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Android Development

Introduction to Android app development
with Android Studio

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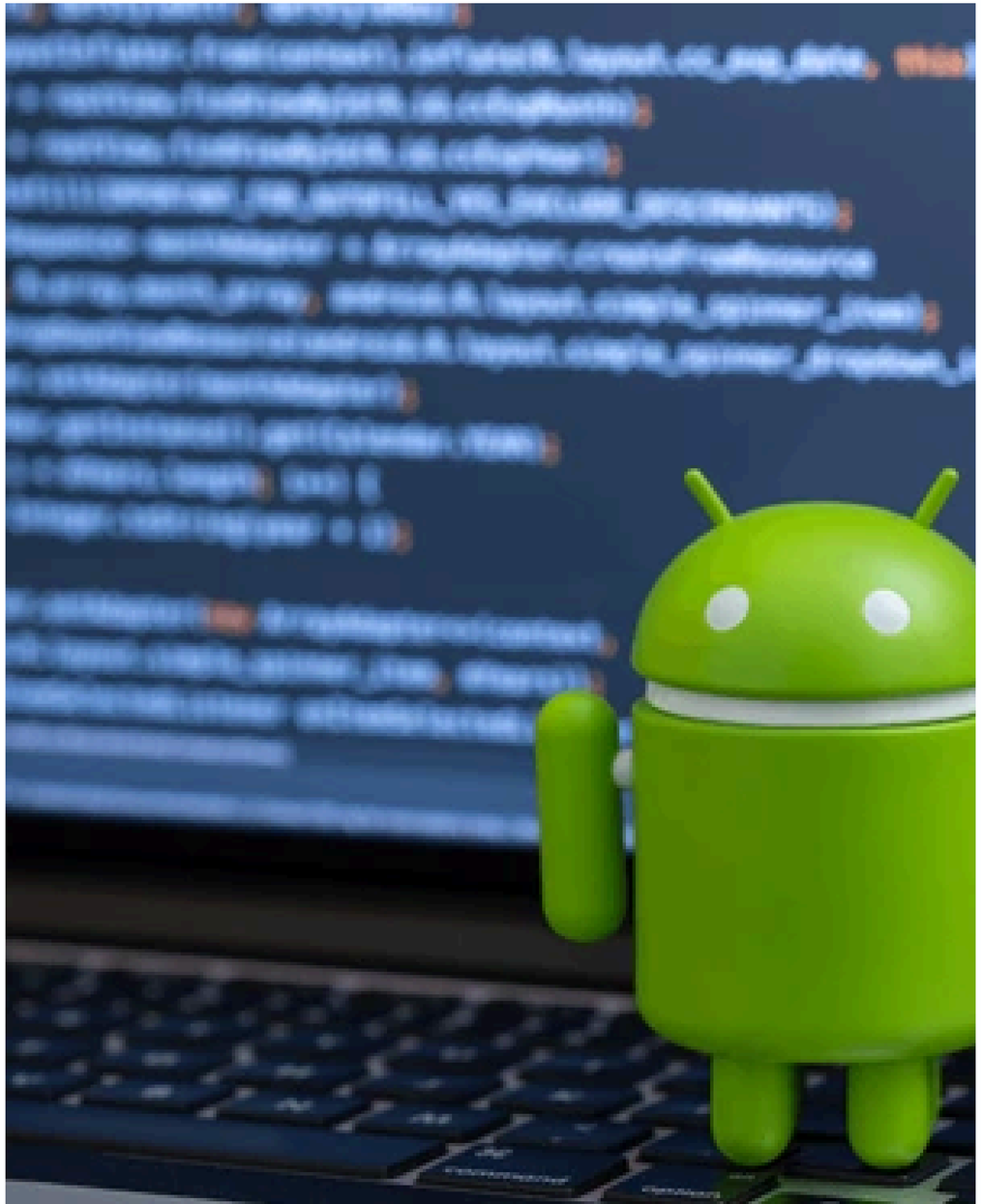
What we shall cover

- Environment Setup
- Project structure
- Developer options on an Android device
- Developing on an emulator and Android device
- Connecting to an Android device via ADB
- Debugging



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Android Studio

Installation & Configuration

Installation

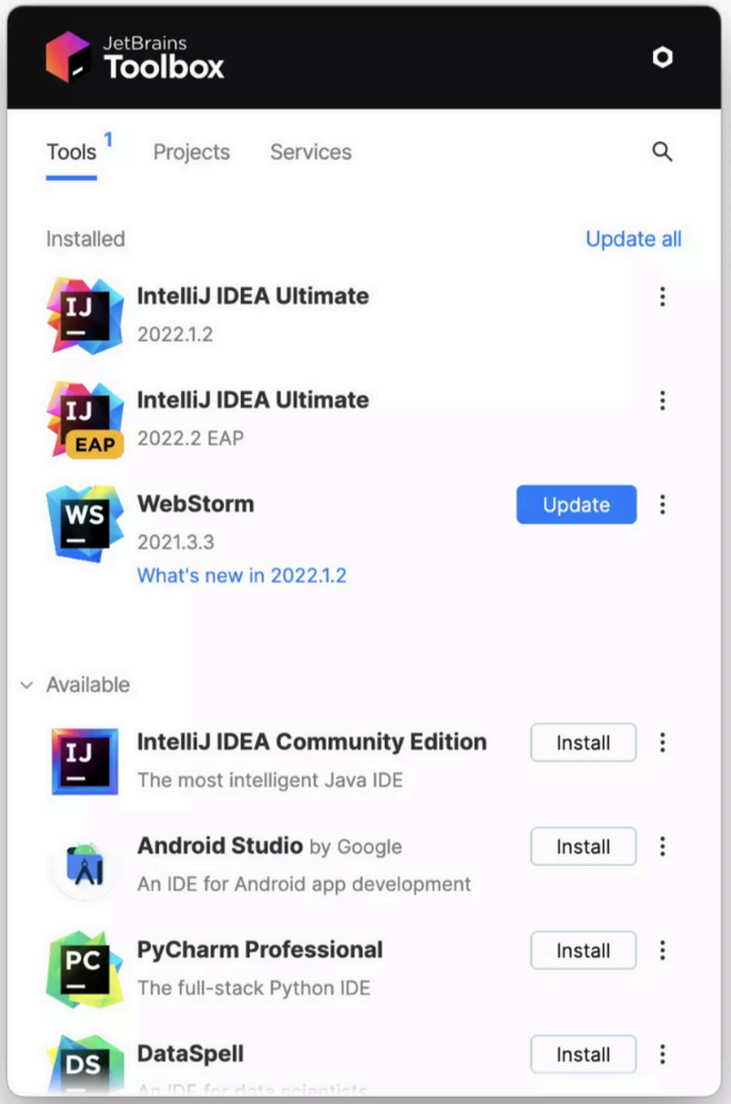
Install JetBrains Toolbox

Install Android Studio within JetBrains Toolbox

Configuration

Launch Android Studio

Update SDK components from the popup



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Project Structure

Different display modes on the left panel

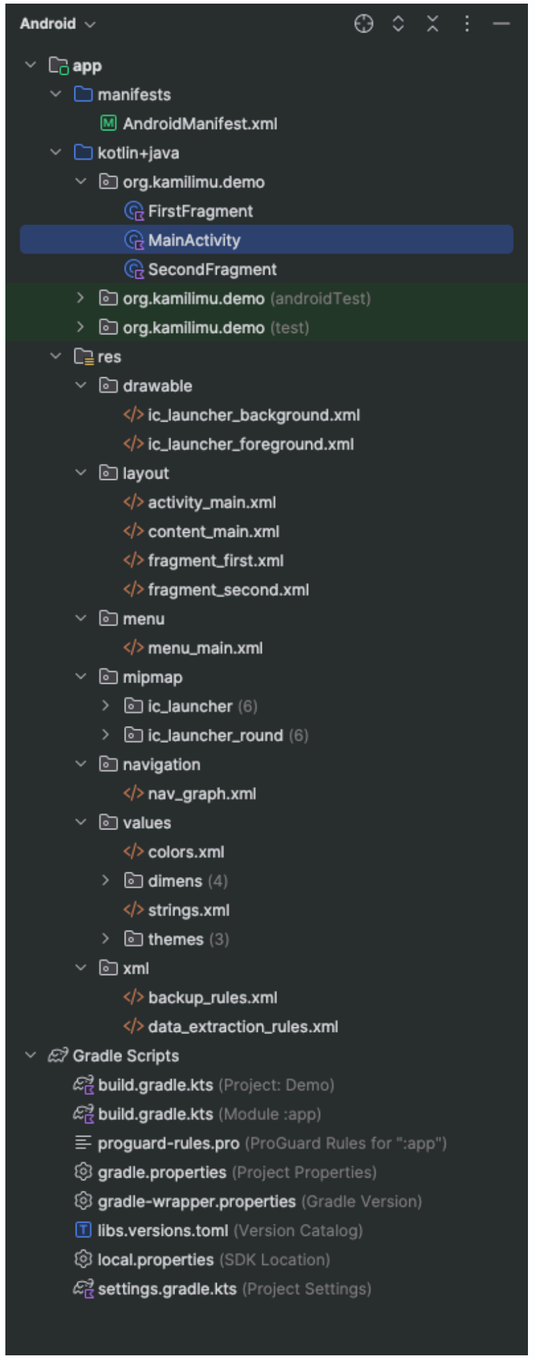
Android view

Not actual file hierarchy

Organized by modules

Directories

1. Manifest
2. Kotlin+Java directory
3. Res directory
4. Gradle scripts



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Project Structure

Manifest

Contains app information - Required by

- Android OS
- Android Build Tools
- Google Play

Describes app components

AndroidManifest.xml

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">

    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:dataExtractionRules="@xml/data_extraction_rules"
        android:fullBackupContent="@xml/backup_rules"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="Demo"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:supportsRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.Demo"
        tools:targetApi="31">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:exported="true"
            android:theme="@style/Theme.Demo">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />

                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>

</manifest>
```

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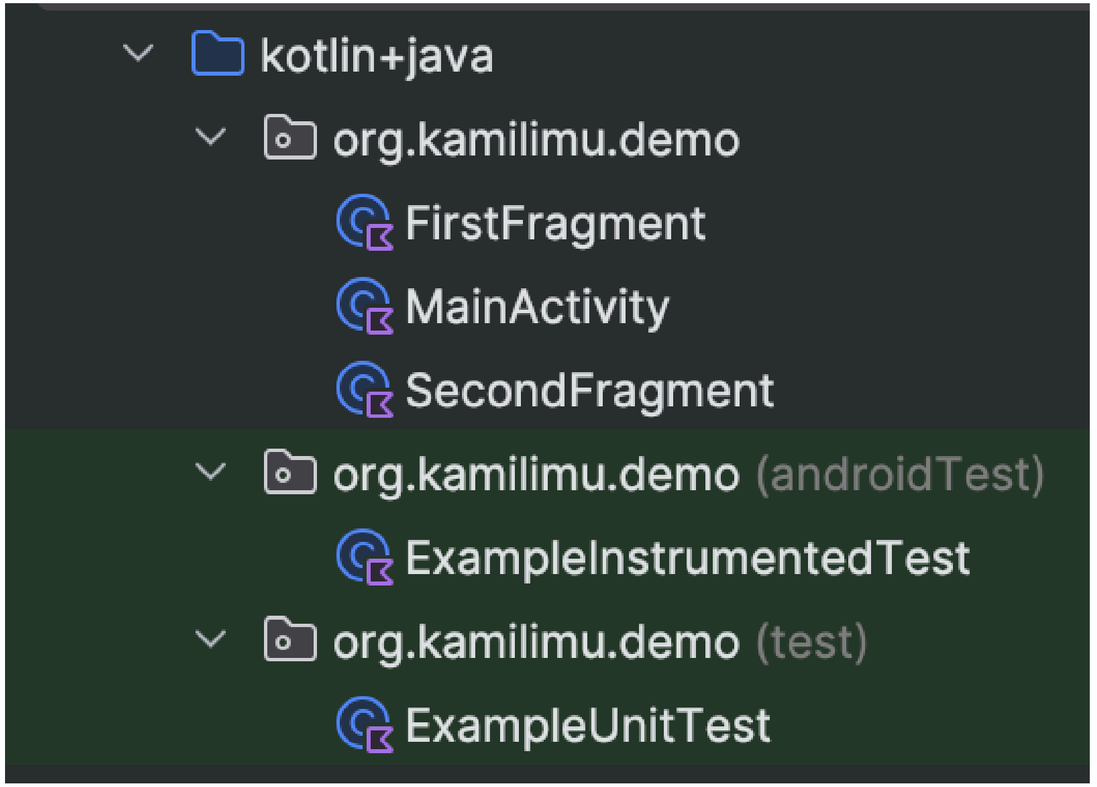
Kotlin+Java Directory

Contains the source code

Divided into packages

Includes test packages (Created by default)



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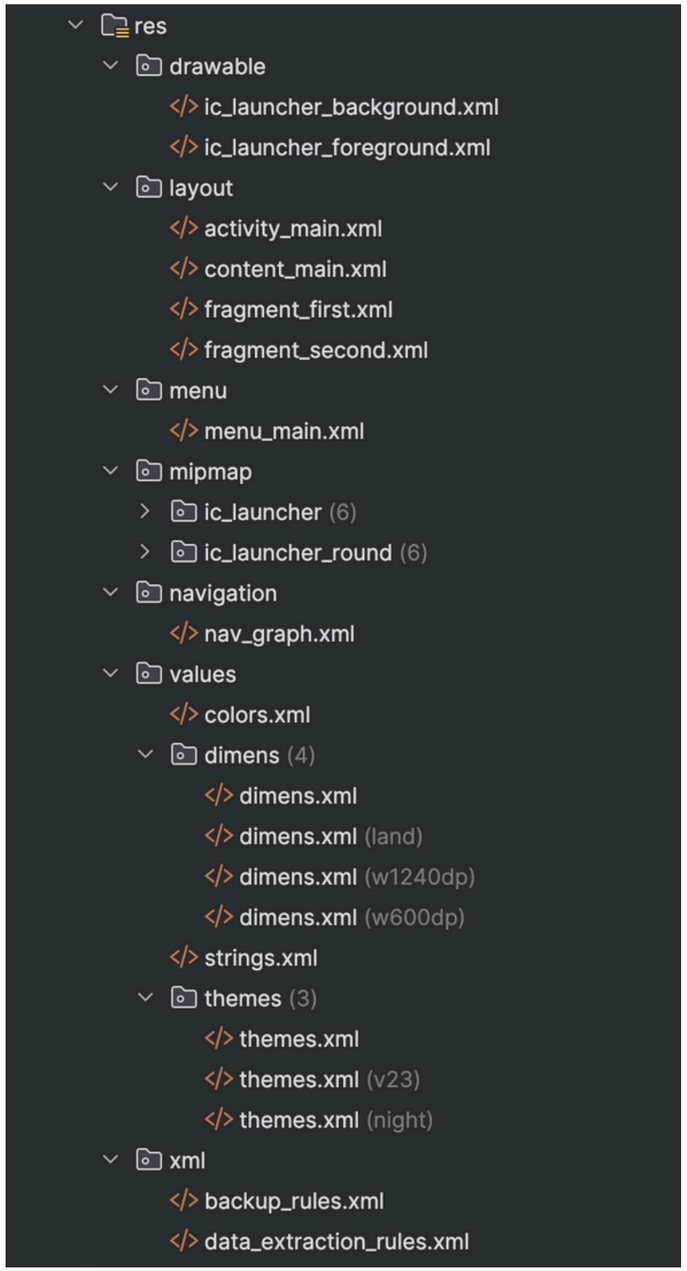
Res Directory

Contains resources needed by the app

The resources include

- Mipmap - Holds launcher icons (Appear on the home screen)
- Drawables - Holds images (png, jpg, etc.)
- Values - Colors, strings, themes
- XML - Holds XML configuration files
- Raw - Holds raw resource files that the app needs in the original form. Examples: .mp3, .mp4, .txt, .json, .html



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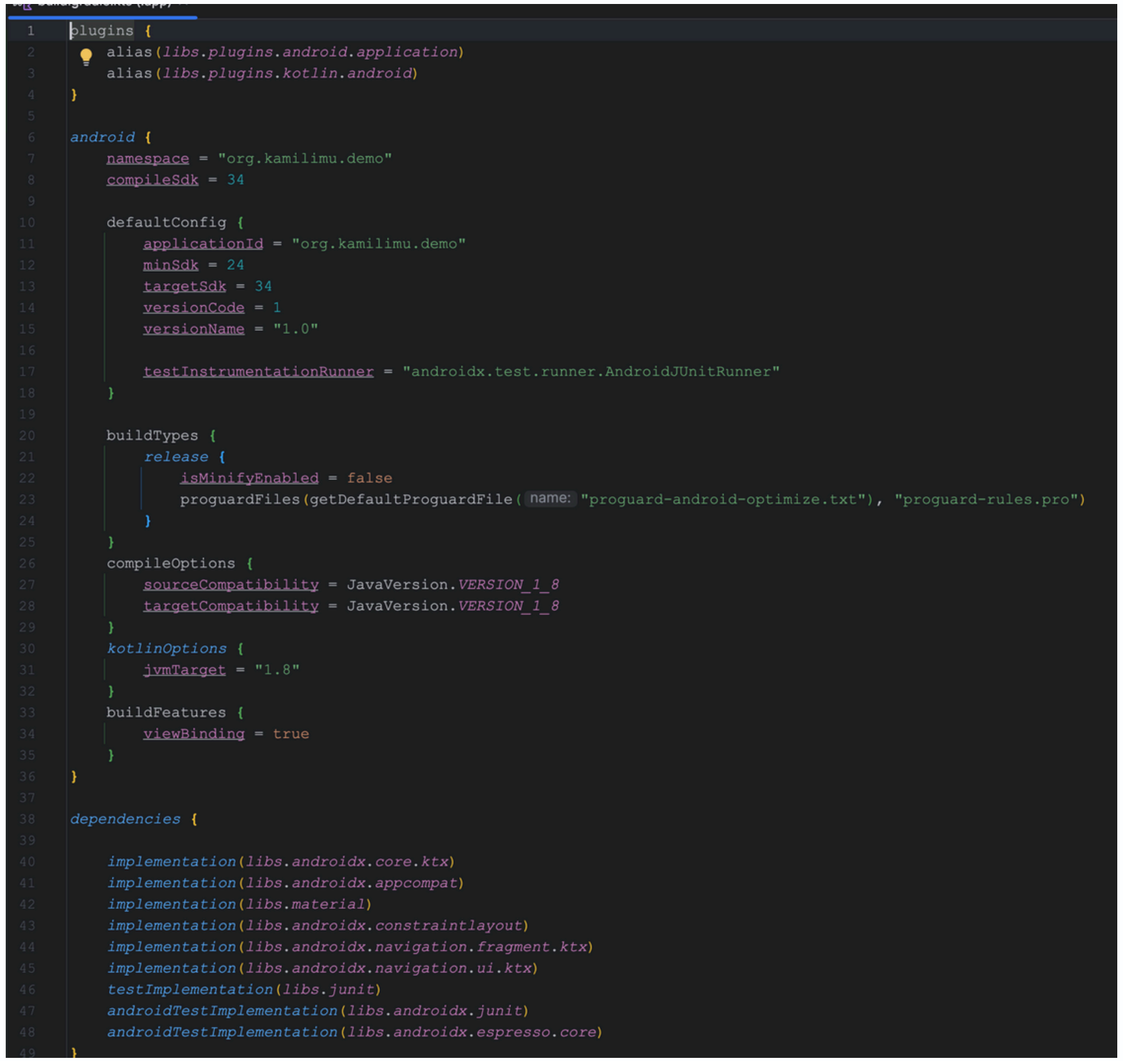
Gradle Scripts

Android uses the Gradle build system to manage the building, packaging, and distribution of applications

The result is an Android App Bundle (aab)



```
plugins {
    alias(libs.plugins.android.application)
    alias(libs.plugins.kotlin.android)
}

android {
    namespace = "org.kamilimu.demo"
    compileSdk = 34

    defaultConfig {
        applicationId = "org.kamilimu.demo"
        minSdk = 24
        targetSdk = 34
        versionCode = 1
        versionName = "1.0"

        testInstrumentationRunner = "androidx.test.runner.AndroidJUnitRunner"
    }

    buildTypes {
        release {
            isMinifyEnabled = false
            proguardFiles(getDefaultProguardFile( name: "proguard-android-optimize.txt"), "proguard-rules.pro")
        }
    }
    compileOptions {
        sourceCompatibility = JavaVersion.VERSION_1_8
        targetCompatibility = JavaVersion.VERSION_1_8
    }
    kotlinOptions {
        jvmTarget = "1.8"
    }
    buildFeatures {
        viewBinding = true
    }
}

dependencies {

    implementation(libs.androidx.core.ktx)
    implementation(libs.androidx.appcompat)
    implementation(libs.material)
    implementation(libs.androidx.constraintlayout)
    implementation(libs.androidx.navigation.fragment.ktx)
    implementation(libs.androidx.navigation.ui.ktx)
    testImplementation(libs.junit)
    androidTestImplementation(libs.androidx.junit)
    androidTestImplementation(libs.androidx.espresso.core)
}
```

Project Structure

Gradle Scripts

Key Features

- Modular architecture - Organize the project into multiple modules
- Flexible build configurations - Different build variants (debug, release). Different product flavors (demo, production)
- Dependency management - Automatically handles resolution of external libraries
- Incremental builds - Optimizes the build process by only recompiling parts of the project that change between builds
- Task automation - Ability to automate code compiling, APK packaging, running tests and more

Project Structure

Gradle Scripts

Core Components

- Project-level `build.gradle` - Located in the root project directory. Defines configuration options common to all modules
- Module-level `build.gradle` - Located in each module’s directory `app/build.gradle`. Defines configurations specific to the module. Such as dependencies, build types, product flavors
- Gradle Wrapper - A set of scripts that ensure a specific version of Gradle is used to build the project

Project Structure

Gradle Scripts

Key Parts

- Plugins
  - libs.plugins.android.application - Indicates that it is an Android module
  - libs.plugins.kotlin.android - Enables Kotlin support
- Android block
  - compileSdkVersion - Specifies the Android API level used to compile the app
  - defaultConfig - contains default settings for the app. Such as application Id, minimum and target SDK versions, version information
  - buildTypes - defines different build configurations such as `debug` and `release`
- Dependencies block - Lists libraries and modules that the module depends on. The dependencies can be local libraries, remote libraries from repositories or other modules within the project

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Developer options

To develop and test on a physical Android device, enable developer options in settings

Enabling developer options

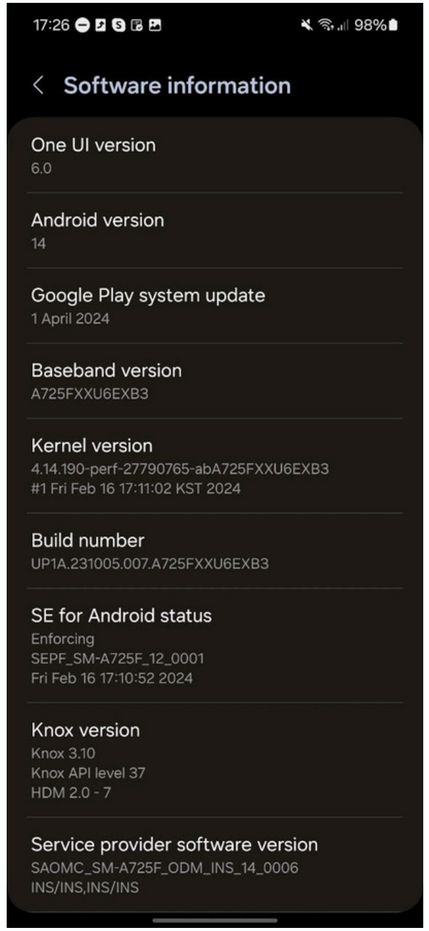
Settings -> About Phone -> Software Information ->

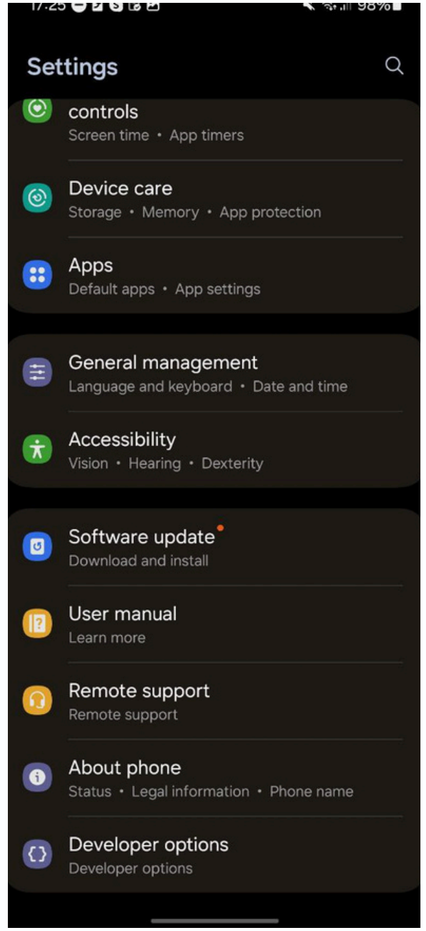
Build Number

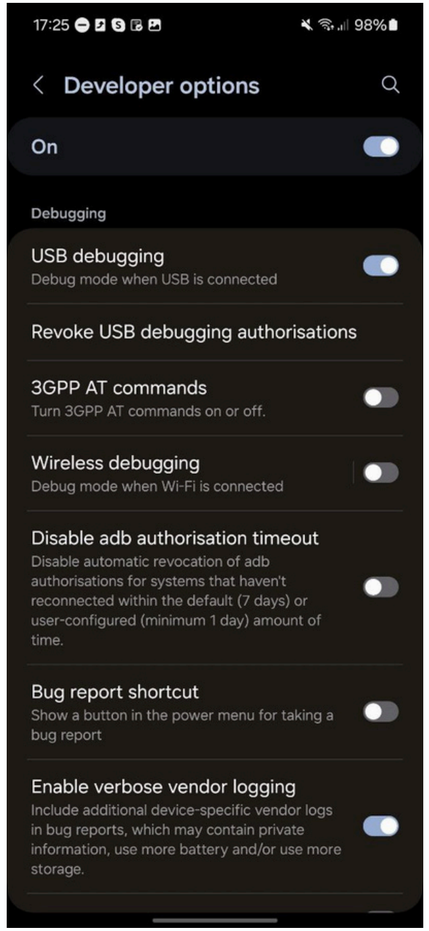
Tap `Build Number` number 7 times, then enter the

phone’s password

Locate developer options in the settings







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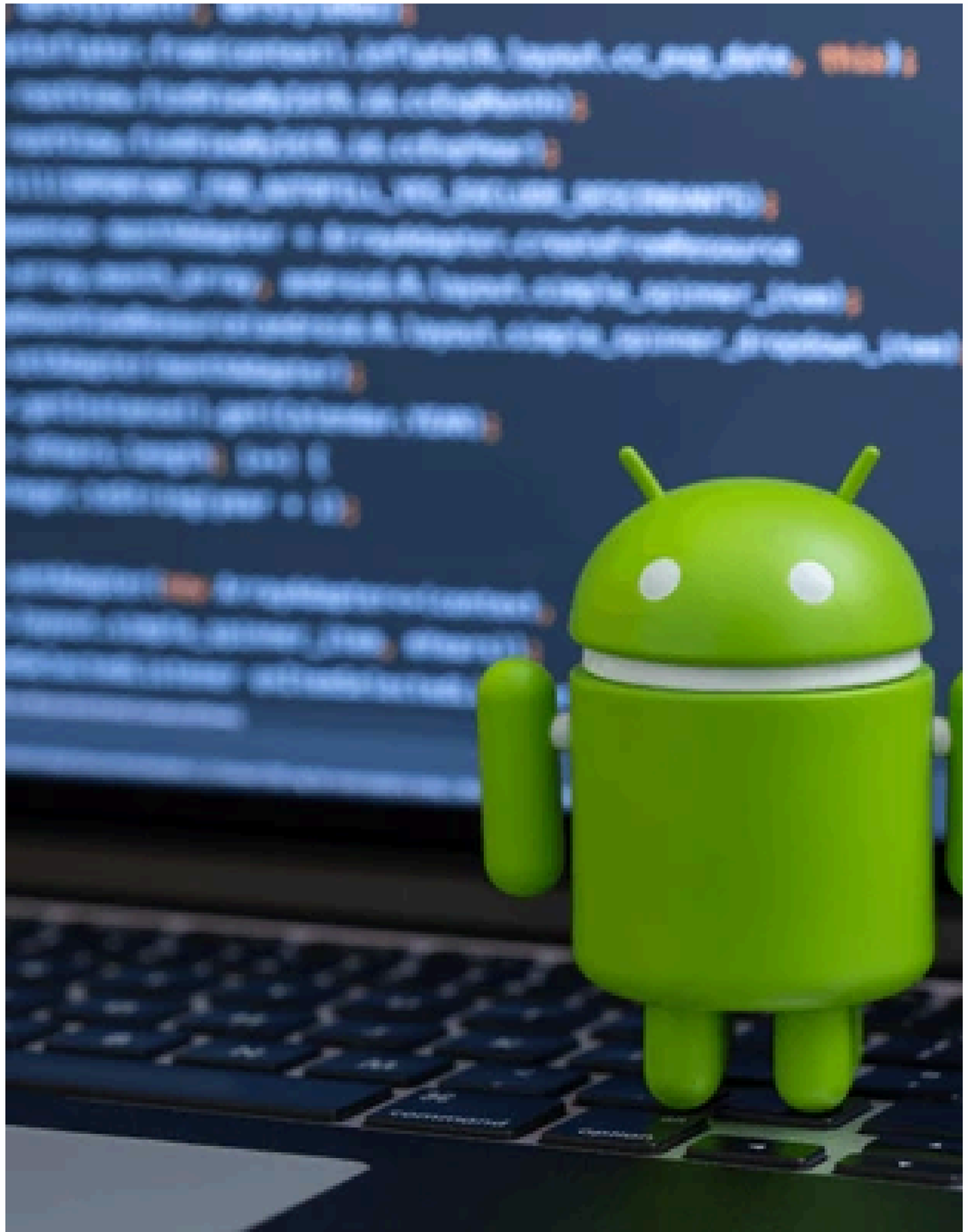
Debugging in Android

Debugging - process of **isolating** and **removing** defects in software code.

Process of Debugging in Android development.

- Select a device to debug your app on.
- Set **breakpoints** in your coding language e.g Kotlin.
- Examine **variables** and **evaluate** expressions at runtime.



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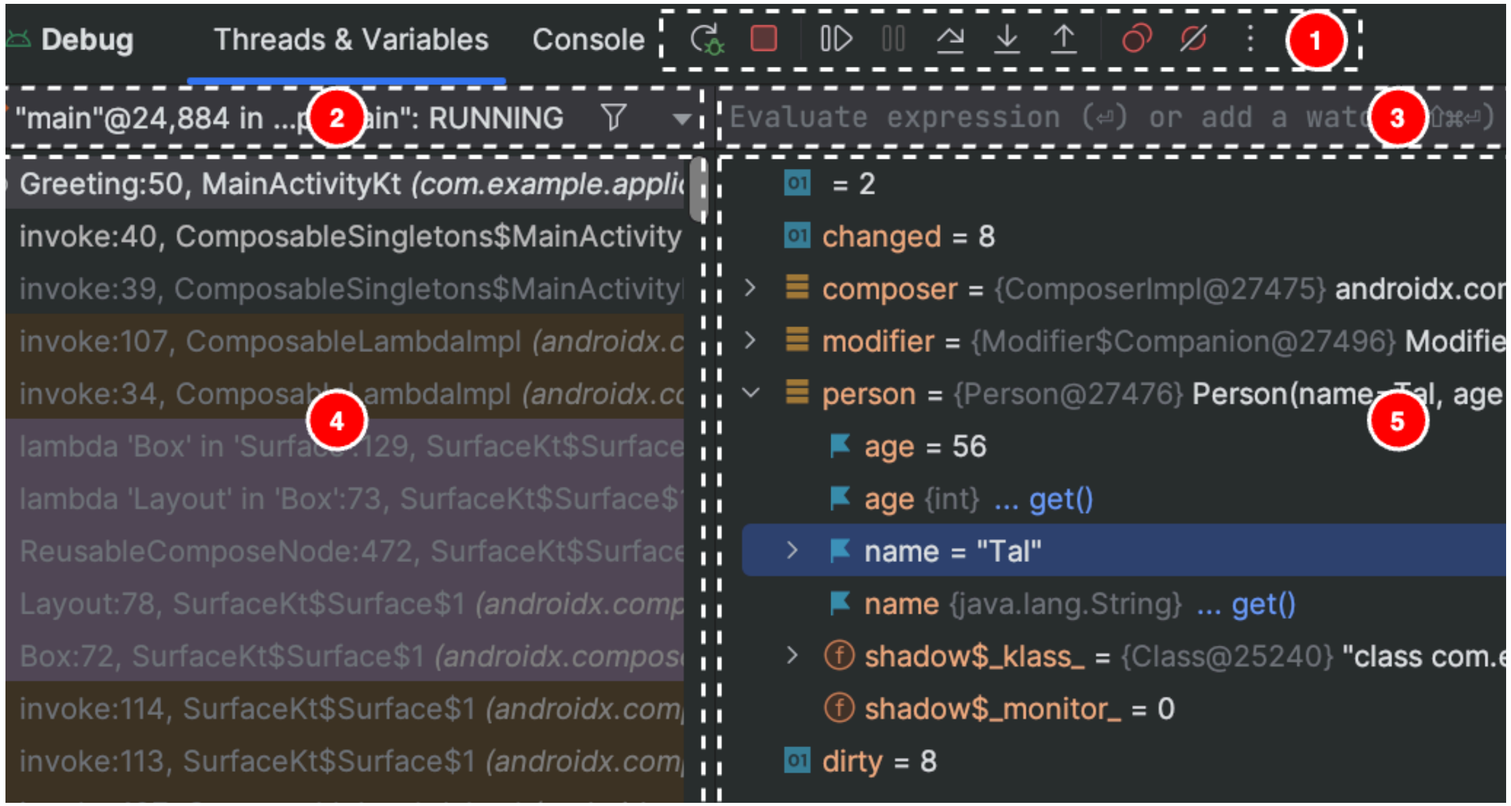
Debugging Window



1. Execution and navigation toolbar. Work with breakpoints
2. Thread selector
3. Evaluation and watch expression entry. Inspect variables.
4. Stack display
5. Variables pane. Inspect variables.

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