

Introduction to Android development

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Introduction

- Android is the smartphone lead mobile platform
 - End consumer
 - Companies & industries
- Reliable and powerfull operating system
 - Allows a total control of the system **near field communication**
 - Advanced fuctionnality (background task, **NFC**, external hardware support)
- Mobile application development need
 - The perfect understanding of the system
 - Knowledge of all the provided components
 - Creation of robust UI
 - Connectivity management, storage of data
 - Experience

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- Market Share

- Architecture : Linux & Android

- Dalvik

- Fragmentation

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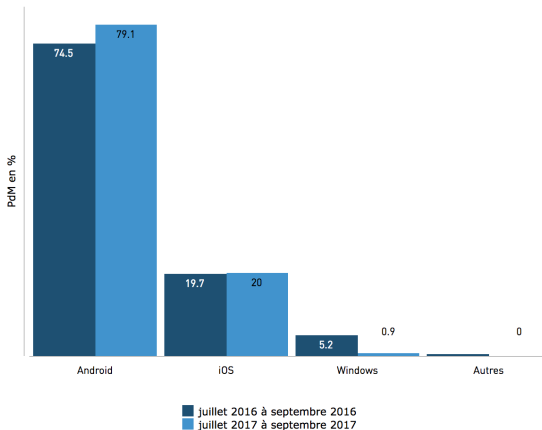
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Android ?

- Operating system based of Linux kernel
- Developpt by the Open Handset Alliance
 - Google, Samsung, HTC, Intel, Motorola, Qualcomm...
 - Google is the main contributor
- Free software
 - Apache licence

Market Share

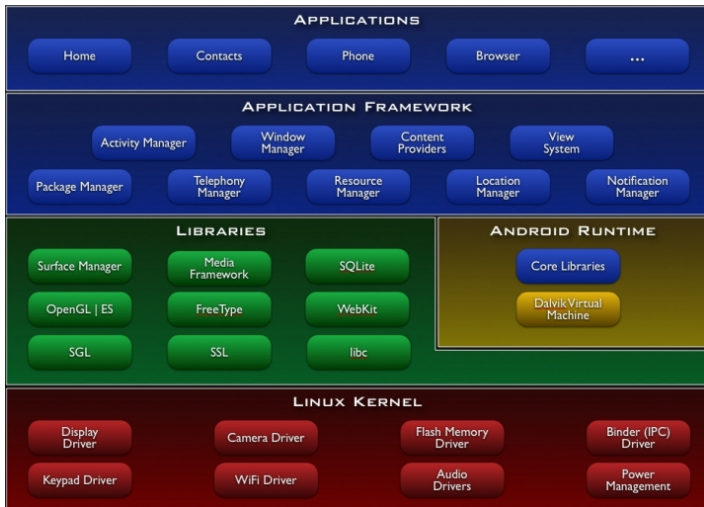
PdM des OS mobile vendus en France (%)



Modified Linux based system

- No X Window
- No glibc ; replaced by Bionic libc
- Generously patched (power management, IPC...)
- Left from Linux
 - Memory and process management
 - Security (permissions)
 - Hardware abstraction layout (HAL)
 - Modules management
 - Community

Architecture



Android Runtime

- Android does not use the standard JVM
- Developement of a specific JVM :
 - Dalvik (2008-2014)
 - ART (2014 +)
 - New runtime since Android 5.0
 - Instead of JIT, it use AOT (Ahead Of Time) : Pre compilation in native code during the app install
 - Since Android 7.0, both JIT and AOT are used
 - No changes from the developer perspective
 - Better memory management, code optimisation, battery optimisation

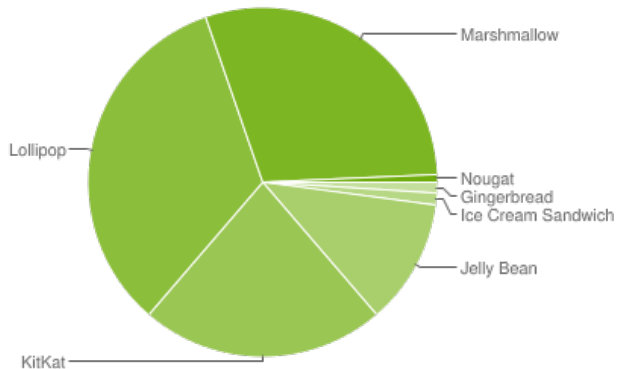
<https://source.android.com/devices/tech/dalvik/jit-compiler>

Fragmentation

- A lot of different versions of Android exist
 - Phone branch : 1.5 (2009), 1.6, 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 (2010)
 - Tablet branch : 3.0 (early 2011), 3.1, 3.2 (2012)
 - Common branch : 4.0 (late 2011), 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.0, 5.1, 6.0, 7.0, 7.1, 8.0, 8.1 (late 2017)
- Android provide compatibility librairies to allow the use of new API (>4.0) on older versions of Android

So it's not really an issue (but still can be painfull on some things...)

Fragmentation – Market repartition



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Fragmentation – Market repartition

Version	Date	Codename	API	Distribution
2.3.3-2.3.7	early 2011	Gingerbread	10	0.4%
4.0.3-4.0.4	early 2012	Ice Cream Sandwich	15	0.5%
4.1-4.2-4.3	mid 2013	Jelly Bean	16-18	5.6%
4.4	late 2013	KitKat	19	12.8%
5.0	late 2014	Lollipop	21	5.7%
5.1	early 2015	Lollipop	22	19.5%
6.0	late 2015	Marshmallow	23	28.6%
7.0	mid 2016	Nougat	24	21.1%
7.1	late 2016	Nougat	25	5.2%
8.0	mid 2017	Oreo	26	0.5%
8.1	late 2017	Oreo	27	0.2%

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Any versions with

Android development – Different framework

- Cordova
- JQuery Mobile
- Xamarin
- Ionic
- Qt Android
- React Native
- Flutter
- ...

Android development – Different languages

- C++
- C#
- Java
- Kotlin
- HTML
- Javascript
- Lua
- Python
- ...

Android development – Official way

- Java / Kotlin
- Android SDK

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Component list

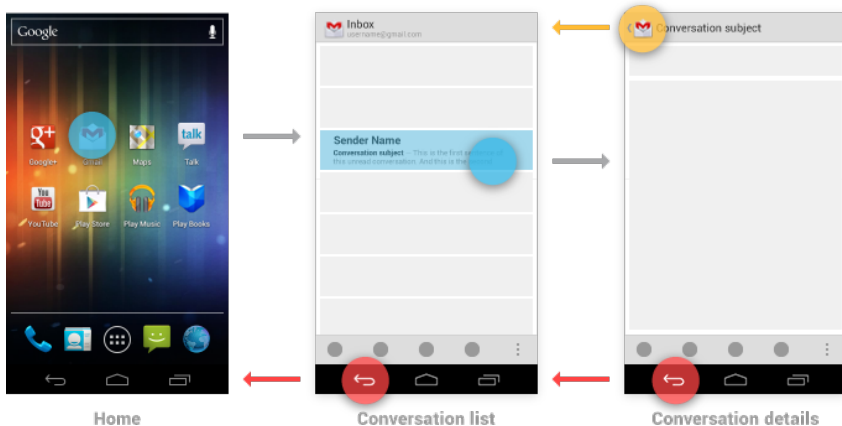
- Activity
- Fragment
- Service
- Content Provider
- Broadcast Receiver

Activity

In the official documentation : *An activity is a single, focused thing that the user can do. Almost all activities interact with the user, so the Activity class takes care of creating a window for you in which you can place your UI [...]*

- Base component of nearly all Android applications
- Graphical display
- Principal class of an application
- Handle events
 - System events
 - User events
- Activity = screen

Activity – Example

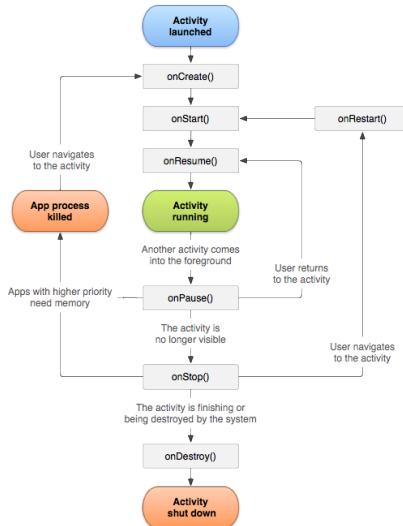


Activity – States

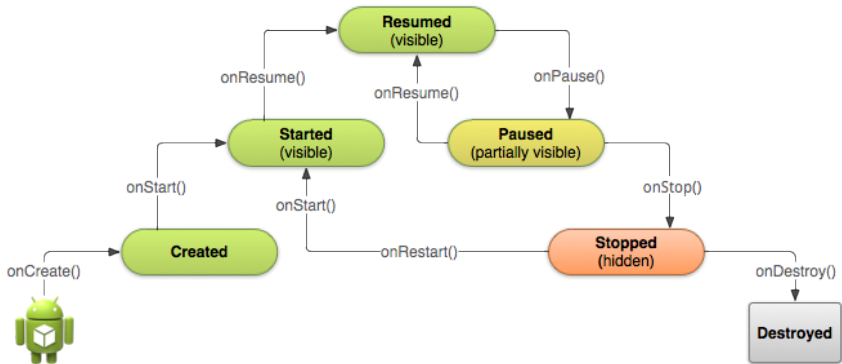
An Activity can be in 4 different states

- Running : displayed on screen and in foreground
- Paused : still displayed but not in foreground (dialog in front of it for example)
- Stopped : not visible anymore. State is saved. Can be killed by the system to save memory if needed
- Destroyed : deleted from memory. State can be saved

Activity – Lifecycle



Activity – Simplified lifecycle



Service

In the official documentation : *A Service is an application component that can perform long-running operations in the background and does not provide a user interface. [...]*

- Background task
- No UI
- Running without the user knowledge
- A service runs on the main Thread (graphical)

Service use

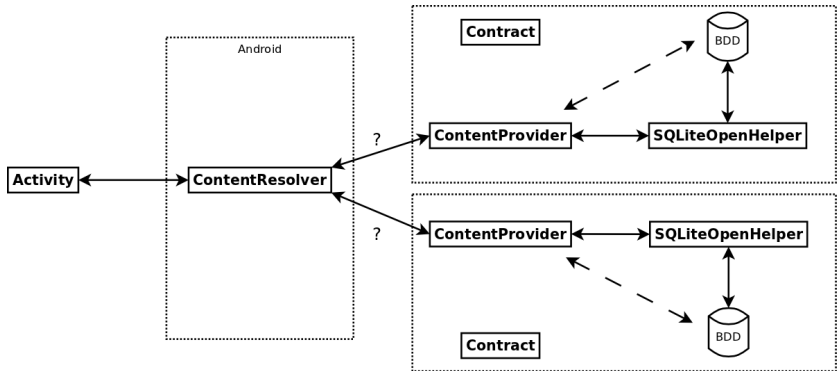
- Activity monitoring
- Periodic data update
- Music playback
- Network connections
 - Shoot and forget (send of data)
 - Allows to refresh some data without asking the user
- Geolocalisation
 - Avoid localisation to be linked with the Activity lifecycle

Content Provider

In the official documentation : *Content providers manage access to a structured set of data. [...]*

- Structured interface for data access
- Easy loose coupling of code and data
- Most often used to access to a database
- Allow data sharing between applications

Content Provider



Broadcast Receiver

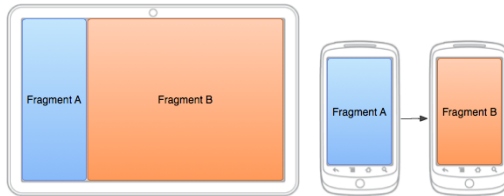
- Component allowing to received all the broadcast messages on the device
- Examples
 - System start
 - User position
 - Battery level
 - Connectivity change (Wi-Fi, 3G, no network)

How to handle tablets?

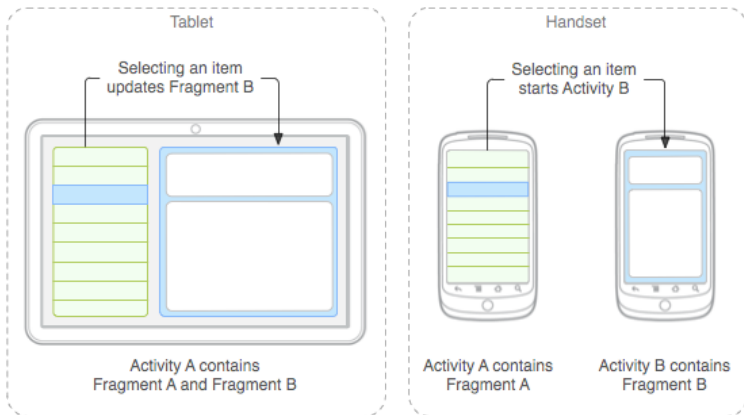


Activity – Fragment

- Subdivision of an Activity
- Created to avoid code duplication in a phone / tablet application
- Specific lifecycle



Activity – Fragment



Component declaration

The `AndroidManifest.xml` file contains all the information about the application

- List of Activity, Service, BroadcastReceiver and ContactProvider
- Version and application name
- Compatibility with the different android versions

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Security

- In the news : recurrent problem on Android
- The system block and manage a lot of cases (except for root user)
- The security system is based on permissions
 - Explicit declaration of functions needed by the application
 - User validation to accept the permissions

Permissions

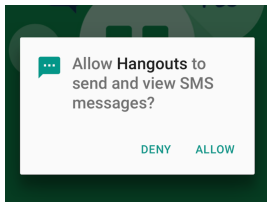
Since the user accepted, you can do what ever you want !

- ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION
- ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE
- VIBRATE
- DELETE_PACKAGES
- READ_CONTACTS
- SEND_SMS

Declaration of the permissions in the `AndroidManifest.xml` file in the project root directory.

Runtime permissions

- Before Android 6.0, the user accept or decline ALL permissions. If you install the app, you accept all permissions.
- Since Android 6.0, the app need to ask the user before using a feature



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Intents

In the official documentation : *An intent is an abstract description of an operation to be performed.*

- Message to an
 - Activity (our application or another)
 - Service
 - BroadcastReceiver
- It allows to :
 - “change screen”
 - Start a service
 - Send a broadcast
 - ...

It's a fundamental tool on Android. It allows different applications of different developers to communicate and work together in a loose coupling maner.

Intents – Data

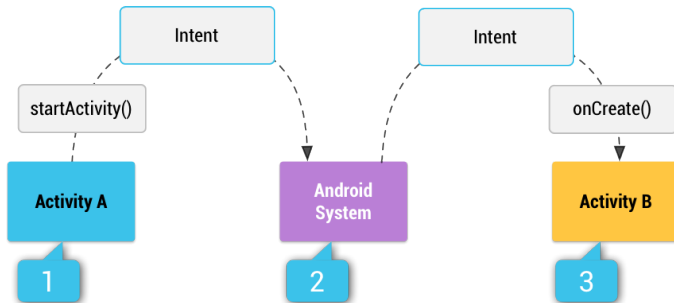
An intent can contains a set of data

- Action (`ACTION_VIEW`, `ACTION_EDIT`, `ACTION_MAIN`)
- Data (`Uri`)
- Category (`CATEGORY_LAUNCHER`, `CATEGORY_ALTERNATIVE`)
- Type (picture, contact, text...)
- Extras (Bundle key/value)
- Component

Intents – How it works ?

- Need to be created then “launch”
- The system analyse the intent and then try to find an application corresponding
 - Action/Type/Uri
 - Check in the package manager
- Start of the screen / function corresponding

Intents – How it works ?



Intents – Example

- **Action** ACTION_VIEW **Uri** http ://www.google.fr
- **Action** ACTION_DIAL **Uri** tel :123
- **Action** START_SCAN **Uri** null
- **Action** null **Uri** null **Component** fr.openium.isima.MyActivity

Intents – Types

- Explicit Intent
 - Intent sent to a specific component and not an other
 - The Action is not mandatory
 - Typically to start your own Activity Service in your own app
- Implicit Intent
 - Generic message sent to the system
 - Multiple application can answer
 - Example : show a shop position on a map

Intents : example

```
// explicit intent
Intent i = new Intent(mContext, MyActivity.class);
startActivity(i);

// implicit intent
Intent i = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_VIEW,
Uri.parse("http://www.google.fr"));
startActivity(i);

// data add
Intent i = new Intent(mContext, MyActivity.class)
i.putExtra("id_result", 1234);
i.putExtra("data", anObjet);
startActivity(i);
```

Describe the intents your application handle

For each component you can add filters describing the intents their handle.

```
<intent-filter>  
  <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN"/>  
  <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER"/>  
</intent-filter>
```

```
<intent-filter>  
  <action android:name="android.intent.action.INSERT"/>  
  <category android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT"/>  
  <data android:mimeType="image/jpeg"/>  
</intent-filter>
```

AndroidManifest.xml file in the project root directory.

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Libraries – Support Library

- Provide retrocompability and bugs fixes to most Android class (Activity, Fragment, Media)
- Provide new components and view (Design) RecyclerView, Tablayout, BottomNavigationBar

Libraries – Architecture components

- Helps developers to build apps
 - Lifecycle
 - LiveData
 - ViewModel
 - Room
 - Paging
- Made by Google in 2017

Libraries – Play Services And Firebase

- Provide new features based on internet ou research like
 - Location helper
 - Push notification
 - Image processing / Face recognition
 - Realtime Remote Database
 - And much more

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- Base Widgets

- Multiple resolution management

- Layouts

- Event management

- Lists

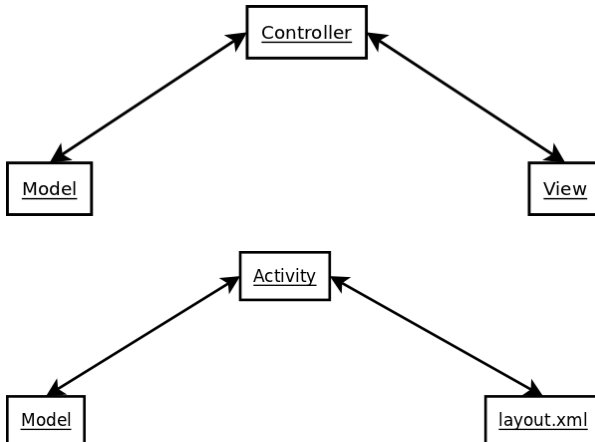
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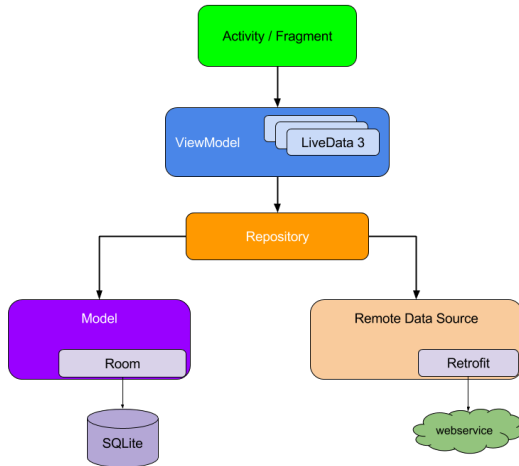
Most complex part of android. It needs the

- Knowledge of components
- Handle of multiple screens (size, resolution)
- Display optimisations
- Activity lifecycle management

MVC



MVVM



Layout files

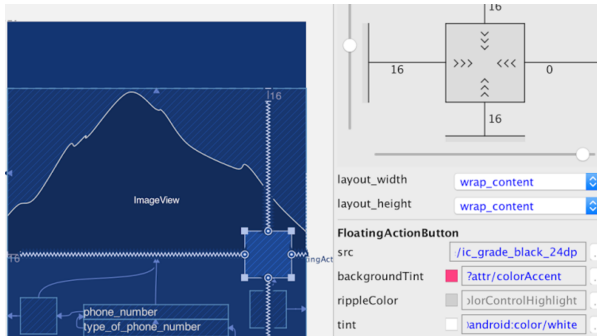
- XML defined interface
- Compiled and compacted by Android
- Parsed and displayed while the Activity creation

Exemple :

```
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android..."
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
        android:layout_centerVertical="true"
        android:text="@string/hello_world">
    </TextView>
</RelativeLayout>
```

Layout WYSIWYG

- Directly in Android Studio
- A lot faster for using ConstraintLayout
- Could be better, but it's improved with each Android Studio versions



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Base Widgets

Widget : reusable graphical object

- TextView
- EditText
- Button
- ImageView
- Checkbox
- RadioButton

All widget attributes can be customized by XML or JAVA (in fact not all of them...)

Widget = View

All components inherit from `View`. So there own it's attributes.

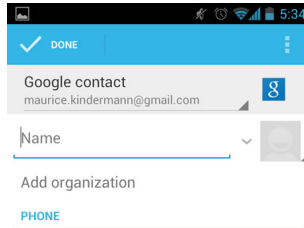
- height / width
- background
- focusable / clickable
- padding / margin
- visibility
- ...
- <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/view/View.html>

TextView

- Text display
- Main properties
 - text
 - textColor
 - textSize
 - ellipsize
 - lines
 - typeface
- Advanced properties
 - linkify
 - span
 - CompoundDrawable

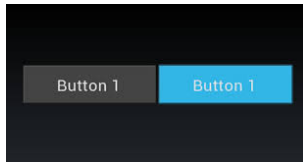
EditText

- Text edit
- Inherit TextView
- In fact, it's just an editable TextView with a specific look
- Main properties
 - hint
 - TextWatcher
 - EditorActionListener



Button

- Inherit from TextView
- In fact, just a clickable TextView



ImageView

- Allow image display
- Main properties
 - src
 - scaleType (center, fitXY, fitStart, centerCrop...)
- Sub class : ImageButton

Others

- Checkbox
 - Inherit from Button (so also from TextView)
 - Display a check and text
- RadioButton
 - Display a round button and some text
 - Link multiple RadioButton with a RadioGroup
 - Only one selectable in the group

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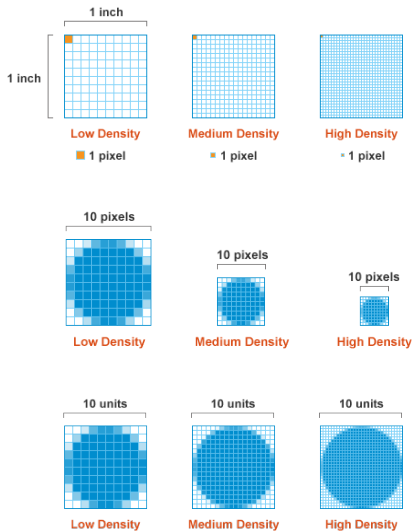
Multiple resolution management

- 11000+ different android device
- Screen size ?
- Resolution ?

Android has been design from scratch to handle the different screen size but it's the developer job to handle it properly.

- Element position
- Element size
- Adapt all elements to available size

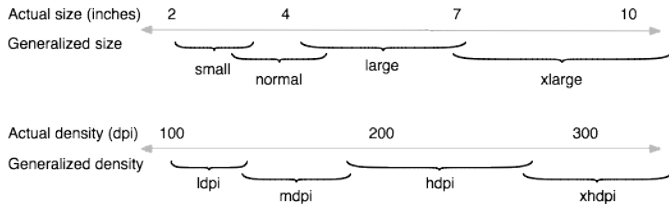
Screen density



Screen categories

All devices screens has been divided in categories

- mdpi 160 dip (ADP 2, Galaxy Tab 3)
- hdpi 240 dip (Nexus S, Galaxy S2)
- xhdpi 320 dip (Nexus 4, Galaxy S3, Nexus 7 2013, Nexus 9)
- xxhdpi 480dip (Nexus 5, Galaxy S4, Galaxy S5, Nexus 10)
- xxxhdpi 640dpi (LG G5, Galaxy S7, Nexus 6P)



Dimensions

With Android, you **never** use pixel sizes. Metrics has been created to define an element size without having to know the real pixel size or resolution of the screen.

- Density Independent Pixel (dip or dp)
 - Physical size is identical whatever the screen size is
 - The number of pixel used to display the component varies with the screen density
 - Size of elements
- Scale-independent Pixels (sp)
 - Close of dip
 - Used exclusively for text size
 - Change of the text size with the user preference (disabled people)

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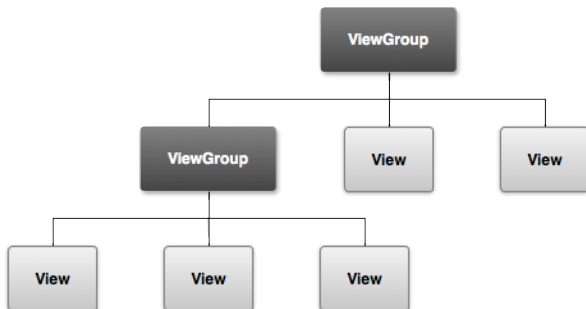
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Layouts

- View container
- Allows to place the different Views on the screen
 - Vertical / horizontal arrangement
 - One above another
 - In relation to one another
- 3 principal layout
 - LinearLayout
 - RelativeLayout
 - FrameLayout

ViewGroup

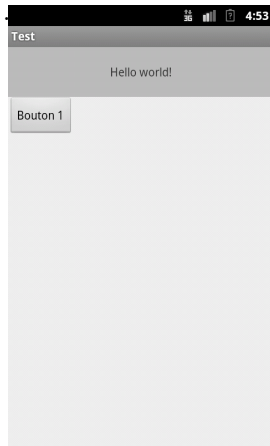


LinearLayout

- Vertical / horizontal arrangement
- Element repartition
 - 50%-50%
 - 20%-80%
 - stuck to the bottom or right

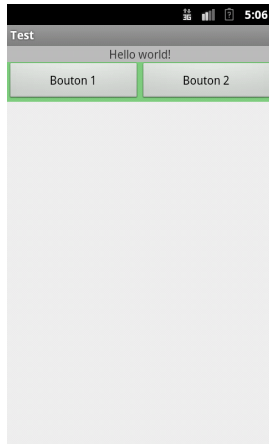
LinearLayout – simple example

```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent"  
    android:background="#EEEEEE"  
    android:orientation="vertical" >  
    <TextView  
        android:layout_width="match_parent"  
        android:layout_height="60dp"  
        android:background="#BBBBBB"  
        android:gravity="center"  
        android:text="@string/hello_world" />  
    <Button  
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:text="Button_1" >  
    </Button>  
</LinearLayout>
```



LinearLayout – example weight

```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:background="#EEEEEE">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:gravity="center"
        android:text="@string/hello_world" />
    <LinearLayout
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:orientation="horizontal"
        android:background="#7700AA00">
        <Button
            android:layout_width="0dp"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_weight="1"
            android:text="Button_1" />
        </Button>
        <Button
            android:layout_width="0dp"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:layout_weight="1"
            android:text="Button_2" />
        </Button>
    </LinearLayout>
</LinearLayout>
```



RelativeLayout – example

```
<RelativeLayout
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="90dip">
    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/home_list_item_ImageView_Preview"
        android:layout_width="90dip"
        android:layout_height="90dip"
        android:layout_alignParentRight="true">
    </ImageView>
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/home_list_item_TextView_Title"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout_toLeftOf="@id/home_list_item_ImageView_Preview"
        android:ellipsize="end"
        android:maxLines="2"
        android:textStyle="bold" >
    </TextView>

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/home_list_item_TextView_Date"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout_below="@id/home_list_item_TextView_Title"
        android:layout_toLeftOf="@id/home_list_item_ImageView_Preview"
        android:textColor="@color/lm_listview_cell_date" >
    </TextView>
    ...
</RelativeLayout>
```

Et si on habillait Montebourg en
"made in Limousin" ?

Le 16/11/12 à 10:38

C'était le 19 octobre. Arnaud Montebourg,
le ministre du redressement productif...



FrameLayout

- Items One above another
- In relation to the layout it self (bottom, left, center...)

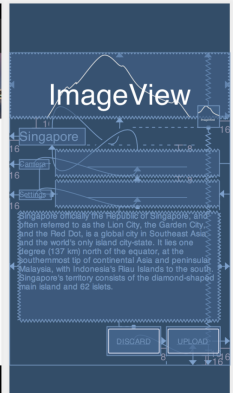
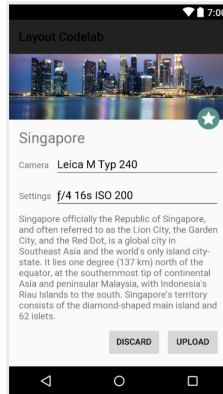
FrameLayout – example

```
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    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:background="#EEEEEE">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:gravity="center"
        android:text="Texte_1"
        android:background="#77AA0000">
    </TextView>
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:gravity="center"
        android:text="Texte_2"
        android:background="#7700AA00">
    </TextView>
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="bottom|right"
        android:text="Texte_3"
        android:background="#770000AA"
        android:textColor="@android:color/white">
    </TextView>
</FrameLayout>
```



ConstraintLayout

- Allows you to create large and complex layouts with a flat view hierarchy
- Similar to RelativeLayout (all views are laid out according to other views)



Other layout

- `AbsoluteLayout`
 - Fixed position elements
 - **Do not use!** Does not handle the different screen size
- `GridLayout`
- `TableLayout`
- `SwipeRefreshLayout`
- `DrawerLayout`

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Event management

Every View can interact with the user

- Click / `OnClickListener`
- Focus / `OnFocusChangeListener`
- Touch ...
- For `TextView`
 - text modification / `TextWatcher`
 - keyboard validation / `OnEditorActionListener`

To listen those events, you need to register listeners

View – OnClickListener – Method 1

```
Button myButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.ok);
myButton.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
    @Override
    public void onClick(View v) {
        // click button
    }
});
```

View – OnClickListener – Method 2

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity
    implements OnClickListener {
    private Button mButton;

    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        // ...
        mButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.ok);
        mButton.setOnClickListener(this);
        // ...
    }
    public void onClick(View v) {
        if (v.equals(mButton)) {
            // click button
        } else {
            // ...
        }
    }
}
```

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- Display a list of scrollable elements
- `ListView`
- One of the most complex widget in Android
- Simple to use
- Use an Adapter to load each of it's lines
- Specific event on line selection
 - `OnItemClickListener`

Adapter

- In charge of providing data to the `ListView`
- Data can be stored in different types of data
 - Arrays : `ArrayAdapter`
 - Database : `CursorAdapter` and `SimpleCursorAdapter`
 - Other : `BaseAdapter`
- The `ArrayAdapter` and `SimpleCursorAdapter` class facilitate the Adapter integration for simple cells
- More explanations during the practical sessions

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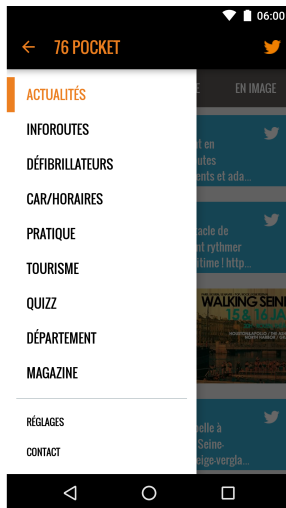
Ressources

What is a ressource

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- Text
- Color
- Image
- Dimensions
- ...

String ressources



String.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">Pocket76</string>
    <string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>
    <string name="defibrilateur">Defibrilateur</string>
    <string-array name="encoding">
        <item>US-ASCII</item>
        <item>ISO-8859-1</item>
        <item>UTF-8</item>
    </string-array>
    <string name="deconnexion">disconnection of %s</string>
    <string name="user">User number %d</string>
</resources>
```

Strings – Localisation

- Localisation depends of the folder name
 - values-fr/ : French
 - values-pt/ : Portuguese
 - values-de/ : German
 - values-zh/ : Chinese (zhong guo)
 - values/ : default language
- The same strings have to be in the different directories

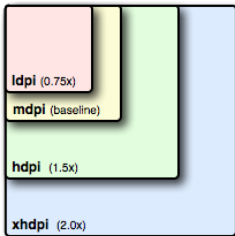
Values – Colors

Fichier res/values/color.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <color name="title_text_color">#FFFF0000</color>
    <color name="black">@android:color/black</color>
    <color name="item_text_color">@color/black</color>
    <color name="cell_background">#2e2e2e</color>
</resources>
```

Drawable – Bitmap

- Pre defined ratios
- Example of the application icon
 - 36x36 ldpi
 - 48x48 mdpi
 - 72x72 hdpi
 - 96x96 xhdpi
 - 144x144 xxhdpi
 - 192x192 xxxhdpi



Drawable – Screen size

- Specific resources folder for each screen category
 - drawable-ldpi/
 - drawable-mdpi/
 - drawable-hdpi/
 - drawable-xhdpi/
 - drawable-xxhdpi/
 - drawable-xxxhdpi/
 - drawable/ shortcut to drawable-mdpi/
- If a resource is missing for one screen size it's automatically created by Android

Values – Dimensions

Fichier res/values/dimens.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <dimen name="text_size_small">10sp</dimen>
    <dimen name="text_size_medium">15sp</dimen>
    <dimen name="text_size_big">20sp</dimen>
    <dimen name="cell_height">60dp</dimen>
    <dimen name="command_main_padding">25dp</dimen>
    <dimen name="command_padding_elements">
        @dimen/command_main_padding
    </dimen>
</resources>
```

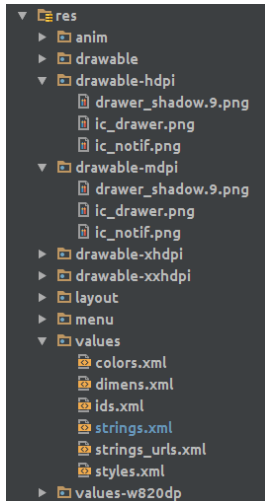
Values – Use

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_marginTop="@dimen/command_padding_elements"
    android:background="@color/black" >

    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="@dimen/cell_height"
        android:text="@string/adresse_ip"
        android:textSize="@dimen/text_size_medium" >
    </TextView>

</LinearLayout>
```

Ressource structure



References used for the course

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