



CHAPTER 2. **SDK INSTALL AND INITIAL SETUP**

Outline

➤ Today:

- How to setup a machine to start developing Android applications
- An overview of an Android project
- Some useful tools
- Your first Android application
 - Maybe on a real device!

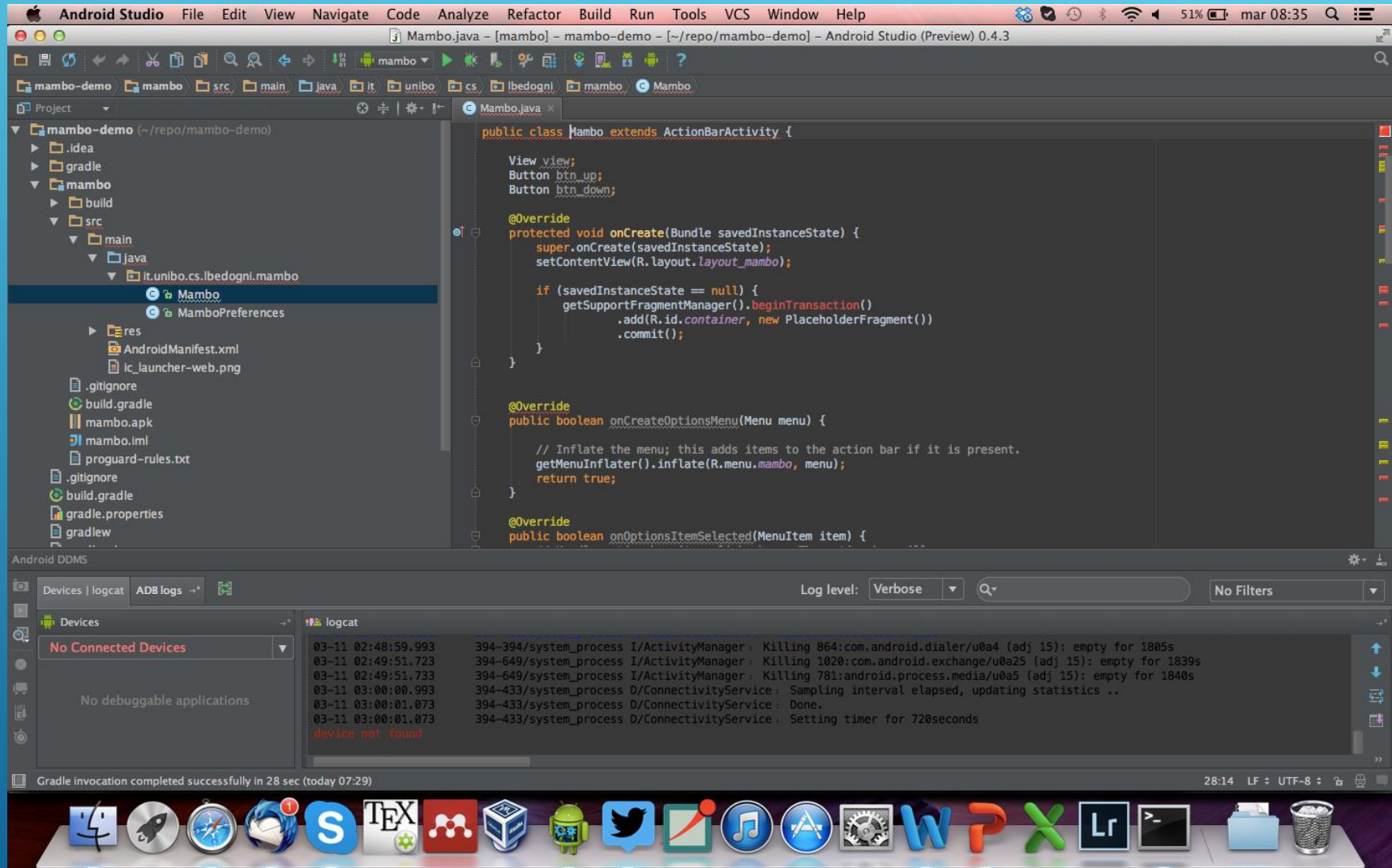
Two options

- **Historically Android development was in Eclipse**
 - **Download the SDK**
 - **Install the Android plugin**
- **Now there is Android Studio**
 - **You still have to download the SDK**
 - **Customized environment**

Which one?

- For the class, it's the same
- If you already use and love Eclipse, go with it
- You might see examples done in both platforms
 - You can always import an Eclipse project into Android Studio
 - The inverse is difficult

Android Studio



Where and how to get it

- Go to <http://developer.android.com/sdk/installing/studio.html>
- Download Android Studio and the SDK
- Install it and you're done!

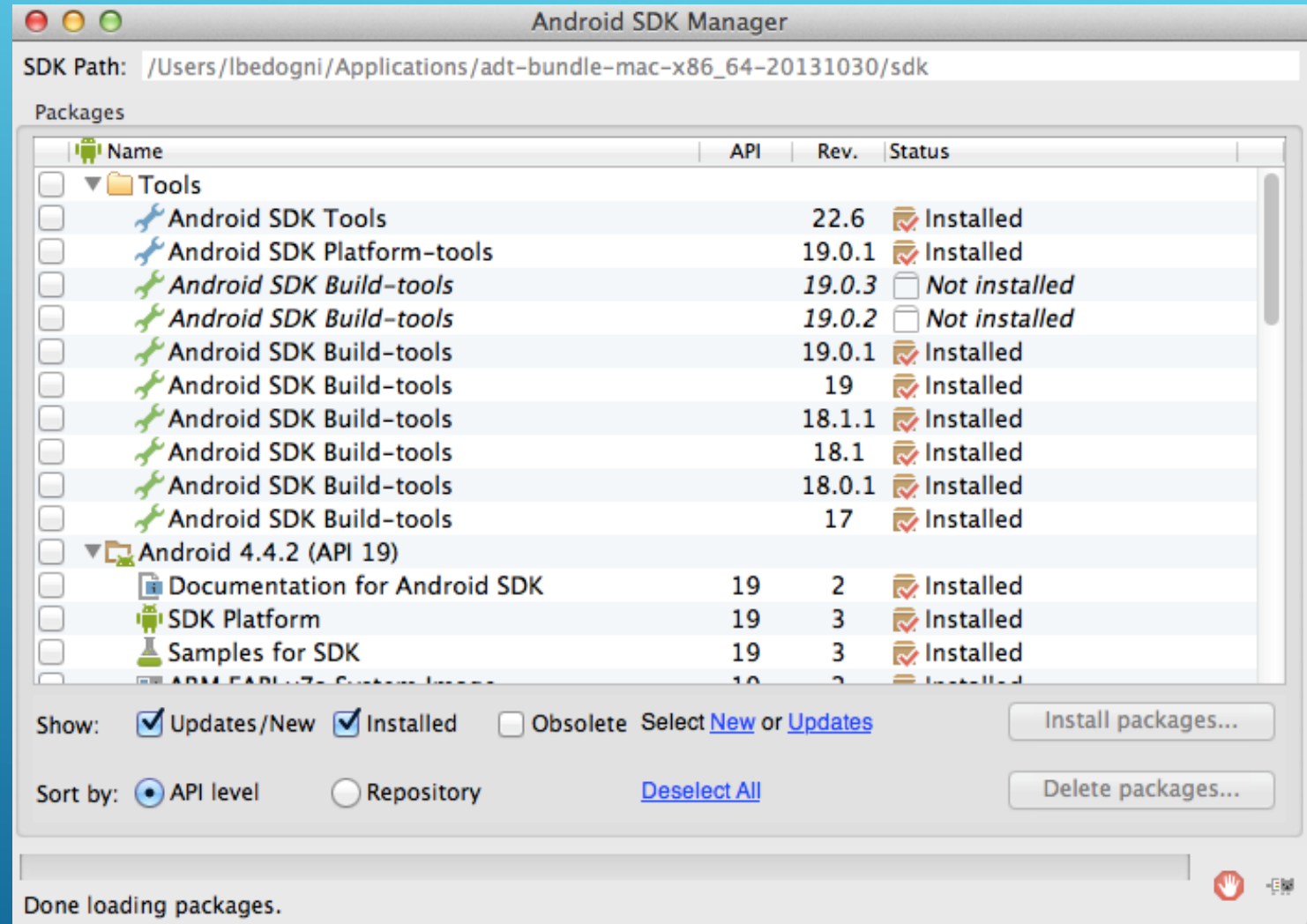


Basic requirements

- **How to develop Android applications?**
 - **Linux/Mac OS X/Windows? Doesn't matter**
 - **A real device is not mandatory**
- **Code your application in the IDE**
 - **Test it with the emulator**
 - **Deploy it on a real device**

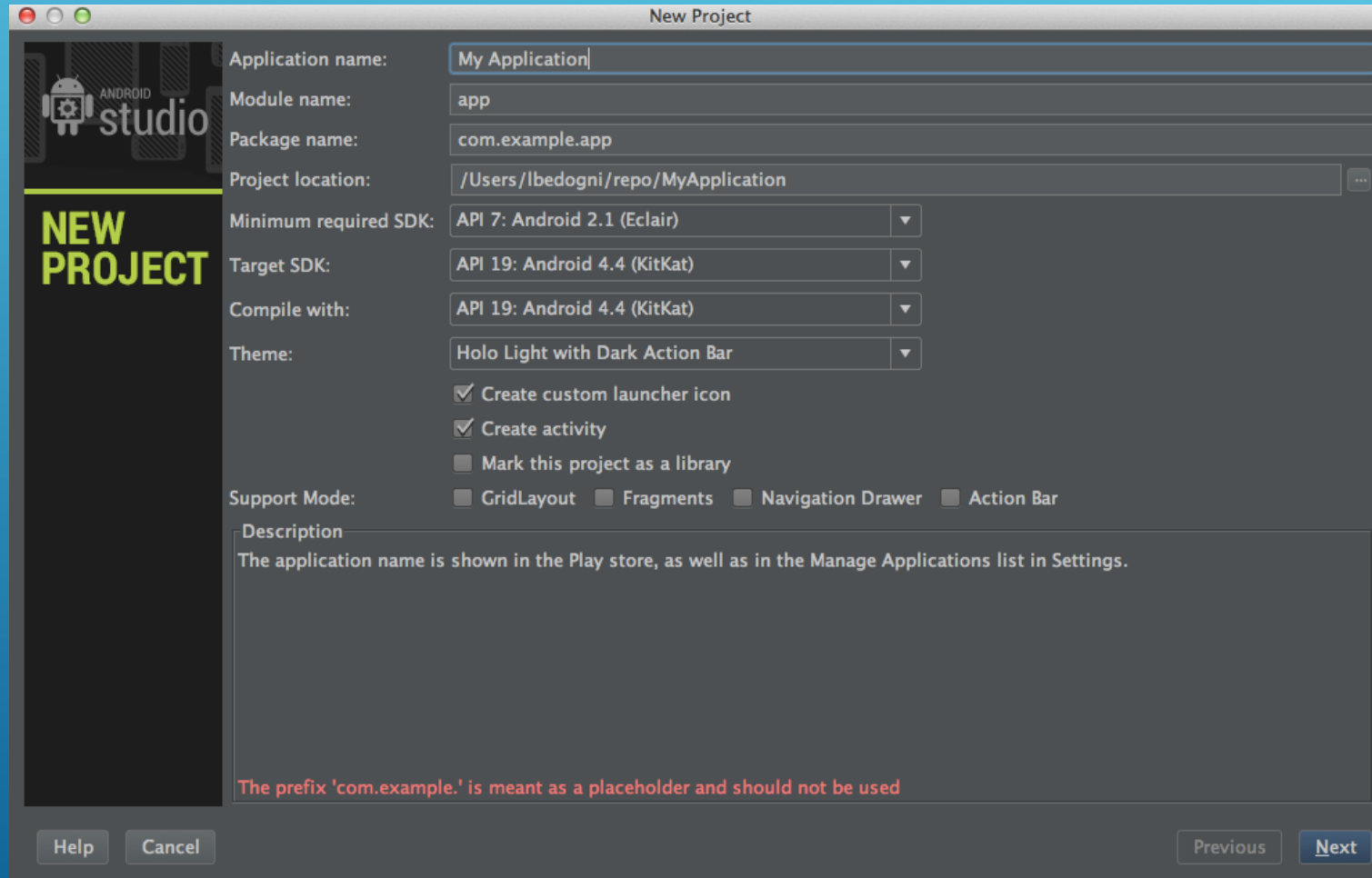
SDK tools

- Android tool
- Used to get APIs and add-ons
- You can also start it from Android Studio



Your first **Android** application

➤ Go to File > New Project



The screenshot shows the 'New Project' dialog in Android Studio. The dialog is titled 'New Project' and features the Android Studio logo on the left. The main area contains several input fields and checkboxes for configuring a new project. The 'Application name' field is set to 'My Application', 'Module name' to 'app', and 'Package name' to 'com.example.app'. The 'Project location' is set to '/Users/lbedogni/repo/MyApplication'. The 'Minimum required SDK' is set to 'API 7: Android 2.1 (Eclair)', 'Target SDK' to 'API 19: Android 4.4 (KitKat)', and 'Compile with' to 'API 19: Android 4.4 (KitKat)'. The 'Theme' is set to 'Holo Light with Dark Action Bar'. There are three checked checkboxes: 'Create custom launcher icon', 'Create activity', and 'Mark this project as a library'. The 'Support Mode' section has four unchecked checkboxes: 'GridLayout', 'Fragments', 'Navigation Drawer', and 'ActionBar'. A 'Description' text area contains the text: 'The application name is shown in the Play store, as well as in the Manage Applications list in Settings.' At the bottom, there is a red warning message: 'The prefix 'com.example.' is meant as a placeholder and should not be used'. The dialog has 'Help', 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons at the bottom.

Application name: My Application

Module name: app

Package name: com.example.app

Project location: /Users/lbedogni/repo/MyApplication

Minimum required SDK: API 7: Android 2.1 (Eclair)

Target SDK: API 19: Android 4.4 (KitKat)

Compile with: API 19: Android 4.4 (KitKat)

Theme: Holo Light with Dark Action Bar

☒ Create custom launcher icon

☒ Create activity

☐ Mark this project as a library

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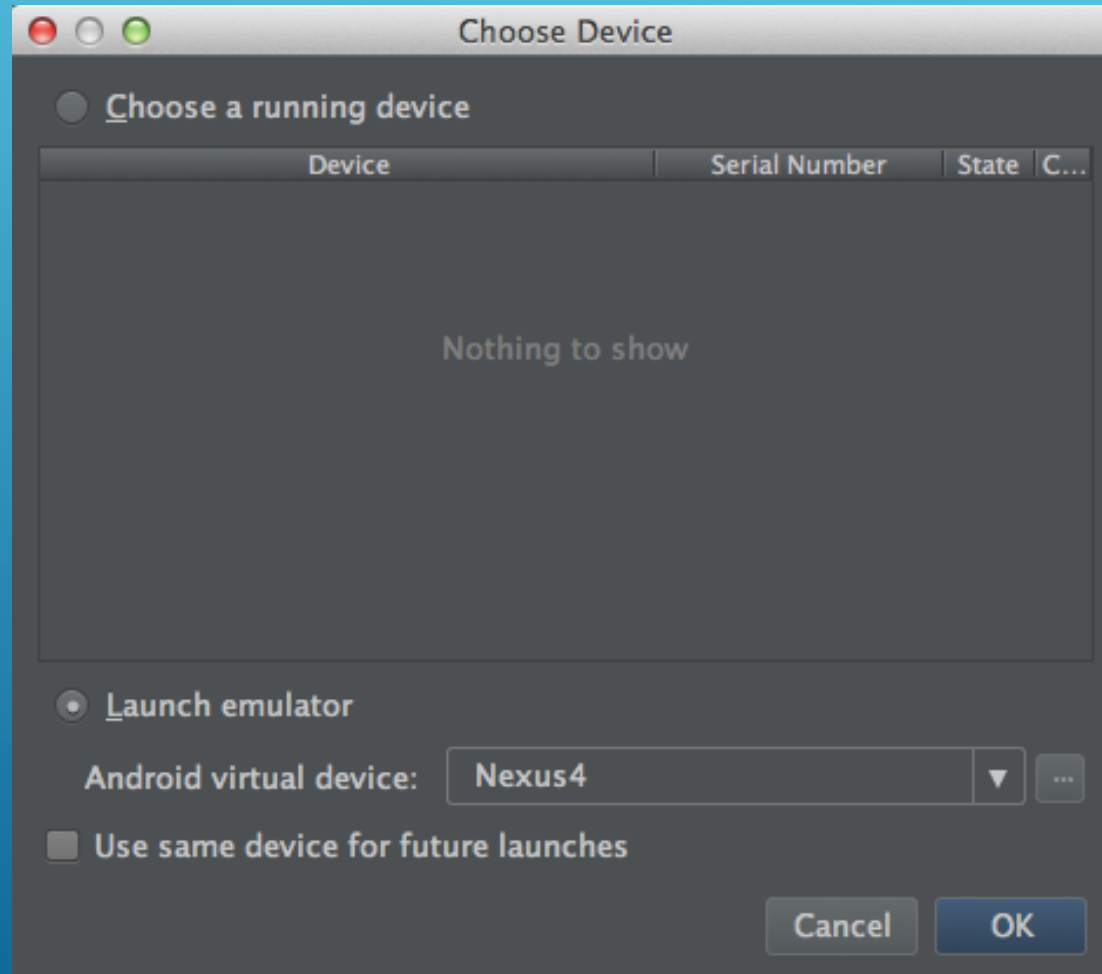
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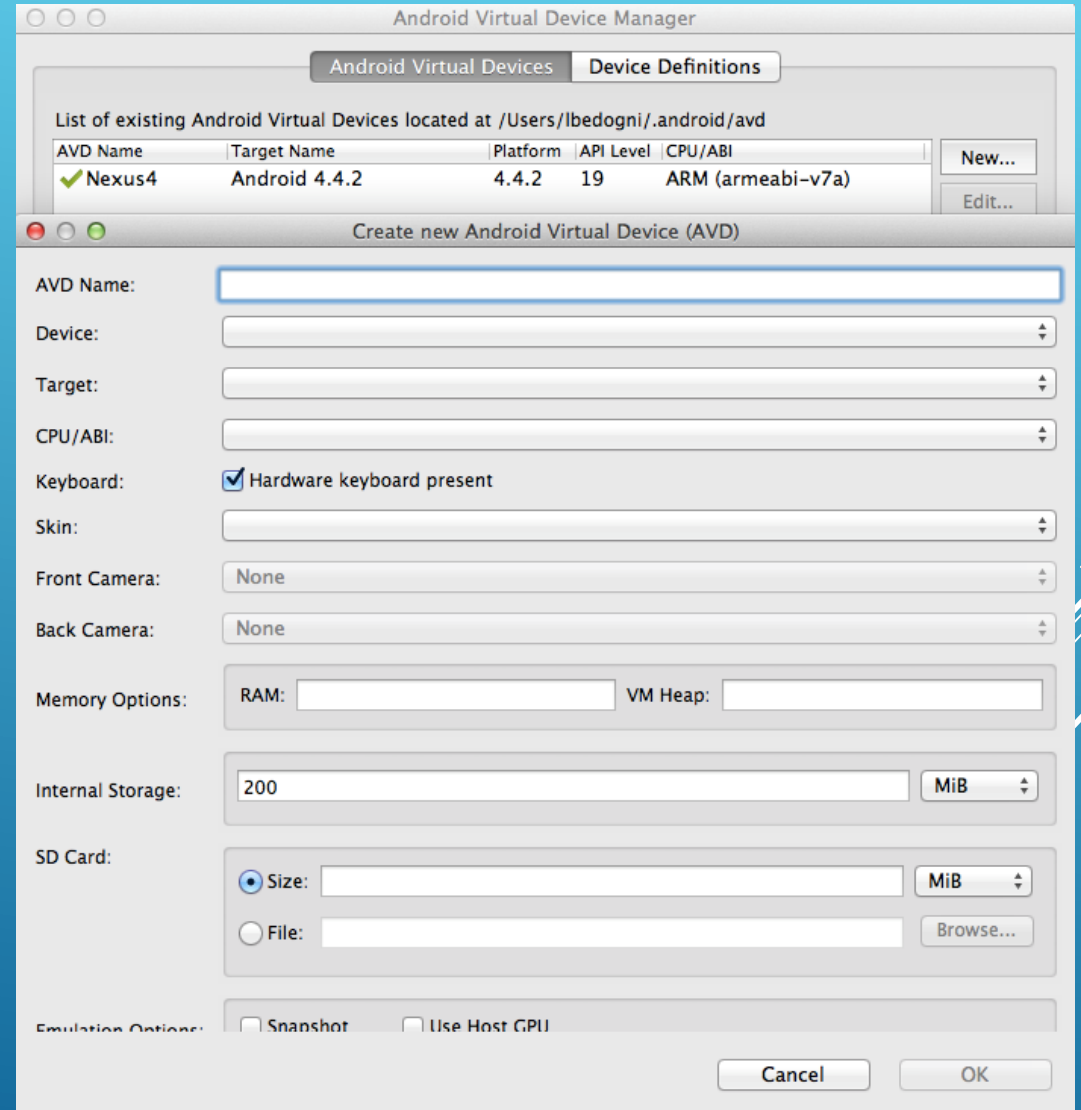
Testing on the emulator

➤ Select “Launch Emulator”



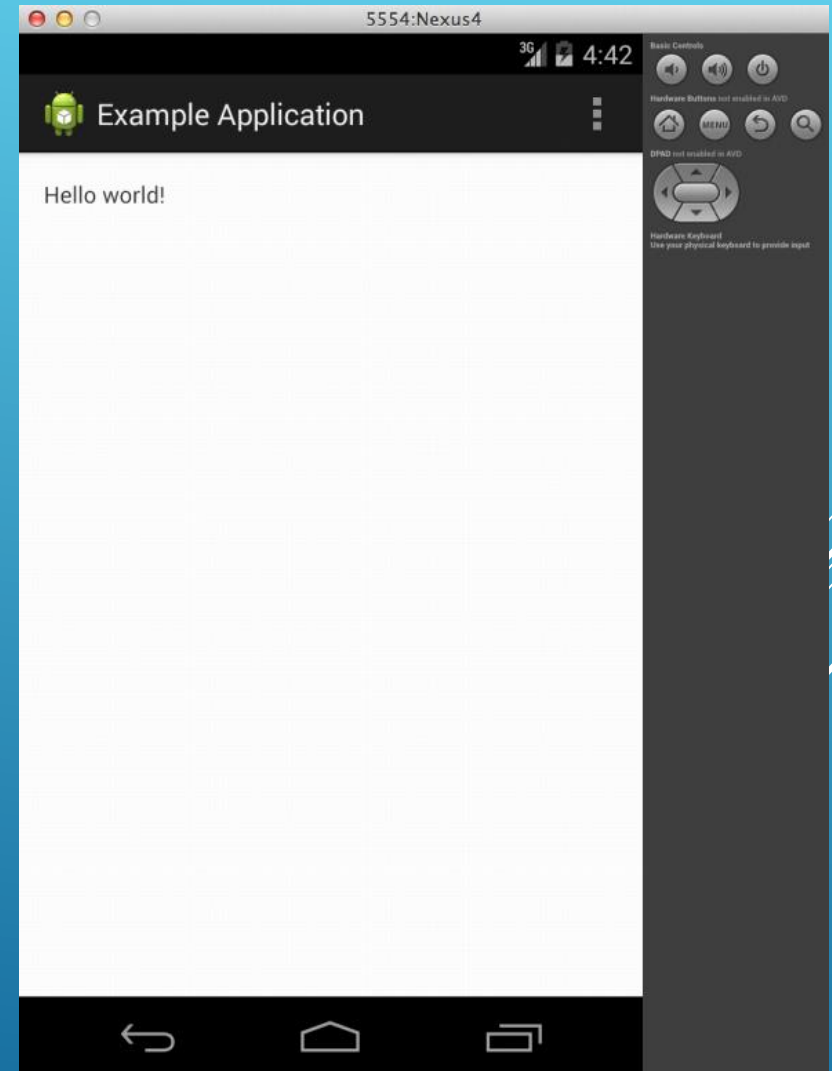
Creating an emulator

- Can configure several options
- You can create as many as you want



Did everything went **fine**?

- Test in on the emulator
- You should see something similar to this

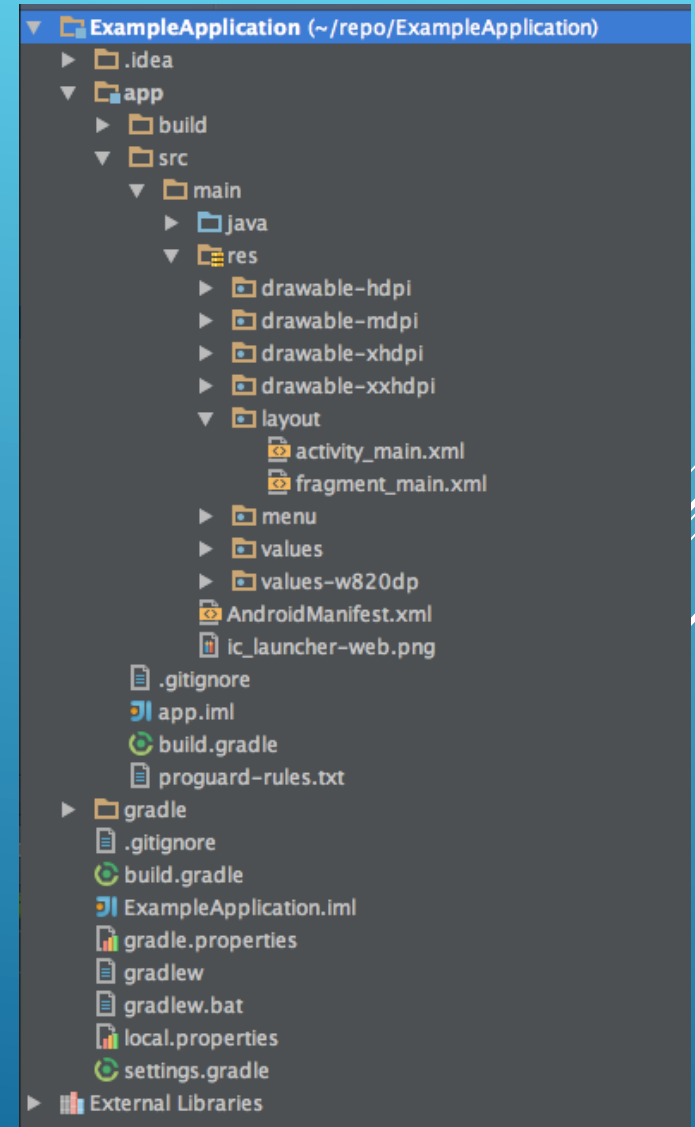


Hello world, Android!

- Anatomy of an application
 - Activity: what is started
 - View: what is seen
 - Intent: how to communicate with others
- Mix of XML and Java
 - Generally XML for layouts
 - Java for the app logic

Application structure

- Even the simplest application has a lot of files
- Some are autogenerated
- Each project contains
 - Activities
 - Layouts
 - XML files
 - AndroidManifest.xml



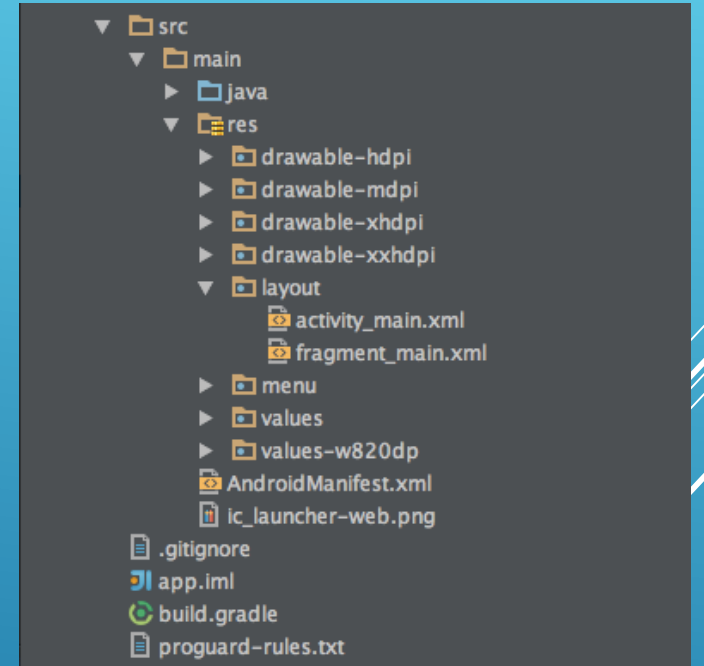
build

- Autogenerated files
 - No need to modify them
- Some are autogenerated
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src

- All the code of your application
 - The java folder contains... the java code!
 - Inside res there are a lot of resources
 - Images
 - Layouts
 - Xml files
 - AndroidManifest.xml



AndroidManifest.xml

- Mandatory file for every application
 - Contains:
 - Application declaration
 - Permissions
 - Intent filters
 - Targets

 AndroidManifest.xml

How to test

➤ Via an AVD

- Fast, possible to have different resolutions, APIs
- Not a real device

➤ On a real device

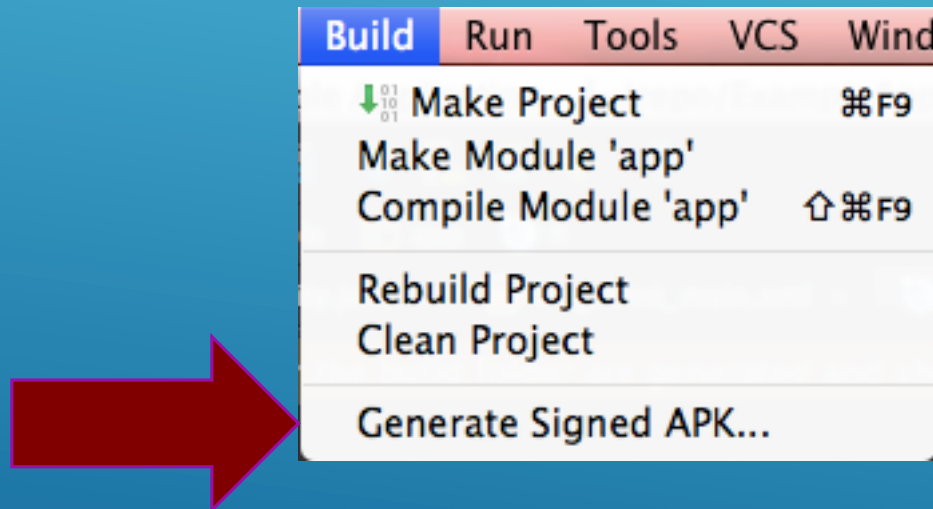
- You get exactly what is deployed
- Must own a real device

➤ So?

- Test in on AVDs.
- When you feel that the application is ready, go with a real device

How to **deploy**

- Android applications must be signed before installing them on a real device



You need a key for this
and you can generate one
from the menu.

ECLIPSE

3 step setup

- Download Android SDK for your platform:

<http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html>

- Execute (and then select the Android API version):

[android-sdk-xxx/tools/android](#)

- Install the ADT plugin for Eclipse:

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>

<https://dl-ssl.google.com/android/eclipse>

SDK

```
lbedogni@otto: ~/sw/android-sdk-linux
lbedogni@otto:~/sw/android-sdk-linux$ ls *
SDK Readme.txt

add-ons:

platforms:

tools:
adb_has_moved.txt  dmtracedump  hierarchyviewer  NOTICE.txt
android            draw9patch   hprof-conv       proguard
ant                emulator     lib              source.properties
apkbuilder         emulator-arm lint              sqlite3
apps               emulator-x86 mksdcard          traceview
ddms               etc1tool     monkeyrunner     zipalign

lbedogni@otto:~/sw/android-sdk-linux$
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ADT

ECLIPSE

- ❖ Useful to run applications via Eclipse, highly recommended
- ❖ Go to <http://developer.android.com/sdk/eclipse-adt.html>
- ❖ Pick the repository (actually <https://dl-ssl.google.com/android/eclipse/>)
- ❖ Add a repository in Eclipse and download the “Developers Tools”
- ❖ This will make a virtual bridge between eclipse and the SDK

PROJECT

- ❖ Create it under Eclipse
 - Assign an SDK target
 - Choose an application name
 - Choose a package name
 - Create an activity and assign a name
- ❖ Run it to test that everything is ok

AVD

Create new Android Virtual Device (AVD)

Name:

Target:

CPU/ABI:

SD Card:

- ☒ Size:
- ☐ File:

Snapshot: ☐ Enabled

Skin:

- ☒ Built-in:
- ☐ Resolution: x

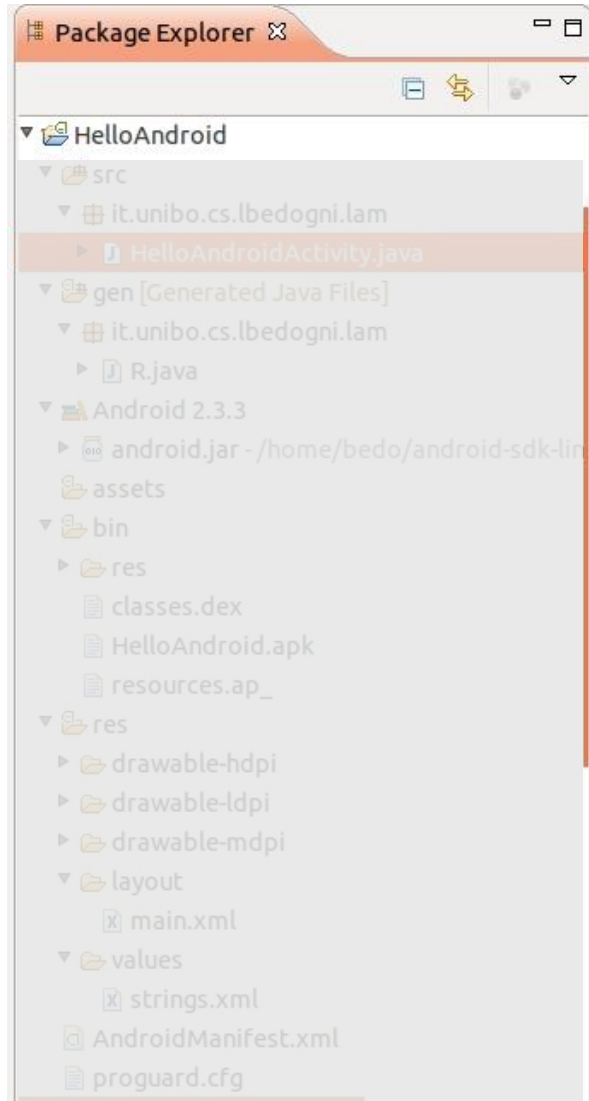
Hardware:

Property	Value
Abstracted LCD density	240
Max VM application heap size	24

☐ Override the existing AVD with the same name

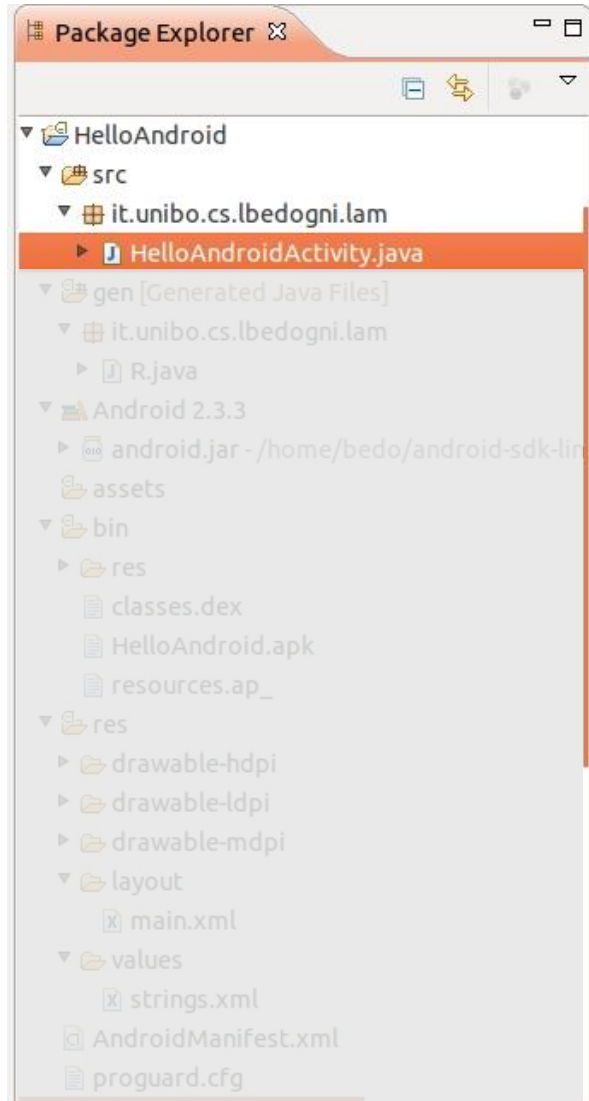
- ❖ AVD means Android Virtual Device
- ❖ Test the application before running it on a device
- ❖ Multiple APIs → Multiple targets
- ❖ Makes it faster (and cheap) to test application on different configurations/resolutions/storage

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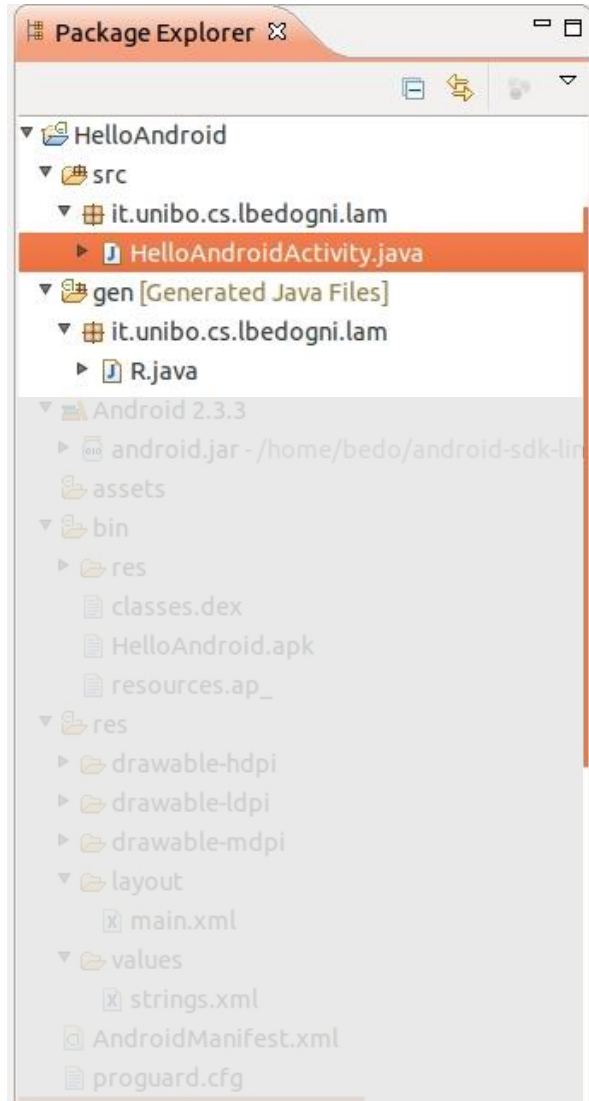
❖ Project name

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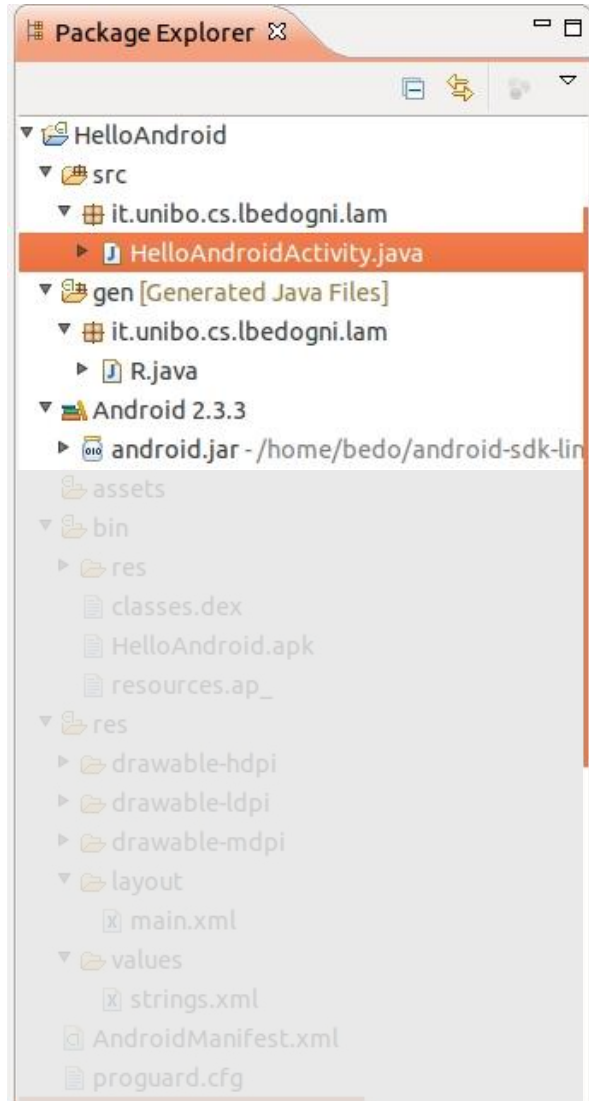
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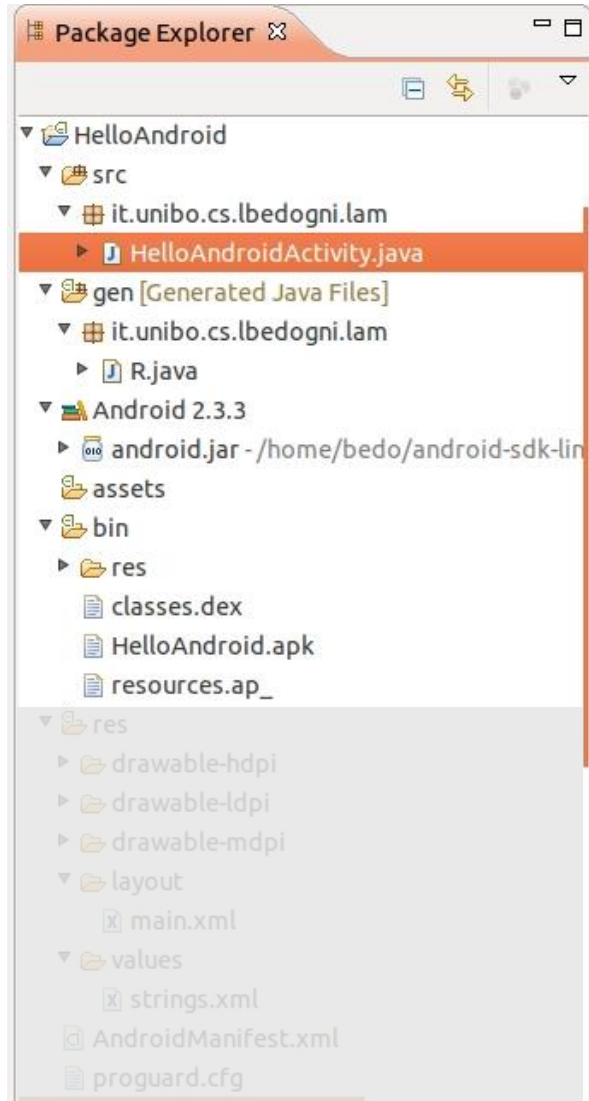
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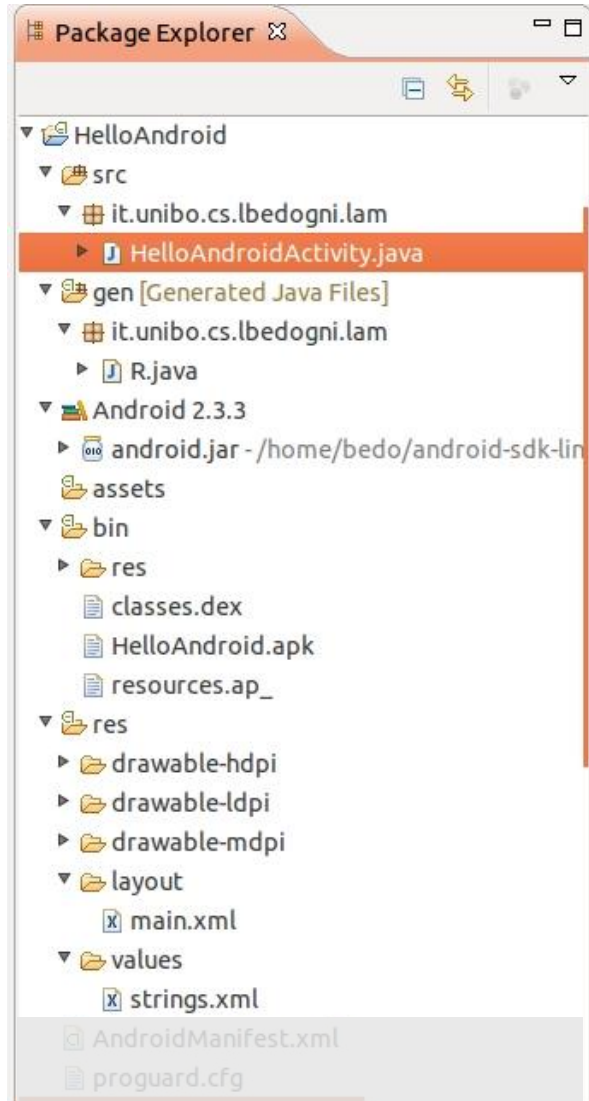
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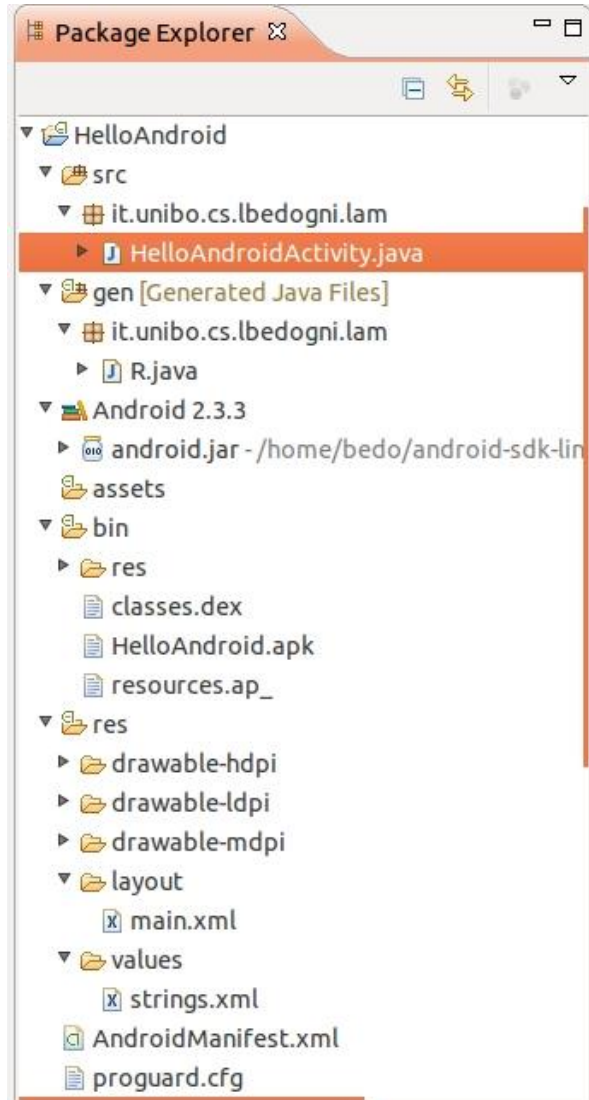
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- ❖ Resources files
- ❖ Android Manifest

DEPLOY

- ❖ Android applications must be signed before they can be installed on a device
- ❖ Eclipse can sign applications
 - Debug mode, just to test it on your device
 - Release mode, when it's ready for other users

SIGNING

- ❖ Eclipse has a tool called Export Wizard
 - File > Export
 - Export Android Application
 - Select your key and preferences
 - Application is compiled, signed and aligned, ready to be deployed
- ❖ Keep your private key safe
 - Use a strong password
 - Don't lend it to anyone