

ITSMAP F13 Lesson 4

Part 1

Androids User Interface: Views

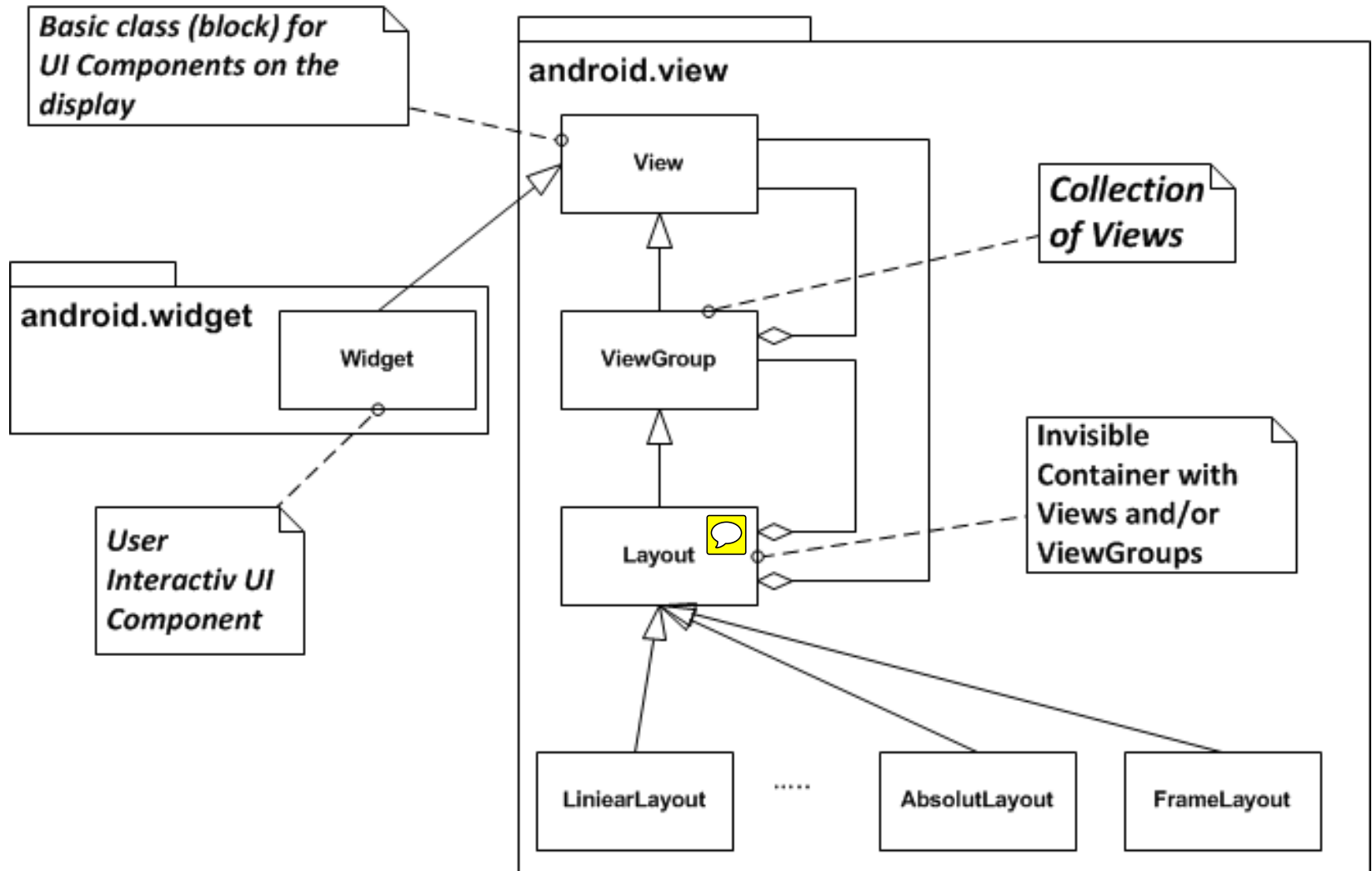
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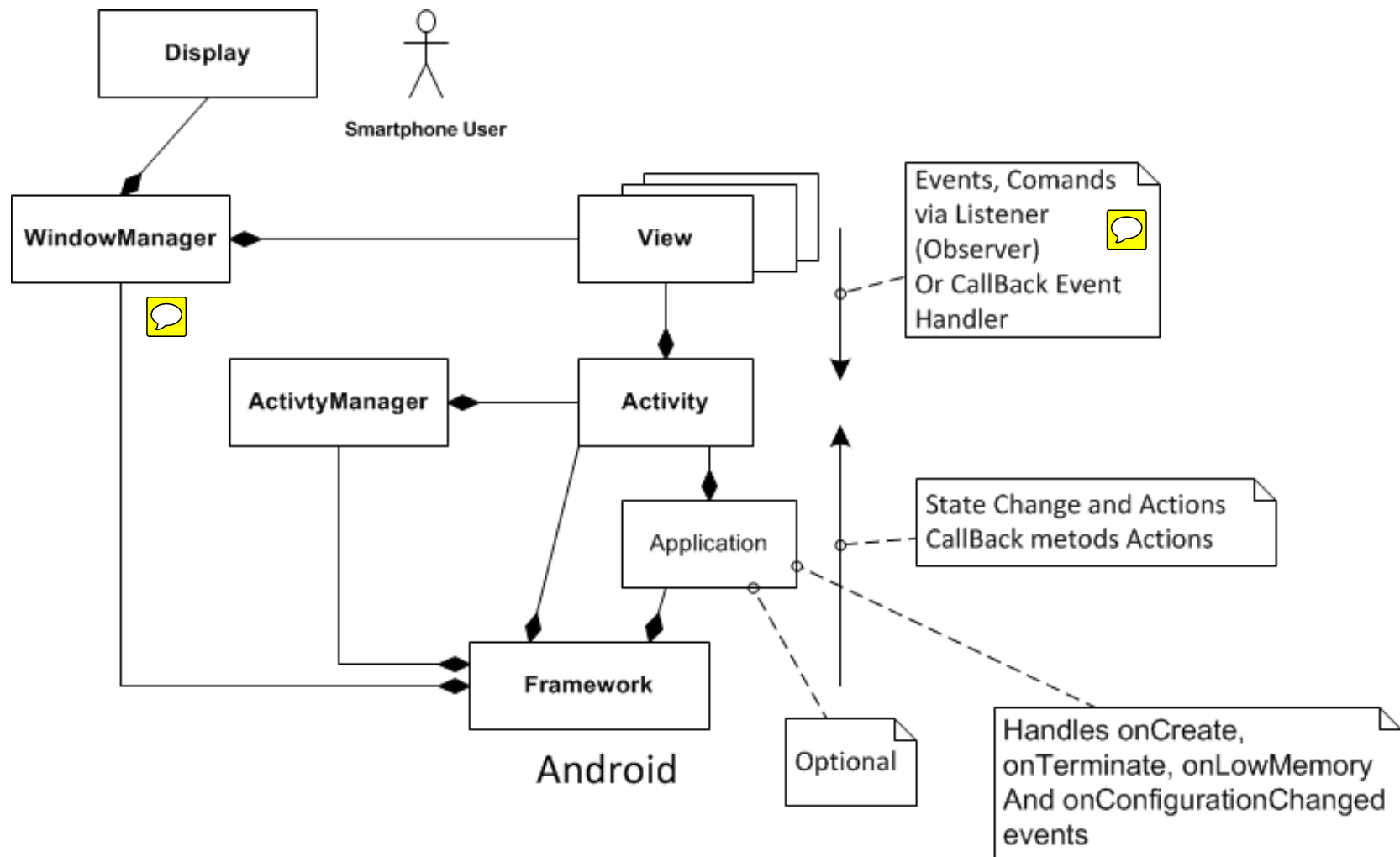
Part 1

1. Android Applications and User Interface
2. Overall architecture
3. View organization/Hierarchy
4. View Layout
5. A little more about resources and views
6. Event handling
7. Exercise 1
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 1. Views with Fragments
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Android Java View Class Hierarchy

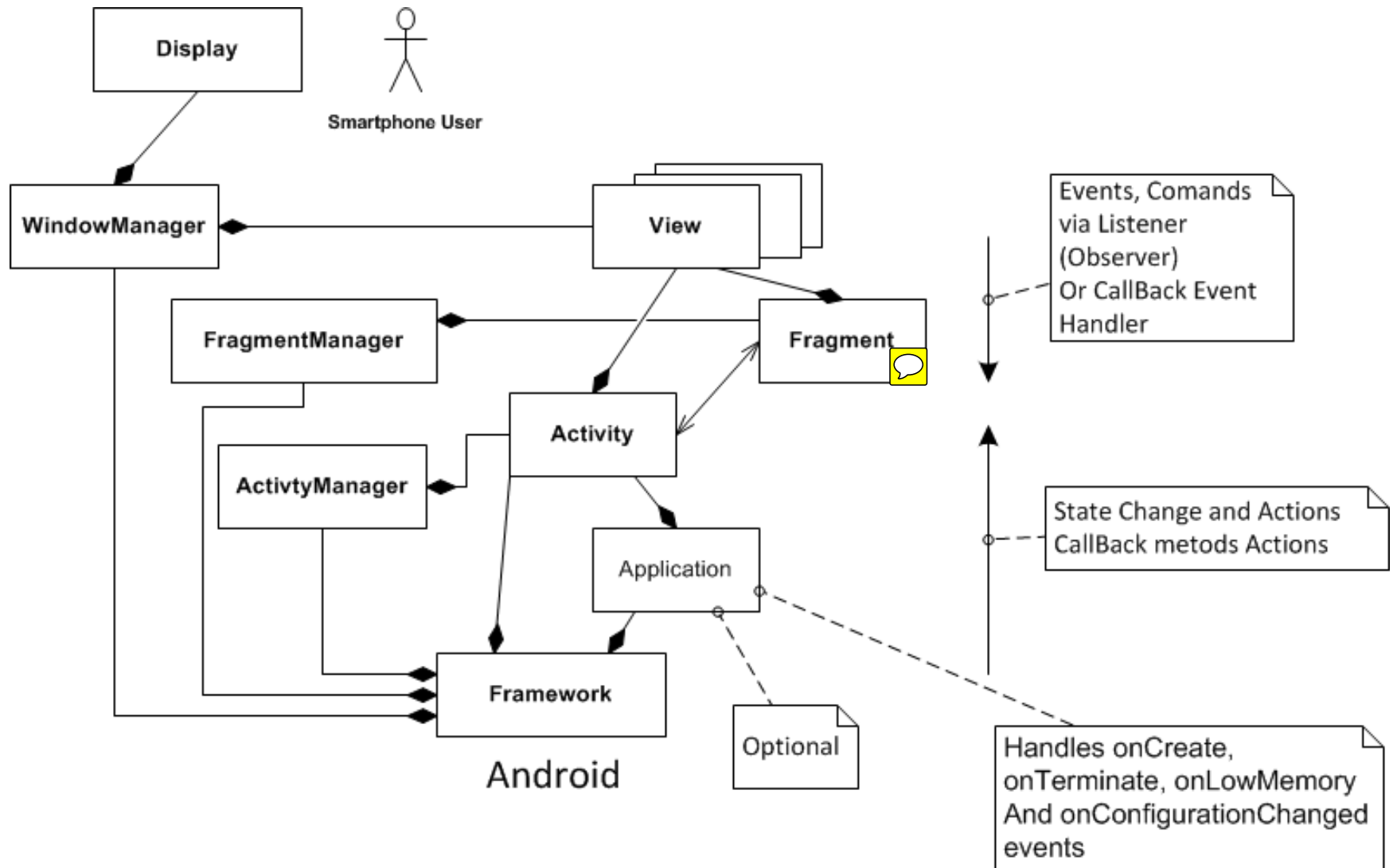


App Overall Architecture: User Interface by View, no Fragments



App Overall Architecture:

User Interface by View, with Fragments (part 2)

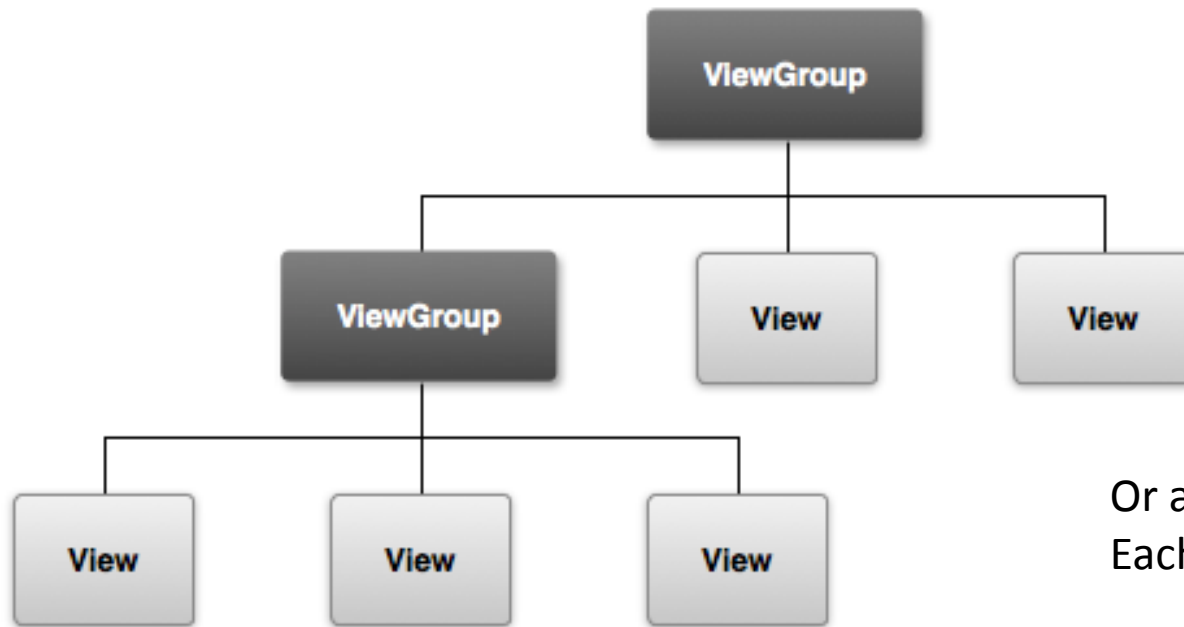


View Hierarchy

The organization of User Layouts

As a Android App programmer

Always look at a “User View “as a **Hierarchy**



Or as a **container of Views**
Each with its own identifier

User Layouts are setup in XML or coded in the Activity

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Enter Text Below"
    />
    <EditText
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Text Goes Here!"
    />
</LinearLayout>
```

```
// ** Listing 4-4: Simple LinearLayout in code
LinearLayout ll = new LinearLayout(this);
ll.setOrientation(LinearLayout.VERTICAL);

TextView myTextView = new TextView(this);
EditText myEditText = new EditText(this);

myTextView.setText("Enter Text Below");
myEditText.setText("Text Goes Here!");

int lHeight = LinearLayout.LayoutParams.FILL_PARENT;
int lWidth = LinearLayout.LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT;

ll.addView(myTextView, new LinearLayout.LayoutParams(lHeight,
lWidth));

ll.addView(myEditText, new LinearLayout.LayoutParams(lHeight,
lWidth));

setContentView(ll);
```

Drawing of a “user view”

The View to an Activity

- Views are inflated i.e. layout are drawn, in a hierarchical control structure by the Framework, in the order of the specific view hierarchy.
- The Activity request the Framework to inflate View

`@Override`

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.main);  
}
```

- The root node, that's a ViewGroup, draw itself and then calling its children to draw themselves and so on.

Drawing of a View

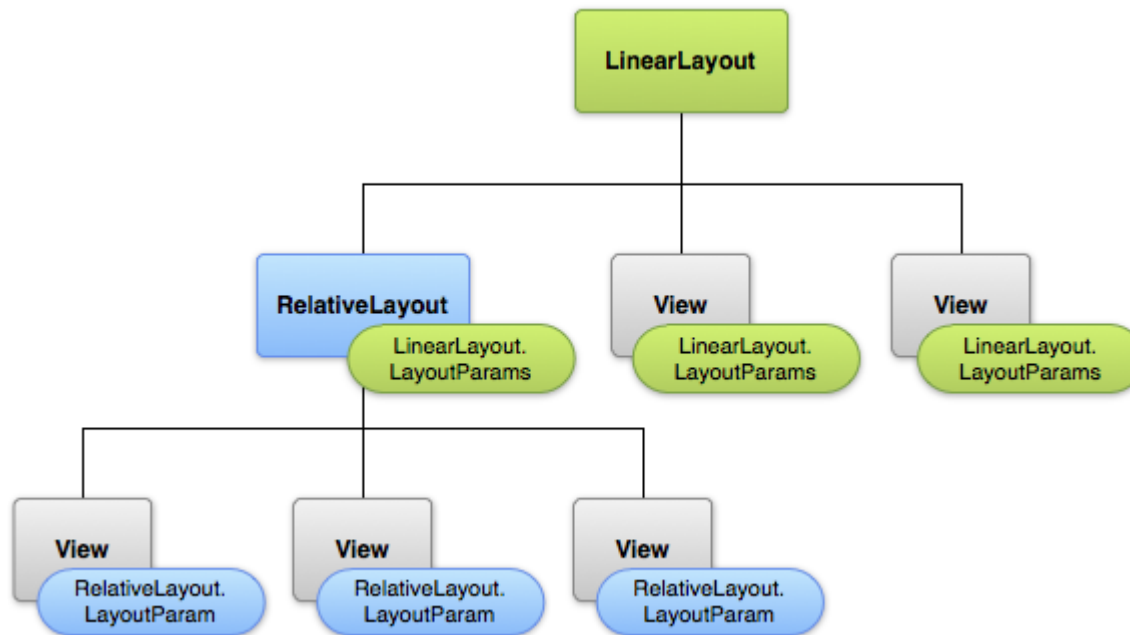
Size and Positioning



- **Size: Dimensions** For each dimension in a View, the View can specify
 - an exact number
 - *FILL_PARENT / MATCH_PARENT*, as big as its parent (minus padding)
 - *WRAP_CONTENT*, big enough to enclose its content (plus padding).
- **Positioning** are handled by ViewGroups, which are specific Layouts
 - Layouts uses own **LayoutParams** subclasses. For example, **RelativeLayout** has its own subclass of LayoutParams, which includes the ability to center child Views horizontally and vertically.

<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/how-android-draws.html>

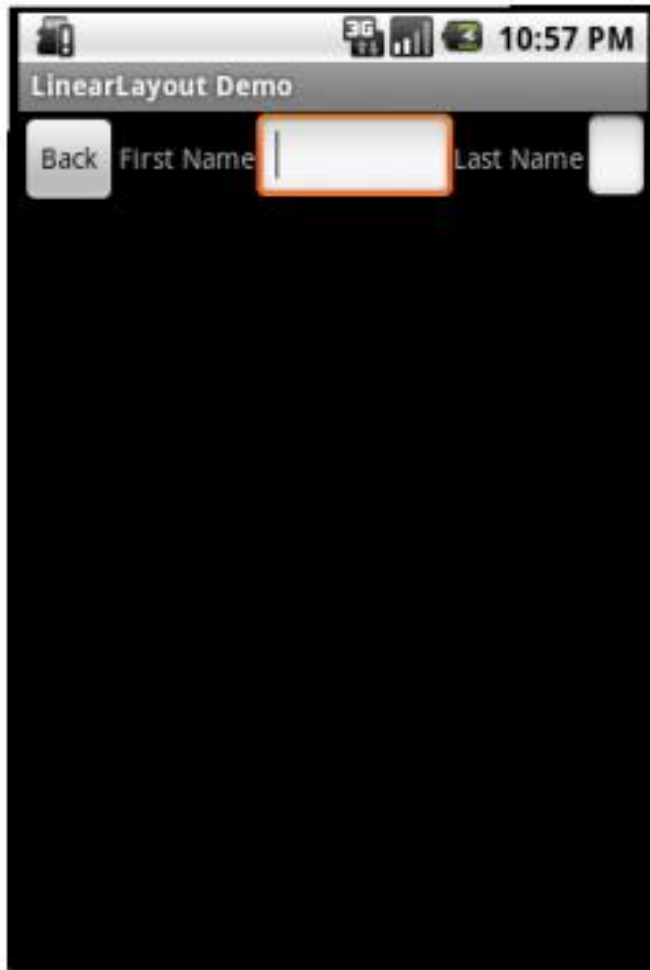
Layout parameters



<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/declaring-layout.html>

<http://developer.android.com/tools/debugging/debugging-ui.html> Debug UI

Layouts Linear



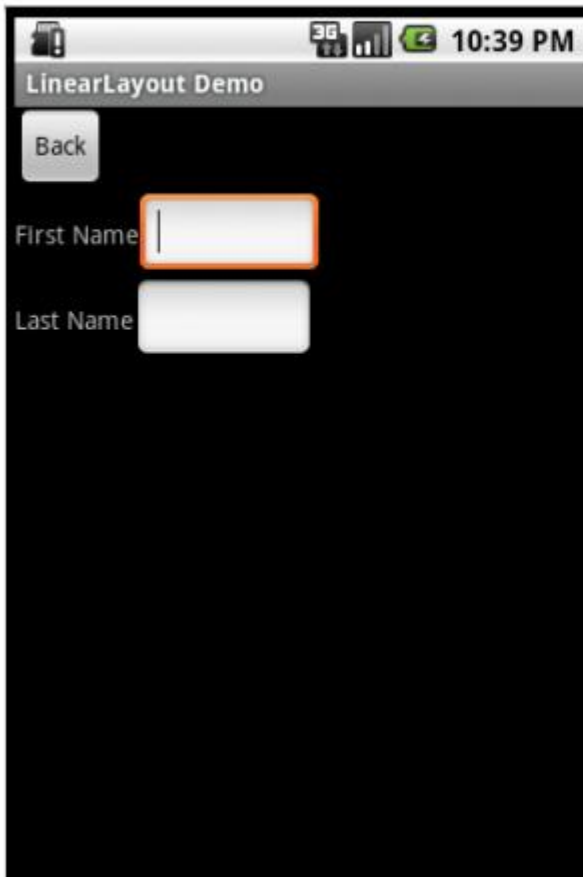
```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/backbutton"
        android:text="Back"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <TextView
        android:text="First Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <EditText
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <TextView
        android:text="Last Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <EditText
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
</LinearLayout>
```

Layouts Linear Vertical



`android:orientation="vertical"`

Layouts Nested



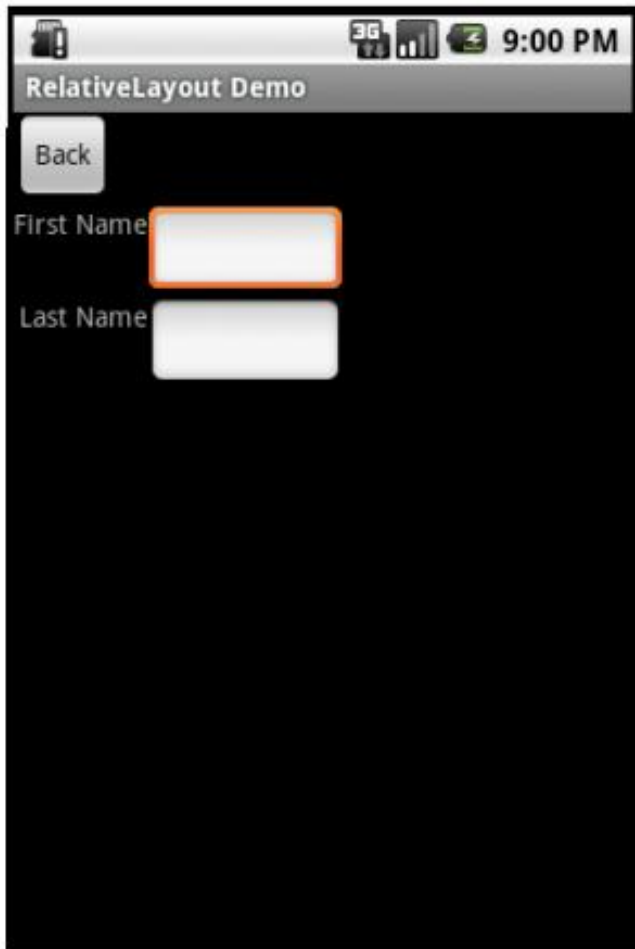
```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/backbutton"
        android:text="Back"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <LinearLayout
        android:orientation="horizontal"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content">
        <TextView
            android:text="First Name"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
        <EditText
            android:width="100px"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    </LinearLayout>
    <LinearLayout
        android:orientation="horizontal"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content">
        <TextView
            android:text="Last Name"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
        <EditText
            android:width="100px"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    </LinearLayout>
</LinearLayout>
```

Layouts Table



```
<TableLayout
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <TableRow>
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/backbutton"
            android:text="Back"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <TextView
            android:text="First Name"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_column="1" />
        <EditText
            android:width="100px"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <TextView
            android:text="Last Name"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_column="1" />
        <EditText
            android:width="100px"
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    </TableRow>
</TableLayout>
```

Layouts Relative



```
<RelativeLayout
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/backbutton"
        android:text="Back"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/firstName"
        android:text="First Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_below="@id/backbutton" />

    <EditText
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_toRightOf="@id/firstName"
        android:layout_alignBaseline="@id/firstName" />

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/lastName"
        android:text="Last Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_below="@id/firstName" />

    <EditText
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_toRightOf="@id/lastName"
        android:layout_alignBaseline="@id/lastName" />
</RelativeLayout>
```


Layouts, some are deprecated



```
<AbsoluteLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/backbutton"
        android:text="Back"
        android:layout_x="10px"
        android:layout_y="5px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <TextView
        android:layout_x="10px"
        android:layout_y="110px"
        android:text="First Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <EditText
        android:layout_x="150px"
        android:layout_y="100px"
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <TextView
        android:layout_x="10px"
        android:layout_y="160px"
        android:text="Last Name"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
    <EditText
        android:layout_x="150px"
        android:layout_y="150px"
        android:width="100px"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
</AbsoluteLayout>
```


What to take care of in the Graphical UI?

- View <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/view/View.html>
- Layout <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/layout-objects.html> coming from
 - ViewGroup <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/view/ViewGroup.html>
- Widget Package <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/widget/package-summary.html>
- Menu <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/menus.html> (Like Menu button)
- UI Input Events
 - Define an event listener and register it with the View
 - Override an existing callback method for the View (Custom Views)
 - Menu Events
- And of course “The View’ appearance”
<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/index.html>

Providing resource

/animator
/anim
/color
/drawable
/layout
/menu
/raw
/values
/xml

```
MyProject/  
  src/  
    MainActivity.java  
  res/  
    drawable/  
      icon.png  
    layout/  
      main.xml  
      info.xml  
    values/  
      strings.xml
```

Layout folders

- **res/layout/my_layout.xml** // layout for normal screen size ("default")
- **res/layout-small/my_layout.xml** // layout for small screen size
- **res/layout-large/my_layout.xml** // layout for large screen size
- **res/layout-xlarge/my_layout.xml** // layout for extra large screen size
- **res/layout-xlarge-land/my_layout.xml** // layout for extra large in landscape orientation
- **res/drawable-mdpi/my_icon.png** // bitmap for medium density
- **res/drawable-hdpi/my_icon.png** // bitmap for high density
- **res/drawable-xhdpi/my_icon.png** // bitmap for extra high density

http://developer.android.com/guide/practices/screens_support.html

External Resources

- Remember that you write XML code instead of Java code.
- And by referring to a certain XML file the file name is the resources ID

Example 1 (selector ... ex. to a button)

FILE LOCATION:

`res/color/filename.xml`

The filename will be used as the resource ID.

COMPILED RESOURCE DATATYPE:

Resource pointer to a [ColorStateList](#).

RESOURCE REFERENCE:

In Java: `R.color.filename`

In XML: `@[package:]color/filename`

SYNTAX:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<selector xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" >
  <item
    android:color="hex_color"
    android:state_pressed=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_focused=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_selected=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_checkable=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_checked=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_enabled=["true" | "false"]
    android:state_window_focused=["true" | "false"] />
</selector>
```

Resource in use (button animation)

With use of *recommended folder!*

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

res/color/ffdrinkbtn.xml

```
<selector
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklilleinv"
      android:state_pressed="true" />
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklillesh"
      android:state_focused="true" />
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklille1" />
```

```
</selector>
```

```
<Button
```

From a view

```
    android:id="@+id/drawnbeerbuttoncalc"
```

```
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

```
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
    android:onClick="drawnBeerCount"
```

```
    android:text="Button"
```

```
    android:background="@color/ffdrinkbtn"
```

```
 />
```

```
</selector>
```

Resource in use (button animation)

With use of non recommended folder!!!

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

res/drawable/**ffdrinkbtn.xml**

```
<selector
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklilleinv"
      android:state_pressed="true" />
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklillesh"
      android:state_focused="true" />
```

```
<item android:drawable="@drawable/drinklille1" />
```

```
</selector>
```

```
<Button
```

```
    android:id="@+id/drawnbeerbuttoncalc"
```

```
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

From a view

```
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
    android:onClick="drawnBeerCount"
```

```
    android:text="Button"
```

```
    android:background="@drawable/ffdrinkbtn"
```

```
 />
```

```
</selector>
```

Resource Types

(click on links for Android Dev Guide)

- [Animation](#)
- [Color State List](#) (Used in previous example)
- [Drawable](#)
- [Layout](#)
- [Menu](#)
- [String](#)
- [Style](#)
- [More Types](#)
 - [Bool](#)
 - [Color](#)
 - [Dimension](#)
 - [ID](#)
 - [Integer](#)
 - [Integer Array](#)
 - [Typed Array](#) (which you can use for an array of drawables).

Themes

in Android styles

EXAMPLE:

XML file for the style (saved in `res/values/`):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="CustomText" parent="@style/Text">
        <item name="android:textSize">20sp</item>
        <item name="android:textColor">#008</item>
    </style>
</resources>
```

XML file that applies the style to a [TextView](#) (saved in `res/layout/`):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<EditText
    style="@style/CustomText"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Hello, World!" />
```

Themes

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <!-- Base application theme is the default theme. -->
    <style name="Theme" parent="android:Theme">
    </style>

    <!-- Variation on our application theme that forces a plain
         text style. -->
    <style name="Theme.PlainText">
        <item name="android:textAppearance">@style/TextAppearance.Theme.PlainText</item>
    </style>

    <!-- Variation on our application theme that has a black
         background. -->
    <style name="Theme.Black">
        <item name="android:windowBackground">@drawable/screen_background_black</item>
    </style>
</resources>
```

Themes

```
<!-- A theme that has a translucent background. Here we explicitly specify
      that this theme is to inherit from the system's translucent theme,
      which sets up various attributes correctly. -->
<style name="Theme.Translucent" parent="android:style/Theme.Translucent">
    <item name="android:windowBackground">@drawable/translucent_background</item>
    <item name="android:windowNoTitle">true</item>
    <item name="android:colorForeground">#fff</item>
</style>
```

What to do with Views

Once you have created a tree of views, there are typically a few types of common operations you may wish to perform:

- **Set properties:** for example setting the text of a [TextView](#). The available properties and the methods that set them will vary among the different subclasses of views. **Note that properties that are known at build time can be set in the XML layout files.**
- **Set focus:** The framework will handle moving focus in response to user input. To force focus to a specific view, call [requestFocus\(\)](#).
- **Set up listeners:** Views allow clients to set listeners that will be notified when something interesting happens to the view. For example, all views will let you set a listener to be notified when the view gains or loses focus. You can register such a listener using [setOnFocusChangeListener\(android.view.View.OnFocusChangeListener\)](#). **Other view subclasses offer more specialized listeners. For example, a Button exposes a listener to notify clients when the button is clicked.**
- **Set visibility:** You can hide or show views using [setVisibility\(int\)](#).

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/view/View.html>

Views are clickable

- Gives that every Layout and Widget or other User Controls inherits the capability of being
 - `android:clickable="true" or "false"`
- And can publish the click event to a subscriber i.e. an Activity, this is what we look at now
- But the View itself may capture events from the Android framework for controlling its behavior according to the users input

Inherited View event handling

```
public class MyView extends View {  
    @Override  
    public boolean onKeyDown(int keyCode, KeyEvent keyEvent) {  
        // Return true if the event was handled.  
        return true;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public boolean onKeyUp(int keyCode, KeyEvent keyEvent) {  
        // Return true if the event was handled.  
        return true;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public boolean onTrackballEvent(MotionEvent event ) {  
        // Get the type of action this event represents  
        int actionPerformed = event.getAction();  
        // Return true if the event was handled.  
        return true;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public boolean onTouchEvent(MotionEvent event) {  
        // Get the type of action this event represents  
        int actionPerformed = event.getAction();  
        // Return true if the event was handled.  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

Event Listeners

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- Inline Class Implementation
- Use “Implements” method
- Use a variable for a “listener method”

And a FW controlled way for clickable Views

- XML attribute `android:onClick="click1"`

```
public void click1(View view) {// use this signature  
// but1.setClickable(false);  
setQuestionAnswer(question + "/1");  
but1.setBackgroundColor(Color.GREEN);  
this.onClick(view, "Knap 1");  
}
```

<http://tseng-blog.nge-web.net/blog/2009/02/14/implementing-listeners-in-your-android-java-application>

XML Layout 1

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:clickable="false"
        android:text="Please enter your login" />
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Login:" />
    <EditText
        android:id="@+id/username"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:singleLine="true" />
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Password:" />
```


XML Layout 2

```
<EditText
    android:id="@+id/password"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:inputType="textPassword"
    android:singleLine="true" />
<Button
    android:id="@+id/Login_button"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:onClick="onLoginClick"
    android:text="Login" />
<Button
    android:id="@+id/cancel_button"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:onClick="onCancelClick"
    android:text="Cancel" />
<TextView
    android:id="@+id/result"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
</LinearLayout>
```

Inline Class Implementation

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity {  
    // Declare our Views, so we can access them later  
    private Button btnCancel;  
  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        .....  
        setContentView(R.layout.eventview);  
        btnCancel = (Button) findViewById(R.id.cancel_button);  
        btnCancel.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {  
            @Override  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                // Close the application  
                finish();  
            }  
        }); .....  
    }  
}
```

Use “Implements” method

```
public class ImplementActivity extends Activity implements OnClickListener {
```

```
private Button btnLogin; //Declare our Views, so we can access them later
```

```
private Button btnCancel;
```

```
....
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
```

```
setContentView(R.layout.eventview);
```

```
btnLogin = (Button) findViewById(R.id.Login_button);
```

```
btnLogin.setOnClickListener(this); // Set Click Listener .....
```

```
..... implement onClick method
```

```
@Override
```

```
public void onClick(View v) {
```

```
if (v == btnLogin) {.....
```

```
}
```

```
}.....
```

Use a variable for a “listener method”

```
OnClickListener myClickListener = new OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        if (v == btnLogin) {  
            // Check Login  
            String username = etUsername.getText().toString();  
            String password = etPassword.getText().toString();  
            if (username.equals("guest") && password.equals("guest")) {  
                lblResult.setText("Login successful.");  
            } else {  
                lblResult  
                    .setText("Login failed. Username and/or password doesn't match.");  
            }  
        } else if (v == btnCancel) {  
            // Close the application  
            finish();  
        }  
    }  
};  
  
// Set Click Listener  
btnLogin.setOnClickListener(this.myClickListener);
```

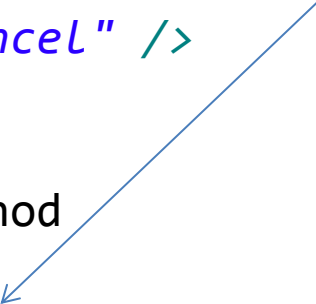
FW controlled way for clickable Views

From layout file

```
<Button
    android:id="@+id/cancel_button"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:onClick="onCancelClick"
    android:text="Cancel" />
```

In Activity add this method

```
public void onCancelClick(View v) {
//remark signature public void [Name](View v)
finish();
};
```



Special activities

- MapActivity
- ListActivity
- ExtendedListActivity
- Fragments
 - Before Fragments: TabActivity

Lesson 4 Exercise 1

1. [Meier] ch 4 tutorial 1 To Do List Example (ch 4 excerpt on Campusnet.)
2. Or Google Notepad tutorial

Exercise 1, 2 and 3

<http://developer.android.com/resources/tutorials/notepad/index.html>