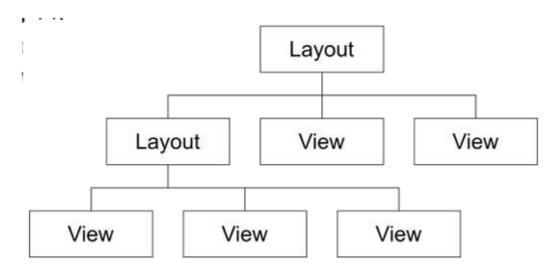
GUI - Basic widgets (1)

The View class



- The View class is the Android's most basic component from which user interfaces can be created. It acts as a container of displayable elements
- A View occupies a rectangular area on the screen and is responsible for drawing and event handling
- Widgets are subclasses of View. They are used to create interactive UI components such as buttons, checkboxes, labels, text fields, etc.
- Layouts are invisible structured containers used for holding other Views and nested layouts.

Nesting XML Layouts

- An Android's XML view file consists of a layout design holding a hierarchical arrangement of its contained elements
- The inner elements could be basic widgets or user-defined nested layouts holding their own viewgroups
- An Activity uses the setContentView(R.layout.xmlfilename) method to render a view on the device's screen

Setting Views to Work

Dealing with widgets & layouts typically involves the following operations

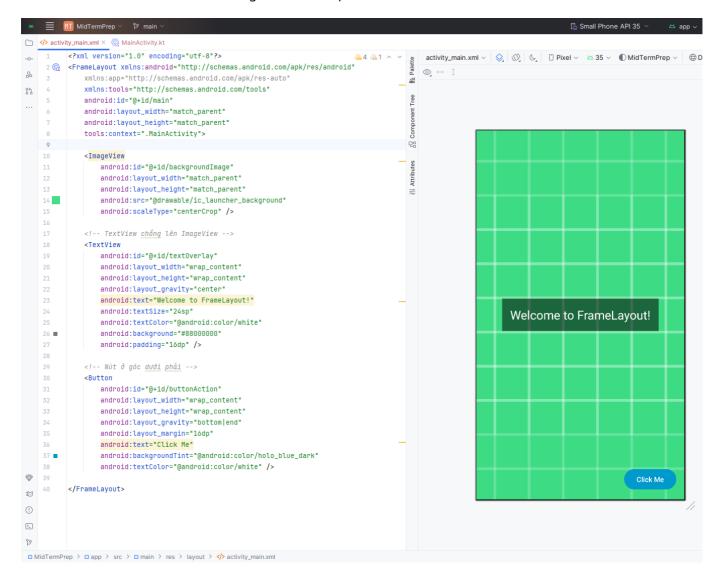
- Set properties: For instance, when working with a TextView you set the background color, text, font, alignment, size, padding, marging, etc.
- Set up listeners: For example, an image could be programmed to respond to various events such as: click, long-tap, mouseover, etc.

The Layout

FrameLayout

- The FrameLayout is the simplest type of GUI container.
- It is useful as an outermost container holding a window.

- Allows you to define how much of the screen (high, width) is to be used.
- All its children elements are aligned to the top left corner of the screen



LinearLayout

- The LinearLayout supports a filling strategy in which new elements are stacked either in a horizontal or vertical fashion
- If the layout has a vertical orientation new rows are placed one on top of the other
- A horizontal layout uses a side-by-side column placement policy

Attributes

Attribute	Value
orientation	vertical, horizontal
fill model	match_parent, wrap_contents
weight	0, 1, 2,, n
gravity	top, bottom, center
padding	dp - dev. independent pixels

Attribute	Value
margin	dp - dev. independent pixels

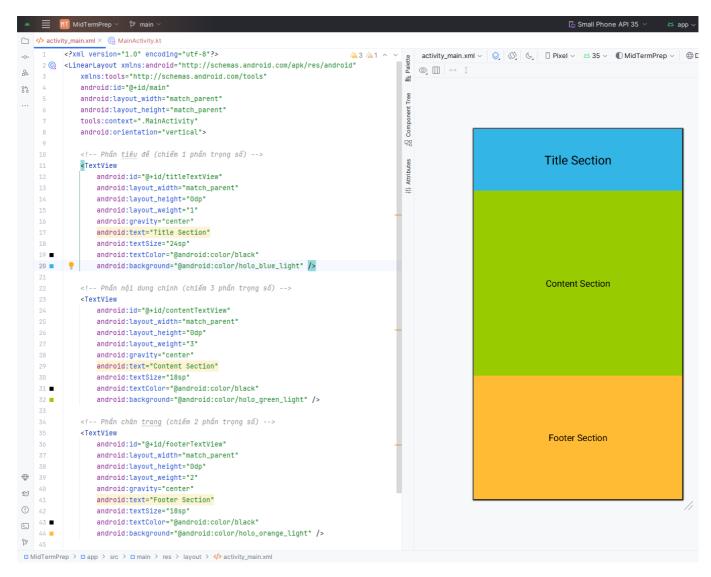
LinearLayout: Fill model

All widgets inside a LinearLayout **must** include android:layout_width and android:layout_height attributes. Values can be:

- A specific dimension such as 125dp (devide independent pixels dip)
- wrap_content indicates the widget should just fill up its natural space
- match_parent (previous version: fill_parent) indicates the widget wants to be as big as the
 enclosing parent

LinearLayout: Weight

The extra space left unclaimed in a layout could be assigned to any of its inner components by setting its Weight attribute. Use 0 if the view should not be stretched. The bigger the weight the larger the extra space given to that widget.



LinearLayout: Gravity

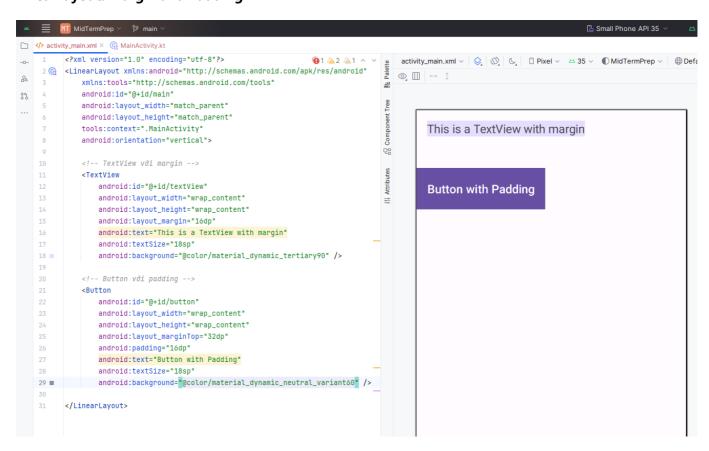
Gravity is used to indicate how a control will align on the screen

Default: left and top align

Other possible arrangements: top, bottom, left, right, center_vertical, fill_vertical, center_horizontal, fill_horizontal, center, fill, clip_vertical (Nội dung bị cắt hoặc giới hạn theo chiều dọc nếu nó vượt quá vùng chứa), clip_horizontal, start (Căn nội dung vào mép bắt đầu theo hướng ngôn ngữ, Tiếng Anh: Bên trái, Tiếng Ả Rập: Bên phải), end

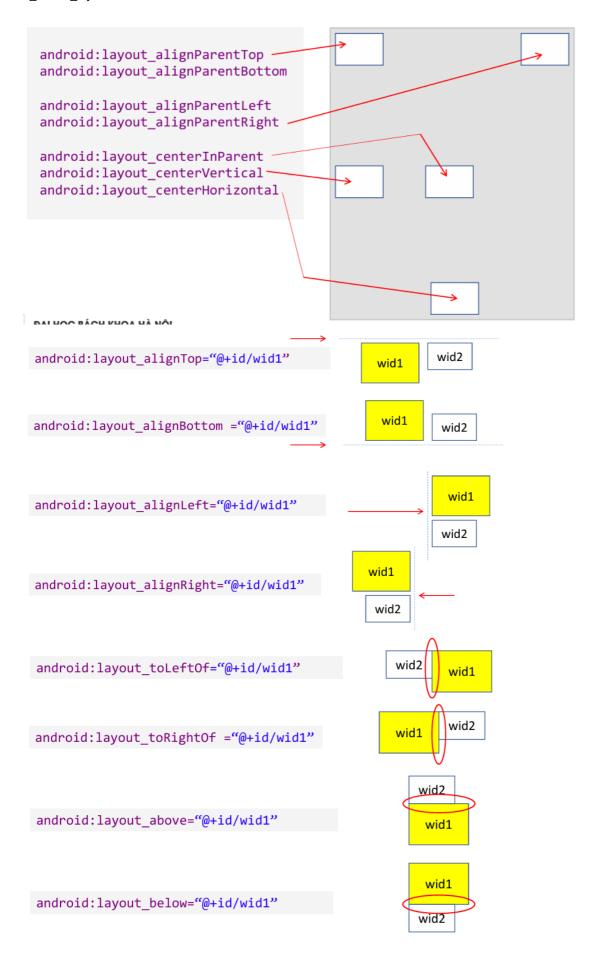
Multiple values: android:layout_gravity="end|bottom"

LinearLayout: Margin and Padding



Relative Layout

The placement of a widget in a RelativeLayout is based on its positional relationship to other widgets in the container as well as the parent container



ScrollView Layout

- ScrollViews provide a vertical sliding (up/down) access to the data
- The HorizontalScrollView provides a similar left/right sliding mechanism

```
<ScrollView xmlns:android=</pre>
                                                              android:layout_height="wrap_content"
"http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
                                                              android:text="Item2"
   android:id="@+id/myVerticalScrollView1"
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   android:layout width="match parent"
   android:layout height="match parent" >
                                                           <View
                                                              android:layout width="match parent"
   <LinearLayout</pre>
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       android:id="@+id/myLinearLayoutVertical"
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          android:text="Item1"
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            android:layout_height="6dp"
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          android:id="@+id/textView2"
          android:layout_width="match_parent"
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       android:layout width="match parent"
                                                          android:background="#ffff0000" />
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       android:orientation="horizontal" >
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       <TextView
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           android:id="@+id/textView1"
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           android:layout width="match parent"
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           android:layout_height="wrap_content"
                                                           android:textSize="75sp" />
           android:text="Item1"
                                                     </LinearLayout>
           android:textSize="75sp" />
                                                   </HorizontalScrollView>
           android:layout_width="6dp"
           android:layout height="match parent"
                                                        GUI_Demo
           android:background="#ffff0000" />
```

Constraint Layout

Deeply nested layouts are costly

Deeply nested ViewGroups require more computation

- Views may be measured multiple times
- Can cause UI slowdown and lack of responsiveness Use ConstraintLayout to avoid some of these issues

ConstraintLayout:

- Recommended default layout for Android
- Solves costly issue of too many nested layouts, while allowing complex behavior
- Position and size views within it using a set of constraints

