

Guide to running the game in the emulator

This installation guide document is not a substitute but a complementary resource for the videos provided in the course.

Please note that this is a working document and that errors may remain.

There are a lot of things that are discussed in the videos that are not discussed here. This installation guide is only to help you download, install and setup your system – we highly recommend you viewing the videos to understand the process fully. The installation guide combines install and configuring instructions from several MOOC resources without going into detail about other features discussed in videos.

Setting up the game framework

Now we are going to copy files from the downloaded and unzipped game framework bundle.

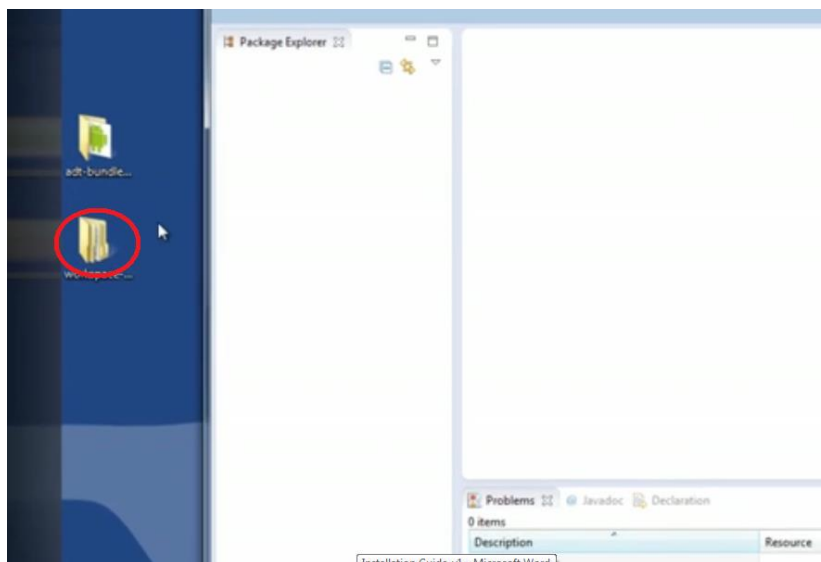


Figure 1: Locate Game Framework Files

Double-click on the folder that contains the downloaded and unzipped game framework files.

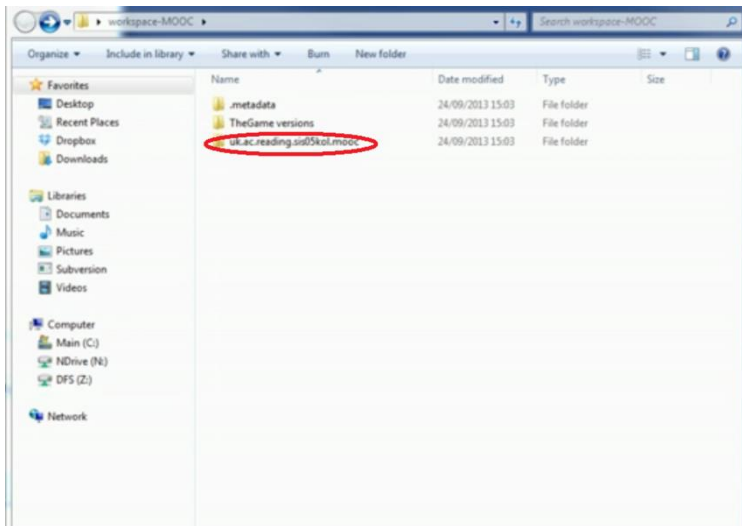


Figure 2: Game Framework folders

Go inside the folder 'uk.ac.reading.sis05kol.mooc'. Its content is shown in Figure .

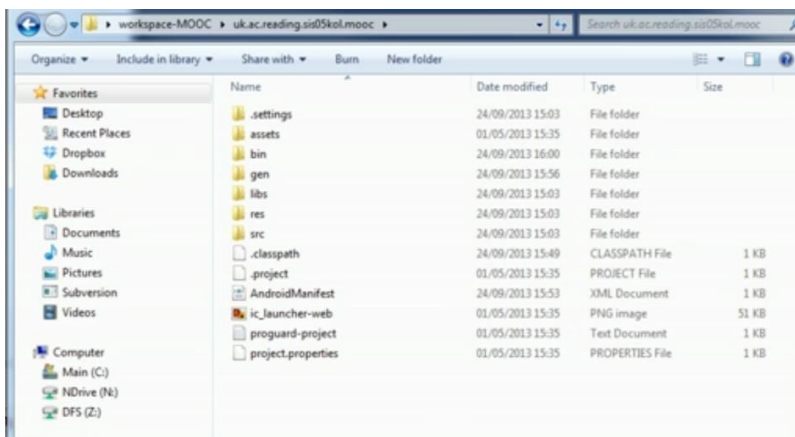


Figure 3: Content of the folder

Now we have to copy these files into an Android Project. For that we need to create an Android Project. Go to ADT and select 'File' and you will get a drop down menu.

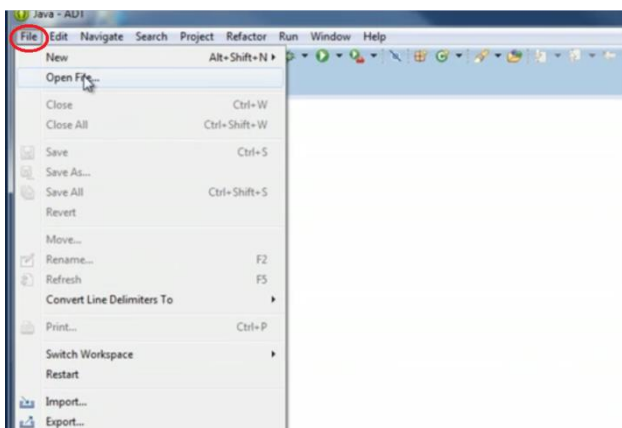


Figure 4: ADT File Menu

Under File menu select 'New' and under that select 'Android Application Project'

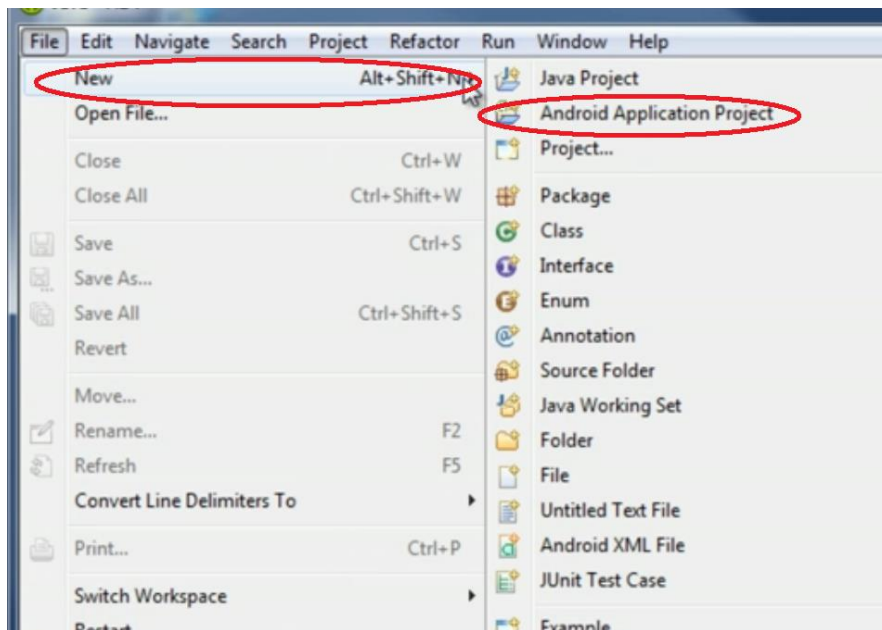


Figure 5: Create Android Application Project

This will open the New Android Application dialog. Here you need to give an Application Name. Type 'MOOC' as application name.

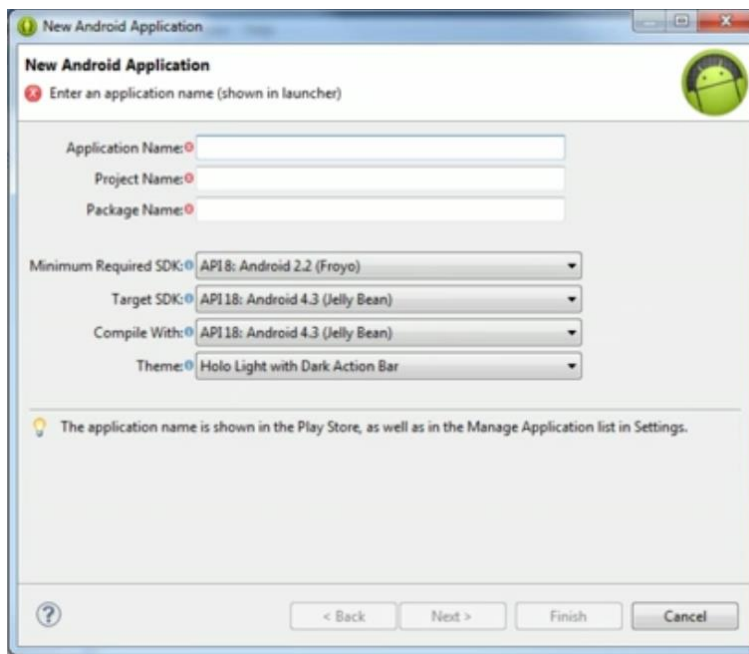


Figure 6: New Android Application

Next we need to provide a 'Package Name'. The package name needs to be taken from the 'AndroidManifest' file in the downloaded game framework bundle.

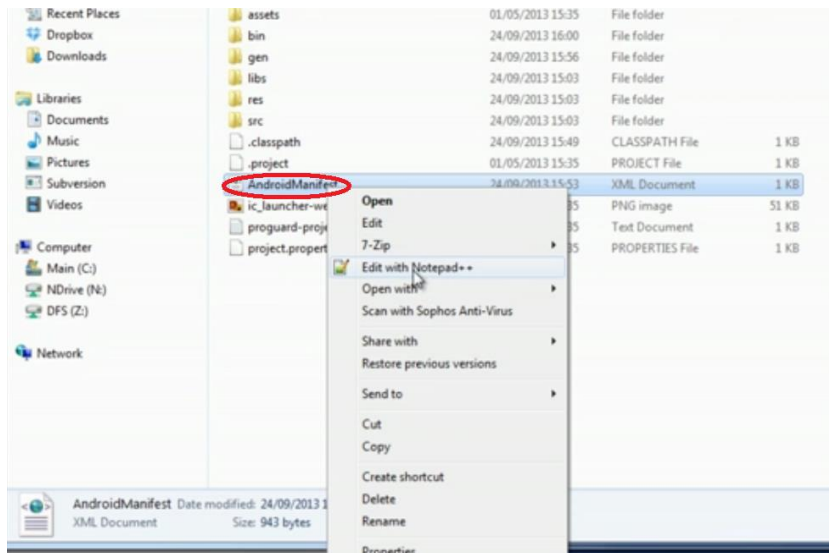


Figure 7: Open AndroidManifest

Locate the file 'AndroidManifest' and right click it. From the dropdown menu select a text editor of your choice. Here we are using Notepad++, you could use notepad, TextEdit or gedit.

When opened AndroidManifest.xml file will look something like this.

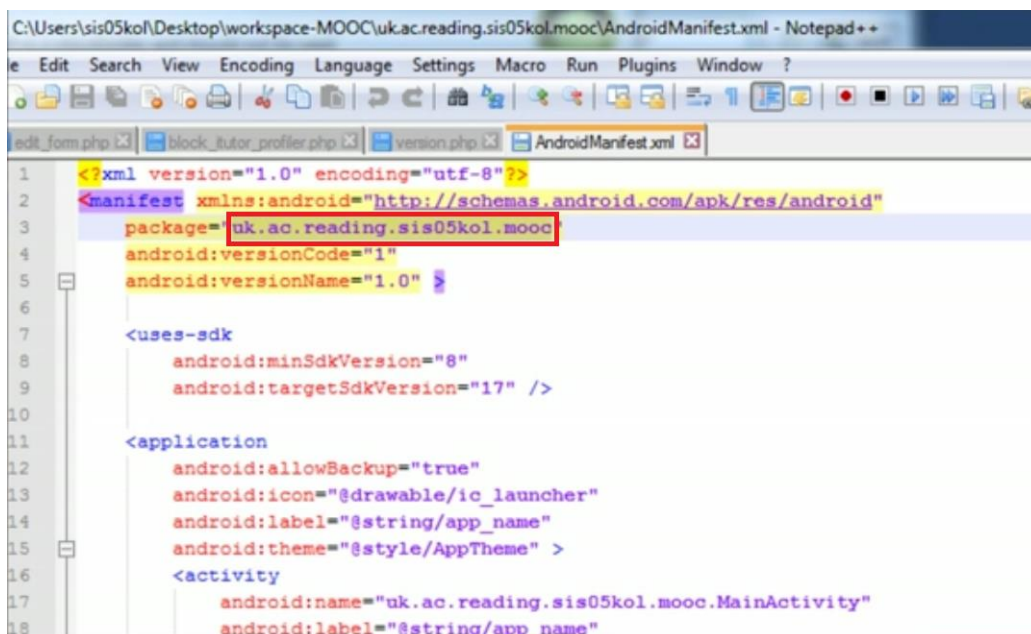


Figure 8: AndroidManifest.xml

Copy the package name from AndroidManifest and paste it in the New Android Application dialog's package name.

Now press 'Next' on the New Android Application Dialog.

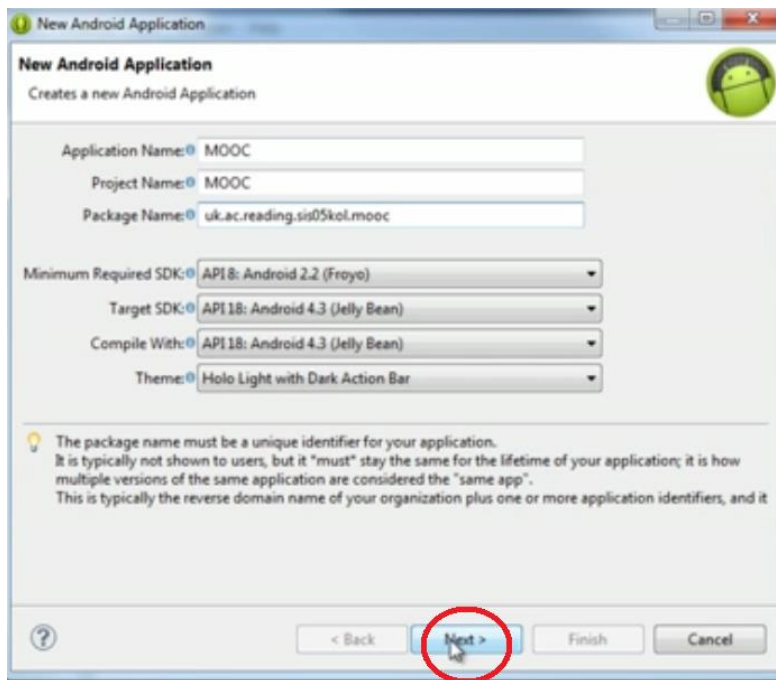


Figure 9: New Android Application

Press 'Next' on the next three screens too.

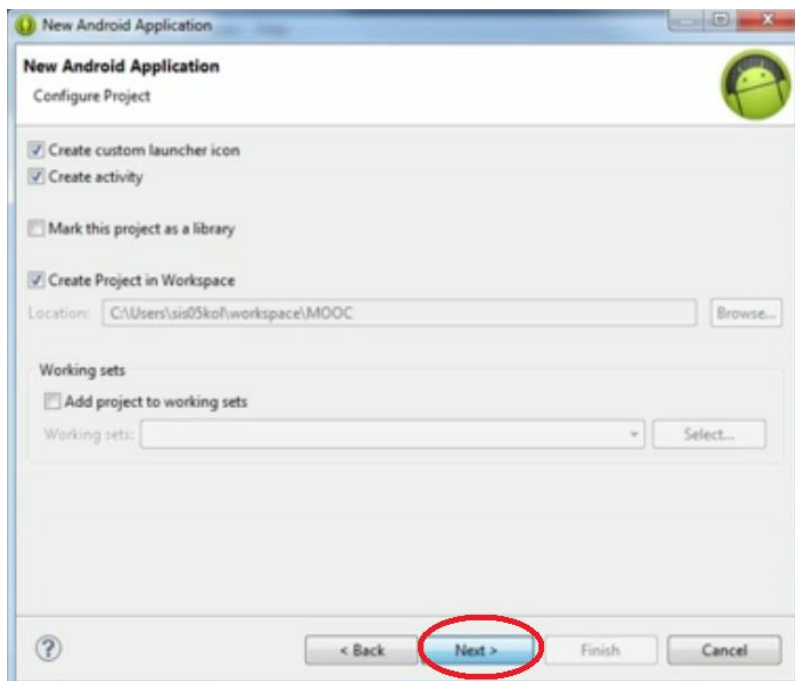


Figure 10: New Android Application dialog 2

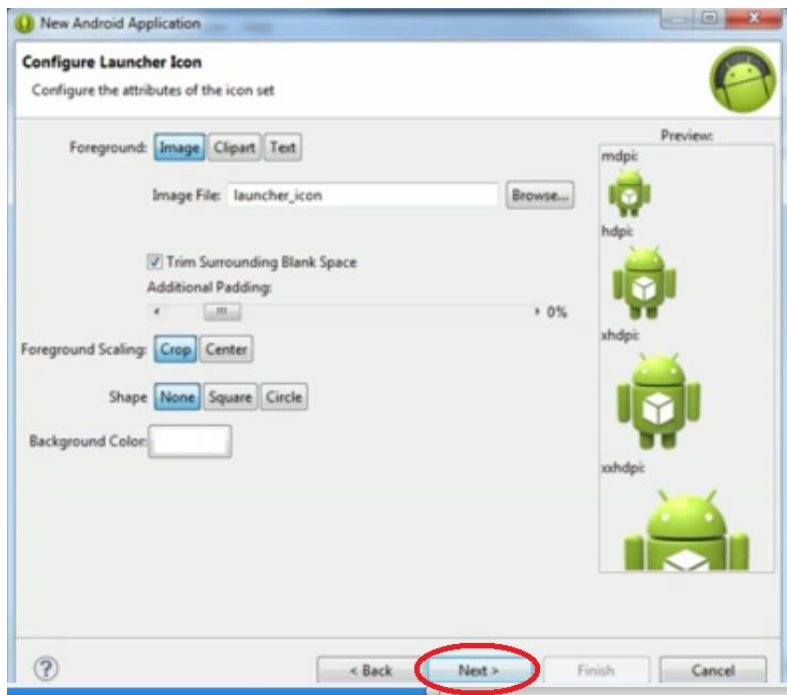


Figure 11: New Android Application dialog 3

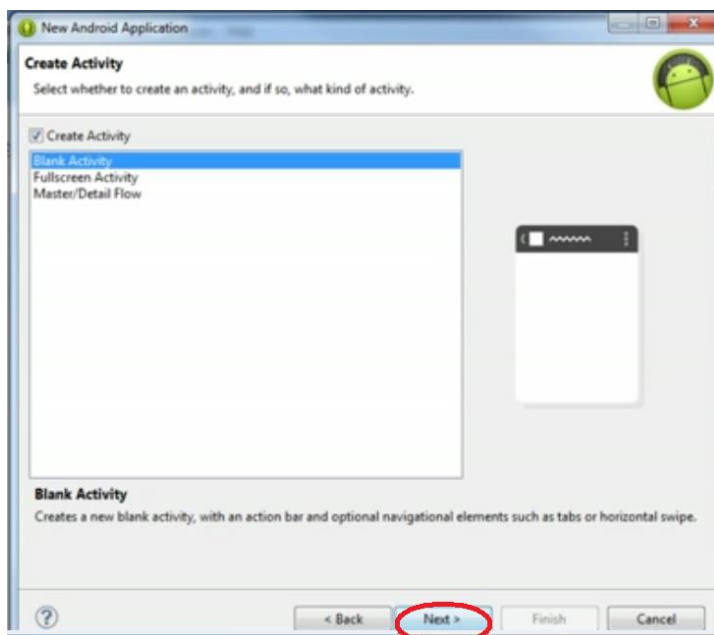


Figure 12: New Android Application dialog 4

In this final screen click 'Finish'

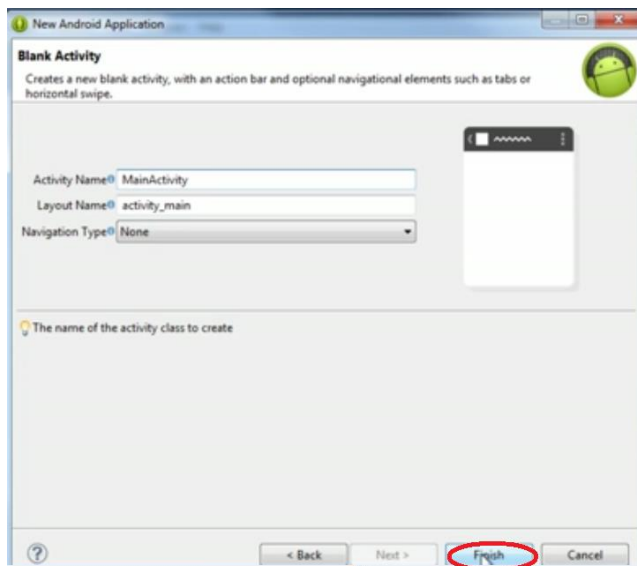


Figure 13: New Android Application dialog 5

Now it has created a new Project.

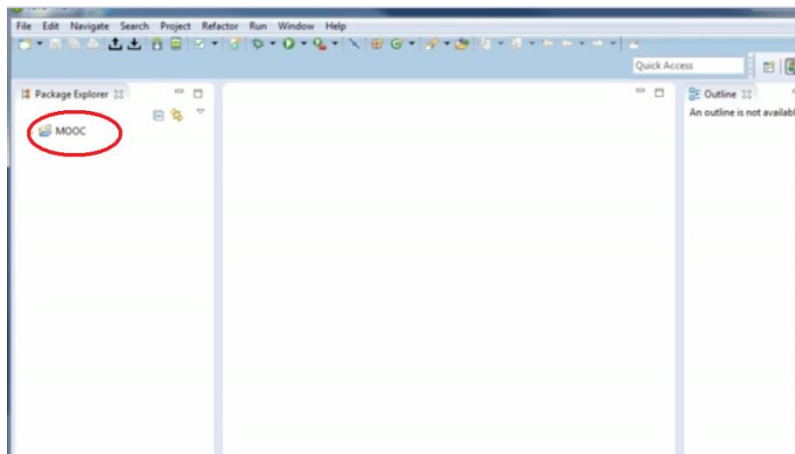


Figure 14: New project viewed on eclipse

Click on the MOOC project and you will see lot of folders and files under the 'MOOC' project.

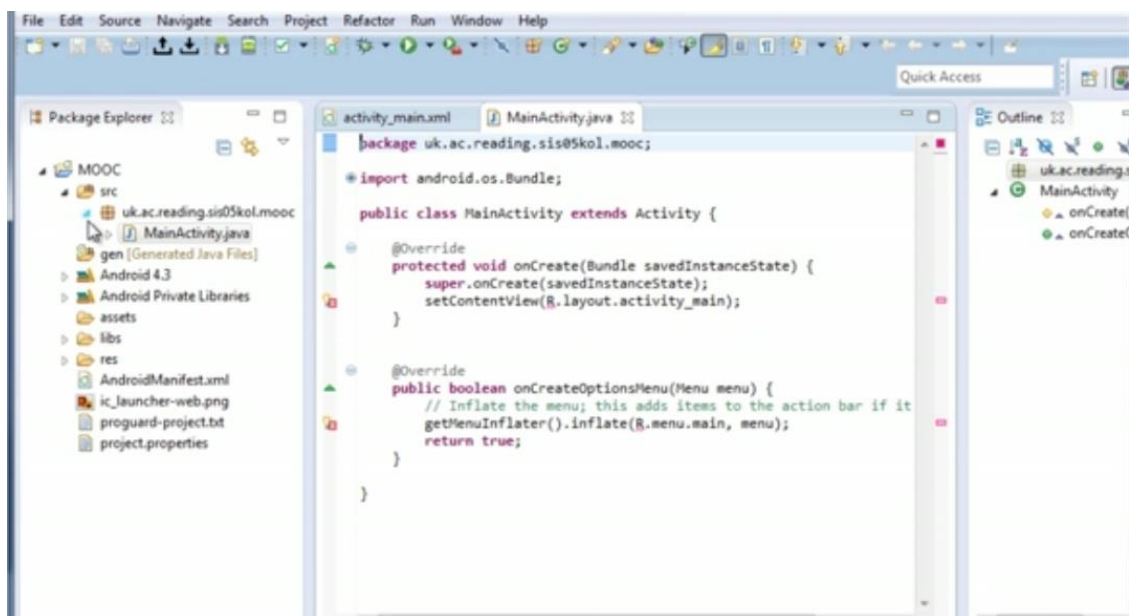


Figure 15: Project file structure - source (src)

Now go into the Game Framework folder you downloaded and find the 'src' (we call it source) folder. Now go inside 'src' folder and you will see 'uk' folder. Go inside 'uk' → 'ac' → 'reading' → 'sis05kol' → 'mooc'. The content of the MOOC folder will have four files.

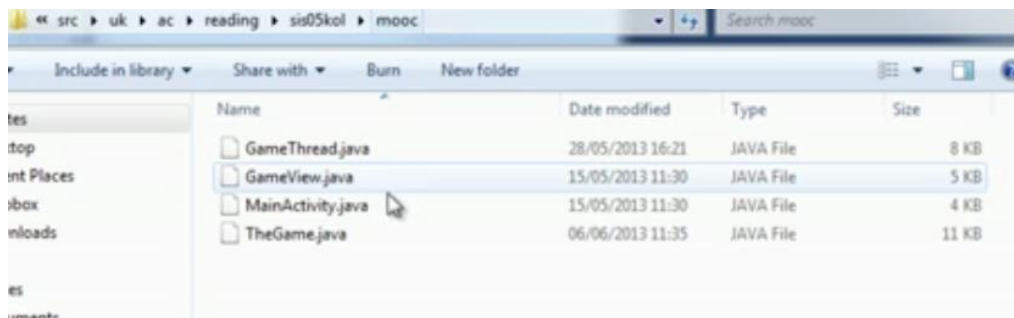


Figure 16: Copy files from Game Framework (src)

Select all four files and copy them into the newly created 'MOOC' project. Be sure to copy it under the 'src' folder's 'uk.ac.reading.sis05kol.mooc'

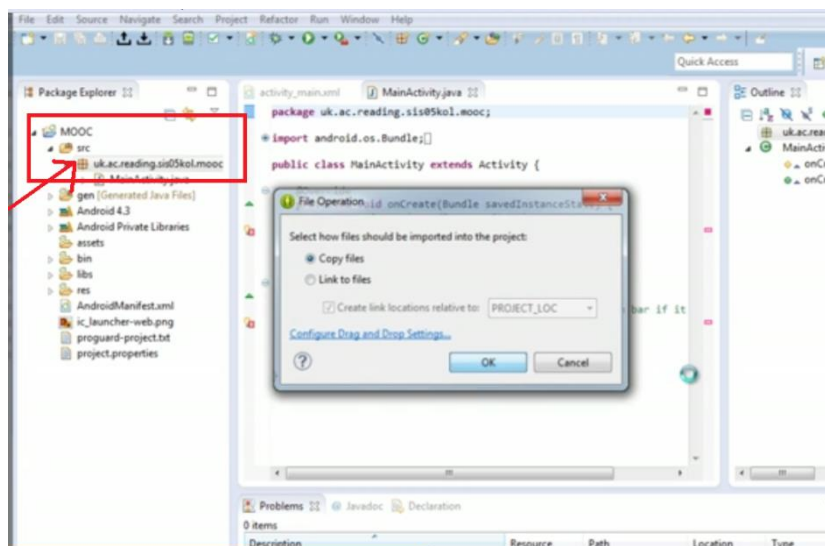


Figure 17: copy files confirmation

Select 'Copy Files' and say 'OK'

Next screen will ask for confirmation for the actions.

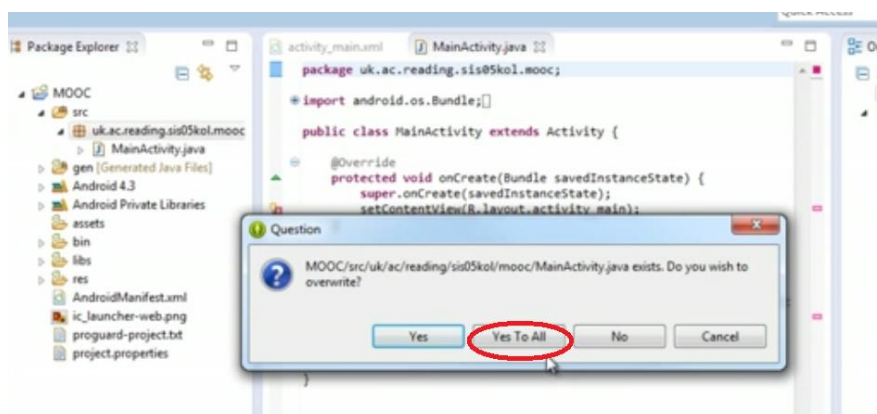


Figure 18: copy files confirmation

Select 'Yes To All'.

Don't worry about the red boxes here for the moment. They mean that there are errors but we will be adding more files into the project that are missing right now.

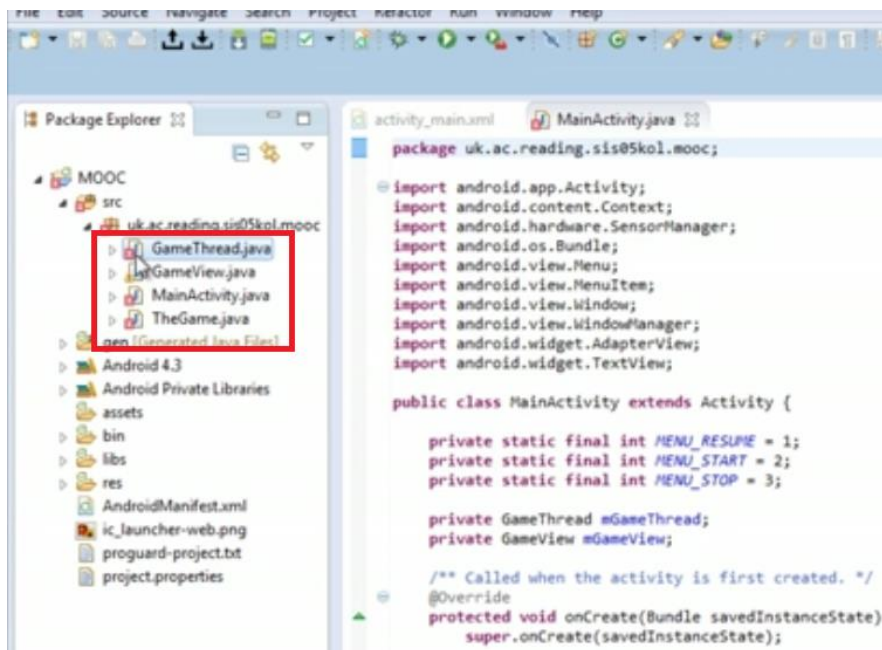


Figure 19: Copied files (src) on project view

Now we are again going into the downloaded game framework files. This time to the 'res' folder.

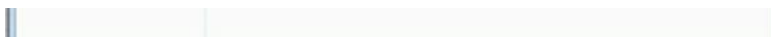


Figure 20: Copy files from Game framework (res)

This is where all resources ('res') are held.

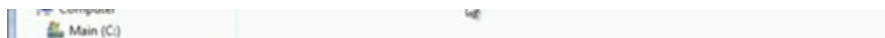


Figure 21: Game framework drawable folder

Notice that there is a 'drawable' folder.

Now look at our newly created 'MOOC' project's folder structure. There is a 'res' folder but not a 'drawable' folder.

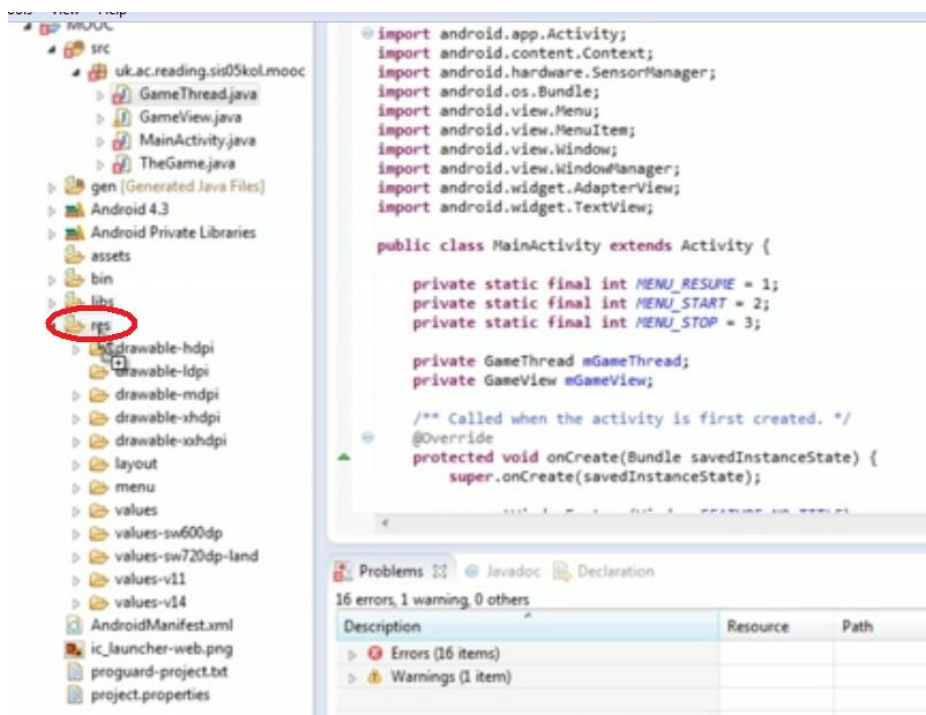


Figure 22: Project view resources (res)

Now drag the 'drawable' folder from the downloaded code and put it under the 'res' folder of the created MOOC project. It will ask for confirmation and select 'Copy Files and folders'

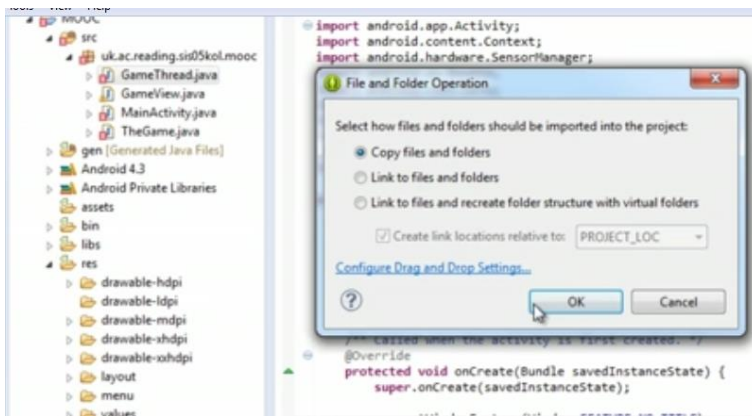


Figure 23: copy file confirmation dialog

Now your MOOC project should have a 'drawable' folder (containing couple of .png files) under 'res' folder.

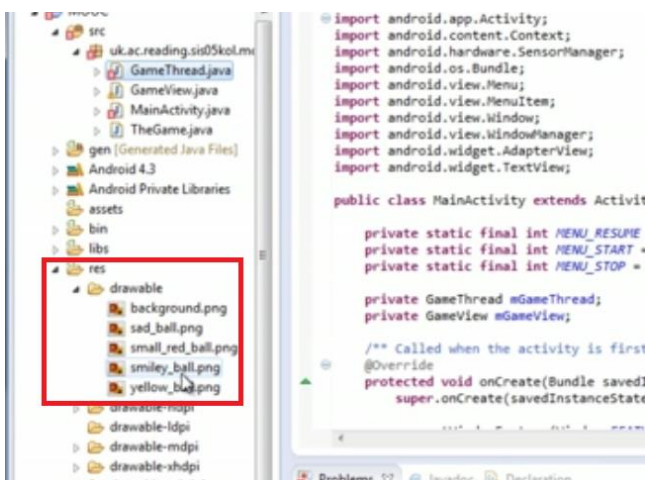


Figure 24: Copied files and folder drawable in Project view

If you want to change the Graphics in the game later on, this is where (res→drawable) you should do that.

Next we need to add some files to 'layout' of our newly created project. So go to downloaded Game framework's res→ layout.

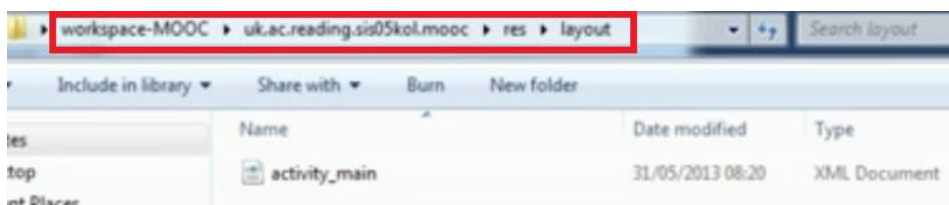


Figure 25: Game framework layout

We need to replace our project's res→layout's activity_main file with this one. So copy this file and paste it to the MOOC project's res→layout.

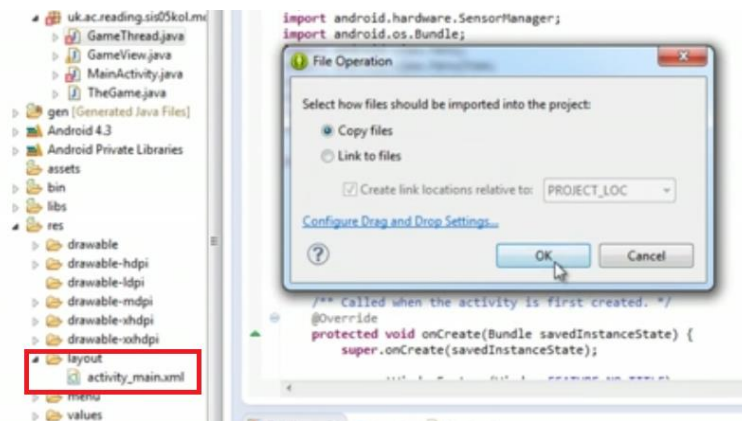


Figure 26: Copying to project resource layout

It will ask you for confirmation and click 'OK'. Then from the next dialog select 'Yes To All'.

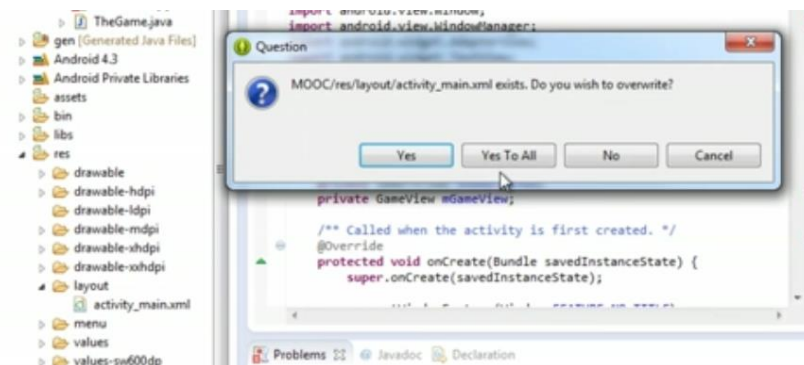


Figure 27: Confirm file copy dialog

Next we need to copy the 'Strings' file from downloaded game framework to MOOC project. Strings file comes under the res→values. Copy it from the game framework

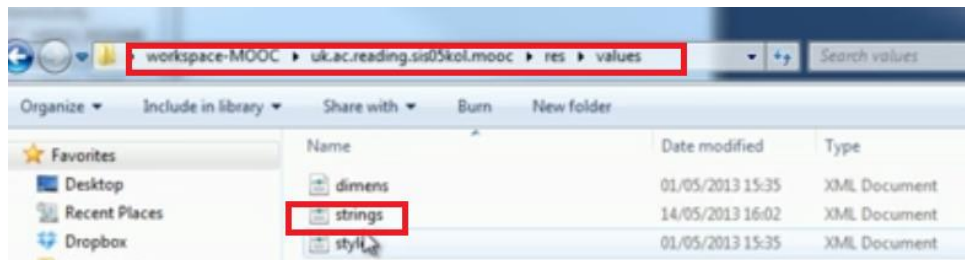


Figure 28: Game framework resource values

Then paste it overwriting the existing file in the MOOC project.

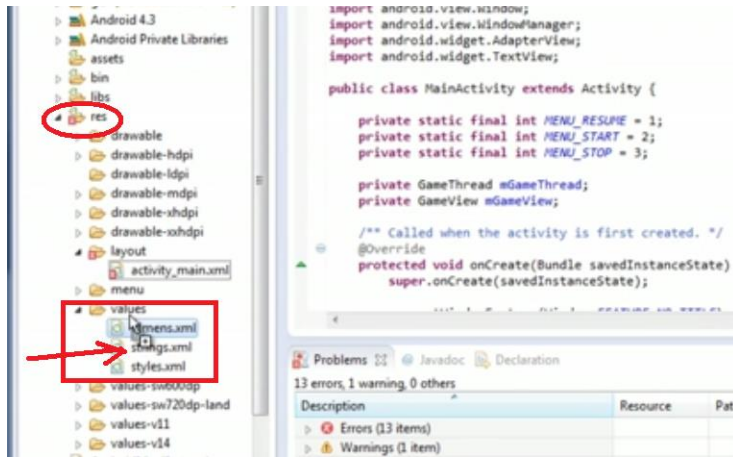


Figure 29: Project resource values

Again it will ask you for confirmation and confirm that you want to copy it over.

Next we have to copy the AndroidManifest file from game framework to our MOOC project.

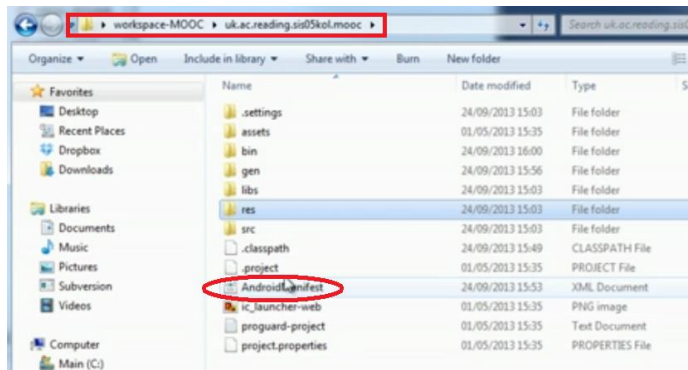


Figure 30: Game framework AndroidManifest

Now copy it over to the MOOC project and replace the existing AndroidManifest file. (You need to paste this file into the MOOC folder) .Again you will be asked to confirm.

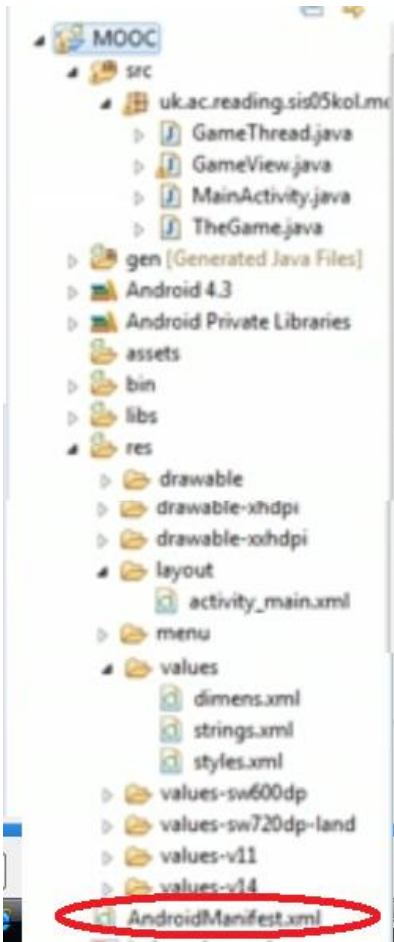


Figure 31: AndroidManifest on Project view

Now all the red cross marks appeared should be gone.

Next we are going to clean the project and do a fresh build. For this go to 'Project' on the menu bar and select 'Clean'.

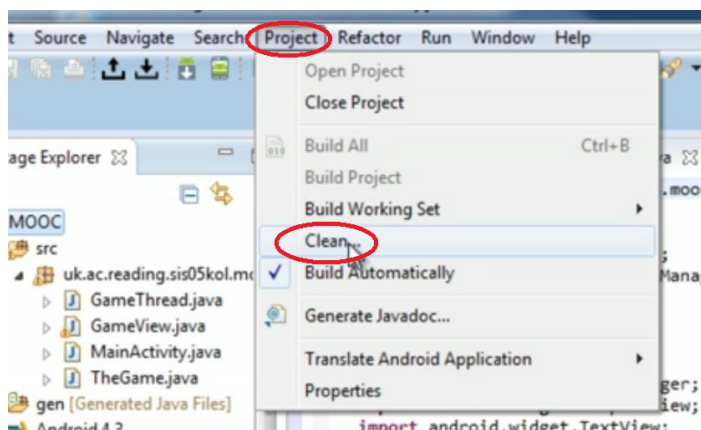


Figure 32: Clean project

Now Select 'OK'

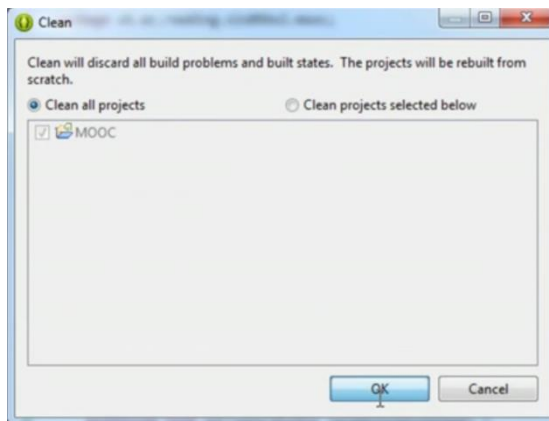


Figure 33: Clean project dialog

Now for the first time let us run the code.

For this go to the MOOC project. Right click the MOOC project and select Run As → Android Application.

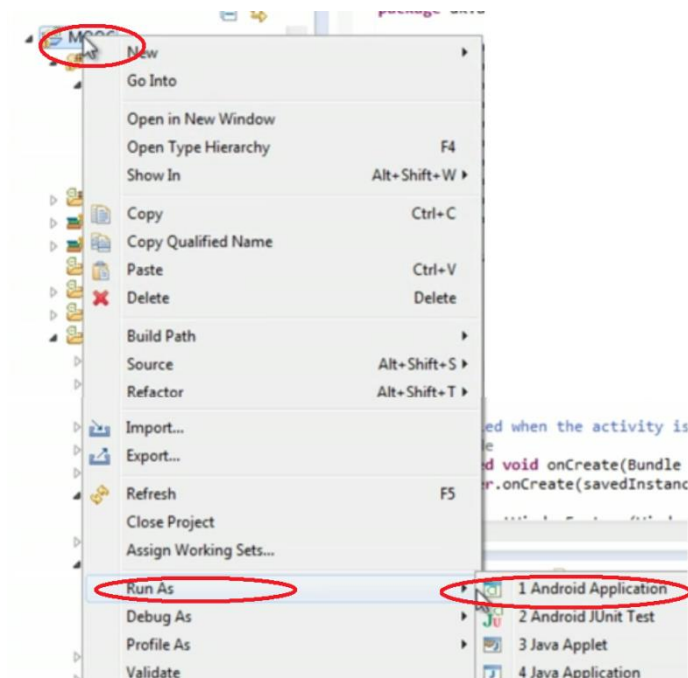


Figure 34: Run project as Android Application

Now click on the minimized Emulator window to get it to the foreground. There will be a bit of a wait but then it appears on the emulator!

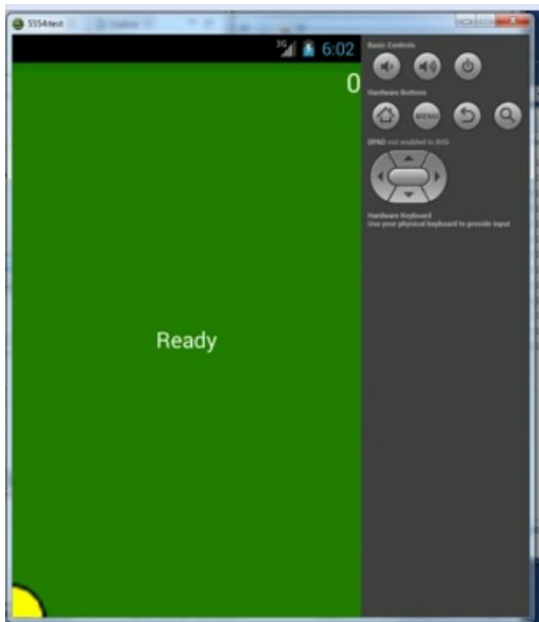


Figure 35:Running on emulator

Now it will show you a dialog to which you need to select 'OK'

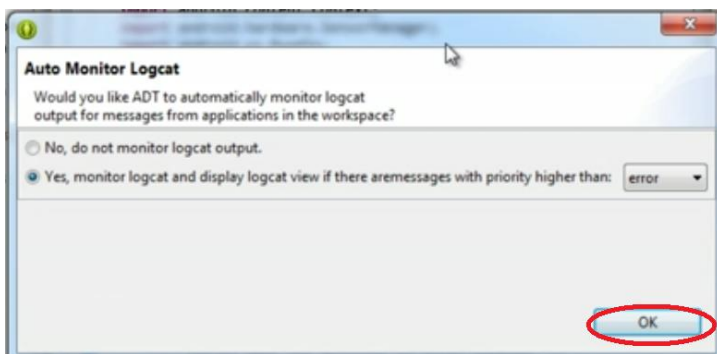


Figure 36: Auto Monitor Logcat

Now we are going to add some code into our game.

Go into the downloaded game framework folder. Go into TheGameVersions. Here you will see some java files. Right click on v1.java and open with a text editor. I am using Notepad++

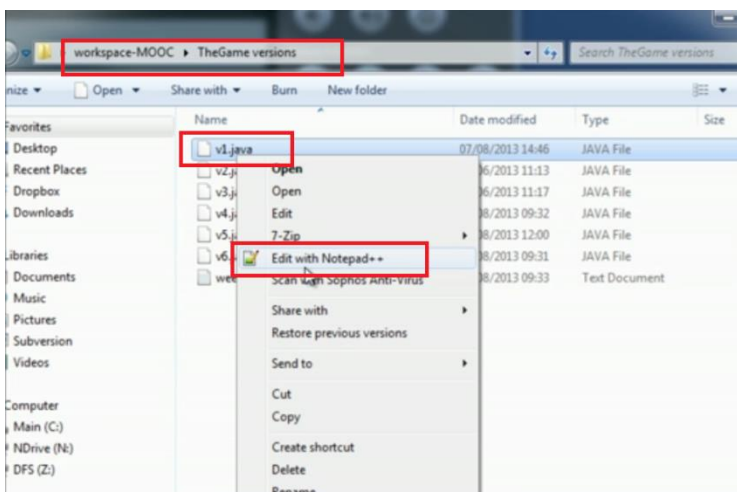


Figure 37: Game framework - Game version - 1

When opened you will see the contents of file v1. Java

```

1 package uk.ac.reading.sis05kol.mooc;
2
3 //Other parts of the android libraries that we use
4 import android.graphics.Bitmap;
5 import android.graphics.BitmapFactory;
6 import android.graphics.Canvas;
7
8 public class TheGame extends GameThread{
9
10     //Will store the image of a ball
11     private Bitmap mBall;
12
13     //The X and Y position of the ball on the screen (middle of ball)
14     private float mBallX = 0;
15     private float mBallY = 0;
16
17     //The speed (pixels/second) of the ball in direction X and Y
18     private float mBallSpeedX = 0;
19     private float mBallSpeedY = 0;
20
21     //This is run before anything else, so we can prepare things here
22     public TheGame(GameView gameView) {
23         //House keeping
24         super(gameView);
25
26         //Prepare the image so we can draw it on the screen (using a canvas)
27         mBall = BitmapFactory.decodeResource(
28             gameView.getContext().getResources(),
29             R.drawable.small_red_ball);
30     }
31
32     //This is run before a new game (also after an old game)
33     @Override
34     public void setupBeginning() {
35         //Initialize speeds
36         mBallSpeedX = 0;
37         mBallSpeedY = 0;
38
39         //Place the ball in the middle of the screen.
40         //mBall.getWidth() and mBall.getHeight() gives us the height and width of the image of the ball
41         mBallX = mCanvas.getWidth() / 2;
42         mBallY = mCanvas.getHeight() / 2;
43     }
44 }

```

Figure 38: file v1.java

Select all of its text (CTRL + A) and copy it to clipboard (CTRL+C). Then go to the MOOC project.

The contents of the file needs to be copied to TheGame.java file located in the 'src' folder. Now select all from this file and delete it then past the copied content to this file.

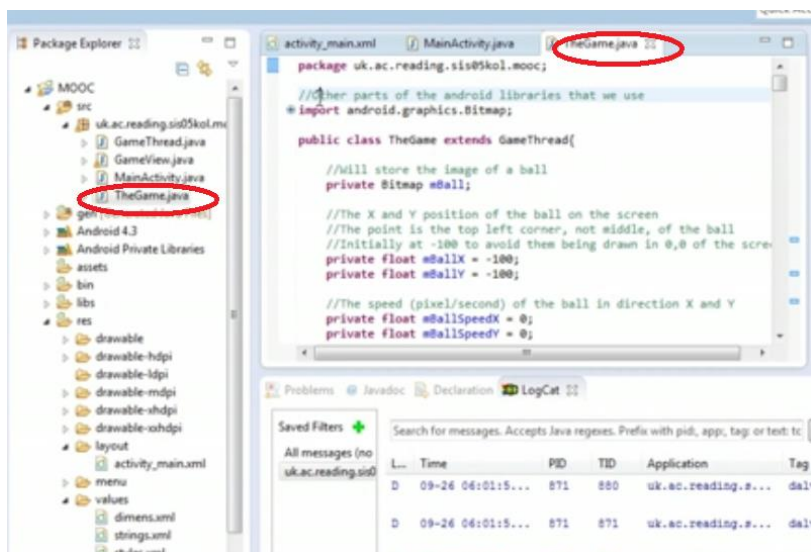


Figure 39: Project TheGame.java

Now we have Week 1 code in our TheGame.java file.

Let us run the project.

For this you need to go to Click on the down arrow on Run icon and then select the project name 'MOOC'.

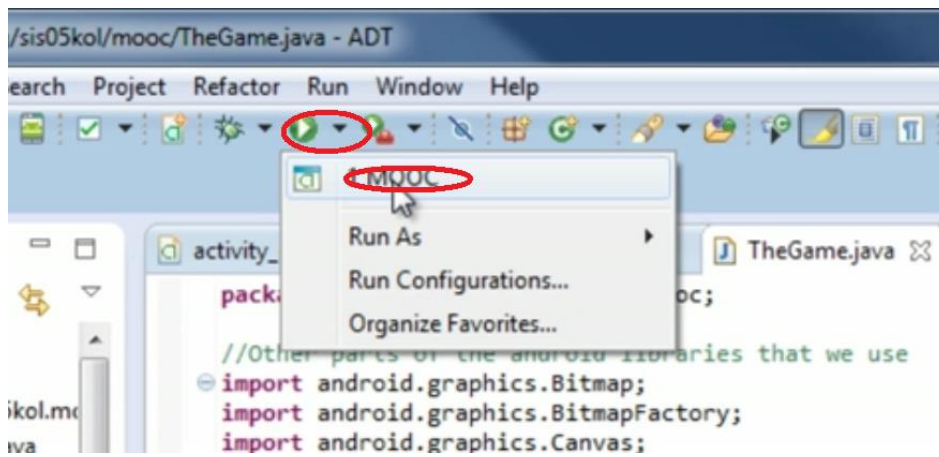


Figure 40: Run project

As we previously did, bring the emulator to foreground.

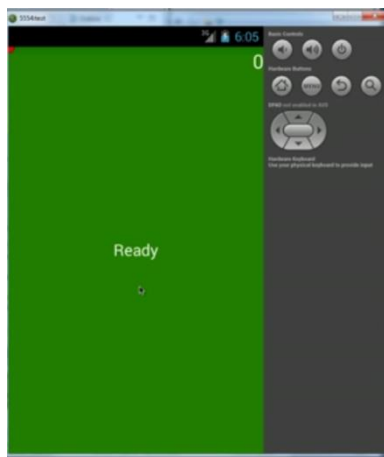


Figure 41: Run on emulator

Clicking on the screen will bring a red ball to the screen.

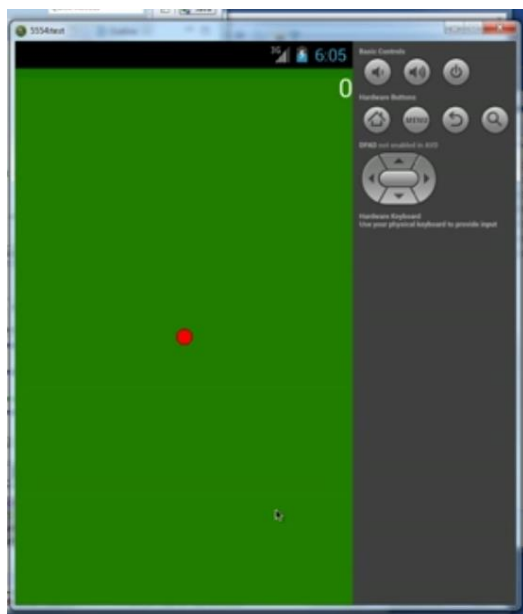


Figure 42: Run on Emulator - red ball

This is a boring game because nothing happens when I click on the screen.

At this point we are introducing ‘comments’ in coding. Comments are used to describe complex logic in a program or source code to improve human readability. Comments are ignored by the computer when executing the code. However, if you go down on TheGame.java file in the MOOC project you can see there is a lot of code (shown highlighted in the figure) that is in green colour. In this text editor comments are shown in green.

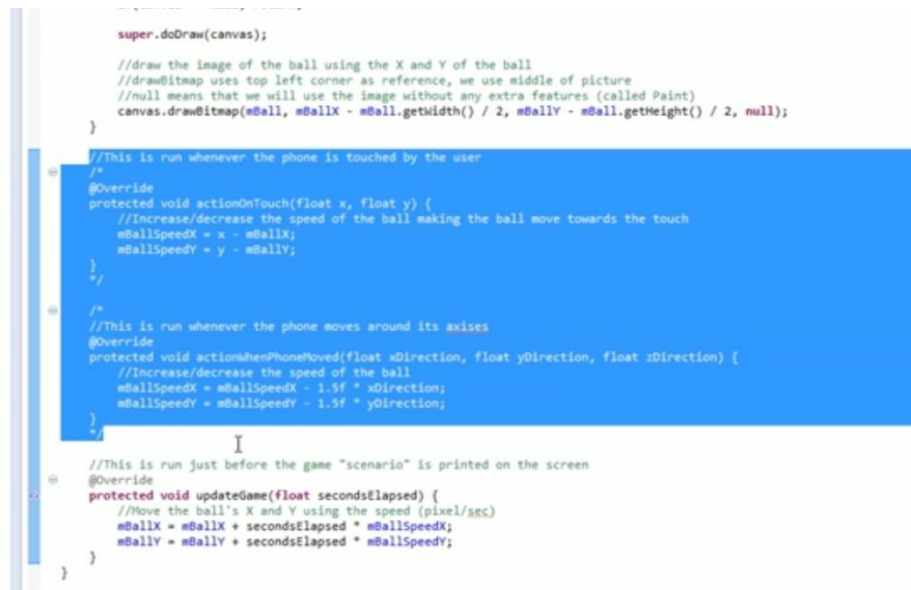
A screenshot of a code editor showing Java code for a game. The code is partially highlighted in green, indicating comments. The visible code includes a call to `super.doDraw(canvas);`, a `drawBitmap` call, and two `actionOnTouch` and `actionWhenPhoneMoved` methods. The comments are in green text, while the code is in black. The `actionOnTouch` method is highlighted in blue, and the `actionWhenPhoneMoved` method is highlighted in light blue. The `updateGame` method is also visible at the bottom.

Figure 43: TheGame.java comments

Actually what we have done here is commenting out some of the code we have written in the game and that is why the instructions are ignored by the computer. Hence nothing happens in the game. Now let us un-comment this block of instructions to see what happens.

Concentrate on the two blocks of code ‘actionOnTouch’ and ‘actionWhenPhoneMoved’. To run the code in emulator we need to remove the `/*` and `*/` symbols that are placed between ‘actionOnTouch’ block. If you are running it on the phone `/*` and `*/` symbols that are placed between ‘actionWhenPhoneMoved’ should be removed. We will learn about comments later but what happens when you use `/*` and `*/` is that anything placed between these two sets of symbols is considered a comment. So because ‘actionOnTouch’ is between the opening (`/*`) and closing (`*/`) comments symbols the computer completely ignores what it should do when ‘actionOnTouch’ happens.

Now that we know a bit about comments let’s un-comment this block. For that delete the highlighted bits from the file.

A close-up screenshot of the `actionOnTouch` method in the code. The comments are highlighted in green. The opening `/*` and closing `*/` symbols are circled in red, indicating they should be removed to uncomment the code. The code inside the method is `mBallSpeedX = x - mBallX;` and `mBallSpeedY = y - mBallY;`.

Figure 44: Comments in code

Did you notice that the colour of the text changed from being green?

```
//This is run whenever the phone is touched by the user

@Override
protected void onTouch(float x, float y) {
    //Increase/decrease the speed of the ball making the ball move towards the touch
    mBallSpeedX = x - mBallX;
    mBallSpeedY = y - mBallY;
}
```

Figure 45: Uncommented block of code

Now run the project again (just like you did before) and see what the difference is. Now it will respond when you click on the screen!

If you have reached this point successfully that means you have fully setup your working environment and you are ready for Week 2. If you have an Android phone or tablet you could try installing the game into it using the guide we have provided in 1.10.