



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!**

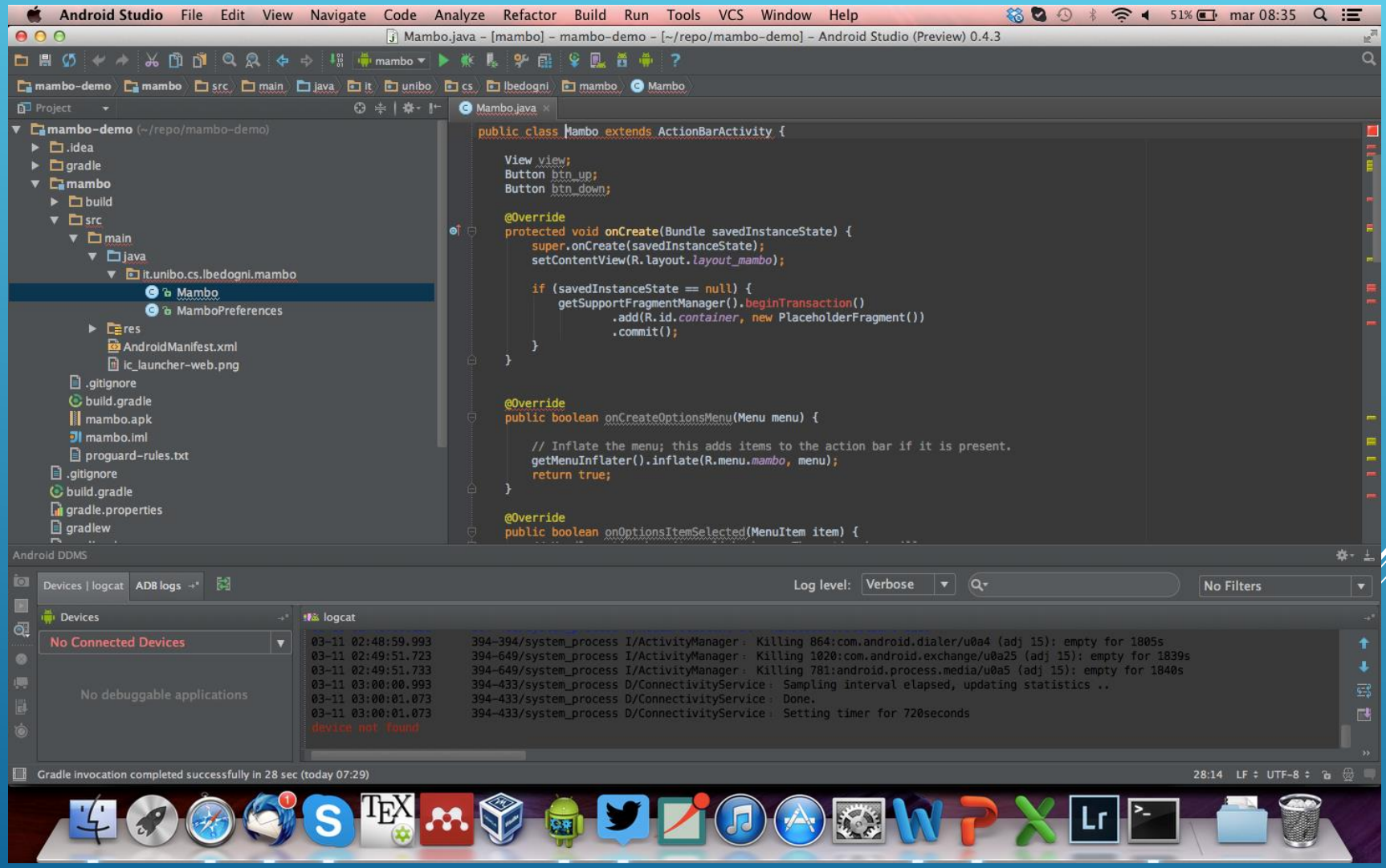
Two options

- 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

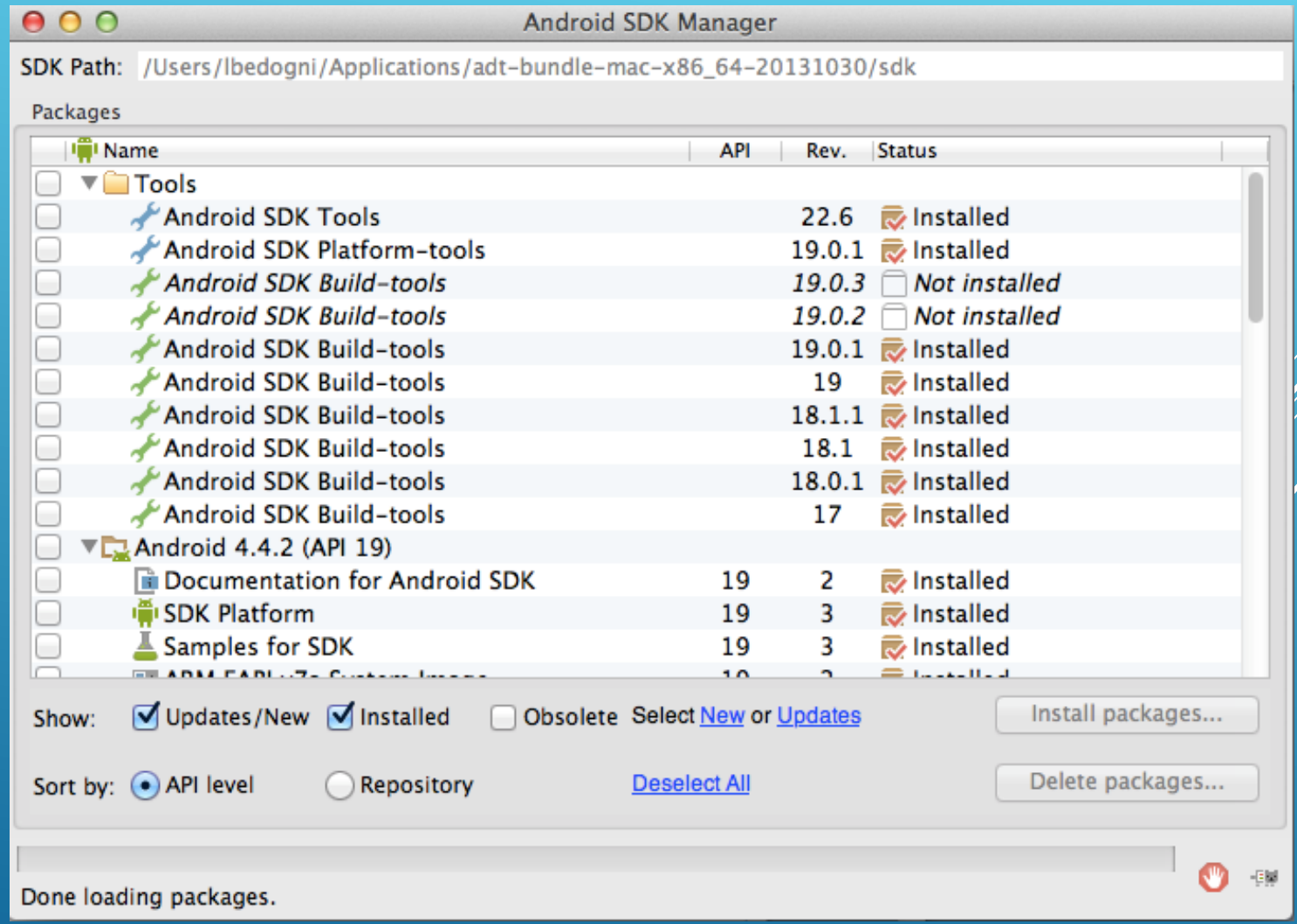
- Go to http://developer.android.com/sdk/installing/studio.html
- Download Android Studio and the SDK
- Install it and you're done!

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

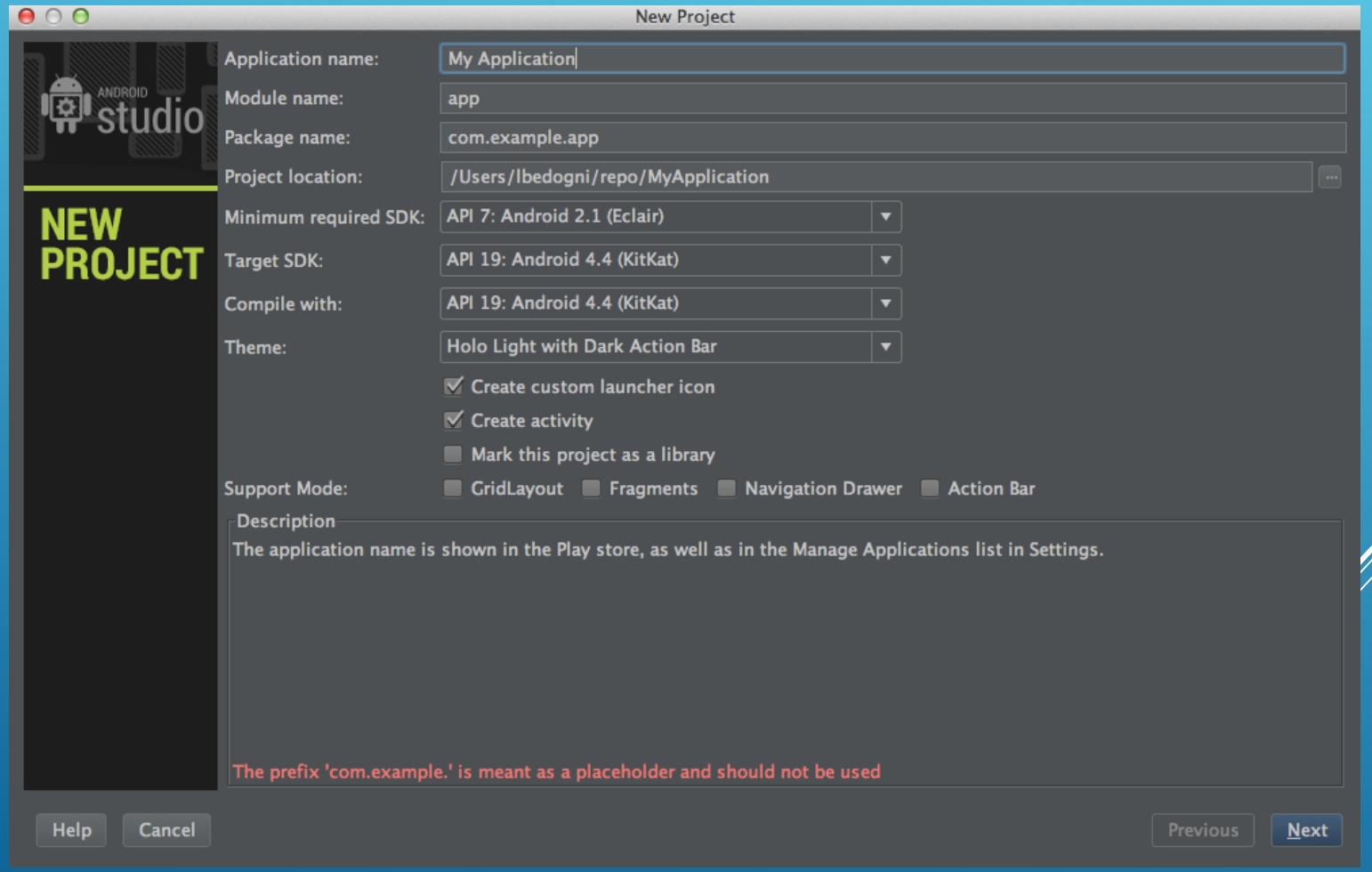
SDK tools

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



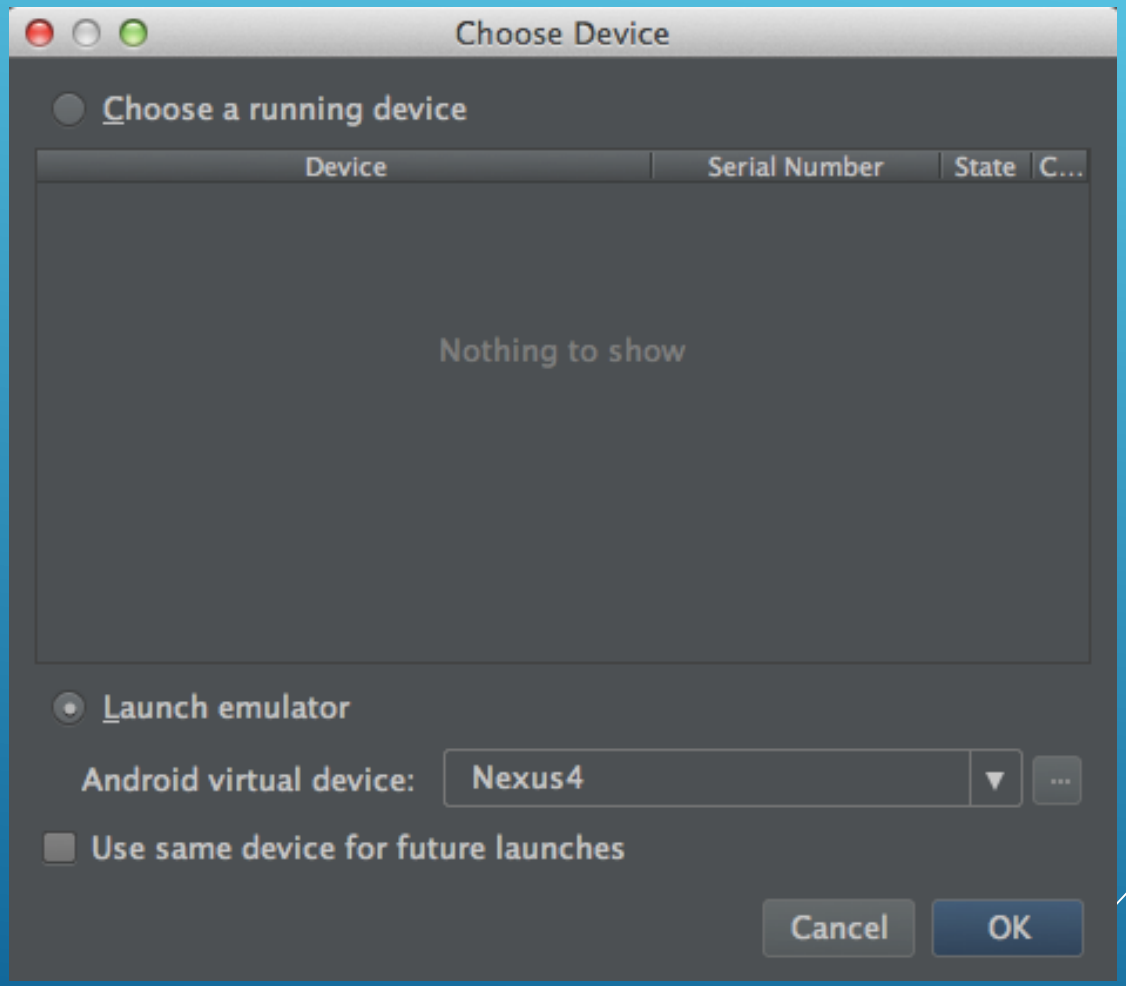
Your first Android application

- Go to File > New Project



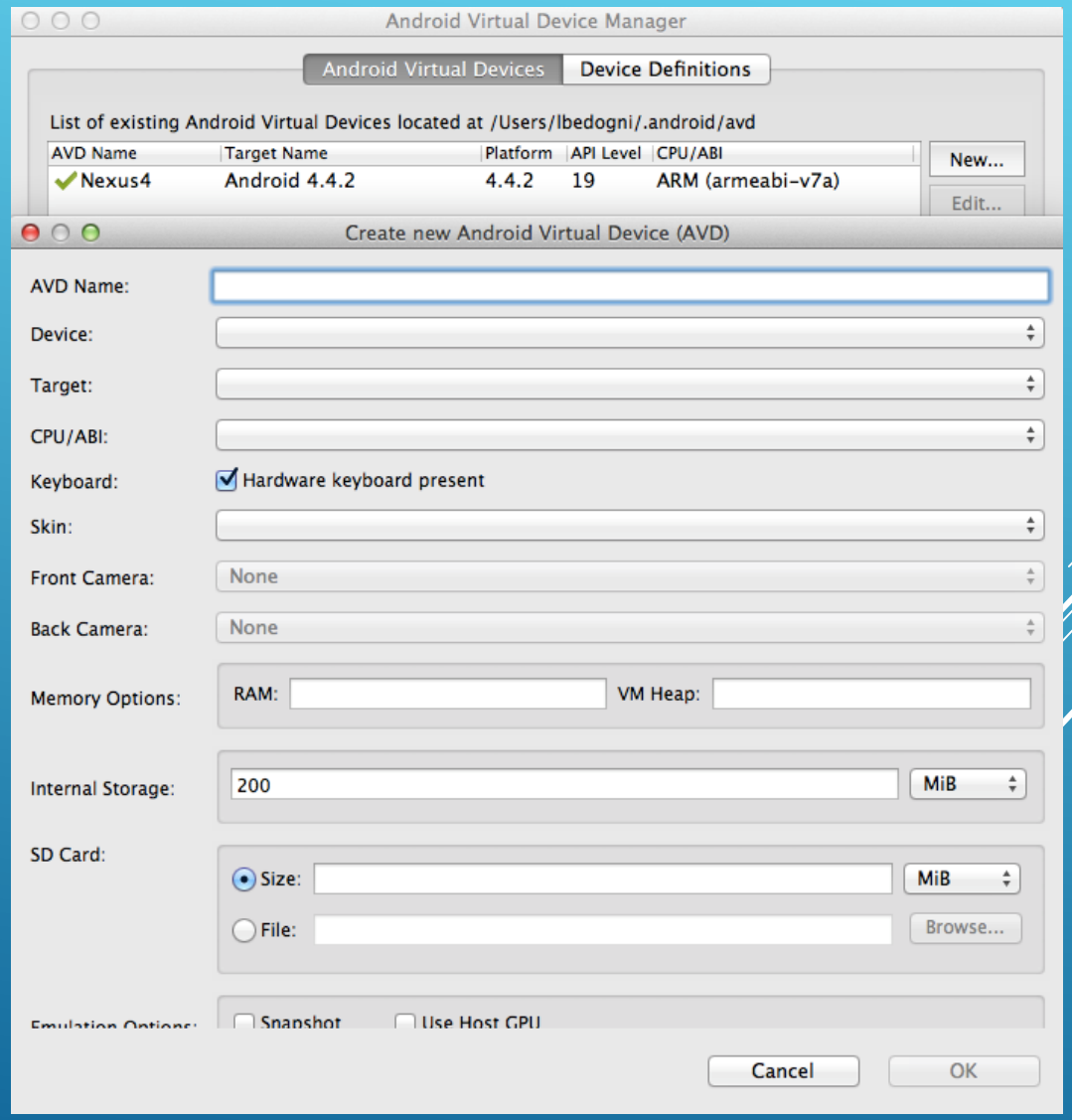
Testing on the emulator

- Select “Launch Emulator”



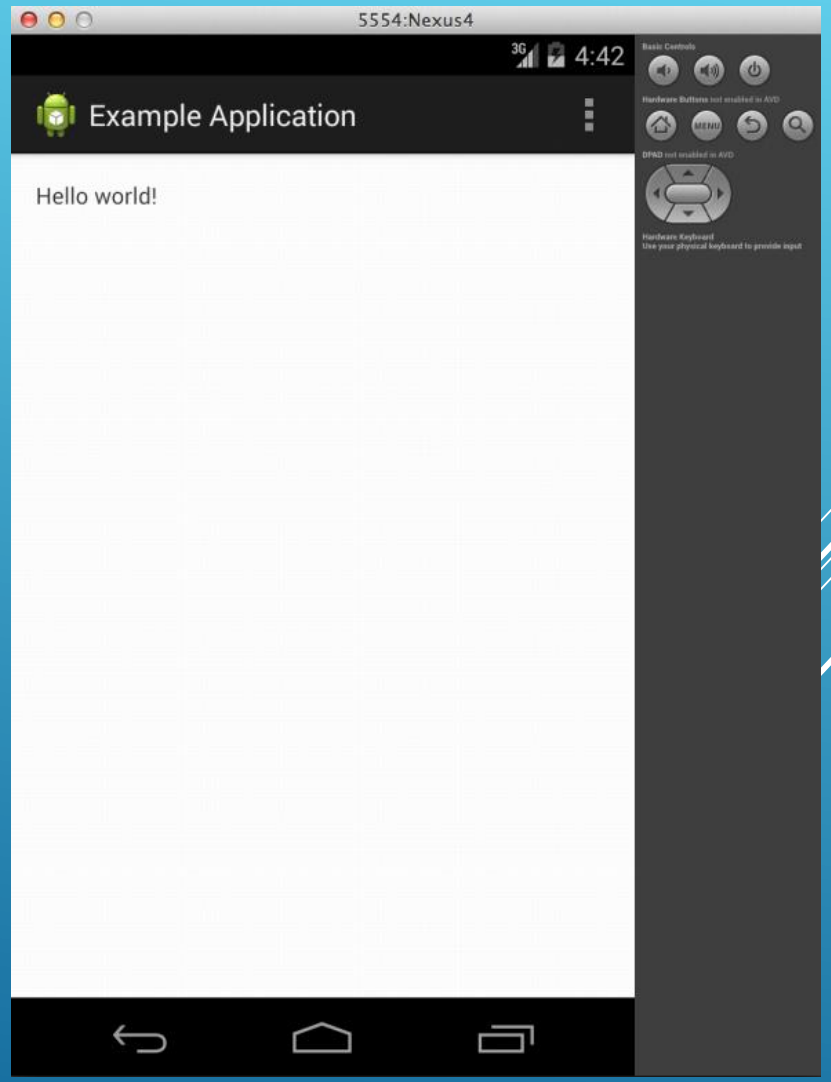
Creating an emulator

- 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

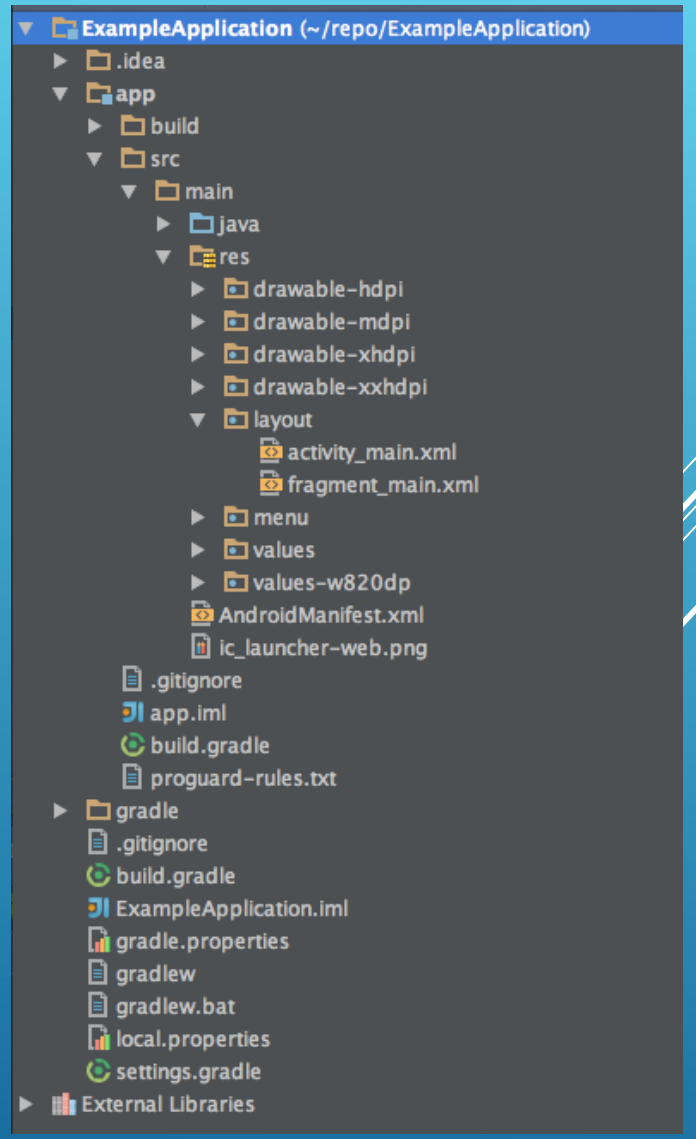


Hello world, Android!

- 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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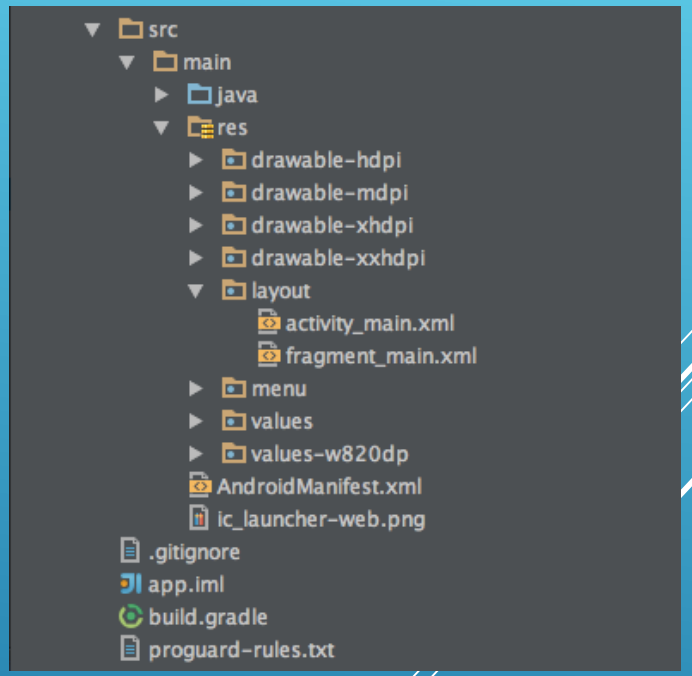
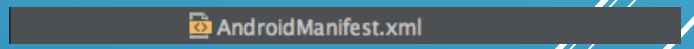
src

- 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

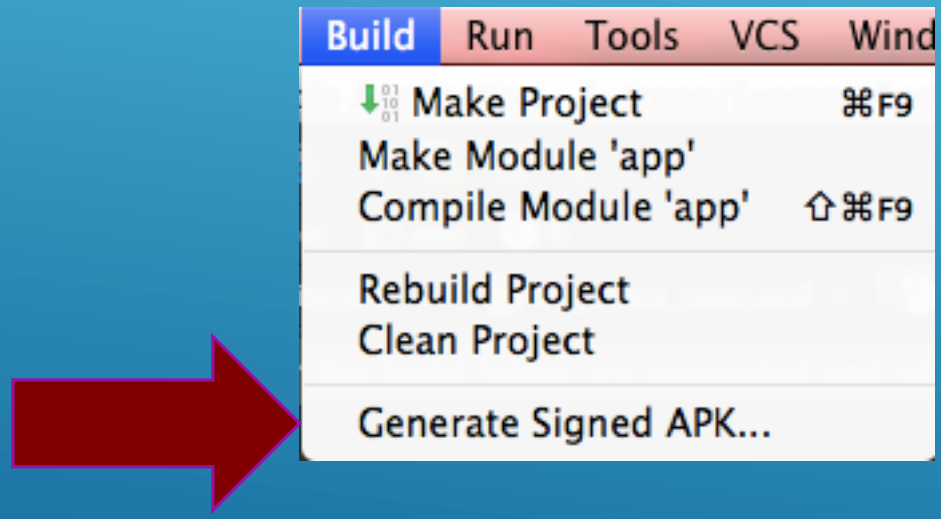


How to test

- 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

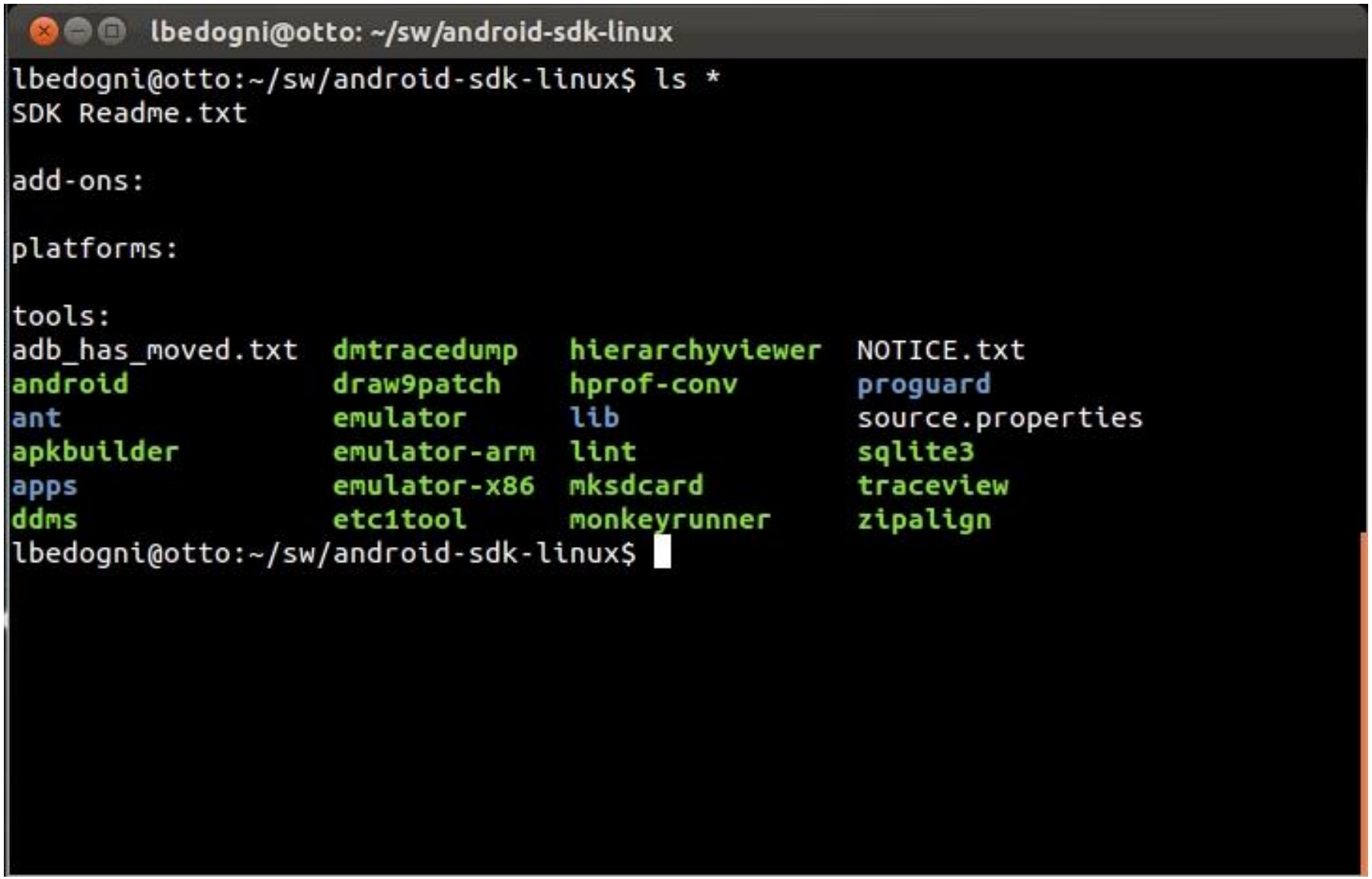
- Execute (and then select the Android API version):

android-sdk-xxx/tools/android

- Install the ADT plugin for Eclipse:

http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/
https://dl-ssl.google.com/android/eclipse

SDK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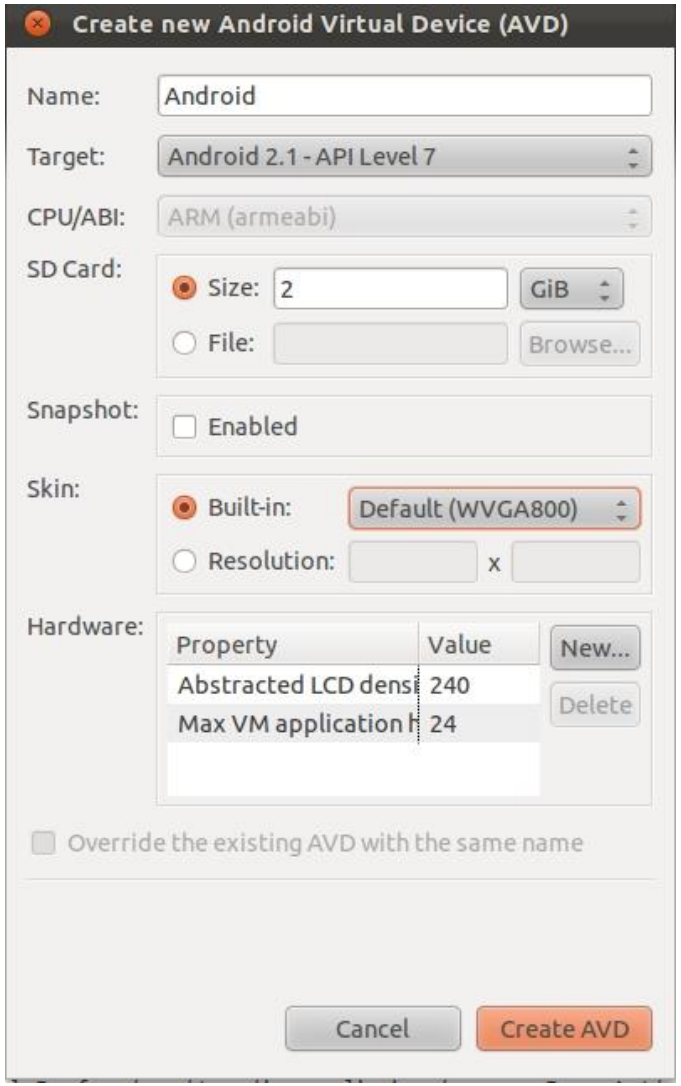
ADT ECLIPSE

- Useful to run applications via Eclipse, highly reccomended
- 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



- 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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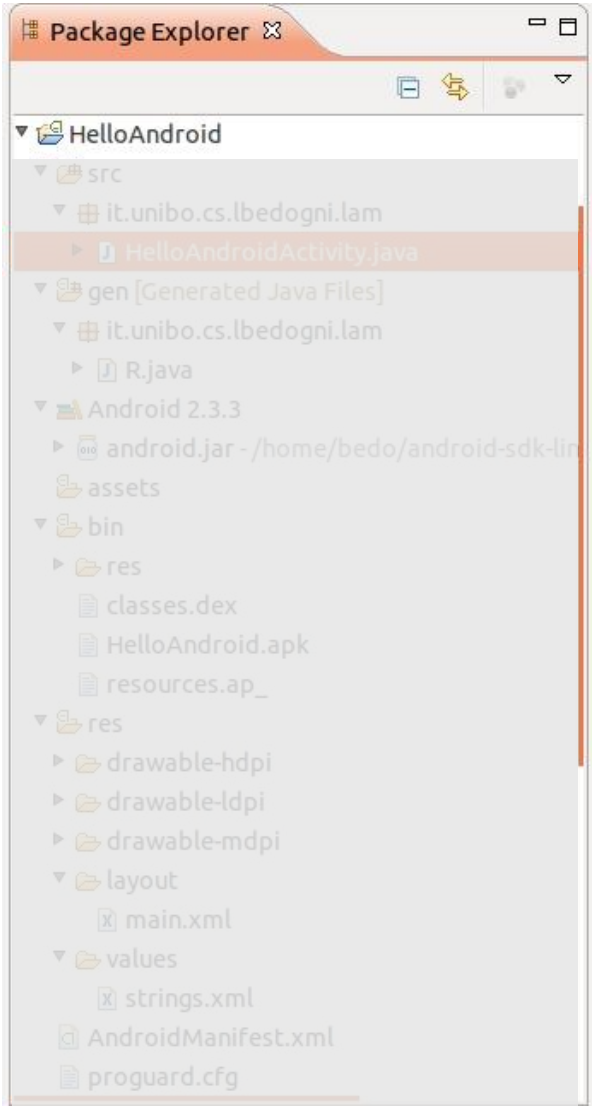

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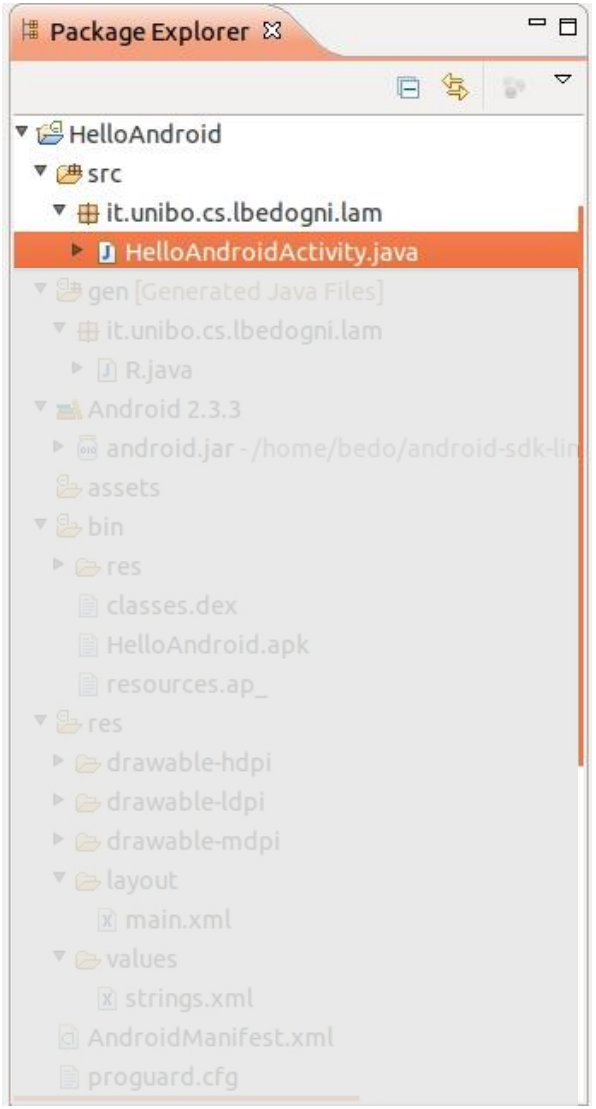

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- Src folder with java files

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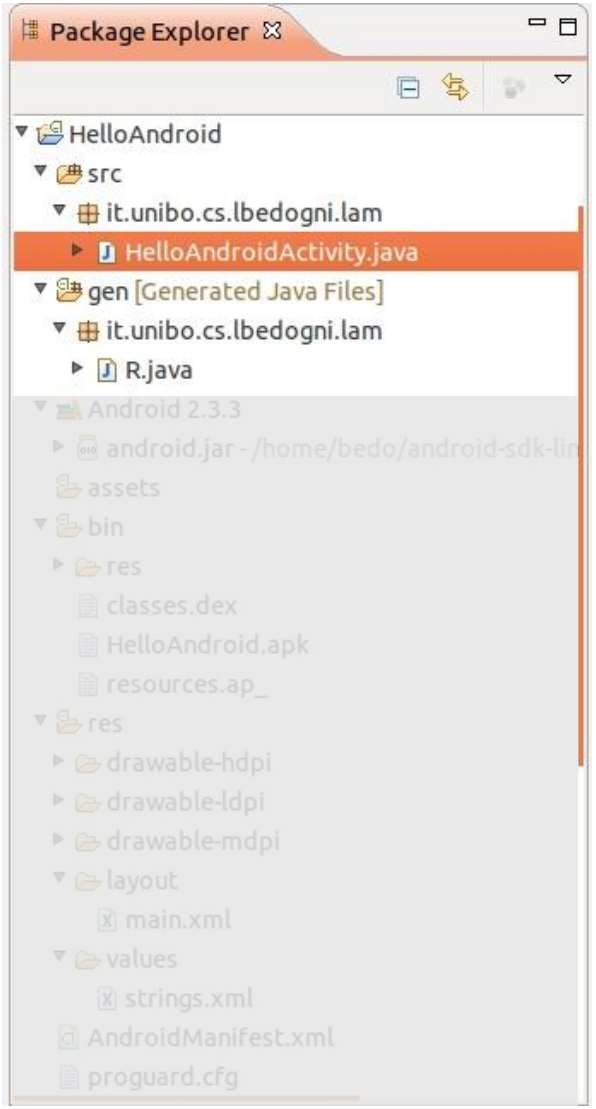

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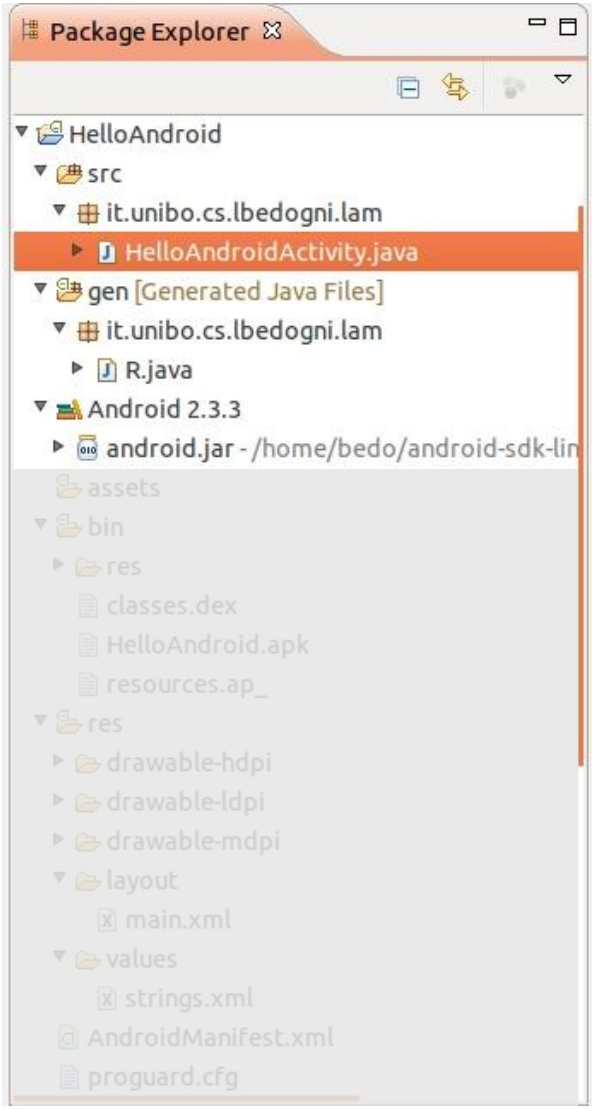

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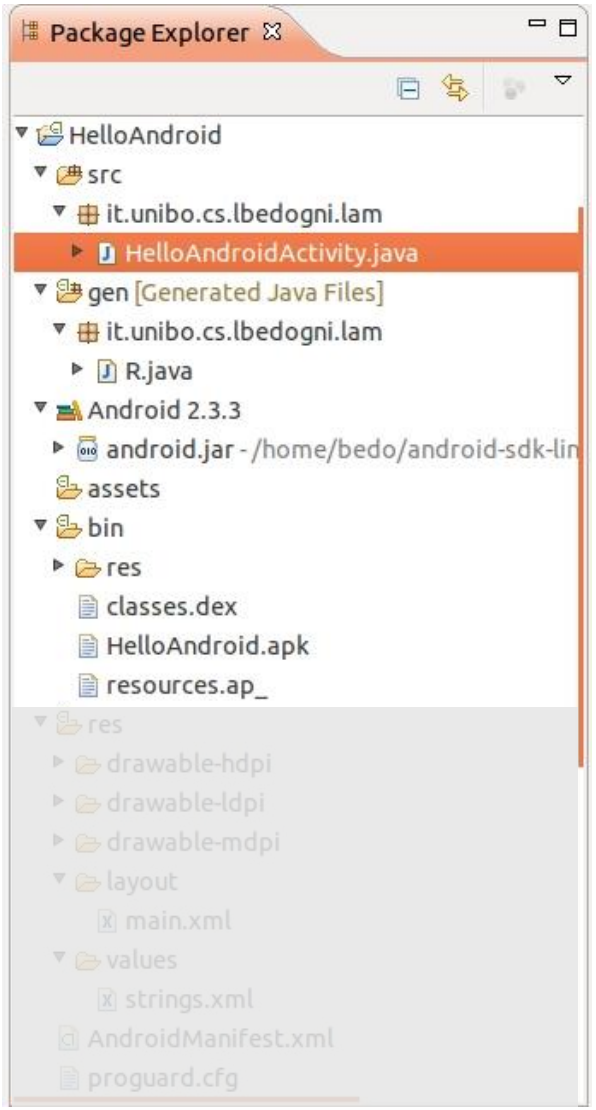

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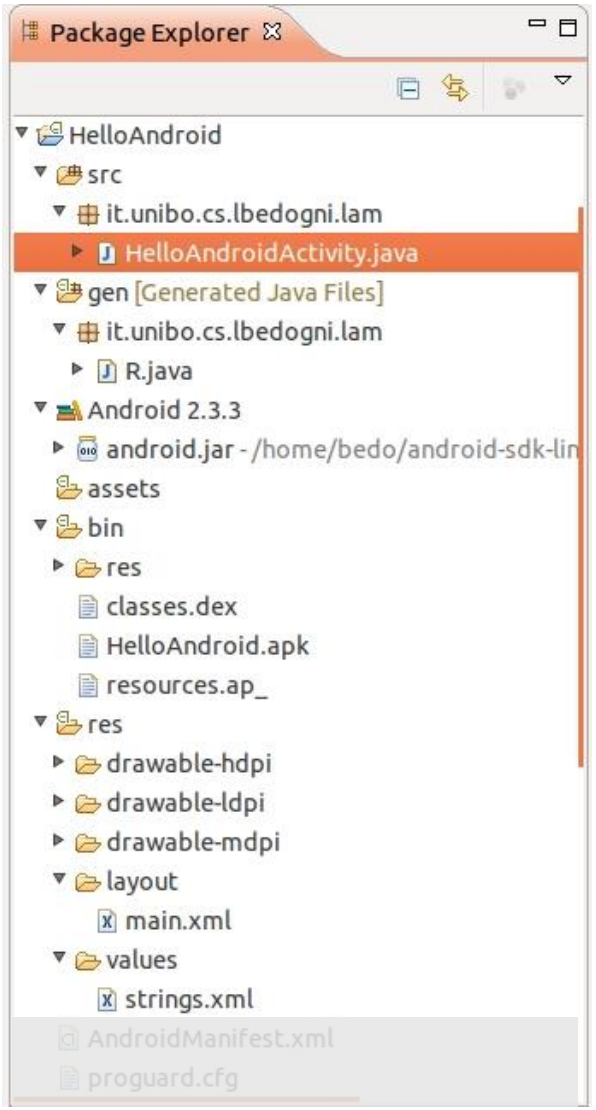

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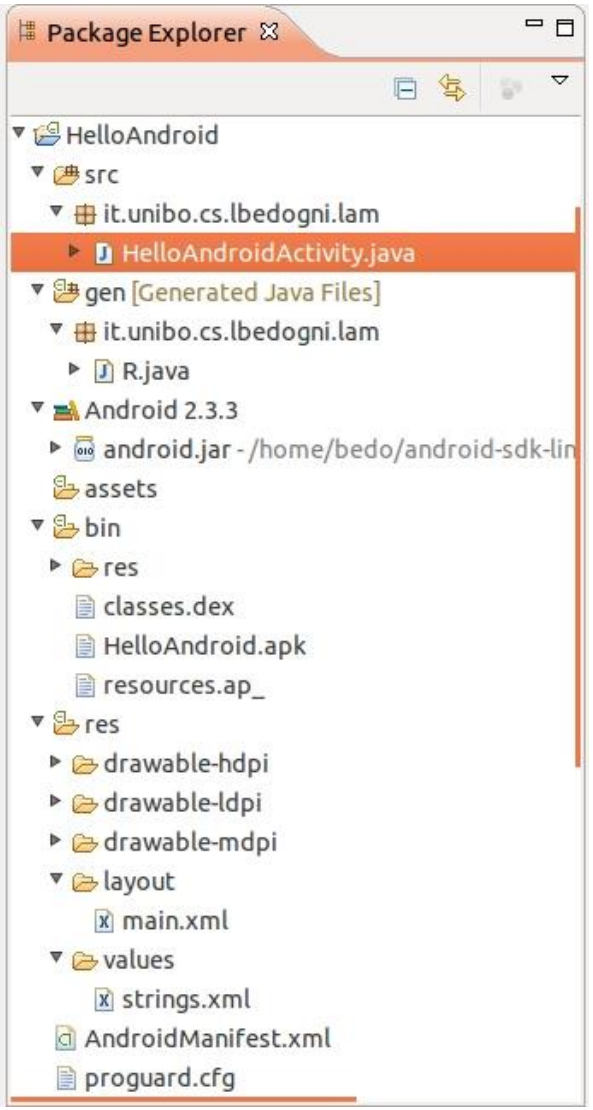

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- Compiled files

- 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