Code Readme

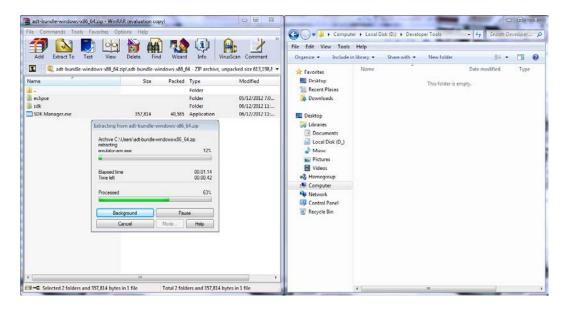
Please follow these steps for setting up Eclipse, obtaining Android SDK platforms, and obtaining AndEngine libraries. This code readme file will help you to successfully set up your environment and then execute all the code provided along with this book.

Here are the steps:

1. Download the Android ADT Bundle from http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html#ExistingIDE, clicking the large blue button with the text, **Download the SDK**.

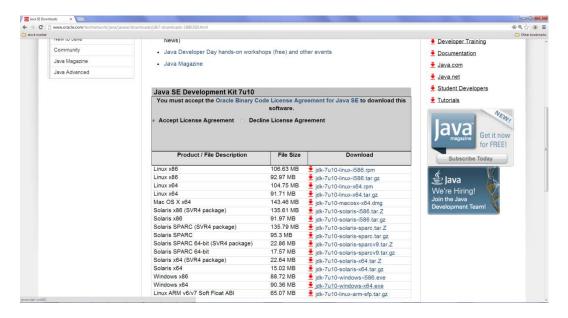


2. Extract the contents of the downloaded . zi p file to a folder of your choice. The contents of the . zi p file does not include any installers, so be sure not to place them in a temporary folder.

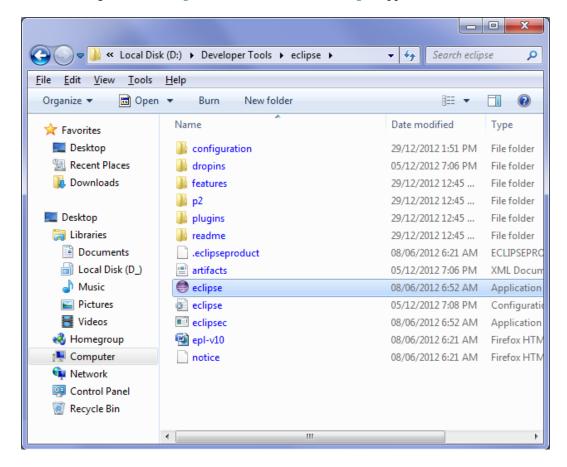


3. Download and install a copy of the Java SE Development Kit 7u10 (JDK) from

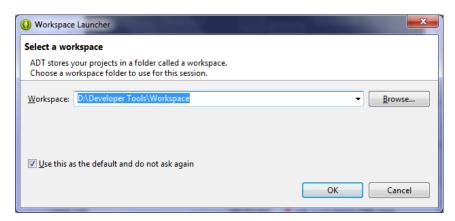
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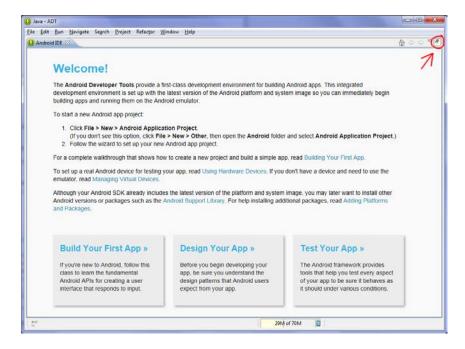
4. Visit the folder that the . zi p file contents were extracted to in step 2. Navigate to the **eclipse** folder and launch the **eclipse** application.



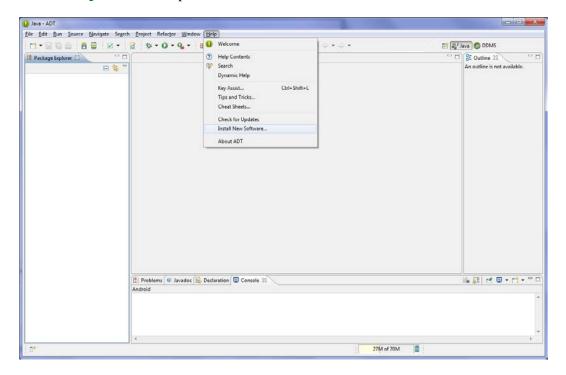
5. The Eclipse IDE will prompt you to create a new workspace. Define a path of your choice and click **OK**.



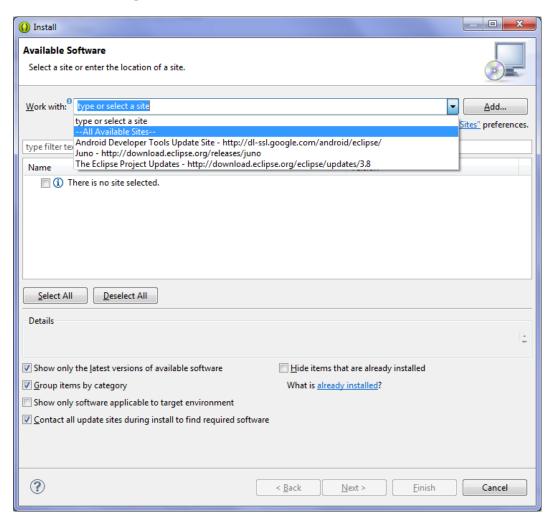
6. Once Eclipse is established and running, we will be taken to the **Welcome!** screen on first launch. Feel free to read over the contents of this page—click on the minimize icon in the top-right corner of the eclipse workspace.



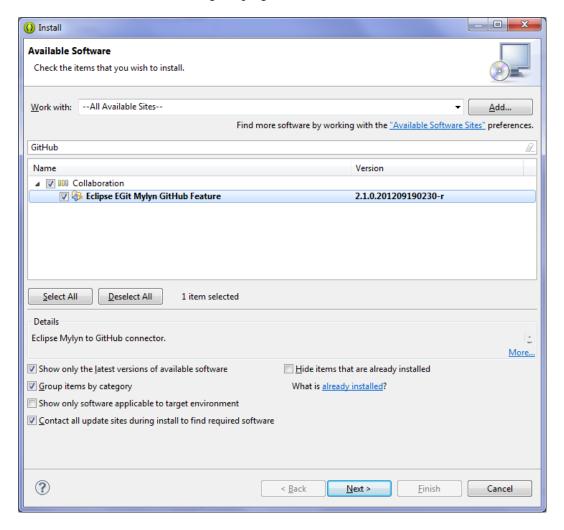
7. We must install the necessary plug-in which will allow us to pull the AndEngine library projects needed to execute the recipes in the book. Select **Help** from the Eclipse toolbar and then select **Install New Software**.



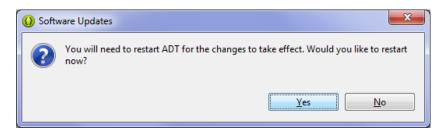
8. In order to locate the GitHub plug-in, we will search all of the available sites from the drop-down selection.



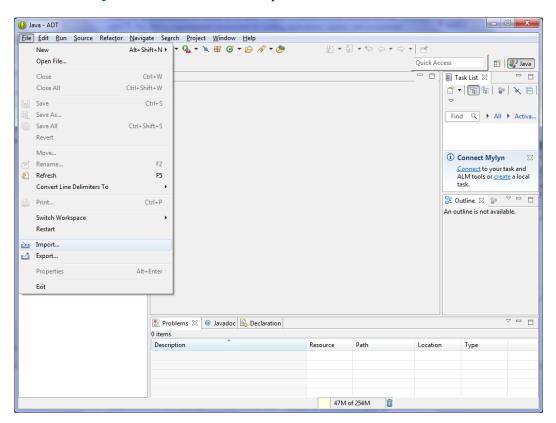
Enter GitHub into the search text field. The plugin wizard will automatically update the list of plugins, which will return the Eclipse Egit Mylyn GitHub Feature plugin. Select the plugin and click Next. Follow through with the wizard to finish installing the plugin.



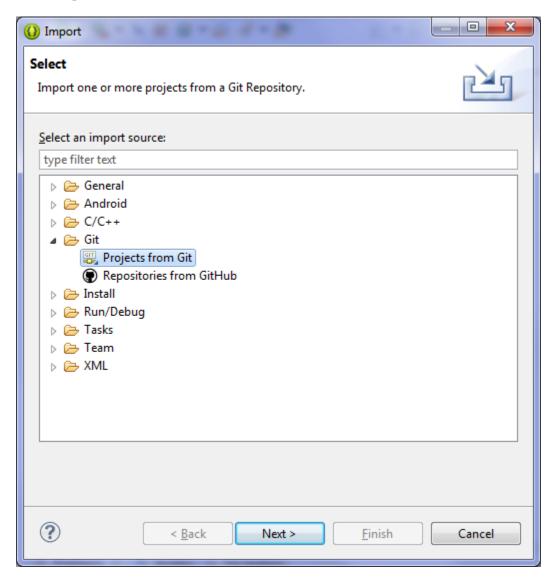
10. In order to make the plugin available to us, we must restart the Eclipse IDE. Select **Yes** when prompted to restart Eclipse.



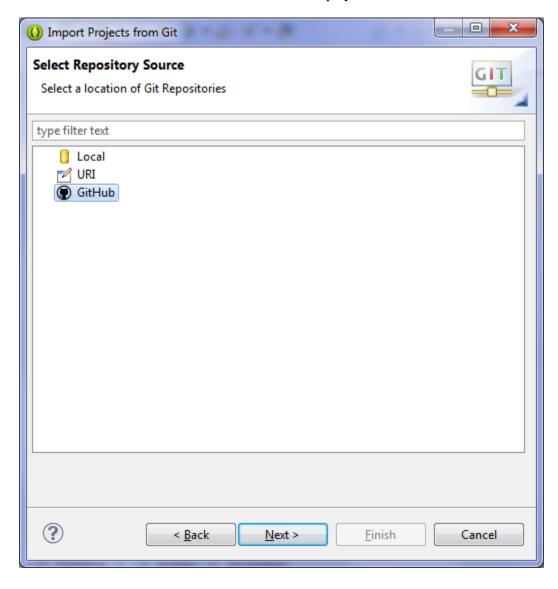
11. Once Eclipse has restarted, select **File** from the Eclipse toolbar. Navigate to the **Import...** selection and click to proceed.



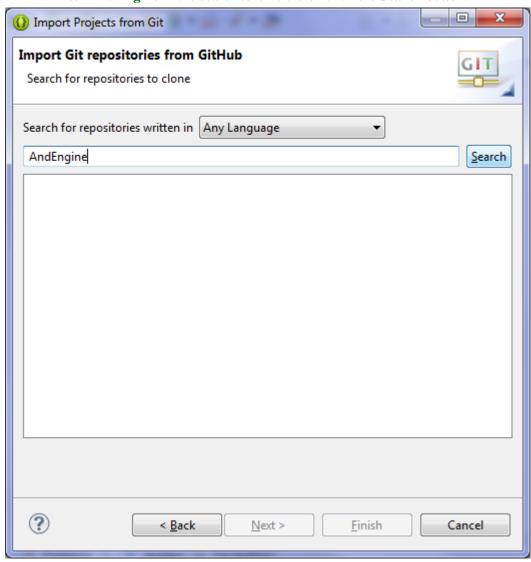
12. Open the **Git** folder and select **Projects from Git**. Click **Next**.



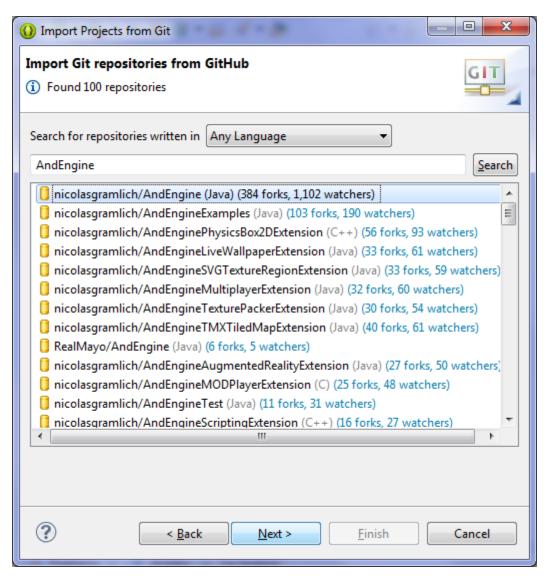
13. Select GitHub from the list of selections displayed then click Next.



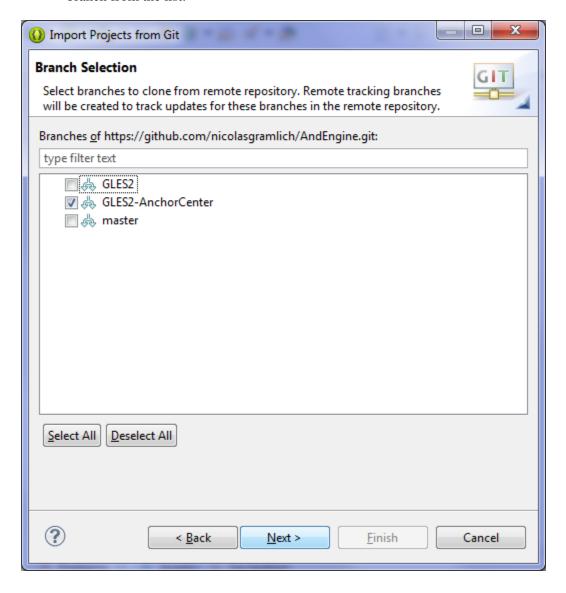
14. Enter **AndEngine** in the search text field then click the **Search** button.



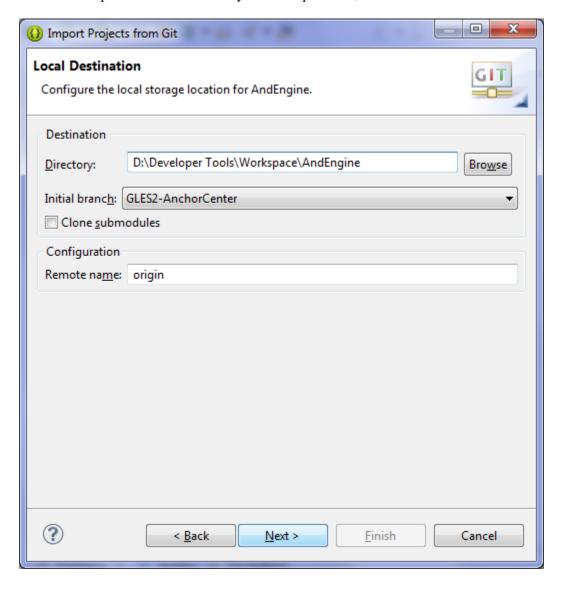
15. Once the list of libraries appears, select the main AndEngine library named **nicholasgramlich/AndEngine** (**Java**). Once selected, click **Next**. Once we start working with AndEngine extensions within the book, we will need to revisit this step for finding and downloading the necessary extensions.



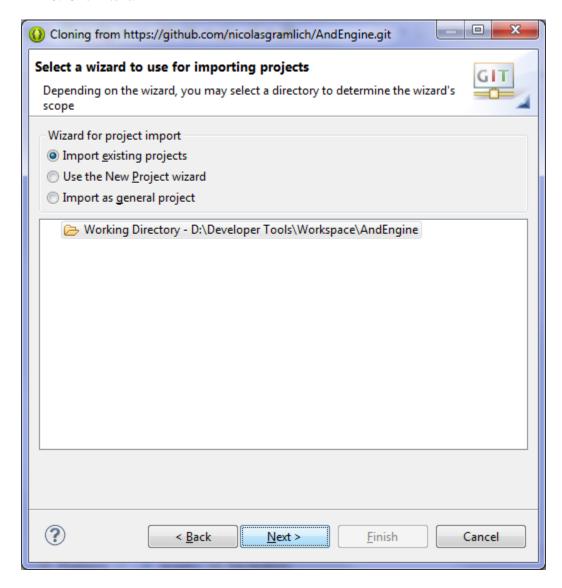
16. Since we'll be working solely with the GLES2-AnchorCenter branch throughout the recipes in the book, select only the GLES2-AnchorCenter branch from the list.



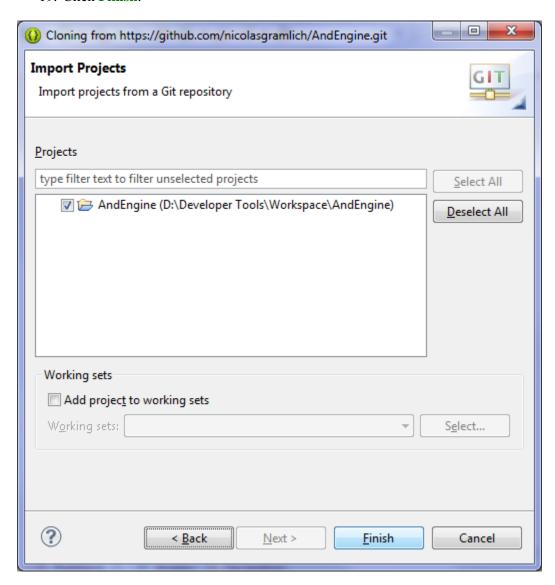
17. Make sure the directory for the library is pointing to the same drive as our workspace. This is very important as library projects tend to cause project errors if the library project is on a separate drive than the project we're working on. The safest route is to save the library projects within our eclipse workspace. Once the directory has been provided, click **Next**.



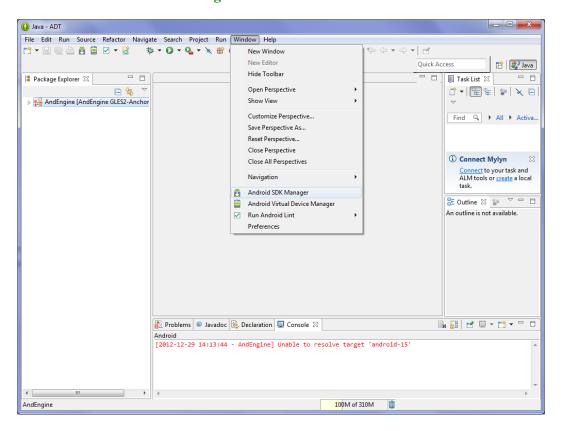
18. Click Next.



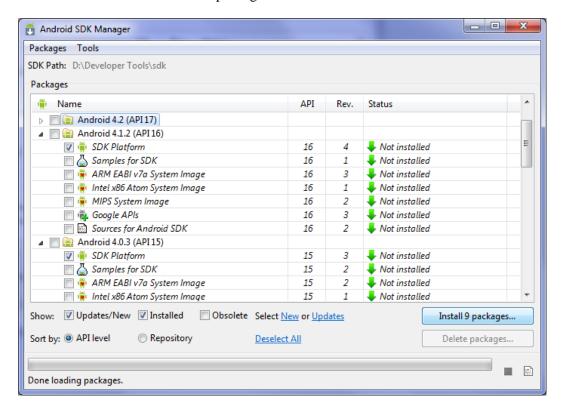
19. Click Finish.



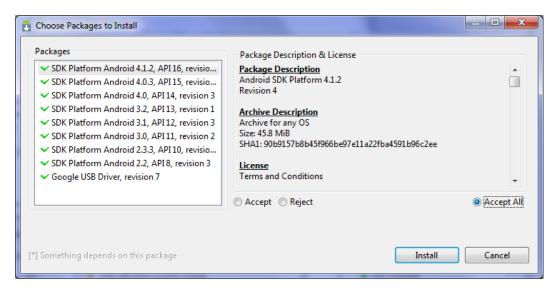
20. The AndEngine library will now be visible within our workspace, however we'll need to obtain the necessary Android platform SDK's before we can satisfy the library. Select **Window** from the Eclipse toolbar then navigate to the **Android SDK Manager** selection.



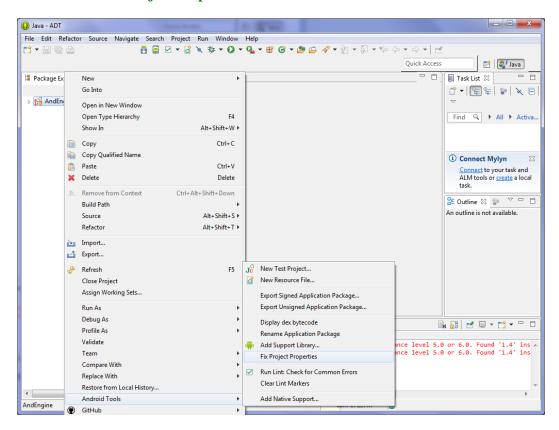
21. To be safe, make sure to put a check in the **SDK Platform** selection checkboxes from API 8 all the way up to API 16 (API 17's SDK Platform comes with the ADT bundle). This is to ensure that our games/recipes will be available on all devices ranging from API 8 through to API 17 for max compatibility. Once the boxes have been selected, click **Install x packages...** where x is the number of packages to download and install.



22. Make sure to read through the terms and conditions of the various packages, then click **Accept** for each or **Accept All** if you agree to all of the licenses. Next, click **Install**. We must wait for the packages to download and install—meanwhile, close the Eclipse IDE as it will require a restart once all of the packages are installed. Once the package installations have completed, reopen the Eclipse IDE.

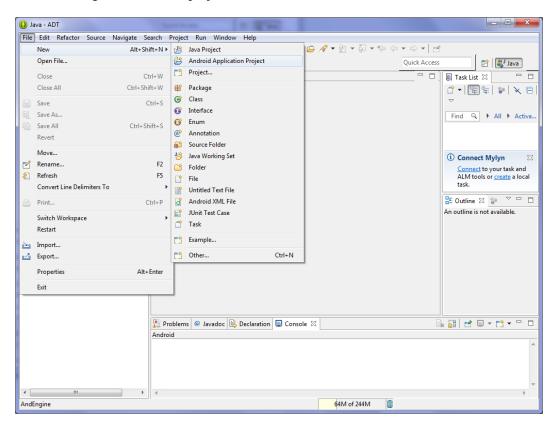


23. The last step we must take before the AndEngine library is ready for use is to fix the project properties. Right-click on the AndEngine project in the Package Explorer and navigate to the **Android Tools** selection. From here, select **Fix Project Properties**.

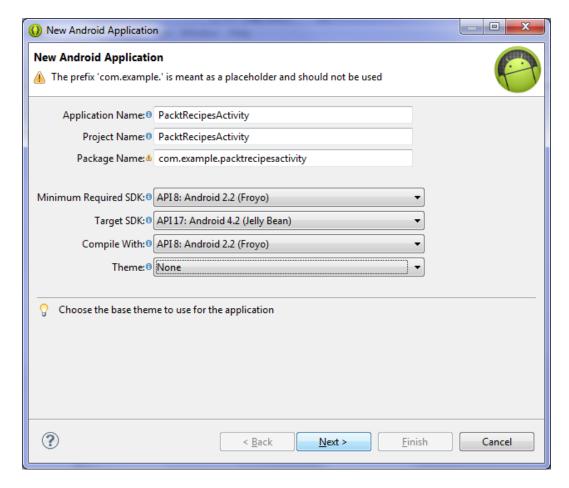


Steps involved for setting up a base AndEngine project:

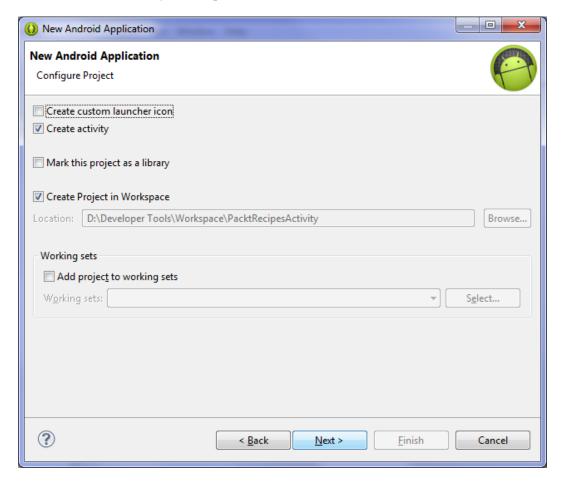
1. Select **File** from the Eclipse toolbar and click **Android Application Project** to begin the Android project wizard.



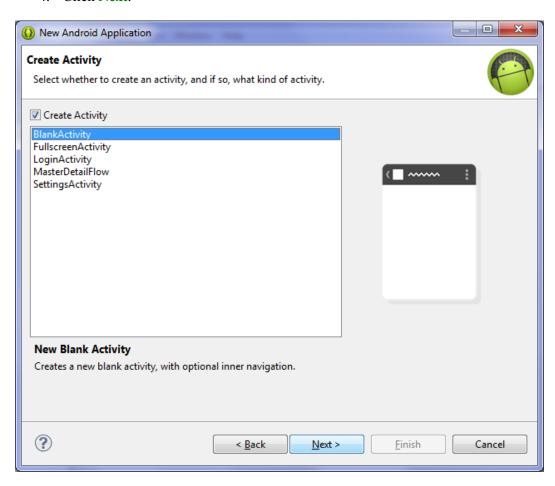
2. Enter the recipe name in the **Application Name** text field. The following text fields will fill themselves in automatically. For maximum compatibility, select the API 8 in the **Minimum Required SDK** drop-down list, API 17 in the **Target SDK** drop-down list. It is wise to set the **Compile With** selection to that of the minimum required SDK selection as to disallow compilation when a class or method is used that is not available to lesser API levels. Once the fields have been filled out, click **Next**.



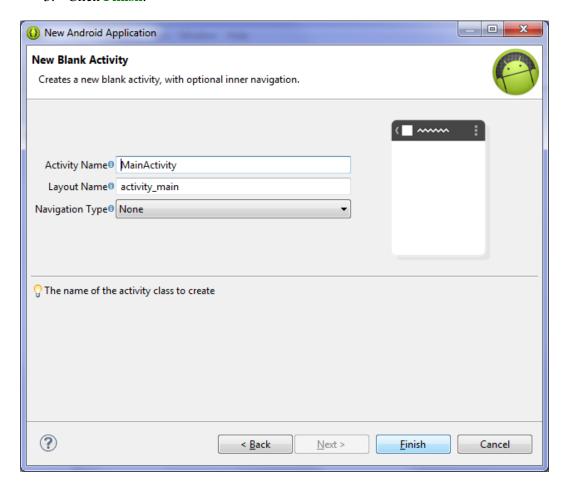
3. Remove the check from the **Create custom launcher icon** checkbox as they are not necessary for recipes. Click **Next**.



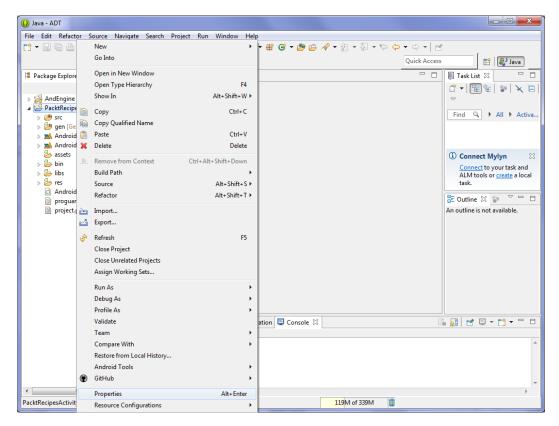
4. Click Next.



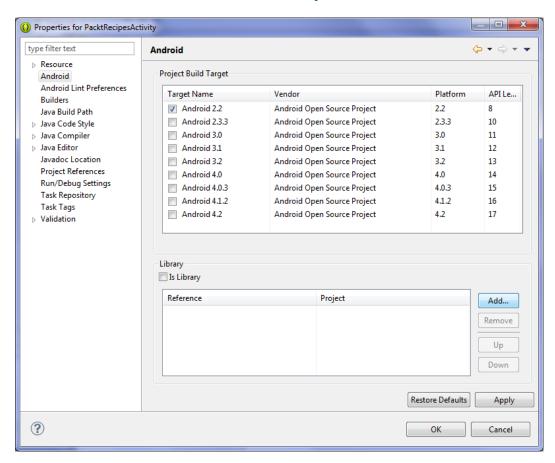
5. Click Finish.



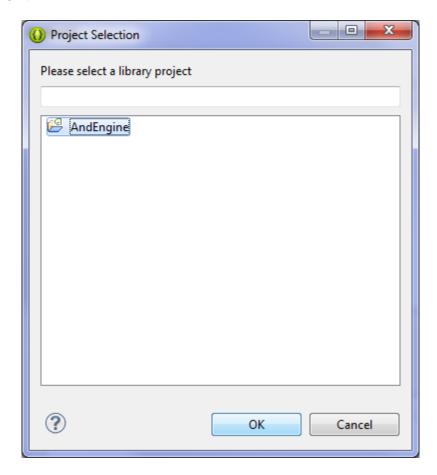
6. We will now add the AndEngine library to our new project. Right-click on the project you wish to add the AndEngine library to and select **Properties**.



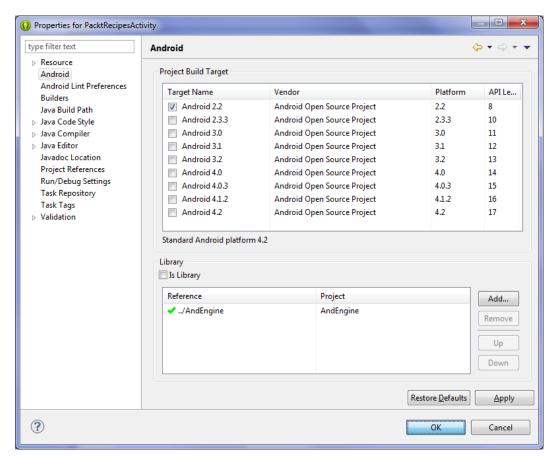
7. In the left-hand side of the properties window, select the **Android** group. Next, click the **Add...** button in the **Library** section.



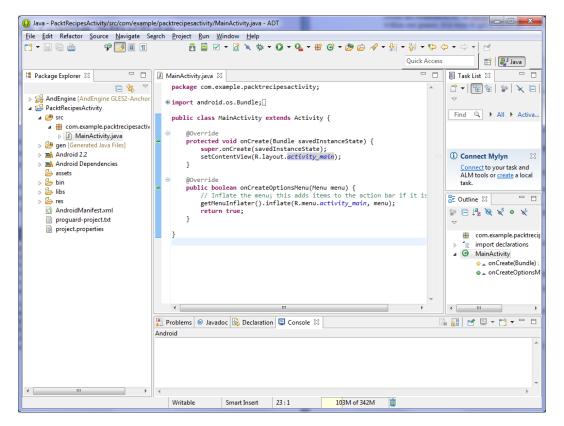
8. Select **AndEngine** from the project selection window that appears, then click **OK**.



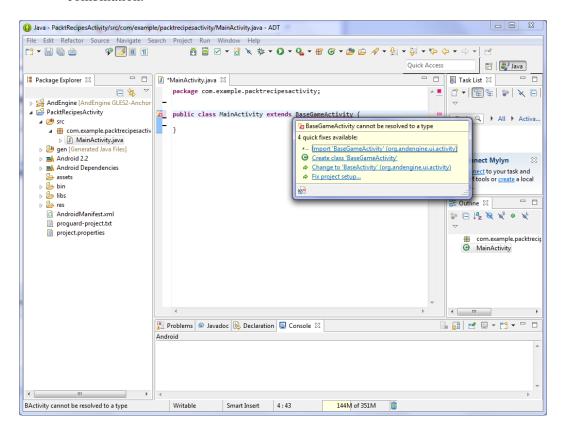
9. We should now see a reference to the AndEngine library in our project's properties. Click **OK** to save and dismiss the properties.



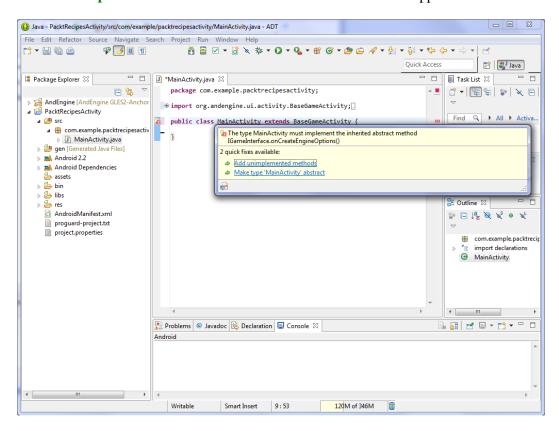
10. Open up the project's activity class within the project's **src** folder. This will be the only file within the project's **src** folder for now.



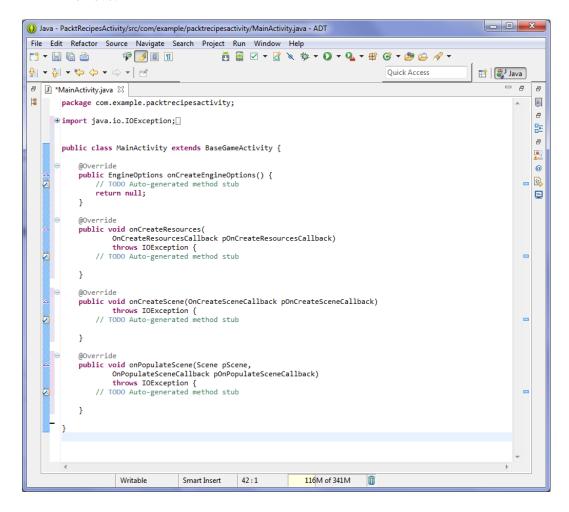
11. Remove all code between the first and last brackets of the activity class. Once the specified code has been removed, instead of extending the Activity class, we will extend AndEngine's BaseGameActivity class. Next, we can either mouse-over the BaseGameActivity text within the code to import the class to our project, or simply press the Ctrl + Shift + o hotkey combination.



12. Once the BaseGameAci vi ty class has been imported to our project, we must add its necessary interface methods. Mouse-over the MainActivity (depending on your naming convention) text within the code and select Add unimplemented methods from the available fixes list that appears.

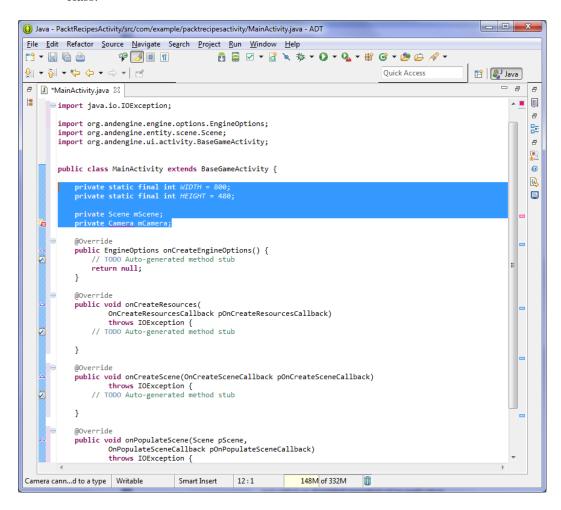


13. (Screenshot provided but no action necessary by the reader). Feel free to remove.

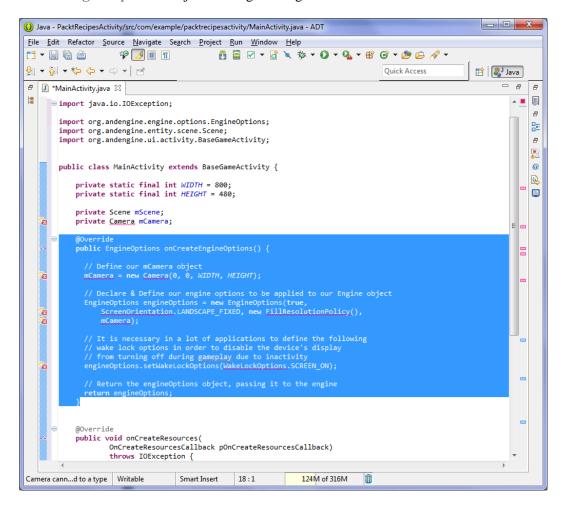


Steps involved for executing the first recipe in *Chapter 1*, *AndEngine Game Structure*:

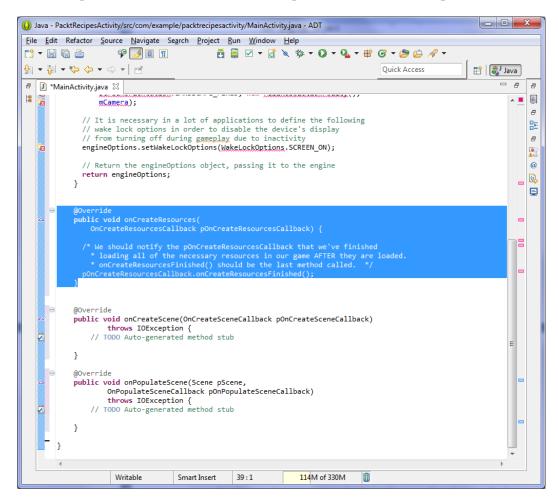
1. Introduce the main fields needed for any AndEngine project to the activity class.



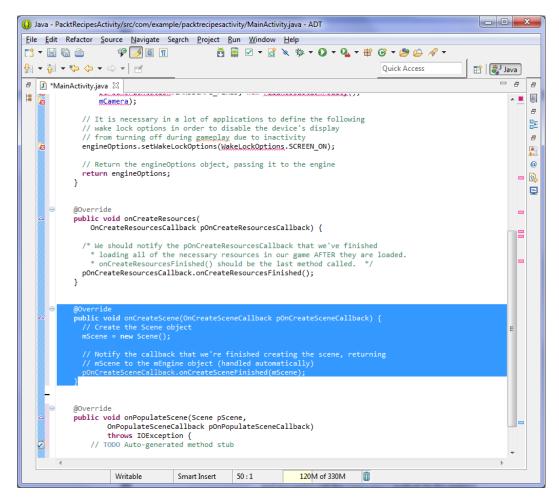
2. Populate the onCreateEngi neOpti ons() method in order to properly set up our game's Camera object, create our Engi neOpti ons object, set the screen to stay awake while our game is running, and return the newly created Engi neOpti ons object to the game engine.



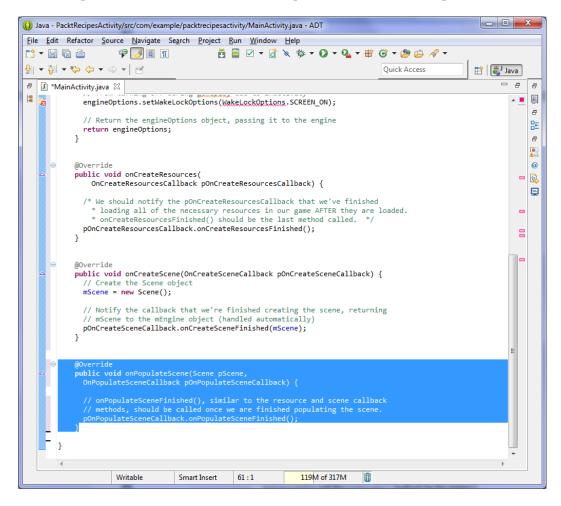
3. Populate the onCreateResources() method. At the very least, we will be required to make a call to the callback passed in via the method parameter.



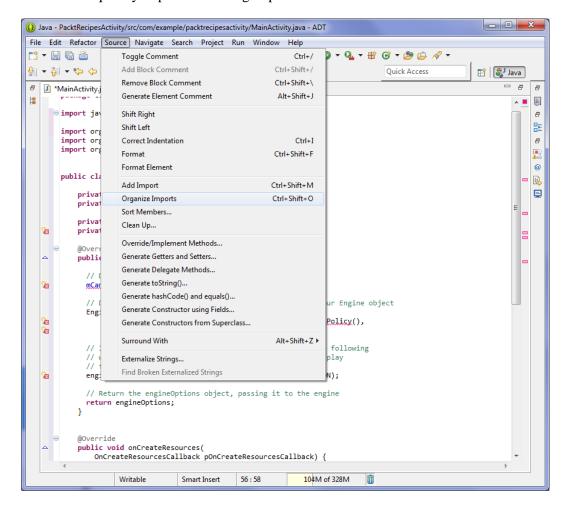
4. Populate the onCreateScene() method, creating our Scene object and making a call to the callback passed in via the method parameter.



5. Populate the onPopul ateScene() method. At the very least, we will be required to make a call to the callback passed in via the method parameter.



6. Once we've added the necessary code for our base AndEngine project foundation, we must include any imports needed. Simply press *Ctrl* + *Shift* + *o* to quickly import all missing imports within a class.



7. Depending on the name of the class needing importing, we may be prompted to select from a list of similarly-named classes. In most cases, we will simply select the **org.andengine...** packaged classes while working with AndEngine. Be careful not to import classes from unwanted packages.

