

# Mobile Application Development

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# Activities & App Navigation

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# Agenda & Goals

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- ❑ Using **Menu** Navigation and **MenuInflators**
- ❑ Switching from one Activity to another using **Intents**
- ❑ Creating and using basic **ArrayAdapters** and **ListView**s

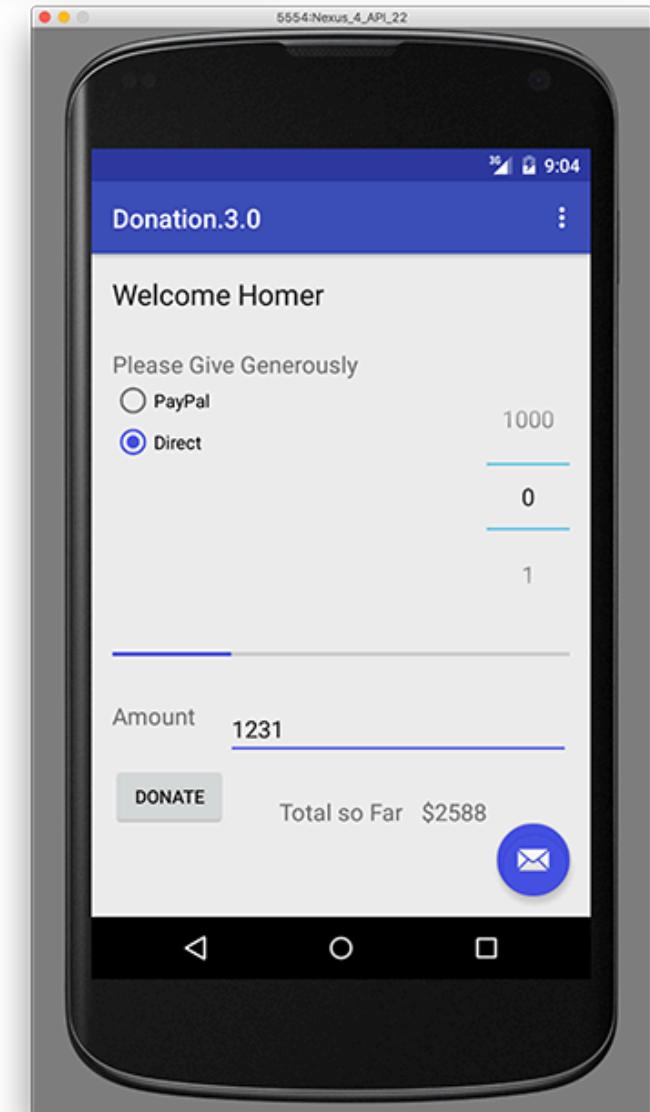


# Case Study

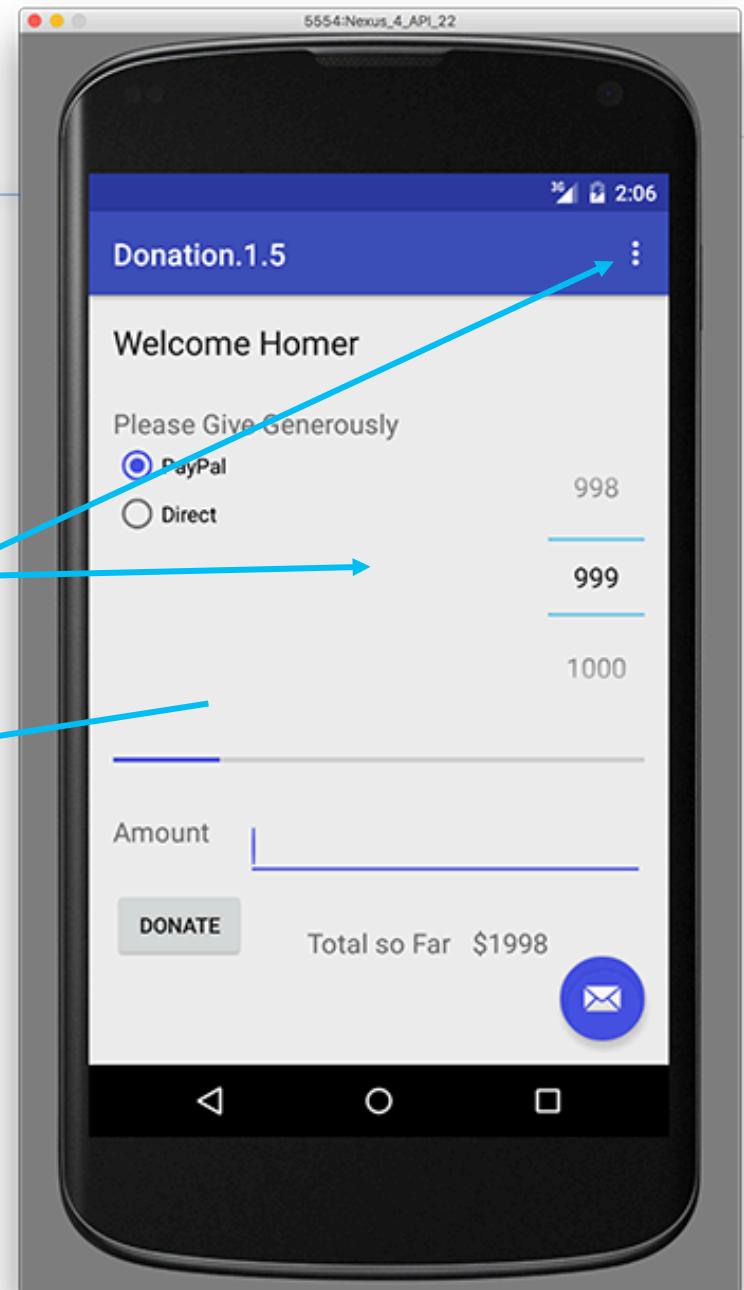
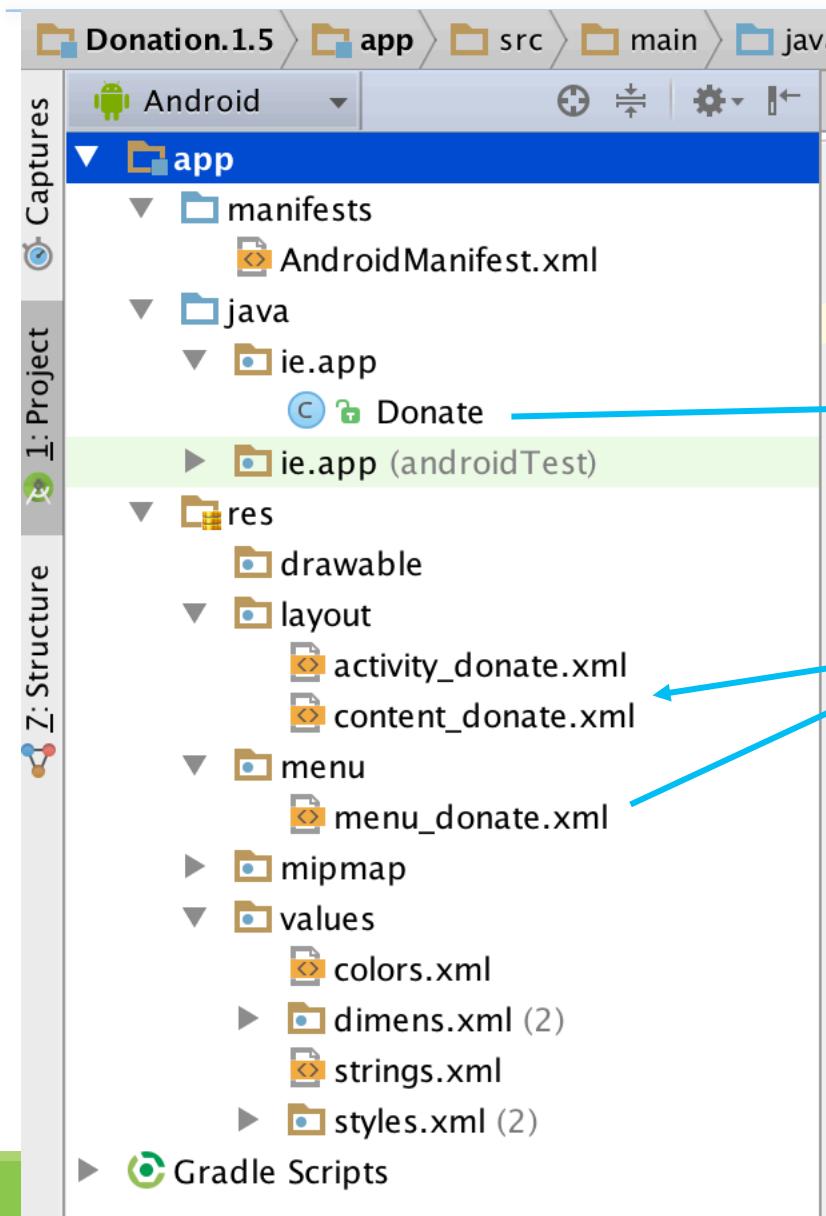
❑ **Donation** – an Android App to keep track of donations made to ‘*Homers Presidential Campaign*’.

## ❑ App Features

- Accept donation via number picker or typed amount
- Keep a running total of donations
- Display report on donation amounts and types
- Display running total on progress bar



# Case Study so far – Donation.1.5 \*



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```
public class Donate extends AppCompatActivity {

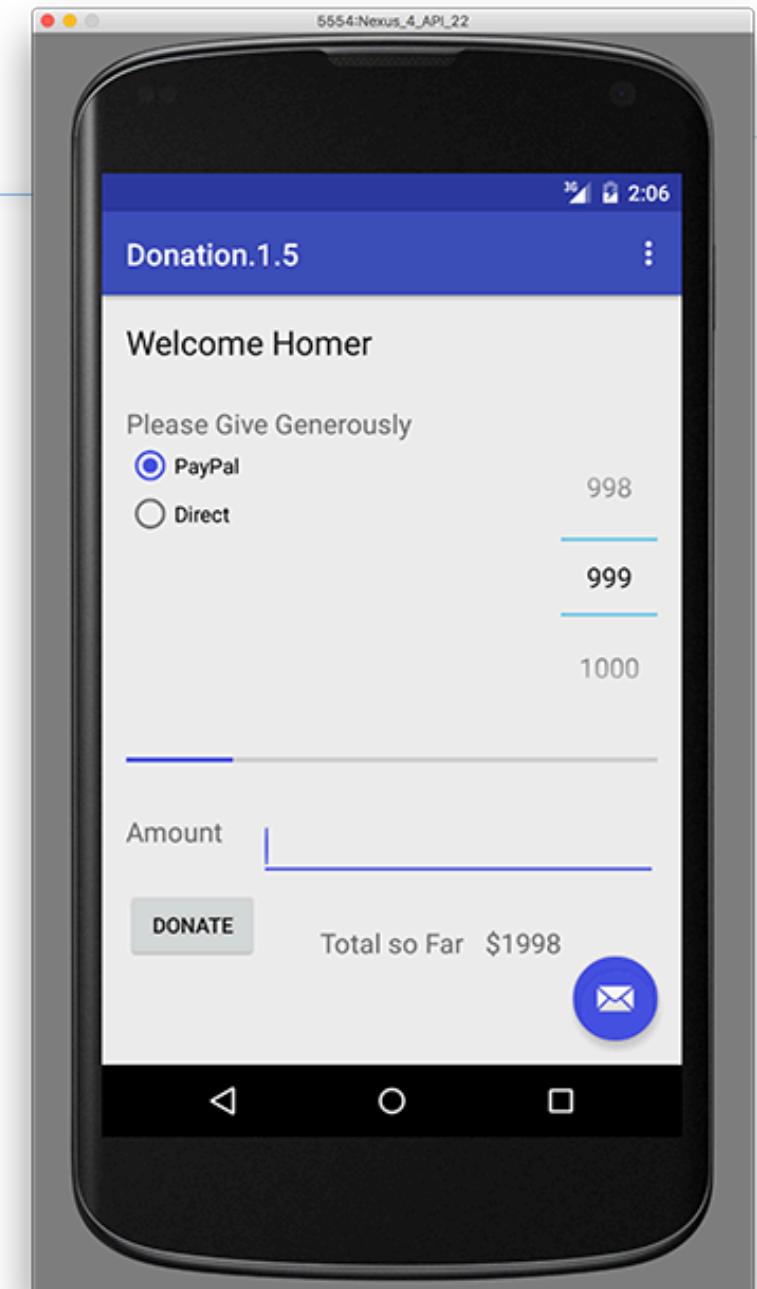
    private Button donateButton;
    private RadioGroup paymentMethod;
    private ProgressBar progressBar;
    private NumberPicker amountPicker;
    private EditText amountText;
    private TextView amountTotal;

    private int totalDonated = 0;
    private boolean targetAchieved = false;

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {...}

    @Override
    public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {...}

    @Override
    public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {...}
```





# Donate button event handler

```
public void donateButtonPressed (View view)
{
    String method = paymentMethod.getCheckedRadioButtonId() == R.id.PayPal ? "PayPal" : "Direct";

    int donatedAmount = amountPicker.getValue();
    if (donatedAmount == 0)
    {
        String text = amountText.getText().toString();
        if (!text.equals(""))
            donatedAmount = Integer.parseInt(text);
    }

    if (!targetAchieved)
    {
        totalDonated = totalDonated + donatedAmount;
        targetAchieved = totalDonated >= 10000;
        progressBar.setProgress(totalDonated);
        String totalDonatedStr = "$" + totalDonated;
        amountTotal.setText(totalDonatedStr);
    }
    else
    {
        Toast toast = Toast.makeText(this, "Target Exceeded!", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT);
        toast.show();
    }

    Log.v("Donate", amountPicker.getValue() + " donated by " + method + "\nCurrent total " + totalDonated);
}
```



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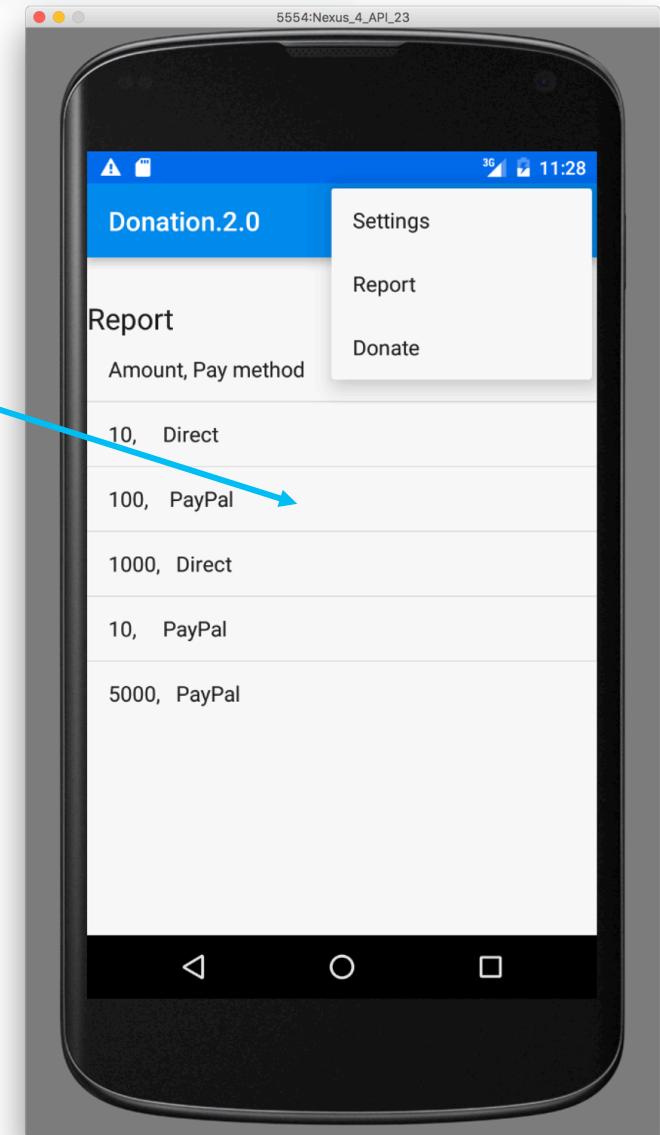
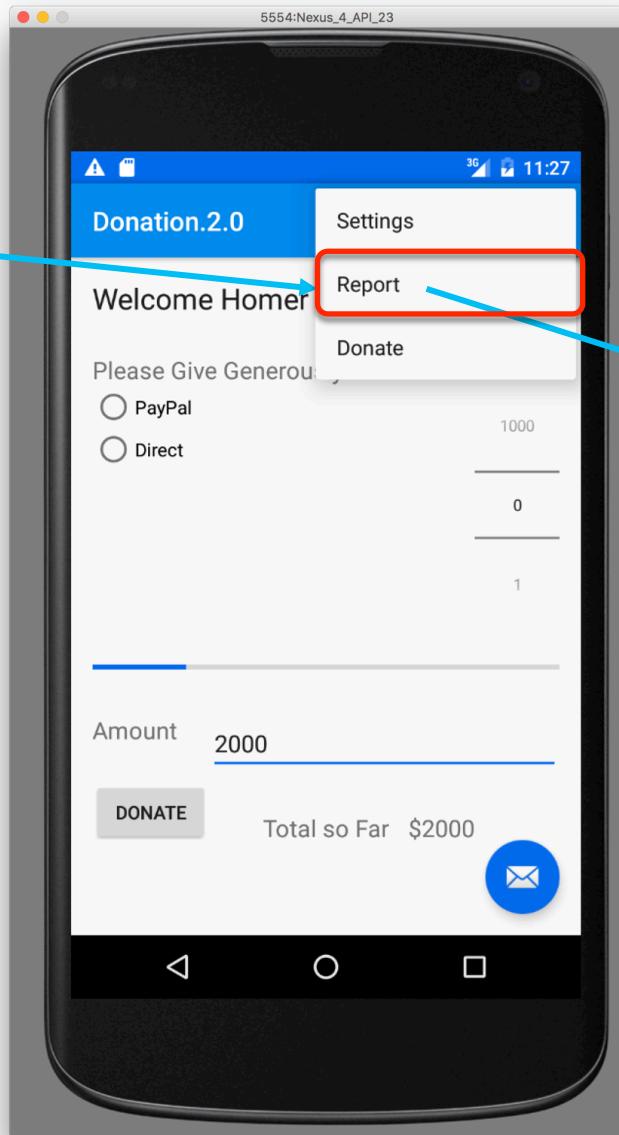
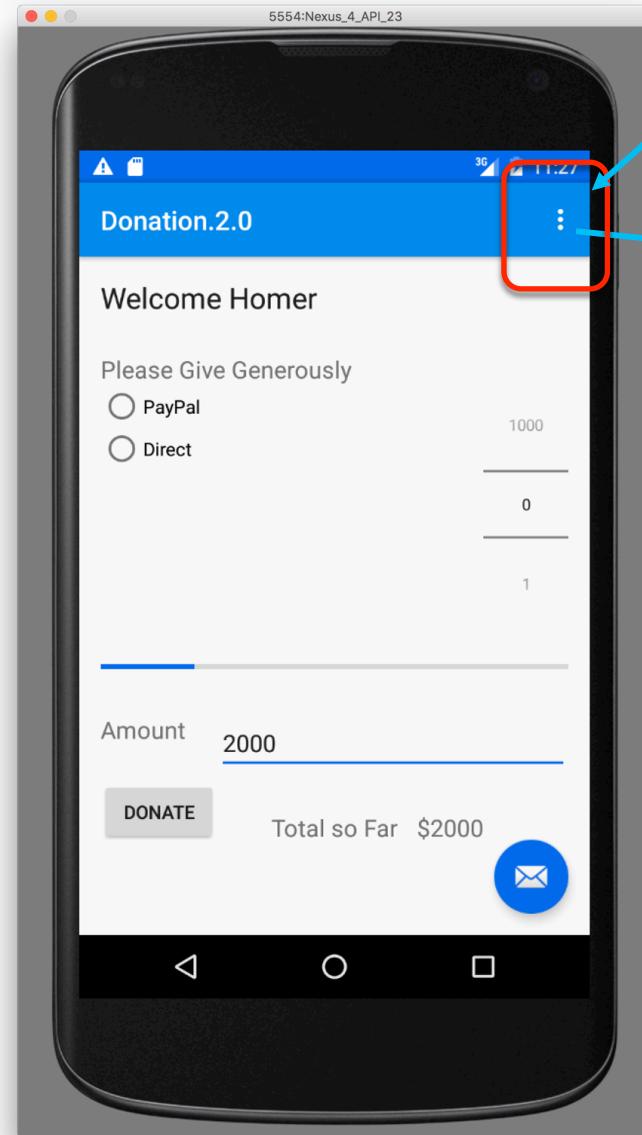
# Donation.2.0

## Using Menus & Intents



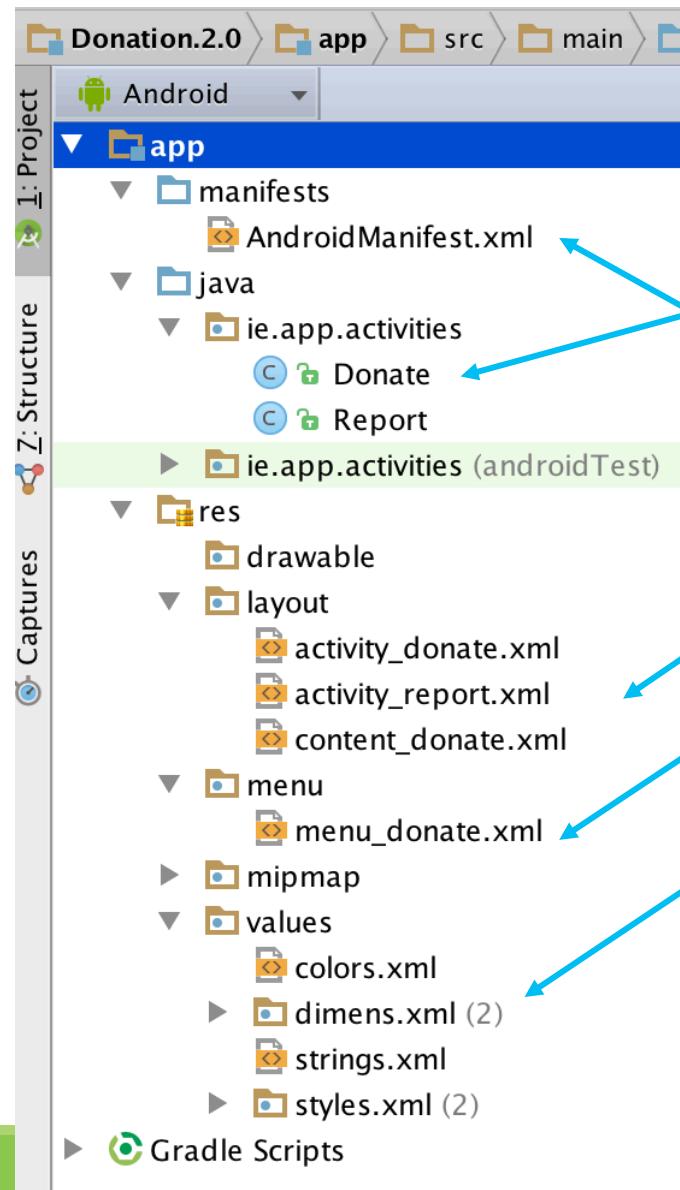
# Donation 2.0

User Selects Menu





# Donation 2.0 – Project Structure



- 2 java source files
- 3 xml layouts
- 1 xml menu
- 6 xml files for resources
- 1 xml ‘configuration’ file



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# Using Menus

## Part 1



# Menus

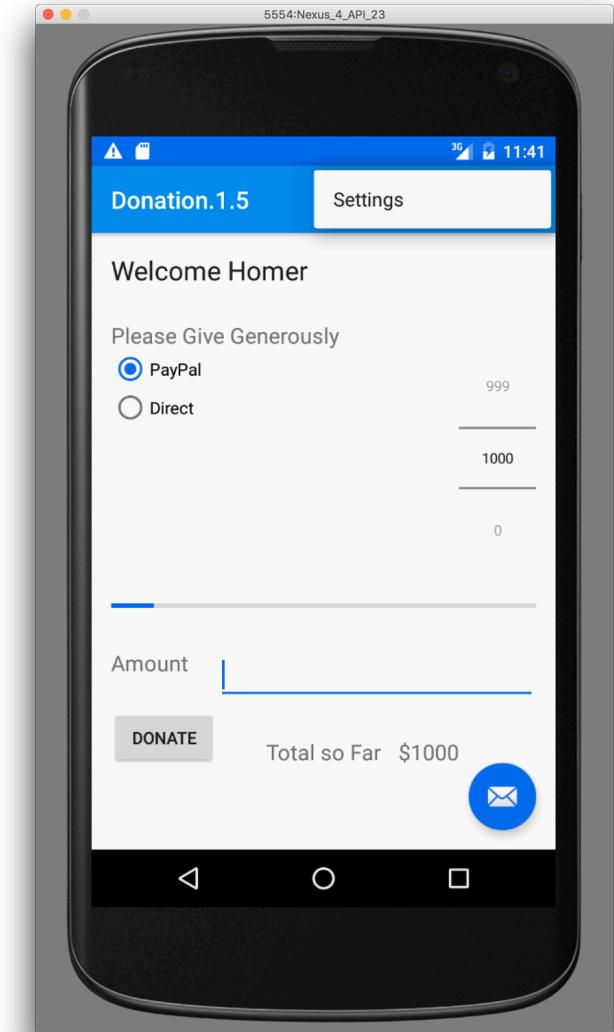
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- ❑ Menus are a common user interface component in many types of applications.
- ❑ To provide a familiar and consistent user experience, you should use the [Menu](#) APIs to present user actions and other options in your activities.
- ❑ Beginning with Android 3.0 (API 11), Android-powered devices are no longer required to provide a dedicated **Menu** button
  - instead you provide an **action bar** to present common user actions.



# Options Menu & Action Bar \*

- ❑ The options menu is the primary collection of menu items for an activity.
  - It's where you should place actions that have a global impact on the app, such as "Donate", "Report" and "Settings" etc.
- ❑ If you're developing for Android 2.3 or lower, users can reveal the options menu panel by pressing the *Menu* button.
- ❑ On Android 3.0 and higher, items from the options menu are presented by the action bar as a combination of on-screen action items and overflow options.

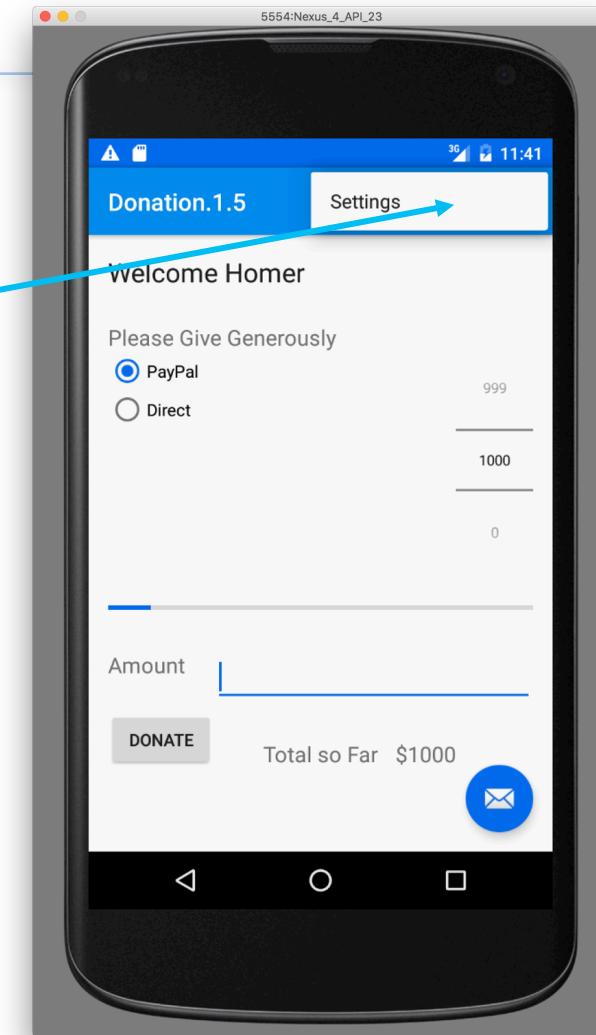
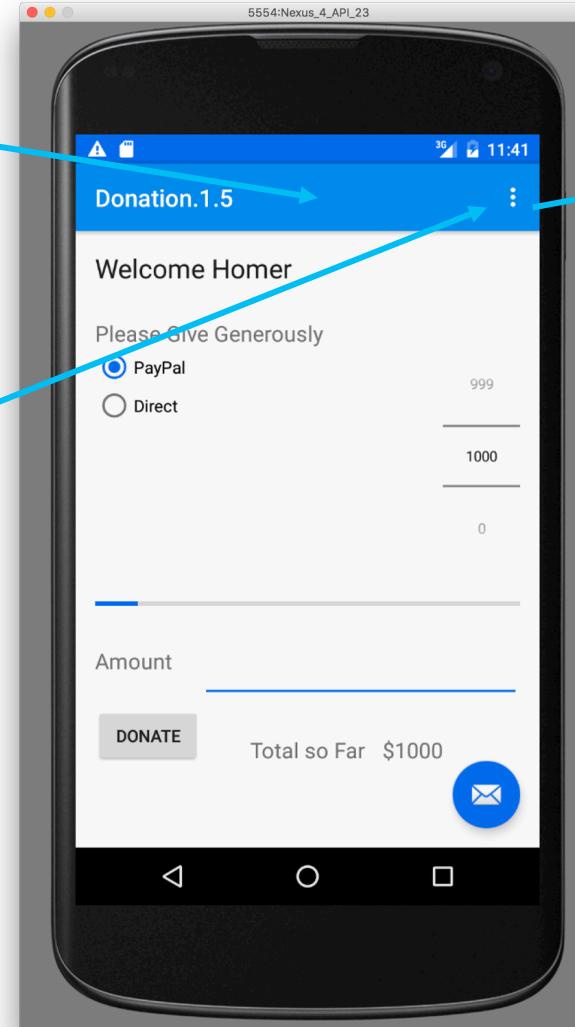




# Menus in *Donation* (so far) \*

## Action Bar

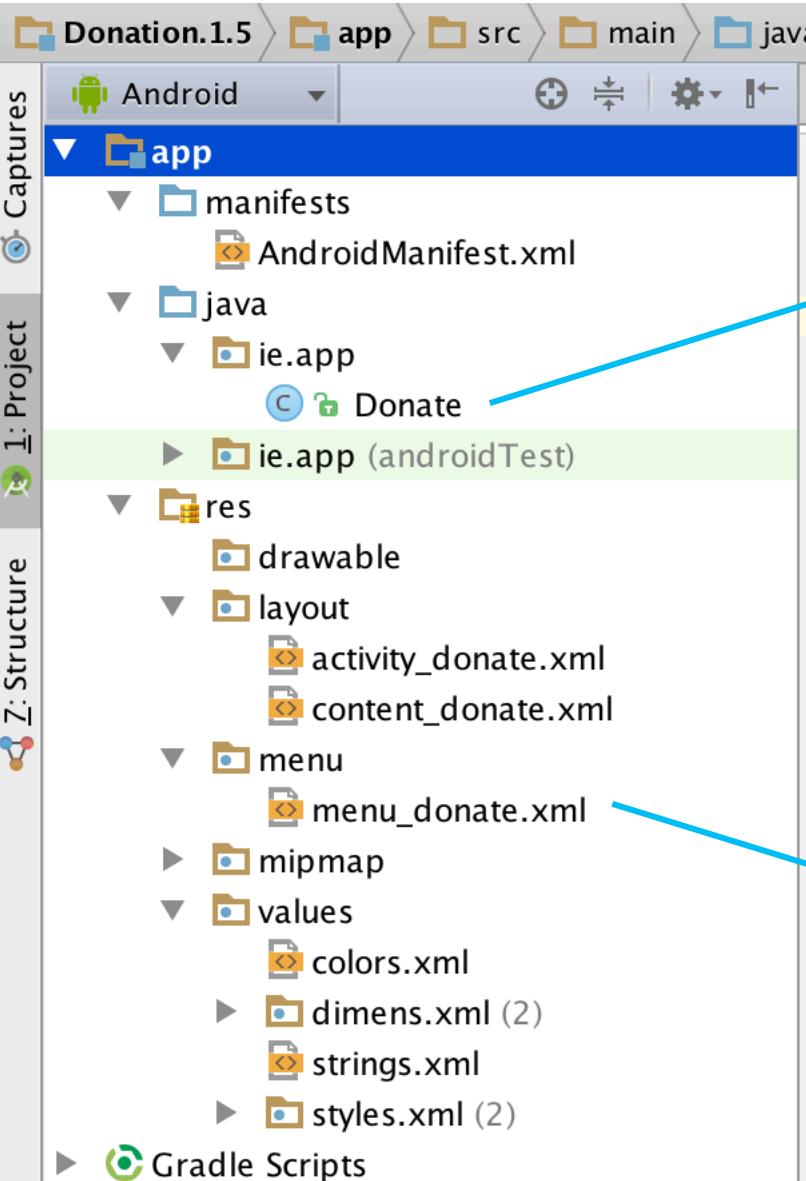
Pressing the “Menu” button on the emulator brings up a menu with the following entry





# Menus in *Donation* (so far)

Menu Load



```
@Override  
public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {  
    // Inflate the menu; this adds items to the action bar if it is present.  
    getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.menu_donate, menu);  
    return true;  
}
```

inflate this resource as a  
'Menu' (creates the menu)

Menu Specification

```
<menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
      xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"  
      xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools" tools:context=".Donate">  
  
    <item android:id="@+id/action_settings"  
          android:title="Settings"  
          android:orderInCategory="100"  
          app:showAsAction="never" />  
  
</menu>
```



# Donation 1.5 Menu Event Handler

Check which ‘menu item’ was selected (by id)

```
@Override  
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {  
    // Handle action bar item clicks here. The action bar will  
    // automatically handle clicks on the Home/Up button, so long  
    // as you specify a parent activity in AndroidManifest.xml.  
    int id = item.getItemId();|  
  
    //noinspection SimplifiableIfStatement  
    if (id == R.id.action_settings) {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);  
}
```



# Donation 2.0 'New' Menu Item(s) \*

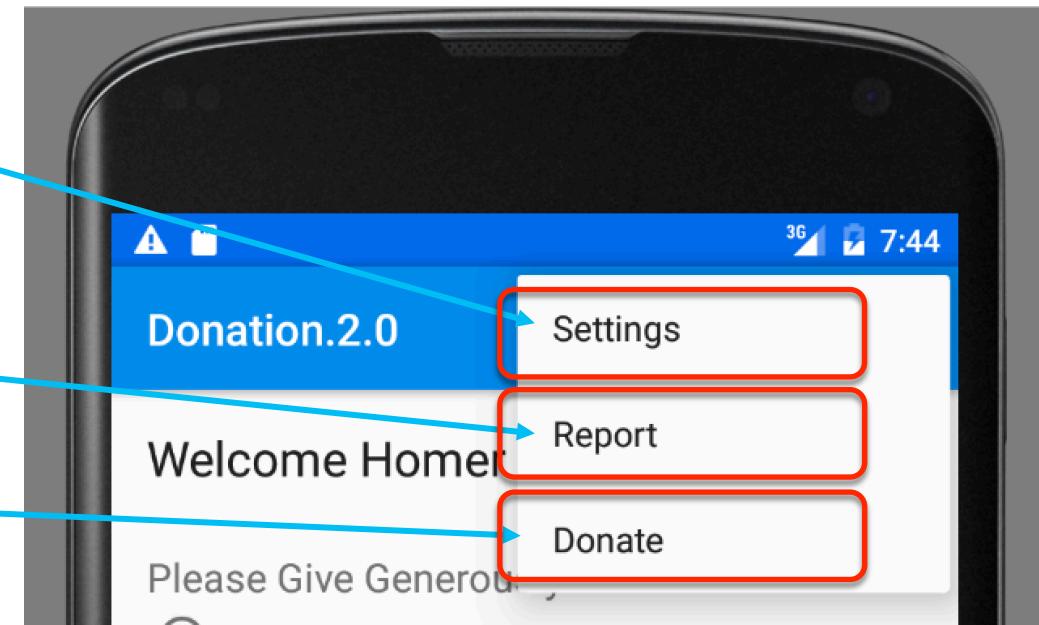
```
<menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools" tools:context=".Donate">

    <item android:id="@+id/action_settings"
        android:title="Settings"
        android:orderInCategory="100"
        app:showAsAction="never" />

    <item
        android:id="@+id/menuReport"
        android:orderInCategory="100"
        android:title="Report"
        app:showAsAction="never"/>

    <item
        android:id="@+id/menuDonate"
        android:orderInCategory="100"
        android:title="Donate"
        app:showAsAction="never"/>

</menu>
```





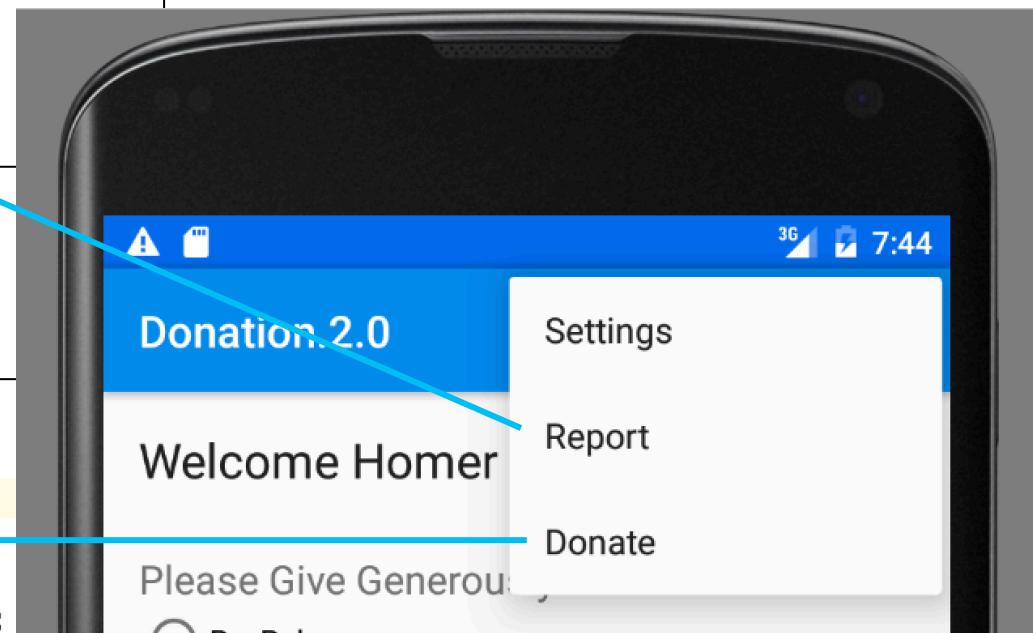
# Donation 2.0 'New' Menu Event Handler(s)

```
@Override  
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item)  
{  
    switch (item.getItemId())  
    {  
        case R.id.menuReport : startActivity (new Intent(this, Report.class));  
        break;  
    }  
    return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
```

Donate.java

```
@Override  
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item)  
{  
    switch (item.getItemId())  
    {  
        case R.id.menuDonate : startActivity (new Intent(this, Donate.class));  
        break;  
    }  
    return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
```

Report.java





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# Using Intents



# Recap on Android Components

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- ❑ Three of the core components of an application – **activities**, **services**, and broadcast **receivers** – are activated through messages, called **intents**
- ❑ In this section we'll look at using intents to start other activities, allowing us to ‘switch between screens’
- ❑ The intent itself, an Intent object, is a passive data structure holding
  - an abstract description of an operation to be performed, or
  - a description of something that has happened and is being announced (broadcasts)



# Switching Activities: General Approach

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- Switch between Activities with Intents when
  - Main screen has buttons and/or menus to navigate to other Activities (your intent)
  - Return to original screen with “back” button (system intent)
- Syntax required to start new Activity
  - Java

```
Intent goToActivity = new Intent(this,OtherActivity.class);
startActivity(goToActivity);
```
  - XML
    - ◆ Requires an entry in `AndroidManifest.xml` (runtime error otherwise!)



# Donation 2.0 - Report Layout \*

The screenshot shows the Android Studio layout editor for the file `activity_report.xml`. The interface includes:

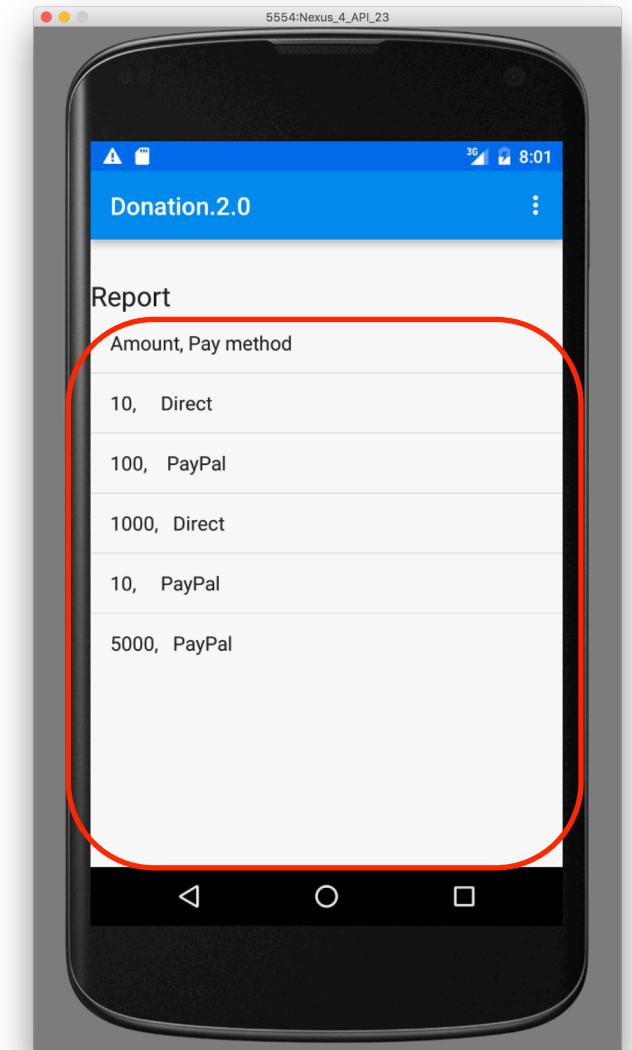
- Palette:** Shows categories like Layouts (FrameLayout, LinearLayout, etc.), Widgets (Plain TextView, Large Text, etc.), and Text Fields (Plain Text).
- Device Screen:** Displays a smartphone with the app's interface. A red box highlights the list of items in the center. The title bar says "Donation.2.0".
- Component Tree:** Lists the layout structure:
  - Device Screen
  - RelativeLayout
    - reportTitle (TextView) – @string/reportTitle
    - reportList (ListView)A red box highlights the `reportList` entry.
- Properties:** A list of XML attributes for the selected item, starting with `layout:width` and `layout:height`.

We will cover  
ListViews in more  
detail later on



# Donation 2.0 – activity\_report.xml \*

```
activity_report.xml x
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2  <RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
3      android:orientation="vertical" android:layout_width="match_parent"
4      android:layout_height="match_parent">
5
6      <TextView
7          android:layout_width="wrap_content"
8          android:layout_height="wrap_content"
9          android:textAppearance="?android:attr/textAppearanceLarge"
10         android:text="Report"
11         android:id="@+id/reportTitle"
12         android:layout_marginLeft="0dp"
13         android:layout_marginTop="31dp"
14         android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
15         android:layout_alignParentStart="true"
16         android:layout_alignParentEnd="true" />
17
18      <ListView
19          android:layout_width="wrap_content"
20          android:layout_height="wrap_content"
21          android:id="@+id/reportList"
22          android:layout_below="@+id/reportTitle"
23          android:layout_alignParentStart="true" />
24  </RelativeLayout>
```





# Donation 2.0 - Report Activity \*

```
public class Report extends AppCompatActivity
{
    ListView listView;

    static final String[] numbers = new String[] {
        "Amount, Pay method",
        "10, Direct",
        "100, PayPal",
        "1000, Direct",
        "10, PayPal",
        "5000, PayPal"};
}

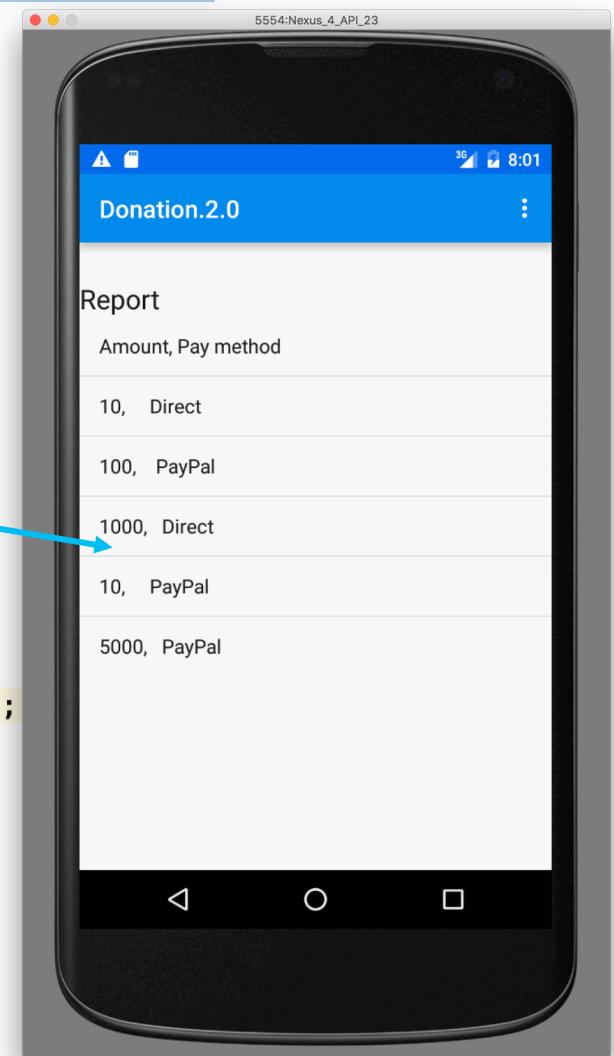
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)
{
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_report);

    listView = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.reportList);
    ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(this, android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1, numbers);
    listView.setAdapter(adapter);
}

@Override
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Initially, Hardcoded values





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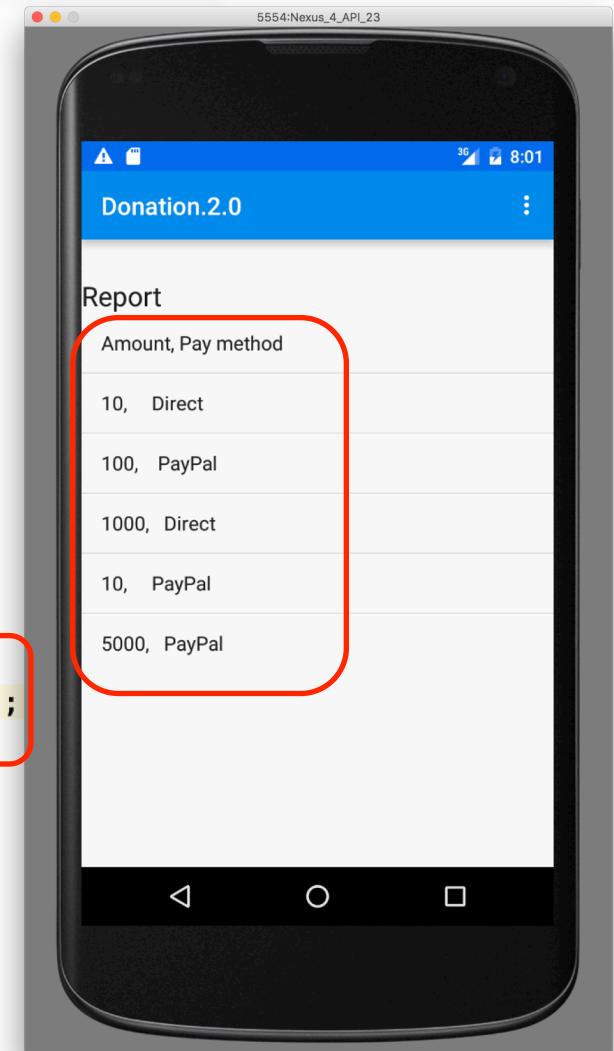
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Using an Adapter to  
populate the ListView  
(more on this in next section)





# Filling an Adapter View with Data

- You can populate an `AdapterView` such as `ListView` or `GridView` by binding the `AdapterView` instance to an Adapter, which retrieves data from an external source and creates a View that represents each data entry.

```
ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(this,  
                                         android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1,  
                                         numbers);
```

- The arguments for this constructor are:

- Your app `Context`
- The layout that contains a `TextView` for each string in the array
- The string array (`numbers`)

- Then simply call `setAdapter()` on your `ListView`:

```
listView = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.reportList);  
listView.setAdapter(adapter);
```

Donation.2.0



# Summary

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- ❑ We investigated using **Menus** for Navigation
- ❑ We saw how to Switch from one Activity to another using **Intents**
- ❑ And we had a quick look at creating and using basic **ArrayAdapters** and **ListView**s to display data in a list



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# Questions?



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Thanks!

A black and white cartoon illustration of a hand reaching out from under a horizontal line, holding a smiling sun-like circle. The sun has a face with two dots for eyes and a wide smile. It has several small, dark shapes around it, possibly representing clouds or rays. The artist's initials 'MC' are visible at the bottom right of the sun.