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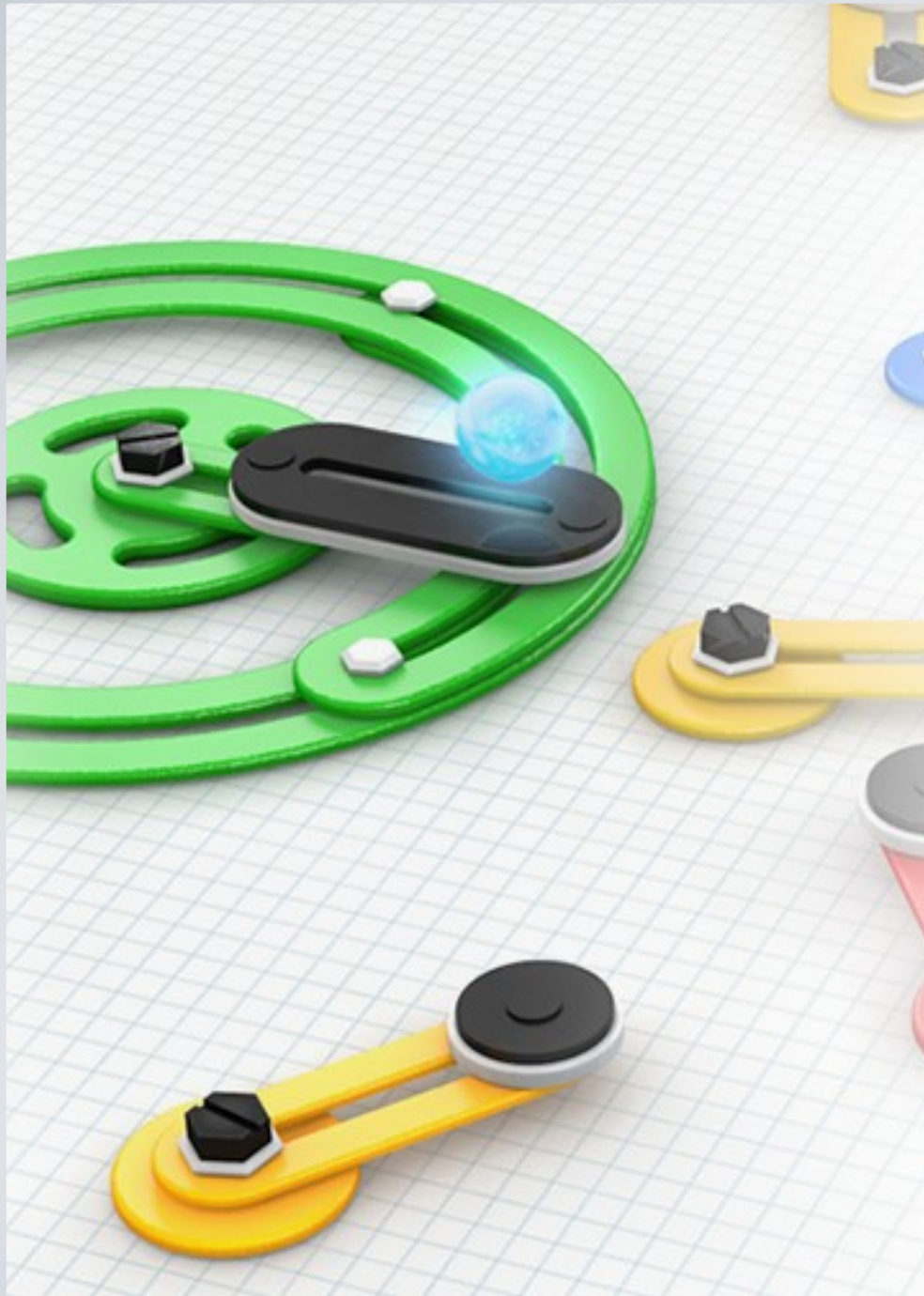
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# Lesson 1:

## Describing the Android Platform



# Describing the Android Development Environment

# Android Studio



Android  
Studio

=

Android  
development  
environment based  
on IntelliJ IDEA

To help you build, test,  
debug, and package your  
Android apps

Android Studio was in **early access preview**,  
as of Sept. 2013.

# Android Studio

## What You Get with Android Studio Based on IntelliJ IDEA

### Highlights of IntelliJ

- Full Java IDE
- Graphical UI Builders
- Powerful Debugging

### Highlights of Android Studio

- On-device Developer Options
- Develop on Hardware Devices
- Develop on Virtual Devices
- Native Development
- Testing





# Anatomy of an Android app

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Applications (Built-in & Custom)

Application Framework

Libraries & Dalvik Virtual Machine

Linux Kernel



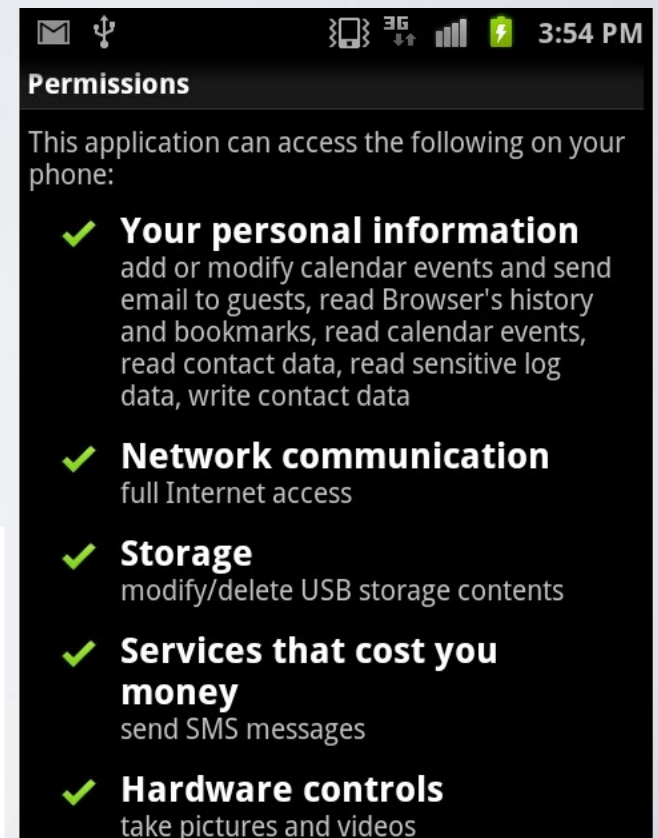
# Anatomy of an Android app



# Anatomy of an Android app

## Android App Security

- Runs inside a sandbox as a separate UID (Linux User ID).
- Framework restricts access.
- Privileges can be requested for additional access



# Android project folder structure

## Android Project Folder Structure

- AndroidManifest.xml - Fundamental characteristics of your app
- src/main/res - Directory for your app's main source files
- src/res/ - Contains several sub-directories for app resources
  - drawable-hdpi/ - Directory for drawable objects, designed for a specific screen
  - layout/ - Directory for files that define your app's user interface
  - values/ - Directory for other XML files that contain a



# Android project folder structure















## AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest ...>
  <uses-feature ... />
  <uses-permission ... />
  <uses-sdk android:minSdkVersion="3" android:targetSdkVersion="5" android:maxSdkVersion="5" />
  <application ...>
    <activity ...>
      ...
    </activity>
    <service ...>
      ...
    </service>
    <provider ...>
      ...
    </provider>

    <receiver ...>
      ...
    </receiver>
  </application>
</manifest>
```

# Android project folder structure

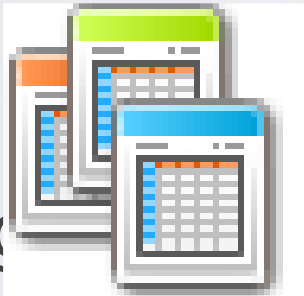
## App Resources

 res/	
 drawable	Drawable XML
 drawable-xhdpi	PNGs, 9-patch PNGs, optimized for multiple densities
 drawable-hdpi	
 drawable-mdpi	
 layout	Layout XML optimized for physical screen size and orientation
 layout-land	
 layout-large	
 layout-large-land	Strings, styles, themes, etc.
 values	Styles, themes varying by API level
 values-v11	
 values-v14	Strings XML localized for your target regions
 values-en	
 values-fr	
values-ja	

# Key components of an Android app

## Activities & Services

### Activities



Manage the screen  
the user interacts  
with

### Services

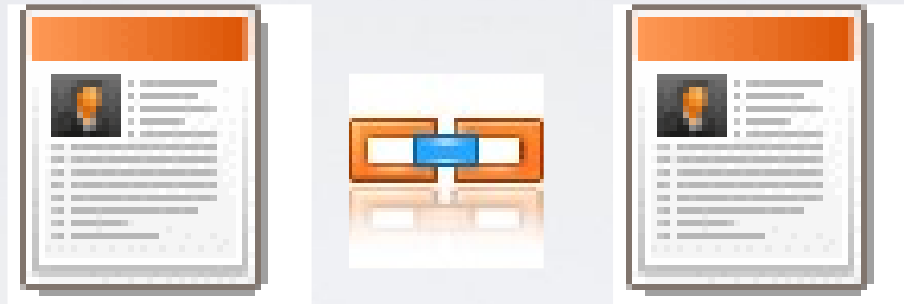


Perform background  
operations for your  
app



# Key components of an Android app

## Intents



Provide the “links” between your classes

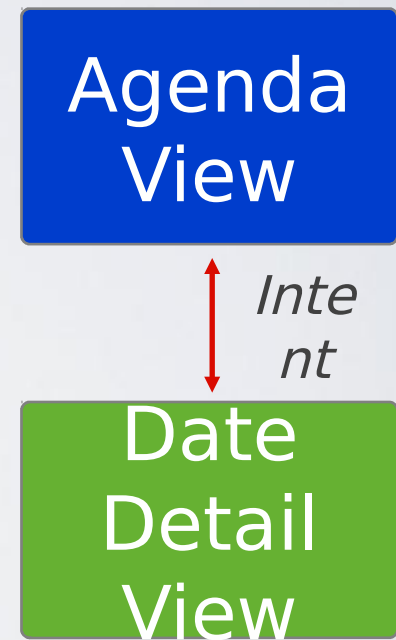
# Key components of an Android app

Apps communicate with each other by providing and consuming each other's Intents.

Agenda  
View

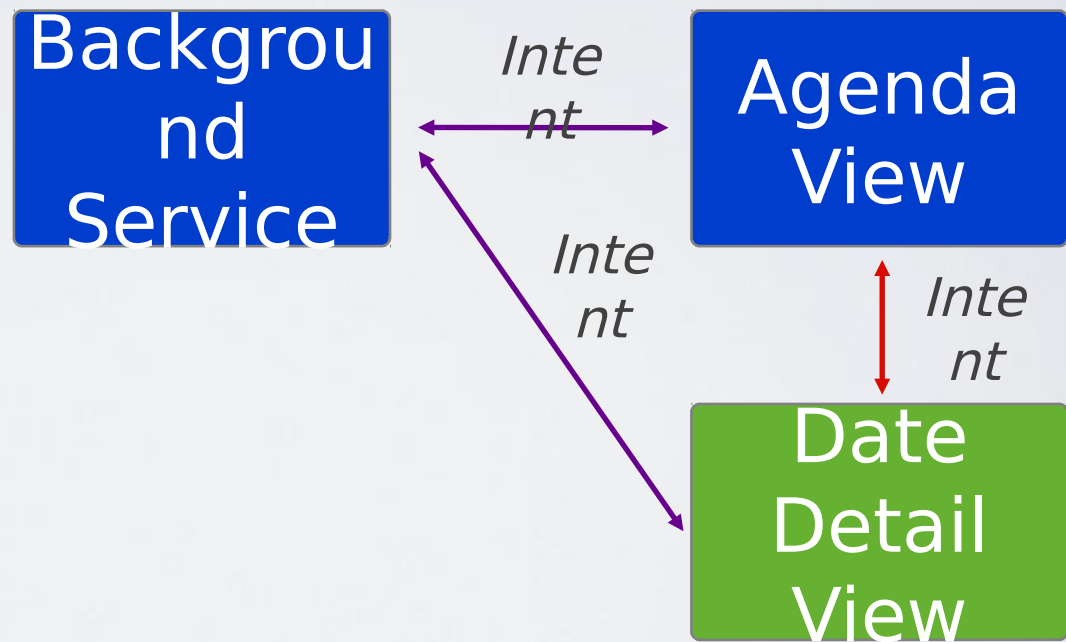
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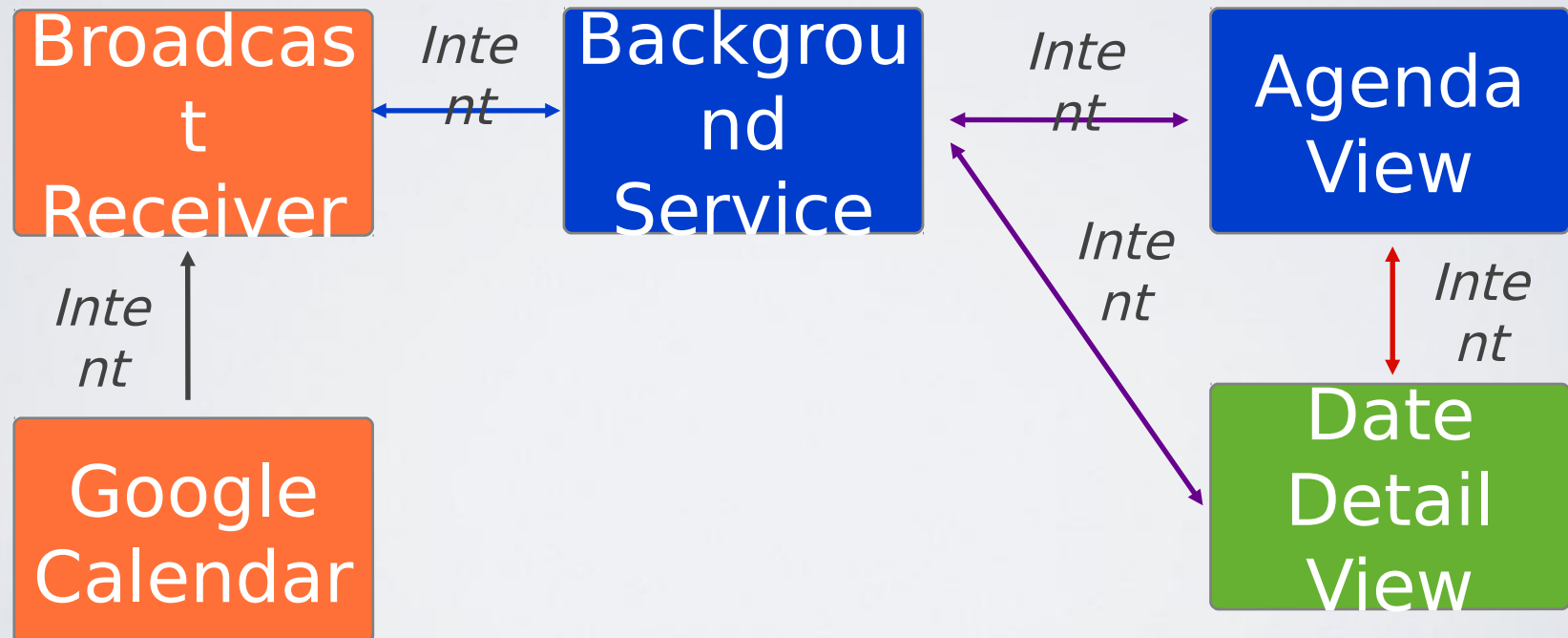
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# Lab Exercise 1.1

## Creating Android Projects



# Lab Exercise 1.1

## Exploring Android Studio

- Task 1: Verify proper installation of Android Studio and the Android SDK.
- Task 2: Create a new Android Studio project.
- Task 3: Navigate the Android Studio project explorer and identify source and resource files.
- Task 4: Use intelligent features of the code editor, including code-complete and refactoring.
- Task 5: Change the Android Studio skin (optional).
- Task 6: Connect a hardware device.
- Task 7: Create and start a virtual device.
- Task 8: Run a project on a virtual and hardware device.
- Task 9: View the project structure.



# Lesson 2:

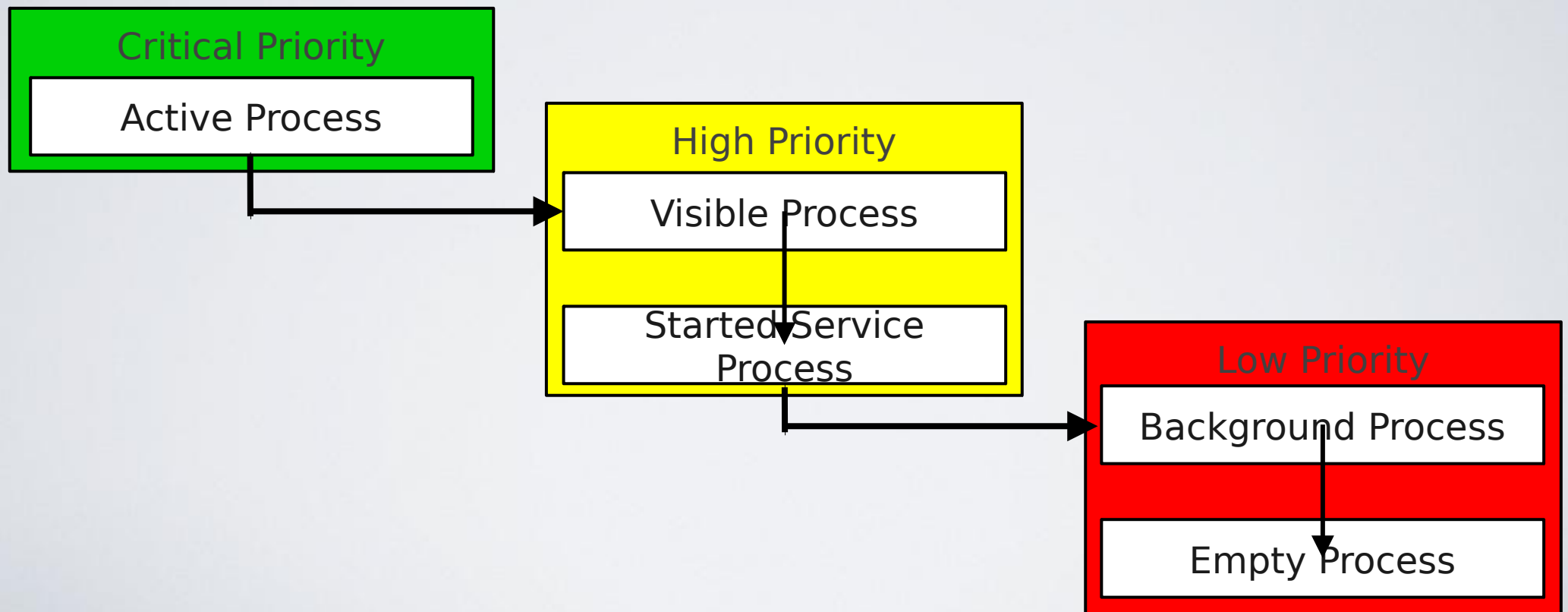
Android Application Types & Fundamental Classes



# Describing the Application Lifecycle

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## Memory and Process Management





Describing the  
key Android  
classes and how  
they relate



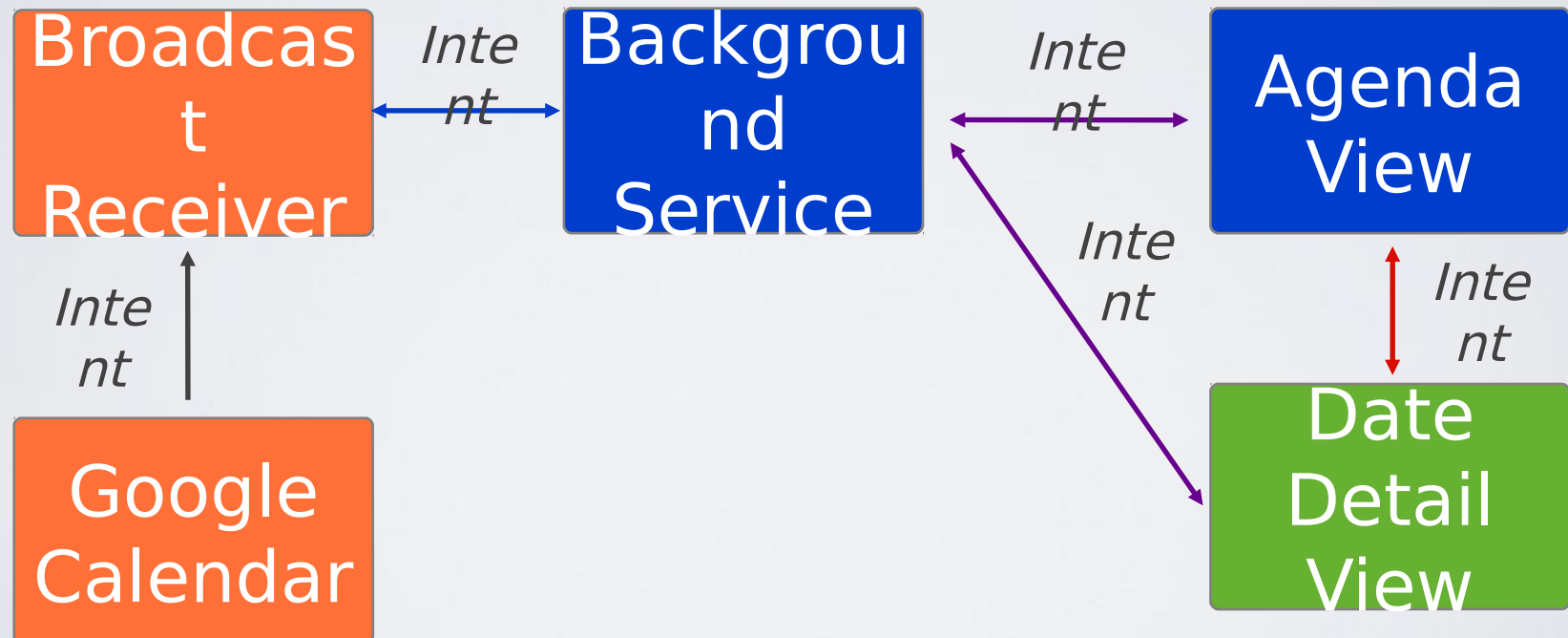
# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

- *Activities* - Manage the screen the user interacts with
- *Intents* - Provide the “links” between your classes
- *Services* - Perform background operations for your app
- *BroadcastReceiver* - Receives Intents from other apps
- *ContentProvider* - Connects data between



# Key components of an Android app

Apps communicate with each other by providing and consuming each other's Intents.



# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

## Activity

- An Activity provides a screen with which users can interact.
- An Activity uses a Window to draw its user interface.
- An application consists of multiple Activities loosely bound to each other.



# Describing the Fundamental Android components

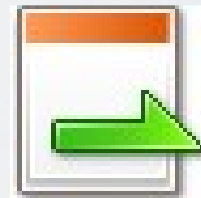
## Intent



Passive data structure holds an abstract description of an operation to be performed.



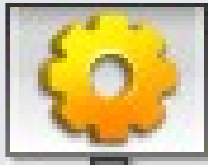
Messages facilitate late run-time binding between components in the same or different applications.



An Intent object is passed to an Activity, Service, or set of broadcast receivers.

# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

## Service



Does not  
provide a user  
interface.



Can perform  
long-running operations  
in the background.



Continues to run even if  
the user switches to  
another app.



Can bind to a service to  
interact with it and even  
perform interprocess  
communication (IPC).

# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

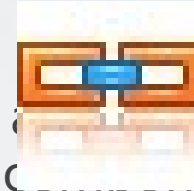
## Service - Started vs. Bound

### Started



Once started, a service can run in the background indefinitely.

### Bound



Runs only as long as another application component is bound to it.

# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

## BroadcastReceiver

- You can dynamically register an instance of this class.
- You can statically publish an implementation.
- It is an important part of an application's overall lifecycle.



# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

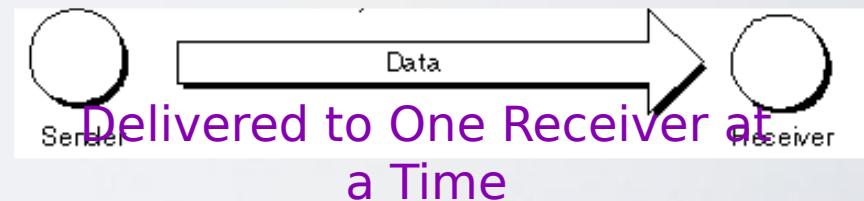
## BroadcastReceiver - Broadcast Types

Two major classes of broadcasts can be received:

### Normal Broadcasts



### Ordered Broadcasts

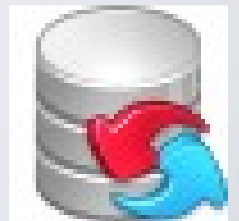


# Describing the Fundamental Android Components

## ContentProvider

- Manages access to a structured set of data.
- Encapsulates the data and provides mechanisms for defining data security.
- Is a standard interface that connects data in one process with code running in another process.
- You don't need to develop your own provider if you don't intend to share your data with other applications.

word	app id	frequency	locale	_ID
mapreduce	user1	100	en_US	1
precompiler	user14	200	fr_FR	2
applet	user2	225	fr_CA	3
const	user1	255	pt_BR	4
int	user5	100	en_UK	5





# Types of Android Applications



# Lab Exercise 2.1

Types of Android  
Applications

# Lab Exercise 2.1

- App Analyze!
- In this lab you examine a popular app from the Play Store and analyze its fundamental Android components.



# Lesson 3:

## Android User Interface

# BUILDING AN ANDROID USER INTERFACE: GETTING STARTED





# UI design and the mobile touch environment

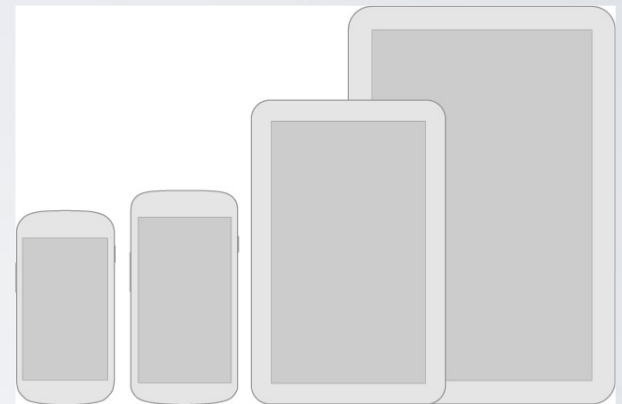
## Considerations When Designing for Android



Touch



Mobility

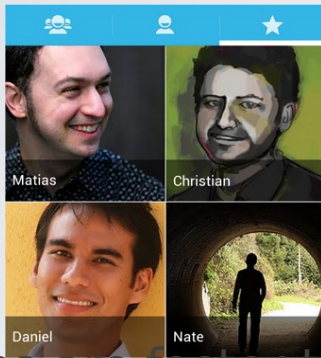


Heterogeneity

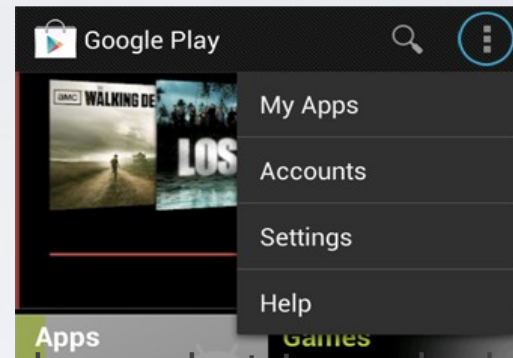


# UI design and the mobile touch environment

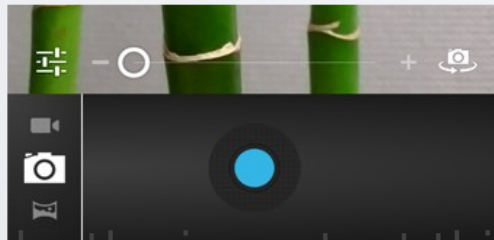
## Key Principles of Android UI Design



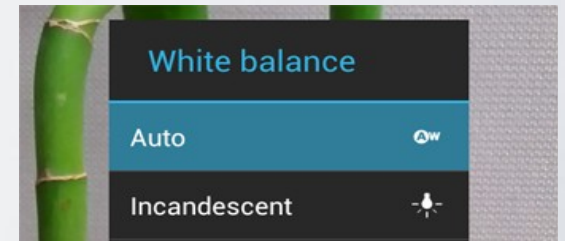
“Pictures are faster than words.”



“Only show what I need when I need it.”



“Make the important things fast.”



“Do the heavy lifting for me.”

# Creating a wireframe

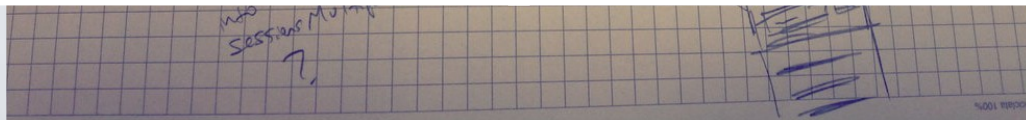
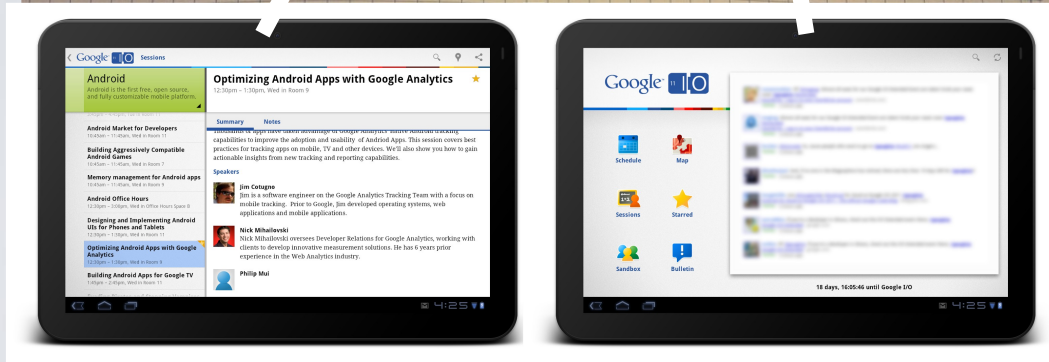
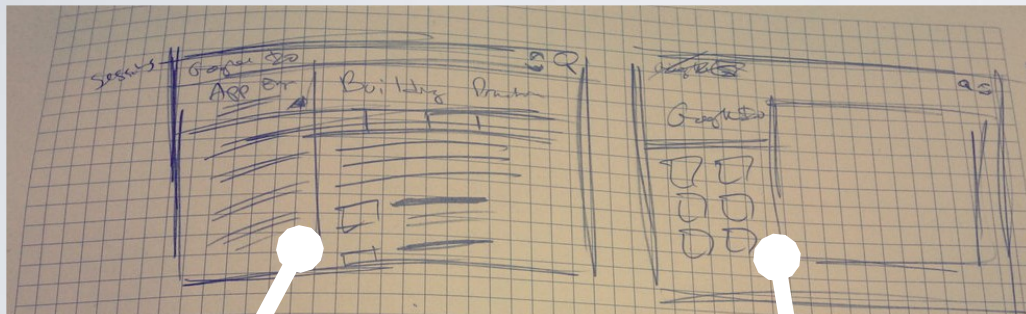
## Why Create Wireframes?

Wireframing before coding  
saves you time.

Always start with pencil and paper (or a whiteboard).

# Creating a wireframe

## Wireframe Examples



## Wireframe Sketches



## Digital Wireframe

# BUILDING AN ANDROID USER INTERFACE: GETTING STARTED

## Quiz Questions

### **Wireframes help you:**

- Record your ideas
- Assess your app from a high-level user point of view
- Save you a lot of time
- All of the above
- None of the above

### **Which of the following are considerations when designing for Android?**

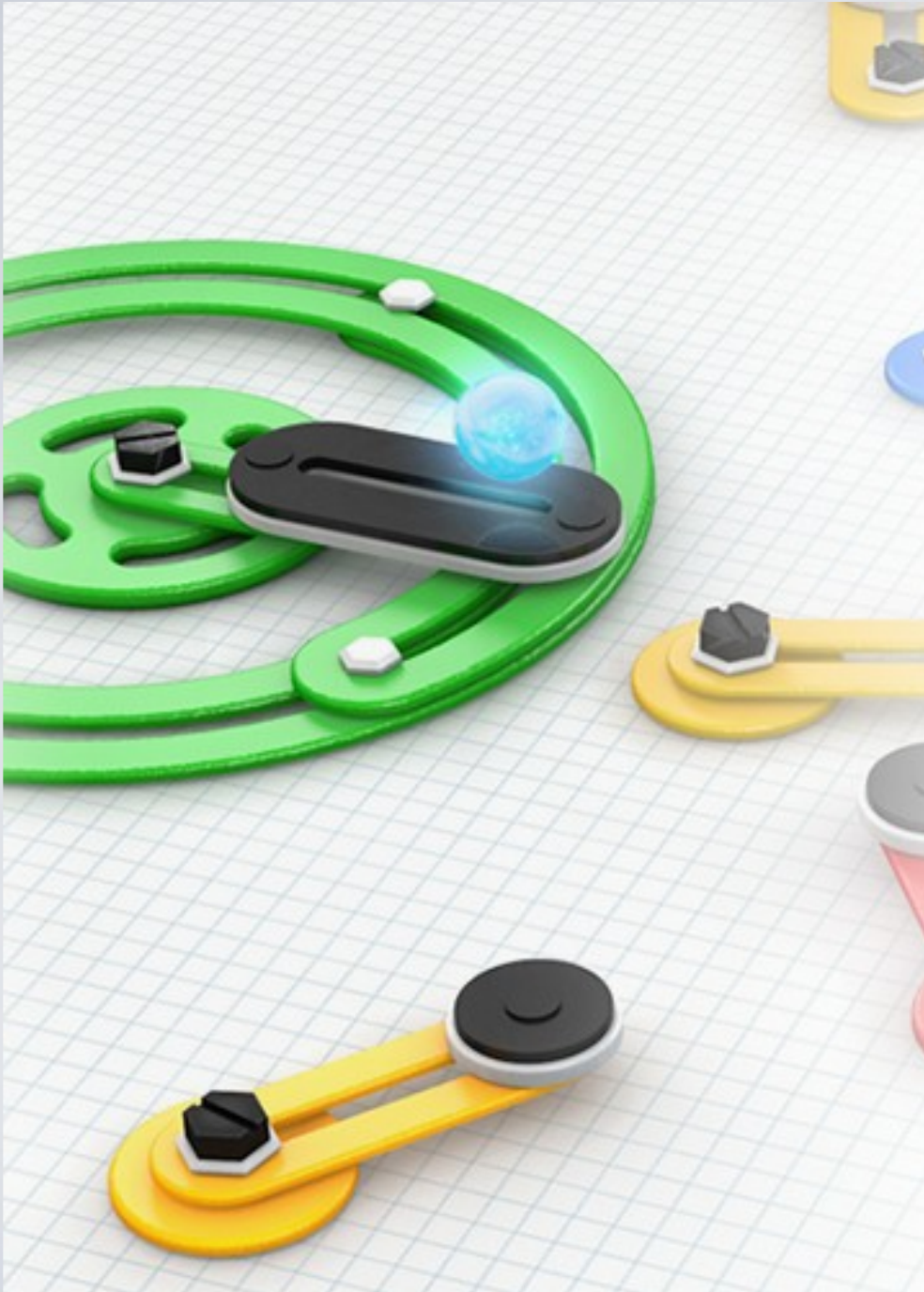
- Mobile
- Heterogeneity
- Touch
- All of the above
- None of the above

### **You should use your wireframes to...**

- Re-arrange, add, and remove interactions quickly
- Scope out UI complexity
- Both of the above
- None of the above

### **You should start drawing your wireframes using Keynote or Powerpoint.**

- True
- False



# Understanding the Android user interface XML

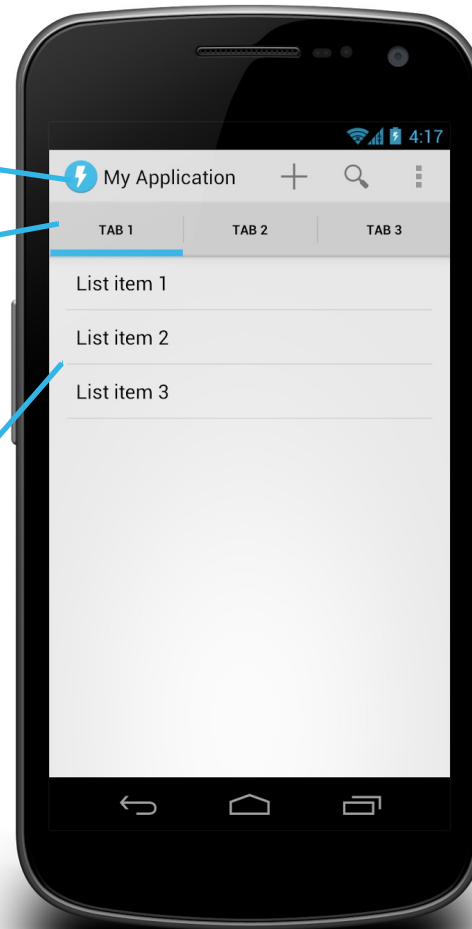
# Understanding the Activity layout structure

## Overview of the Activity Layout Structure

Action Bar

Tabs

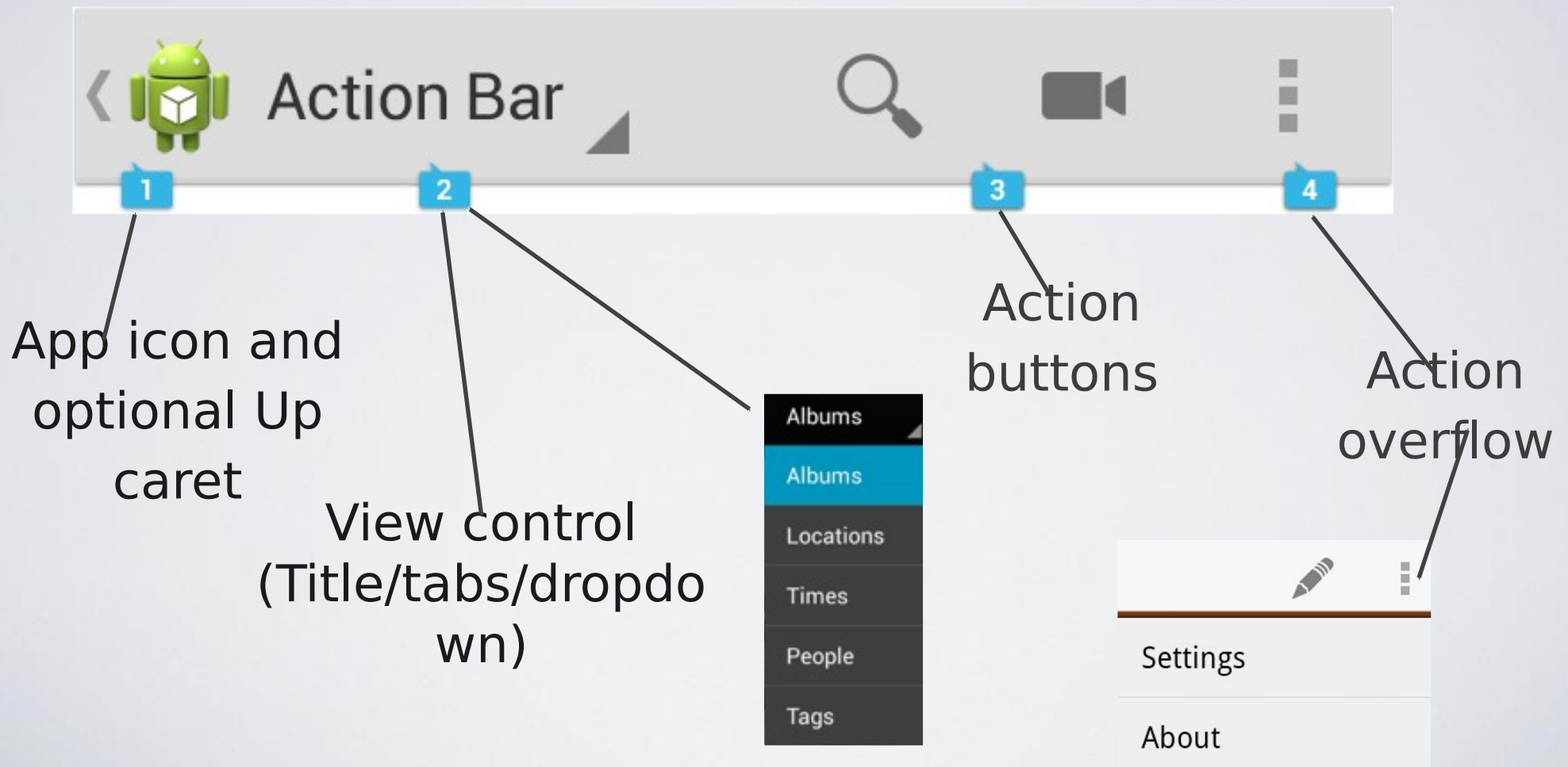
Content (Activity Layout)





# Understanding the Activity layout structure

## Understanding the Action Bar Element

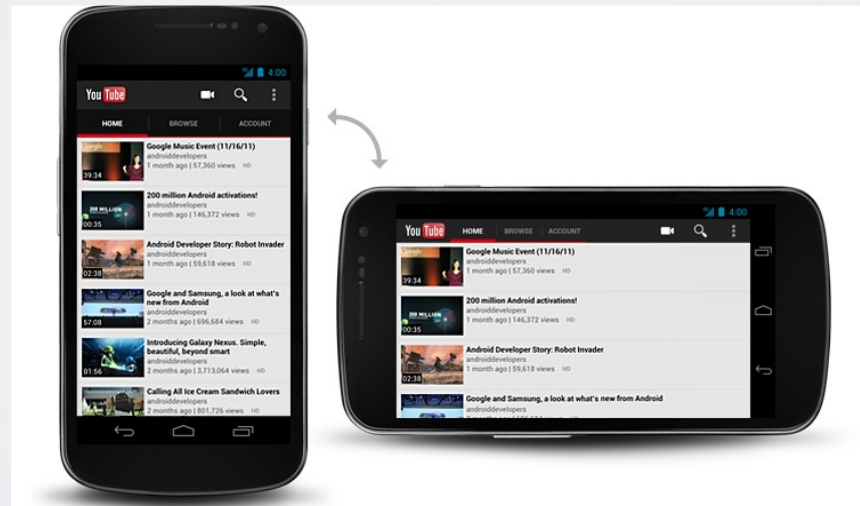


# Understanding the Activity layout structure

## Understanding the Tab Element

```
getActionBar().setNavigationMode(NAVIGATION_MODE_TABS);
```

```
ActionBar.Tab tab = actionBar.newTab();  
tab.setText("Tab 1");  
tab.setTabListener(this);  
getActionBar().addTab(tab);
```





# Understanding Views and ViewGroups

## Views

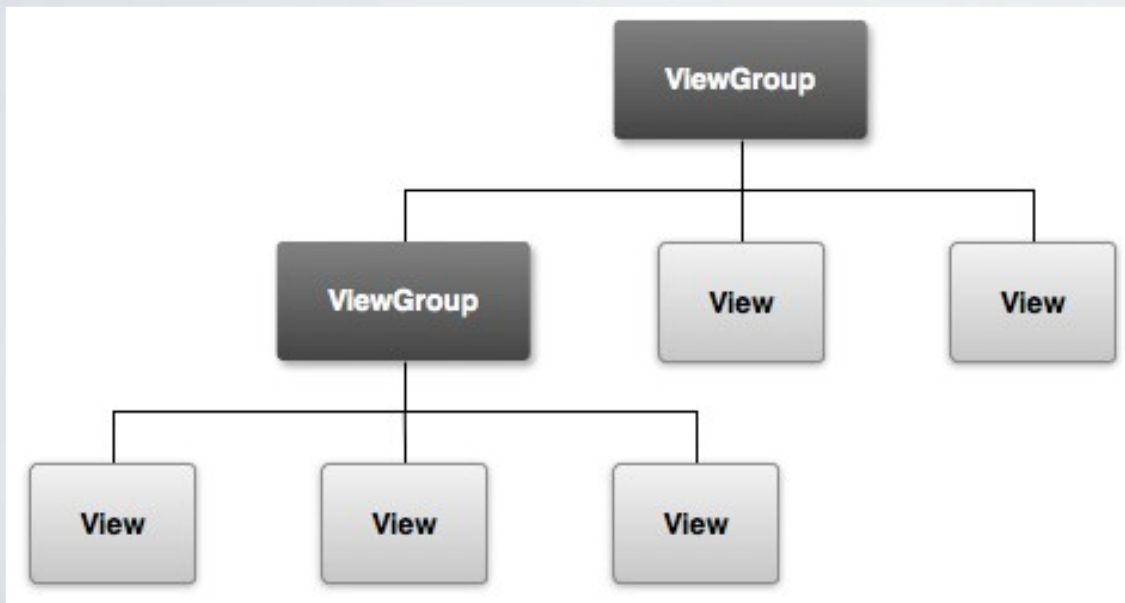
- Reusable individual UI components
- Optionally interactive (clickable/focusable/etc.)
- Bare minimum functionality is to draw themselves

## ViewGroups

- Ordered list of Views and ViewGroups
- Positions and sizes child views and layouts

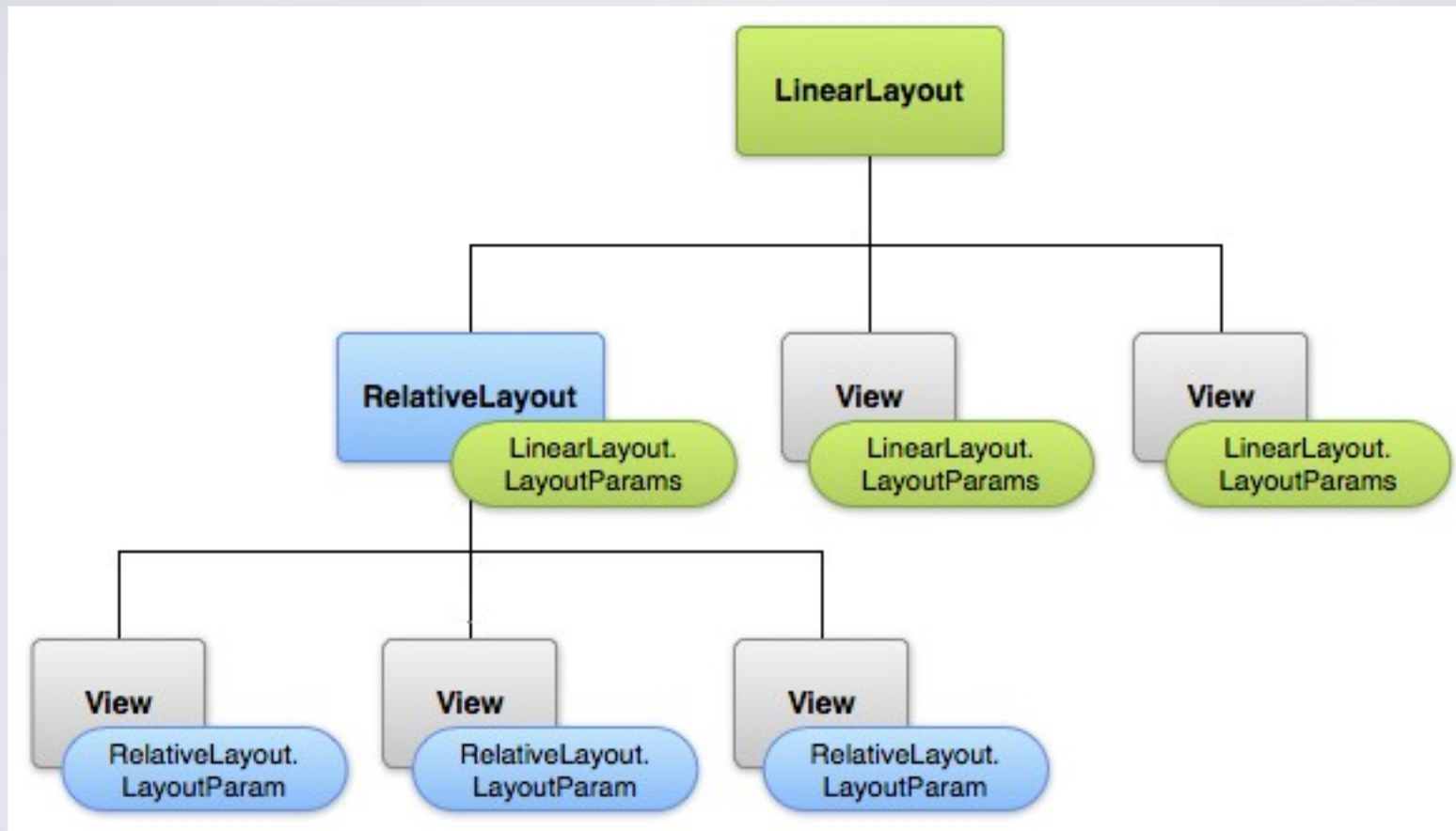
# Understanding Views and ViewGroups

## How Views and ViewGroups Apply to Activities



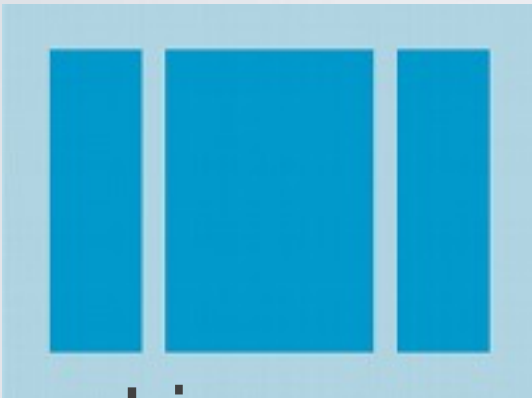
```
<view group>  
  <view group>  
    <view>  
  <view group>  
    <view>  
    <view>
```

# Understanding Views and ViewGroups



# Understanding Views and ViewGroups

## Common Layouts



Linear  
Layout



Relative  
Layout



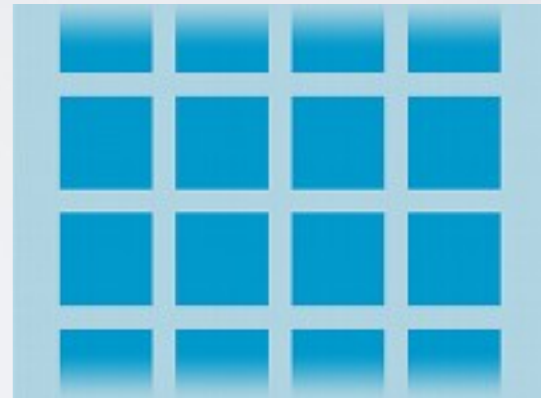
Web  
View

# Understanding Views and ViewGroups

AdapterView

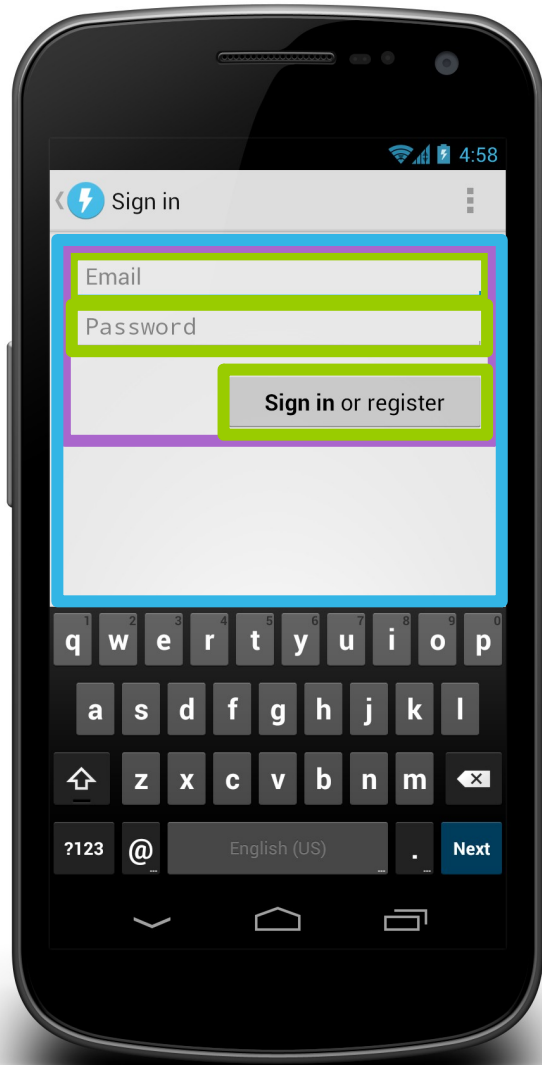


List  
View



Grid  
View

# The Android user interface XML and resources



```
<ScrollView android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
```

```
<LinearLayout android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:padding="16dp">
```

```
<EditText android:id="@+id/email"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:hint="@string/prompt_email"
    android:inputType="textEmailAddress"
    android:singleLine="true" />
```
















```
<EditText android:id="@+id/password"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:hint="@string/prompt_password"
    android:inputType="textPassword"
    android:singleLine="true" />
```

```
<Button android:id="@+id/sign_in_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_gravity="right"
    android:layout_marginTop="16dp"
    android:paddingLeft="32dp"
    android:paddingRight="32dp"
    android:text="@string/action_sign_in_register" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

# The Android user interface XML and resources

## App Resources (Review)

	<b>res/</b>	
	<b>drawable</b>	Drawable XML
	<b>drawable-xhdpi</b>	PNGs, 9-patch PNGs, optimized for multiple densities
	<b>drawable-hdpi</b>	
	<b>drawable-mdpi</b>	
	<b>layout</b>	Layout XML optimized for physical screen size and orientation
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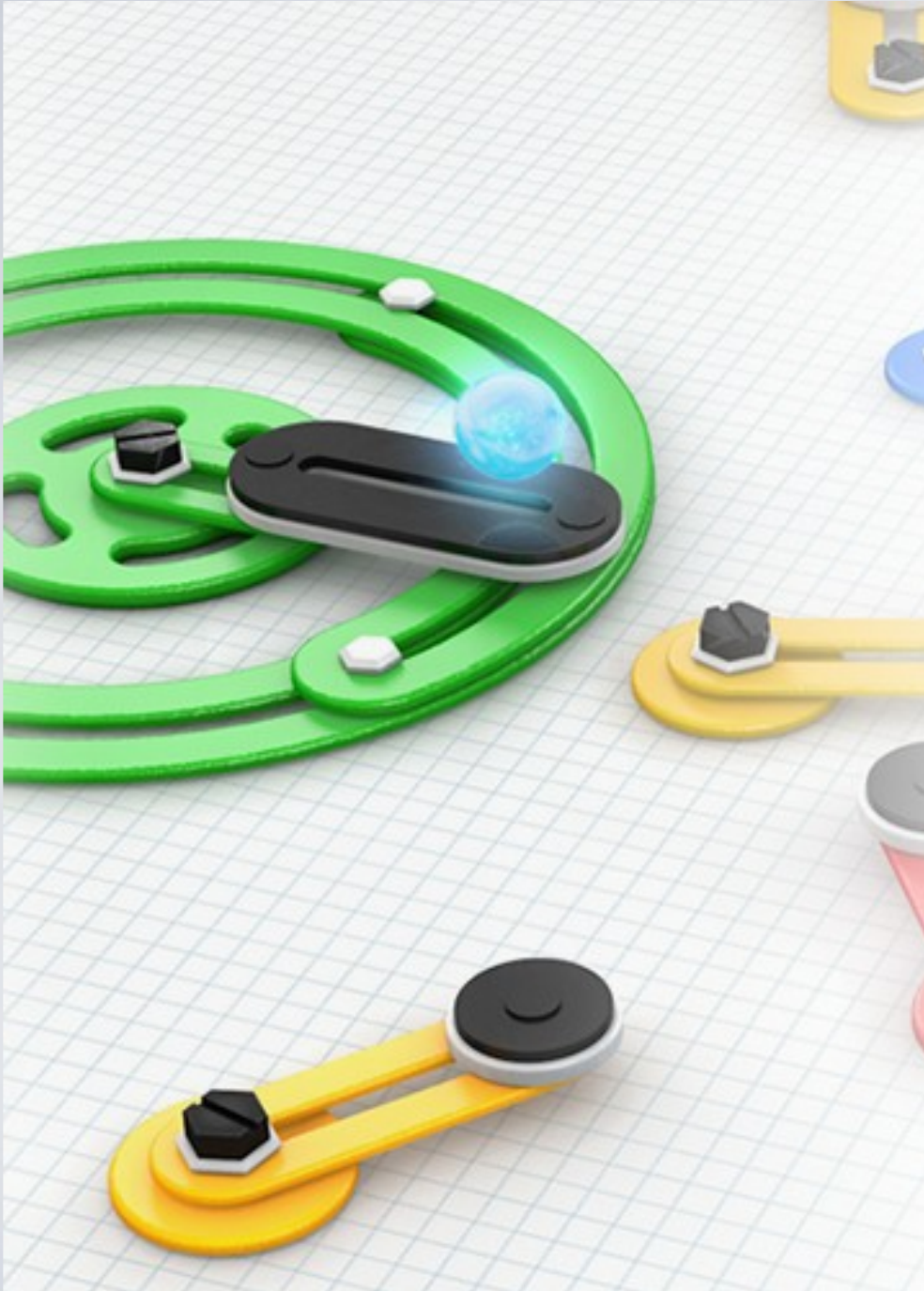
## Referencing Resources

### Code Review - Breakfast in London

strings.x  
ml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <string name="hello">hello</string>
</resources>
```





# Understanding Graphical Layout Editor in Android Studio



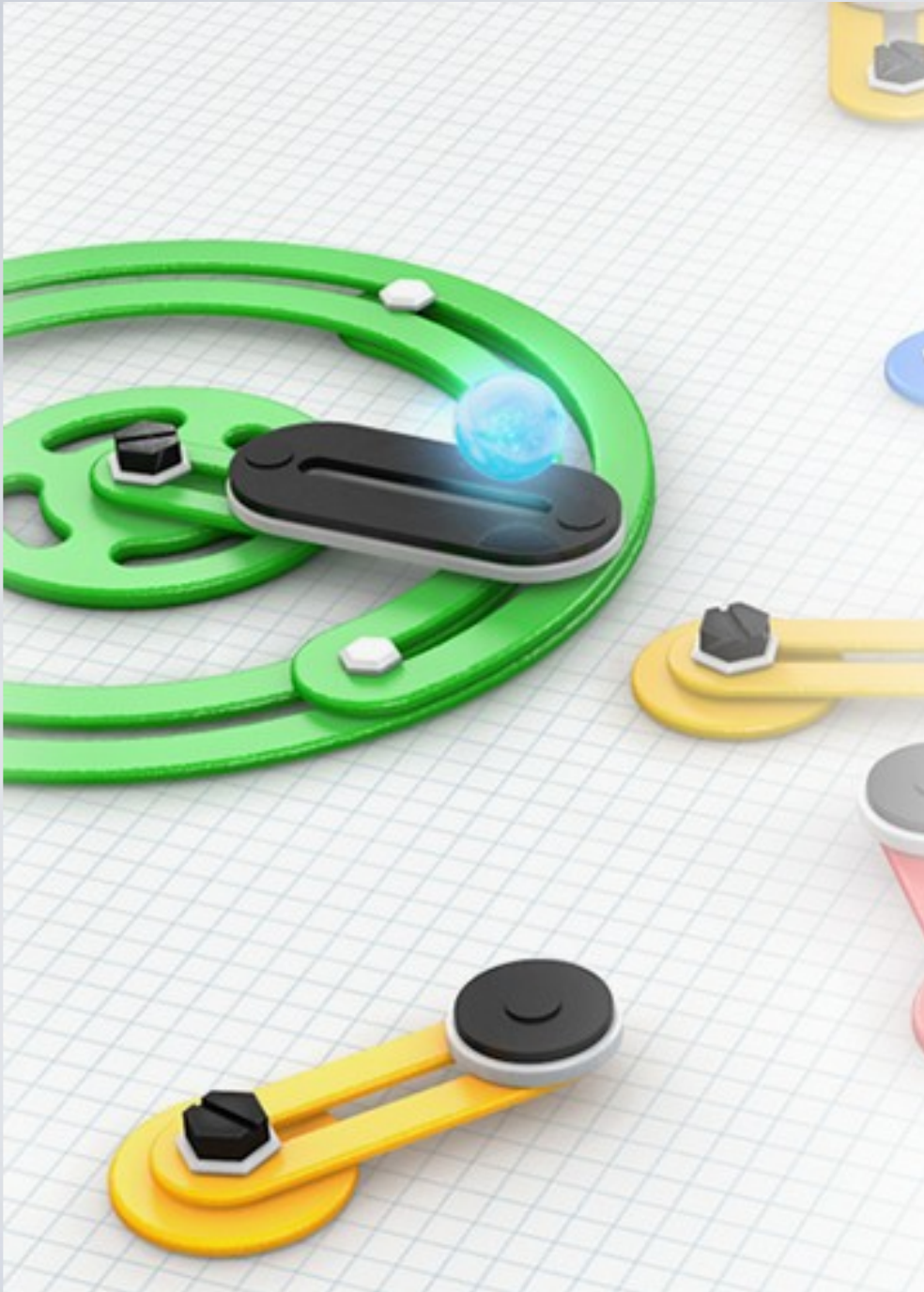
# Lab Exercise 3.1

## Graphical Layout Editor

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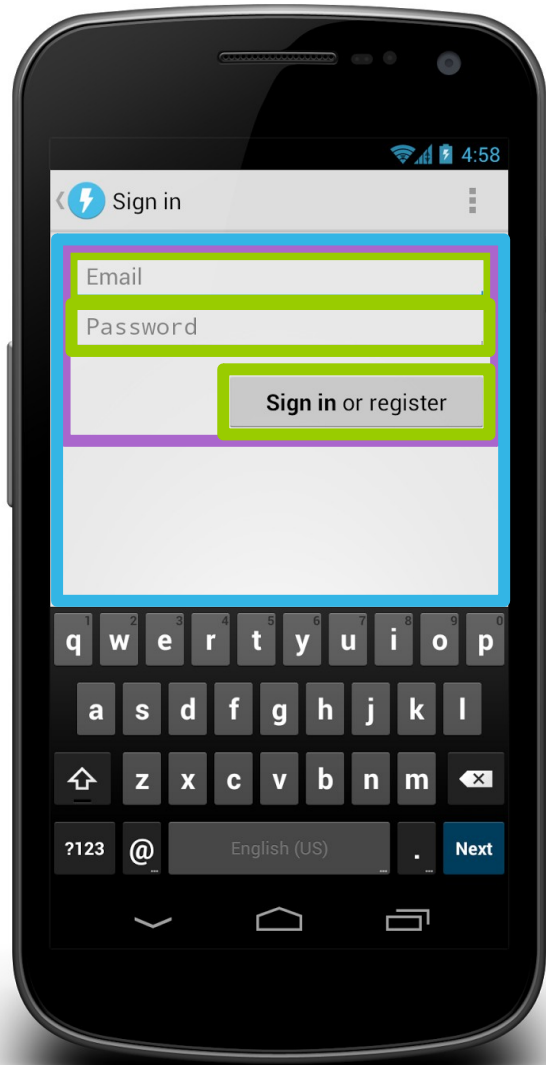
## Android Studio - Graphical Layout Editor: Tasks

- Task 1: Install Git > Clone Google I/O App 2013
- Task 2: Navigating the Graphical Layout Editor



Android UI  
styles, themes,  
and visual  
elements

# Styling for Android



```
<ScrollView android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
```

```
<LinearLayout android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:padding="16dp">
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<EditText android:id="@+id/email"
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    android:paddingRight="32dp"
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```

```
</LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

# Styling for Android

## Styling in XML

```
<TextView android:layout_width="match_parent"  
android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:padding="4dp" android:text="1" />
```

```
<TextView android:layout_width="match_parent"  
android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:padding="4dp" android:text="2" />
```

- OR

-

```
<TextView style="@style/MyText" android:text="1" />  
<TextView style="@style/MyText" android:text="2" />
```

+

```
<style name="MyText">  
  <item name="android:padding">4dp</item>  
  <item name="android:layout_width">match_parent</item>  
  <item name="android:layout_height">wrap_content</item>  
</style>
```



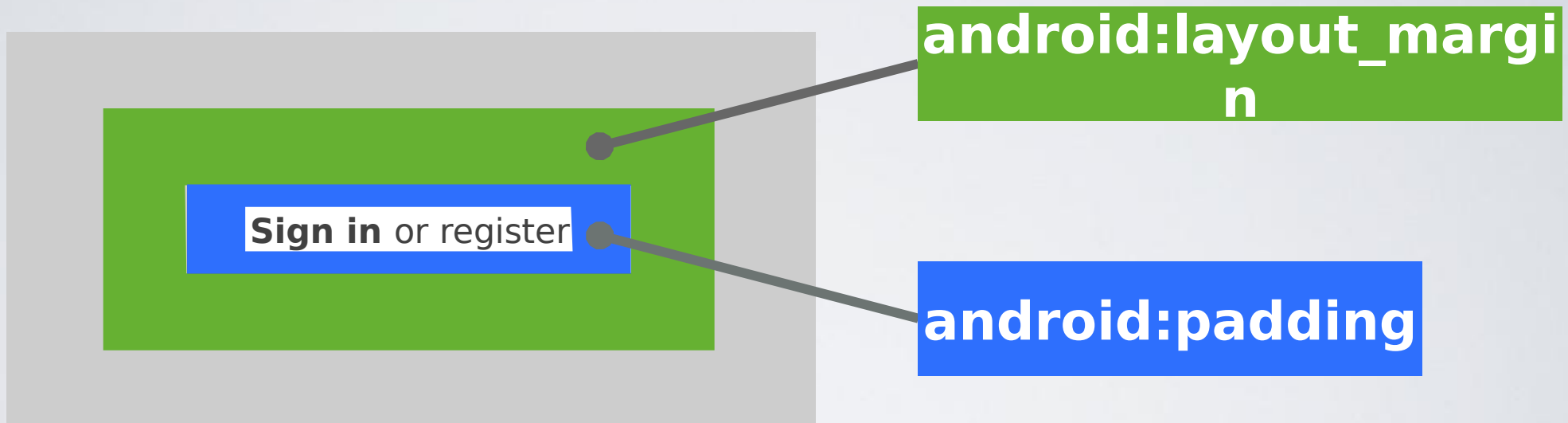
res/values/

**styles.xml**



# Styling for Android

## Margins & Padding

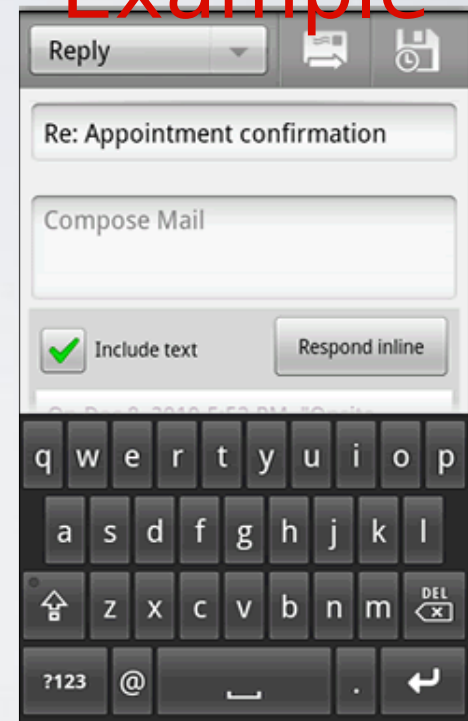


# Overview of Android themes

## Holo Visual Language



## Gmail Example





# Overview of Android themes

## Holo Variations



# Overview of Android themes

## Applying Themes in XML

```
<application android:theme="@android:style/Theme.Holo">  
  ...  
</application>
```

```
<style name="MyTheme" parent="@android:style/Theme.Holo">  
  ...  
</style>
```

## Holo @ implementations

**Holo Dark** - @android:style/Theme.Holo

**Holo Dark Action Bar** -

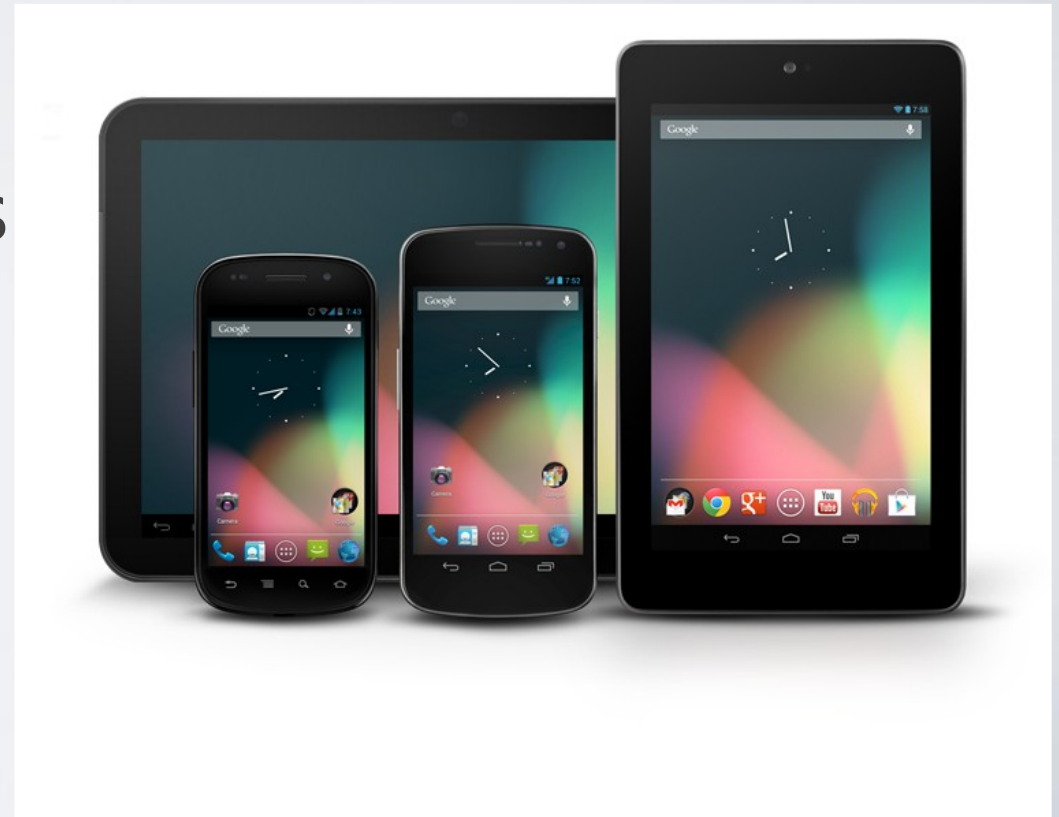
@android:style/Theme.Holo.Light.DarkActionBar

**Holo Light** - @android:style/Theme.Holo.Light

# Describing Android layout and visual elements

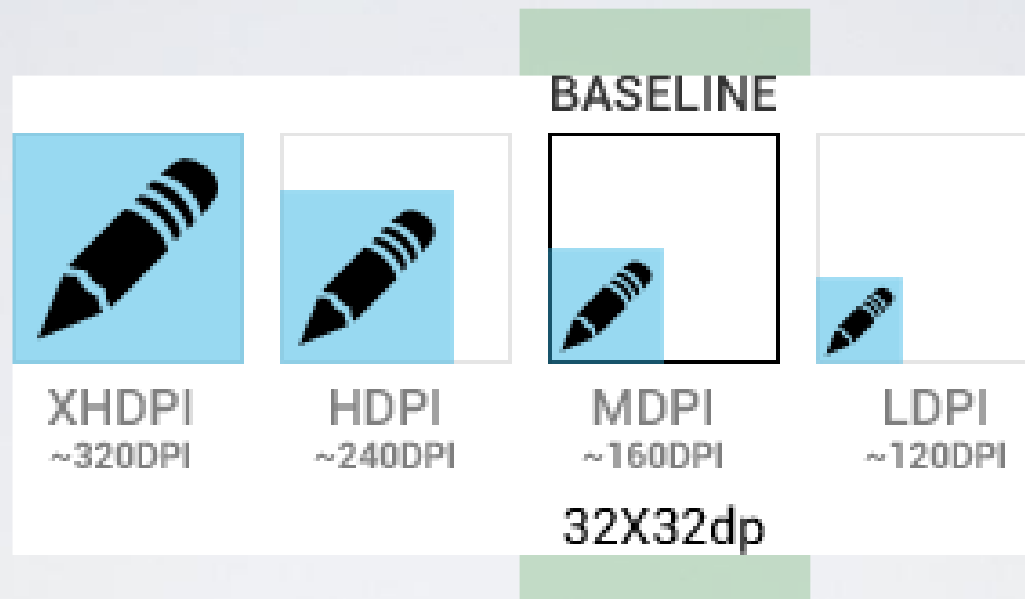
## Defining DIP Units

DIP units keep elements  
the same physical size  
across any screen.



# Describing Android layout and visual elements

## Providing Assets to Support Screen Densities



Icons and other PNG files should generally be provided for multiple densities.

# Describing Android layout and visual elements

## Key Drawable Types

- Bitmaps (.png)
- State Lists (.xml)
- 9-patches (.9.png)

# Describing Android layout and visual elements

## State List Drawables



### **drawable-mdpi/**



foo\_default.png



foo\_disabled.png



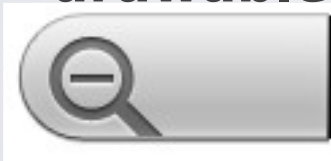
foo\_focused.png



foo\_pressed.png



### **drawable-hdpi/**



foo\_default.png



foo\_disabled.png



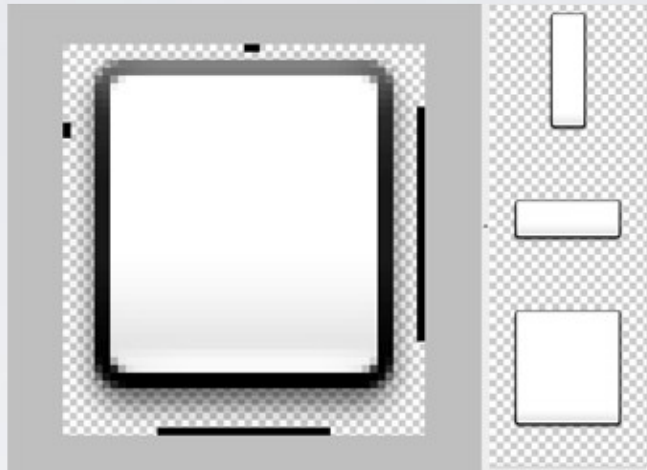
foo\_focused.png



foo\_pressed.png

# Describing Android layout and visual elements


## Understanding 9-Patches – foo.9.png



```
<selector>
  <item android:drawable="@drawable/foo_disabled"
        android:state_enabled="false" ... />
  <item android:drawable="@drawable/foo_pressed"
        android:state_pressed="true" ... />
  <item android:drawable="@drawable/foo_focused"
        android:state_focused="true" ... />
  <item android:drawable="@drawable/foo_default" />
</selector>
```

 **drawable/**  
**foo.xml**



# More Resources


 Developers ▾

Design

Develop

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