



Introduction to Software Engineering for Engineers

Introduction to Android Platform Summer Semester, 2018

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Overview:

- What is Android?
- Android Architecture
 - Overview
 - Mobile Platform Characteristics
 - Application Components
 - Activity Lifecycle
- Android Developer Tools
 - Setting up Android Studio
 - Creating your first project
 - Code and File Structure



What is Android:

- Google's mobile platform
 - Open Source
 - Most popular and installed mobile OS
- Development Platform
 - Multiplatform
 - Previously based on Java (Kotlin alternative)
 - Android Studio



Platform Characteristics:

- A mobile OS with limited resources
 - limited memory and processing power
 - Battery life is very important
- Specific and restricted architectural decisions
 - Aggressively flushed memory when not in use
 - Background computation is extremely limited
- Unusual Device Characteristics
 - Small screen, typically focused on a single app
 - Gestural input



Application Components:

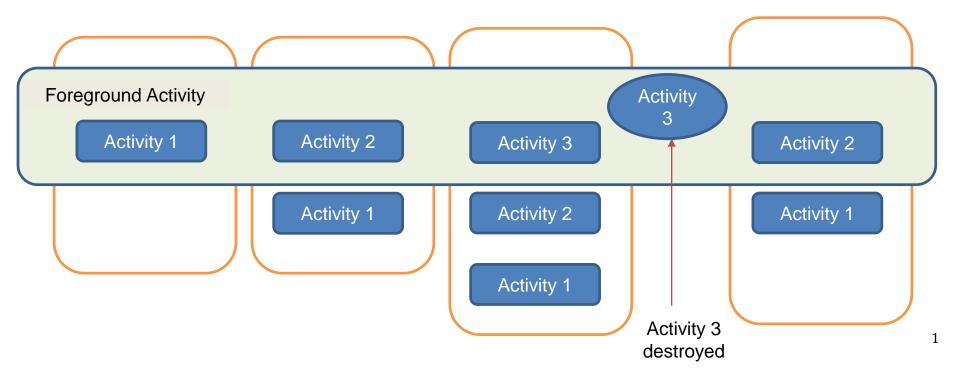
- Core building blocks for Android applications
- Applications can publish components for other applications to use
 - Use asynchronous message called INTENT.
 - Intents and components defined in a MANIFEST file.

Component	Description
Activity	Single-screen of an application
Service	Long-running background application
Content Provider	Providers shared set of application data
Broadcast receiver	Responds to system broadcast events



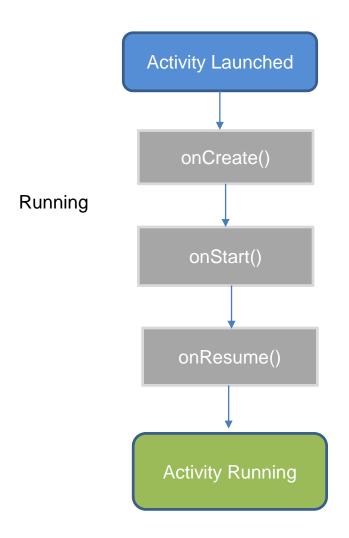
Typical Activity Life-Cycle:

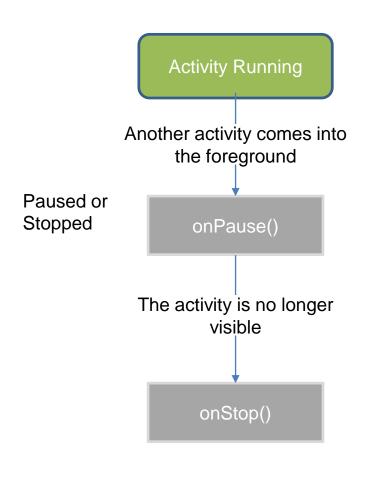
- Applications usually do contain multiple activities (screens) but one main activity which serves as entry point.
- Activities can create other activities
- Navigation triggered by user actions.





What does this mean?







Setting up Android Studio:

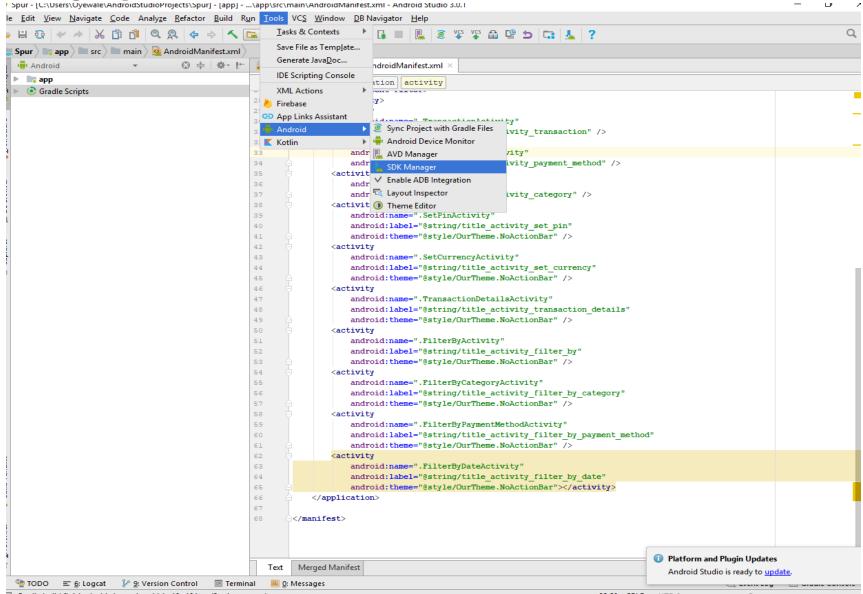
- Download and Install Android Studio via <u>https://developer.android.com/studio/index.html</u>
- The https://developer.android.com platform also contains all the platform documentation you might need.
- After installation, go to Tools -> Android -> SDK Manager to install versions and requirement of choice.

*SDK : Software Development Kit

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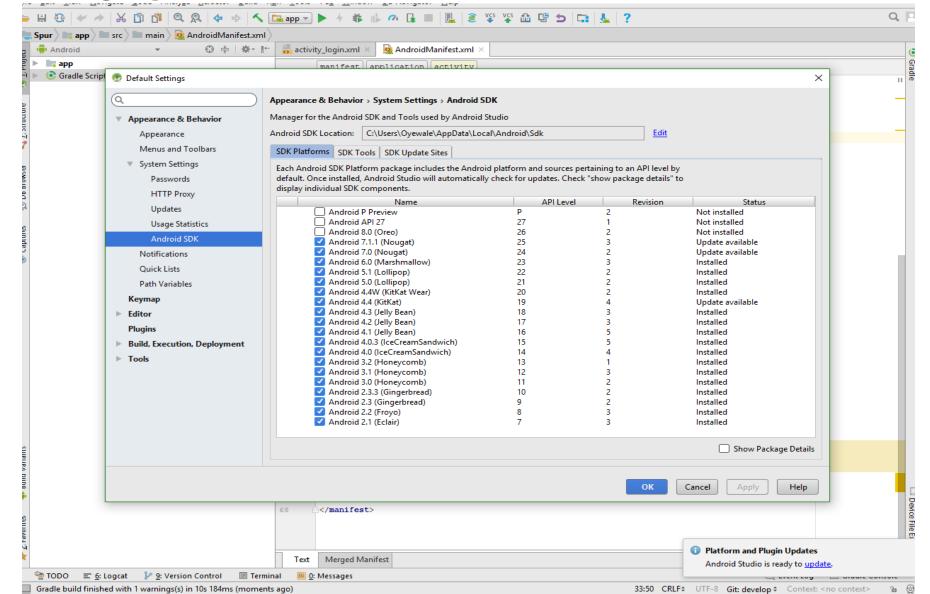


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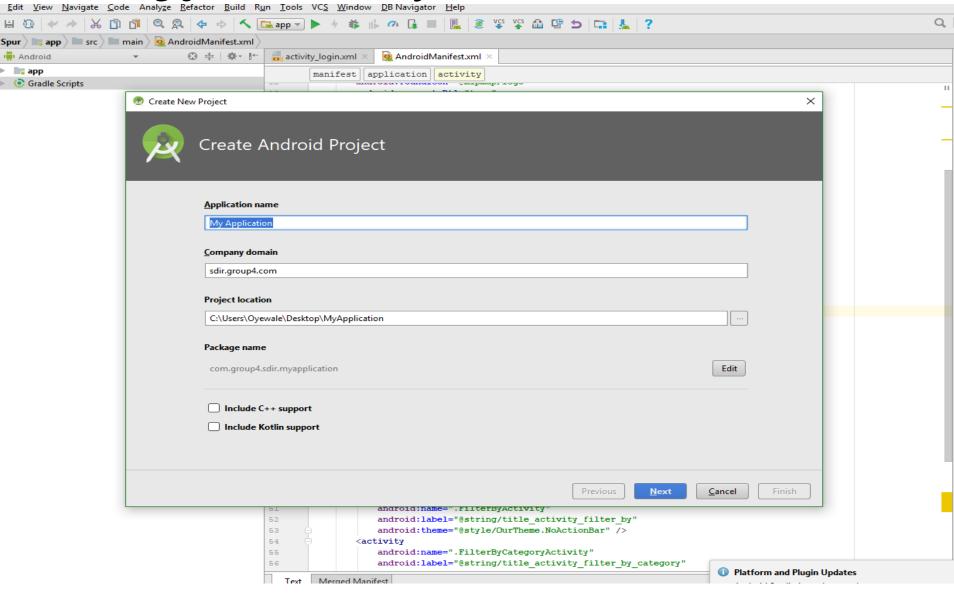
Creating your first project:

- Launch the IDE and create a project using the New Project Wizard
- Setup the Android Virtual Device, which you will use to emulate a physical phone or setup your Android Phone (enable debugging) instead..

^{**}IDE – Integrated Development Environment

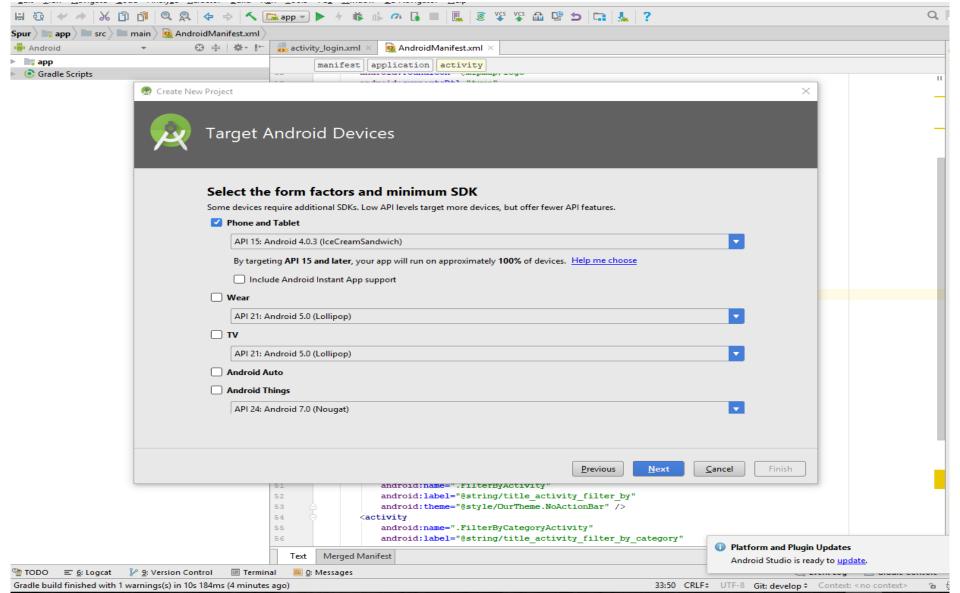


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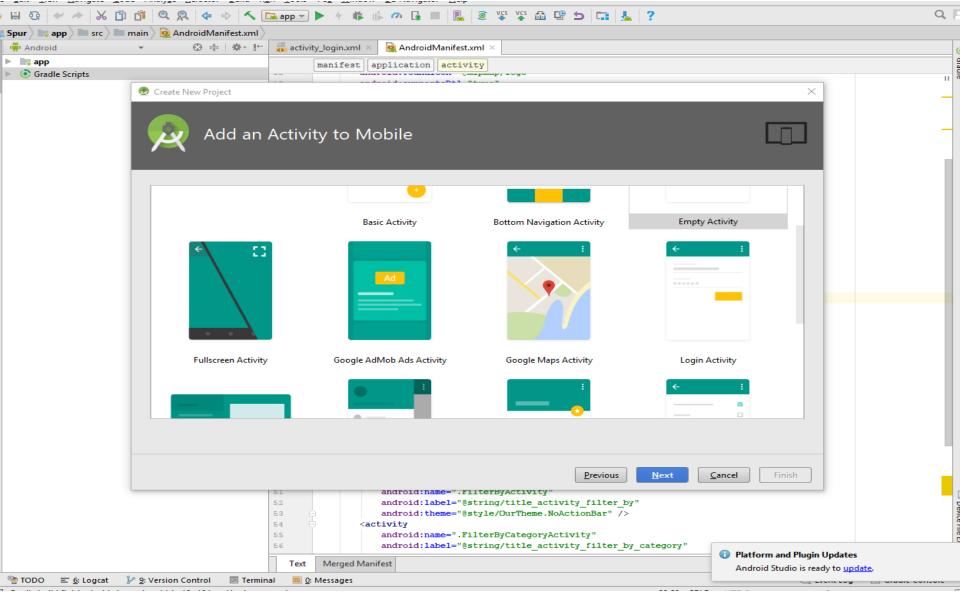


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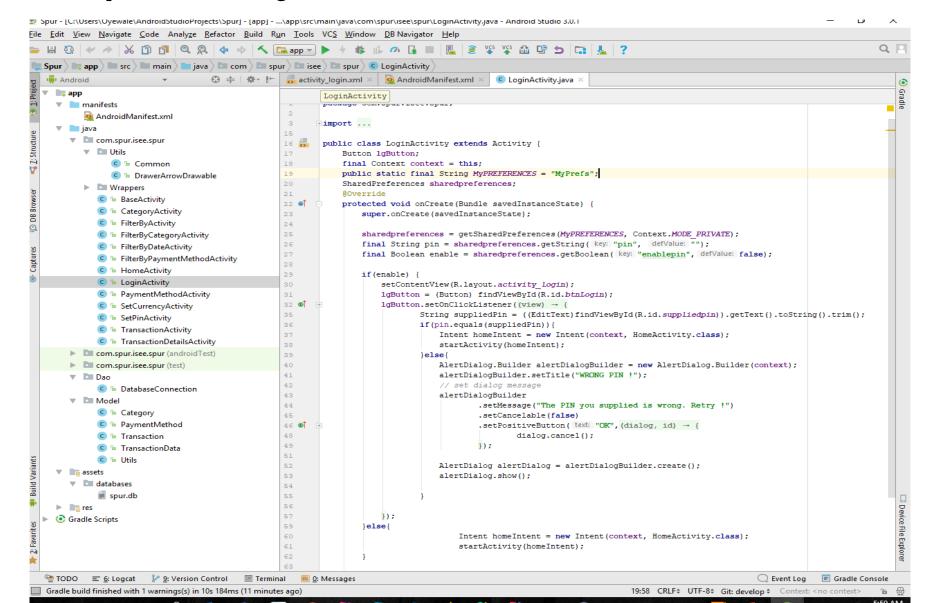


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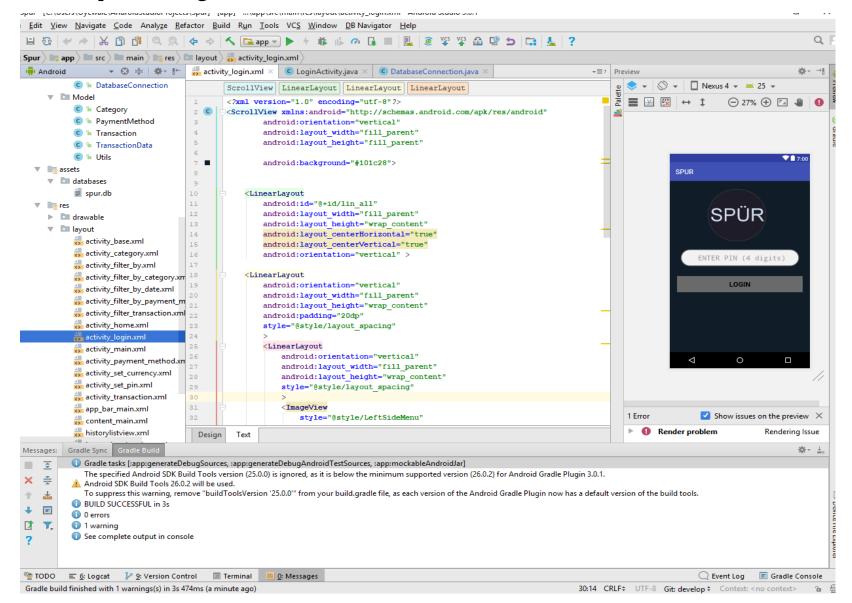


A Sample Activity:



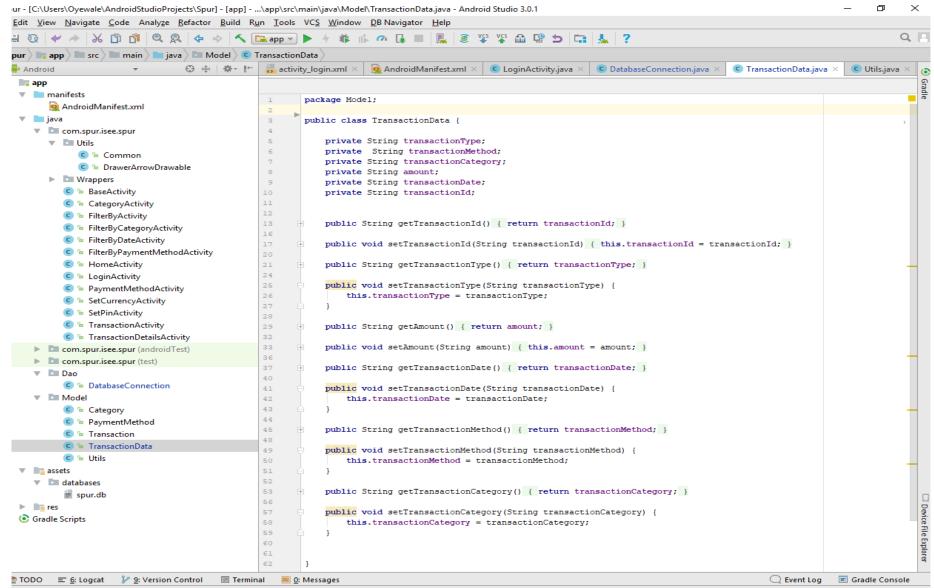


A Sample Layout File:



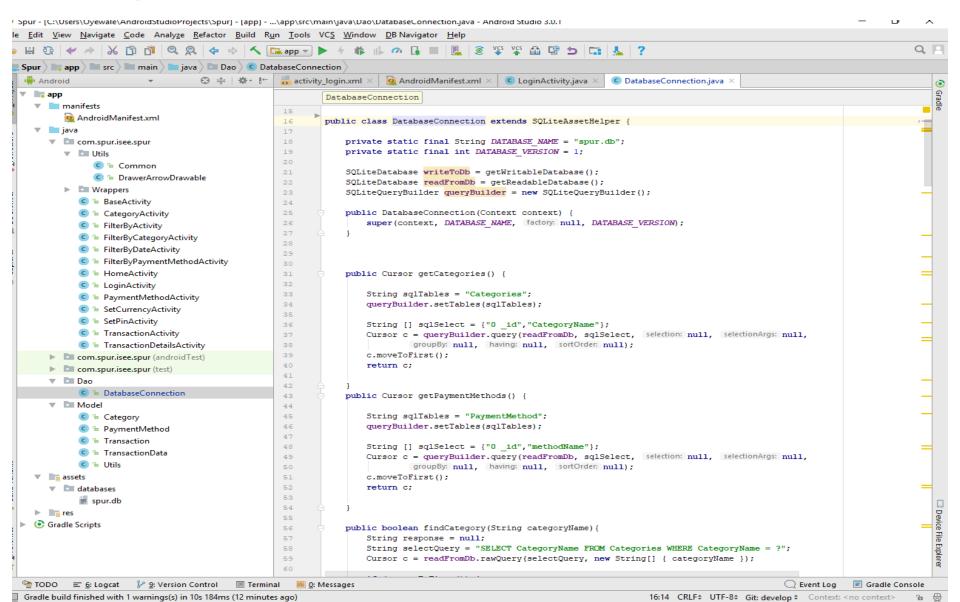


A Sample Model Class:





A Sample Database Class:





A sample Android Manifest:

