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Application Note

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Android Keyboard Wedge

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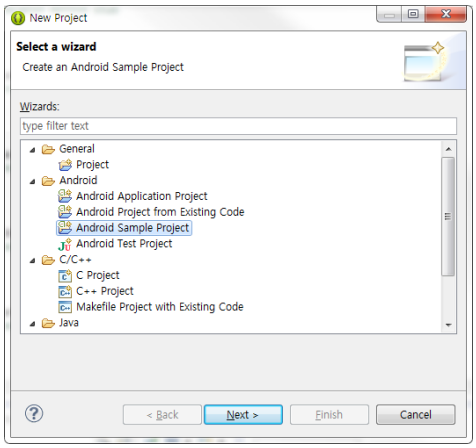
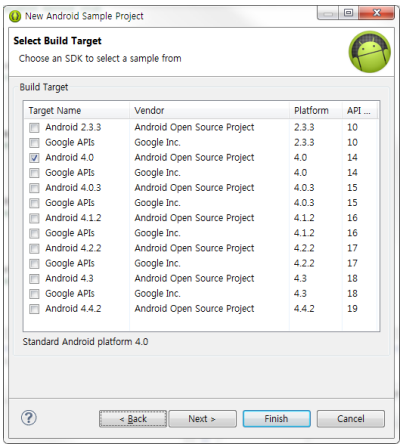
Revision History

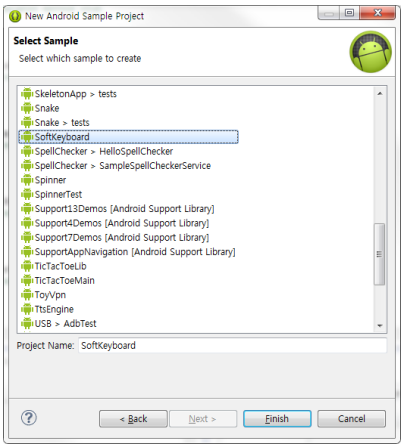
Version	Date	Changes
00	2014-03-14	Initially released

Keyboard wedge is a virtual keyboard that allows keyboard data from a non-keyboard device. If you can simulate keyboard, you can input wanted data to anywhere you want. For example, a bar code interface is the most well-known keyboard wedge software. A bar code scanner can simulate keyboard. If you scan a bar code, bar code data can be pasted to notepad, web page, data base, etc.

In Android system, keyboard wedge can be implemented with the Soft Keyboard sample app that is provided by Google SDK.







After including sample project into your eclipse workspace, you just add RFID function key and keyboard layout.

To turn on the RFID reader, add code below in Softkeyboard.java

```
@Override public void onWindowShown()
   {
      super.onWindowShown();

     try
     {
     RcpApi.setRcpEvent(this);
     RcpApi.open();
     setVolumeMax();
     Thread.sleep(200);
     }
     catch (Exception e)
     {
            e.printStackTrace();
     }
   }
```

To turn the RFID reader off,

```
@Override
public void onWindowHidden()
{
	super.onWindowHidden();
	try
	{
	RcpApi.close();
	}
	catch (Exception e)
	{
	e.printStackTrace();
	}
}
```

For handling tag IDs,

```
@Override
public void onTagReceived(int[] arg0)
{
mRcpOn = false;
String tag = RcpLib.int2str(arg0);
System.out.println("tag : " + tag);
Message message = new Message();
message.what = 0;
message.obj = tag;
handler.sendMessage(message);
}

Handler handler = new Handler()
{
	public void handleMessage(Message msg)
	{
		switch(msg.what)
		{
		case 0:
		String str = (String)msg.obj;
		getCurrentInputConnection().commitText(str,1);
		break;
		default:
		break;
		}
	}
};
```

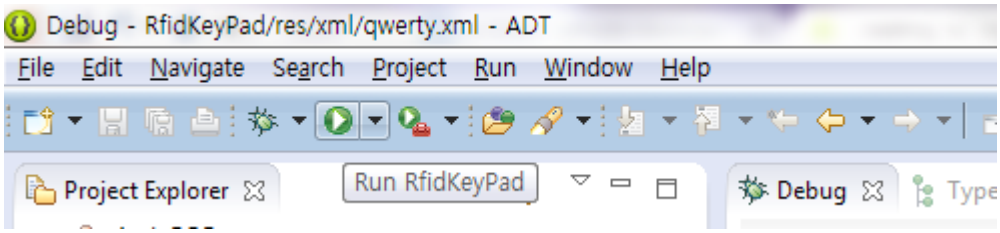
To get RFID key input,

```
public void onKey(int primaryCode, int[] keyCodes)
{
        if (isWordSeparator(primaryCode))
        {

                ...

        } else if (primaryCode == -99)
        { // RFID button
        try
        {
        if(!mRcpOn)
        {
        mRcpOn = true;
        RcpApi.startReadTags(1, 0, 0);
        }
        } catch (Exception e) {
        // TODO Auto-generated catch block
        e.printStackTrace();
        }
        } else {
        handleCharacter(primaryCode, keyCodes);
        }
}
```

To add the RFID key to keyboard layout, modify res/xml/qwerty.xml

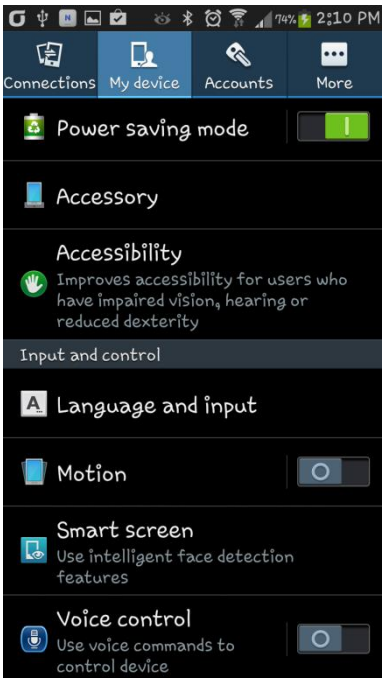
```
<Keyboard xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:keyWidth="10%p"
    android:horizontalGap="0px"
    android:verticalGap="0px"
    android:keyHeight="@dimen/key_height"
    >
                                        ...

 <Row android:rowEdgeFlags="bottom">
        <Key android:codes="-3" android:keyIcon="@drawable/sym_keyboard_done"
                android:keyWidth="10%p" android:keyEdgeFlags="left"/>
        <Key android:codes="-2" android:keyLabel="123" android:keyWidth="15%p"/>
        <Key android:codes="32" android:keyIcon="@drawable/sym_keyboard_space"
                android:keyWidth="30%p" android:isRepeatable="true"/>
        <Key android:codes="46,44" android:keyLabel=". ,"
                android:keyWidth="15%p"/>
        <Key android:codes="-99" android:keyLabel="RFID"
                android:keyWidth="20%p"/>
        <Key android:codes="10" android:keyIcon="@drawable/sym_keyboard_return"
                android:keyWidth="10%p" android:keyEdgeFlags="right"/>
    </Row>
</Keyboard>
```

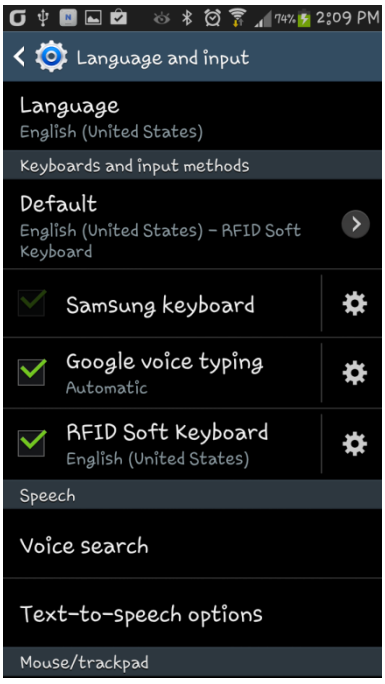
Click Run and install app. This app has no launcher activity. Never mind message.

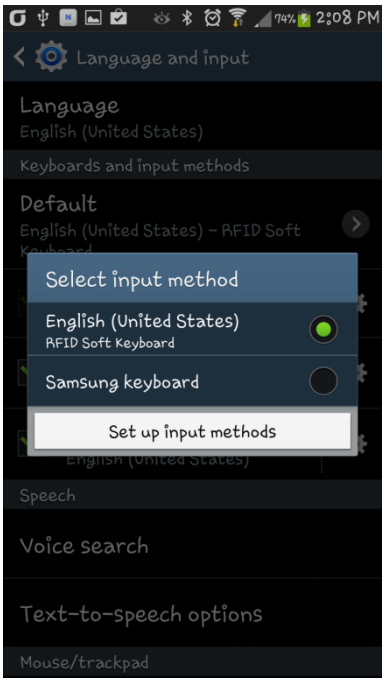



```
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] ------------------------------
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] Android Launch!
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] adb is running normally.
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] No Launcher activity found!
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] The launch will only sync the application package on the
device!
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] Performing sync
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] Automatic Target Mode: using device '42f0fb05f6cf7f83'
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] Uploading RfidKeyPad.apk onto device '42f0fb05f6cf7f83'
[2014-03-14 13:37:45 - RfidKeyPad] Installing RfidKeyPad.apk...
[2014-03-14 13:37:48 - RfidKeyPad] Success!
[2014-03-14 13:37:48 - RfidKeyPad] \RfidKeyPad\bin\RfidKeyPad.apk installed on device
[2014-03-14 13:37:48 - RfidKeyPad] Done!
```

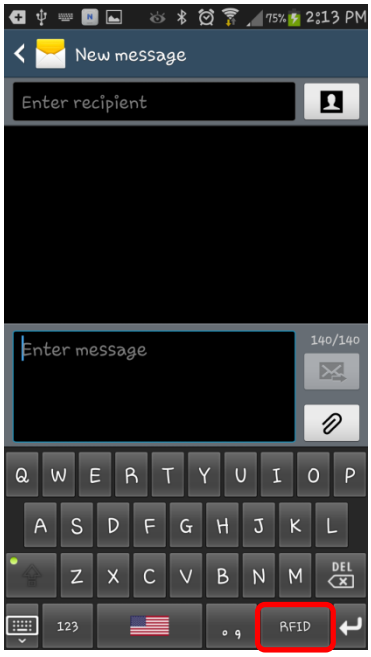
Select RFID Soft Keyboard and select it as default.







Insert ARETE POP into your smart phone and open any app where you want to input RFID data. If you touch edit box, your RFID soft keyboard will appears. Touch RFID key to read a tag.



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