

# Android Basics

## Introduction to Android

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- Create Android Project with Eclipse IDE

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- Widget Attributes
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# Learning Android

As beginning Android programmer, you face a steep learning curve.

Android has a culture. That culture speaks Java, but knowing Java is not enough. Getting your head around Android requires learning many new ideas and techniques.

To be an Android programmer, you must:

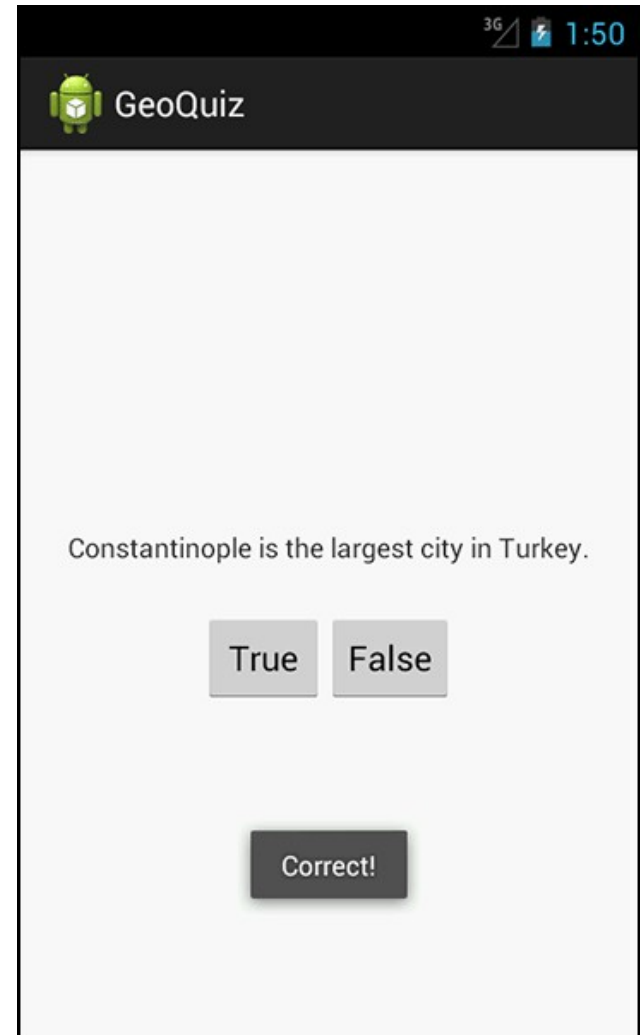
- write Android applications
- understand what you are writing

# Your First Android Application

The application we are going to create is called GeoQuiz.

GeoQuiz tests the user's knowledge of geography.

The user presses True or False to answer the question on screen, and GeoQuiz provides instant feedback.

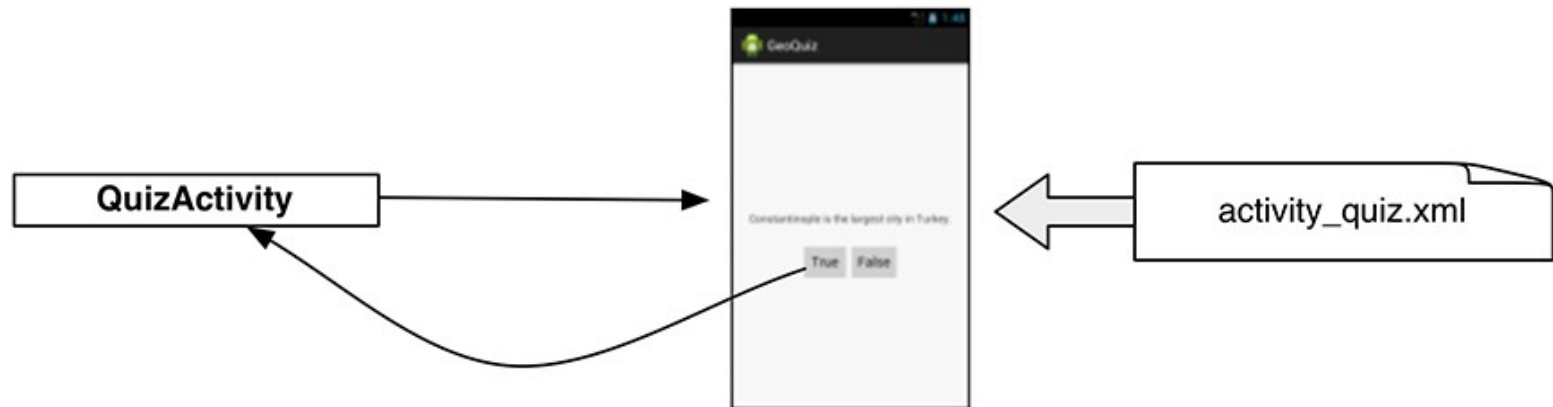


# App Basics

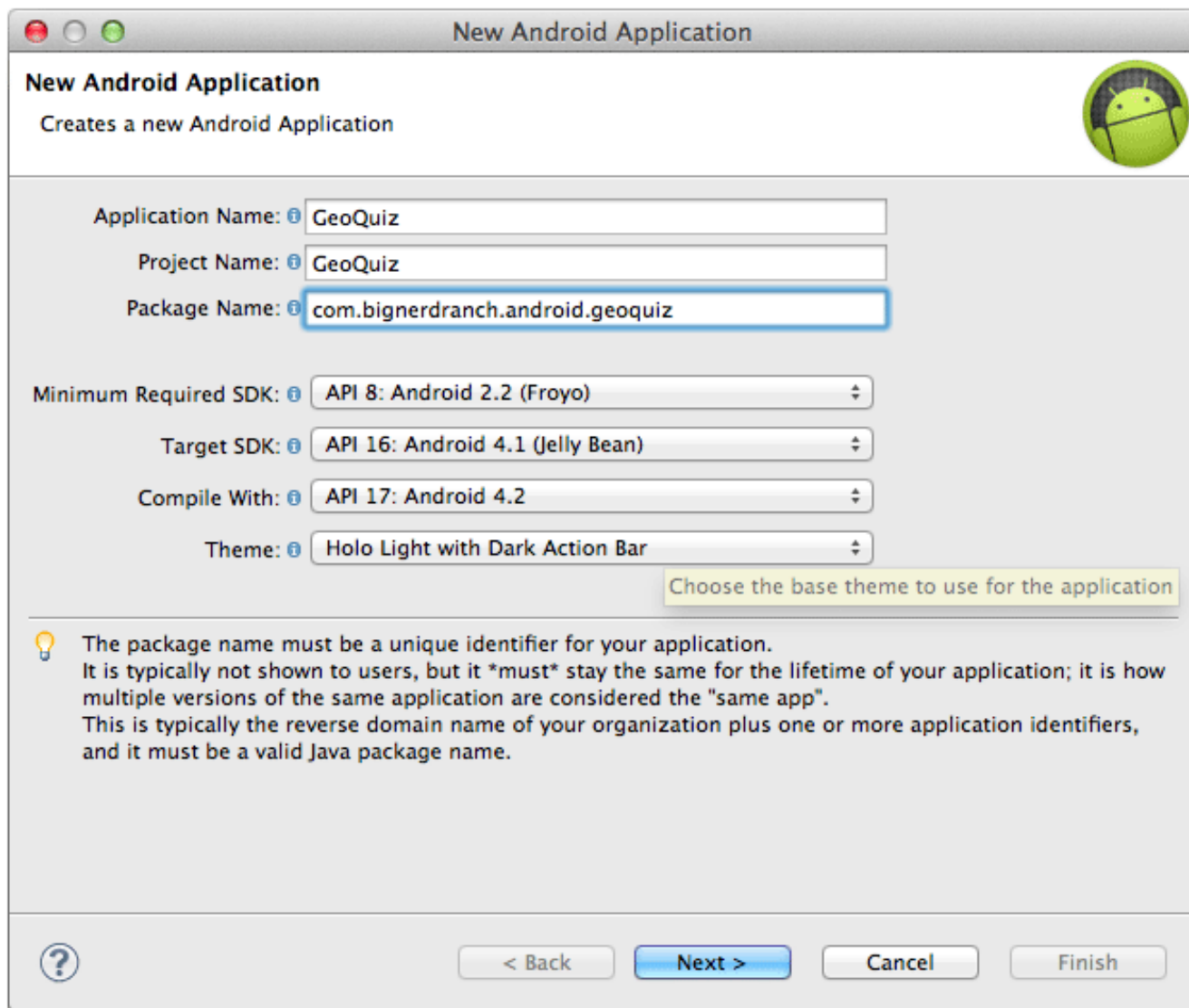
GeoQuiz application will consist of an activity and a layout:

An **activity** is an instance of Activity, a class in the Android SDK. An activity is responsible for managing user interaction with a screen of information.

A **layout** defines a set of user interface objects and their position on the screen.



# Creating Android Project



**New Android Application**  
Creates a new Android Application

Application Name:

Project Name:

Package Name:


Minimum Required SDK:


Target SDK:

Compile With:

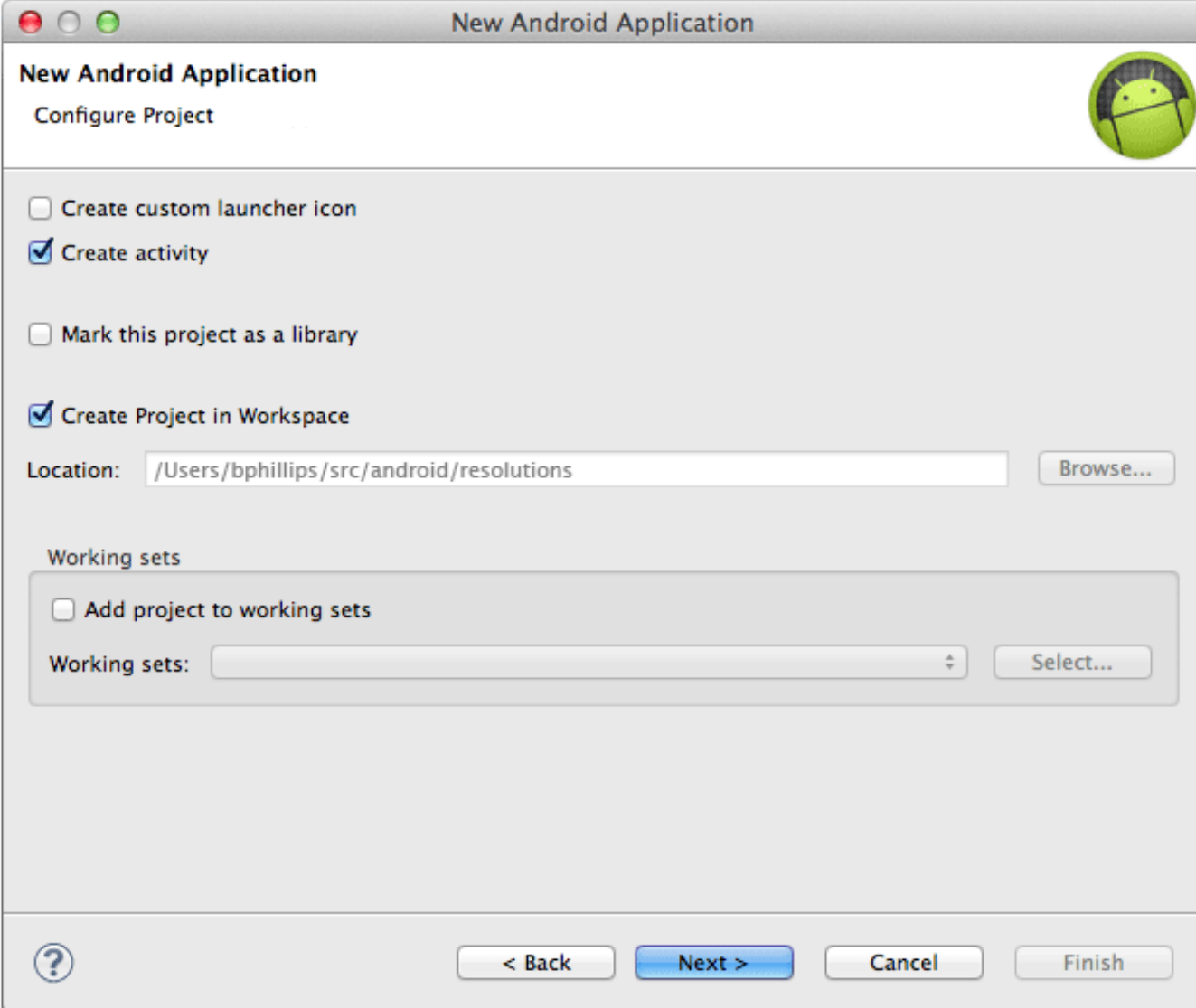
Theme:

Choose the base theme to use for the application

 The package name must be a unique identifier for your application. It is typically not shown to users, but it *must* stay the same for the lifetime of your application; it is how multiple versions of the same application are considered the "same app". This is typically the reverse domain name of your organization plus one or more application identifiers, and it must be a valid Java package name.



# Configuring Android Project



The screenshot shows a 'New Android Application' dialog box with a title bar containing standard window controls and the text 'New Android Application'. The main area is titled 'New Android Application' and 'Configure Project', with an Android logo in the top right corner. It contains several configuration options: 'Create custom launcher icon' (unchecked), 'Create activity' (checked), 'Mark this project as a library' (unchecked), and 'Create Project in Workspace' (checked). A 'Location' field shows the path '/Users/bphillips/src/android/resolutions' with a 'Browse...' button. A 'Working sets' section includes an unchecked checkbox 'Add project to working sets' and a 'Working sets:' dropdown menu with a 'Select...' button. The bottom of the dialog features a help icon, a '< Back' button, a highlighted 'Next >' button, and 'Cancel' and 'Finish' buttons.

New Android Application

Configure Project

☐ Create custom launcher icon

☒ Create activity

☐ Mark this project as a library


☒ Create Project in Workspace

Location:

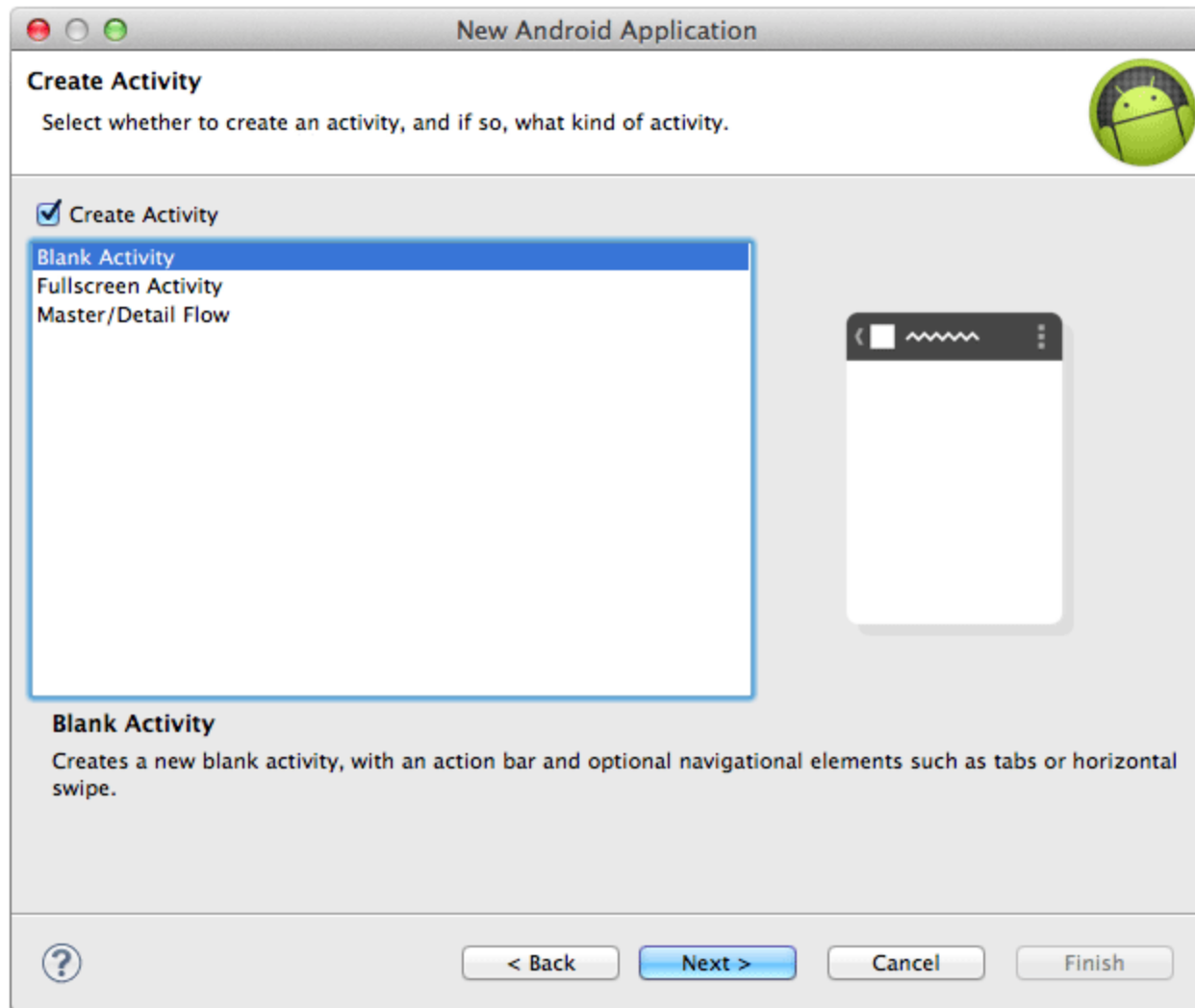
Working sets

☐ Add project to working sets

Working sets:




# Creating a New Activity





# Configuring the New Activity

New Android Application

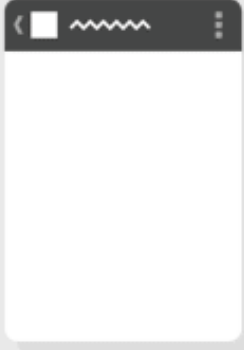
**Blank Activity** 


Creates a new blank activity, with an action bar and optional navigational elements such as tabs or horizontal swipe.


Activity Name

Layout Name

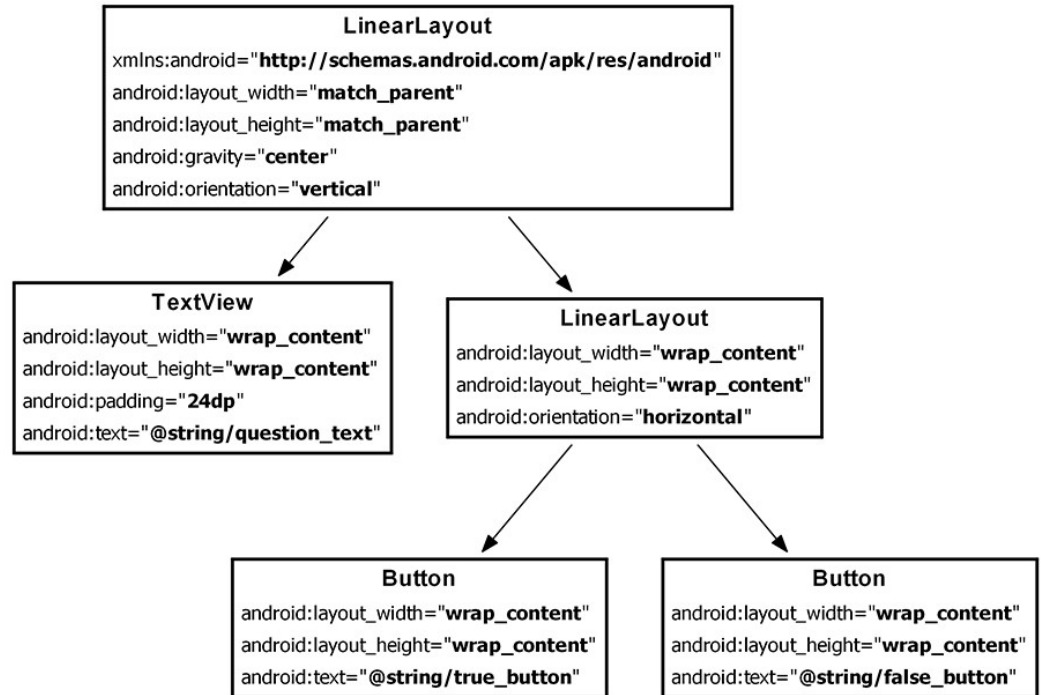
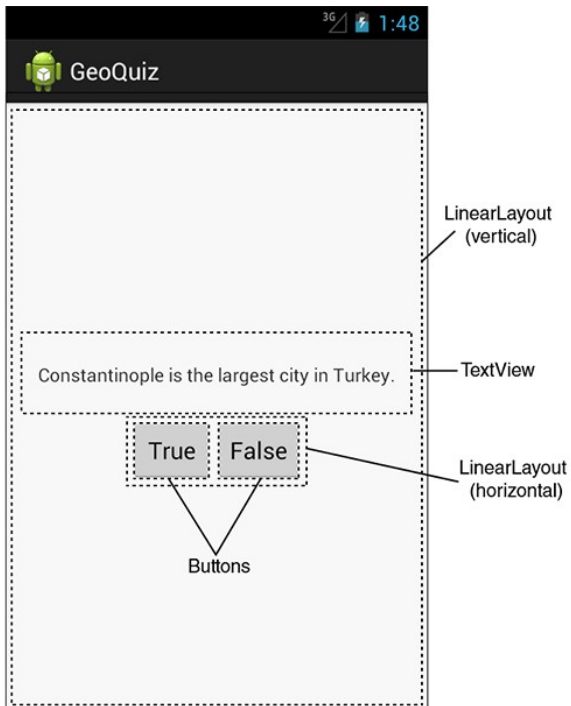
Navigation Type



 The name of the activity class to create



# Laying Out the User Interface



# The View Hierarchy

```
<LinearLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:gravity="center"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:padding="24dp"
        android:text="@string/question_text" />
```

```
<LinearLayout
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:orientation="horizontal" >

    <Button
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/true_button" />

    <Button
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/false_button" />
</LinearLayout>

</LinearLayout>
```

# Widget Attributes

`android:layout_width` and `android:layout_height`

Have values set one of the below:

*match\_parent*: view will be as big as its parent

*wrap\_content*: view will be as big as its contents require

`android:orientation`

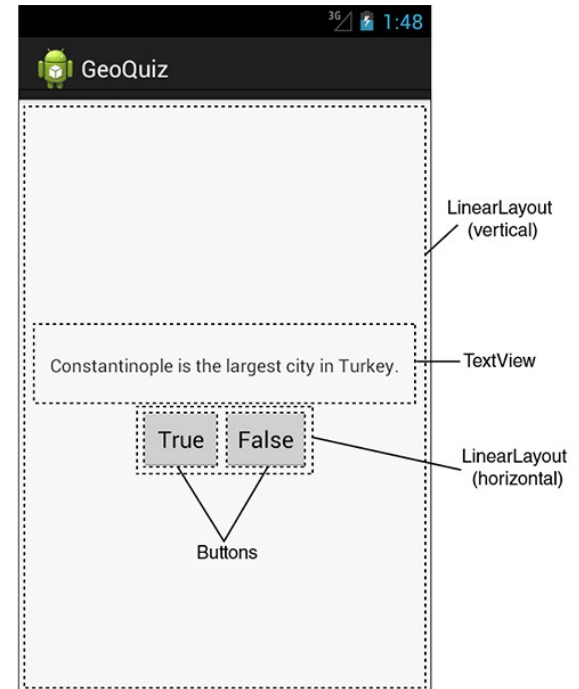
Determines if their children will appear vertically or horizontally.

In a vertical `LinearLayout`, the first child defined will appear topmost.

In a horizontal `LinearLayout`, the first child defined will be leftmost.

`android:text`

The **TextView** and **Button** widgets have `android:text` attributes to display text content.



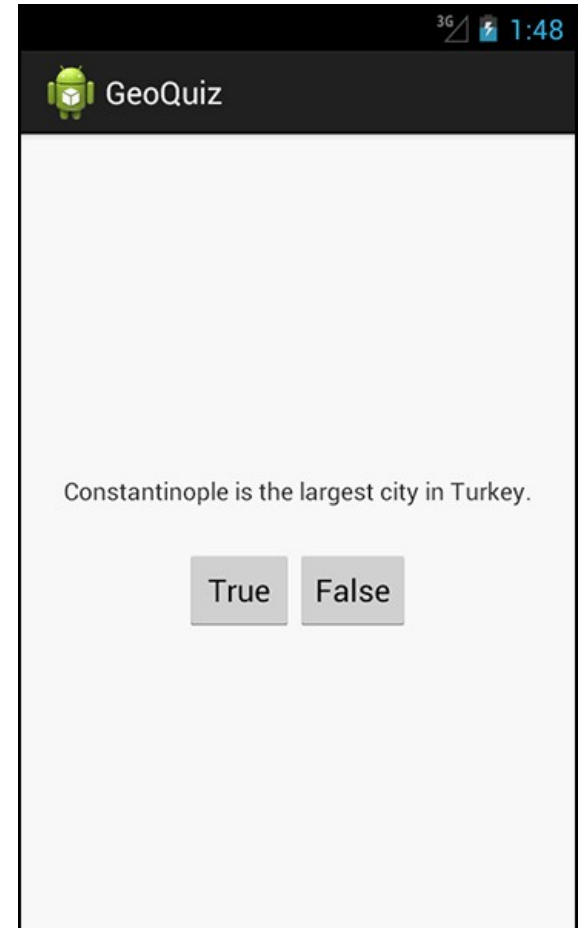
# Creating String Resources

Every project includes a default strings file named strings.xml.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>

  <string name="app_name">GeoQuiz</string>
  <string name="hello_world">Hello, world!</string>
  <string name="question_text">
    Constantinople is the largest city in Turkey.</string>
  <string name="true_button">True</string>
  <string name="false_button">False</string>
  <string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>

</resources>
```



# From Layout XML to View Objects

```
package com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.view.Menu;

public class QuizActivity extends Activity {
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
    }
    @Override
    public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {
        getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.activity_quiz, menu);
        return true;
    }
}
```

The **onCreate(Bundle)** method is called when an instance of the activity subclass is created.

When an activity is created, it needs a user interface to manage. To get the activity its user interface, you call the following **Activity** method:

```
public void setContentView(int layoutResID)
```

This method inflates a layout and puts it on screen.

When a layout is inflated, each widget in the layout file is instantiated as defined by its attributes. You specify which layout to inflate by passing in the layout's resource ID.

# Resources and resource IDs

A layout is a resource.

A resource is a piece of your application that is not code – things like image files, audio files, and XML files.

Resources for your project live in a subdirectory of the res directory. In the package explorer, you can see that *activity\_quiz.xml* lives in *res/layout/*. Your strings file, which contains string resources, lives in *res/values/*.

To access a resource in code, you use its resource ID. The resource ID for your layout is *R.layout.activity\_quiz*. For example,

```
setTitle(R.string.app_name);
```

```
/* AUTO-GENERATED FILE. DO NOT MODIFY ... */
```

```
package com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz;

public final class R {

    public static final class attr {}

    public static final class drawable {

        public static final int ic_launcher=0x7f020000; }

    public static final class id {

        public static final int menu_settings=0x7f070003; }

    public static final class layout {

        public static final int activity_quiz=0x7f030000; }

    public static final class menu {

        public static final int activity_quiz=0x7f060000;
    }

    public static final class string {

        public static final int app_name=0x7f040000;
        public static final int false_button=0x7f040003;
        public static final int menu_settings=0x7f040006;
        public static final int question_text=0x7f040001;
        public static final int true_button=0x7f040002;
    }

    ...
}
```

# Adding IDs to buttons (activity\_quiz.xml)

```
<LinearLayout
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
... >
<TextView
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:padding="24dp"
    android:text="@string/question_text" />
<LinearLayout
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:orientation="horizontal">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/true_button"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/true_button" />
```

```
<Button
    android:id="@+id/false_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/false_button" />
</LinearLayout></LinearLayout>
```

To generate a resource ID for a widget, you include an `android:id` attribute in the widget's definition.

Check `R.java` to confirm that you have two new resource IDs in the `R.id` inner class.

```
public final class R {
    ...
    public static final class id {
        public static final int false_button=0x7f070001;
        public static final int menu_settings=0x7f070002;
        public static final int true_button=0x7f070000;
    }
    ...
}
```



# Wiring Up Widgets

## Getting references to widgets

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
  
    private Button mTrueButton;  
    private Button mFalseButton;  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);  
  
        mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
        mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);  
    } ...}
```

## Set listener for True and False button

```
@Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);  
  
        mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
        mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            @Override  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                // Does nothing yet, but soon!  
            }  
        });  
        mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);  
        mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            @Override  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                // Does nothing yet, but soon!  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

# Making Toasts

A toast is a short message that informs the user of something but does not require any input or action.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">GeoQuiz</string>
    <string name="question_text">Constantinople is the
largest city in Turkey.</string>
    <string name="true_button">True</string>
    <string name="false_button">False</string>
    <string name="correct_toast">Correct!</string>
    <string name="incorrect_toast">Incorrect!</string>
    <string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>
</resources>
```

```
mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
    @Override
    public void onClick(View v) {
        Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,
            R.string.incorrect_toast,
            Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
    }
});
```

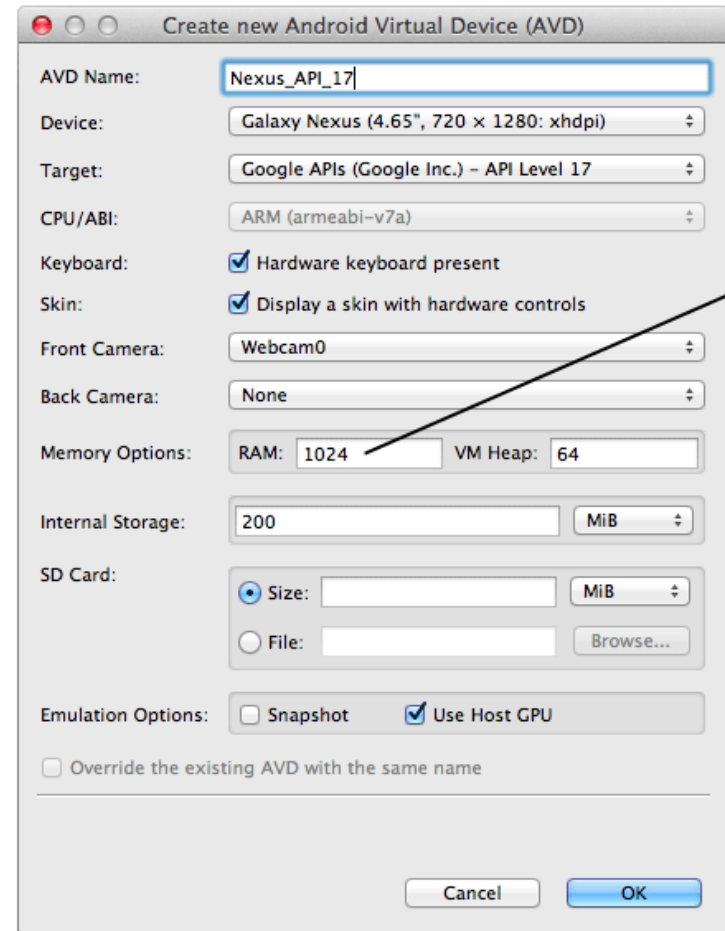


# Running on the Emulator

To create an Android virtual device (AVD), choose **Window** → **Android Virtual Device Manager**.

When the AVD Manager appears, click the **New...** button on the righthand side of the window.

In the package explorer, right-click the **GeoQuiz** project folder. From the context menu, choose **Run As** → **Android Application**.



On Windows,  
enter 512  
instead of 1024

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## Android and Model-View-Controller

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# Android and Model-View-Controller

## New Features

- Multiple Questions Support

## Model-View-Controller (MVC) and Android

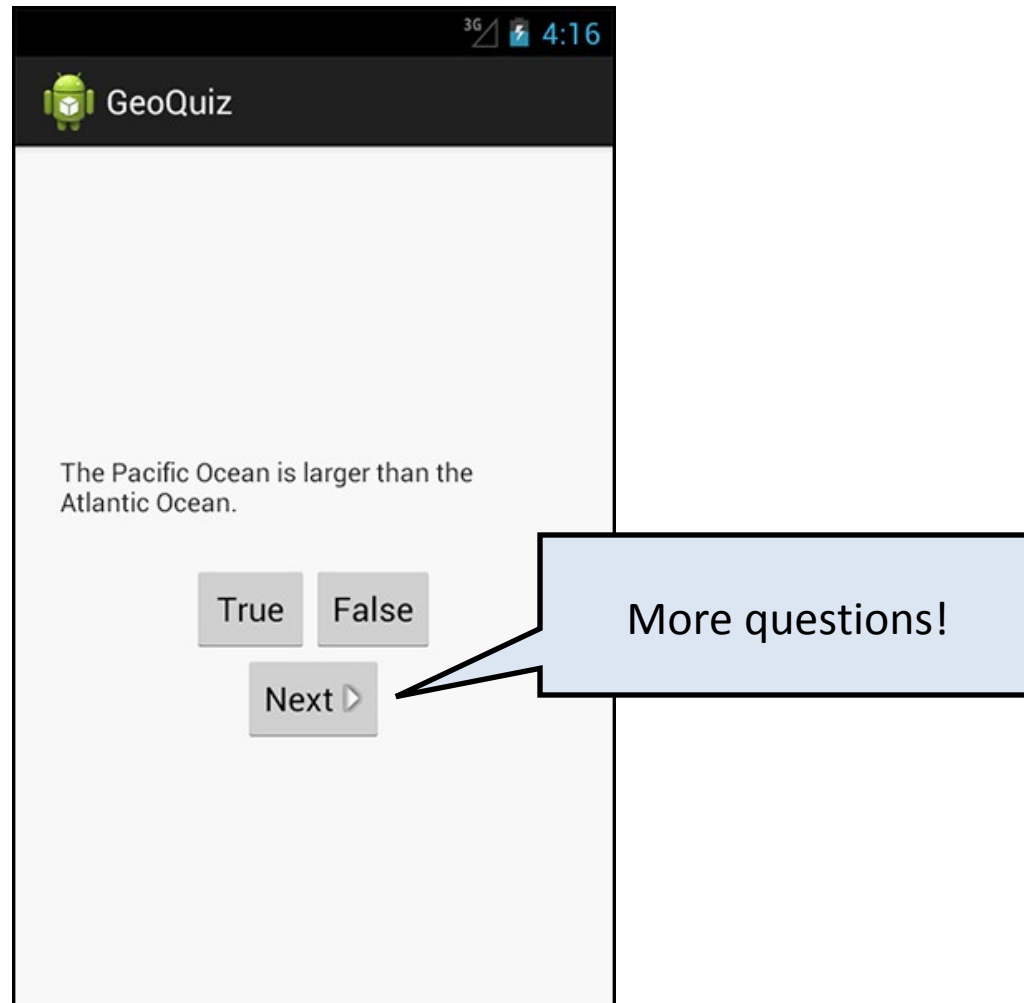
- MVC flow with User Input
- Object Diagram of GeoQuiz App

## MVC Pattern Applied in GeoQuiz App

- Adding Ids to button resources
- Wiring up widgets in Android code
- Making Toast Messages

## Running Android App on Emulator

# New Features of GeoQuiz



# Model-View-Controller and Android

Android applications are designed around an architecture called Model-View-Controller.

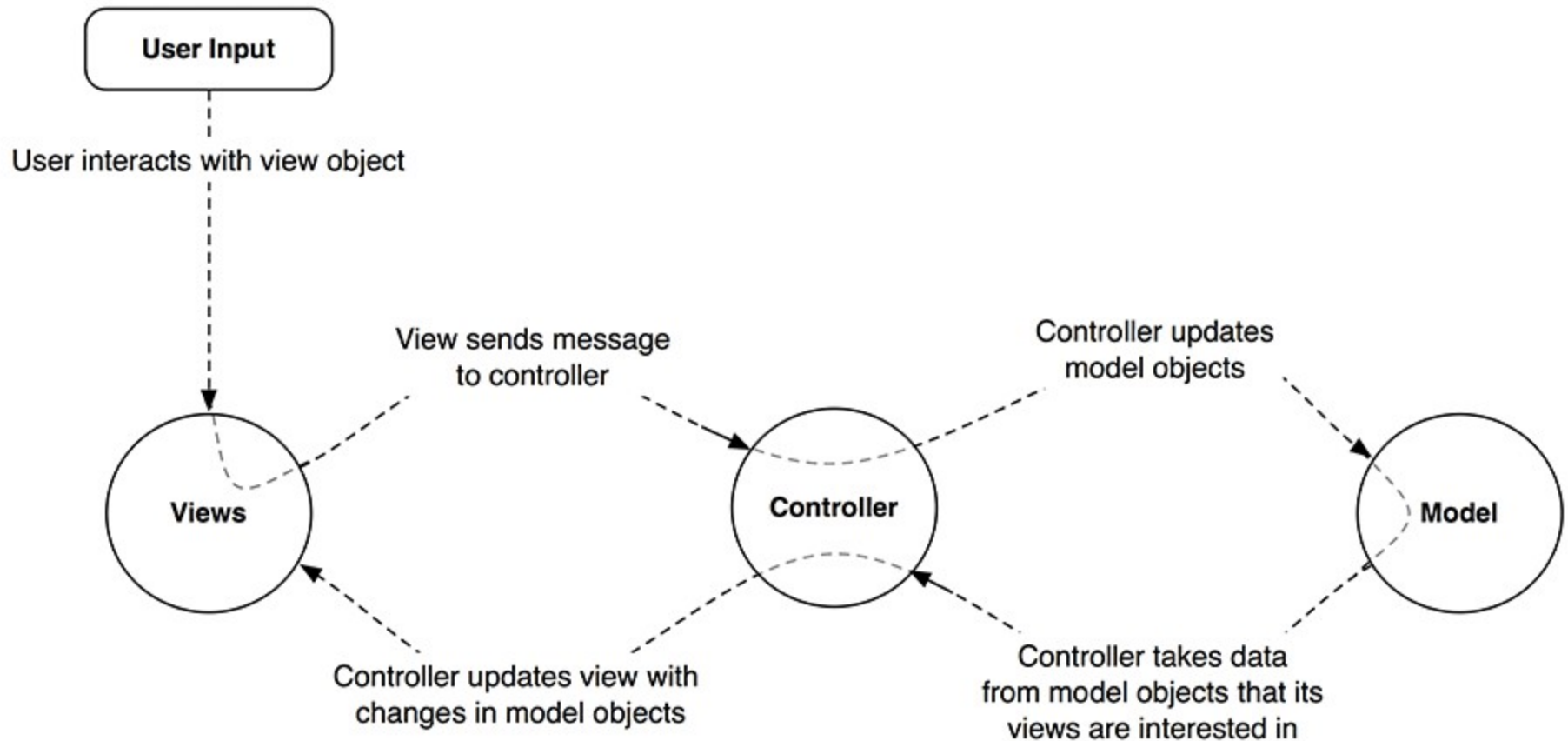
A *model* object holds the application's data and "business logic." In Android applications, model classes are generally custom classes you create.

*View* objects know how to draw themselves on the screen and how to respond to user input, like touches.

*Controller* objects tie the view and model objects together. They contain "application logic."

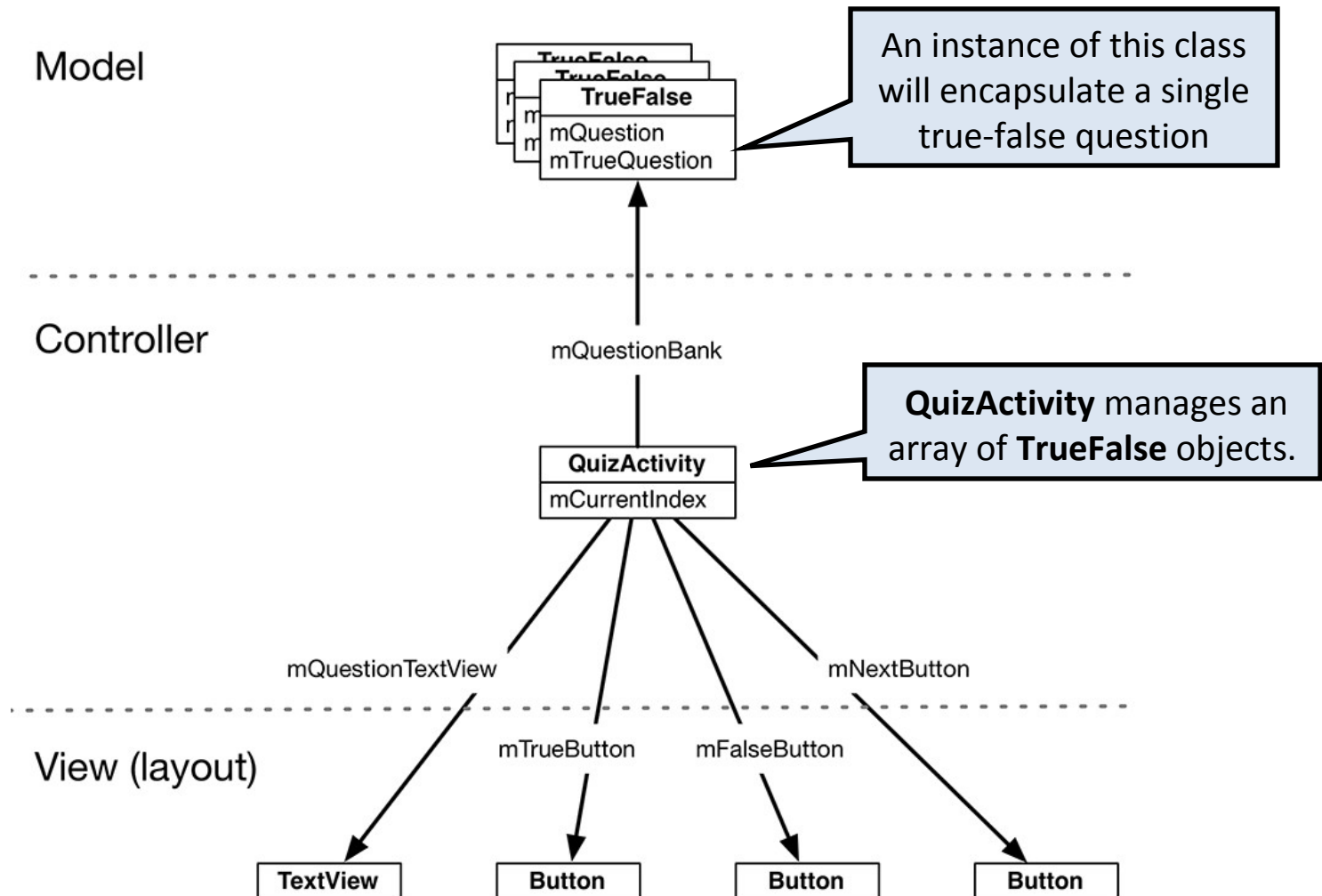
Controllers are designed to respond to various events triggered by view objects and to manage the flow of data to and from model objects and the view layer.

# MVC flow with user input



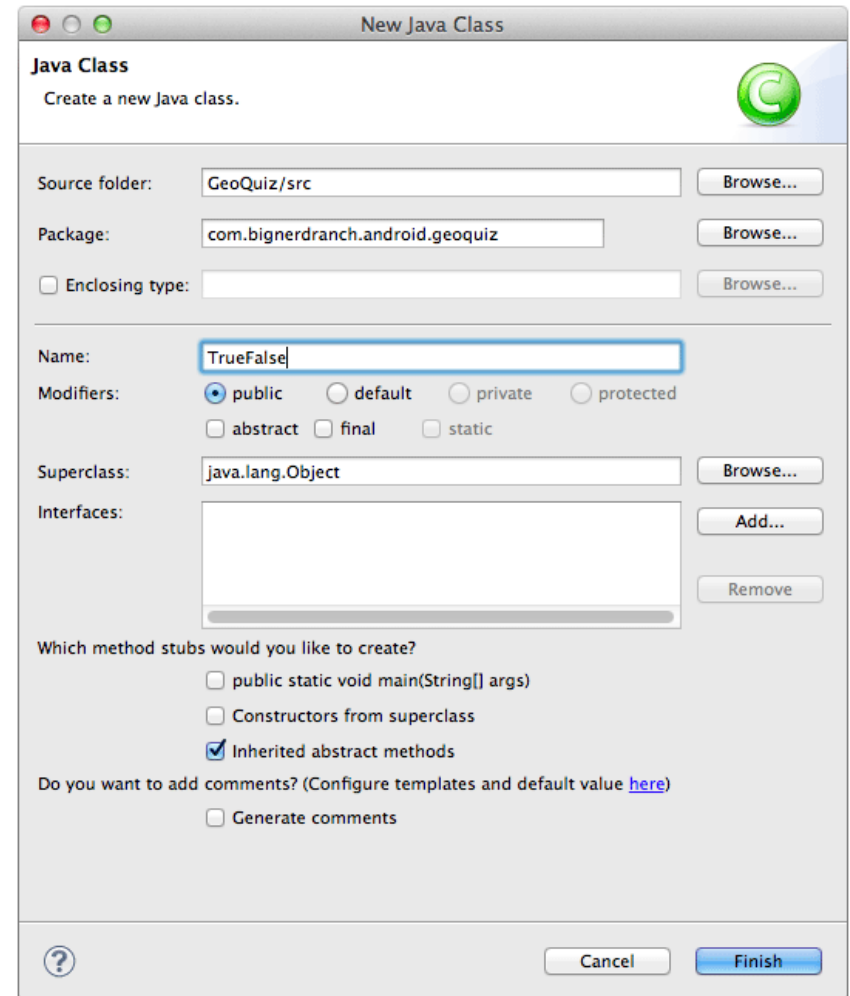


# Object Diagram GeoQuiz Application

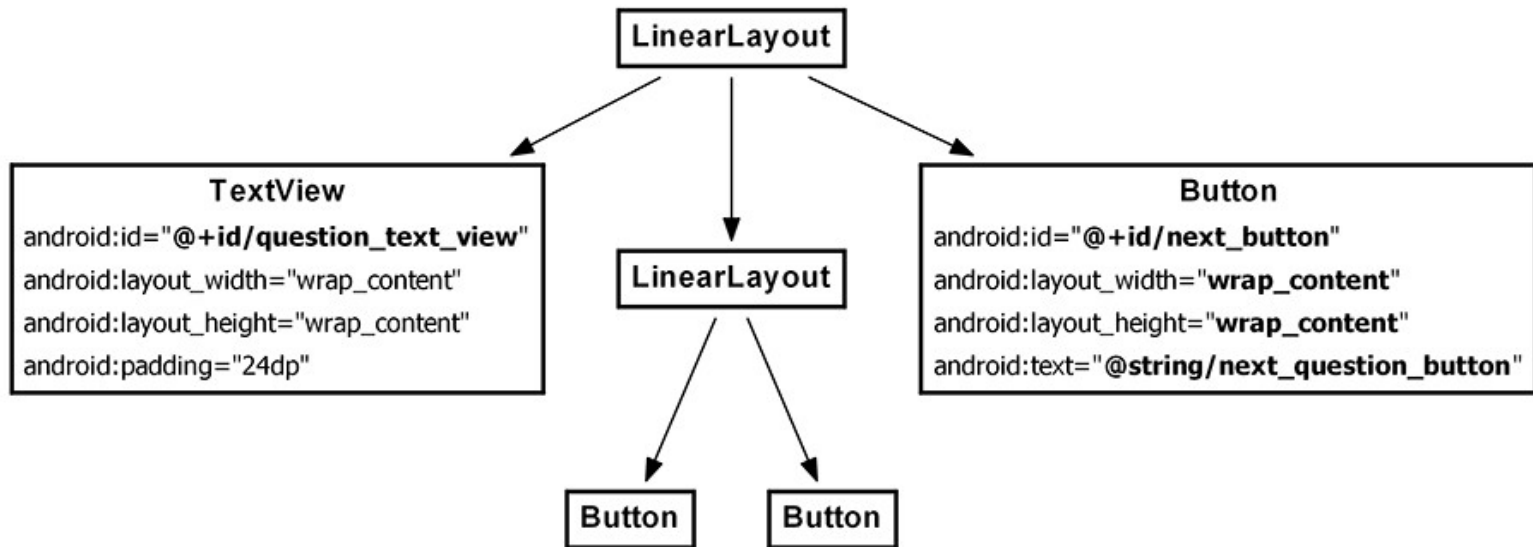


# Model: TrueFalse Class

```
public class TrueFalse {  
    private int mQuestion;  
    private boolean mTrueQuestion;  
  
    public TrueFalse(int question, boolean trueQuestion) {  
        mQuestion = question;  
        mTrueQuestion = trueQuestion;  
    }  
  
    public int getQuestion() {  
        return mQuestion;  
    }  
  
    public void setQuestion(int question) {  
        mQuestion = question;  
    }  
  
    public boolean isTrueQuestion() {  
        return mTrueQuestion;  
    }  
  
    public void setTrueQuestion(boolean trueQuestion) {  
        mTrueQuestion = trueQuestion;  
    }  
}
```



# Views: GeoQuiz View Hierarchy



# Adding Question Strings

...

```
<string name="incorrect_toast">Incorrect!</string>
```

```
<string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>
```

```
<string name="question_oceans">
```

```
    The Pacific Ocean is larger than the Atlantic Ocean.</string>
```

```
<string name="question_mideast">
```

```
    The Suez Canal connects the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.</string>
```

```
<string name="question_africa">The source of the Nile River is in Egypt.</string>
```

```
<string name="question_americas">
```

```
    The Amazon River is the longest river in the Americas.</string>
```

```
<string name="question_asia">
```

```
    Lake Baikal is the world's oldest and deepest freshwater lake.</string>
```

...

# Controller: QuizActivity

You have multiple questions to retrieve and display, QuizActivity will have to work harder to tie GeoQuiz's model and view layers together.

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
  
    private Button mTrueButton;  
    private Button mFalseButton;  
    private Button mNextButton;  
    private TextView mQuestionTextView;  
  
    private TrueFalse[] mQuestionBank = new TrueFalse[] {  
        new TrueFalse(R.string.question_oceans, true),  
        new TrueFalse(R.string.question_mideast, false),  
        new TrueFalse(R.string.question_africa, false),  
        new TrueFalse(R.string.question_americas, true),  
        new TrueFalse(R.string.question_asia, true),  
    };  
  
    private int mCurrentIndex = 0;  
    ...  
}
```

# Wiring Up Widgets: TextView 1/2

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);  
  
        mQuestionTextView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);  
        int question = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
        mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
  
        mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

# Wiring Up Widgets: Button 2/2

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);  
        mQuestionTextView =  
            (TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);  
        int question =  
            mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
        mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
        ...  
        mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new  
            View.OnClickListener() {  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
                    R.string.correct_toast,  
                    Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

```
mNextButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.next_button);  
mNextButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        mCurrentIndex =  
            (mCurrentIndex + 1) % mQuestionBank.length;  
        int question =  
            mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
        mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
    } }  
});
```

# Code Refactoring 1/2

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private void updateQuestion() {  
        int question = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
        mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
    }  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        ...  
        mQuestionTextView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);  
int question = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
  
        mNextButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                mCurrentIndex = (mCurrentIndex + 1) % mQuestionBank.length;  
                int question = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
                mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
                updateQuestion();  
            }  
        });  
        updateQuestion();  
    }  
}
```



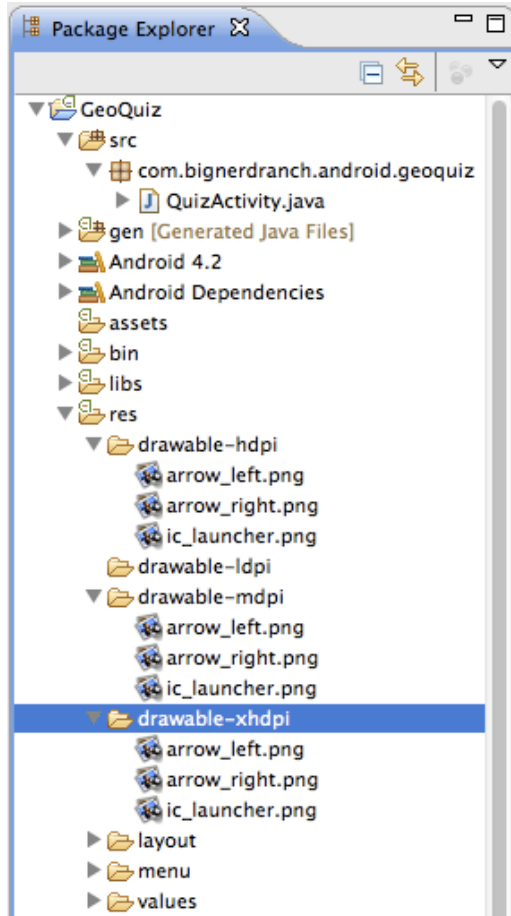
# Code Refactoring 2/2

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private void updateQuestion() {  
        int question = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();  
        mQuestionTextView.setText(question);  
    }  
    private void checkAnswer(boolean userPressedTrue) {  
        boolean answersTrue =  
            mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].isTrueQuestion();  
        int messageResId = 0;  
        if (userPressedTrue == answersTrue) {  
            messageResId = R.string.correct_toast;  
        } else {  
            messageResId = R.string.incorrect_toast;  
        }  
        Toast.makeText(this, messageResId, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT)  
            .show();  
    }  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        ...  
        mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
        mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
                    R.string.incorrect_toast,  
                    Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
                checkAnswer(true);  
            }  
        });  
        mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);  
        mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
                    R.string.correct_toast,  
                    Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
                checkAnswer(false);  
            }  
        });  
        mNextButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.next_button);  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

# UI Enhancement – Adding an Icon

Arrow icons in GeoQuiz drawable directories



Referencing icon resources in XML

```
<LinearLayout
... >
...
<LinearLayout
... >
...
</LinearLayout>
<Button
    android:id="@+id/next_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/next_question_button"
    android:drawableRight="@drawable/arrow_right"
    android:drawablePadding="4dp"
/>
</LinearLayout>
```

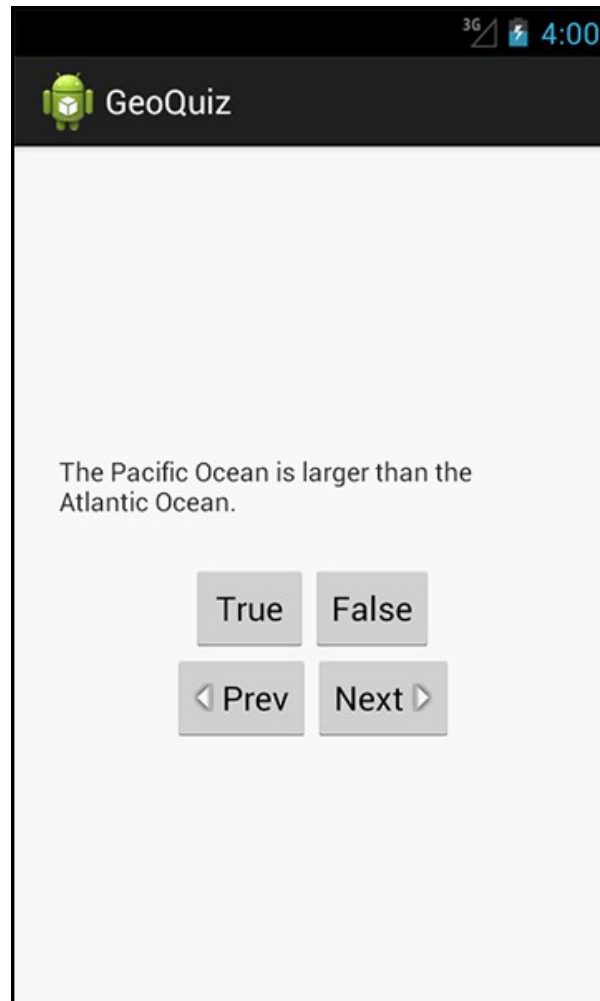
# Challenge 1: Add a Listener to the TextView

Your Next button is nice, but you could also make it so that a user could press the `TextView` itself to see the next question.

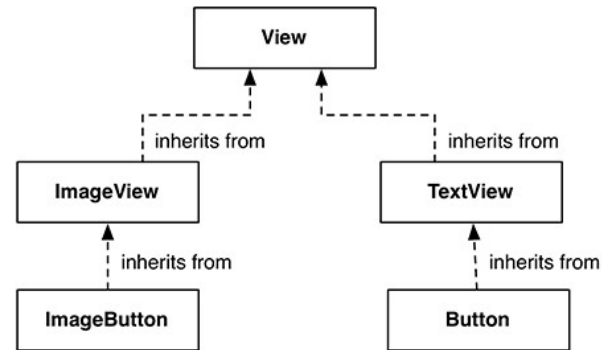
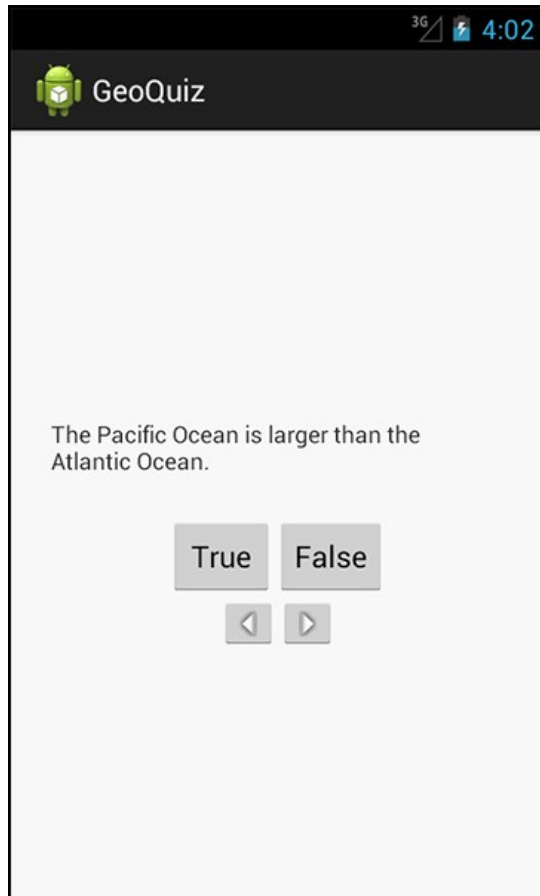
**Hint:** You can use the `View.OnClickListener` listener for the `TextView` that you have used with the `Button` because `TextView` also inherits from `View`.

# Challenge 2: Add a Previous Button

Add a button that the user can press to go back one question.



# Challenge 3: From Button to ImageButton



You can replace the text and drawable attributes on the Next button with a single **ImageView** attribute:

```
<Button ImageButton
    android:id="@+id/next_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/next_question_button"
    android:drawableRight="@drawable/arrow_right"
    android:drawablePadding="4dp"
    android:src="@drawable/arrow_right"
/>
```

Of course, you will need to modify `QuizActivity` to work with `ImageButton`.

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## Activity Lifecycle

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# Activity Lifecycle Overview

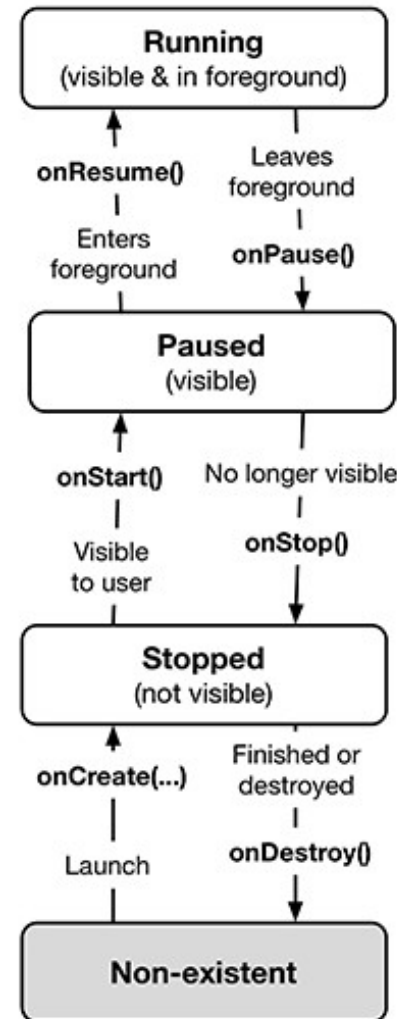
Every instance of Activity has a lifecycle.

During this lifecycle, an activity transitions between three possible states:

- Running
- Paused
- Stopped

For each transition, there is an Activity method that notifies the activity of the change in its state.

**Never call `onCreate(...)` or any of the other Activity lifecycle methods yourself. You override them in your activity subclasses, and Android calls them at the appropriate time.**



# onCreate(...)

Typically, an activity overrides **onCreate(...)** to prepare the specifics of its user interface:

- inflating widgets and putting them on screen (in the call to **(setContentView(int))**)
- getting references to inflated widgets
- setting listeners on widgets to handle user interaction
- connecting to external model data

```
@Override
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
```

```
    mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
    mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
```

```
        @Override
```

```
        public void onClick(View v) {
```

```
            // Does nothing yet, but soon!
```

```
        }
```

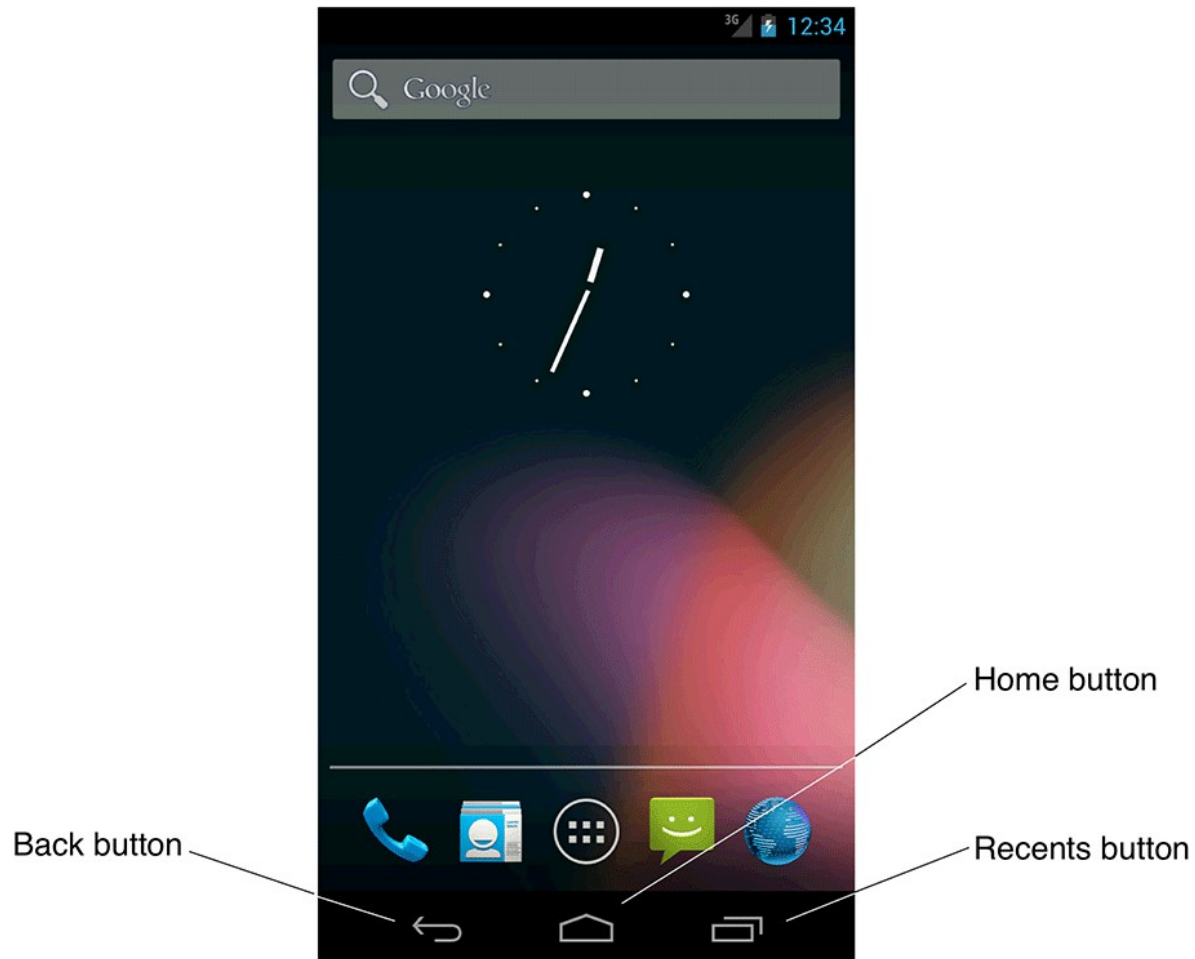
```
    });
```

```
    mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);
```

```
}
```

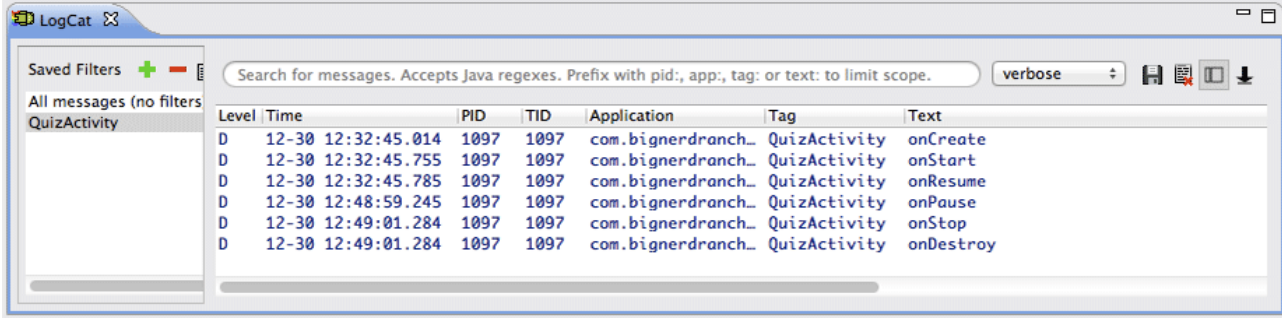


# Latest Versions of an Android Device



# Logging the Activity Lifecycle

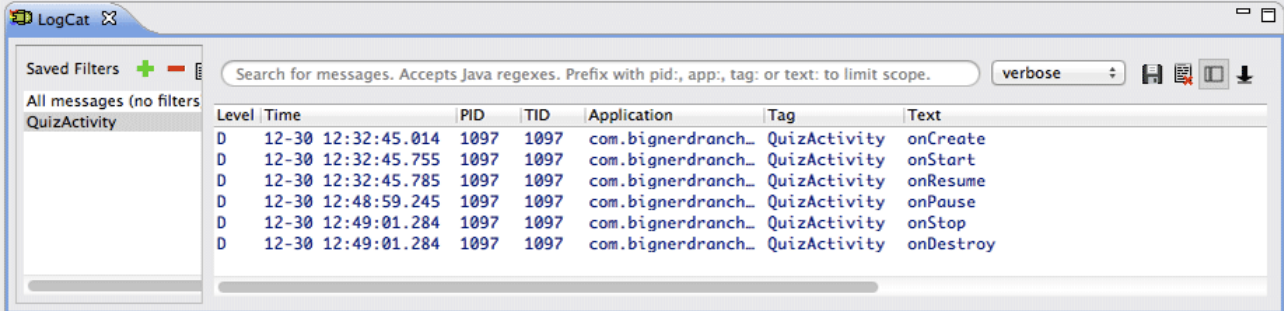
## Launching the app creates, starts, and resumes an activity



LogCat window showing the activity lifecycle events. The table lists messages for QuizActivity, including onCreate, onStart, onResume, onPause, onStop, and onDestroy.

Level	Time	PID	TID	Application	Tag	Text
D	12-30 12:32:45.014	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onCreate
D	12-30 12:32:45.755	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStart
D	12-30 12:32:45.785	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onResume
D	12-30 12:48:59.245	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onPause
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStop
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onDestroy

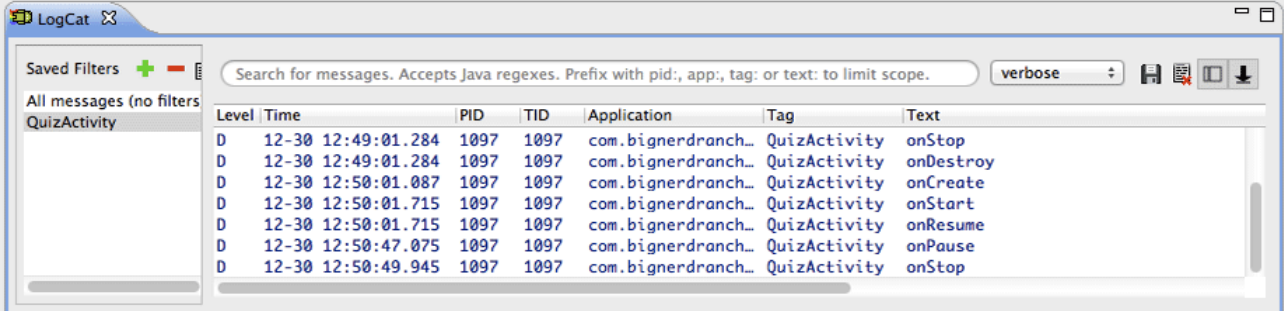
## Pressing the Back button destroys the activity



LogCat window showing the activity lifecycle events. The table lists messages for QuizActivity, including onCreate, onStart, onResume, onPause, onStop, and onDestroy.

Level	Time	PID	TID	Application	Tag	Text
D	12-30 12:32:45.014	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onCreate
D	12-30 12:32:45.755	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStart
D	12-30 12:32:45.785	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onResume
D	12-30 12:48:59.245	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onPause
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStop
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onDestroy

## Pressing the Home button stops the activity



LogCat window showing the activity lifecycle events. The table lists messages for QuizActivity, including onStop, onDestroy, onCreate, onStart, onResume, onPause, and onStop.

Level	Time	PID	TID	Application	Tag	Text
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStop
D	12-30 12:49:01.284	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onDestroy
D	12-30 12:50:01.087	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onCreate
D	12-30 12:50:01.715	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStart
D	12-30 12:50:01.715	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onResume
D	12-30 12:50:47.075	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onPause
D	12-30 12:50:49.945	1097	1097	com.bignerdranch...	QuizActivity	onStop

```
@Override
public void onStart() {
    super.onStart();
    Log.d(TAG, "onStart() called");
}

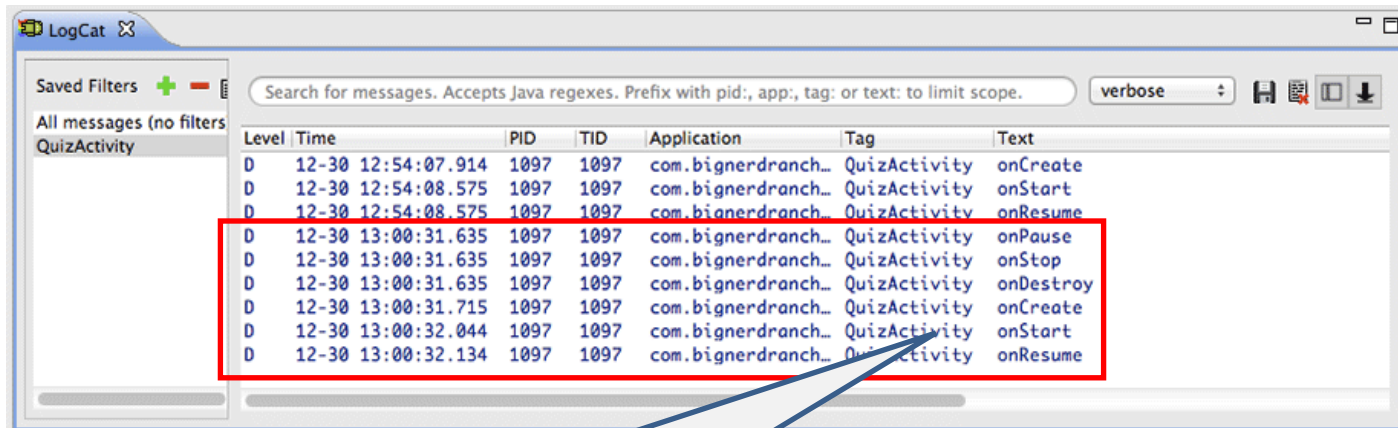
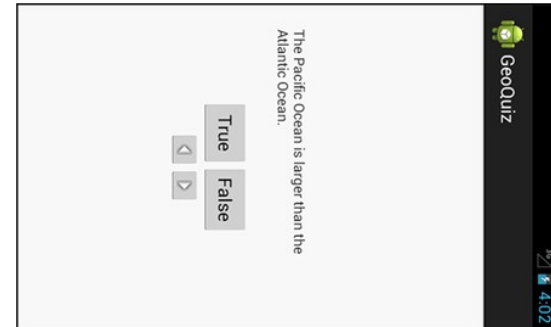
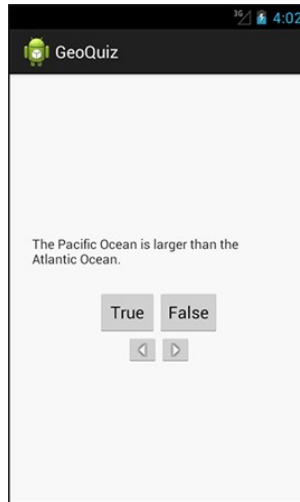
@Override
public void onPause() {
    super.onPause();
    Log.d(TAG, "onPause() called");
}

@Override
public void onResume() {
    super.onResume();
    Log.d(TAG, "onResume() called");
}

@Override
public void onStop() {
    super.onStop();
    Log.d(TAG, "onStop() called");
}

@Override
public void onDestroy() {
    super.onDestroy();
    Log.d(TAG, "onDestroy() called");
}
```

# Rotation and the Activity Lifecycle



Activity is dead and reborn again!

# Saving Data Across Rotation

@Override

```
public void onSaveInstanceState(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onSaveInstanceState(savedInstanceState);  
    Log.i(TAG, "onSaveInstanceState");  
    savedInstanceState.putInt(KEY_INDEX, mCurrentIndex);  
}
```

// Checking Bundle in onCreate(...)

...

```
if (savedInstanceState != null) {  
    mCurrentIndex = savedInstanceState.getInt(KEY_INDEX, 0);  
}  
  
updateQuestion();  
}
```

# Android Basics

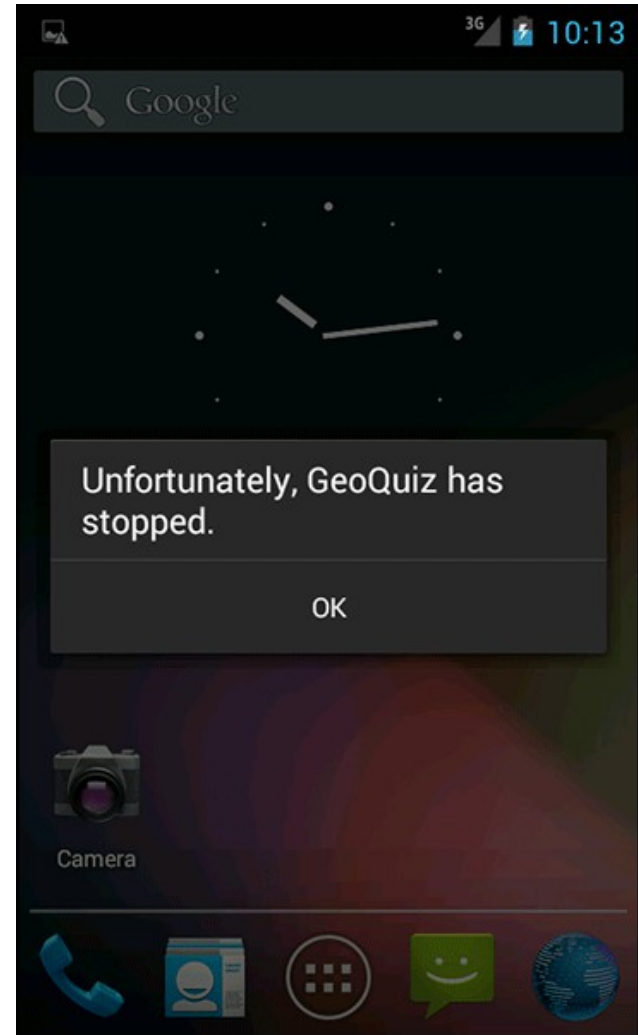
## Debugging Android Apps

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# Debugging Overview

Find out what  
to do when  
apps get buggy.



# Debugging Tools Overview

## LogCat

- Show Exceptions and Stack Traces
- Diagnose misbehaviors with logging stack traces

## Debugger

- Diagnose misbehaviors with breakpoint

## Android Lint

- Examine codes to find defects without running it

# LogCat DDMS Perspective

DDMS does the footwork for all Android debugging. The DDMS perspective includes LogCat and the Devices view.

Devices

LogCat

The screenshot displays the DDMS perspective in the Eclipse IDE. The top toolbar includes buttons for 'Start Tracking', 'Get Allocations', and a 'Filter' input field. Below the toolbar, the 'Devices' view on the left lists various system and application processes for the 'android4.1 [emulator-5554]' device. The 'LogCat' view at the bottom shows a list of log messages with columns for Level, Time, PID, TID, Tag, and Text. The messages include AndroidRuntime exceptions and ActivityManager warnings.

Name	Online
android4.1 [emulator-5554]	Online
android.process.acore	306
com.android.systemui	1431
com.android.quicksearchbox	612
com.android.settings	283
com.android.keychain	584
com.android.inputmethod.latin	230
com.android.deskclock	349
com.bignerdranch.android.photogallery	1672
com.android.email	465
com.android.calendar	326
com.android.providers.calendar	357
com.android.launcher	261
com.svox.pico	598
com.android.phone	246
android.process.media	416
com.caterpillar.android.catmeasure	1831

Level	Time	PID	TID	Tag	Text
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.updateQuestion(QuizActivity.java:90)
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.onCreate(QuizActivity.java:90)
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	at android.app.Activity.performCreate(Activity.java:5008)
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	at android.app.Instrumentation.callActivityOnCreate(Instrumentation.java:1079)
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.performLaunchActivity(ActivityThread.java:2023)
E	01-27 22:19...	3070	3070	AndroidRuntime	... 11 more
W	01-27 22:19...	149	339	ActivityManager	Force finishing activity com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz/.QuizActivity
W	01-27 22:19...	149	339	WindowManager	Failure taking screenshot for (246x410) to layer 21010
W	01-27 22:19...	149	163	ActivityManager	Activity pause timeout for ActivityRecord{4140c560 com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz/.QuizActivity}
W	01-27 22:19...	149	163	ActivityManager	Activity destroy timeout for ActivityRecord{4140c560 com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz/.QuizActivity}



# LogCat Stack Traces

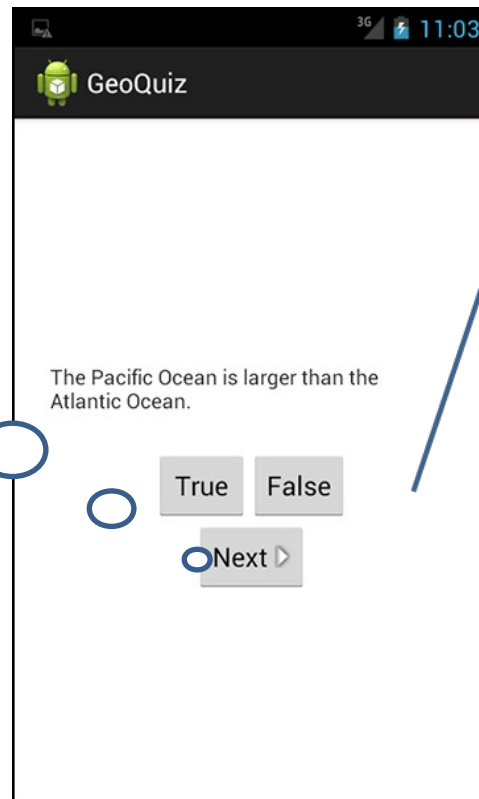
Tag	Text
dalvikvm	Not late-enabling CheckJNI (already on)
ActivityManager	Start proc com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz Activity: pid=3116 uid=10052 gids={1028}
Trace	error opening trace file: No such file or di
QuizActivity	onCreate() called
AndroidRuntime	Shutting down VM
dalvikvm	threadid=1: thread exiting with uncaught exc
AndroidRuntime	FATAL EXCEPTION: main
AndroidRuntime	java.lang.RuntimeException: Unable to start quiz/com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizAc
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.performLau
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.handleLau
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.access\$600
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread\$H.handleMe
AndroidRuntime	at android.os.Handler.dispatchMessage(Ha
AndroidRuntime	at android.os.Looper.loop(Looper.java:13
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.main(Activ
AndroidRuntime	at java.lang.reflect.Method.invokeNative
AndroidRuntime	at java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Metho
AndroidRuntime	at com.android.internal.os.ZygoteInit\$Me
AndroidRuntime	at com.android.internal.os.ZygoteInit.ma
AndroidRuntime	at dalvik.system.NativeStart.main(Native
AndroidRuntime	Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException
AndroidRuntime	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.updateQuestion(QuizActivity.java:90)
AndroidRuntime	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.onCreate(QuizActivity.java:90)
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.Activity.performCreate(Activity.java:5008)
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.Instrumentation.callActivityOnCreate(Instrumentation.java:1079)
AndroidRuntime	at android.app.ActivityThread.performLaunchActivity(ActivityThread.java:2023)
AndroidRuntime	... 11 more
ActivityManager	Force finishing activity com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz/.QuizActivity
WindowManager	Failure taking screenshot for (246x410) to layer 21010
Choreographer	Skipped 31 frames! The application may be doing too much work on its main thread.
ActivityManager	Activity pause timeout for ActivityRecord{413bbdc0 com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz

```
//QuizActivity.java
protected void onCreate(Bundle
savedInstanceState){
    ...
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
    mQuestionTextView=
    (TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);
    //mQuestionTextView =
    (TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);
    mTrueButton =
    ...
}
```

# Diagnosing Misbehaviors Stack Trace 1/2

Apps may show sometimes non-crashing misbehavior.

Pressing  
Next does  
nothing



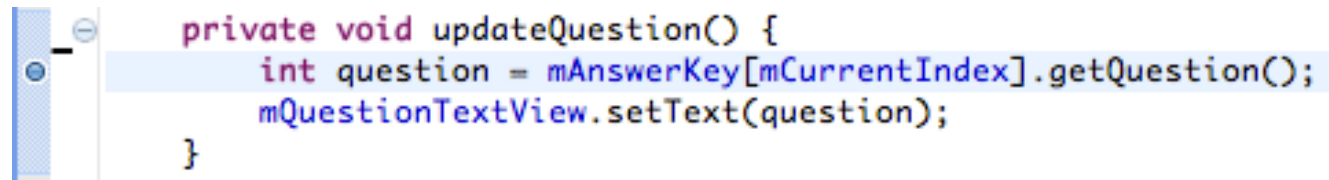
```
protected void onCreate(Bundle
savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    ...
    mNextButton =
(Button)findViewById(R.id.next_button);
    mNextButton.setOnClickListener(new
View.OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            mCurrentIndex = (mCurrentIndex + 1) %
mQuestionBank.length;
            //mCurrentIndex = (mCurrentIndex + 1) %
mQuestionBank.length;
            updateQuestion();
        }
    });
    ...
}
```

# Diagnosing Misbehaviors Stack Trace 2/2

Tag	Text
	eNotFoundException: /proc/net/xt_qtaguid/iface_stat_all: o irectory)
SizeAdaptiveLa...	com.android.internal.widget.SizeAdaptiveLayout@41ccc060chi cd2c30 measured out of bounds at 95px clamped to 96px
QuizActivity	Updating question text for question #0
QuizActivity	java.lang.Exception
QuizActivity	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.updat
QuizActivity	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity.acces
QuizActivity	at com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity\$3.onC
QuizActivity	at android.view.View.performClick(View.java:4084)
QuizActivity	at android.view.View\$PerformClick.run(View.java:16966)
QuizActivity extends Activity {	allback(Handler.java:615)
	hMessage(Handler.java:92)
updateQuestion() {	per.java:137)
AG, "Updating question text for question #" + mCurrentIndex,	.main(ActivityThread.java
xception());	nvokeNative(Native Method
on = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].getQuestion();	nvoke(Method.java:511)
onTextView.setText(question);	goteInit\$MethodAndArgsCal
	goteInit.main(ZygoteInit.
	main(Native Method)

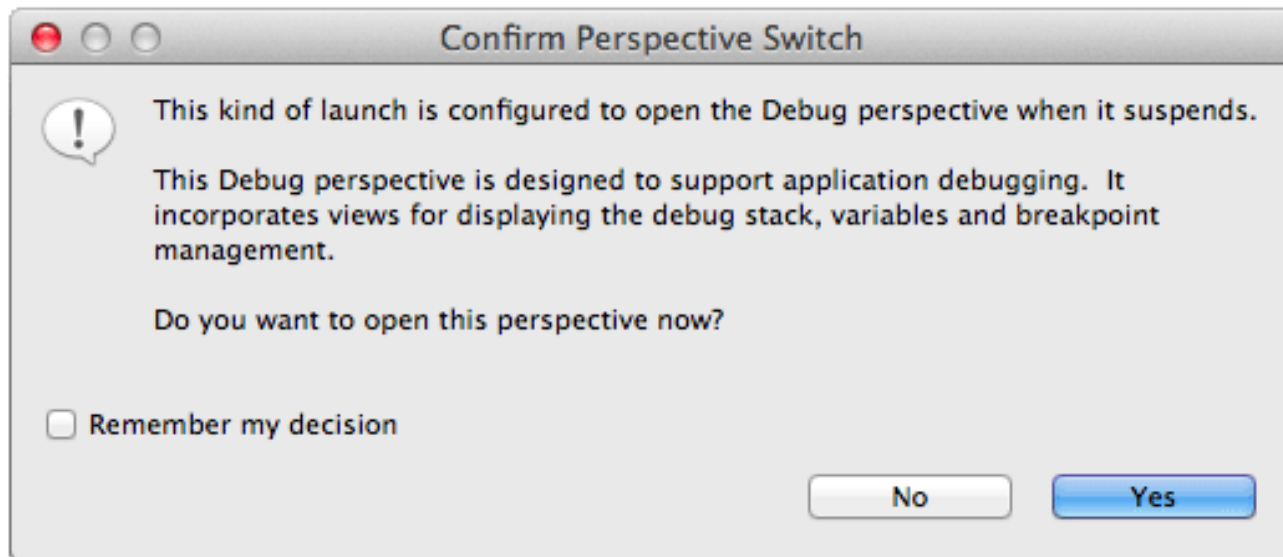
# Diagnosing Misbehaviors Set Breakpoint 1/2

Set breakpoint by double clicking grey area at left margin

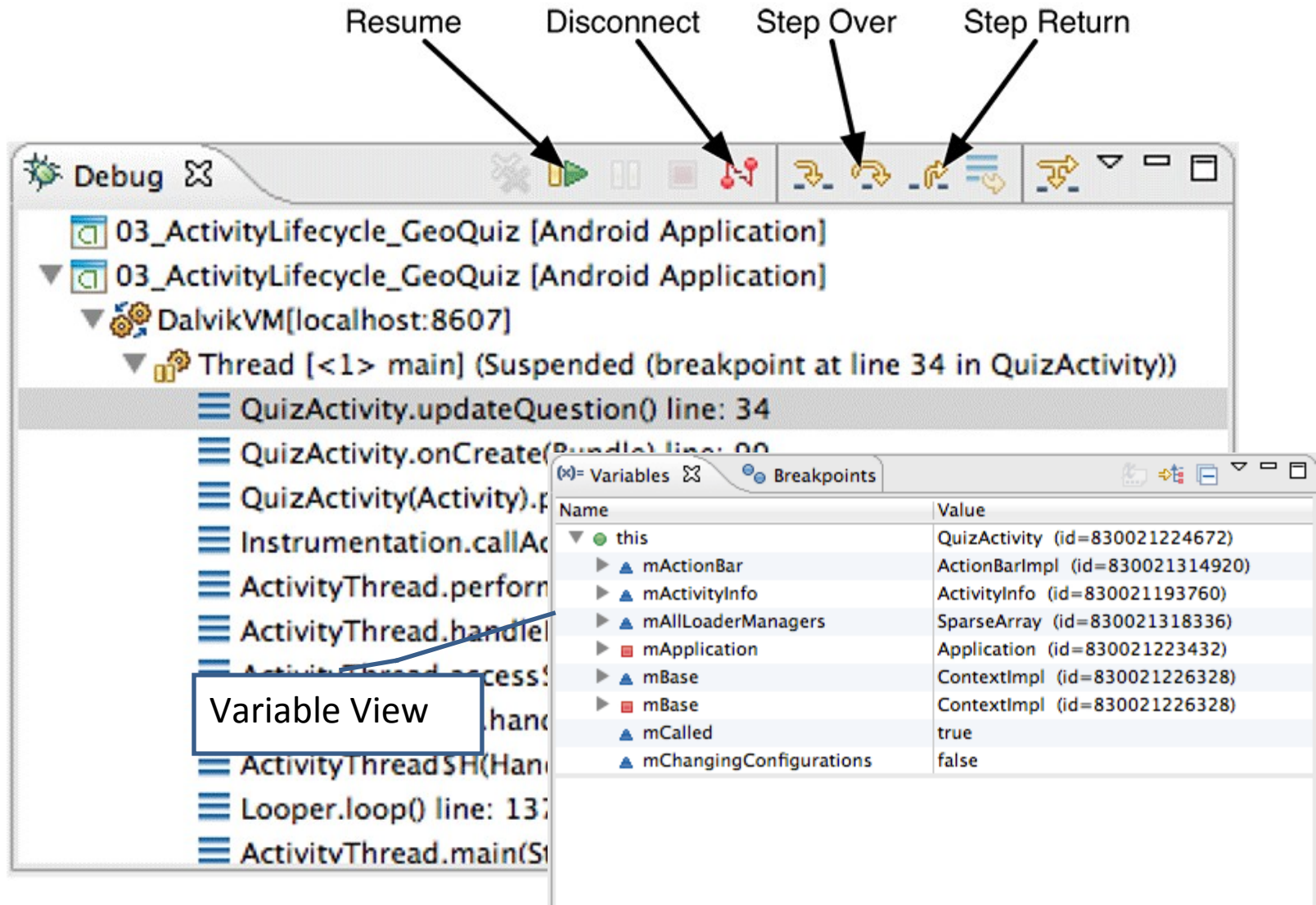


Switch to Debug Perspective

Right-click GeoQuiz project and select Debug As → Android Application

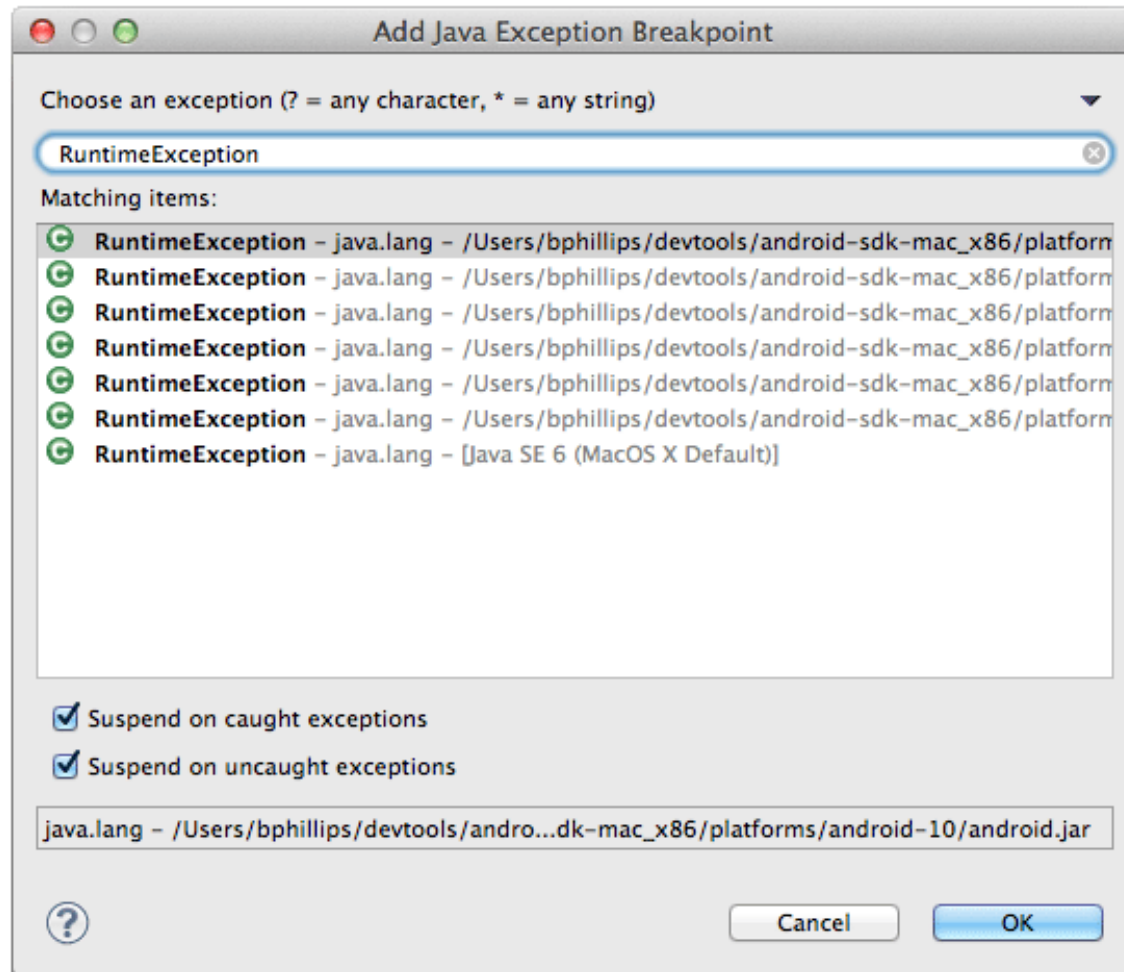


## Diagnosing Misbehaviors Set Breakpoint 2/2



# Diagnosing Misbehaviors Set Exception Breakpoint

Use, Run → Add Java Exception Breakpoint... to catch exception breakpoints



# Android Specific Debug – Android Lint

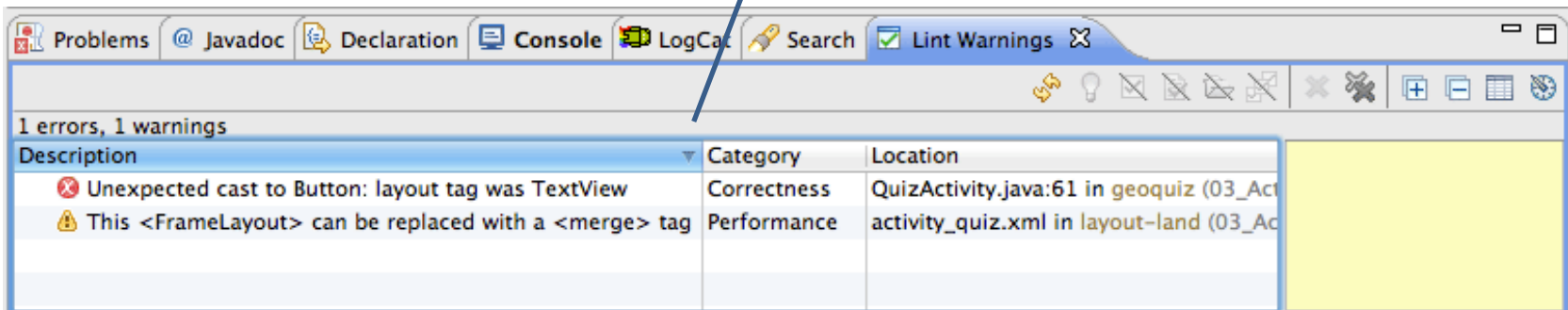
Android Lint is a static analyzer for Android code.

A static analyzer is a program that examines your code to find defects without running it.

Android Lint uses its knowledge of the Android frameworks to look deeper into your code and find problems that the compiler cannot.

In the package explorer, right-click the GeoQuiz project and select Android Tools → Run Lint: Check for Common Errors to see the Lint Warnings view.

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle
savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    Log.d(TAG, "onCreate() called");
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
    mQuestionTextView =
(TextView)findViewById(R.id.question_text_vie
w);
    mTrueButton =
(Button)findViewById(R.id.question_text_view);
    mTrueButton =
(Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);
    ...
}
```



# Android Basics

## Multi-Activity App

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# Multi-Activity GeoQuiz App Overview

## Multi-Activity GeoQuiz App Overview

- Main Screens

## Setup new Cheat Activity

- Define Layout and Activity subclass
- Define it in manifest
- Add Cheat! Button in Quiz Activity to start Cheat Activity

## Starting Cheat Activity

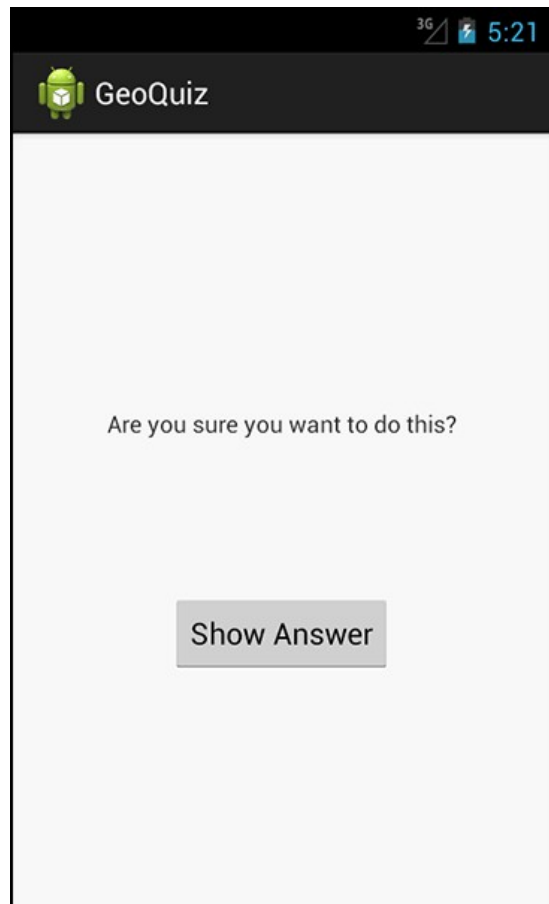
- Using Intent

## Passing data between activity

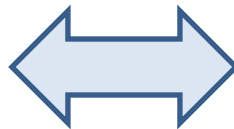
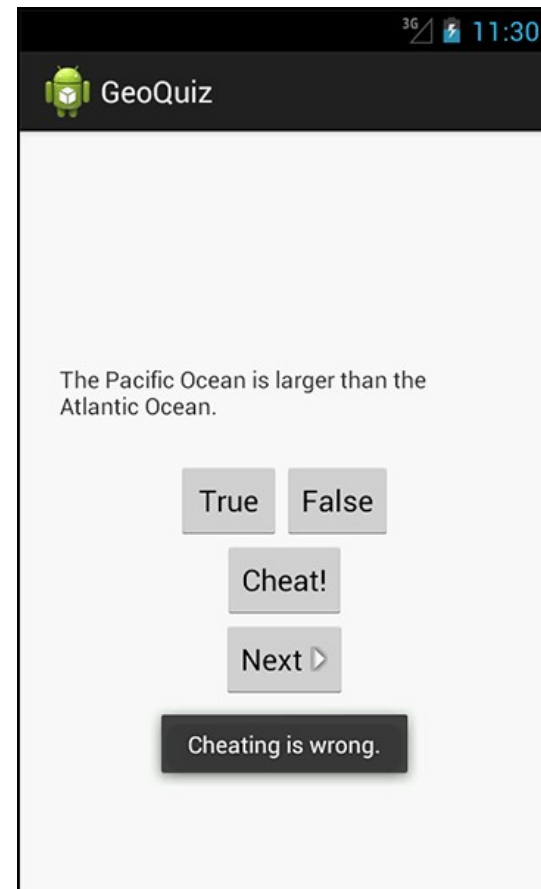
- Using Intent extra
- Get a result from Child Activity

# Main Screens

**CheatActivity** offers the chance to peek at the answer



**QuizActivity** knows if you've been cheating



# Setup New Cheat Activity

Add Strings

Create New Layout

- Creating a new layout file
- Naming and configuring new layout file

Create a New Cheat Activity Subclass

Declaring Activity in Manifest

Add a Cheat Button in Quiz Activity

- Wiring up Cheat Button

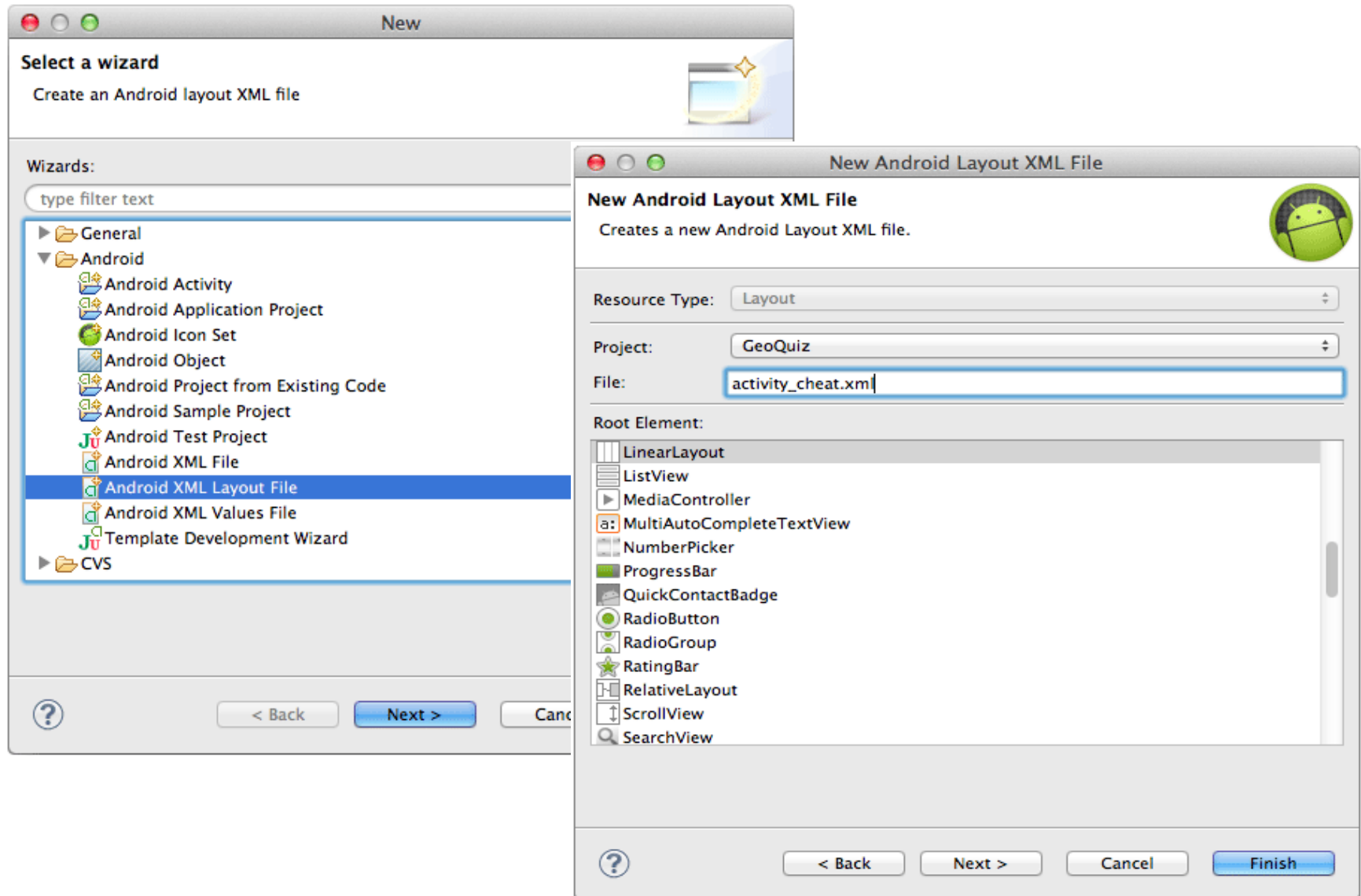
# Add Strings (strings.xml)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>

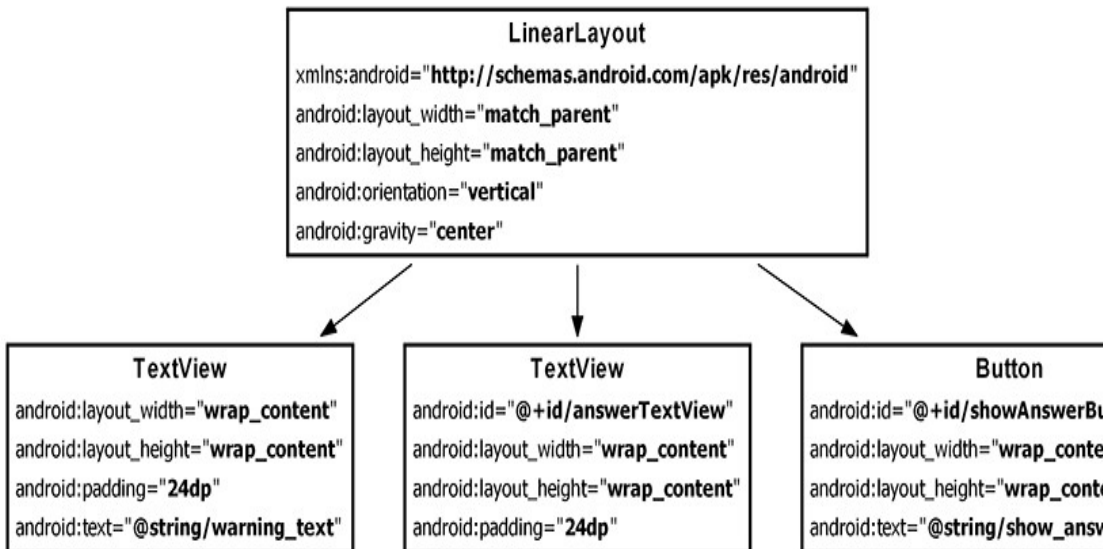
...
<string name="question_asia">Lake Baikal is the world\'s oldest and deepest
    freshwater lake.</string>
<string name="cheat_button">Cheat!</string>
<string name="warning_text">Are you sure you want to do this?</string>
<string name="show_answer_button">Show Answer</string>
<string name="judgment_toast">Cheating is wrong.</string>

</resources>
```

# Create New Layout File



# Design and Implement New Layout



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

```
<LinearLayout
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res
/android" android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:orientation="vertical"
android:gravity="center">
```

```
<TextView android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:padding="24dp"
android:text="@string/warning_text" />
```

```
<TextView android:id="@+id/answerTextView"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:padding="24dp" />
```

```
<Button android:id="@+id/showAnswerButton"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:text="@string/show_answer_button" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

# Create New CheatActivity Subclass

**New Java Class**

Java Class  
Create a new Java class.

Source folder:

Package:

☐ Enclosing type:

---

Name:

Modifiers: ☒ public ☐ default ☐ private ☐ protected  
☐ abstract ☐ final ☐ static

Superclass:

Interfaces:

Which method stubs would you like to create?

☐ public static void main(String[] args)  
☐ Constructors from superclass  
☒ Inherited abstract methods

Do you want to add comments? (Configure templates and default value [here](#))

☐ Generate comments

# Override onCreate(...)

## CheatActivity.java

```
public class CheatActivity extends Activity {  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_cheat);  
    }  
  
}
```



# Declaring CheatActivity in the Manifest

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
package="com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz"
android:versionCode="1"
android:versionName="1.0" >
<uses-sdk
    android:minSdkVersion="8"
    android:targetSdkVersion="17" />
<application
    android:allowBackup="true"
    android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
    android:label="@string/app_name"
    android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
```

```
    <activity
        android:name="com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity"
        android:label="@string/app_name" >
        <intent-filter>
            <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
            <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
        </intent-filter>
    </activity>
    <activity
        android:name=".CheatActivity"
        android:label="@string/app_name" />
</application>
</manifest>
```

# Add a Cheat! Button to QuizActivity

Adding a Cheat! button to the default layout  
(layout/activity\_quiz.xml)

```
...
</LinearLayout>
<Button
    android:id="@+id/cheat_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/cheat_button" />

<Button
    android:id="@+id/next_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/next_button" />

</LinearLayout>
```

Adding a Cheat! button to the landscape layout  
(layout/activity\_quiz.xml)

```
...
</LinearLayout>
<Button
    android:id="@+id/cheat_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_gravity="bottom|center"
    android:text="@string/cheat_button" />

<Button
    android:id="@+id/next_button"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_gravity="bottom|right"
    android:text="@string/next_button"
    android:drawableRight="@drawable/arrow_right"
    android:drawablePadding="4dp" />
```

```
</FrameLayout>
```

# Wireup Cheat! Button (QuizActivity.java)

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private Button mNextButton;  
    private Button mCheatButton;  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        ...  
        mCheatButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.cheat_button);  
        mCheatButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            @Override  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                // Start CheatActivity  
            }  
        });  
        updateQuestion();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

# Starting an Activity with Intent

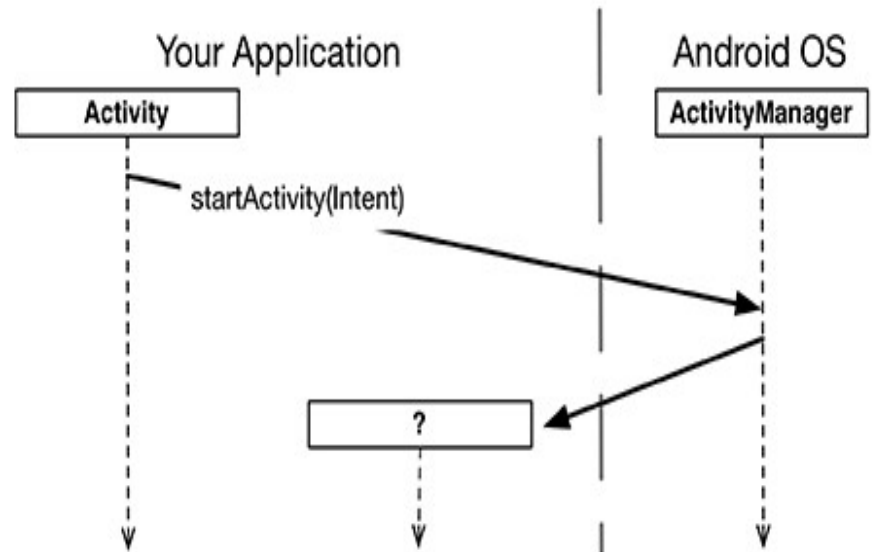
An intent is an object that a component can use to communicate with the OS

Here, you are using an intent to tell the ActivityManager which activity to start

```
public Intent(Context packageContext, Class<?> cls)
```

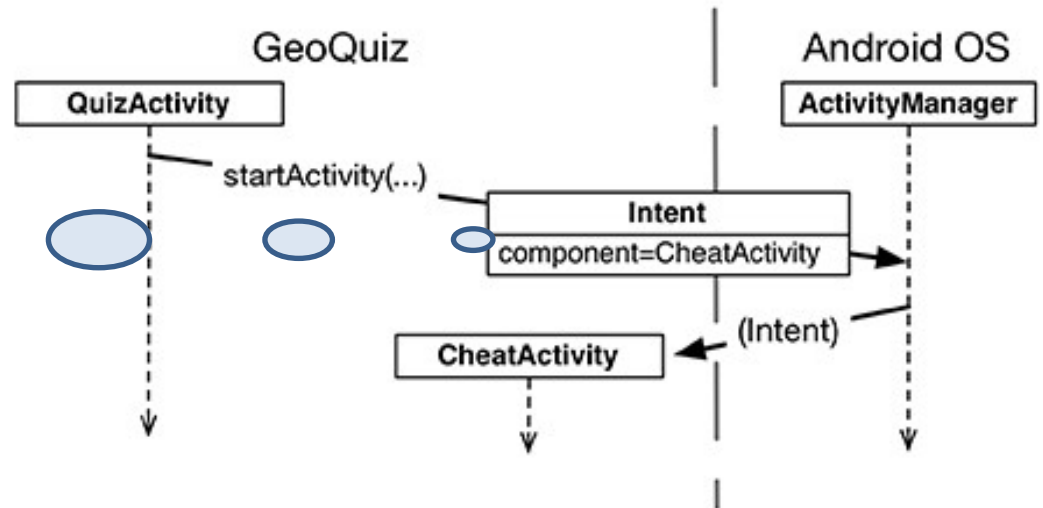
The Class object specifies the activity that the ActivityManager should start

The Context object tells the ActivityManager which package the Class object can be found in.



# Communicating with Intent

The Intent: telling  
ActivityManager  
what to do



...

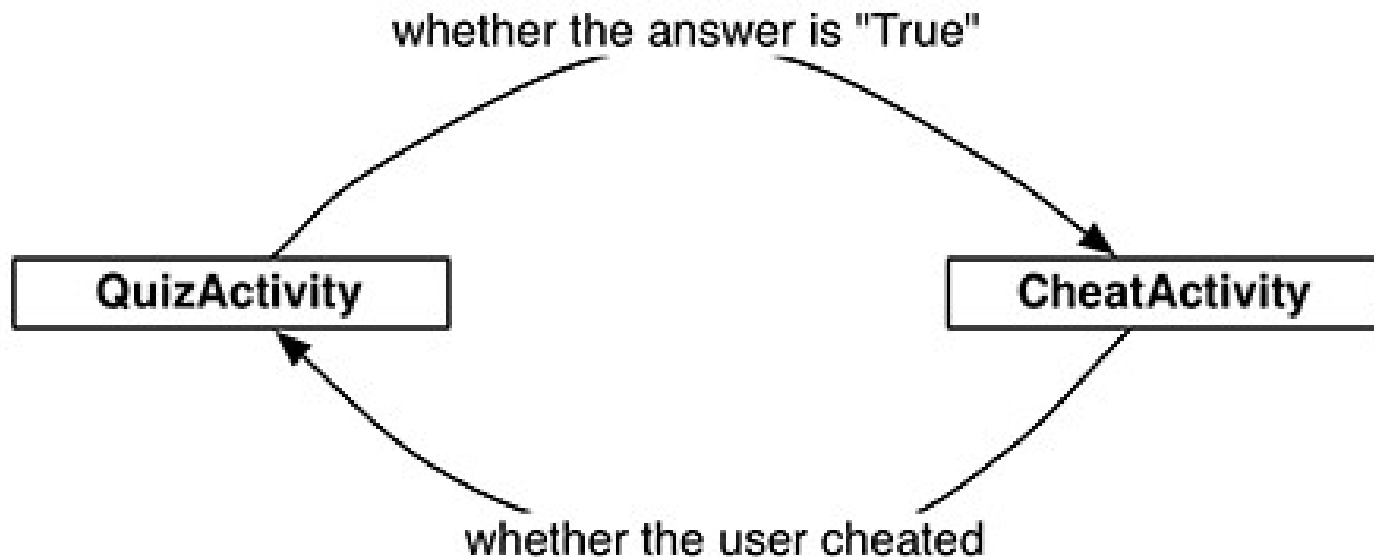
```
mCheatButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.cheat_button);
mCheatButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
```

Starting  
CheatActivity  
(QuizActivity.java)

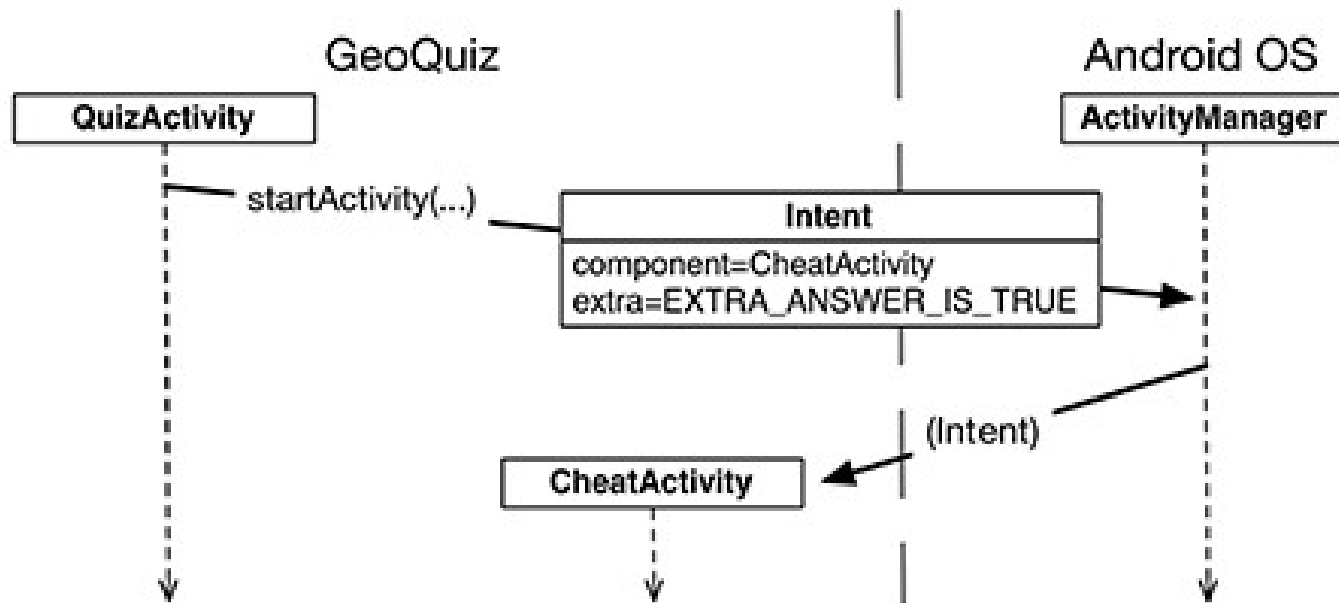
```
@Override
public void onClick(View v) {
    Intent i = new Intent(QuizActivity.this, CheatActivity.class);
    startActivity(i);
}
});
updateQuestion();
}
```

# Passing Data Between Activity

The conversation between QuizActivity and CheatActivity



# Using Intent Extras 1/2



# Using Intent Extras 2/2

## 1. Add extra constant (CheatActivity.java)

```
public class CheatActivity extends Activity {  
  
    public static final String EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE =  
        "com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.answer_is_true";
```

## 3. Using an extra (CheatActivity.java)

```
public class CheatActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private boolean mAnswersTrue;  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_cheat);  
        mAnswersTrue =  
            getIntent().getBooleanExtra(EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE, false);  
    }  
}
```

## 2. Putting an extra on the intent (QuizActivity.java)

```
...  
mCheatButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Intent i = new Intent(QuizActivity.this, CheatActivity.class);  
        boolean answersTrue =  
            mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].isTrueQuestion();  
        i.putExtra(CheatActivity.EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE,  
            answersTrue);  
        startActivity(i);  
    }  
});  
  
updateQuestion();  
}
```

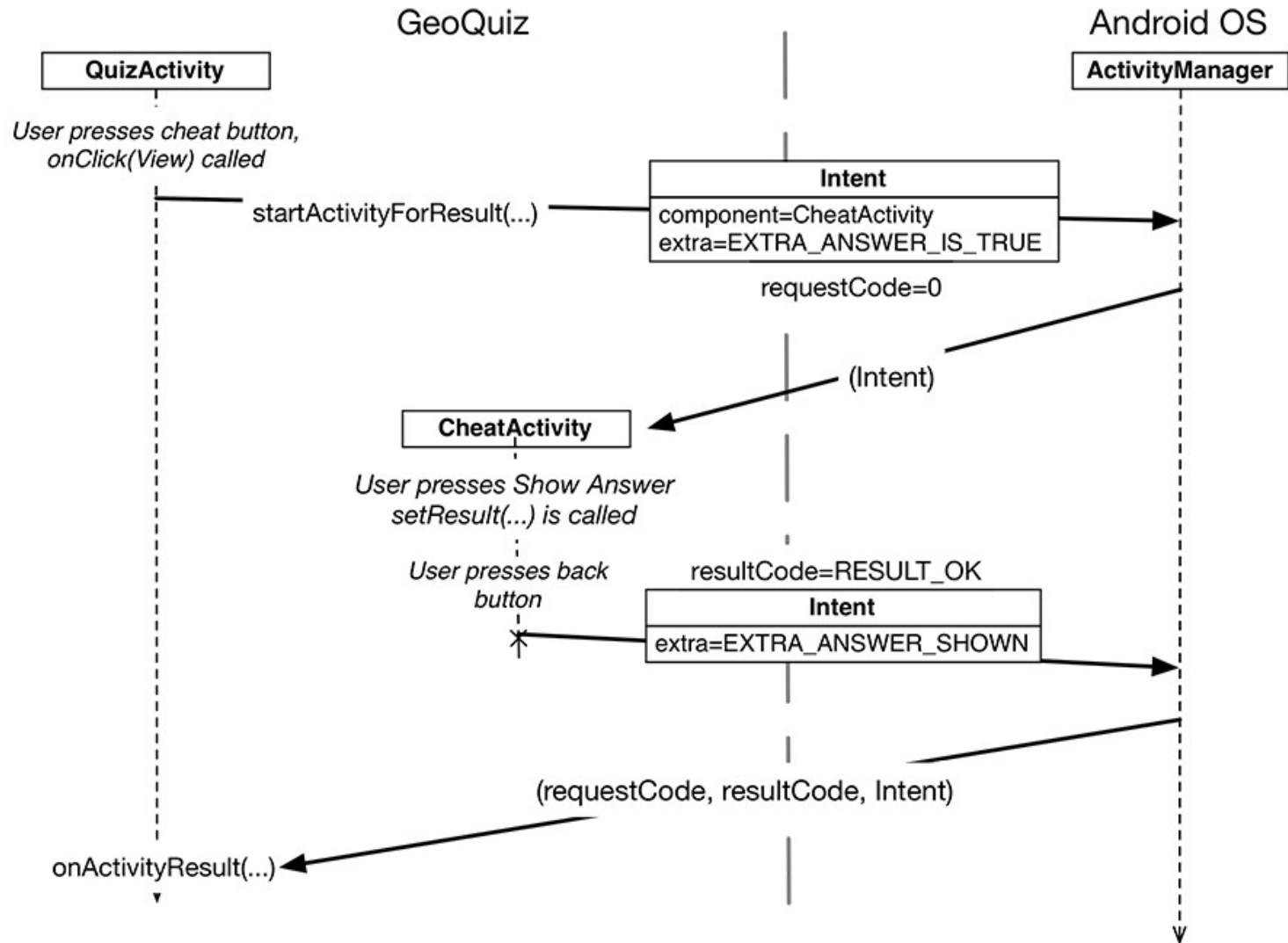


# Enable Cheating (CheatActivity.java)

4. In CheatActivity, wire up the answer TextView and the Show Answer button to use the retrieved value.

```
public class CheatActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private boolean mAnswerIsTrue;  
  
    private TextView mAnswerTextView;  
    private Button mShowAnswer;  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_cheat);  
  
        mAnswerIsTrue = getIntent()  
            .getBooleanExtra(EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE, false);  
  
        mAnswerTextView = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.answerTextView);  
  
        mShowAnswer = (Button)findViewById(R.id.showAnswerButton);  
        mShowAnswer.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
            @Override  
            public void onClick(View v) {  
                if (mAnswerIsTrue) {  
                    mAnswerTextView.setText(R.string.true_button);  
                } else {  
                    mAnswerTextView.setText(R.string.false_button);  
                }  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

# Getting a Result Back from a Child Activity



# Setting the Result 1/2

## 1. Calling `startActivityForResult(...)` (QuizActivity.java)

...

```
mCheatButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Intent i = new Intent(QuizActivity.this, CheatActivity.class);  
        boolean answerIsTrue = mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].isTrueQuestion();  
        i.putExtra(CheatActivity.EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE, answerIsTrue);  
        startActivityForResult(i, 0);  
    }  
});  
updateQuestion();  
}
```

# Setting the Result 2/2

## 2. Setting a result (CheatActivity.java)

```
public class CheatActivity extends Activity {

    public static final String EXTRA_ANSWER_IS_TRUE =
        "com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.answer_is_true";
    public static final String EXTRA_ANSWER_SHOWN =
        "com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.answer_shown";

    ...

    private void setAnswerShownResult(boolean isAnswerShown) {
        Intent data = new Intent();
        data.putExtra(EXTRA_ANSWER_SHOWN, isAnswerShown);
        setResult(RESULT_OK, data);
    }
}
```

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {

    ...

    // Answer will not be shown until the user
    // presses the button
    setAnswerShownResult(false);

    ...

    mShowAnswer.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            if (mAnswerIsTrue) {
                mAnswerTextView.setText(R.string.true_button);
            } else {
                mAnswerTextView.setText(R.string.false_button);
            }
            setAnswerShownResult(true);
        }
    });
}
```

# Handle the Result 1/2

## 1. Implementing onActivityResult(...) (QuizActivity.java)

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {  
    ...  
    private int mCurrentIndex = 0;  
    private boolean mIsCheater;  
    ...  
    @Override  
    protected void onActivityResult(int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent data) {  
        if (data == null) {  
            return;  
        }  
        mIsCheater = data.getBooleanExtra(CheatActivity.EXTRA_ANSWER_SHOWN, false);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

# Handle the Result 2/2

## 2. Use the result in Application Logic (QuizActivity.java)

```
private void checkAnswer(boolean userPressedTrue) {
    boolean answerIsTrue =
        mQuestionBank[mCurrentIndex].isTrueQuestion();

    int messageResId = 0;

    if (mIsCheater) {
        messageResId = R.string.judgment_toast;
    } else {
        if (userPressedTrue == answerIsTrue) {
            messageResId = R.string.correct_toast;
        } else {
            messageResId = R.string.incorrect_toast;
        }
    }

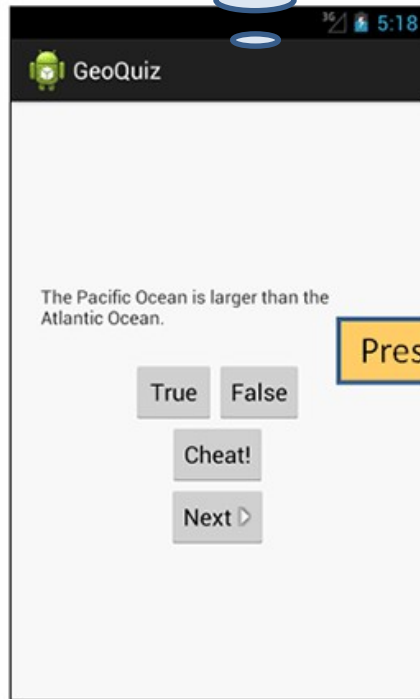
    Toast.makeText(this, messageResId,
        Toast.LENGTH_SHORT) .show();
}
```

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

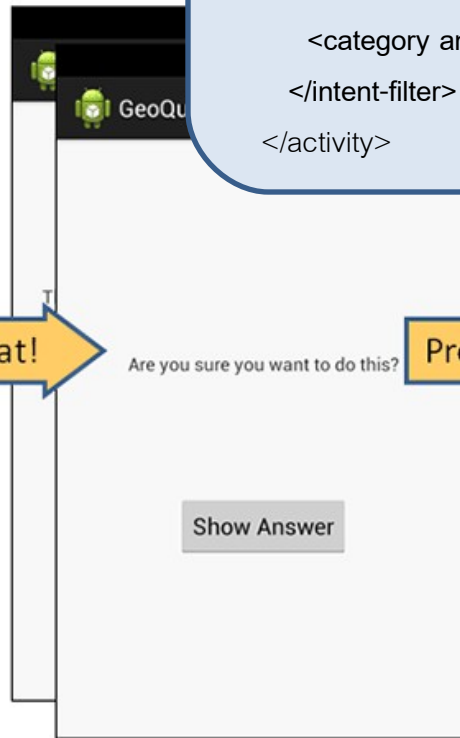
    mNextButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.next_button);
    mNextButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
        @Override
        public void onClick(View v) {
            mCurrentIndex =
                (mCurrentIndex + 1) % mQuestionBank.length;
            mIsCheater = false;
            updateQuestion();
        }
    });
    ...
}
```

# How Android Sees Your Activities 1/3

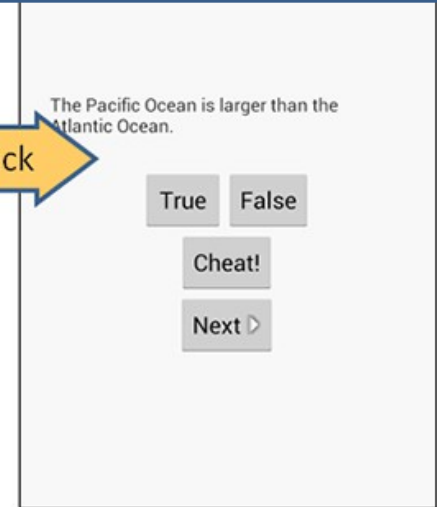
GeoQuiz back stack



Press Cheat!



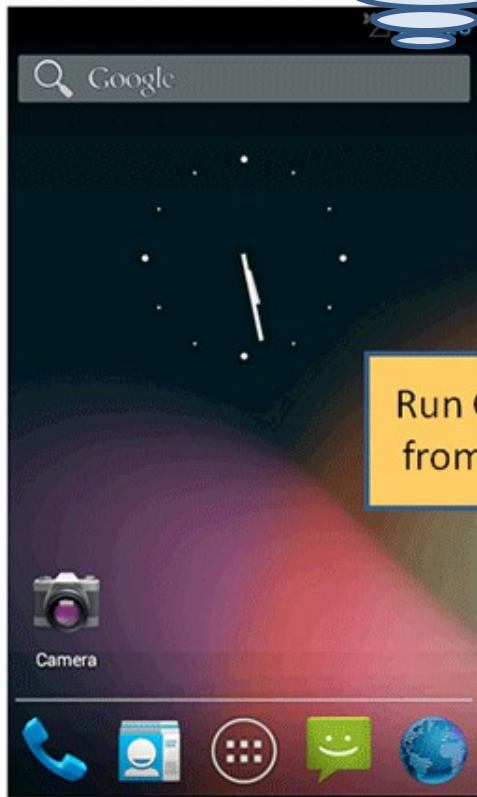
Press back



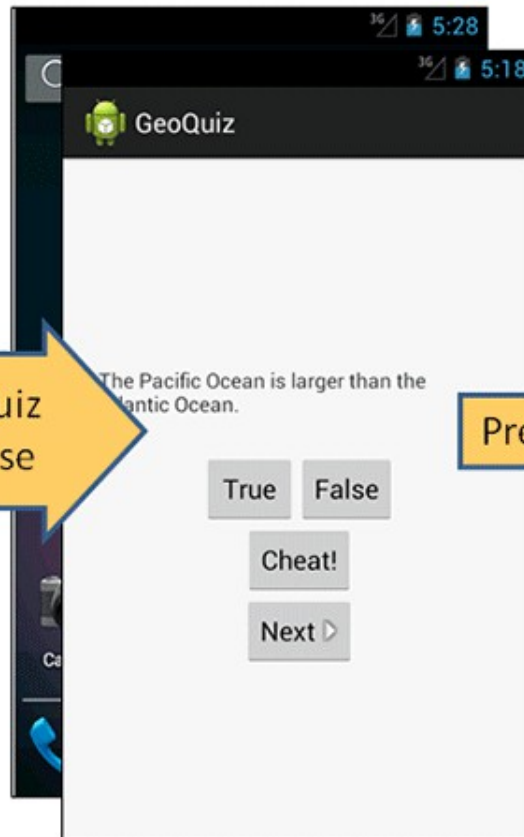
```
<activity
    android:name="com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz.QuizActivity"
    android:label="@string/app_name" >
    <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
    </intent-filter>
</activity>
```

# How Android Sees Your Activities 2/3

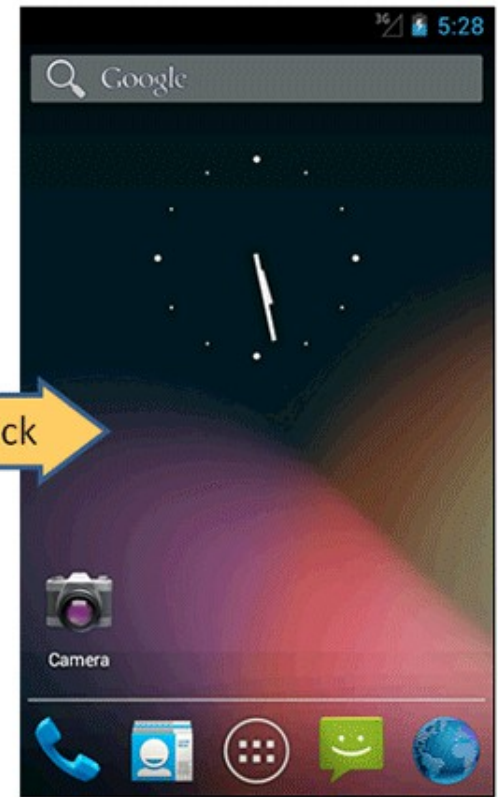
Looking at Home screen,  
running from Eclipse



Run GeoQuiz  
from Eclipse



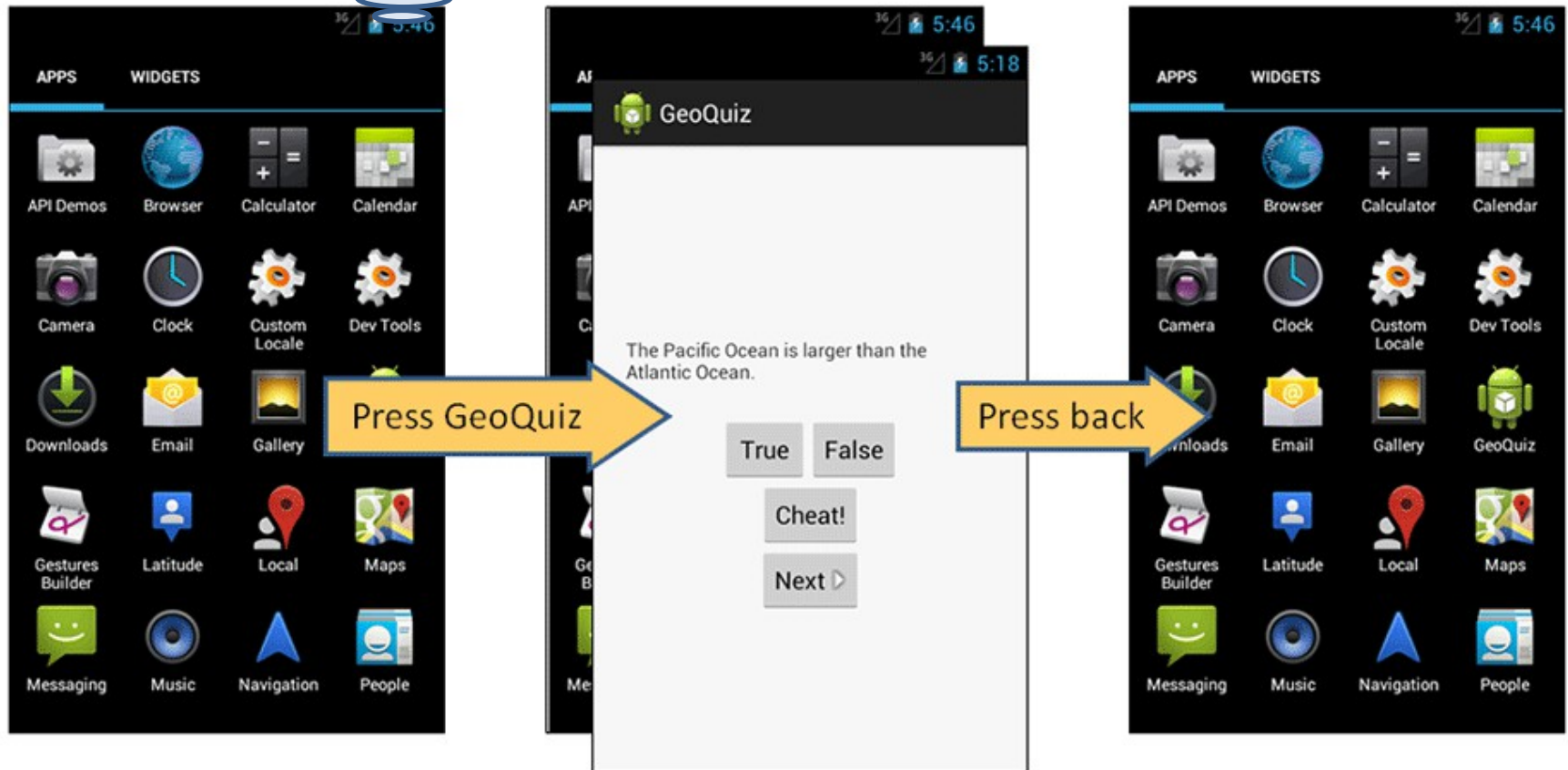
Press back





# How Android Sees Your Activities 3/3

Running from Launcher



# Challenges

GeoQuiz has a few major loopholes. For this challenge, you will busy yourself with closing them.

1. Users can rotate **CheatActivity** after they cheat to clear out the cheating result.
2. Once they get back, users can rotate QuizActivity to clear out **mlsCheater**.
3. Users can press **Next** until the question they cheated on comes back around.

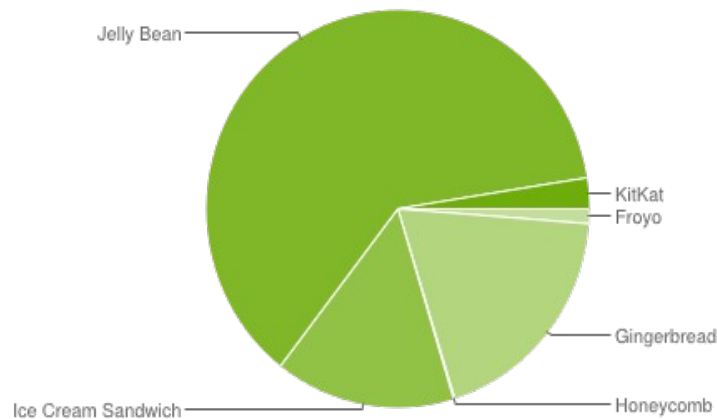
# Android Basics

## Android SDK Versions and Compatibility

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# Android API Levels, Firmware Versions, and % of Devices in Use



Version	Codename	API	Distribution
2.2	Froyo	8	1.2%
2.3.3 - 2.3.7	Gingerbread	10	19.0%
3.2	Honeycomb	13	0.1%
4.0.3 - 4.0.4	Ice Cream Sandwich	15	15.2%
4.1.x	Jelly Bean	16	35.3%
4.2.x		17	17.1%
4.3		18	9.6%
4.4	KitKat	19	2.5%

*Data collected during a 7-day period ending on March 3, 2014.*

*Any versions with less than 0.1% distribution are not shown.*

*URL: <http://developer.android.com/about/dashboards/index.html>*

# Compatibility and Android Programming

The delay in upgrades combined with regular new releases makes compatibility an important issue in Android programming.

To reach a broad market, Android developers must create apps that perform well on devices running Froyo, Gingerbread, Honeycomb, Ice Cream Sandwich, and Jelly Bean versions of Android, as well as on different device form factors.

Targeting different sizes of devices is easier than you might think. Phone screens are a variety of sizes, but the Android layout system does a good job at adapting.

The release of **Honeycomb** was a major shift in Android and introduced a new UI and new architectural components.

Thus, Android developers must spend time ensuring backwards compatibility and bridging the gap between Gingerbread (API level 10) and Honeycomb (API level 11) and beyond. Android has provided help for maintaining backwards compatibility.

# SDK Versions (API Level)

## Minimum SDK Version

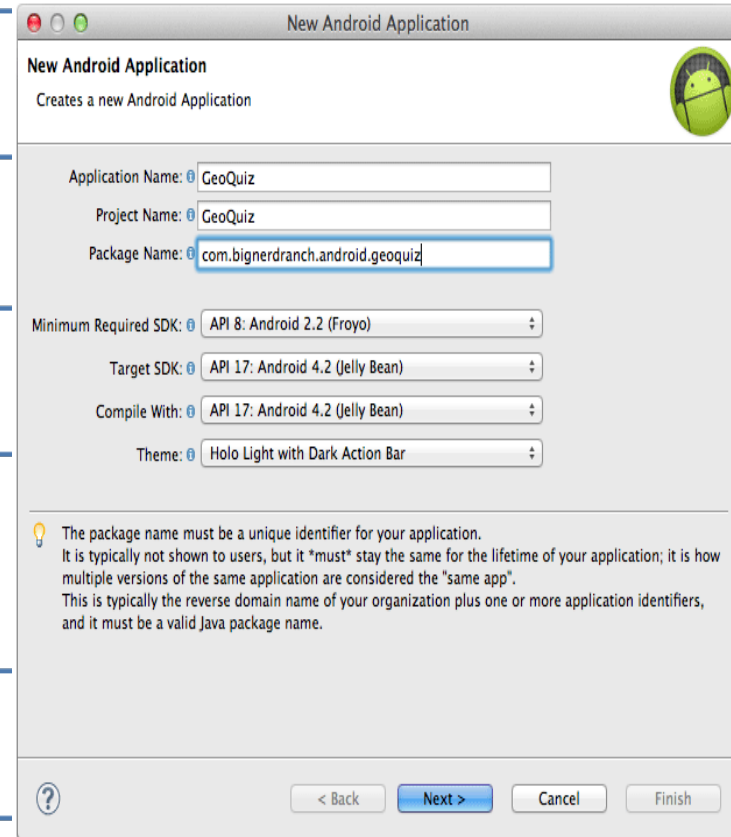
- Below this version OS will refuse to install app

## Target SDK Version

- API level your app designed to run on (most often latest Android release)

## Build SDK Version

- Specify which version to use building your own code.



The screenshot shows the 'New Android Application' dialog box in Android Studio. The dialog has a title bar with standard window controls and a subtitle 'Creates a new Android Application'. It contains several input fields and dropdown menus for configuring a new app. The 'Application Name' and 'Project Name' fields are both set to 'GeoQuiz'. The 'Package Name' field is set to 'com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz'. The 'Minimum Required SDK' dropdown is set to 'API 8: Android 2.2 (Froyo)'. The 'Target SDK' dropdown is set to 'API 17: Android 4.2 (Jelly Bean)'. The 'Compile With' dropdown is also set to 'API 17: Android 4.2 (Jelly Bean)'. The 'Theme' dropdown is set to 'Holo Light with Dark Action Bar'. At the bottom, there is a help icon and a text box explaining that the package name must be a unique identifier for the application, typically the reverse domain name of the organization plus one or more application identifiers, and it must be a valid Java package name. The bottom of the dialog features four buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

New Android Application

Creates a new Android Application

Application Name:

Project Name:


Package Name:


Minimum Required SDK:

Target SDK:

Compile With:

Theme:

 The package name must be a unique identifier for your application. It is typically not shown to users, but it \*must\* stay the same for the lifetime of your application; it is how multiple versions of the same application are considered the "same app". This is typically the reverse domain name of your organization plus one or more application identifiers, and it must be a valid Java package name.



# Adding Code from Later API Safely

Android Lint can detect potential problems caused by calling newer code on older devices. If you use code from a higher version than your minimum SDK, Android Lint will report build errors.

To use later API code, first wrap later API code in a conditional statement that checks devices build version of Android. Then, suppress lint errors using Annotation.

## Step 1: Check the Device's Build Version First

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    Log.d(TAG, "onCreate() called");
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);

    if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >=
        Build.VERSION_CODES.HONEYCOMB)
    {
        ActionBar actionBar = getActionBar();
        actionBar.setSubtitle("Bodies of Water");
    }
}
```

## Step 2: Suppress Lint Errors

```
@TargetApi(11)
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    Log.d(TAG, "onCreate() called");
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);

    if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >=
        Build.VERSION_CODES.HONEYCOMB) {
        ActionBar actionBar = getActionBar();
        actionBar.setSubtitle("Bodies of Water");
    }
}
```

# Using The Android Developer Documentation

The screenshot shows the Android Developer Documentation website in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays the URL `http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html`. The page features a navigation bar with tabs for 'Design', 'Develop', and 'Distribute', and a sub-navigation bar with 'Android Training', 'API Guides', 'Reference', and 'Tools'. A blue box highlights the 'Develop' tab and the 'Reference' sub-tab. On the left, a sidebar lists various Android APIs, with 'android.app' selected and a dropdown menu showing 'API level: 16'. The main content area displays the 'Activity' class, which extends `ContextThemeWrapper` and implements `ComponentCallbacks2`, `KeyEvent.Callback`, `LayoutInflater.Factory2`, `View.OnCreateContextMenuListener`, and `Window.Callback`. It also lists known direct subclasses like `AccountAuthenticatorActivity`, `ActivityGroup`, `AliasActivity`, `BasicDream`, `ExpandableListActivity`, `FragmentActivity`, `ListActivity`, and `NativeActivity`, as well as known indirect subclasses like `LauncherActivity`, `PreferenceActivity`, and `TabActivity`. A 'Class Overview' section explains that an activity is a single, focused thing that the user can do, and it provides a brief overview of its role in the Android system. A blue box highlights the 'Activity' class name in the sidebar and the 'Activity' class name in the main content area.

Activity | Android Developers

<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html>

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android.accessibilityservice  
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android.database  
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ActionBar  
ActionBar.LayoutParams  
ActionBar.Tab  
**Activity**  
ActivityGroup  
ActivityManager  
ActivityManager.MemoryInfo  
ActivityManager.ProcessError  
ActivityManager.RecentTask  
ActivityManager.RunningApp  
ActivityManager.RunningService

public class **Activity**  
extends [ContextThemeWrapper](#)  
implements [ComponentCallbacks2](#) [KeyEvent.Callback](#) [LayoutInflater.Factory2](#) [View.OnCreateContextMenuListener](#) [Window.Callback](#)

Summary: Constants | Inherited Constants | Fields | Ctors | Methods | Protected Methods | Inherited Methods | [Expand All]  
Since: API Level 1

java.lang.Object  
↳ android.content.Context  
↳ android.content.ContextWrapper  
↳ android.view.ContextThemeWrapper  
↳ android.app.Activity

► Known Direct Subclasses  
[AccountAuthenticatorActivity](#), [ActivityGroup](#), [AliasActivity](#), [BasicDream](#), [ExpandableListActivity](#), [FragmentActivity](#), [ListActivity](#), [NativeActivity](#)

► Known Indirect Subclasses  
[LauncherActivity](#), [PreferenceActivity](#), [TabActivity](#)

**Class Overview**

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 with `setContentView(View)`. While activities are often presented to the user as full-screen windows, they can also be used in other ways: as floating windows (via a theme with `windowIsFloating` set) or embedded inside of another activity (using `ActivityGroup`). There are two methods almost all subclasses of Activity will implement:

- `onCreate(Bundle)` is where you initialize your activity. Most importantly, here you will usually call



# Using The Android Developer Documentation

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Android Developer documentation for the `Activity` class. The browser's address bar shows the URL `http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html#pubmethods`. The left sidebar contains a list of Android APIs, with `android.app` selected. The main content area displays a list of methods for the `Activity` class, including `findViewById`, `finish`, `finishActivity`, `finishActivityFromChild`, `finishAffinity`, `finishFromChild`, `getActionBar`, `getApplication`, `getCallingActivity`, `getCallingPackage`, `getChangingConfigurations`, `getComponentName`, and `getCurrentFocus`. Each method entry includes its return type, name, and a brief description.

Return Type	Method Name	Description
View	<code>findViewById (int id)</code>	Finds a view that was identified by the id attribute from the XML that was processed in <code>onCreate</code> .
void	<code>finish ()</code>	Call this when your activity is done and should be closed.
void	<code>finishActivity (int requestCode)</code>	Force finish another activity that you had previously started with <code>startActivityForResult</code> .
void	<code>finishActivityFromChild (Activity child, int requestCode)</code>	This is called when a child activity of this one calls its <code>finishActivity()</code> .
void	<code>finishAffinity ()</code>	Finish this activity as well as all activities immediately below it in the current task that have the same affinity.
void	<code>finishFromChild (Activity child)</code>	This is called when a child activity of this one calls its <code>finish()</code> method.
ActionBar	<code>getActionBar ()</code>	Retrieve a reference to this activity's ActionBar.
final Application	<code>getApplication ()</code>	Return the application that owns this activity.
ComponentName	<code>getCallingActivity ()</code>	Return the name of the activity that invoked this activity.
String	<code>getCallingPackage ()</code>	Return the name of the package that invoked this activity.
int	<code>getChangingConfigurations ()</code>	If this activity is being destroyed because it can not handle a configuration parameter being changed (for example, <code>onConfigurationChanged(Configuration)</code> method is not being called), then you can use this method to return the configuration parameter that is being changed.
ComponentName	<code>getComponentName ()</code>	Returns complete component name of this activity.
View	<code>getCurrentFocus ()</code>	Return the current focus of this activity.

# Challenge: Reporting the Build Version

