano">2dp</dimen>
   <dimen name="spacing_micro">4dp</dimen>
   <dimen name="spacing_normal">8dp</dimen>
   <dimen name="spacing_medium">16dp</dimen>
</resources>
```

Accessing Resources in code

```
Activity
setContentView(R.layout.activity_grid);
RecyclerView recyclerView =
findViewById(R.id.recyclerView);
recyclerView.setLayoutManager(
  new GridLayoutManager(this, GRID_NUM_OF_COLUMNS)
```





Pixel XL

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Different layouts for phablets and tablets in portrait and landscape, support for different locales...



24000 devices

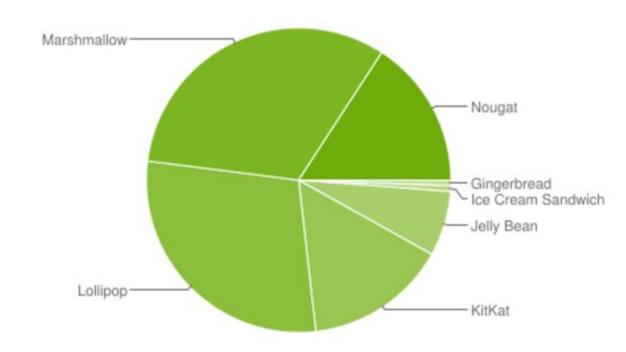
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#minSdkVersion21

23%



Android Dashboard

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Different layouts for different breakpoints

Multiple screen support using qualifiers

Terminology

Orientation - port, land

Screen Size - xsmall, small, normal, large, xlarge

Resolution - physical pixel (px)

Density Independent Pixel - virtual pixel (dp)

Screen density - Idpi, mdpi, hdpi, xhdpi, xxhdpi, xxxhdpi (1:2:3:5:6:8)

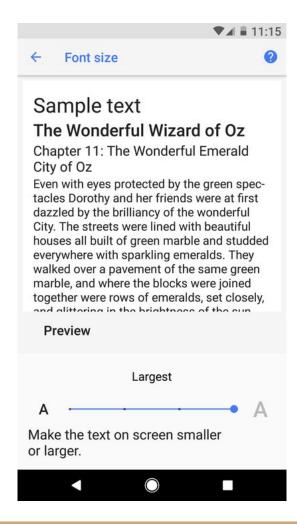
px = dp * (dpi / 160)

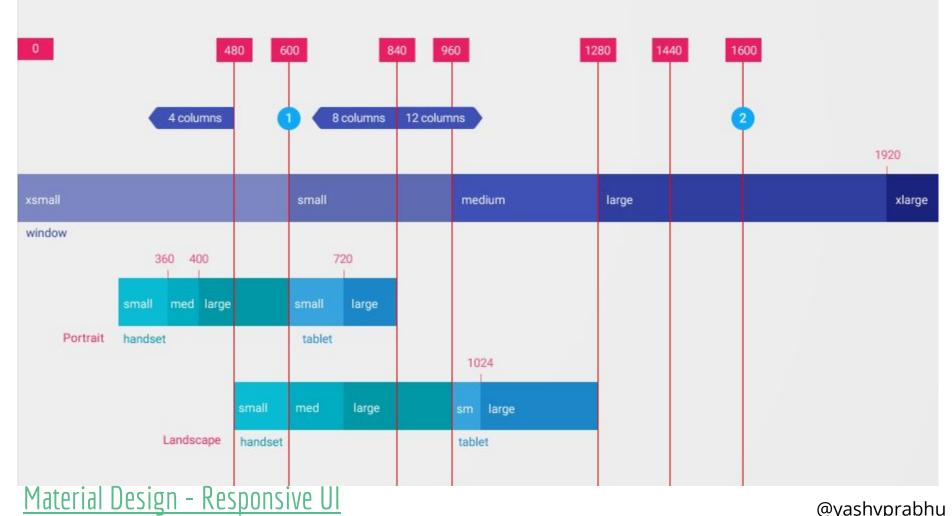
240 dp screen, 1 dp = 1.5 px (hdpi)

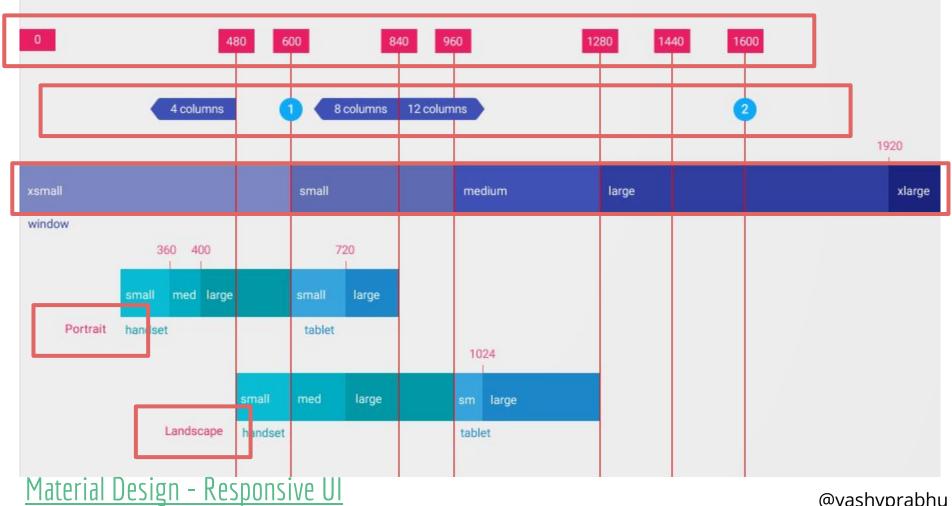
Terminology

Scaled Pixel (sp)

preserves a user's font settings







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Configurations & Qualifiers

res

- -- <resources_name>-<config_qualifier>
- -- drawable-hdpi
- -- layout-port-hdpi
- -- layout-land

Config & Qualifiers Table

Building Responsive UI on multiple screens

res

- -- layout
- -- layout-w600dp

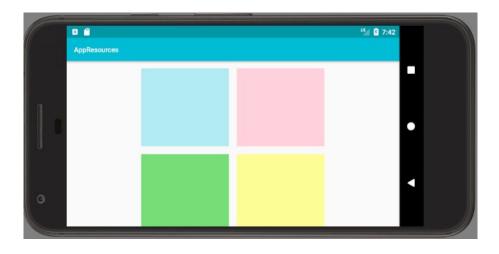
```
■ layout
■ activity_grid.xml (2)
activity_grid.xml
activity_grid.xml (w600dp)
```





Pixel XL - w600dp breakpoint





Pixel XL - sw600dp breakpoint

When do I use w(N)dp and sw(N)dp?

w<N>dp - available width, changes on orientation change (port and land) sw<N>dp - smallest width regardless of orientation change





Pixel XL - 411w x 731h dp





Nexus 7 with w600dp and h720dp and integers.xml

```
layout
//integers.xml (h720dp)
                                                            activity_grid.xml (2)
                                                               activity_grid.xml
<resources>
                                                               activity_grid.xml (w600dp)
    <integer</pre>
                                                           values
         name="grid_number_of_columns">3
                                                             arrays.xml
                                                               colors.xml
    </integer>
                                                               dimens.xml
                                                             integers.xml (2)
</resources>
                                                                integers.xml
                                                                integers.xml (h720dp)
                                                             strings.xml
                                                             styles.xml
```

```
// Activity
recyclerView.setLayoutManager(
   new GridLayoutManager(
   this, getResources()
    .getInteger(
   R.integer.grid_number_of_columns
   )));
```



Locales

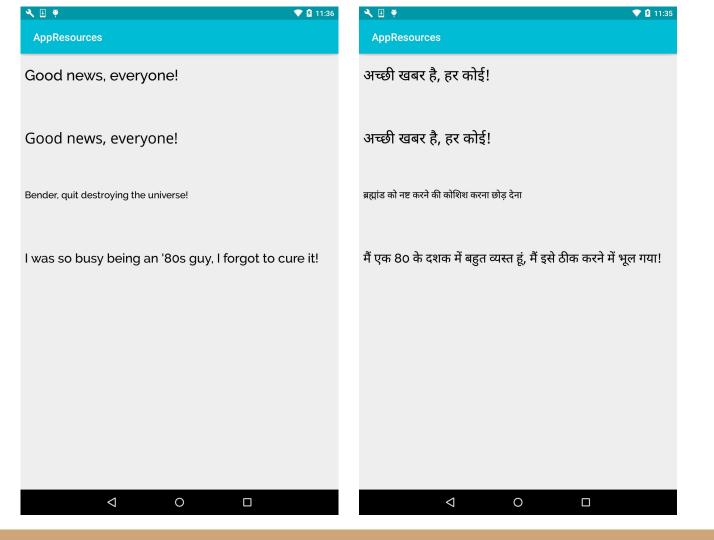
```
strings.xml (3)
strings.xml
strings.xml (es)
strings.xml (hi)
```

Locales - strings.xml

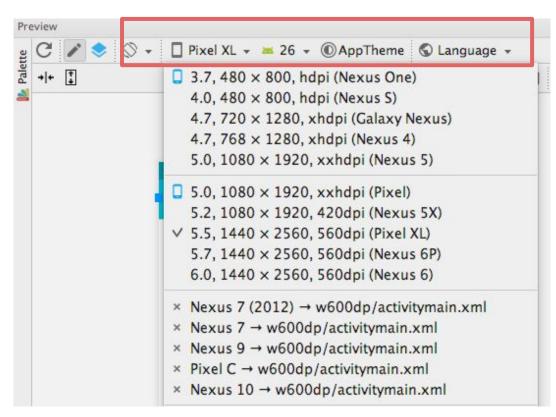
```
<resources>
   <string name="professor">Good news, everyone!</string>
   <string name="leela">
      Bender, quit destroying the universe!
   </string>
   <string name="go_to_grid">Go to Grid</string>
</resources>
```

Locales - strings.xml (hi)

```
<string name="professor">अच्छी खबर है, हर कोई!</string>
<string name="leela">
   ब्रहमांड को नष्ट करने की कोशिश करना छोड़ देना
</string>
<string name="go to grid" translatable="false">
   Go to Grid
</string>
```



Layout Preview



Finding the best match

Configurations & Qualifiers

res

- -- <resources_name>-<config_qualifier>
- -- drawable-hdpi
- -- layout-port-hdpi
- -- layout-land

Config & Qualifiers Table

Configuration	Qualifier
MCC and MNC	mcc310, mcc208-mnc00
Language & Region	en, fr, hi, es, en-rUS
Layout Direction	ldrtl, ldltr
Smallest Width	sw <n>dp (sw720dp, sw1024dp)</n>
Available width	w <n>dp (w600dp)</n>
Available height	h <n>dp (h960dp)</n>
Screen Size	small, normal, large, xlarge
Screen Aspect	long, notlong
Round	round, notround
Wide Color Gamut	widecg, nowidecg
High Dynamic Range	highdr, lowdr

Configuration	Qualifier
Screen Orientation	port, land
UI mode	car, desk, television, appliance, watch, vrheadset
Night mode	night, notnight
Screen pixel density	ldpi, mdpi, hdpi, xhdpi, xxhdpi, xxxhdpi, nodpi, anydpi, tvdpi
Touchscreen type	notouch, finger
Keyboard availability	keysexposed, keyshidden, keyssoft
Primary text input method	nokeys, qwerty, 12key
Navigation key availability	navexposed, navhidden
Primary non-touch navigation method	nonav, dpad, trackball, wheel
Platform version	v3, v4, v7

Qualifier rules

res

```
-- <resources_name>-<config_qualifier>
```

- -- drawable-hdpi
- -- drawable-port-hdpi
- -- layout-small-h600dp (wrong)
- -- drawable-rES-rEN (wrong)

Device specifications

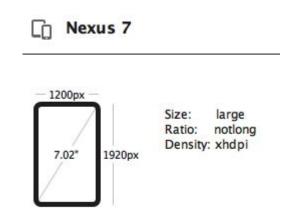
Screen orientation - port

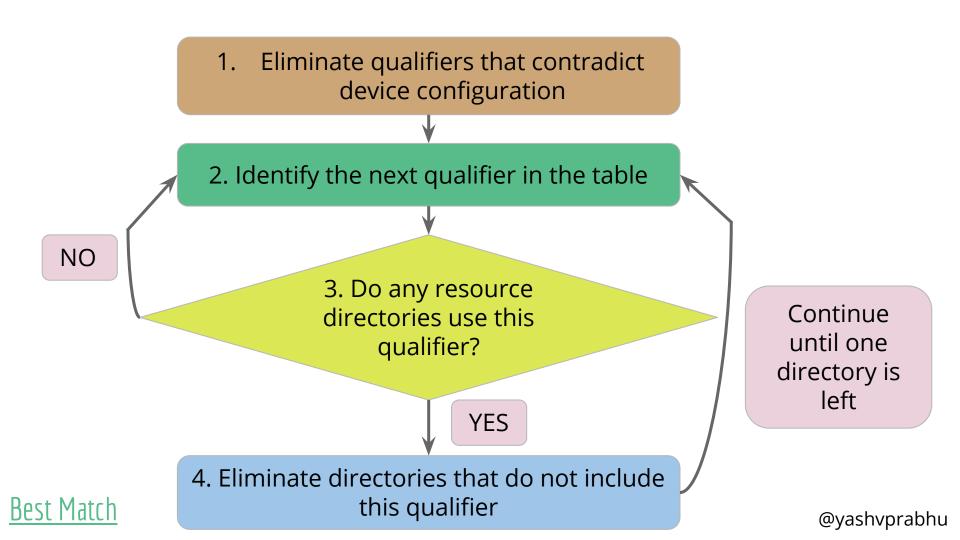
Screen pixel density - xhdpi

Screen size - large

Screen aspect - notlong

Locale - en-rUS





Device specifications

Screen orientation - port

Screen pixel density - xhdpi

Screen size - large

Screen aspect - notlong

Locale - en-rUS

res

-- layout

-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

-- layout-port

Device specifications

Screen orientation - port

Screen pixel density - xhdpi

Screen size - large

Screen aspect - notlong

Locale - en-rUS

res

-- layout

-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

-- layout-port

Device specifications

Screen orientation - port

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Locale - en-rUS

res

-- layout

-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

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res

-- layout

-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

-- layout-port

Device specifications

Screen orientation - port

Screen pixel density - xhdpi

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res

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-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

-- layout-port

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Screen size - large

Screen aspect - notlong

Locale - en-rUS

res

-- layout

-- layout-es-large

-- layout-notlong

-- layout-port

Identify your breakpoints

Identify your breakpoints

layout

layout-land

layout-w600dp

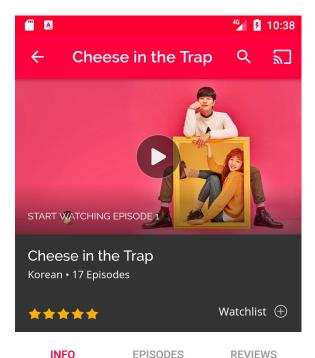
layout-w600dp-land

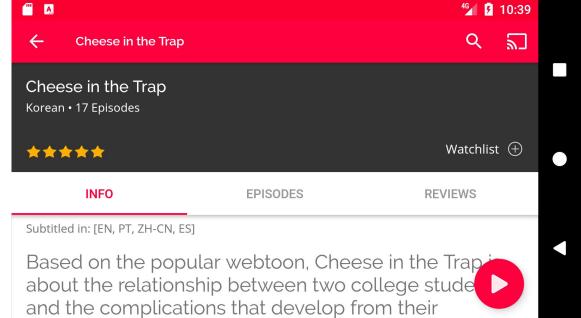
layout-w1024

layout-w1024dp-land

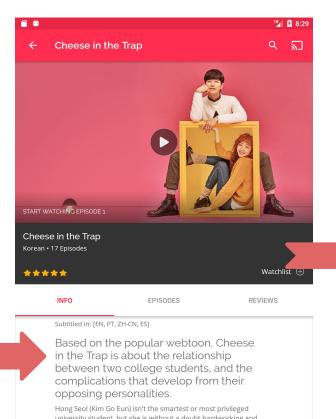
material.io/devices, Material Design - Responsive UI

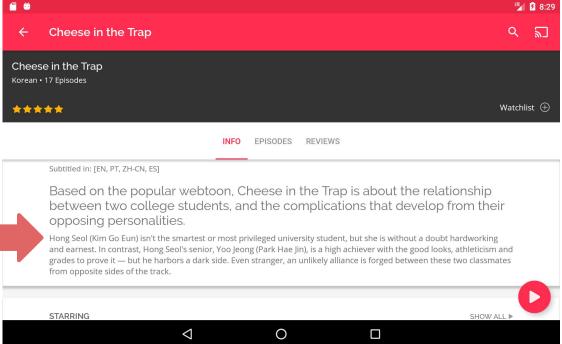
Breakpoints - default



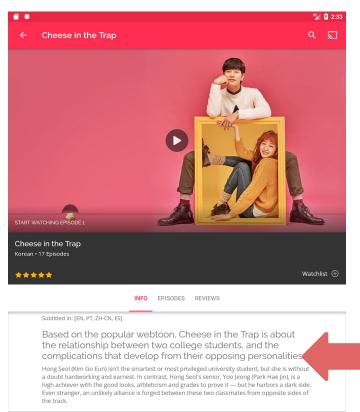


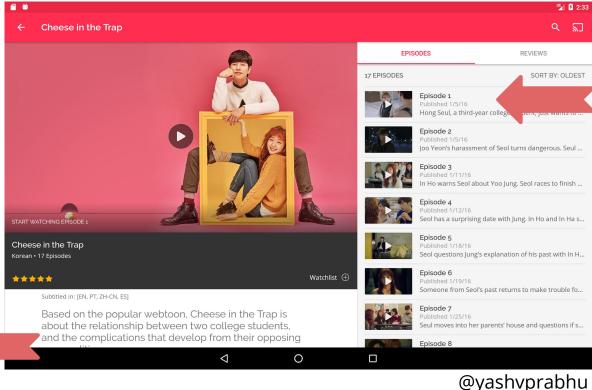
Breakpoints - 600





Breakpoints - 1024

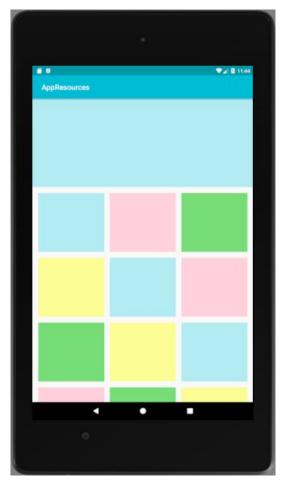










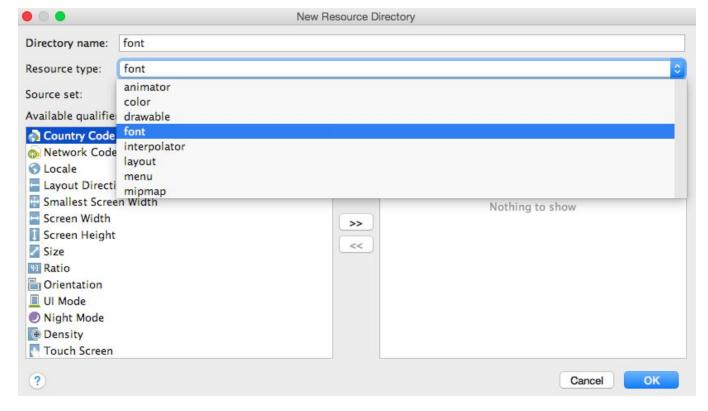


Supporting multiple screens!

What's new in Android O

Fonts in Xml

Create new resource directory





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Providing Font Resources

Download your .ttf file from github.com/google/fonts

Add it to fonts resource directory

Create a new font family via New → Font resource file

Directly add fonts in xml

```
res

drawable

font

raleway.xml

Traleway_italic.ttf

Traleway_medium.ttf

layout
```

raleway.xml

```
<font-family xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
  xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto">
   <font
    android: fontStyle="medium"
    android:fontWeight="400" android:font="@font/raleway_medium"
    app:fontStyle="medium"
    app:fontWeight="400" app:font="@font/raleway_medium"/>
   <font
    android:fontStyle="italic" .../>
</font-family>
```

Add font to xml

```
<TextView
    android:fontFamily="@font/raleway"
    android:text="@string/lorem_ipsum"
    android:textColor="@android:color/black"
    android:textSize="48sp" />
```

Add font to style

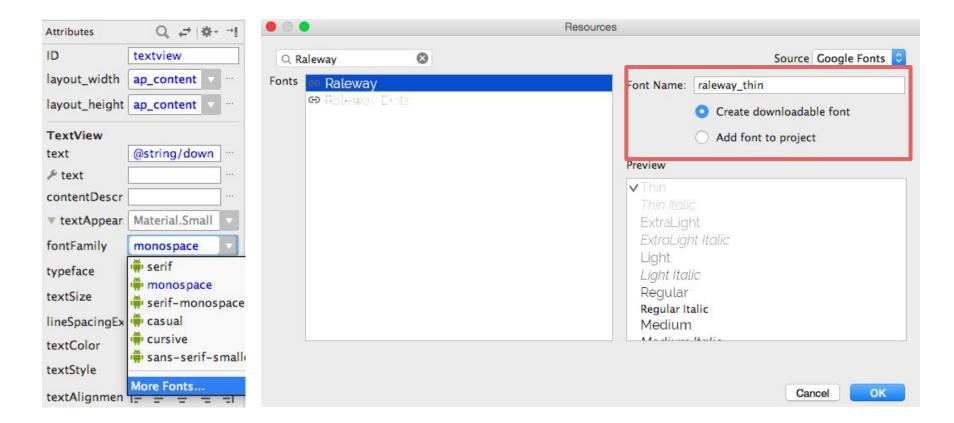
Add font to code

```
Typeface typeface = getResources().getFont(R.font.raleway);
view.setTypeface(typeface);
```



Downloadable Fonts

Downloadable Fonts



AutoSizing TextViews

Default

> Scales uniformly on horizontal and vertical axes

```
android:autoSizeTextType="uniform"
```

Support library

```
app:autoSizeTextType="uniform"
```

Default dimensions for uniform scaling are minTextSize = 12sp, maxTextSize = 112sp and granularity = 1px

Granularity

Beware of wrap_content!

android:layout_height="160dp" android:autoSizeMinTextSize="48sp" android:autoSizeMaxTextSize="112sp" android:autoSizeStepGranularity="1sp" app:autoSizeMinTextSize="48sp" app:autoSizeMaxTextSize="112sp"

app:autoSizeStepGranularity="1sp"



Bender, quit destroying the universe!

Bender, quit destroying the universe!



Preset

```
android:autoSizePresetSizes="@array/autosize_text_sizes"
android:autoSizeTextType="uniform"
android:layout_height="160dp"
```

Preset

arrays.xml

```
<array name="autosize_text_sizes">
    <item>48sp</item>
    <item>64sp</item>
    <item>80sp</item>
   <item>96sp</item>
   <item>112sp</item>
</array>
```



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I was so busy being an '80s guy, I forgot to cure

12:38

I was so busy being an '80s guy, I forgot to cure it!





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