# Android Environment Emulator

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http://developer.android.com/index.html http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/tools/emulator.html





- The Android SDK includes a mobile device emulator -- a virtual mobile device that runs on your computer.
- The emulator lets you prototype, develop, and test Android applications without using a physical device.
- The Android emulator mimics all of the hardware and software features of a typical mobile device, except that it can not receive or place actual phone calls.
- It provides a variety of navigation and control keys, which you can "press" using your mouse or keyboard to generate events for your application.
- It also provides a screen in which your application is displayed, together with any other Android applications running.

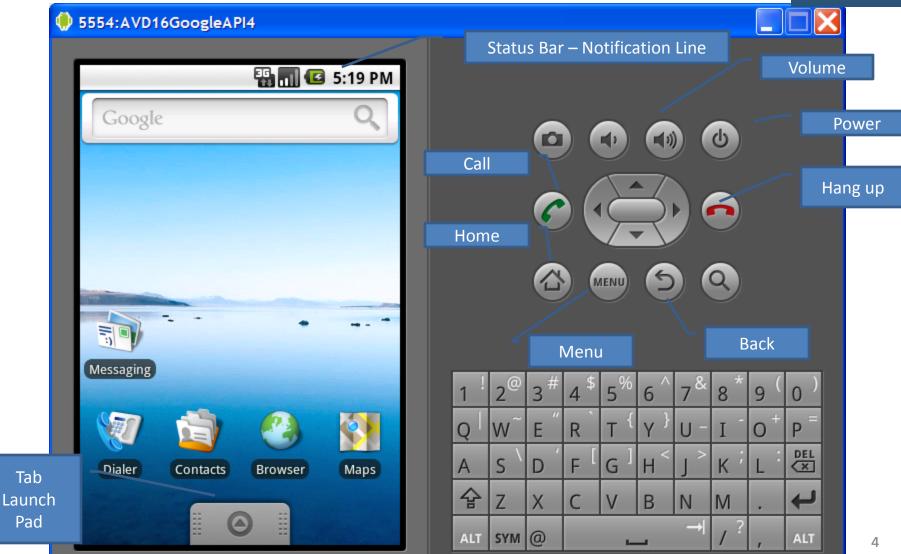


# Android Emulator v1.5 Skin





# Android Emulator v1.6 Skin





# Android Emulator v1.6 Skin

Tab

Launch Pad





Keyboard	OS function
Escape	Back button
Home	Home button
F2, PageUp	Menu (Soft-Left) button
Shift-F2, PageDown	Start (Soft-Right) button
F3	Call/Dial button
F4	Hangup / EndCall button
F5	Search button
F7	Power button
Ctrl-F3, Ctrl-KEYPAD_5	Camera button
Ctrl-F5, KEYPAD_PLUS	Volume up button
Ctrl-F6, KEYPAD_MINUS	Volume down button
KEYPAD_5	DPad center
KEYPAD_4	DPad left
KEYPAD_6	DPad right
KEYPAD_8	DPad up
KEYPAD_2	DPad down
F8	toggle cell network on/off
F9	toggle code profiling (when -trace option set)
Alt-ENTER	toggle FullScreen mode
Ctrl-T	toggle trackball mode
Ctrl-F11, KEYPAD_7	switch to previous layout
Ctrl-F12, KEYPAD_9	switch to next layout

# **Controlling the Android Emulator through keyboard keys**

Keypad keys only work when *NumLock* is deactivated.



### **Features - Emulating First Generation Android Phones**

The Android emulator supports many hardware features likely to be found on mobile devices (such as the HTC-G1), including:

- 1. An ARMv5 CPU and the corresponding memory-management unit (MMU)
- 2. A 16-bit LCD display (mimicking 360 x 480 pixels)
- 3. One or more keyboards (a Qwerty-based keyboard and associated Dpad/Phone buttons)
- 4. A sound chip with output and input capabilities
- 5. Flash memory partitions (emulated through disk image files on the development machine)
- 6. A GSM modem, including a simulated SIM Card

### Nexus One (newer Google developer phone)





#### Size and weight

 Height
 119 mm

 Width
 59.8 mm

 Depth
 11.5 mm

Weight 130 g (with battery)

100 g (without battery)

#### Display

3.7 inch (diagonal) widescreen WVGA AMOLED touchscreen

800 x 480 pixels

100,000:1 typical contrast ratio 1ms typical response rate

#### Camera & Flash

5 megapixels

Autofocus from 6 cm to infinity

2X digital zoom

LED flash

User can include location of photos from phone's AGPS receiver

Video captured at 720x480 pixels at 20 frames per second or higher, depending on lighting conditions

#### Cellular & Wireless

3 UMTS bands (either 900/AWS/2100 MHz or 850/1900/2100 MHz)

HSDPA 7.2 Mbps

HSUPA 2 Mbps

GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)

Wi-Fi (802.11b/g)

Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR

A2DP stereo Bluetooth



#### Power and battery

Removable 1400 mAh battery

Charges at 480 mA from USB, at 980 mA from supplied charger

Talk time Up to 10 hours on 2G

Up to 7 hours on 3G

Standby time Up to 290 hours on 2G

Up to 250 hours on 3G

Internet use Up to 5 hours on 3G

Up to 6.5 hours on Wi-Fi

Video playback Up to 7 hours Audio playback Up to 20 hours

#### Processor

Qualcomm QSD 8250 1 GHz

#### Operating system

Android Mobile Technology Platform 2.1 (Eclair)

#### Capacity

512 MB Flash

512 MB RAM

4 GB Micro SD Card (Expandable to 32 GB)

#### Location

Assisted global positioning system (AGPS) receiver

Cell tower and Wi-Fi positioning

Digital compass

Accelerometer

Some phones in the market already surpass these specs (Fall 2010)



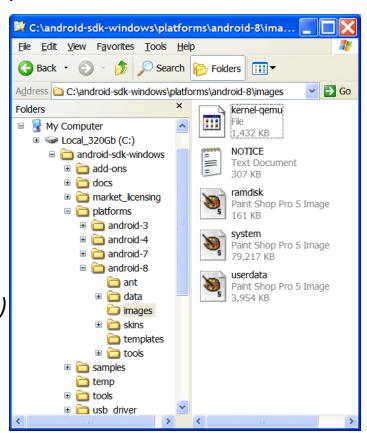
#### **Working with Emulator Disk Images**

The emulator uses mountable disk images (ANDROID SYSTEM IMAGE) stored on your development machine to simulate flash (or similar) partitions on an actual device.

For example, it uses disk images containing

- (1) an emulator-specific kernel,
- (2) the Android system,
- (3) a ram-disk image, and
- (4) writeable images for user data and simulated SD card.

By default, the Emulator always looks for the disk images in the private storage area of the AVD in use (c:\android-sdk-windows\platform\ ... )





#### **Working with Emulator Disk Images**

If no platform images exist there when the Emulator is launched, it creates the images in the AVD directory based on default versions stored in the SDK.

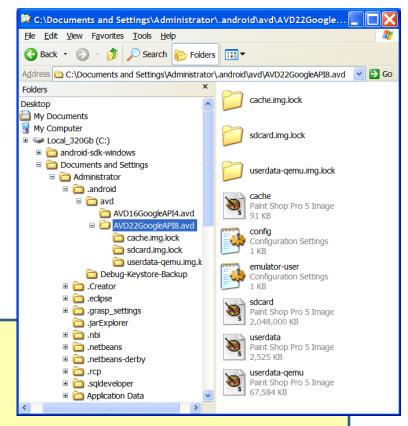
#### Note:

The default storage location for AVDs is in

~/.android/avd on OS X and Linux,

C:\Documents and Settings\<user>\.android\avd\... on Windows XP, and

C:\Users\<user>\.android\ on Windows Vista.





#### Creating an AVD using the android tool

#### **Listing targets**

To generate a list of system image targets, use this command:

android list targets



C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\.android\avd\AVD22GoogleAPI8.a Available Android targets: id: 1 or "android-3" Name: Android 1.5 Type: Platform API level: 3 Revision: 4 Skins: HVGA (default), HVGA-L, HVGA-P, QVGA-L, **QVGA-P** id: 2 or "Google Inc.:Google APIs:3" Name: Google APIs Type: Add-On Vendor: Google Inc. Revision: 3 Description: Android + Google APIs Based on Android 1.5 (API level 3) Libraries: \* com.google.android.maps (maps.jar) **API for Google Maps** Skins: QVGA-P, HVGA-L, HVGA (default), QVGA-L, HVGA-P id: 3 or "android-4" Name: Android 1.6 Type: Platform API level: 4 Revision: 3 Skins: HVGA (default), QVGA, WVGA800, WVGA854 id: 4 or "Google Inc.:Google APIs:4" Name: Google APIs Type: Add-On Vendor: Google Inc. Revision: 2 Description: Android + Google APIs Based on Android 1.6 (API level 4)

Libraries:

\* com.google.android.maps (maps.jar)

API for Google Maps

id: 5 or "android-7" Name: Android 2.1-update1 Type: Platform API level: 7 Revision: 2 Skins: HVGA (default), QVGA, WQVGA400, WQVGA432, WVGA800, WVGA854 id: 6 or "Google Inc.:Google APIs:7" Name: Google APIs Type: Add-On Vendor: Google Inc. Revision: 1 Description: Android + Google APIs Based on Android 2.1-update1 (API level 7) Libraries: \* com.google.android.maps (maps.jar) API for Google Maps Skins: WVGA854, WQVGA400, HVGA (default), WQVGA432, WVGA800, QVGA id: 7 or "android-8" Name: Android 2.2 Type: Platform API level: 8 Revision: 2 Skins: HVGA (default), QVGA, WQVGA400, WQVGA432, WVGA800, WVGA854 id: 8 or "Google Inc.:Google APIs:8" Name: Google APIs Type: Add-On Vendor: Google Inc. Revision: 2 Description: Android + Google APIs Based on Android 2.2 (API level 8) Libraries: \* com.google.android.maps (maps.jar) **API for Google Maps** Skins: WVGA854, WQVGA400, HVGA (default), WQVGA432, WVGA800, QVGA Skins: WVGA854, HVGA (default), WVGA800, QVGA



#### **Starting – Stopping the Emulator**

To **start** an instance of the emulator from the command line, change to the **tools/** folder of the SDK. Enter emulator command like this:

emulator -avd <avd\_name>

This initializes the emulator and loads an AVD configuration.

After a few seconds you will see the emulator window appear on your screen.

If you are working in Eclipse, the ADT plugin for Eclipse installs your application and starts the emulator automatically, when you run or debug the application.

To **stop** an emulator instance, just close the emulator's window.

To list all available AVDs enter DOS command

android list avd



#### **AVD - Android Virtual Devices**

Android Virtual Devices (AVDs) are configurations of emulator options that let you better model an actual device.

#### Each AVD is made up of:

- A hardware profile. You can set options to define the hardware features of the virtual device. For example, you can define whether the device has a camera, whether it uses a physical QWERTY keyboard or a dialing pad, how much memory it has, and so on.
- A mapping to a system image. You can define what version of the Android platform will run on the virtual device. You can choose a version of the standard Android platform or the system image packaged with an SDK add-on.
- Other options. You can specify the emulator skin you want to use with the AVD, which lets you control the screen dimensions, appearance, and so on. You can also specify the emulated SD card to use with the AVD.
- A dedicated storage area on your development machine, in which is stored the device's user data (installed applications, settings, and so on) and emulated SD card.



#### **AVD - Android Virtual Devices**

You can create as many AVDs as you need, based on the types of devices you want to model and the Android platforms and external libraries you want to run your application on.



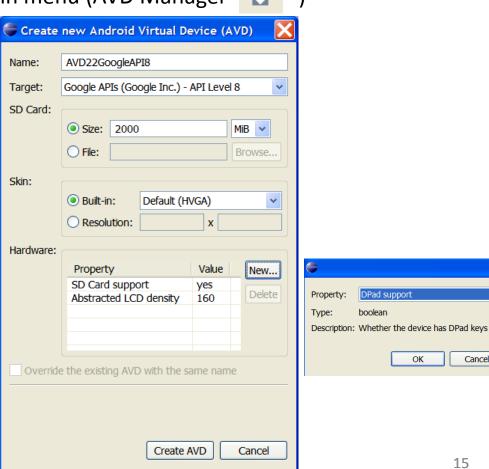
#### Creating an AVD using the Eclipse-ADT Tool

From Eclipse, follow the sequence: Main menu (AVD Manager

> Virtual Devices > New >

Provide a Name, choose an Android target, create a new SD card with about 2Gb. choose a screen type, add hardware devices...

Click on: Create AVD (wait, it takes several minutes to format the new SD card)



Cancel



#### Creating an AVD using the android tool

When creating an AVD, you simply specify the **-c** option, like this:

android create avd -n <avd\_name> -t <targetID> -c <size>[K|M]

The -t (target) argument sets up a mapping between the AVD and the system image that you want to use whenever the AVD is invoked. Later, when applications use the AVD, they'll be running on the system that you specify in the -t argument.

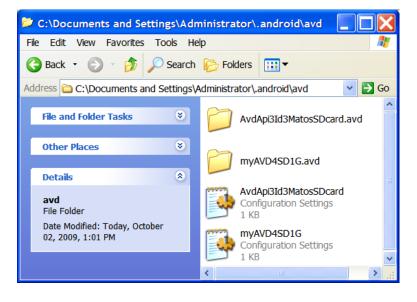
To specify the system image to use, you refer to its *target ID* — an integer — as assigned by the android tool. The target ID is not derived from the system image name, version, or API Level, or other attribute, so you need to have the android tool list the available system images and the target ID of each, as described in the next section. You should do this *before* you run the android create avd command.

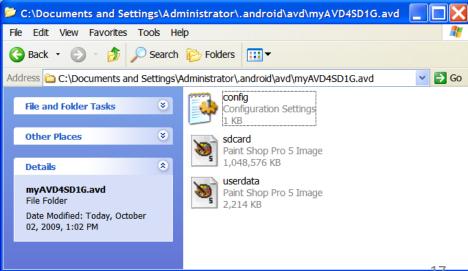


#### **Example: Creating an AVD using the android tool**

After listing all targets (see previous image) we have decided to make a profile based on target **id:4** to support SDK1.6 with Google API Mapping libraries. It should also include a 1Gig SD card. We enter the command

#### android create avd -n myAVD4SD1G -t 4 -c 1024M







#### **Example: Creating an AVD using the android tool**

Verifying what AVDs are available in the system:

```
Select C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985–2001 Microsoft Corp.
c:\Android_Emulator_Data>android list avd
Available Android Virtual Devices:
    Name: AvdApi3Id3MatosSDcard
    Path: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\.android\avd\AvdApi3Id3MatosSDcard.avd
  Target: Google APIs (Google Inc.)
          Based on Android 1.5 (API level 3)
    Skin: HVGA
  Sdcard: c:/Android Emulator Data/mysdcard.img
   Name: mvAVD4SD1G
   Path: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\.android\avd\myAVD4SD1G.avd
  Target: Google APIs (Google Inc.)
          Based on Android 1.6 (API level 4)
   Skin: HVGA
  Sdcard: 1024M
C:\Android_Emulator_Data>
```



#### **SD Card Emulation**

- You can create a disk image and then load it to the emulator at startup, to simulate the presence of a user's SD card in the device.
- The emulator supports emulated SDHC cards, so you can create an SD card image of any size up to 128 gigabytes.
- You can browse, send files to, and copy/remove files from a simulated SD card either with adb or the emulator.

#### Creating an SD card image using mksdcard

Use the mksdcard tool, included in the SDK, to create a FAT32 disk images.

mksdcard <size> <file>

#### For example:

mksdcard 1024M c:/temp/mysdcard.iso



#### Android Emulator – How to use the SDCARD device

The general syntax to create an SD card is

#### mksdcard [ -l label ] <size> <file>

- The tool mksdcard is part of the Android SDK. The SD label is optional.
- The device's size is expressed as an integer number followed by either K
  (kilobytes) or M (megabytes).

Example: Create a 1GB SDcard device using the following command mksdcard 1024M c:\mysdcard.img

Run the emulator with the command

emulator -sdcard c:\mysdcard.img

or alternatively

emulator -avd myAvdFile



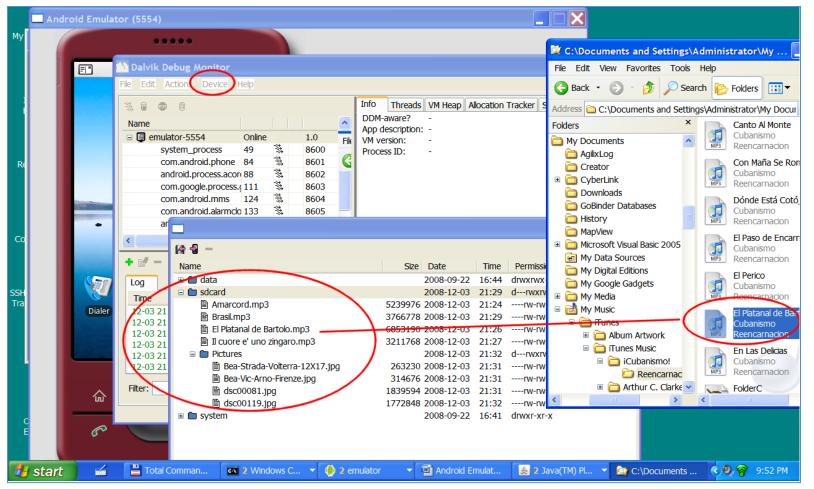
### Moving Data, Music and Pictures to the Sdcard

- 1. Use the program ddms to push files into the SDcard (the emulator must be running with the SD card attached to it).
- 2. Click on: **Device** > **File Explorer**, this will open a new window and there you will select the SDcard.
- 3. Now you move data to the sdcard. Your options are
  - Open a Windows Explore panel to drag & drop files/folders on the card, or
  - Press on the button "Push File onto Device" (see upper left icons: push, pull, delete).

( **DDMS** stands for Dalvik Debug Monitor Services. The program is located in the /tools folder of the SDK. Also available in Eclipse perspective – Top upper right icons)



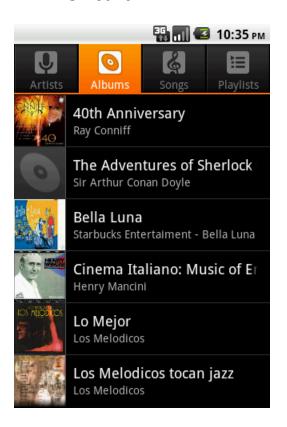
### Moving Data, Music and Pictures to the SDcard

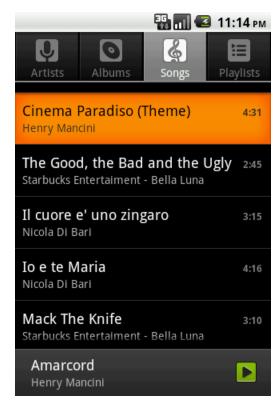




#### Moving Data, Music and Pictures to the SDcard

 Return to the emulator. This time you will see the selected (music) files in the SDcard







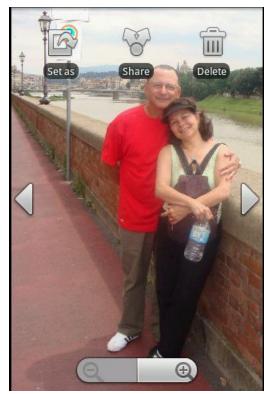


### Moving Data, Music and Pictures to the SDcard

5. Pictures appear by clicking the *Application Pad* and invoking the **Gallery** application









#### Android – Login into the OS shell

You can log into the OS Linux version of Android executing in the emulator and issue

selected commands.

- Run the Android emulator
- 2. Run **adb** application as follows:
  - c:> adb shell

(adb is the Android Debug Bridge app. It is Located in the /tools folder of the SDK)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - adb shell
C:\>adb shell
 ls -1
                                       2008-12-04 07:53 sqlite_stmt_journals
rwxrwxrwt root
                    root
                    cache
                                       2008-12-04 08:24 sdcard
                    system
                                       2008-12-04 07:53 etc -> /system/etc
                    root
                    root
                                  1564 1969-12-31 19:00 init.goldfish.rc
                    root
                    root
                    system
                    root
                    root
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                                    93 1969-12-31 19:00 default.prop
                    root
                                       1969-12-31 19:00 root
                    root
                                       2008-12-04 07:53 dev
drwxr-xr-x root
                    root
# df
/dev: 47284K total. OK used. 47284K available (block size 4096)
/sglite_stmt_journals: 4096K total. OK used. 4096K available (block size 4096)
/system: 65536K total, 42320K used, 23216K available (block size 4096)
/data: 65536K total, 21692K used, 43844K available (block size 4096)
/cache: 65536K total. 1156K used. 64380K available (block size 4096)
/sdcard: 258064K total. 22941K used. 235123K available (block size 512)
 cd sdcard
ed sdeard
# ls -1
                                       2008-12-04 08:26 Pictures
                    system
                    sustem
                               5239976 2008-12-03 21:24 Amarcord.mp3
```



#### Android – Login into the OS shell

If more than one emulator is running (or your phone is physically connected to the computer using the USB cable) you need to identify the target.

#### Follow the steps:

Get a list of all active emulators

#### adb devices

List of devices attached emulator-5554 device

emulator-5556 device

HT845GZ45737 device

2. Run **adb** application as follows:

```
adb -s emulator-5554 shell
```



#### **NOTE1: Emulators & Hardware Devices**

You may test your applications in either a *software emulator* or a *hardware device*.

All you need to do is connect your phone to the computer via USB cable.

On a command shell type the command: "adb devices" you should see something like "HT845GZ45737 device" indicating the presence of your hardware device.

#### **Gaining Root Access to Your Hardware device**

A developer's phone such as the G1 comes with root access enabled and is fully opened.

Run the terminal application ( adb shell ) and see if you have the # prompt; if not try the command su. It should give you the root prompt, if you have a *permission denied* error then you do not have root access.



#### **NOTE2:** Moving an app from (Rooted) Hardware to Emulator

If you want to transfer an app installed in your developer's phone to the emulator, follow the next steps:

- 1. Run command shell: > adb devices (find out the id of your hardware, say HT845GZ45737)
- 2. Pull the file from the device to your computer's file system. Enter the command adb -s HT845GZ45737 pull data/app/theInstalled.apk c:/theInstalled.apk
- 3. Disconnect your Android phone
- 4. Run an instance of the Emulator
- 5. Now install the app on the emulator using the command adb -s emulator-5554 install c:\theInstalledApp.apk adb -s emulator-5554 uninstall data/app/theInstalled.apk
  You should see a message indicating the size of the installed package, and Success.



### Android – Login into the OS shell

3. Android accepts a number of Linux shell commands including the useful set below

```
ls .....
                show directory (alphabetical order)
mkdir ..... make a directory
rmdir ..... remove directory
rm -r ..... to delete folders with files
rm ..... remove files
mv ..... moving and renaming files
cat ..... displaying short files
cd ..... change current directory
pwd ..... find out what directory you are in
df ..... shows available disk space
chmod ..... changes permissions on a file
date ..... display date
exit ..... terminate session
```



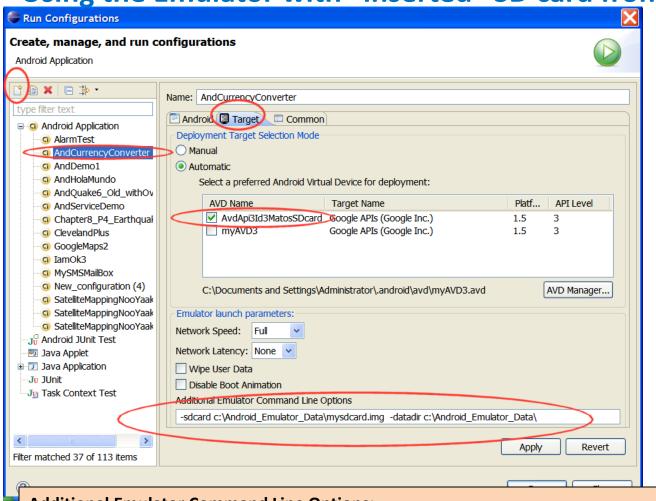
### Android – Login into the OS shell

4. There is no copy (**cp**) command in Android, but you could use the **cat** instead. For instance:

# cat data/app/theInstalledApp.apk > cache/theInstalledApp.apk



### Using the Emulator with "inserted" SD card from Eclipse



From Eclipse's menu create new launch configuration:

Run > Run Configurations > New icon

On the **Target** panel

- Select existing Android Virtual device (AVD)
- Enter additional Command Line Options (see caption)
- 3. Apply > Run

-sdcard c:\Android\_Emulator\_Data\mysdcard.img -datadir c:\Android\_Emulator\_Data



#### **Sending Text Messages to the Emulator**

- 1. Start the emulator.
- Open a new shell and type:
   c:> adb devices
   so you know the emulator's numeric port id (usually 5554, 5556, and so on)
- Connect to the console using telnet command like:
   telnet localhost 5554
- 4. After receiving the telnet prompt you can send a text message with the command (no quotes needed for the message)
  sms send <Sender's phone number> <text message>



# Example: Sending Text Messages to the Emulator

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
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c:\Android\tools>telnet localhost 5554\_



Type to compose

Android Console: type 'help' for a list of commands

OK
sms send 5551122 don't forget we have a ballroom class tonight at 8:30pm

OK

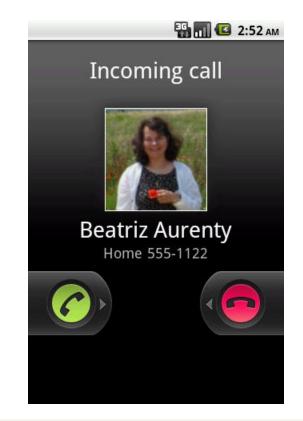


#### Making a Voice Call to the Emulator

- 1. Start the emulator.
- Open a new shell and type :
   adb devices
   to know the emulator's numeric port id (usually 5554, 5556, and so on)
- Connect to the console using telnet command like:
   telnet localhost 5554 (this is the 'number' to be called)
- 4. After receiving the telnet prompt you can place a call (voice) with the command gsm call <caller's phone number>



**Example: Making a Phone Call to the Emulator** 



C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
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c:\Android\tools>telnet localhost 5554\_

Android Console: type 'help' for a list of commands OK gsm call 5551122 OK

# Android Emulator Using Eclipse's DDMS facility



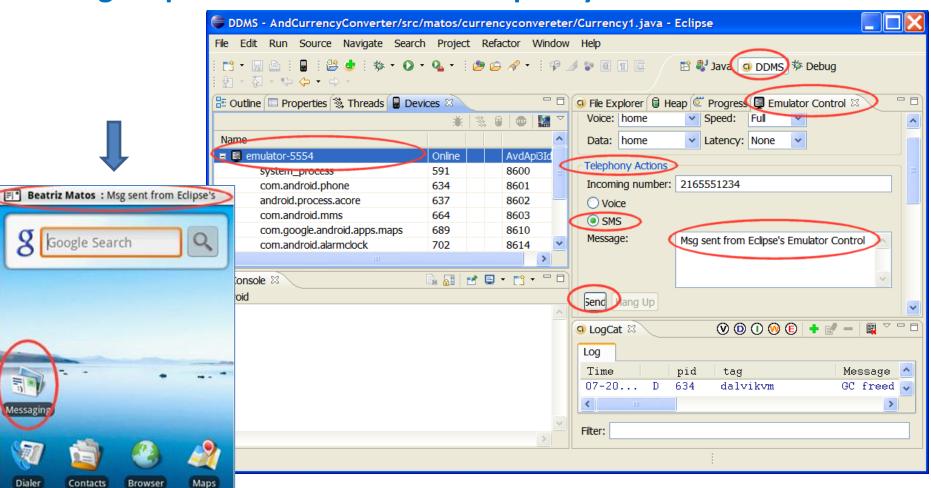
#### **Emulator Control**

With these controls, you can simulate special device states and activities. Features include:

- **1. Telephony Status** change the state of the phone's Voice and Data plans (home, roaming, searching, etc.), and simulate different kinds of network Speed and Latency (GPRS, EDGE, UTMS, etc.).
- **2. Telephony Actions** perform simulated phone calls and SMS messages to the emulator.
- 3. Location Controls send mock location data to the emulator so that you can perform location-aware operations like GPS mapping. To use the Location Controls, launch your application in the Android emulator and open DDMS. Click the Emulator Controls tab and scroll down to Location Controls. From here, you can:
  - Manually send individual longitude/latitude coordinates to the device. Click
     Manual, select the coordinate format, fill in the fields and click Send.
  - Use a GPX file describing a route for playback to the device.



### **Using Eclipse to test Emulator's Telephony Actions**





# **Questions?**

#### **Appendix 1 – Connecting your Hardware Device to the Computer**

- 1. Use a mini-USB cable to link the device and your computer
- 2. Expand the Notification bar
- 3. Mount the device

You could now use the Eclipse-ADT-File Explorer panel to pull/push files to the device.







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#### **Appendix 1 – Emulator to Emulator Communication**

- 1. Run two instances of the emulator (typical IDs are: 5554, 5556, ... )
- 2. Dial (or send SMS) from one of them (say 5554) to the other (5556)
- Press the Green/Red call buttons to accept/terminate the call
- 4. Try sending SMS (use numbers 5554 and 5556)



