

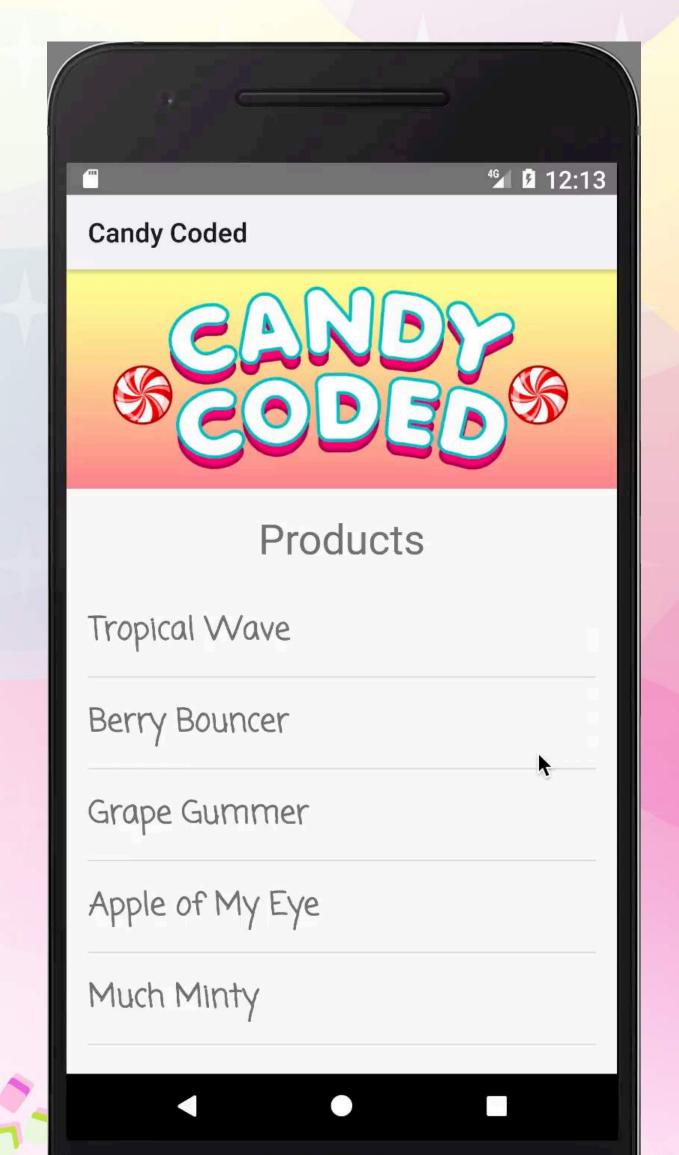
# What Is Android?

Android is a mobile operating system developed by Google, primarily for touchscreen smartphones and tablets.

Alpha	Sept 23, 2008	Ice Cream Sandwich	Oct 18, 2011
Beta	Feb 9, 2009	Jelly Bean	July 9, 2012
Cupcake	April 27, 2009	Kit Kat	Oct 31, 2013
Donut	Sept 15, 2009	Lollipop	Nov 12, 2014
Eclair	Oct 26, 2009	Marshmallow	Oct 5, 2015
Froyo	May 20, 2010	Nougat	Aug 22, 2016
Gingerbread	Dec 6, 2010	Oreo	Aug 21, 2017
Honeycomb	Feb 22, 2011		

### The App We're Going to Make

We're going to make an app to list the candy in our candy store: Candy Coded.



Our app will use Activity and View classes and Layout files, which are the main building blocks of an Android app



#### Android Studio Helps You Make Android Apps

Android Studio is the official IDE for Android, and you can download it for free here: go.codeschool.com/install-android-studio





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# Cooking Up an App

Creating an Android Studio Project



### Apps Are Like Cupcakes



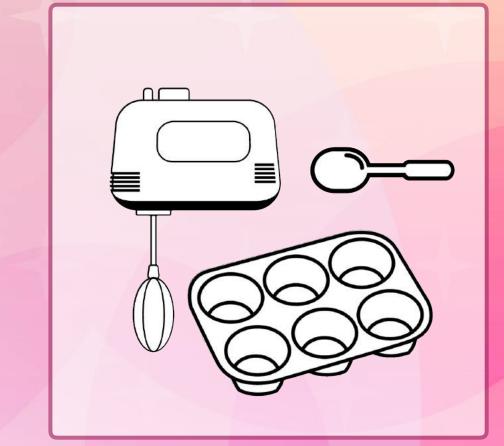


What do we need to bake a cupcake?

Ingredients



Cooking Utensils



Recipe



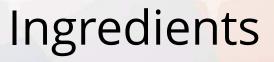
Oven





# The Android SDK Is Like the Ingredients

The Android SDK provides standard ways to display data in your app, such as activities, layouts, text, images, and buttons.







Layout



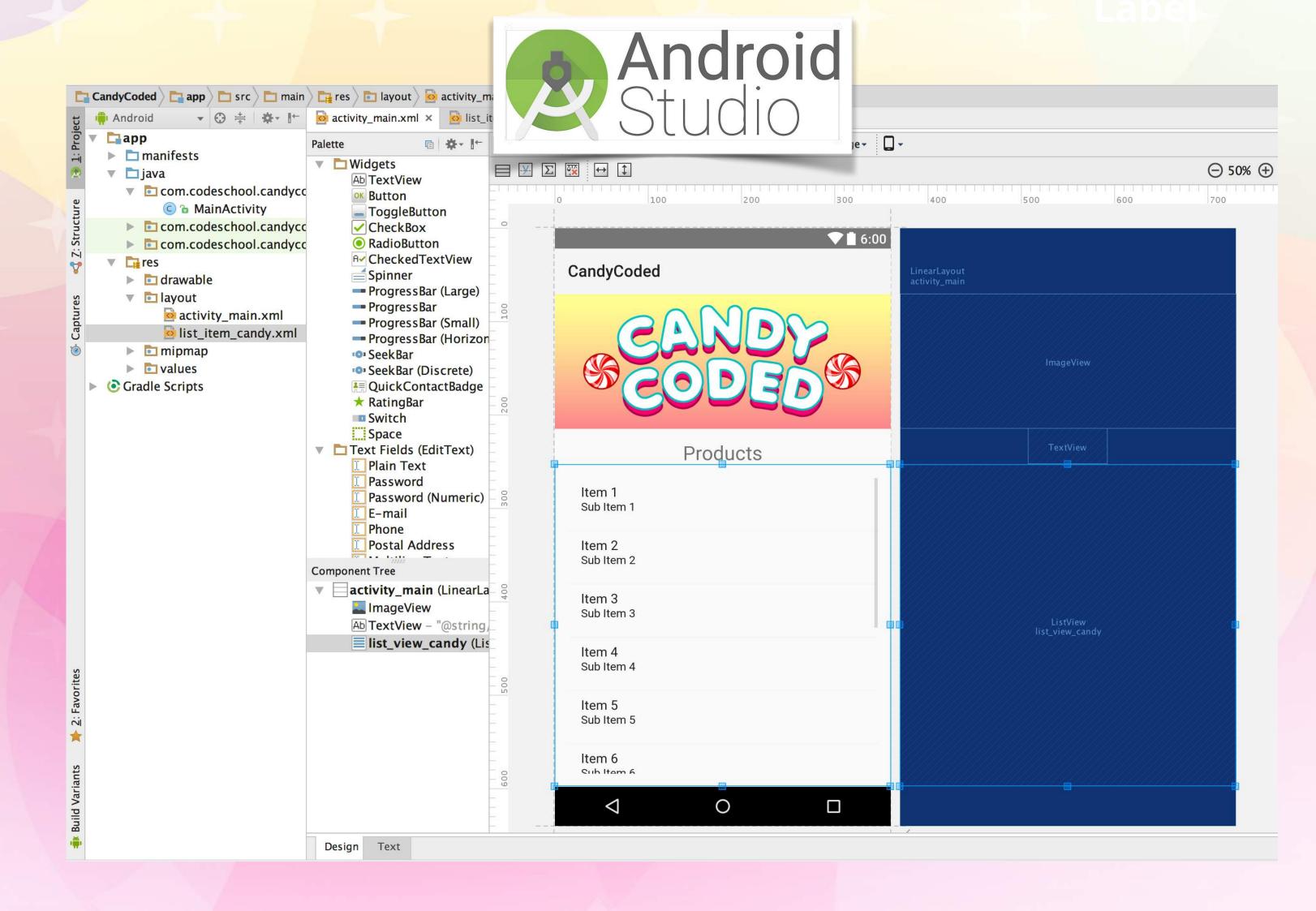
#### Android Studio Is Like the Kitchen Utensils

Android Studio is a free program provided by Google that you use to write Java code and

assemble your app.

#### Cooking Utensils





## Java Is Like the Instructions for Making Cupcakes

You'll write Java code in Android Studio that works with the Android SDK to display your data.





You are the chef!







#### Gradle Is Like the Oven

Finally, Gradle is the build system in Android Studio that outputs your final app (or cupcake) into a single APK file.



# Screencast: Create & Set Up a New Project



Level 1 – Section 2

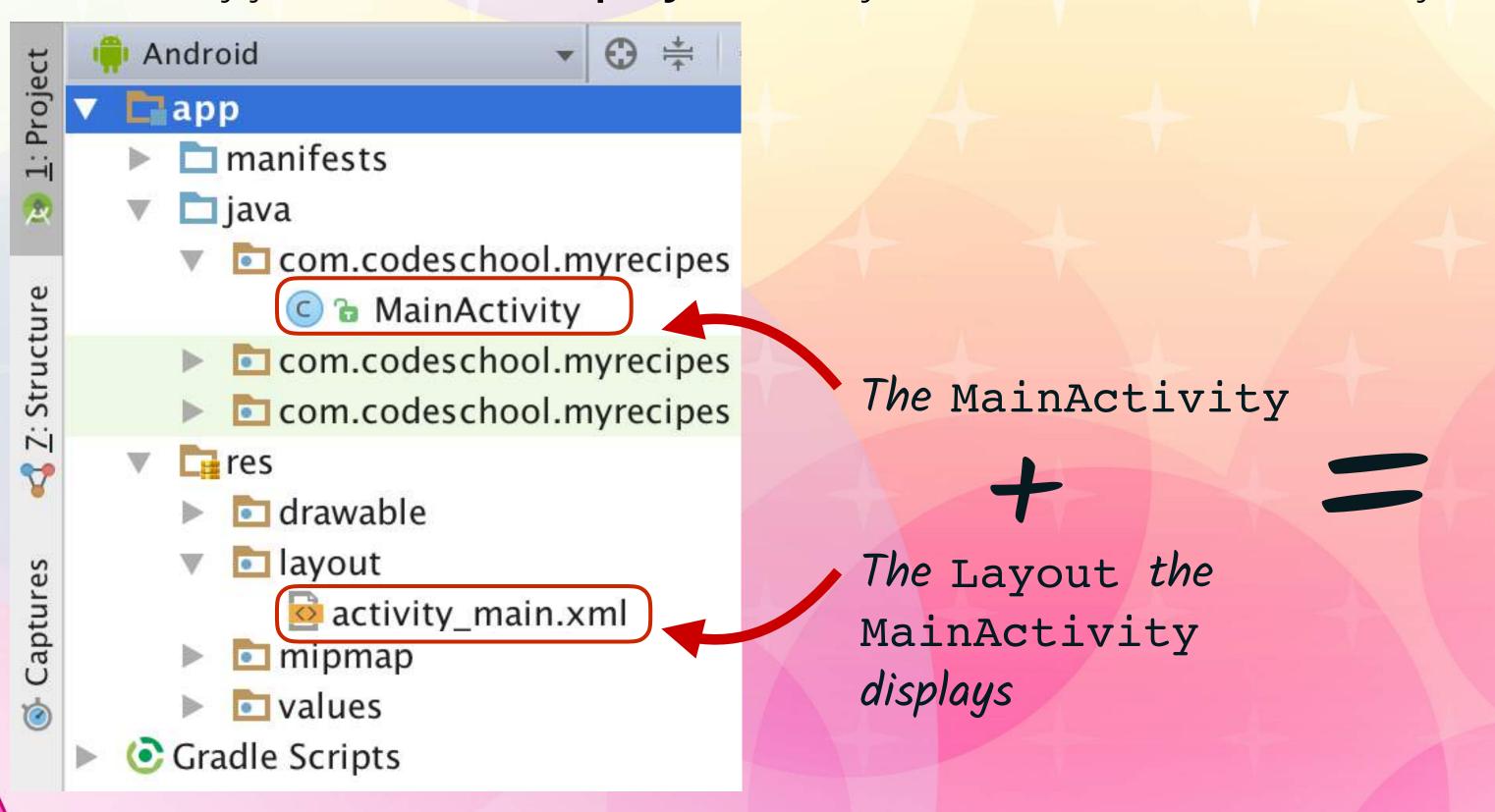
# Cooking Up an App

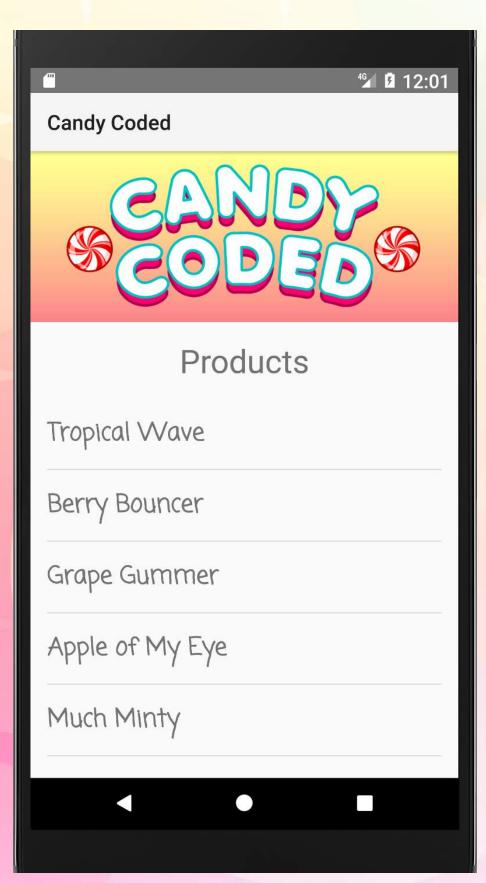
Activities, Layouts & Resources



#### How Is Our App Launched?

The first screen we see in our app is called the MainActivity, which is launched by the MainActivity.java file and displays the Layout defined in the activity\_main.xml file.





Naming conventions: Java file names use <u>PascalCase</u>, and <u>Layout</u> file names use snake\_case where the first word is the type of layout

#### Layouts Define the User Interface

A layout describes the visual structure of everything the user will see on that screen.

#### Layout



**Products** 

Tropical Wave

Berry Bouncer

Grape Gummer

Apple of My Eye

Much Minty

A layout can contain elements like text, images, buttons, etc. to display

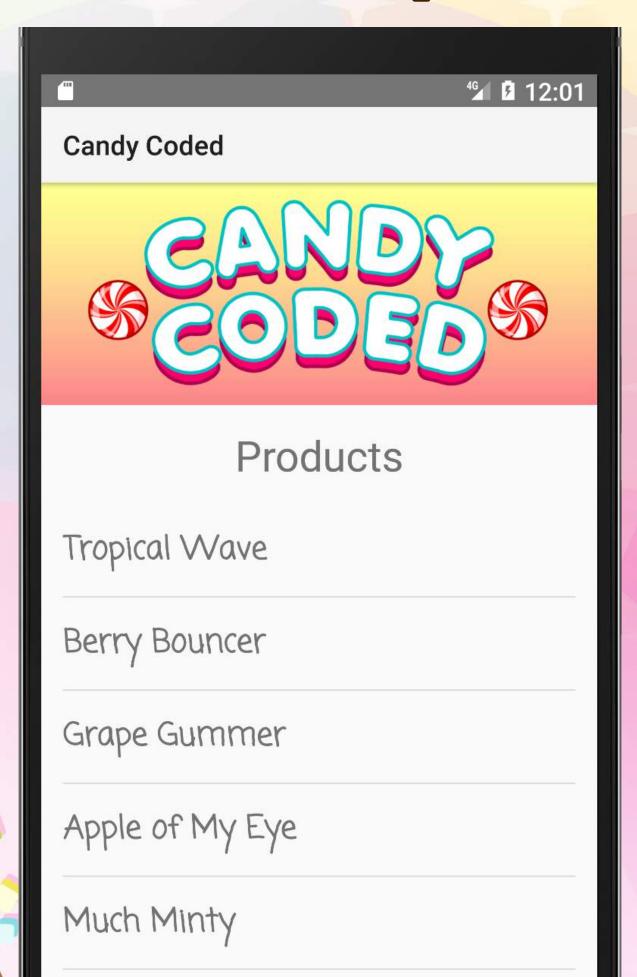
But how do we get them to do something?



### An Activity Manages a Layout

An Activity is a Java file that controls behaviors for our app. An Activity usually starts by creating a window to display the Layout.

#### MainActivity



The Activity is a Java file that holds behaviors like:

- · Managing layouts
- · Event handling
- · Putting data in lists
- · Opening other activities



## Screencast: Adjusting the Text in the TextView

By default, our Layout contains a TextView with the text "Hello World". We'll update it to say "Welcome to Candy Coded!"



#### What Dimensions Do We Use?

Android Studio supports the following dimensions: dp, sp, pt, px, mm, and in. We'll use only dp (for images) and sp (for text) in our app.

#### dp - Density-independent Pixels

For phones with different pixel densities and/or sizes, using dp units (instead of px units) makes the view dimensions in your layout resize properly

#### sp - Scale-independent Pixels

sp is the same as dp but also scaled by the user's font size preferences

android:textSize="24sp"





Moto X
300 pixels/in

Google Pixel 500 pixels/in



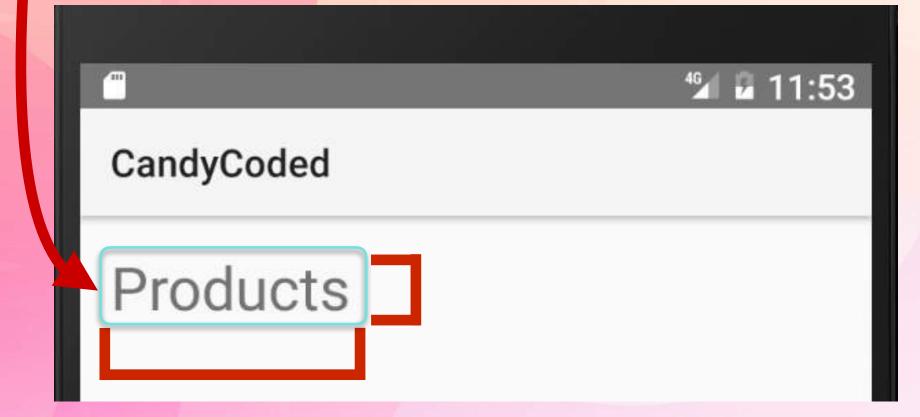
#### What Does wrap\_content Mean?

**Looking at the** TextView **code in detail, we see its** layout\_width **and** layout\_height **are set to** wrap\_content.

```
activity_main.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<... ConstraintLayout ...>
    <TextView
    android:layout width="wrap_content"
    android:layout height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Products"
    android:textSize="24sp" />
</ConstraintLayout>
```

wrap\_content means the view will only be large enough to enclose its content

So this TextView will only be wide enough and tall enough to hold the string "Products"



## Best Practice: Using the String Resource File

Android Studio warns you if you use hardcoded values, you should use resources instead.

We want to replace hardcoded strings with a reference to the string resource file:

"@string/products\_title"

The variable products\_title will store the string value "Products"

[l18N] Hardcoded string "Products", should use @string resource more...

</ConstraintLayout>



## Screencast: Using Resource Files





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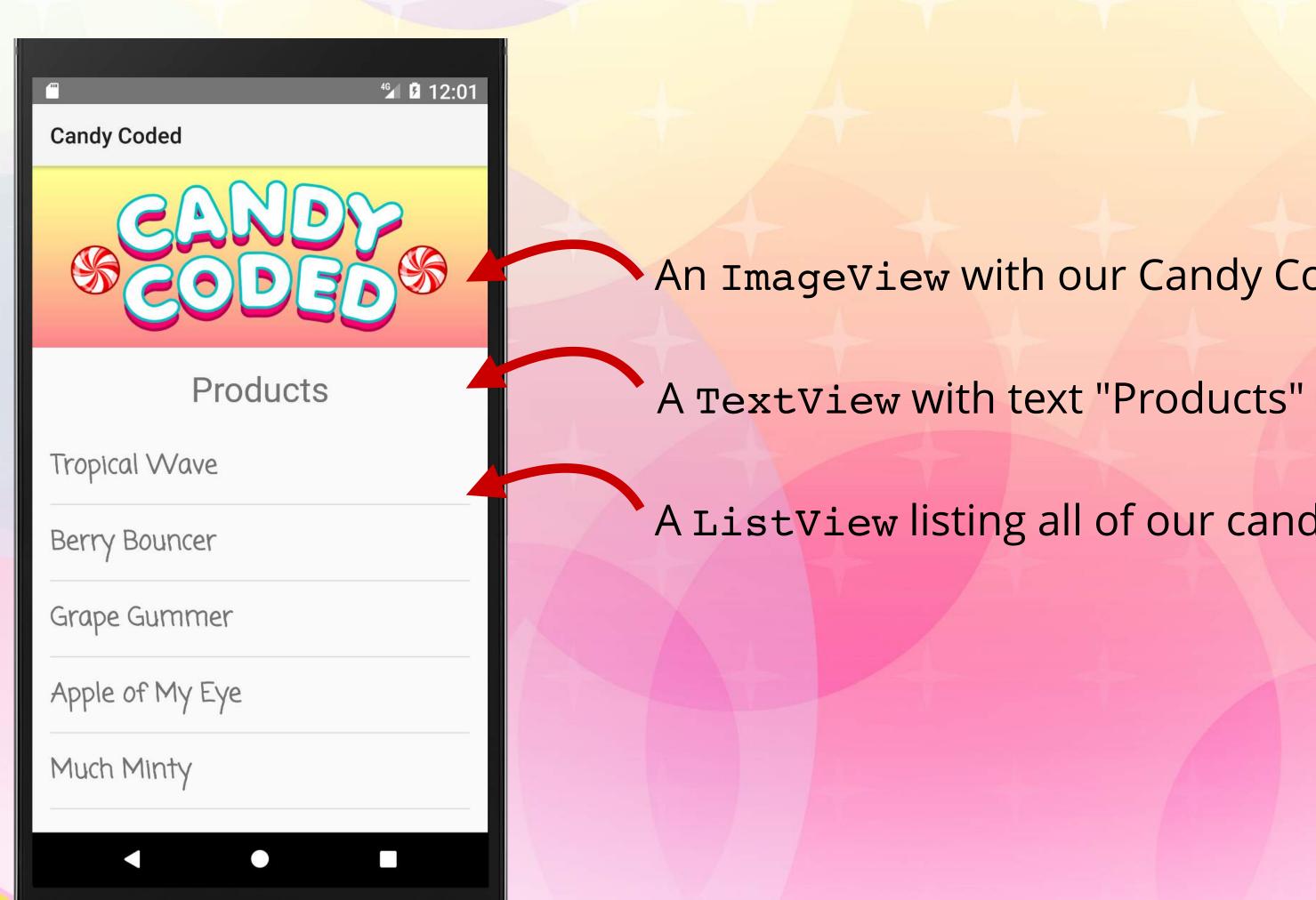
# Layouts, Views & Images

Creating a LinearLayout & ImageView



### Adding an ImageView

The next step in completing our app is adding an ImageView for our Candy Coded logo.



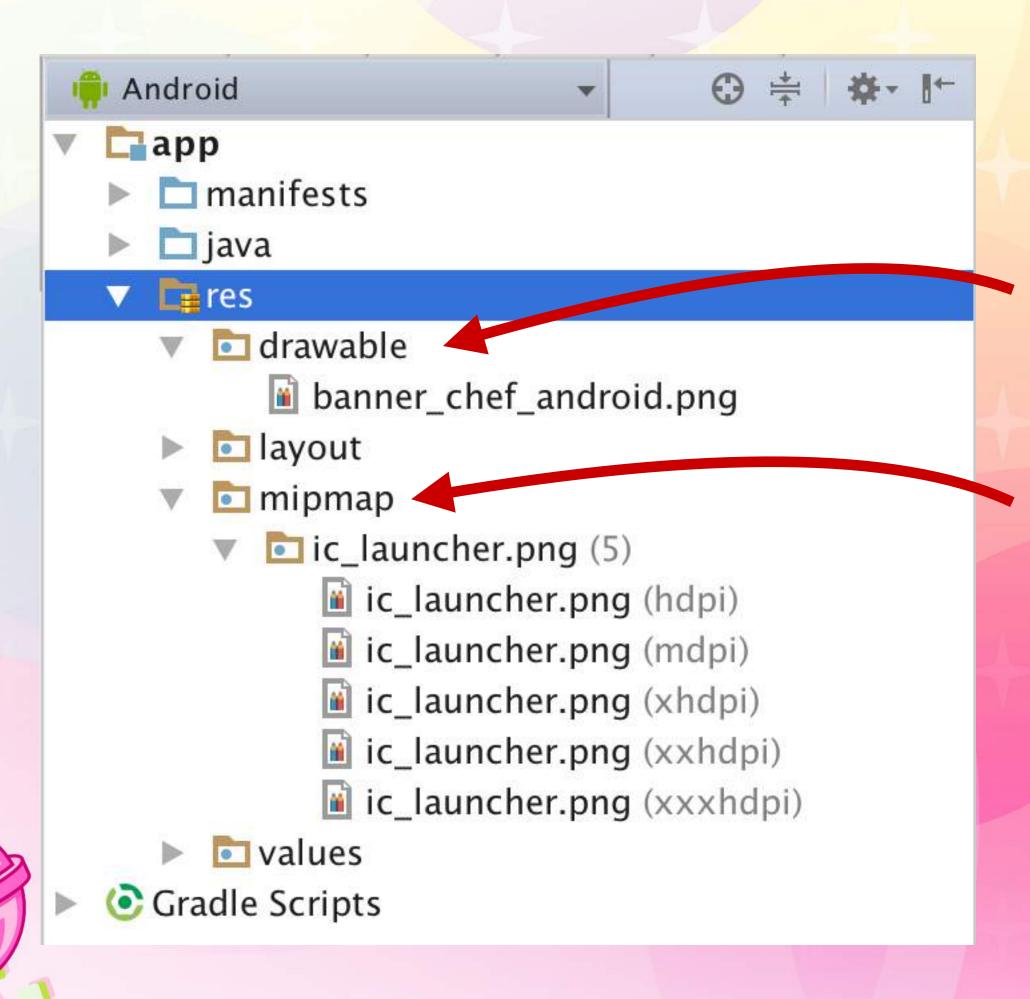






### Android Image Resources

Image resources will either live in the drawable or mipmap folders

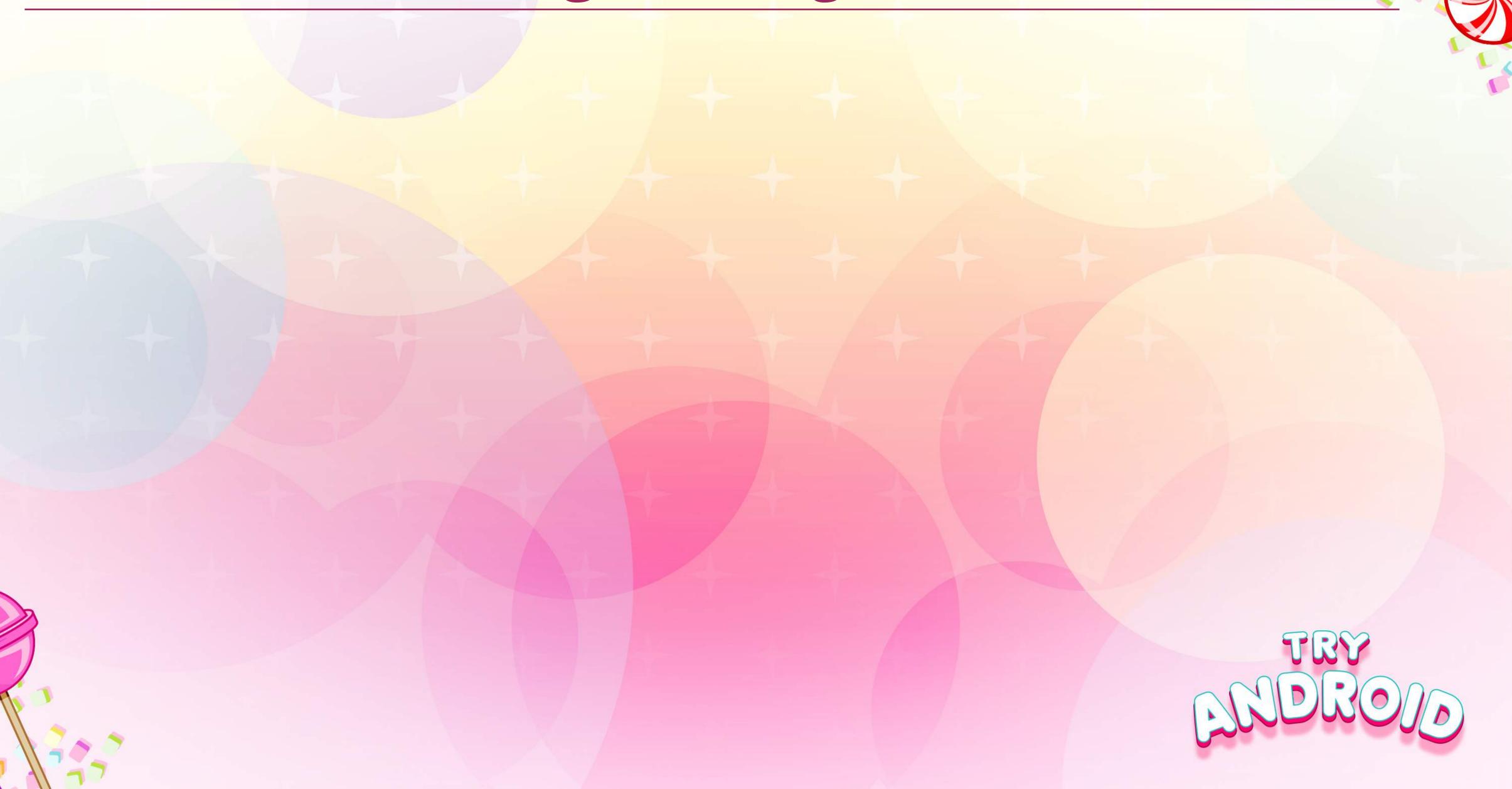


Images that are not affected by changes in scale can be put in the drawable folder under res

It's best practice to place your app icons in mipmap folders because they are used at resolutions different from the device's current density



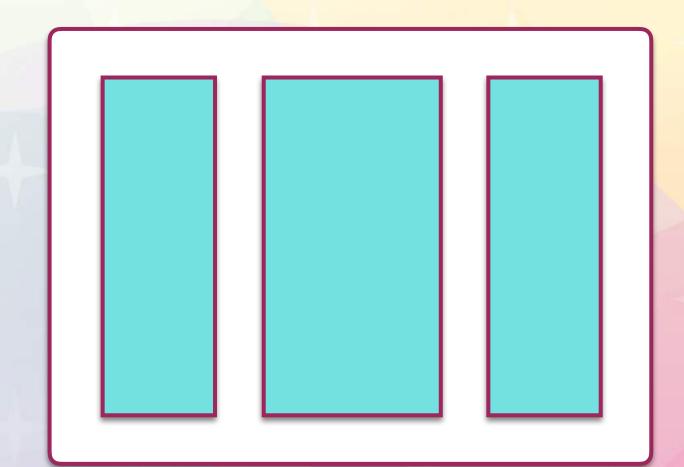
# Screencast: Adding an ImageView



### The Different Types of Layouts

Here are some common layouts built into the Android platform.

#### LinearLayout



Children organized into a horizontal or vertical row

#### ConstraintLayout



Child objects are relative to each other (to the left, below, etc.)

#### Web Layout



Displays web pages



#### We Want a Vertical LinearLayout

Since we want our elements displayed one after the other vertically, we'll use a vertical Linear Layout.

#### LinearLayout



Children organized into a horizontal or vertical row

```
activity_main.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
   android:orientation="vertical"
    <TextView
</LinearLayout>
```

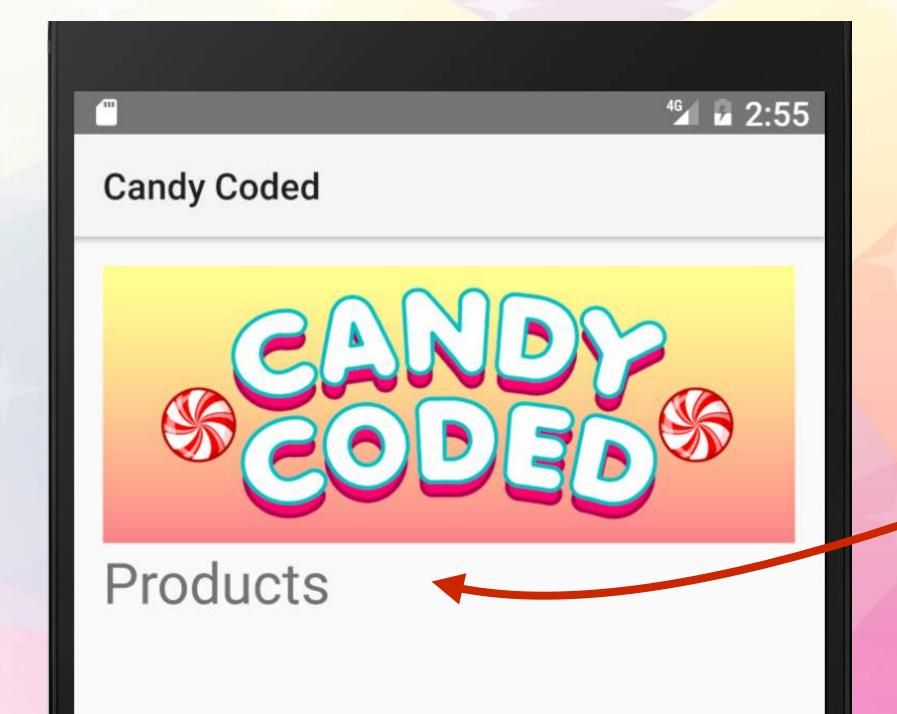
We need to replace the default ConstraintLayout with a LinearLayout with a vertical orientation

## Screencast: Creating a LinearLayout



#### Demo of the ImageView

Now our app has the ImageView with the image resource we added.



We want to center the Products TextView and add padding to the top of it, below the ImageView.



# Screencast: Padding & Layout Gravity



# Screencast: Adding Our App Icon





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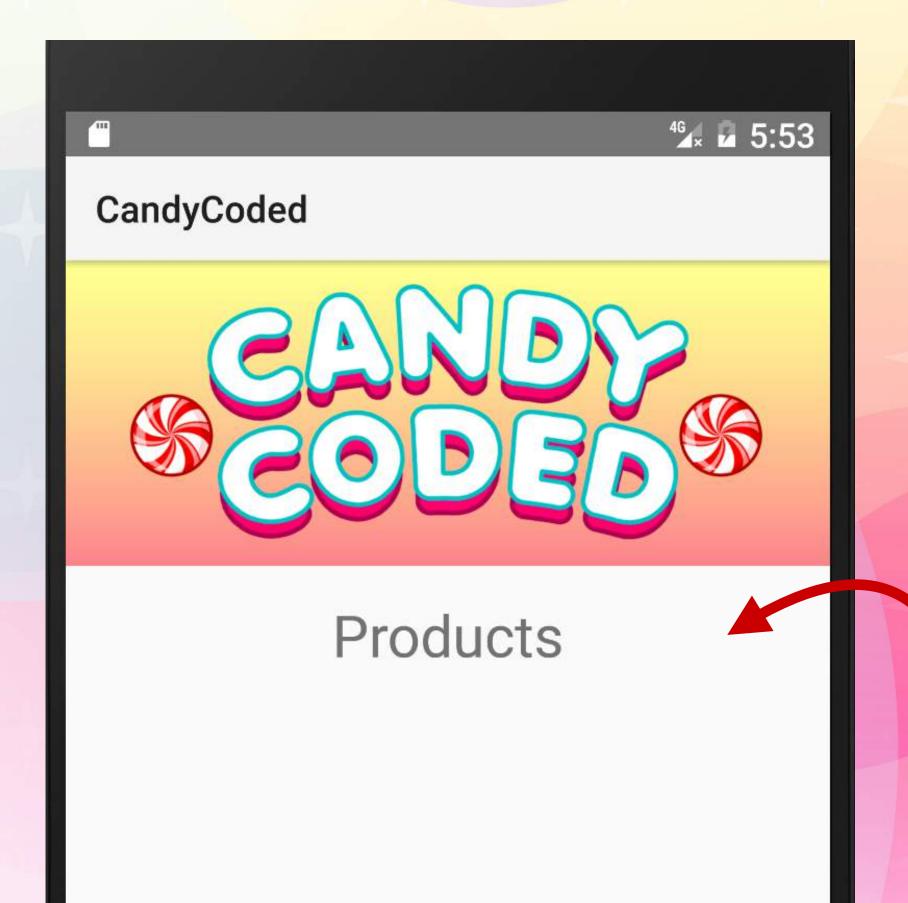
# Layouts, Views & Images

**Updating the Layout With Code** 



### Updating the Layout of a Running App

We set the TextView's text and the ImageView's source image in activity\_main.xml, but we can also set it in MainActivity.java while the app is running.



Let's set the TextView's text when the app is running in MainActivity.java



#### Temporary Text in the TextView

In order to see that we've changed the TextView's text in our Java program, we'll make the text set in the layout "Temporary Text" and then change it to "Products" later.

```
activity_main.xml
                                      XML
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout ...>
   <ImageView .../>
    <TextView
        android:layout width="match_parent"
        android:layout height="match parent"
       android:text="Temporary Text"
        android:id="@+id/text view title"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

This was previously:
"@string/products\_title"



### The Starting Code in MainActivity.java

Before we update the TextView's text, let's look at the default code created for us in MainActivity.java.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                            Java
                                                   Our package
package com.codeschool.candycoded;
import android.os.Bundle;
                                                      Other packages we need to import
import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
                                                            All activities extend from
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
                                                            this base class for Activities
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
```

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```
MainActivity.java
                                                                            Java
package com.codeschool.candycoded;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
                                                                 Gets called when our
    @Override
                                                                 MainActivity is
    protected void(onCreate) Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                                 starting
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
                                                      Takes care of all the basic Activity
                                                     set up from the base class
                 Sets all of the MainActivity's content
                 to what's in our activity main layout
```

## Where to Add Code in MainActivity.java

We'll add our code to the bottom of the onCreate() method so that our TextView's text is updated when the Activity starts.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
                                              We'll add all the code to
                                              update our TextView here
```

## Finding a View in Java With findViewByld()

First, we need to find our TextView. To find a View in Java code, we can use the findViewByld() method.

But we never defined an id for our TextView!

## Creating an id for the TextView in main\_activity.xm

We need an id for the TextView so we can find it in MainActivity.java and then update its text.

### activity\_main.xml **XML** <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <LinearLayout ...> <TextView android:layout width="match parent" android:layout height="match parent" android:text="@string/products\_title" android:textSize="@dimens/title size" app's resources android:id="@+id/text view title"/> <ImageView .../>

</LinearLayout>

Now we can find the TextView in our Java code using its id with R.id.text view title

R.id means the id is defined in the

```
MainActivity.java
```

this.findViewById(R.id.text view title);

## Finding a View in Java With findViewByld()

findViewByld() returns a generic View, which we then need to cast to a TextView and then save to a variable.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                                   Java
       We're looking for a TextView, so we create
                                                  findViewById() returns a general View, so
       a TextView variable to save our result
                                                  we need to cast it to a specific TextView
    TextView textView = (TextView)this.findViewById(R.id.text view title);
          Casting the general View
          to be a TextView
```

## Android Studio Automatically Imports TextView

As soon as we type TextView, Android Studio automatically imports the TextView library we need for us by adding this line to the top of our file.

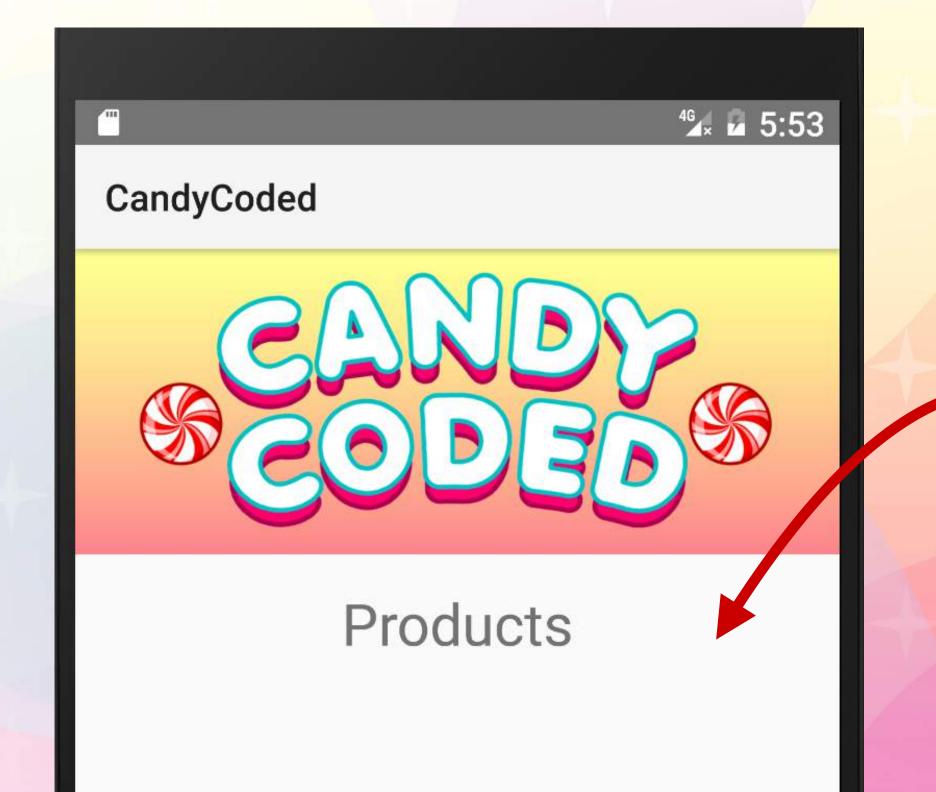
```
MainActivity.java
                                                                        Java
import android.widget.TextView;
    TextView textView = (TextView)this.findViewById(R.id.text view title);
```

## Updating the TextView's Text

Now that we've found our layout's TextView, we can update its text to say "Products".

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                       Java
   TextView textView = (TextView)this.findViewById(R.id.text view title);
   textView.setText("Products");
```

## The Title Text Changed When the App Was Running



The TextView changed from "Temporary Text" to "Products" once the app started

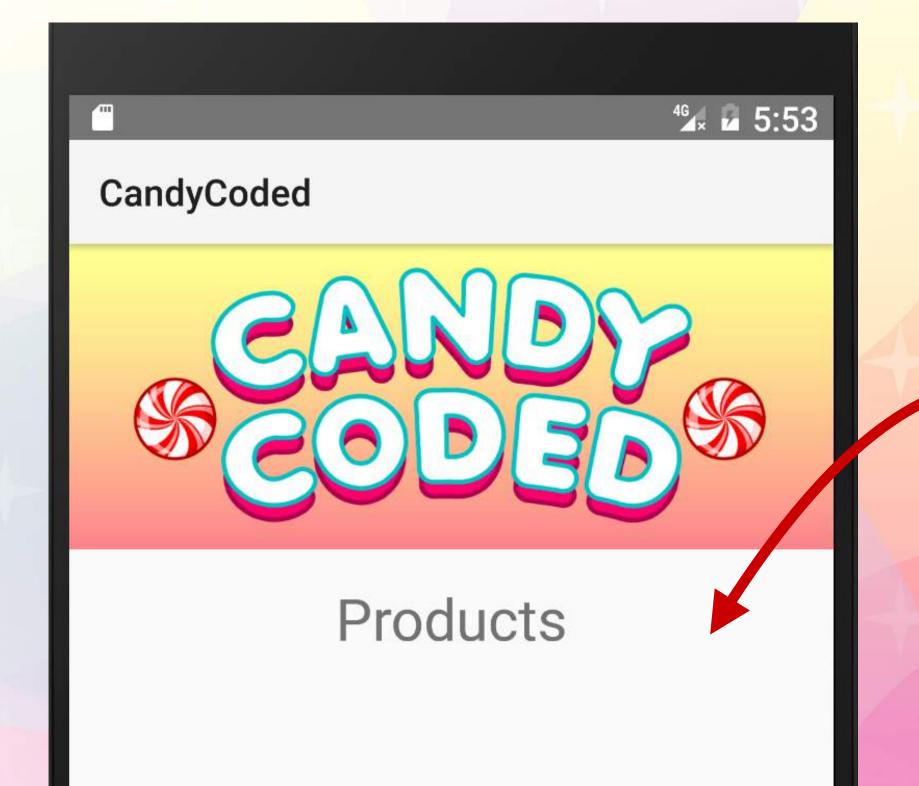


## We Can Use Our String Resource products\_title

We still don't want to hardcode strings, so we'll use the string resource products\_title we defined previously.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
    TextView textView = (TextView)this.findViewById(R.id.text view title);
    textView.setText(R.string.products title);
                                          We can look up String resource variables
                                          with R.string.variable name
```

## Our App Correctly Displays the products\_title



Looking up the String resource
products\_title worked because our
app still shows "Products"





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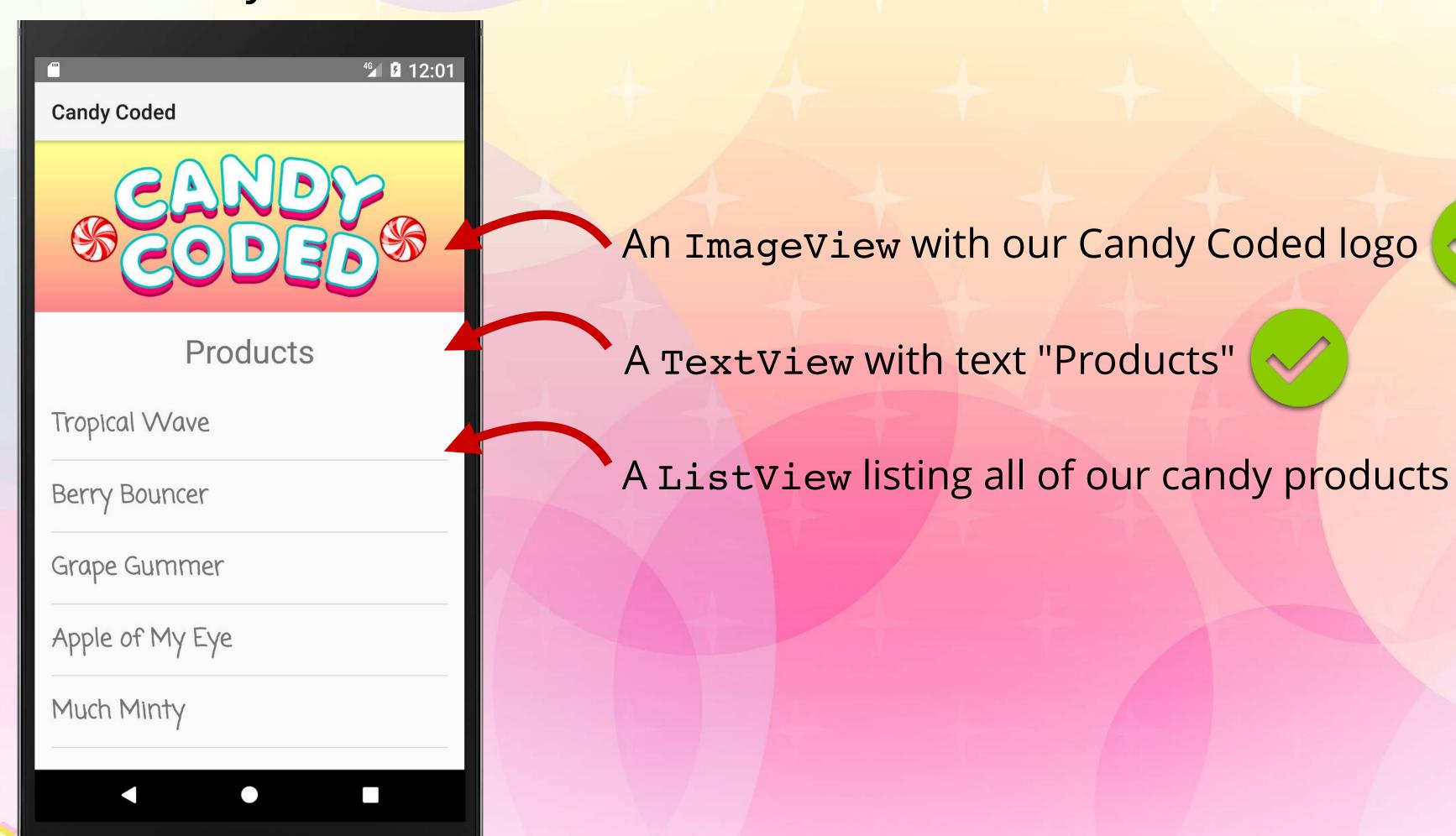
# ListView & Adapters

Using Adapters to Put Data Into a ListView



## Adding a ListView

Now that we've added a TextView and ImageView, we want to add a ListView to list our store's available candy.

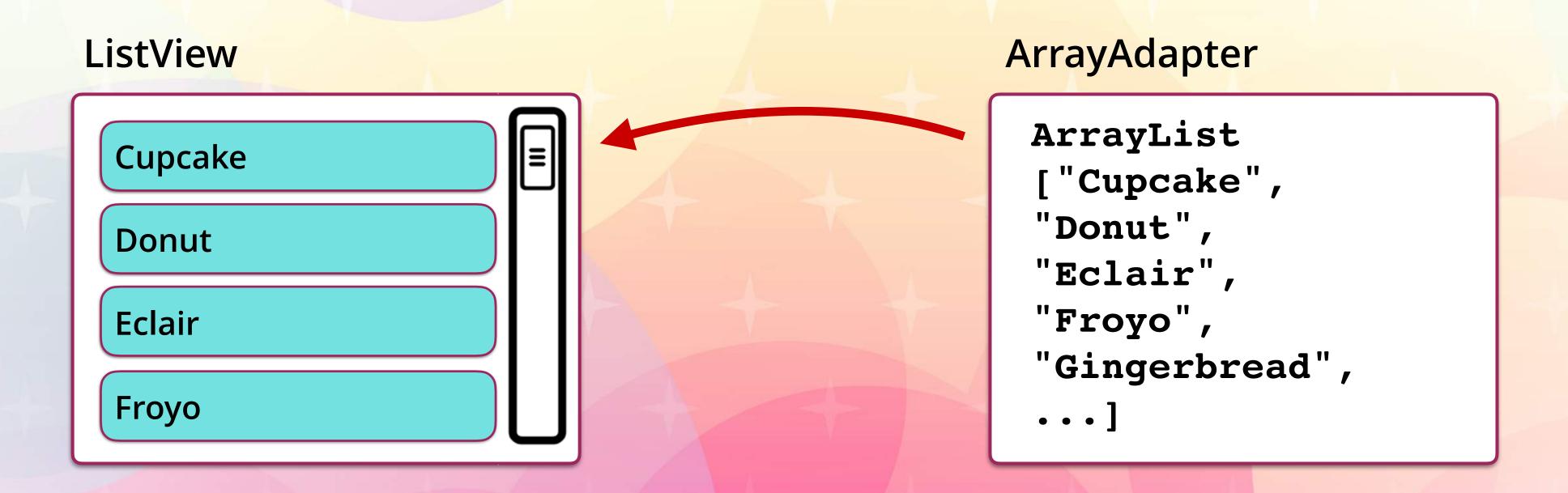






## ListView & ArrayAdapter

A ListView get its data from a data source via an Adapter.



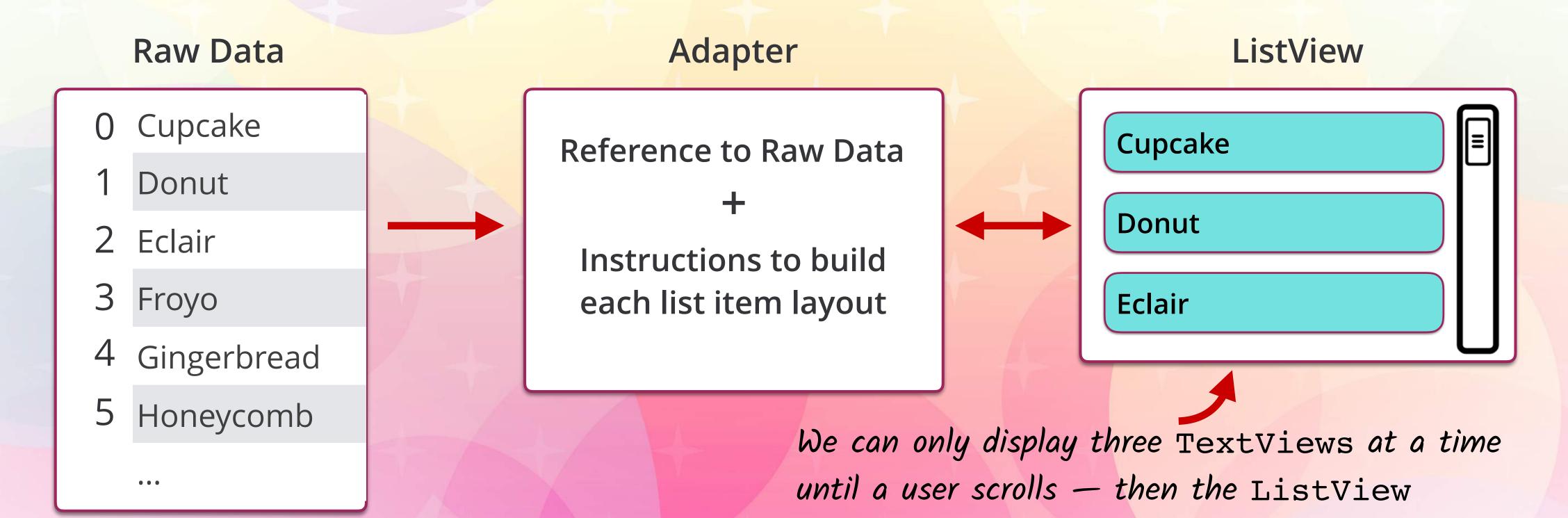
An ArrayAdapter can populate a ListView with an ArrayList

But why do we need an Adapter? Can't we just send a ListView a list?



## How Adapters Work

The ArrayAdapter allows us to only create the items requested by the ListView.





requests more TextViews from the Adapter

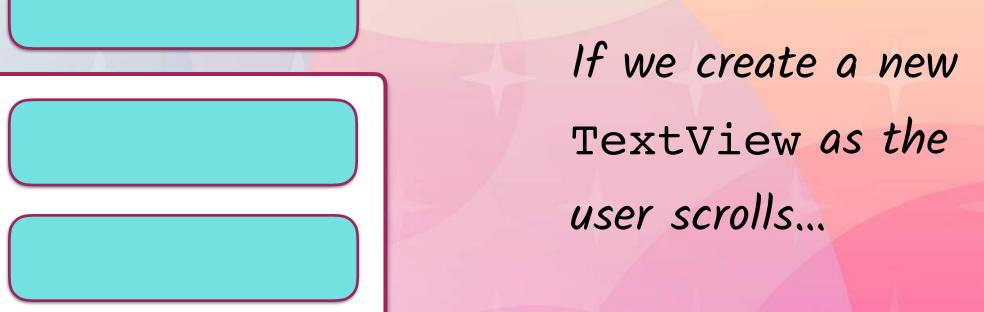
## A ListView Without Recycling Views

If we don't recycle the TextViews that make up our ListView cell as they scroll offscreen, we would quickly affect memory and performance.

Scrolling

A ListView with its visible

TextViews and one in either direction:



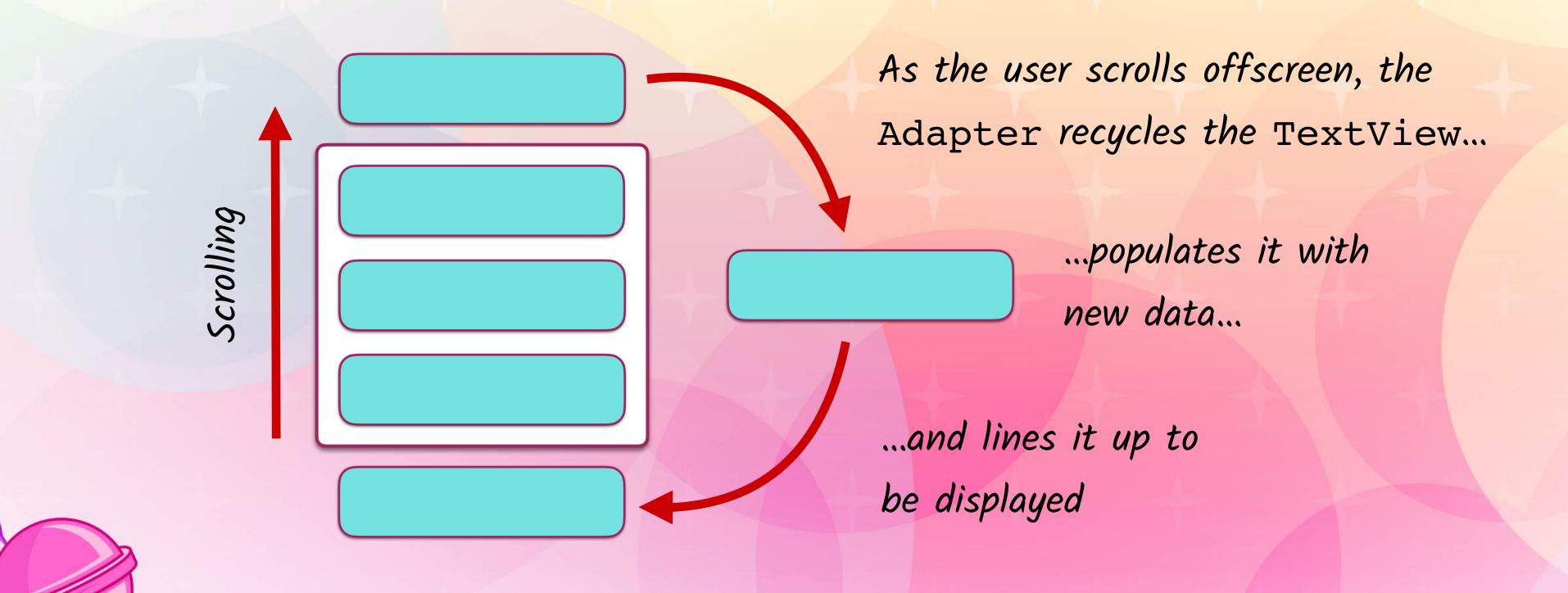
Keep making new Views

We would quickly
affect memory and
performance by
creating all these
cells for a list with
thousands of records



## How ListView Recycling Works

ListView cells are recycled as they scroll offscreen, and any new cells are just recycled cells filled with new data.





## The Steps to Create the ListView and ArrayAdapter

In order to get our ListView populated with data from the ArrayAdapter, we need to do the following steps:

Layout steps

Java steps

Steps to set up a ListView and ArrayAdapter:

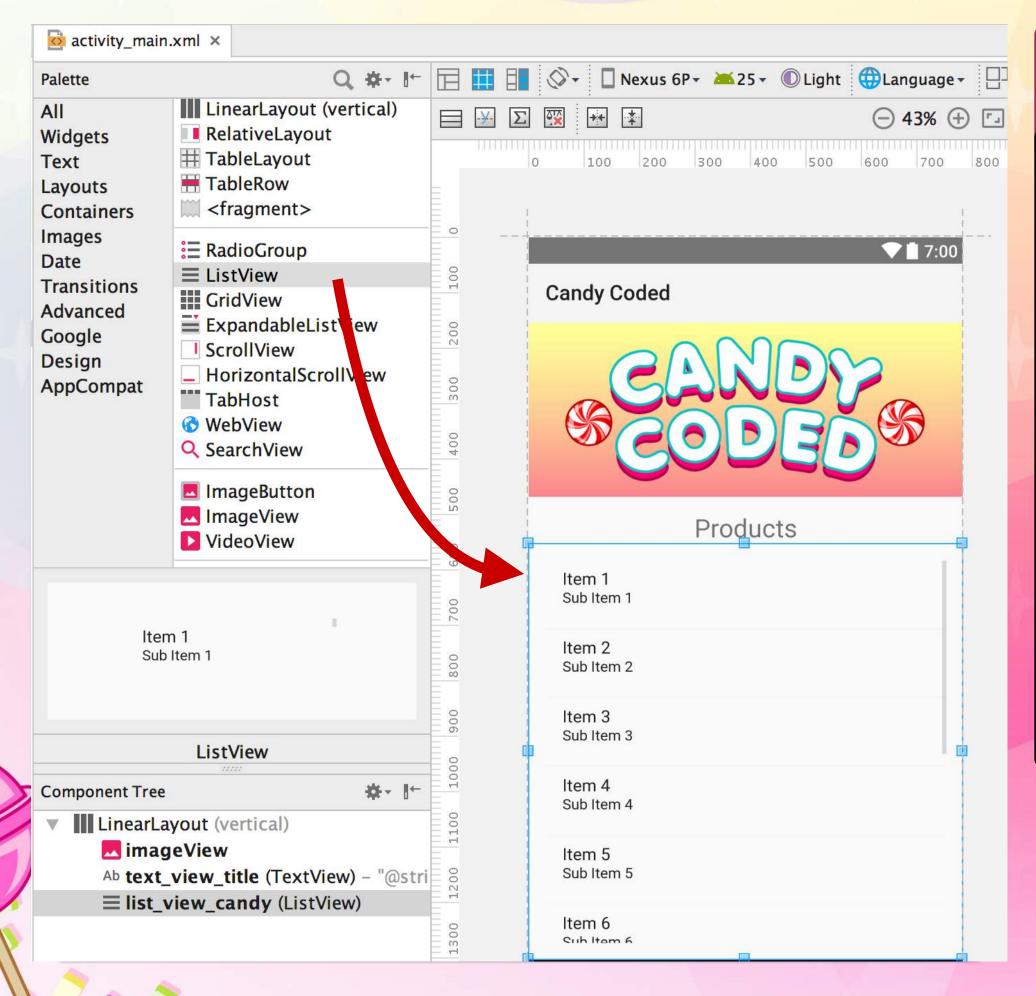
- 1) Create a ListView in the main\_activity.xml layout
- 2) Create a separate layout to describe what each list item will look like
- 3) Get the raw data we want to display into an ArrayList
- 4) Create the ArrayAdapter
- 5) Connect the ArrayAdapter to the ListView



# 1

## Creating a ListView in the MainActivity Layout

To add a ListView to our activity\_main layout, we can drag it over in the design view, which will generate the following ListView XML.



```
activity_main.xml
<?xml ...>
<LinearLayout ...>
    < ImageView .../>
    <TextView .../>
    <ListView
        android:layout width="match_parent"
        android:layout height="match_parent"
        android:id="@+id/list view candy"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

## Our ListView's Properties

The ListView's layout\_width, layout\_height, and id were set to default values for us.

```
activity_main.xml
<?xml ...>
<LinearLayout ...>
   <ImageView .../>
    <TextView .../>
    <ListView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout height="match parent"
        android:id="@+id/list_view_candy"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

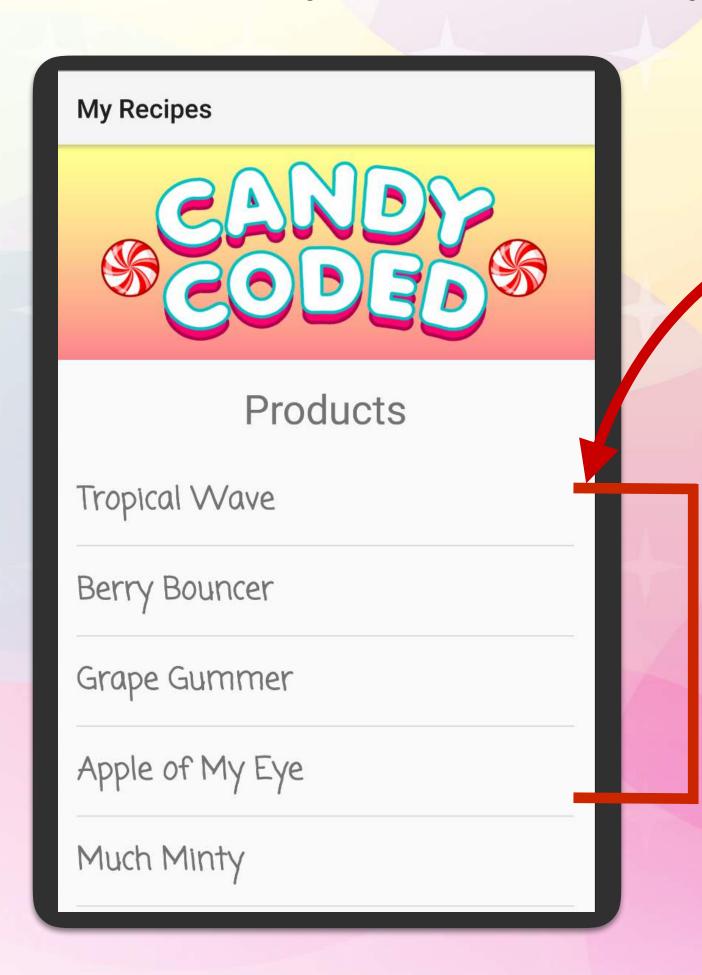
match\_parent means the view will try to be as big as its parent by expanding to take up the remaining space in the layout

@+id means this id will be created as a resource at runtime list\_view\_candy is this ListView's id we picked, but we could name it anything



## What Does match\_parent Mean?

The ListView's layout\_width and layout\_height are match\_parent.



match\_parent as the layout\_height means the list will take up the available height left in its parent layout

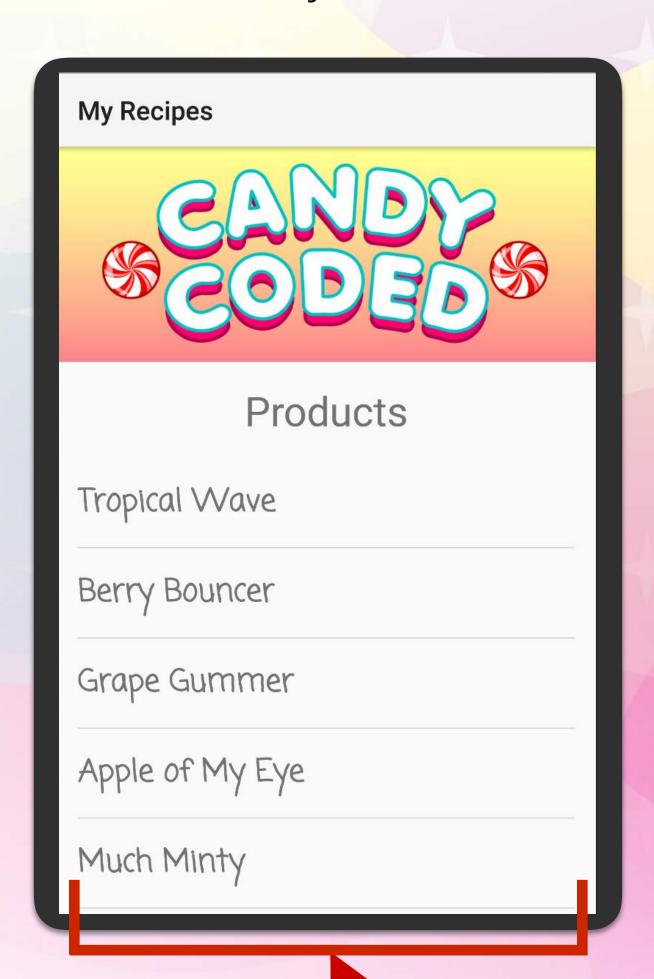
So it will be the height from the bottom of the ImageView to the bottom of the screen

If our list content is longer than the screen, it will automatically scroll



## What Does match\_parent Mean?

The ListView's layout\_width and layout\_height are match\_parent.

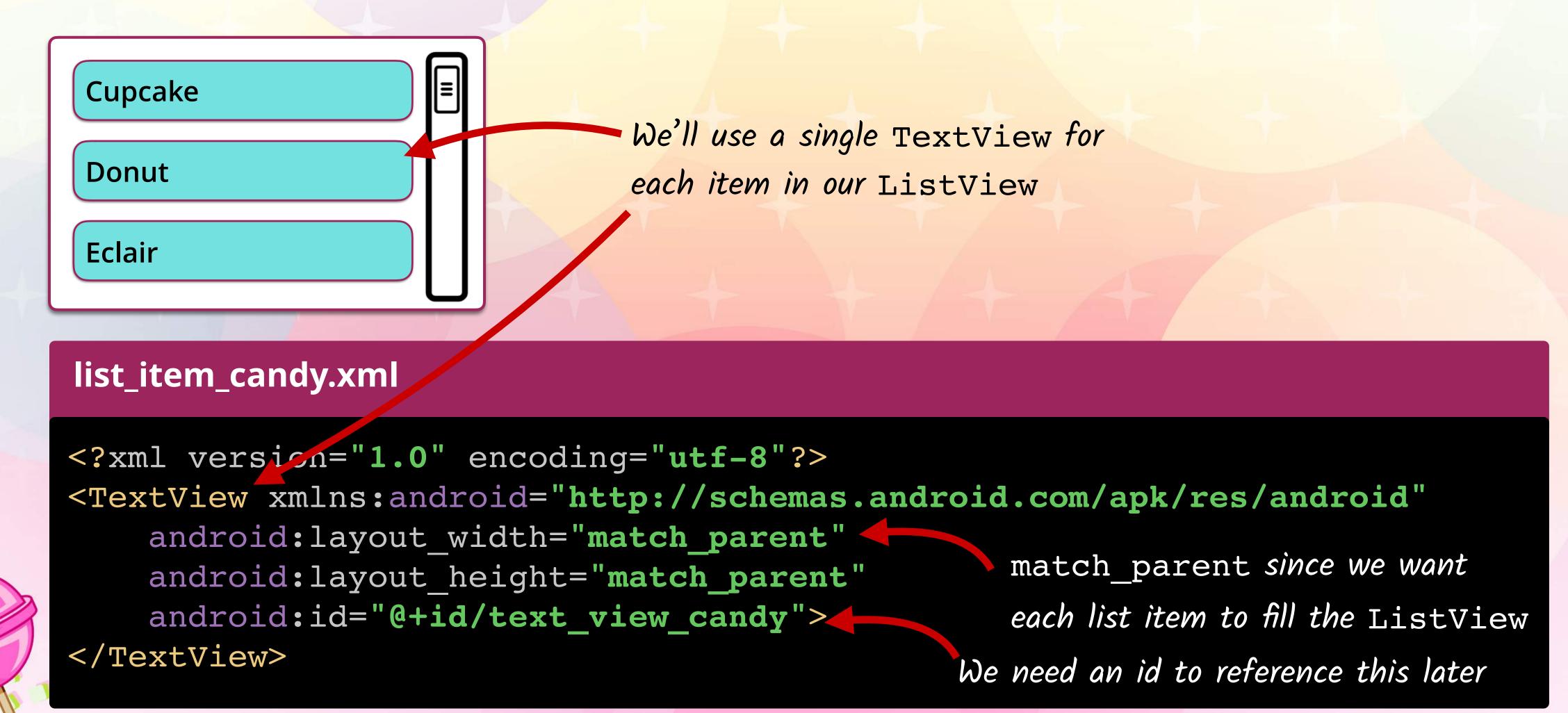


match\_parent as the layout\_width means the view list will be the entire width of the screen



### 2 Creating a Layout for Each Item in Our ListView

We need a layout to tell the ArrayAdapter how to build each item for the ListView.



## Screencast: The Layout for the Items in Our ListView



## Where to Add Code in MainActivity.java

We'll add our code to the bottom of the onCreate() method, after we set the TextView's text.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                         Java
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
        TextView textView = (TextView)this.findViewById(
                  R.id.text view title);
        textView.setText(R.string.welcome msg);
                                                      We'll add all the code to
                                                      create our ListView here
```

## 3 Creating the ArrayList of Raw Data

We need to create the list of raw data to display. We'll use an ArrayList for that.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                         Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
                                                 Creating an empty
        candyList.add("Tropical Wave");
        candyList.add("Berry Bouncer");
                                                ArrayList of Strings
        candyList.add("Grape Gummer");
                                                Adding Strings to the list
        candyList.add("Apple of My Eye");
        candyList.add("ROYGBIV Spinner");
```

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                           Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                 this,
                                                 We need these things in our
                 R.layout.list item candy,
                 R.id.text view candy,
                                                 ArrayAdapter constructor to
                 candyList
                                                 create our ArrayAdapter
```

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                           Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                 this,
                                             Where this ArrayAdapter will be used,
                 R.layout.list item candy,
                                             or the context, is this Activity
                 R.id.text view candy,
                 candyList
```

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                 this,
                                                 The Layout file we created to build
                 R.layout.list item candy
                 R.id.text view candy,
                                                 each item in the ListView
                 candyList
```

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                             Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                  this,
                 R.layout.list item candy,
                  R.id.text view candy,
                                                We need the specific TextView
                 candyList
                                                inside the Layout file. Remember we
                                                created an id for this previously...
```

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                 this,
                 R.layout.list item candy,
                 R.id.text view candy,
                 candyList
                                          Finally, the ArrayList of our
                                          candies
```

## 5 Connecting the ArrayAdapter to the ListView

To connect the ArrayAdapter to the ListView, we first need to find the ListView so we have a reference to it. We can find Views with the findViewByld() method.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
import java.util.ArrayList;
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
        ListView listView = (ListView)this.findViewById(
                 R.id.
                                 Remember we created an id for the
                                 ListView in the MainActivity's Layout
```

### The id for the ListView in main\_activity.xml

We need the id for the ListView so we can find it and then attach our ArrayAdapter to it.

### MainActivity.java



```
ListView listView = (ListView)this.findViewById(
R.id.list_view_candy);
```

## 5 Connecting the ArrayAdapter to the ListView

Finally! We can connect the ListView to the ArrayAdapter and see our ListView in action.

```
MainActivity.java
                                                                          Java
        ArrayList<String> candyList = new ArrayList<String>();
        ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(
                 • • • );
        ListView listView = (ListView)this.findViewById(
                R.id.list view candy);
                                             Now that we found the ListView by its
        listView.setAdapter(adapter);
                                             id, we can set its Adapter
```

## Screencast: Demo All the Code in MainActivity.java





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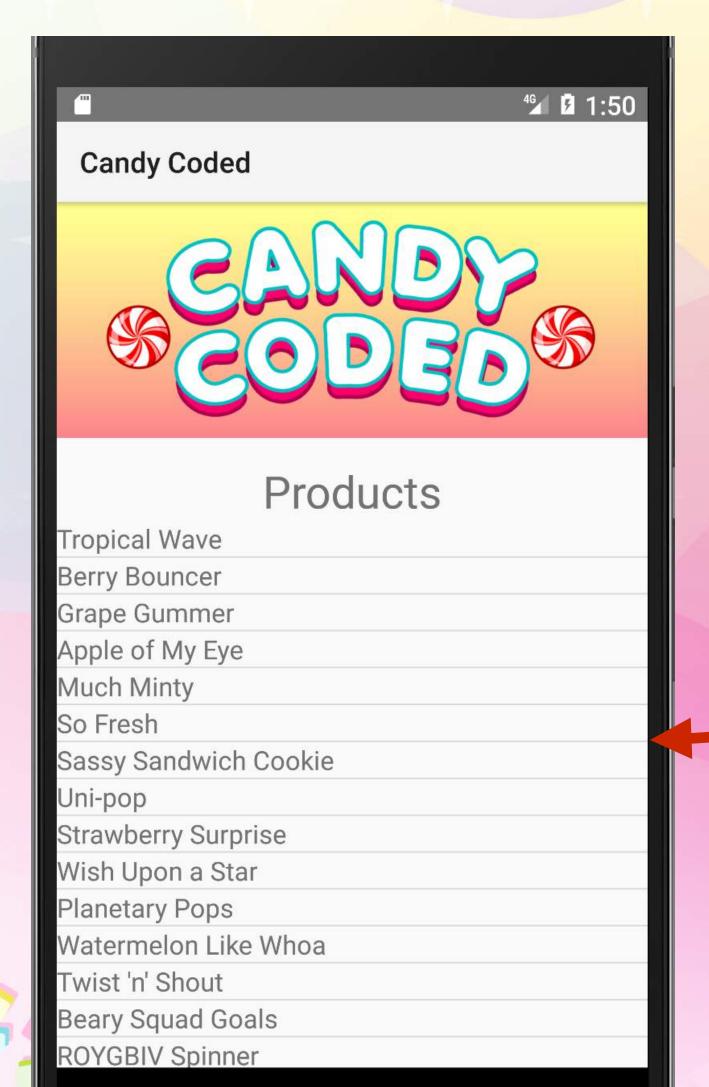
## **EventListeners & Toasts**

Making Our ListView Do Something



### Improving the ListView's Look

We want to make the ListView look better by adding padding and updating the font and text size for the list items.



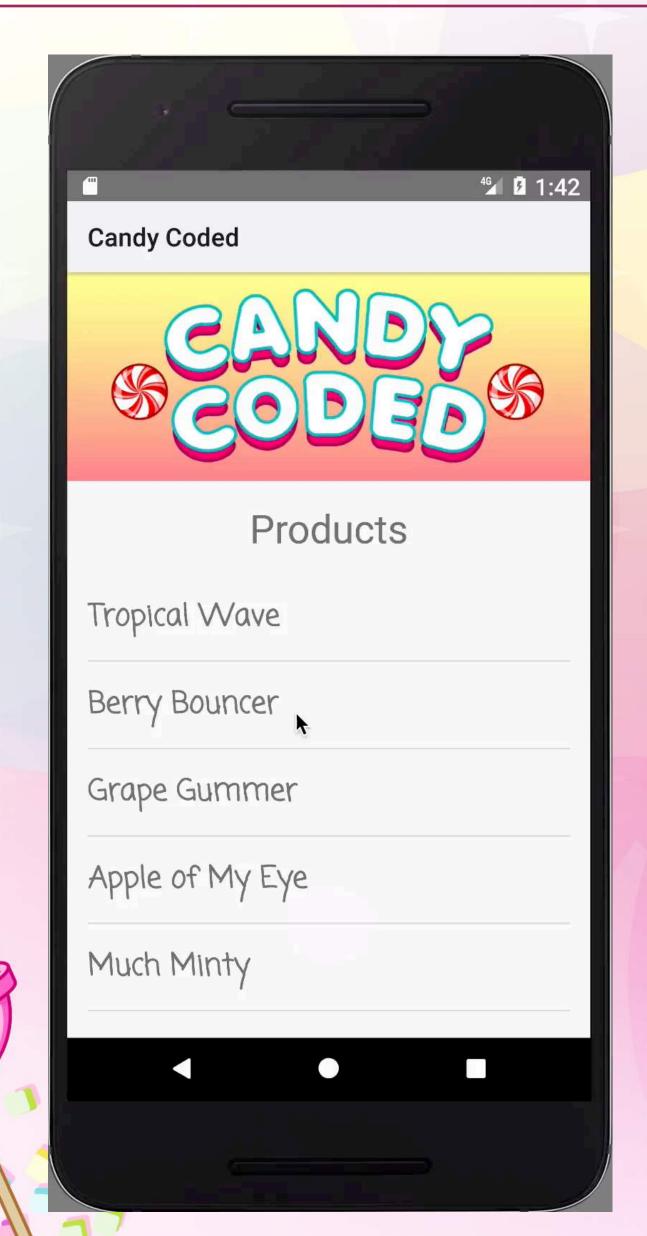
The ListView and its items need padding



# Screencast: Adding Padding to the ListView



## Making Our List Items Do Something



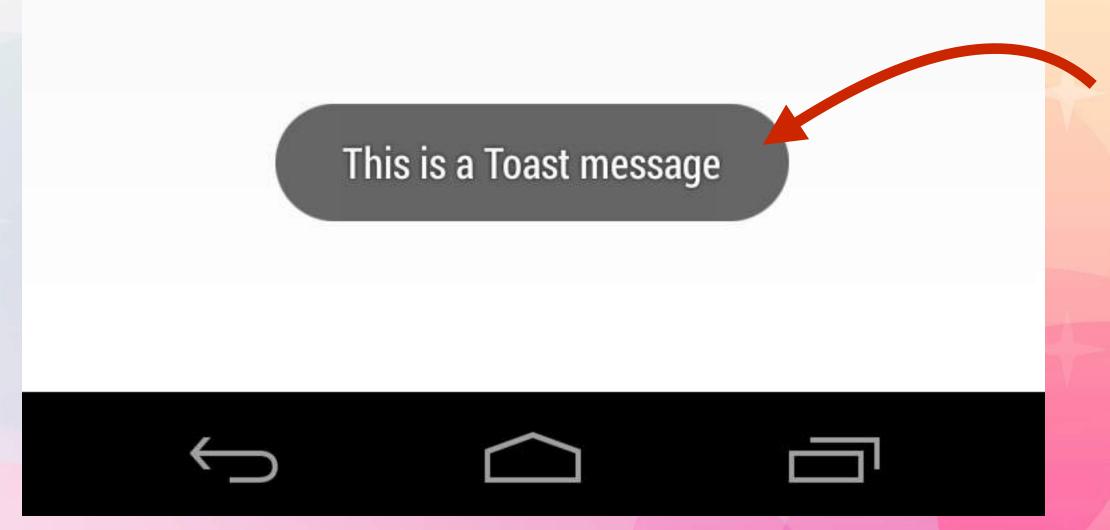
Eventually, we'd like to open a detail screen when the user clicks on a candy

As a first step, we'll display the position of the item in the list when the user clicks on it



### Let's Display a Toast

A Toast is a small popup message, and the current activity remains visible and interactive.



We can still see and interact with the Activity below the Toast



### Creating Our First Toast

First, let's create a simple Toast when our app loads, and then we'll add one for clicks on the list items.

```
MainActivity.java
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        listView.setAdapter(adapter);
          After connecting the ListView and Adapter
```

#### How to Make a Toast

To create a Toast, we need to know the Context, text, and duration.

```
MainActivity.java

...
    Context context = this;
    String text = "Hello toast!";
    int duration = Toast.LENGTH_SHORT;

Toast toast = Toast.makeText(context, text, duration);
    Creates the Toast toast.show();

Displays the Toast
```

The context is where this Toast will run, which for us is the MainActivity. So we can just use this since we're in the MainActivity class.

The text is whatever message you want to display

The duration is either Toast.LENGTH\_SHORT or Toast.LENGTH\_LONG



### Demo of Our First Toast



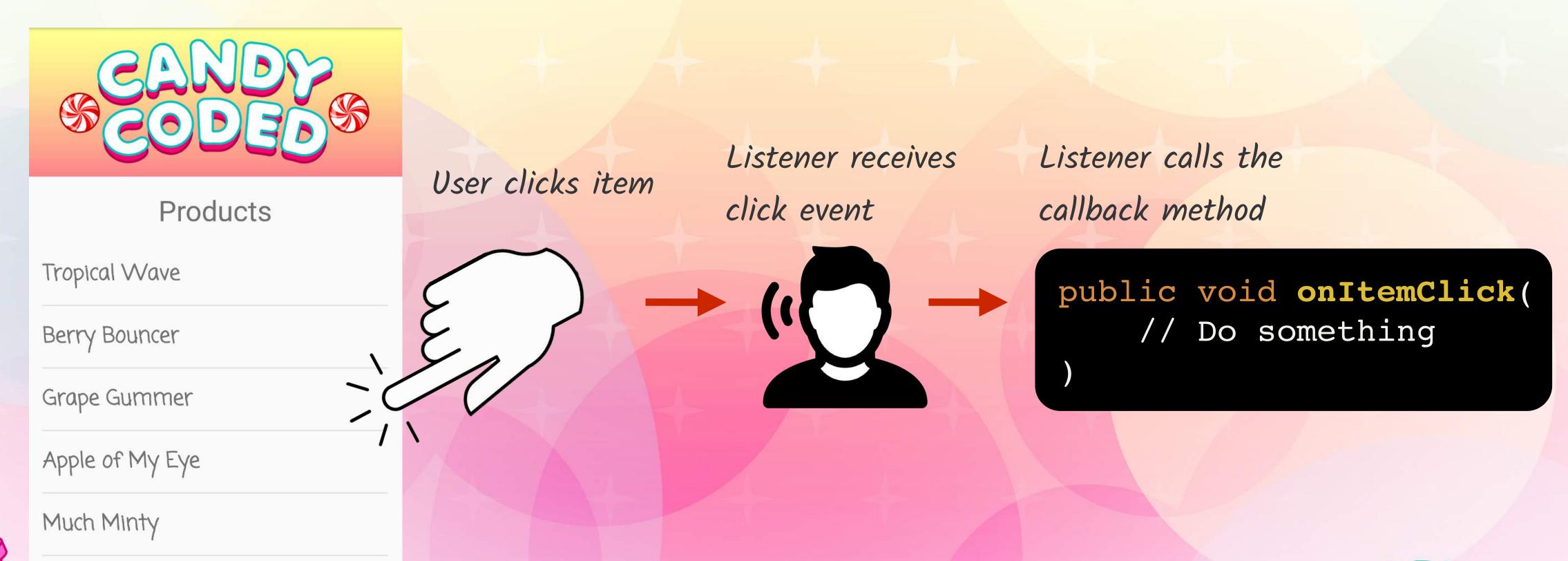
We can see our "Hello Toast!" Toast comes up when the app starts.

Now we want to show a Toast when a list item is clicked!



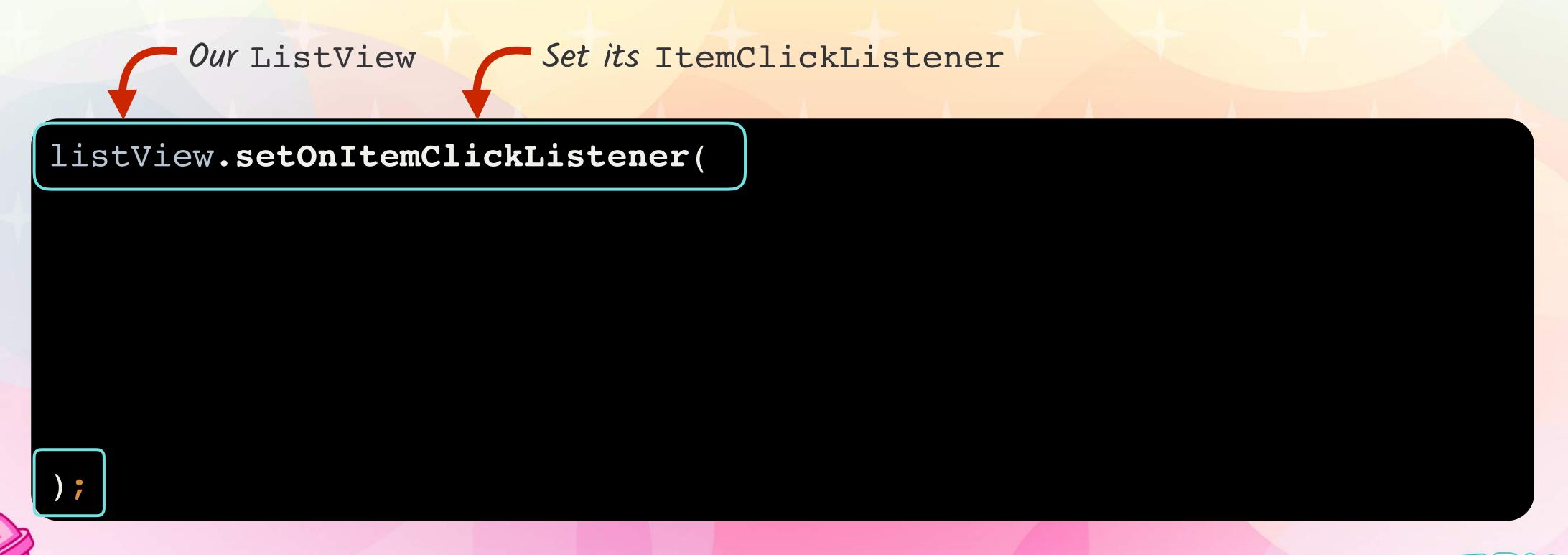
#### EventListeners

To trigger a Toast on a click event, we can use an EventListener. An EventListener contains a single callback method, which gets called when the user triggers the event.





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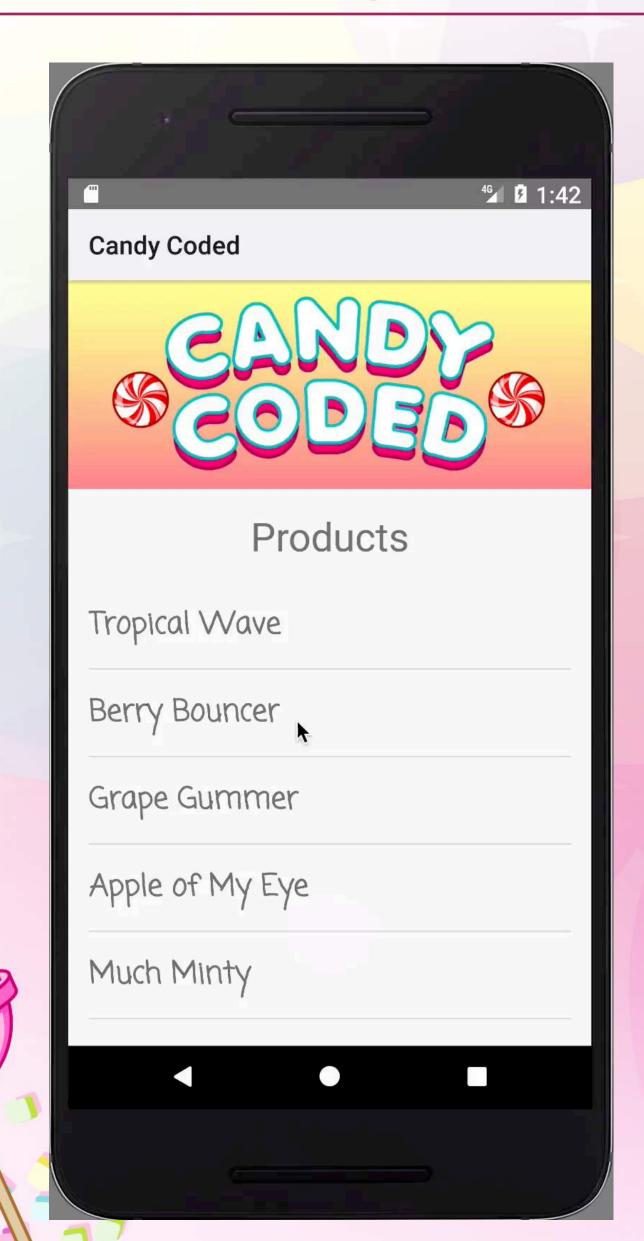
We'll add our EventListener code to the bottom of our onCreate() method again.

```
MainActivity.java
listView.setOnItemClickListener(new AdapterView.OnItemClickListener() {
    @Override
   public void onItemClick(AdapterView<?> adapterView, View view,
                            int i, long l) {
   Toast toast = Toast.makeText(MainActivity.this, ""+i, Toast.LENGTH SHORT);
    toast.show();
});
```

Let's add a Toast to show the item's position i

We need to specify MainActivity.this as the context, instead of just this, since we're inside the ClickListener

### Demoing the ClickListener & Toast in Action



Now we can see our list items actually doing something!



