

Lesson 2

Android Workbenches: Android Studio & Eclipse

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Android App's Anatomy

Android Applications (Just Apps)

- Android applications are usually created using the Java programming language [1]
- Apps must import various Android Libraries (such as android.jar, maps.jar, etc.) to gain the functionality needed to work inside the Android OS.
- Android apps are made of multiple elements such as: user-defined classes, android jars, third-party libraries, XML files defining the UIs or views, multimedia resources, data assets such as disk files, external arrays and strings, databases, and finally a *Manifest* summarizing the 'anatomy' and permissions requested by the app.
- The various app components are given to the compiler to obtain a single signed and deployable **Android Package** (an **.apk** file).
- Like ".class" files in Java, ".apk" files are the byte-code version of the app that finally will be 'executed' by interpretation inside either a Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM) or an Android-Runtime Engine (ART).

Android's Byte-Code Execution

Dalvik Virtual Machine vs. Android Runtime (ART)

The **Dalvik Virtual Machine** is a Just-in-Time (**JIT**) runtime environment (similar to the Oracle's Java Virtual Machine JVM) that interprets Android byte-code only when it's needed (however it will be phased out soon).

The newer **ART** (introduced as an option in Android 4.4 KitKat) is an anticipatory or Ahead-of-Time (AOT) environment that compiles code before it is actually needed.

ART promises:

- enhanced performance and battery efficiency,
- improved garbage collection,
- better debugging facilities,
- Improved diagnostic detail in exceptions and crash reports.

Quoting from

https://source.android.com/devices/tech/dalvik/art.html (Aug-27-2014)
Important: Dalvik must remain the default runtime or you risk breaking your Android implementations and third-party applications.

You are a developer - Which is your SDK audience?

SDKs are named after types of desserts. Available versions at the time of writing are:

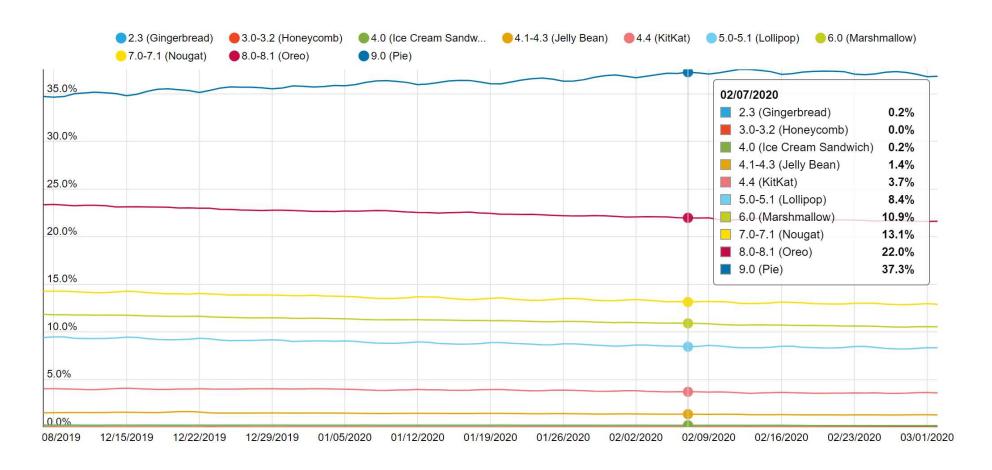
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         Jelly Bean
         Kitkat
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5.x
         Lollipop
         Marshmallow
6.x
7.x
         Nougat
         Oreo
8.x
9.x
         Pie
         Android 10
10
11
         Android 11
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Android OS version	Market share ➤	Change in the last 30 days
9.0 (Pie)	36.9 %	No change
8.0-8.1 (Oreo)	21.6 %	 ↓ 2%
7.0-7.1 (Nougat)	12.9 %	↓ 3%
6.0 (Marshmallow)	10.5 %	↓ 4%
5.0-5.1 (Lollipop)	8.3 %	No change
10 (Android 10)	4.6 %	1 81%
4.4 (KitKat)	3.6 %	↓ 5%
4.1-4.3 (Jelly Bean)	1.3 %	↓ 7%
4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich)	0.2 %	↓ 12%
2.3 (Gingerbread)	0.1 %	44 %
3.0-3.2 (Honeycomb)	0.0 %	↓8%

Statistics accessed on March 1st, 2020 from AppBrain at http://www.appbrain.com/stats/top-android-sdk-versions

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Tools for Constructing Android Apps

Development Workbenches

Android apps are made out of many components. The use of an IDE is *strongly* suggested to assist the developer in creating an Android solution. There are various options including:

enhanced (with the ADT plugin) to provide a 'conventional' way to create and debug Android Apps. The associated **SDK**Manager allows you to reach the various API libraries needed by the apps.



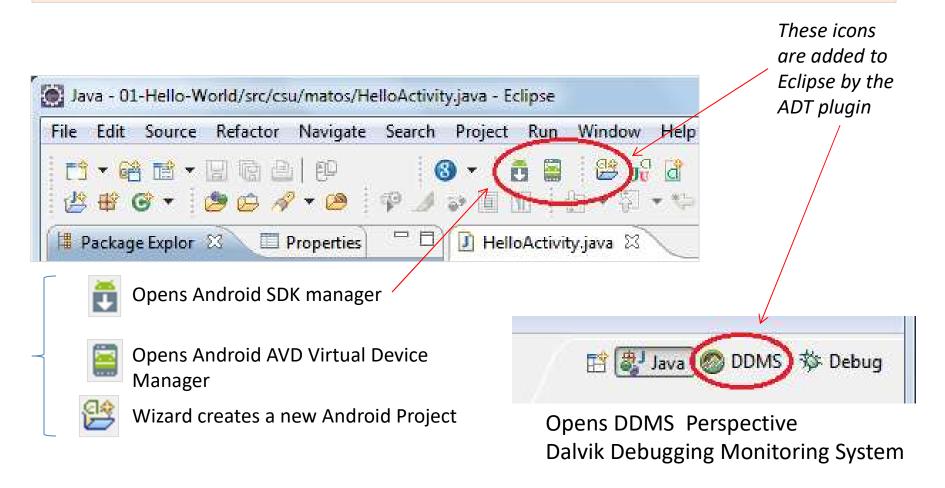
 Android Studio is a new Android-only development environment based on IntelliJ IDEA. It is still on Beta form, but as soon as finished, it will be used as the 'preferred' IDE platform for Android development.



 Netbeans+Android. Similar to Eclipse+ADT. Soon to be deprecated(?)

Eclipse + ADT + SDK

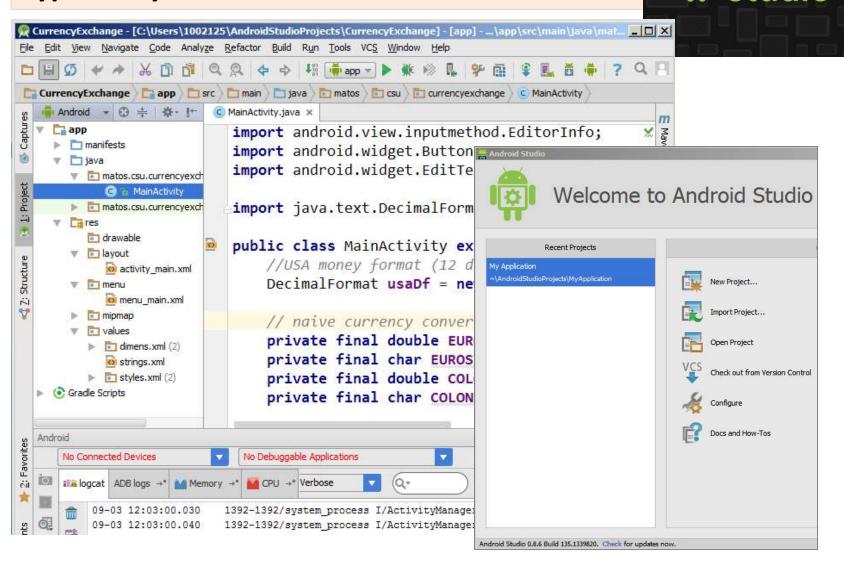
Typical Layout of the Eclipse-ADT IDE for Android Development



Note: The DDMS and Hierarchy View can be manually added by the user to Eclipse's tool bar

Android Studio

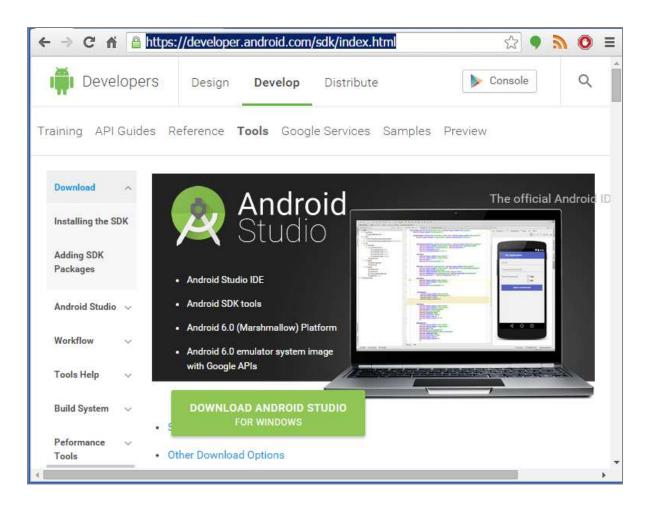
Typical Layout of Android-Studio IDE



Setting up Android Studio

Downloading Android Studio IDE

Download IDE from: https://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html
Run the executable, you are (almost) done!



ECLIPSE SETUP

Prepare your computer – Install SDK: Windows, Mac, Linux

We assume you have already installed the most recent Java JDK and Eclipse IDE in your computer

- Java JDK is available at: http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html
- Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers is available at: http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/

The next instructions are given to:

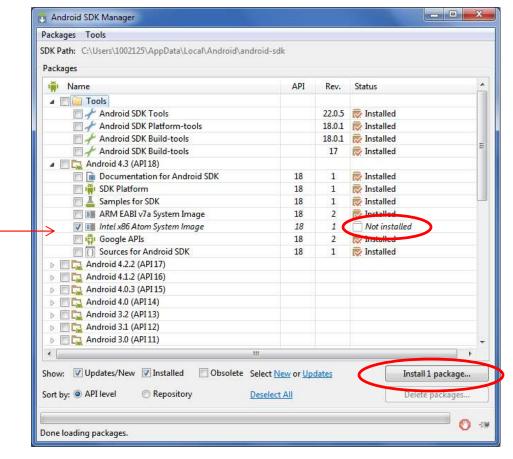
- (a) User wanting to add a newer SDK to their existing collection,
- (b) First time users (who may or not be Eclipse users).

(a) Users Wanting to Update an Older Android Workbench



If you are currently using the Android SDK, you just need to *update* to the latest tools or platform using the already installed *Android SDK Manager*.

- 1. Click on the SDK Manager icon.
- 2. You will see a form similar to the one on the right.
- 3. Select the SDK packages and independent components you want to install (click 'Install' button and wait until they are setup in your machine...)



(b) First Time Android Users who have Eclipse already installed

- 1. Obtain the appropriate (Windows, Max, Linux) **Stand-alone SDK Tools for Windows** from the page http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html
 Execute the program, remember the folder's name and location in which the SDK is stored, you will have to supply this path to Eclipse.
- 2. Install the **ADT Plugin** for Eclipse (it must be already available in your machine)
 - 1. Start Eclipse, then select **Help > Install New Software...**.
 - 2. Click **Add** button (top-right corner)
 - 3. In the next dialog-box enter "ADT Plugin" for the *Name* and the following URL for the *Location*: https://dl-ssl.google.com/android/eclipse/
 - 4. Click **OK**
 - 5. Select the checkbox next to Developer Tools and click Next > Next
 - 6. Accept the license agreements, then click Finish.
 - 7. After the installation end you need to restart Eclipse.
- 3. Add **Android platforms** and other components to your SDK (see previous option (a))

Configure the ADT Plugin

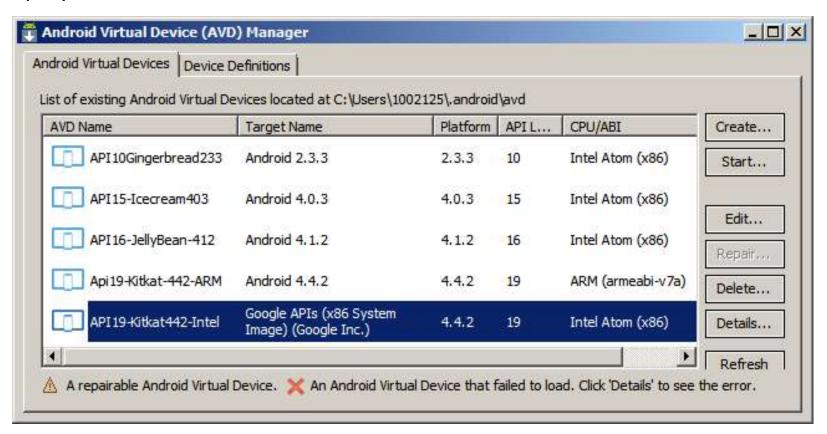
- 4. The next step is to inform your Eclipse+ADT workbench of the **android-sdk** directory's location (this is the path you saved on Step1)
 - 1. In Eclipse, select **Window** > **Preferences...** to open the Preferences panel (Mac OS X: **Eclipse** > **Preferences**).
 - 2. Select **Android** from the left panel.
 - 3. To set the box *SDK Location* that appears in the main panel, click **Browse...** and locate your downloaded SDK directory (usually C:\Program Files (x86)\Android\android-sdk)
 - 4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

Done!



Working with Virtual Devices (AVDs)

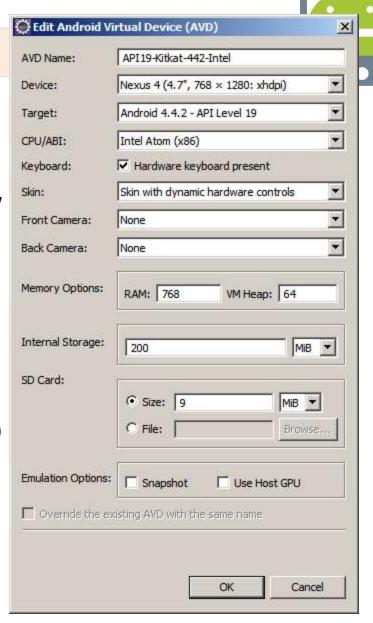
Ideally you should test your applications on a device (a physical phone or tablet). However, the SDK allows you to create realistic virtual devices on which your applications could be executed/debugged before they are deployed on actual hardware..



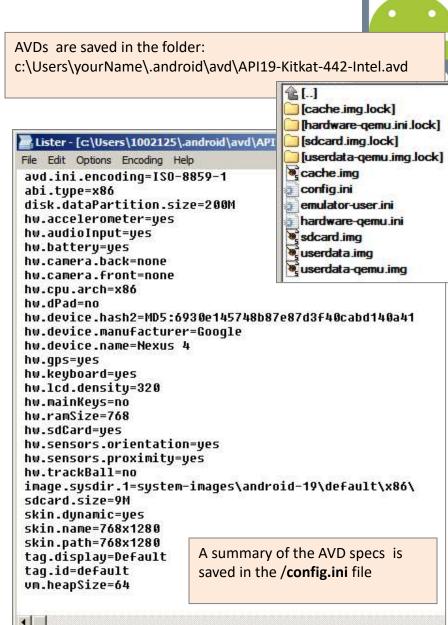
Creating a Virtual Device (AVD)

An AVD allows you to simulated devices and prototype your solution on a variety of SDKs. To create a virtual unit follow the next steps:

- Click on the AVD Manager > Create. The Create New AVD wizard appears requesting your input.
- 2. Type the name of the emulator, enter a value such as "API19-Kitkat-442-Intel" (see figure on the right)
- Select from the drop-downlist a Device (Nexus 4...)
 and CPU/ABI such as Intel Atom (x86)
- Choose a target from the already installed SDKs (eg. "Android 4.4.2 - API Level19").
- 5. Tick the *Keyboard* box to enable your PC's keyboard.
- 6. Choose a skin of your preference (...dynamic hard ...)
- 7. Set memory RAM to no more than 768 MB
- 8. Indicate how much internal storage the simulator will use (200MB).
- Add a small SD card (9MB)
- Click **OK** to create the **AVD**.







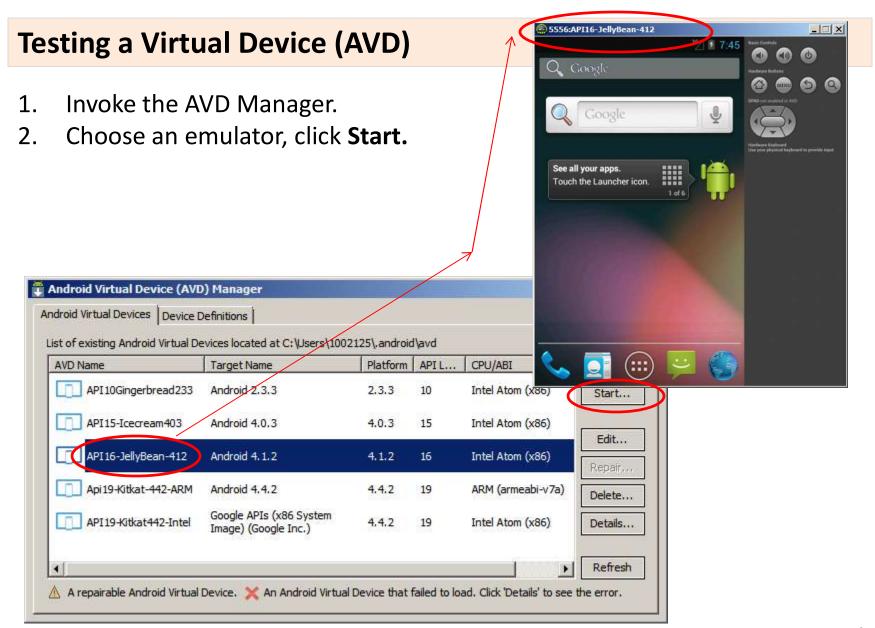
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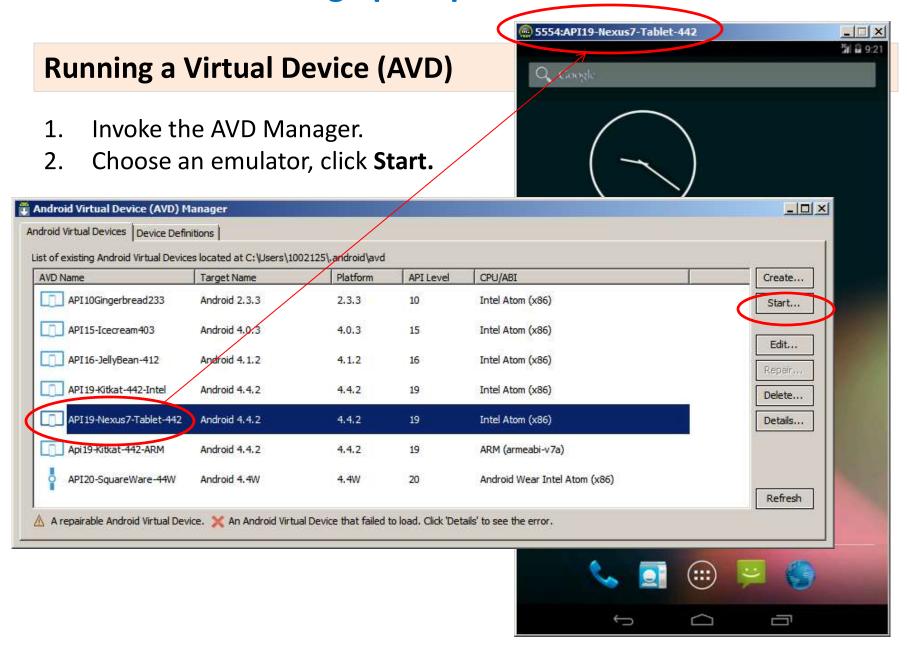


On top, a phone emulator running **IceCream 4.x** wearing a HVGA skin

Gingerbread 2.3 running on a custom skin for Nexus-S. See page:

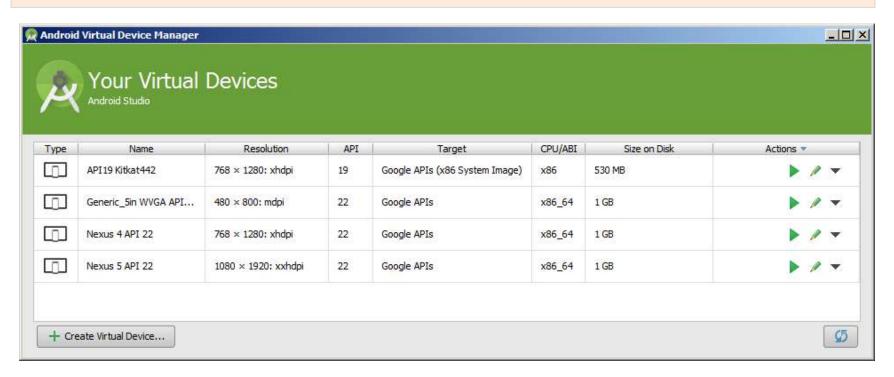
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Setting up Android Studio

Working with Virtual Devices (AVDs)



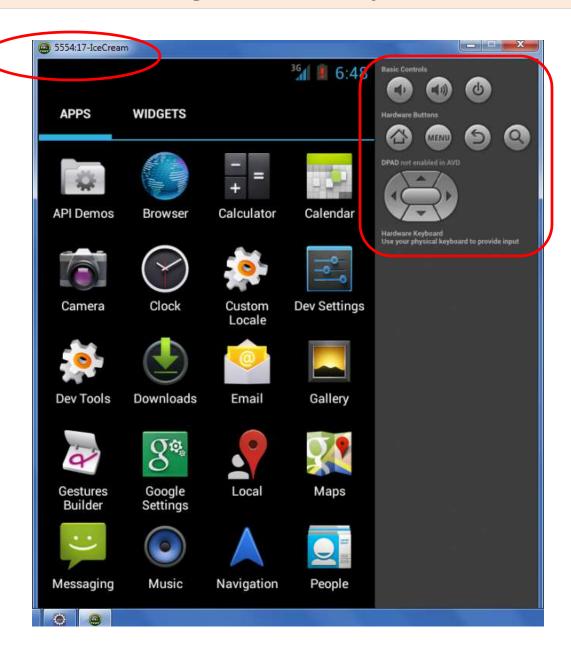
The Android Studio process to create, edit, remove, and execute AVDs is similar to the strategy already discussed for Eclipse-ADT (only cosmetic differences on the GUI)

Example of an AVD Emulator wearing a HVGA Skin



AVD - Emulator wearing: Skin with dynamic hardw. controls

Numeric ID: **5554**



Controlling the AVD Operations

Keyboard	OS function	
Escape	Back button	
Home	Home button	
F2, PageUp	Menu (Soft-Left) button	
Shift-F2, PageDown	Start (Soft-Right) button	
F3	Call/Dial button	
F4	Hangup / EndCall button	
F5	Search button	
F7	Power button	
Ctrl-F3, Ctrl-KEYPAD_5	Camera button	
Ctrl-F5, KEYPAD_PLUS	Volume up button	
Ctrl-F6, KEYPAD_MINUS	Volume down button	
KEYPAD_5	DPad center	
KEYPAD_4	DPad left	
KEYPAD_6	DPad right	
KEYPAD_8	DPad up	
KEYPAD_2	DPad down	
F8	toggle cell network on/off	
F9	toggle code profiling	
Alt-ENTER	toggle FullScreen mode	
Ctrl-T	toggle trackball mode	
Ctrl-F11, KEYPAD_7	switch to previous layout	
Ctrl-F12, KEYPAD_9	switch to next layout	

Controlling an Android Emulator through *your computer's* keyboard

Note: Keypad keys only work when *NumLock* is deactivated.



AVD – Emulator : Disk Images

Working with Emulator Disk Images

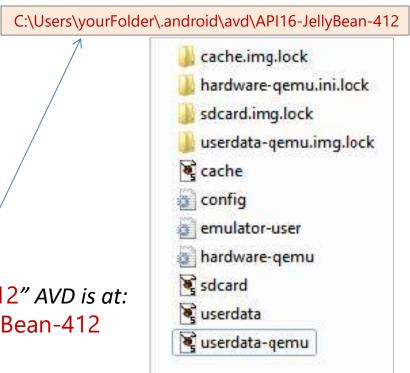
- The Android simulator uses QEMU technology [Website: www.qemu.org]
- QEMU is an open source machine emulator which allows the operating system and programs made for one machine (e.g. an ARM CPU) run efficiently on a different machine (e.g. your Windows PC).

When you create a Virtual Device, the SDK Makes several **disk images** containing among others:

- (1) OS kernel,
- (2) the Android system,
- (3) user data (userdata-qemu.img)
- (4) simulated SD card (sdcard.img).

By default, the Emulator searches for the disk images in the private storage area of the AVD in use, for instance the "API16-JellyBean-412" AVD is at: C:\Users\yourFolder\.android\avd\API16-JellyBean-412

Mac OS users should look into ~/.android/avd

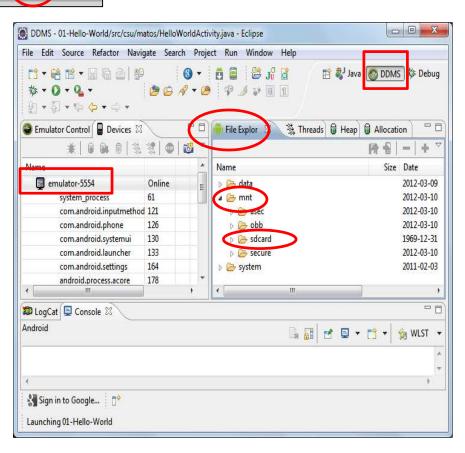


Upload/download Data, Music and Picture files to the Emulator's SDcard

1. Eclipse developers needs to add the **DDMS** perspective.

- 2. Android-Studio uses the equivalent 'Android Device Monitor' button.
- 3. Change to the DDMS perspective.

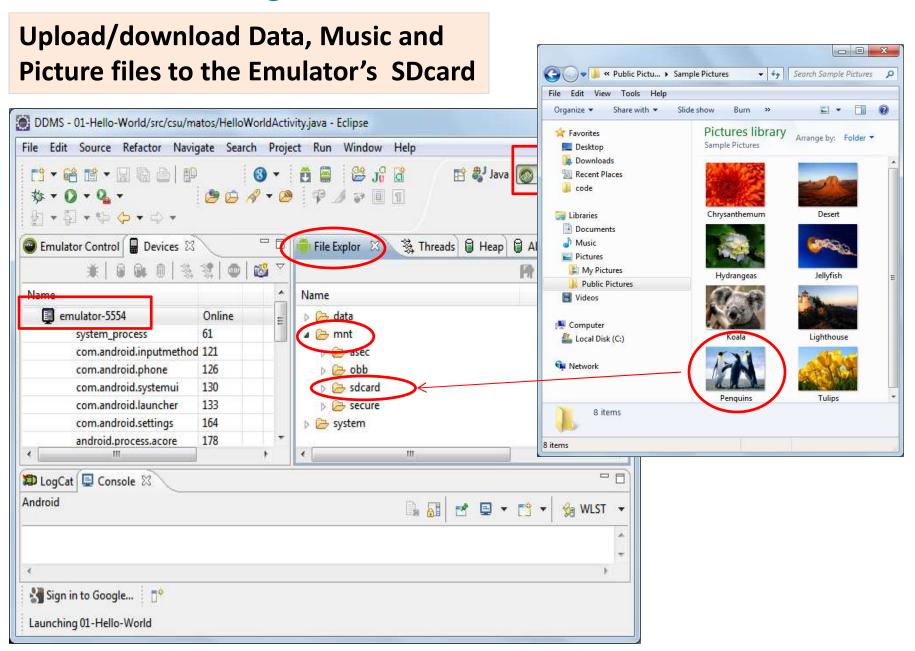
 Make sure your AVD has started (You will see a layout similar to the figure on the lower right side)
- 4. Click on the **File Explorer** tab.
- 5. Expand the **mnt** (mounted devices) folder.
- 6. Expand the **sdcard** folder
- 7. Open your Window's Explorer.
- 8. Choose a file stored in your PC.
 Transfer a copy to the emulator by dragging and dropping it on top of the **sdcard** folder.



🖺 🐉 Java 🌑 DDMS

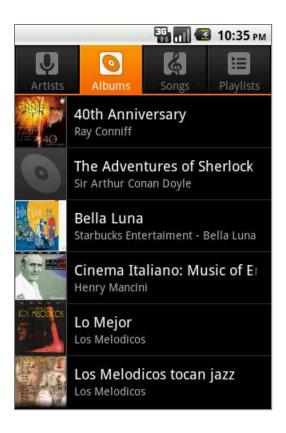
Open Perspective

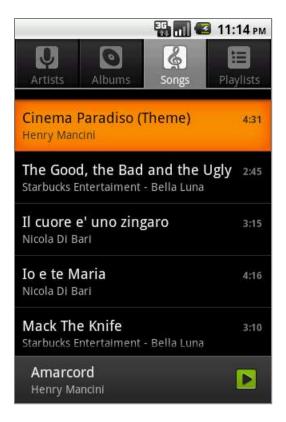
🏂 Debug



Upload/download Data, Music and Picture files to the Emulator's SDcard

8. Return to the emulator. This time you may use native apps such as 'Music' and 'Gallery' to see your recently uploaded multimedia files. For instance...







Upload/download Data, Music and Picture files to the Emulator's SDcard

9. Pictures may be displayed by clicking the *Application Pad* and invoking the **Gallery** application



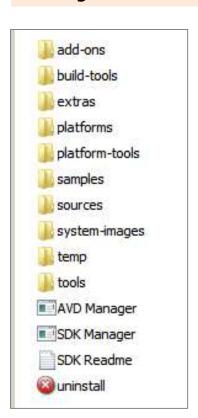




Locate your 'android-sdk' & AVD folder

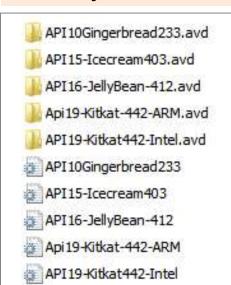
After you complete your setup look for the following two subdirectories in your PC's file system

C:\Program Files (x86)\Android\android-sdk





C:\Users\yourWindowsUserName\.android\avd





This folder contains your Android SDK, tools, and platforms

This directory holds your Virtual Devices (AVDs)

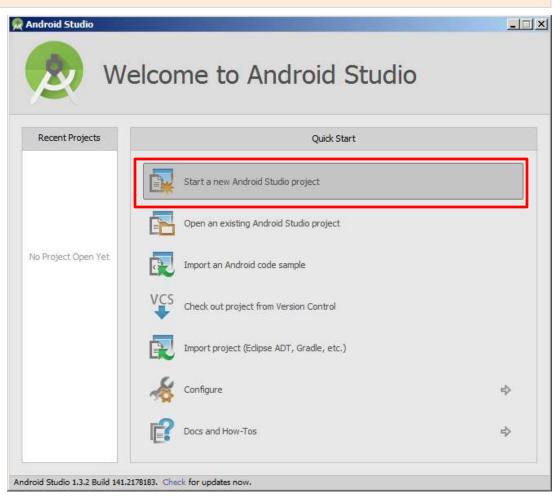
Example 2.1: HelloWorld App

We will use **Android Studio IDE** to create a bare bone app.

Click on the entry: 'Start new Android Studio Project'.

A wizard will guide you providing a sequence of menu driven selections.

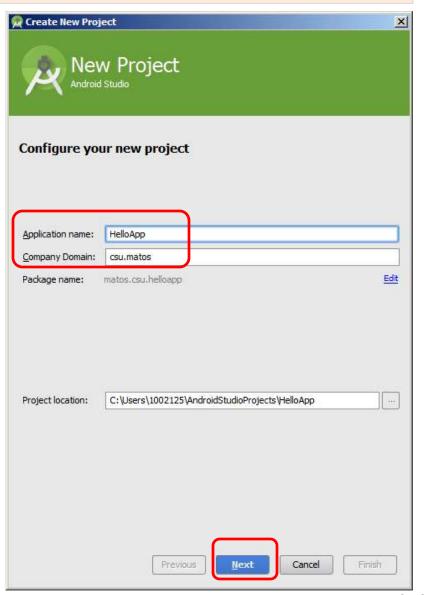
The final product is the skeleton of your Android app.



Android apps are usually made of a rich collection of various type of components including Java code, multimedia resources, XML files, etc. The *New Android Studio Project* Wizard facilitates the assembly of those parts and organizes the components in various sub-directories.

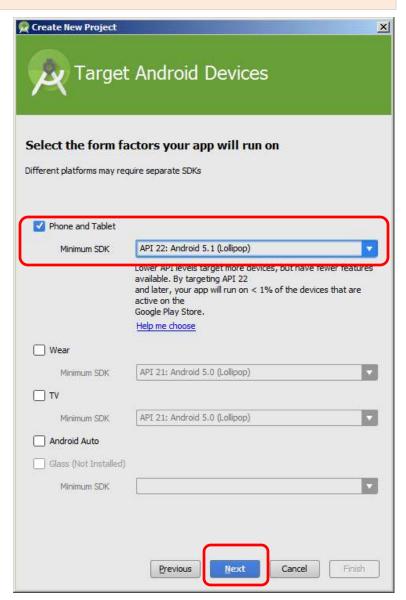
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- Enter in the Application Name box: HelloApp
- 2. Enter Company Domain: csu.matos (usually a dot-separated string consisting of company and programmer's name)
- 3. Click Next



Example 2.1: HelloWorld App

- 4. Select Target Android Device. In this example **Phone and Table** is already checked. Other options are: Wear, TV, Auto, Glasses.
- Choose from drop-down list the Minimum SDK on which the app will work. In this example we have selected: API22 Android 5.1 (Lollipod)
- 6. Click Next



Example 2.1: HelloWorld App

- 7. Select the pre-defined app template to apply. In this example we choose:

 Blank Activity
- 8. Click Next



Example 2.1: HelloWorld App

9. The wizard is ready to construct the solution. The text-boxes give you an opportunity to change any of the default names given to the main activity, the app's layout, its title, and menu. Please do not change anything now.

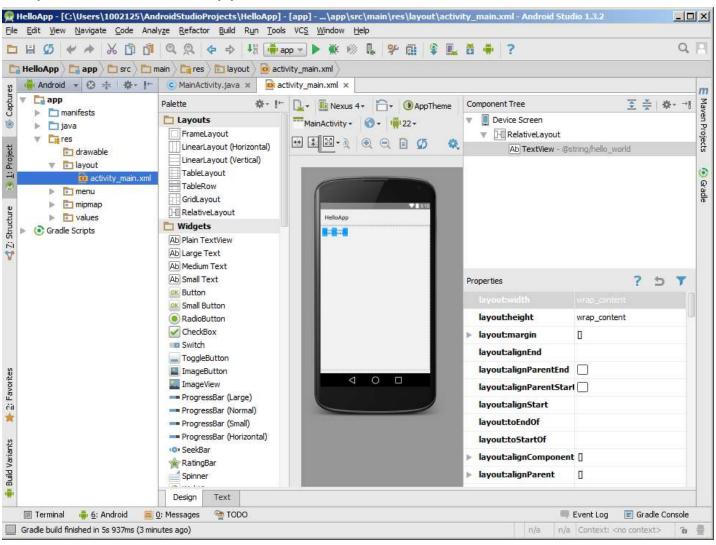
10. Click Finish

11. You are done! (your next step is to try the app on the emulator – explained later in this lesson)



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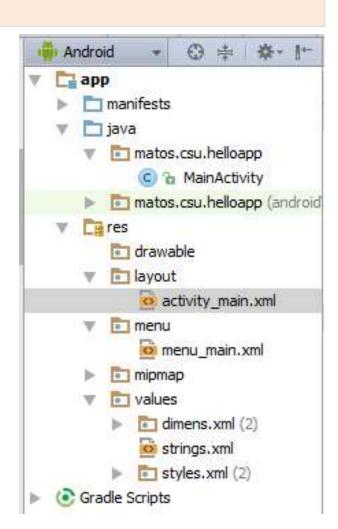
The app's GUI and the Palette (graphical toolbox) are shown. On the left pane, the Project Explorer shows the application's file structure.



Android Studio: Hello World App

Example 2.1: HelloWorld App

- Java/ Holds your Main-Activity Java code. All other Java files for your application go here.
- res/ This folder stores application resources such as drawable files, UI layout files, string values, menus, multimedia, etc.
- manifests The Android Manifest for your project.



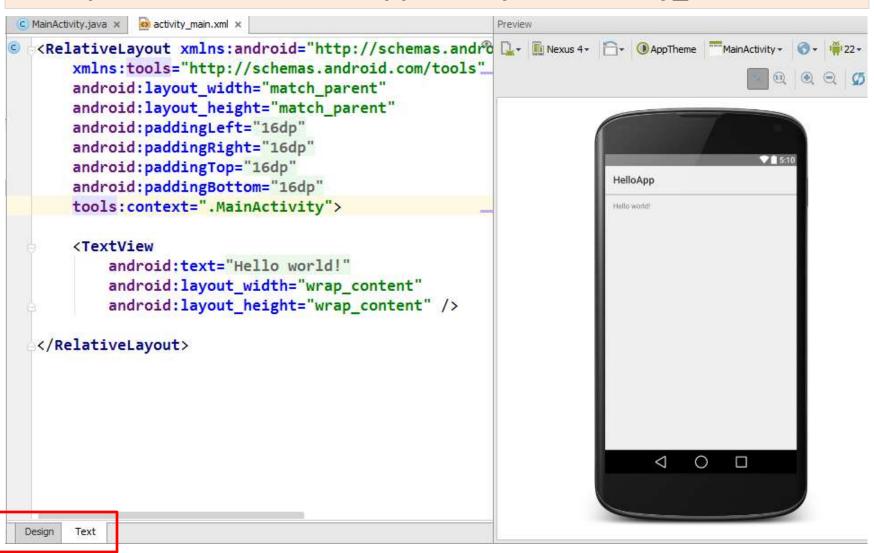
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Example 2.1: HelloWorld App – Java Code: MainActivity.java

```
package matos.csu.helloapp;
import ...
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
    }
    @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 main, menu);
        return true;
    @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);
}
```

Android Studio: Hello World App

Example 2.1: HelloWorld App - Layout: activity_main.xml



5556:API16-JellvBean-412

HelloWorldApp

Example 2.1 (again...) : HelloWorld App

We will use **Eclipse + ADT** to create a bare bone app. All it is needed from the developer is to feed the *New Android Application* wizard with a few selections (*no extra code will be added to the default app skeleton generated by the IDE+SDK*).

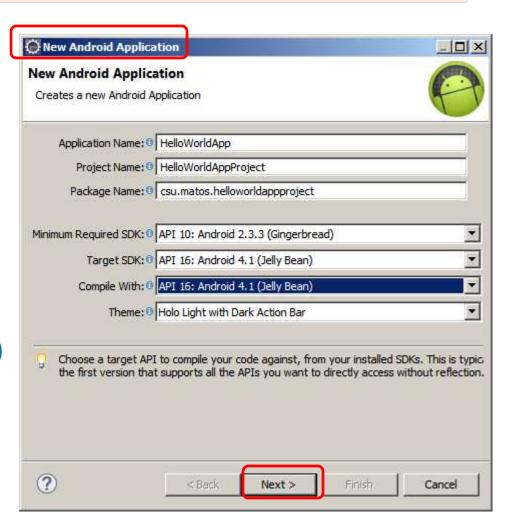
The adjacent figures show the solution made by the wizard running on a *Jelly Bean* emulator and device.

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Example: HelloWorld App

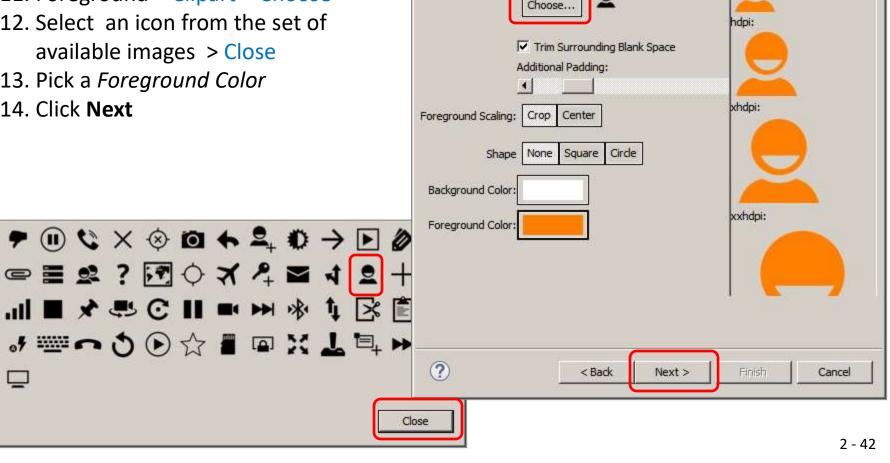
- 1. Start Eclipse
- From menu choose File > New > Android Application Project
- 3. Enter in the *Application Name* box: HelloWorldApp
- 4. Enter Project name: **HelloWorldAppProject**
- 5. Modify *Package Name* prefix to: csu.matos.helloworldappproject
- 6. For *Minimum Required SDK* choose: API 10: Android 2.3.3 (Gingerbread)
- 7. For *Target SDK* select the option: API 16:Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean)
- 8. Select for *Compile With* the option: API 16:Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean)
- 9. Click **Next**
- 10. Click **Next**



Example: HelloWorld App

On the form **Configure Launcher Icon** do the following:

- 11. Foreground > Clipart > Choose
- 12. Select an icon from the set of available images > Close
- 13. Pick a Foreground Color
- 14. Click Next



New Android Application

Configure Launcher Icon

Foreground: Image

Configure the attributes of the icon set

Preview:

Example: HelloWorld App

The **Create Activity** form provides a number of basic templates from which your application could be constructed.

- 15. Select the **Blank Activity** template.
- 16. Click Next.



Example: HelloWorld App

The **Blank Activity** form provides a way to name the main Activity and Layout name.

- 17. Leave the default values shown in the form (Activity Name and Layout Name).
- 18. Click Finish.

At this point the wizard has completed all the steps required to make the app.

After a few seconds the Eclipse perspective shows the app's UI. The Java solution is shown in the PackageExplorer pane (see next pages)



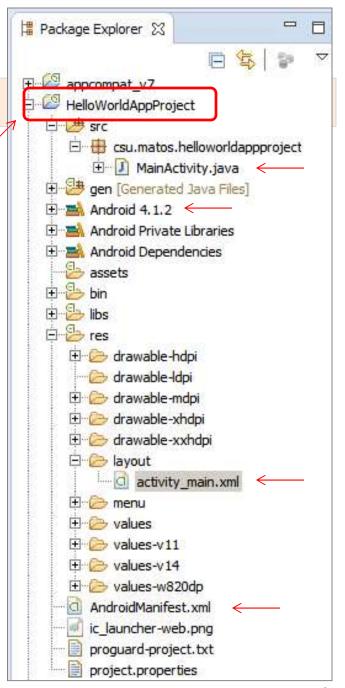
Example: HelloWorld App

File Structure

The folders and files shown on the figure are part of the newly created app.

Here we are using Eclipse's *Package Explorer* facility to navigate inside the folder holding the app.

To test the application, position the cursor on the code panel, and then click on the *Run* menu button.

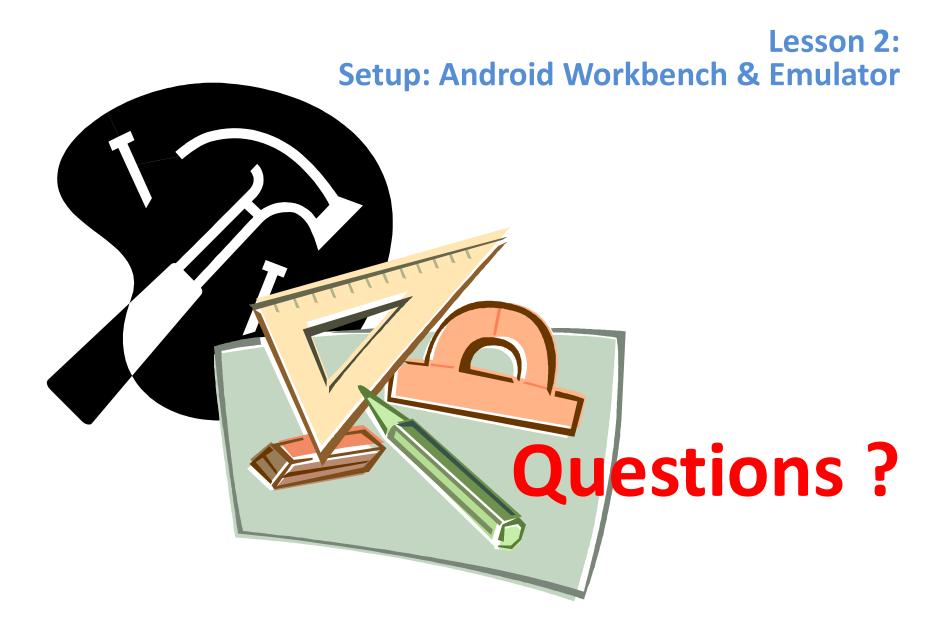


File Structure of a Typical Android App

- src/ Includes your skeleton Activity Java file. All other Java files for your application go here.
- < Android Version > / (e.g., Android 4.1/) Includes the android.jar file that your application will build against.
- gen/ This contains the Java files generated by ADT, such as your R.java file
- assets/ This is empty. You can use it to store raw asset files.
- res/ This folder holds application resources such as drawable files, UI layout files, string values, etc.
- bin/ The bytecode (.apk) version of your app is stored here
- AndroidManifest.xml The Android Manifest for your project.
- default.properties This file contains project settings, such as the build target.

Working with Android Studio

- Debugging application
 - Using logcat
 - Using debugging feature
 - Using try catch
- Integrating Version Control
- Generating APK



Appendix 1 - Using a Hardware Device

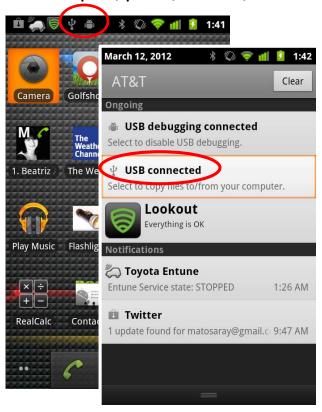
Connecting your Physical Device to the Computer

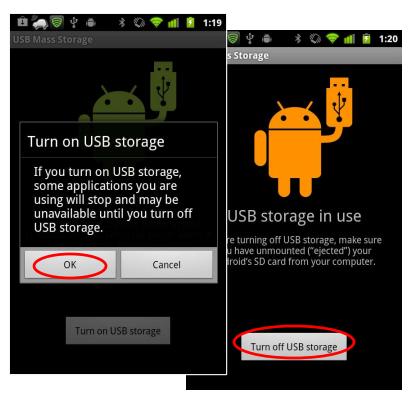
1. Make sure the USB driver has been installed in your PC (click Extras > check box [Google USB driver package] to install)



SDK Manager >

- 2. Use a mini-USB cable to connect the device to your computer.
- 3. Expand the Notification bar. Click on [USB connected] option.
- 4. Click on [*Turn on USB storage*] to mount the device.
- 5. Now you could now use the Eclipse-ADT-File Explorer and your Window's Explorer tool to pull/push/delete/rename files to the device.





Appendix 2 – Emulator-to-Emulator Interaction

- 1. Run two instances of the emulator (typical IDs are: 5554, 5556, ...)
- 2. Dial (or send SMS) from one of them (say 5554) to the other (5556)
- 3. Press the Green/Red call buttons to accept/terminate the call
- 4. Try sending SMS (use numbers 5554 and 5556)



Appendix 3 – Sync your Contacts

How to Transfer Your Google Contacts into the Emulator

- o to your Gmail account using a web browser, click on Gmail >
 Contacts on the left sidebar.
- Select all the contacts you want on your emulator/phone. Then click on More > Export and select vCard format. Download the "contacs.vcf" file to your PC.



- 3. Push the contacs.vcf file from the PC to the emulator's **SD card**.
- 4. Open the emulator's **Contacts** app hit **Menu** > **Import**.
- 5. Choose the option *Import from SD card*.



Source visited on July 2009, link:

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1114052/importing-gmail-contacts-on-android-emulator

Appendix 4

Shortcuts: Android-Studio IDE

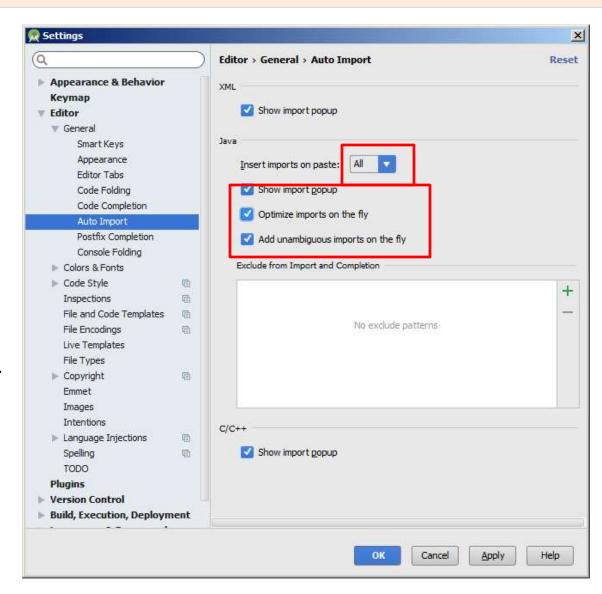
Eclipse developers are used to typing

Ctrl + Shift + O

To Organize ALL imports.

To automatically accomplish the same effect, modify your Android Studio Workbench as indicated on the figure to the right.

File > Settings > Editor > General > Auto Import



Appendix 4

Shortcuts: Android-Studio IDE

Operation	Android Studio Shortcut
Reformat code	CTRL + ALT + L
Optimize imports	CTRL + ALT + O
Code Completion	CTRL + SPACE
Issue quick fix	ALT + ENTER
Surround code block	CTRL + ALT + T
Line Comment or Uncomment	CTRL + /
Block Comment or Uncomment	CTRL + SHIFT + /
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