

## **Similar Clickable Widgets**

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### **Topics in This Section**

- Buttons
- ImageButtons each with single image
- ImageButtons each with 3 (normal/focused/pressed) images
- RadioButtons with OnClickListener on each
- RadioButtons with OnCheckedChangeListener on RadioGroup
- **CheckBoxes**
- **ToggleButtons**

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## Widget Lectures Combined in Single Project

#### Main screen

Lets user choose screens on various Widget topics

#### Other screens

- Correspond to separate lectures.
  - One screen for lecture on Buttons, another for lecture on Spinners, another for number input, etc.

#### Separate layout files

- main.xml, buttons.xml, spinners.xml, etc. See next slide.

#### Separate Java classes

WidgetActivity.java, ButtonActivity.java,
 SpinnerActivity.java, etc.

#### Shared strings file

- strings.xml has separate sections for each lecture, but same file

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### **Layout Files for Widget Lectures**

#### Separate layout files for each Activity

- res/layout/main.xml
  - Gives layout for main screen. Loaded with setContentView(R.layout.main);
- res/layout/buttons.xml
  - Gives layout for screen on Button and related Widgets. Loaded with setContentView(R.layout.buttons);
- res/layout/spinners.xml
  - Gives layout for screen on Spinners (i.e., combo boxes).
     Loaded with setContentView(R.layout.spinners);

#### Two common layout attributes

- android:layout\_width, android:layout\_height
  - match\_parent (fill up space in enclosing View)
  - wrap\_content (use natural size)

### **Switching Activities: Summary**

#### Switches Activities with Intents

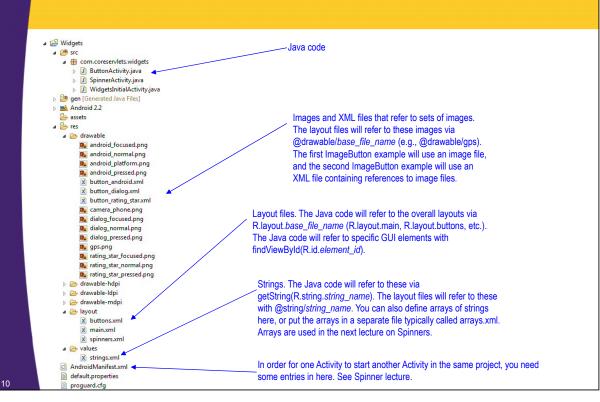
- Main screen has buttons to navigate to other Activities
- Return to original screen with phone's "back" button

#### Syntax required to start new Activity

- Java
  - Intent newActivity = new Intent(this, NewActivity.class);
  - startActivity(newActivity);
- XML
  - Requires entry in AndroidManifest.xml (which is part of downloadable Eclipse project for Widgets)
- More details
  - · Code and some information given in Spinner lecture
  - Even more information given in later lecture on Intents

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### **Overall Widget Project Layout**





## Approach for **Button-Related Examples**

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## Summary of Layout



Horizontal LinearLayout (with 3 Buttons)

-Horizontal LinearLayout (with 3 ImageButtons)

Horizontal LinearLayout (with 3 ImageButtons)

Horizontal RadioGroup (with 3 RadioButtons)

Vertical LinearLayout

Horizontal RadioGroup

(with 3 RadioButtons)

Horizontal LinearLayout (with 3 CheckBoxes)

Horizontal LinearLayout (with 3 ToggleButtons)

An upcoming tutorial section gives details on using layouts. However, you can do a pretty lot now by knowing just two simple things:

1) You can make some pretty complex layouts by nesting horizontal and vertical layouts inside each other.

You can experiment interactively with the visual layout editor in Eclipse. Edit layout file and click on Graphical Layout.

## XML: Layout File (res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">

    <!--
        One entry for each row in previous slide.
        These entries are shown in upcoming slides.
        -->

</LinearLayout>
```

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## XML: Strings File (res/values/strings.xml)

## Java (ButtonActivity.java)

```
public class ButtonActivity extends Activity {
    ...

@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.buttons);
        ...
}

private void showToast(String text) {
        Toast.makeText(this, text, Toast.LENGTH_LONG).show();
}

...
}
```

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### **Button**

#### Idea

A push button displaying text

#### Main Listener type

- View.OnClickListener
  - If you specify the handler method in the XML file, you never explicitly refer to this Listener class.

#### Key XML attributes

- android:text
  - The label of the button. Can also be manipulated in Java with setText and getText
- android:onClick
  - The event handler method. As shown in event-handling lecture, you can also use android:id and then have Java code programmatically assign event handler.

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## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<LinearLayout</pre>
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout width="match parent"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:gravity="center horizontal">
    <Button
        android:text="@string/hi label"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <Button
        android:text="@string/bye label"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <Button
        android:text="@string/yo label"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android: onClick="showButtonText"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

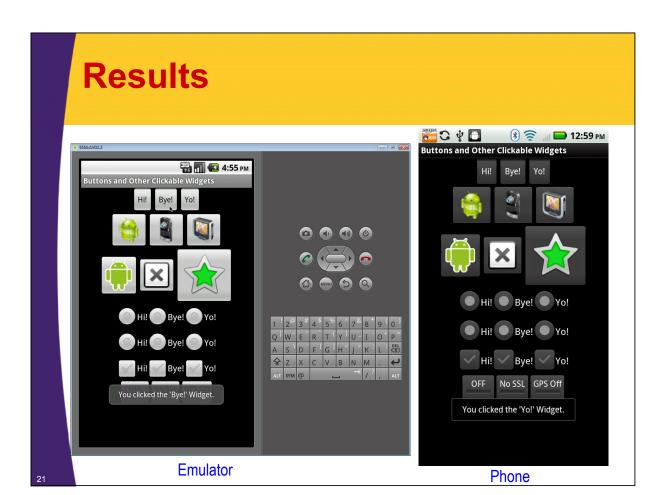
## XML: Strings File Entries (Part of res/values/strings.xml)

The event handler method will use String.format and this template to produce a message that will be shown in a Toast (short-lived popup message) when a Button is clicked.

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### Java (Relevant Parts)

```
public class ButtonActivity extends Activity {
    private String mButtonMessageTemplate;
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
         super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
         setContentView(R.layout.buttons);
         mButtonMessageTemplate =
                  getString(R.string.button message template);
    }
    public void showButtonText(View clickedButton) {
         Button button = (Button)clickedButton;
                                                           This is the method specified
                                                           for each Button via the
         CharSequence text = button.getText();
                                                           android:onClick attribute in the
                                                           layout file.
         String message =
                  String.format(mButtonMessageTemplate, text);
         showToast(message);
    }
```





### ImageButton, Variation 1

- Idea
  - A push button displaying an image

If you just want to display ar image, but not take action when it is clicked, see the ImageView class.

- Main Listener type
  - View.OnClickListener
- Key XML attributes
  - android:src
    - The image for the button. Refers to the base name (minus the extension) of an image file in the res/drawable folder
      - Supported formats are png, jpeg, gif, and bmp.
         You can also refer to a drawable XML file as in next example.
      - The localization lecture will talk about drawable-xdpi folders
    - Can also be set in Java with setImageDrawable
  - android:onClick
    - The event handler method

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## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<LinearLayout</pre>
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout width="match parent"
                                                      Refers to
    android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                      res/drawable/android_platform.png
    android:gravity="center horizontal">
    <ImageButton</pre>
         android:src="@drawable/android_platform"
         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
         android: layout height="wrap content"
         android:onClick="showImageButton1Info"/>
Refers to
    <ImageButton</pre>
                                                      res/drawable/camera_phone.png
         android:src="@drawable/camera_phone"
         android:layout width="wrap content"
         android:layout height="wrap content"
         android:onClick="showImageButton2Info"/>
                                                       -Refers to res/drawable/gps.png
    <ImageButton</pre>
         android:src="@drawable/gps"
         android:layout width="wrap content"
         android: layout height="wrap content"
         android:onClick="showImageButton3Info"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

## XML: Strings File Entries (Part of res/values/strings.xml)

```
<string name="image button message template">
     You clicked the ImageButton that displays %s.
 </string>
 <string name="image button 1 image">
                                                      The event handler method
                                                      will use String.format, this
      the android platform.png image
                                                      template, and the
                                                      descriptions below to
 </string>
                                                      produce a message that will
                                                      be shown in a Toast when an
 <string name="image button 2 image">
                                                      ImageButton is clicked.
       the camera phone.png image
 </string>
 <string name="image button 3 image">
      the gps.png image
 </string>
```

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### Java (Relevant Parts)

```
public class ButtonActivity extends Activity {
    private String mImageButtonMessageTemplate;
     @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
         mImageButtonMessageTemplate =
                   getString(R.string.image_button_message_template);
     }
    public void showImageButton1Info(View clickedImageButton) {
         showImageButtonInfo(R.string.image button 1 image);
     }
                                                              This is the method specified for the first
                                                              ImageButton via the android:onClick attribute
    private void showImageButtonInfo(int imageId) { in the layout file. Methods for the other
                                                              ImageButtons are similar.
         String image = getString(imageId);
         String message =
                   String.format(mImageButtonMessageTemplate, image);
         showToast(message);
     }
```

### **Results (Emulator)**





### ImageButton, Variation 2

#### Idea

 A push button displaying one of three images, depending upon the situation

#### Main Listener type

View.OnClickListener

#### Key XML attributes

- android:src
  - The image descriptor file for the button. Refers to the base name (minus the .xml extension) of an XML file in the res/drawable folder
    - The file, in turn, refers to three regular images in drawable folder
  - Can also be set in Java with setImageDrawable
- android:onClick
  - The event handler method

## Individual Image Files vs. XML Files

#### Individual image files





- Android will use the same image for all states of the button (normal, focused, pressed)
- Android will change the background color when focused or pressed. This affects the transparent pixels.

#### XML files





To get images for practicing, look in android-sdk-install-dir/platform-x/data/res/drawable-xdpi.
Or, do a Google search for free icons. Also, see http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/toolsdraw9patch.html for building your own images.

- Android will use a different image for each state of the button (normal, focused, pressed)
- The different images can have different foreground colors, not just different backgrounds.

## Image Descriptor File (res/drawable/button\_android.xml)

These are the actual image files for each of the three possible states of the ImageButton.

The order of the three files matters. For more detail, see http://developer.android.com/reference/android/widget/lmageButton.html

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## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<LinearLayout</pre>
     android:orientation="horizontal"
     android:layout width="match parent"
                                                             Refers to res/drawable/button_android.xml.
     android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                             This, in turn, refers to three regular image
                                                             files. Code on previous slide
     android:gravity="center">
     <ImageButton</pre>
          android:src="@drawable/button android"
          android:layout width="wrap content"
          android:layout height="wrap content"
          android:onClick="showImageButton4Info"/>
                                                               Refers to res/drawable/button_dialog.xml.
                                                               This, in turn, refers to three regular image
     <ImageButton</pre>
          android:src="@drawable/button dialog"
          android:layout width="wrap content"
          android:layout height="wrap content"
          android:onClick="showImageButton5Info"/> Refers to
                                                               res/drawable/button_rating_star.xml. This,
     <ImageButton</pre>
                                                               in turn, refers to three regular image files
          android:src="@drawable/button rating star"
          android:layout width="wrap content"
          android: layout height="wrap content"
          android:onClick="showImageButton6Info"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

## XML: Strings File Entries (Part of res/values/strings.xml)

```
<string name="image button message template">
    You clicked the ImageButton that displays %s.
</string>
                                                     String format, this template, and the
                                                     descriptions below to produce a
                                                     message that will be shown in a
                                                     Toast when an ImageButton is
                                                     clicked. This is just a copy of entry
                                                     already shown in previous
<string name="image button 4 image">
                                                     ImageButton example.
     the Drawable defined in button android.xml
</string>
<string name="image button 5 image">
     the Drawable defined in button dialog.xml
</string>
<string name="image button 6 image">
     the Drawable defined in button rating star.xml
</string>
```

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### Java (Relevant Parts)

```
public class ButtonActivity extends Activity {
    private String mImageButtonMessageTemplate;
     @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
         mImageButtonMessageTemplate =
                   getString(R.string.image button message template);
     }
    public void showImageButton4Info(View clickedImageButton) {
         showImageButtonInfo(R.string.image button 4 image);
     }
                                                                This is the method specified for the first
                                                                of these 3 ImageButtons via the
                                                                android:onClick attribute in the layout
    private void showImageButtonInfo(int imageId) {
                                                                file. Methods for the other ImageButtons
         String image = getString(imageId);
         String message =
                   String.format(mImageButtonMessageTemplate, image);
         showToast(message);
     }
```

### **Results (Emulator)**



RadioButton
(with Event Handler Attached to Each)

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#### **RadioButton**

#### Idea

A button for choosing a single option among alternatives

#### Main Listener types

- View.OnClickListener
  - Assign to each RadioButton if you only care about which has been pressed most recently. But also see upcoming example for Listener attached to the RadioGroup.
    - No need to explicitly refer to Listener when using android:onClick
- No Listener at all
  - Some apps take no action when RadioButton is clicked, but instead query the RadioGroup later to find selection

#### Key XML attributes

- android:text, android:onClick
  - Same as in previous examples.

RadioGroup

#### Idea

- Similar to LinearLayout, but specifically for organizing RadioButtons.
- Makes the RadioButtons exclusive (checking one causes previous selection to become unchecked)

#### Main Listener types

- RadioGroup.OnCheckedChangeListener
  - Assign to RadioGroup if you want to keep track of both current and previous selections
  - You can also call getCheckedRadioButtonId, if you don't need to respond immediately, but want to find selection later

#### Key XML attributes

- Mostly same as for LinearLayout
- Use android:id if you want to programmatically set an OnCheckedChangeListener
  - No android:onBlah to set RadioGroup Listener in XML

## First Example: Event Handlers Attached to Each RadioButton

#### Idea

 Respond to clicks on each RadioButton by showing Toast saying which one was pressed.

#### Approach

- Put RadioButtons inside RadioGroup so that they are mutually exclusive.
- To assign event handlers, use android:onClick for each RadioButton
- No id for RadioGroup. No Listener for RadioGroup

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## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<RadioGroup
    android:gravity="center horizontal"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:layout width="match parent"
    android:orientation="horizontal">
    <RadioButton
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:text="@string/hi label"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <RadioButton
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:text="@string/bye label"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <RadioButton
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/yo label"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
</RadioGroup>
```

This first example uses click handlers attached to each RadioButton.

### **Strings File and Java Code**

- Nothing new for this example
  - Strings file
    - Already showed button labels and button\_message\_template
  - Java code
    - Already showed makeToast and showButtonText

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## Results (Emulator)





# RadioButton (with Event Handler Attached to RadioGroup)

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## Second Example: Event Handler Attached to RadioGroup

#### Idea

 Respond to clicks by showing Toast saying which one was pressed and which one was previously selected.

#### Approach

- Put RadioButtons inside RadioGroup so that they are mutually exclusive.
  - · Same as last example
- In XML, give id to RadioGroup.
- In Java, find RadioGroup and call setOnCheckedChangeListener

## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<RadioGroup
```

</RadioGroup>

```
android:id="@+id/radio group"
android:gravity="center horizontal"
android:layout height="wrap content"
android:layout width="match parent"
android:orientation="horizontal">
<RadioButton
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:layout width="wrap content"
    android:text="@string/hi label"/>
<RadioButton
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:layout width="wrap content"
    android:text="@string/bye label"/>
<RadioButton
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:layout width="wrap content"
    android:text="@string/yo label"/>
```

The id is needed so that Java can get a reference and programmatically set the OnCheckedChangeListener.

RadioButtons do *not* have android:onClick entries

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## XML: Strings File Entries (Part of res/values/strings.xml)

The event handler method will use String.format, one of these templates, the current selection, and the previous selection to produce a message that will be shown in a Toast when a RadioButton is clicked.

Use formatted="false" if a string has more than one %s placeholder.

### **Java (Relevant Parts)**

Continued on next page.
RadioGroupInfo is an inner class inside
ButtonActivity.

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## Java (Relevant Parts, Continued)

```
private class RadioGroupInfo implements OnCheckedChangeListener {
   private RadioButton mLastChecked;
   private String mNewSelectionMessageTemplate;
   private String mChangedSelectionMessageTemplate;

public RadioGroupInfo() {
     mNewSelectionMessageTemplate =
        getString(R.string.new_selection_message_template);
     mChangedSelectionMessageTemplate =
        getString(R.string.changed_selection_message_template);
}
```

Top of the inner class

## Java (Relevant Parts, Continued)

```
@Override
        public void onCheckedChanged(RadioGroup group, int checkedId) {
             RadioButton newChecked =
                      (RadioButton) findViewById (checkedId);
             String message;
             if (mLastChecked == null) { // No previous selection
                 message = String.format(mNewSelectionMessageTemplate,
                                            newChecked.getText());
             } else {
                 message = String.format(mChangedSelectionMessageTemplate,
                                            newChecked.getText(),
                                            mLastChecked.getText());
             mLastChecked = newChecked;
             showToast(message);
        }
    }
}
   Bottom of the inner class. Keeps track of
   current and previous selections.
```

### Results (Emulator)





### **CheckBox**

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### **CheckBox**

#### Idea

- A button with two states (checked and unchecked)
  - · Has visual indicator to show whether it is checked
  - In Java, use isChecked() to determine state. Use setChecked to programmatically change the state.
- Same text in both states (unlike ToggleButton)

#### Main Listener types

- View.OnClickListener
- No Listener at all
  - Take no action when CheckBox is clicked, but instead query the CheckBox later to find if it is checked or not

#### Key XML attributes

- android:text, android:onClick
  - Same as in previous examples

## XML: Layout File Entry (Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)

```
<LinearLayout</pre>
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout width="match parent"
                                                 Note that the class name is
                                                 CheckBox, not Checkbox
    android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                 (as in AWT).
    android:gravity="center horizontal">
    <CheckBox
        android:text="@string/hi label"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <CheckBox
        android:text="@string/bye label"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
    <CheckBox
        android:text="@string/yo label"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout_height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showButtonText"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

### Strings File and Java Code

- Nothing new for this example
  - Strings file
    - Already showed button labels and button\_message\_template
  - Java code
    - Already showed makeToast and showButtonText

## **Results (Emulator)**



ToggleButton

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### **ToggleButton**

#### Idea

- A button with two states (checked and unchecked)
  - · Has visual indicator to show whether it is checked
  - In Java, use isChecked() to determine state. Use setChecked to programmatically change the state.
- Has different text for each state (unlike CheckBox)

#### Main Listener types

- View.OnClickListener
- No Listener at all
  - Take no action when ToggleButton is clicked, but instead query the ToggleButton later to find if it is checked or not

#### **Key XML attributes**

- android:textOn, android:textOff
  - The text for the two states. If you omit this, then the text is automatically ON and OFF (in caps)
- android:onClick
  - Same as in previous examples

XML: Layout File Entry

```
(Part of res/layout/buttons.xml)
```

```
<LinearLayout</pre>
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout width="match parent"
                                                  No textOn or textOff attributes, so
    android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                  the defaults of ON and OFF will be
    android:gravity="center horizontal">
    <ToggleButton
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showToggleButtonInfo"/>
    <ToggleButton
        android:textOn="@string/ssl toggle on"
        android:textOff="@string/ssl toggle off"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showToggleButtonInfo"/>
    <ToggleButton
        android:textOn="@string/gps toggle on"
        android:textOff="@string/gps toggle off"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:onClick="showToggleButtonInfo"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

## XML: Strings File Entries (Part of res/values/strings.xml)

The event handler method will use String.format, this template, the state of the ToggleButton (on or off), and the text to produce a message that will be shown in a Toast when a ToggleButton is clicked.

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### Java (Relevant Parts)

## Java (Relevant Parts, Continued)

This is the method specified for the

## **Results (Emulator)**





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### **Summary**

#### Click handling is consistent among buttons

- Button, ImageButton, RadioButton, CheckBox, ToggleButton
  - Can specify event handler method with android:onClick
  - Or can set programmatically as in events lecture

#### **ImageButton**

- Can have single image or set of three.
  - Specify with android:src
  - · Images and image XML files go in res/drawable folder

#### RadioGroup

- Surrounds RadioButtons. Can have its own Listener if you need to track previous selection.

#### **ToggleButton**

 Similar behavior to CheckBox. But has android:textOn and android:textOff instead of a fixed label.

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## **Questions?**

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