

The new build system for Android



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What's Gradle?

- Gradle is an open source build automation system.
- Gradle introduces DSL instead of the more traditional XML form of declaring the project configuration.
- focused around Java, Groovy and Scala development and deployment, but more languages and project workflows are on the roadmap.
- Gradle can automate the building, testing, publishing, deployment.

1. <https://gradle.org>
2. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gradle>



Why Gradle?

- create custom build logic through plugins.
- dependency management
- Plugins can expose their own DSL and their own API for build files to use.
- Gradle combines the best features from other build tools.



Flexibility
Full control
Chaining of targets



Dependency management



Convention over configuration
Multimodule projects
Extensibility via plugins



Groovy DSL on top of Ant



1. [Why Gradle?](#)
2. [Why choose Gradle?](#)



Installing Gradle

- requires a Java JDK or JRE to be installed, version 6 or higher
- Gradle ships with its own Groovy library, therefore Groovy does not need to be installed.
- Any existing Groovy installation is ignored by Gradle.
- Gradle uses whatever JDK it finds in your path
- download (<http://gradle.org/downloads>)
- unpacking
- add GRADLE_HOME/bin to your PATH environment variable
- Android Studio Project includes gradle

1. [gradle installation](#)



Groovy

- <http://groovy-lang.org/>
- The language used by Gradle
- Great similarity to Java
- builds upon the strengths of Java but has additional power features inspired by languages like Python, Ruby and Smalltalk

1. <http://learnxinyminutes.com/docs/groovy/>



Build Script Basics

- **Project**

What a project represents depends on what it is that you are doing with Gradle

- **Task**

A task represents some atomic piece of work which a build performs. This might be compiling some classes, creating a JAR, generating Javadoc, or publishing some archives to a repository.

- **Plugin**

A plugin is a mechanism by which we can extend the capabilities of Gradle .

1. <http://rominirani.com/2014/07/28/gradle-tutorial-part-1-installation-setup/>
2. https://gradle.org/docs/current/userguide/tutorial_using_tasks.html#N101A9



Demo

```
//defaultTasks 'buildTask'
```

build.gradle

```
task compileTask << {  
    System.out.println "compiling..."  
}
```

```
task buildTask << {  
    //task buildTask (dependsOn:compileTask) << {  
        System.out.println "building..."  
    }  
}
```

1. <http://rominirani.com/2014/07/28/gradle-tutorial-part-1-installation-setup/>



2. Gradle Plugin

- Gradle plugin for Java
- Gradle plugin for Android
- for eclipse,idea,findbugs,c,cpp,oc,jetty.....

1. <https://gradle.org/docs/current/userguide/plugins.html>
2. https://gradle.org/docs/current/userguide/standard_plugins.html



Gradle Plugin for Java

- Source sets
- Tasks
- Project layout
- Dependency management
- ...

1. http://gradle.org/docs/current/userguide/java_plugin.html



Demo

```
apply plugin: 'java' // packaged with gradle
archivesBaseName = "quote"
version = '1.0-FINAL'
```

build.gradle

```
repositories {
    mavenCentral()
}
```

```
dependencies {
    compile group: 'org.apache.commons', name: 'commons-lang3', version: '3.3.2'
    testCompile group: 'junit', name: 'junit', version: '4.+'
}
```

1. <http://rominirani.com/2014/07/28/gradle-tutorial-part-2-java-projects/>



Gradle Plugin for Android

- Published in May, 2013
- 1.0 Released in Dec, 2014
- git clone

<https://android.googlesource.com/platform/prebuilts/gradle-plugin>

```
$ repo init -u https://android.googlesource.com/platform/manifest -b gradle_1.0.0  
$ repo sync
```

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/user-guide>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCJAgPkpmR0>
3. <http://tools.android.com/build>



Goals of the new build system

- Make it easy to reuse code and resources
- Make it easy to create several variants of an application, either for multi-apk distribution or for different flavors of an application
- Make it easy to configure, extend and customize the build process
- Good IDE integration

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/user-guide>



Android Plugin DSL Reference



1. [Android Plugin DSL Reference](#)

signing Configs

- configuration of how an application is signed
- what can be customised?
 - keyAlias
 - keyPassword
 - storeFile
 - storePassword
 - storeType
- hide key password

1. <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/18328730/how-to-create-a-release-signed-apk-file-using-gradle>



Product Flavors

- A product flavor defines a customized version of the application build by the project. A single project can have different flavors which change the generated application
- This new concept is designed to help when the differences are very, very minimum
- Although different flavors could be very different applications, using Library Projects is a better use case for this, and the build system still supports this.

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>



What can be customised by Product Flavor?

- minSdkVersion
- targetSdkVersion
- versionCode
- versionName
- package name
(overrides value from manifest)
- release signing info (keystore, key alias, passwords,...)
- BuildConfig: Ability to provide custom Java code
- NDK ABI filter (Not implemented yet)
- Additionally, Product Flavor can provide their own source code, resources and manifest.

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>



Build Types

- A build type allows configuration of how an application is packaged for debugging or release purpose.
- This concept is not meant to be used to create different versions of the same application. This is orthogonal to Product Flavor.

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>



What can be customised by Build Types?

- manifest debuggable flag
- native compilation debug flag
- proguard enabled + specific rules
- debug signing flag (ie whether to use debug key or release key)
- package name suffix (2)
- Buildconfig
- DEBUG flag. Set automatically based on the manifest debuggable flag.
- Ability to provide custom Java code.
- Types "Release" and "Debug" are automatically created and can be reconfigured

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>



Build Variants

- Build Type + Product Flavor = Build Variant

	type1	type2
flavor1	flavor1-type1	flavor1-type2
flavor2	flavor2-type1	flavor2-type2

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>

Sourcesets

- remap src structure
- eclipse compatibility

```
▪ src/  
  ▪ main/  
    ▪ java/  
    ▪ jni/  
    ▪ resources/ -- this is java resources  
    ▪ aidl/  
    ▪ rs/  
    ▪ res/ -- this is Android resources  
    ▪ assets/  
    ▪ AndroidManifest.xml  
  ▪ debug/  
    ▪ Java, jni, res, AndroidManifest.xml, etc... (same as main)  
  ▪ release/  
    ▪ Java, jni, res, AndroidManifest.xml, etc... (same as main)  
  ▪ flavor1/  
    ▪ Java, jni, res, AndroidManifest.xml, etc... (same as main)  
  ▪ flavor2/  
    ▪ Java, jni, res, AndroidManifest.xml, etc... (same as main)
```

```
sourceSets {  
    main {  
        manifest {  
            srcFile 'AndroidManifest.xml'  
        }  
        java {  
            srcDir 'src'  
        }  
        res {  
            srcDir 'res'  
        }  
        assets {  
            srcDir 'assets'  
        }  
        resources {  
            srcDir 'src'  
        }  
        aidl {  
            srcDir 'src'  
        }  
    }  
}
```

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>

Dependencies

- Simply include any artifacts provided by mavenCentral()

```
...
dependencies {
    compile fileTree(dir: 'libs', include: ['*.jar'])
    compile 'com.android.support:appcompat-v7:21.0.2'
    compile 'com.jpardogo.flabbylistview:library:+'
    compile 'com.jpardogo.googleprogressbar:library:+'
    compile 'com.mcxiaoke.volley:library:1.0.+'
    compile 'com.umeng.analytics:analytics:5.2.4'
}
```

build.gradle

...



Dependencies

- 指定你自己的仓库地址

```
...
repositories {
    maven {
        url "http://repo.mycompany.com/repo"
    }
}
...
```

build.gradle

- 常见的maven仓库
 - <http://search.maven.org> (mavenCentral())
 - <https://bintray.com/bintray/jcenter> (jcenter())
 - <http://maven.oschina.net/home.html>
 - (maven{ url 'http://maven.oschina.net/content/groups/public/'})



Multi Project Build (Library Projects)

- use the settings.gradle files to declare library projects
- add library projects as "compile" dependency
- 自定义library project位置

settings.gradle

```
...  
include ':letvCore'  
include ':loginLib'  
include ':letv'  
project(':letvCore').projectDir = new File(rootDir, "../librarys/letvCore")  
project(':loginLib').projectDir = new File(rootDir, "../librarys/loginLib")  
...
```

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/build-system-concepts>



Demo

- 如何通过一套代码开发不同功能的apk
- git clone <https://github.com/ghuiii/gradledemo.git>



代码合并规则

- 图片、音频、XML 类型的 Drawable 等资源文件，将会进行文件级的覆盖
- 字符串、颜色值、整型等资源以及 AndroidManifest.xml，将会进行元素级的覆盖
- 代码资源，同一个类，buildTypes、productFlavors、main 中只能存在一次，否则会有类重复的错误
- 覆盖等级为：buildTypes > productFlavors > main

The following rules are used when dealing with all the source sets used to build a single APK:

- All source code (`src/*/java`) are used together as multiple folders generating a single output.
- Manifests are all merged together into a single manifest. This allows *Product Flavors* to have different components and/or permissions, similarly to *Build Types*.
- All resources (Android res and assets) are used using overlay priority where the *Build Type* overrides the *Product Flavor*, which overrides the `main` sourceSet.
- Each *Build Variant* generates its own R class (or other generated source code) from the resources. Nothing is shared between variants.

1. <http://ask.android-studio.org/?/article/30>



Gradle plugin for android 常见task

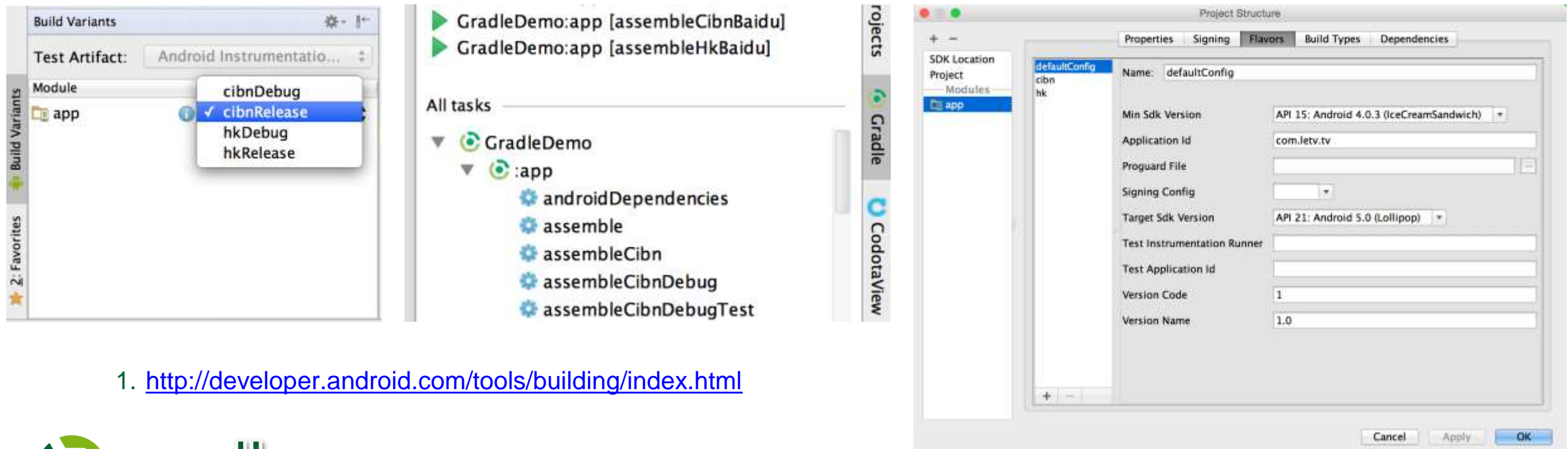
- **assemble**
The task to assemble the output(s) of the project
- **check**
The task to run all the checks.
- **build**
This task does both **assemble** and **check**
- **clean**
This task cleans the output of the project

1. <http://tools.android.com/tech-docs/new-build-system/user-guide#TOC-Build-Tasks>



Studio&Gradle

- Good IDE integration
- The IDE doesn't do a build anymore
- Building and Running from Android Studio
- Building and Running from Command Line



1. <http://developer.android.com/tools/building/index.html>



Gradle 与 tv版

从maven仓库获取依赖的好处

1. 将主工程与依赖隔离开，方便对依赖的管理，它们之间只是通过一条gradle语句建立联系
2. 依赖不再会进入主工程的代码仓库
3. 在本地不会存在依赖的重复副本（依赖只会缓存一份到本地）



Resources

- <http://gradle.org/docs/current/userguide/userguide.html>
- <http://rominirani.com/2014/07/28/gradle-tutorial-series-an-overview/>
- <http://avatarqing.github.io/Gradle-Plugin-User-Guide-Chinese-Version/introduction/README.html>
- <http://developer.android.com/sdk/installing/studio-build.html>
- <http://apdr.qiniudn.com/index.html>



Thanks

