# Chapter 5: Building UI with Basic Views & ViewGroups

#### Outline

- Understanding viewgroups
- Using basic views to design UI
- ViewGroups to use to lay out views
- Adapt and manage changes in screen orientation

#### Introduction

- In Chapter 3, you learned about the Activity class and its life cycle. You learned that an activity is a means by which users interact with the application.
- An activity displays the user interface of your application, which may contain widgets such as buttons, labels, textboxes, and so on. Typically, you define your UI using an XML file (e.g., the main.xml file located in the res/layout folder of your project)
- However, an activity by itself does not have a presence on the screen. Instead, it has to draw the screen using Views and ViewGroups.

#### Introduction

- During compilation, each element in the XML fi le is compiled into its equivalent Android GUI class, with attributes represented by methods. The Android system then creates the UI of the activity when it is loaded.
- During runtime, you load the XML UI in the onCreate() method handler in your Activity class, using the setContentView() method of the Activity class

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
}
```

#### Introduction

- To declare app layout,
- Define *layout* with an XML file (e.g., the main.xml file located in the **res/layout** folder of project)
- 2. Instantiate View objects **dynamically** during runtime entirely using Java code, and

#### View and ViewGroup

 Android provides a collection of both View and ViewGroup subclasses that offer common input controls (such as buttons and text fields) and various layout models (such as a linear or relative layout).

#### View:

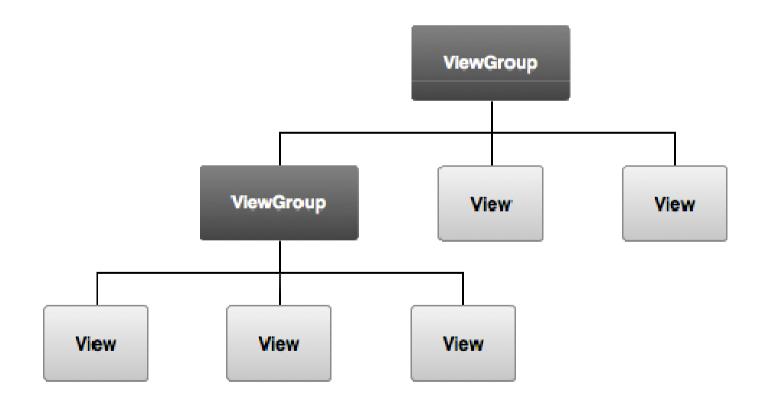
- an object that draws something on the screen that the user can interact with.
- UI widgets such as buttons, labels, and textboxes or text fields

#### ViewGroup:

- invisible view containers that define how the child views are laid out, such as in a grid or a vertical list.
- an object that holds other View (and ViewGroup) objects in order to define the layout of the interface.

#### View and ViewGroup

- The graphical user interface for an Android app is built using a hierarchy of **View** and **ViewGroup** objects.
- View is derived from the base class android.view.View



### Layout

- A layout defines the visual structure for a user interface, such as the UI for an activity or app widget.
- You can declare a layout in two ways:
  - Declare UI elements in XML. Android provides a straightforward XML vocabulary that corresponds to the View classes and subclasses, such as those for widgets and layouts.
  - Instantiate layout elements at runtime. Your application can create View and ViewGroup objects (and manipulate their properties) programmatically. (Chapter 6)

#### ViewGroup

- View group is the base class for layouts and views containers
- Derived from the base class android.view.ViewGroup
  - LinearLayout
  - AbsoluteLayout
  - TableLayout
  - RelativeLayout
  - FrameLayout
  - ScrollView
- In practice it is common to combine different types of layouts to create the UI desired.

#### Write the XML

 Open the main.xml file from the res/layout/ directory

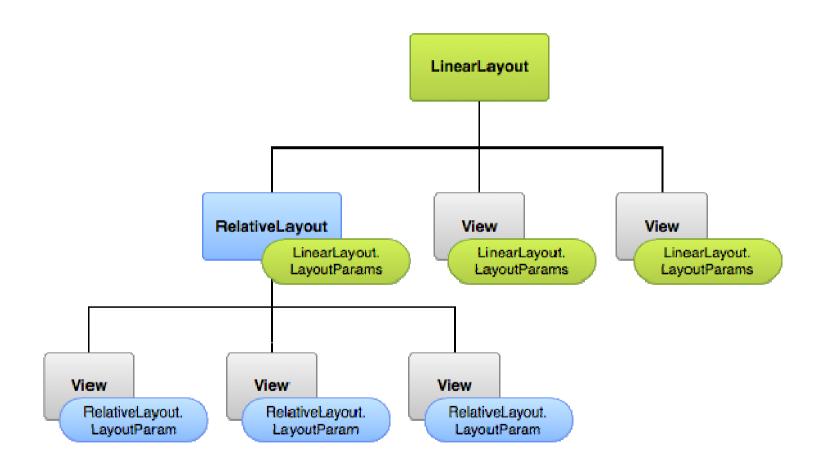
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
              android: layout width="fill parent"
              android:layout height="fill parent"
              android:orientation="vertical" >
    <TextView android:id="@+id/text"
              android: layout width="wrap content"
              android:layout height="wrap content"
              android:text="Hello, I am a TextView" />
    <Button android:id="@+id/button"
            android:layout width="wrap content"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Hello, I am a Button" />
</LinearLayout>
```

#### Load the XML Resource

- When you compile an application, each XML layout file is compiled into a View resource. You load the layout resource from your application code, in your Activity.onCreate() callback implementation.
- Do so by calling <u>setContentView()</u>, passing it the reference to your layout resource in the form of: R.layout.layout file name

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

## **Layout Parameters**



### **Layout Parameters**

- Every ViewGroup class implements a nested class that extends <u>ViewGroup.LayoutParams</u>. This subclass contains *property types* that define the *size* and *position* for each child view, as appropriate for the view group.
- Each child element must define LayoutParams that are appropriate for its parent, though it may also define different LayoutParams for its own children.

#### ID

- An XML attribute common to all View objects (defined by the View class)
- Uniquely identify the View within the tree.
- When the application is compiled, this ID is referenced as an integer, but the ID is typically assigned in the layout XML file as a string, in the id attribute.

#### ID

- The at-symbol (@) at the beginning of the string indicates that the XML parser should parse and expand the rest of the ID string and identify it as an ID resource.
- The plus-symbol (+) means that this is a new resource name that must be created and added to our resources (in the R.java file).

```
android:id="@+id/my_button"
```

 When referencing an Android resource ID, must add the android package namespace

```
android:id="@android:id/empty"
```

Defining IDs for view objects is important when creating
a RelativeLayout. In a relative layout, sibling views can
define their layout relative to another sibling view, which is
referenced by the unique ID.

#### ID

In order to create views and reference them from the application, a common pattern is to:

Define a view/widget in the layout file and assign it a unique ID:

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

Then create an instance of the view object and capture it from the layout (typically in the onCreate () method):

```
Button myButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.my_button);
```

## Attributes Used in Views and ViewGroups

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION	
layout_width	Specifies the width of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_height	Specifies the height of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_marginTop	Specifies extra space on the top side of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_marginBottom	Specifies extra space on the bottom side of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_marginLeft	Specifies extra space on the left side of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_marginRight	Specifies extra space on the right side of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_gravity	Specifies how child Views are positioned	
layout_weight	Specifies how much of the extra space in the layout should be allocated to the View	
layout_x	Specifies the x-coordinate of the View or ViewGroup	
layout_y	Specifies the y-coordinate of the View or ViewGroup	

 Some of the attributes are applicable only when a View is in a specific ViewGroup

## layout\_width & layout\_height

- You can specify width and height with exact measurements, though you probably won't want to do this often.
- In general, specifying a layout width and height using absolute units such as pixels is not recommended.
- Instead, using relative measurements such as density-independent pixel units (dp), wrap\_content, or fill\_parent/match\_parent because it helps ensure that your application will display properly across a variety of device screen sizes.
  - wrap\_content tells your view to size itself to the dimensions required by its content (plus padding)
  - fill\_parent (renamed match\_parent in API Level 8) tells your view to become as big as its parent view group will allow (minus padding)

width Height	<u>fill_parent</u>	Wrap_content	
fill parent	Test Button	Test Button	
Wrap content	Test Button	Test Button	

#### Layout position

- The geometry of a view is that of a rectangle.
- A view has a location, expressed as a pair of *left* and *top* coordinates, and two dimensions, expressed as a width and a height.
- The unit for location and dimensions is the pixel.
- Retrieve the location of a view by
  - getLeft, getTop, getRight, getBottom

#### Size

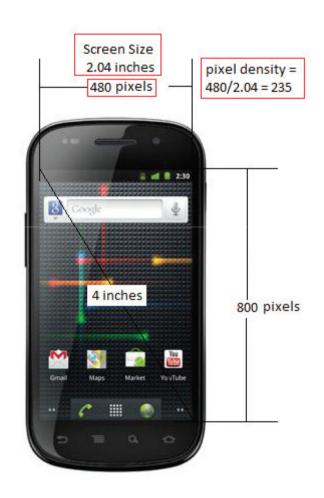
- measured width and measured height define how big a view wants to be within its parent
  - getMeasuredWidth() & getMeasuredHeight()
- width & height (drawing width & drawing height) - define the actual size of the view on screen, at drawing time and after layout.
  - These values may, but do not have to, be different from the measured width and height.
  - getWidth() and getHeight()

## Padding & Margin

- Padding can be used to offset the content of the view by a specific amount of pixels.
- For instance, a left padding of 2 will push the view's content by 2 pixels to the right of the left edge.
- set by <u>setPadding(int, int, int, int)</u>
- queried by <u>getPaddingLeft()</u>, <u>getPaddingTop()</u>, <u>getPaddingRig</u> <u>ht()</u> and <u>getPaddingBottom()</u>
- Support for margin only in ViewGroup, not in Views

## Pixel density

- The screen of the Nexus S. It has a 4-inch screen (diagonally), with a screen width of 2.04 inches.
- Its resolution is 480 (width) 800 (height) pixels. With 480 pixels spread across a width of 2.04 inches, the result is a pixel density of about 235 dots per inch (dpi).



## Pixel density

- The pixel density of a screen varies according to screen size and resolution.
- Android defines and recognizes four screen densities:
  - − Low density (*Idpi*) 120 dpi
  - − Medium density (*mdpi*) − 160 dpi
  - High density (hdpi) 240 dpi
  - Extra High density (xhdpi) 320 dpi
- Using the dp unit ensures that your views are always displayed in the right proportion regardless of the screen density — Android automatically scales the size of the view depending on the density of the screen.

#### Units of measurement

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When specifying the size of an element on an Android UI, you should be aware of the following units of measurement:

dp — Density-independent pixel. 1 dp is equivalent to one pixel on a 160 dpi screen. This is the recommended unit of measurement when specifying the dimension of views in your layout. The 160 dpi screen is the baseline density assumed by Android. You can specify either "dp" or "dip" when referring to a density-independent pixel.

sp — Scale-independent pixel. This is similar to dp and is recommended for specifying font sizes.

pt — Point. A point is defined to be 1/72 of an inch, based on the physical screen size.

px — Pixel. Corresponds to actual pixels on the screen. Using this unit is not recommended, as your UI may not render correctly on devices with a different screen resolution.

#### Units of measurement

#### рx

Pixels - corresponds to actual pixels on the screen.

#### in

Inches - based on the physical size of the screen.

#### mm

Millimeters - based on the physical size of the screen.

#### рt

Points - 1/72 of an inch based on the physical size of the screen.

#### dp

Density-independent Pixels - an abstract unit that is based on the physical density of the screen. These units are relative to a 160 dpi screen, so one dp is one pixel on a 160 dpi screen. The ratio of dp-to-pixel will change with the screen density, but not necessarily in direct proportion. Note: The compiler accepts both "dip" and "dp", though "dp" is more consistent with "sp".

#### sp

Scale-independent Pixels - this is like the dp unit, but it is also scaled by the user's font size preference. It is recommend you use this unit when specifying font sizes, so they will be adjusted for both the screen density and user's preference.

#### HOW TO CONVERT DP TO PX

The formula for converting dp to px (pixels) is as follows:

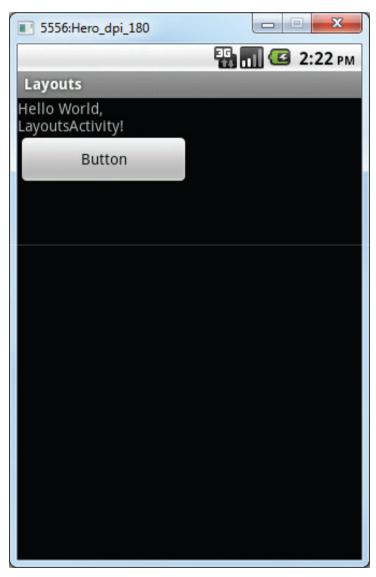
Actual pixels = dp \* (dpi / 160), where dpi is either 120, 160, 240, or 320.

Therefore, in the case of the Button on a 235 dpi screen, its actual width is 160 \* (240/160) = 240 px. When run on the 180 dpi emulator (regarded as a 160 dpi device), its actual pixel is now 160 \* (160/160) = 160 px. In this case, one dp is equivalent to one px.

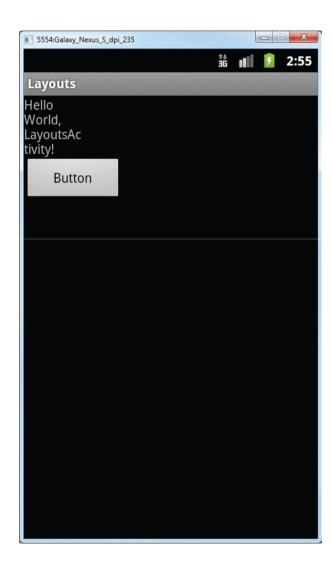
To prove that this is indeed correct, you can use the getWidth() method of a View object to get its width in pixels:

## If you use dp on different resolution





## If you use px on different resolutions





## Extra reading

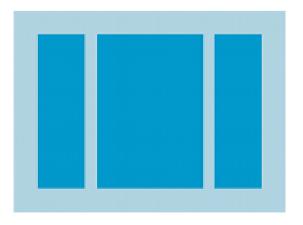
- Supporting multiple screens
  - http://developer.android.com/guide/practices/scr eens\_support.html
- Supporting different densities
  - http://developer.android.com/training/multiscreen/screendensities.html

#### Orientation

- Use "horizontal" (0) for a row, "vertical" (1) for a column.
- The default is horizontal

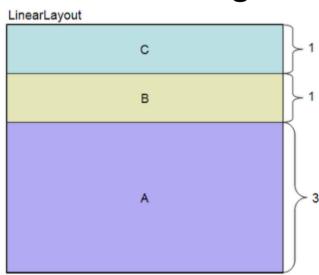
### LinearLayout

- Organizes its children into a single horizontal or vertical row (based on android:orientation).
- Child views can be arranged either vertically or horizontally (default).
- It creates a scrollbar if the length of the window exceeds the length of the screen.



## layout\_weight

- Assigns an "importance" value to a view in terms of how much space is should occupy on the screen.
- A larger weight value allows it to expand to fill any remaining space in the parent view.
- Child views can specify a weight value, and then any remaining space in the view group is assigned to children in the proportion of their declared weight.
- Default weight is zero.



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/</pre>
    android:layout width="fill parent"
    android:layout height="fill parent"
    android:paddingLeft="16dp"
    android:paddingRight="16dp"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
    <EditText
        android:layout width="fill parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:hint="@string/to" />
    <EditText
        android:layout width="fill parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:hint="@string/subject" />
    <EditText
        android:layout width="fill parent"
        android:layout height="0dp"
        android:layout weight="1"
        android:gravity="top"
        android:hint="@string/message" />
    <Button
        android:layout width="100dp"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:layout gravity="right"
        android:text="@string/send" />
</LinearLayout>
```

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姓名:
電話:
佳址:
備註:
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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<LinearLavout</pre>
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:layout width="fill parent"
  android:layout height="fill parent"
  <TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="wrap content"
     android:text="姓名:"
/>
  <FditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="50dp"
/>
  <TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="電話: "
<EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="50dp"
<TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="住址:"
/>
  <EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout_height="50dp"
/>
  <TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="wrap content"
     android:text="備許: "
  />
<EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="100dp"
  />
</LinearLayout>
```

```
姓名:
電話:
住址:
備註:
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<LinearLavout</pre>
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/a
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:layout width="fill parent"
  android:layout height="fill parent"
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<TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="姓名:"
/>
  <EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:lavout height="0dp"
android:layout weight="1"
  />
<TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="雷話: "
/>
  <EditText
android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="0dp"
android:layout weight="1"
  />
<TextView
     android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     android:text="住址: "
/>
  <EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="0dp"
android:layout weight="1"
  />
<TextView
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="wrap content"
     android:text="備註:"
/>
  <EditText
     android:layout width="fill parent"
     android:layout height="0dp"
     android:layout weight="2"
</LinearLayout>
```

# How to create equally weighted children?

- To create a linear layout in which each child uses the same amount of space on the screen, set the android:layout\_height of each view to "Odp" (for a vertical layout) or the android:layout\_width of each view to "Odp" (for a horizontal layout).
- Then set the android:layout\_weight of each view to "1".

## layout\_gravity & gravity

- android:layout\_gravity is the outside gravity of the View. That means, to specify the direction in which the View should touch it's parent's border.
- android:gravity is the Inside gravity of that View. This means, in which direction it's contents should align.

# layout\_weight & layout\_gravity

```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android: layout width="fill parent"
    android: layout height="fill parent"
                                                                5554:Android 4.0
    android:orientation="vertical" >
                                                                                        <sup>36</sup> 2 3:57
<But.ton
                                                                   Layouts
    android:layout width="160dp"
    android: layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Button"
                                                                      Button
    android:layout gravity="left"
    android:layout weight="1" />
<Button
    android:layout width="160dp"
                                                                              Button
    android: layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Button"
    android: layout gravity="center"
    android:layout weight="2" />
<Button
    android: layout width="160dp"
                                                                                      Button
    android: layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Button"
    android: layout gravity="right"
    android:layout weight="3" />
</LinearLayout>
```

# layout\_weight & layout\_gravity

```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android: layout width="fill parent"
    android: layout_height="fill_parent"
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    android: orientation="horizontal" >
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    android: text="Button"
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    android: layout gravity="left"
    android:layout weight="1" />
<Button
    android: layout width="0dp"
    android: layout height="wrap content"
    android: text="Button"
    android: layout gravity="center horizontal"
    android:layout weight="2" />
<Button
    android: layout width="0dp"
    android: layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Button"
    android: layout gravity="right"
    android: layout weight="3" />
```

FIGURE 3-10

</LinearLayout>

## RelativeLayout

• Enables you to specify the location of child objects **relative to each other** (child A to the left of child B) or to the parent (aligned to the top of the parent).

 Can eliminate nested view groups and keep your layout hierarchy flat, which improves

performance.

## RelativeLayout

- Each view embedded within the RelativeLayout has attributes that enable it to align with another view.
- These attributes are as follows:
  - layout\_alignParentTop
  - layout\_alignParentLeft
  - layout\_alignLeft
  - layout\_alignRight
  - layout\_below
  - layout\_centerHorizontal

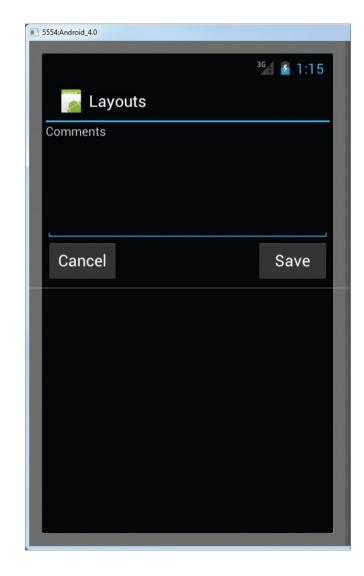
## **Positioning Views**

- By default, all child views are drawn at the top-left of the layout, so you must define the position of each view
- <u>android:layout alignParentTop</u> If "true", makes the top edge of this view match the top edge of the parent.
- <u>android:layout centerVertical</u> If "true", centers this child vertically within its parent.
- <u>android:layout below</u> Positions the top edge of this view below the view specified with a resource ID.
- android:layout toRightOf Positions the left edge of this view to the right of the view specified with a resource ID.

Attribute Name	Related Method	Description
android:layout_above		Positions the bottom edge of this view above the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignBaseline		Positions the baseline of this view on the baseline of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignBottom		Makes the bottom edge of this view match the bottom edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignEnd		Makes the end edge of this view match the end edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignLeft		Makes the left edge of this view match the left edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignParentBottom		If true, makes the bottom edge of this view match the bottom edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignParentEnd		If true, makes the end edge of this view match the end edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignParentLeft		If true, makes the left edge of this view match the left edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignParentRight		If true, makes the right edge of this view match the right edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignParentStart		If true, makes the start edge of this view match the start edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignParentTop		If true, makes the top edge of this view match the top edge of the parent.
android:layout_alignRight		Makes the right edge of this view match the right edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignStart		Makes the start edge of this view match the start edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignTop		Makes the top edge of this view match the top edge of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_alignWithParentIfMissing		If set to true, the parent will be used as the anchor when the anchor cannot be be found for layout_toLeftOf, layout_toRightOf, etc.
android:layout_below		Positions the top edge of this view below the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_centerHorizontal		If true, centers this child horizontally within its parent.
android:layout_centerInParent		If true, centers this child horizontally and vertically within its parent.
android:layout_centerVertical		If true, centers this child vertically within its parent.
android:layout_toEndOf		Positions the start edge of this view to the end of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_toLeftOf		Positions the right edge of this view to the left of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_toRightOf		Positions the left edge of this view to the right of the given anchor view ID.
android:layout_toStartOf		Positions the end edge of this view to the start of the given anchor view ID.

 http://developer.android.com/reference/android /widget/RelativeLayout.LayoutParams.html

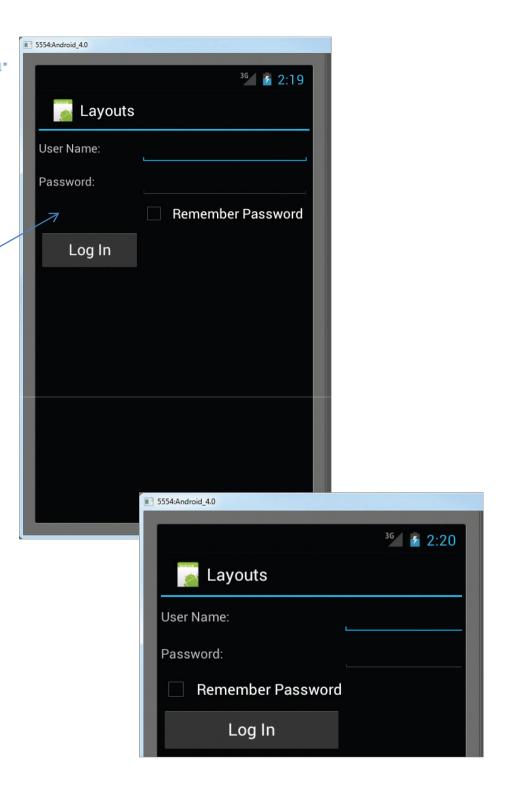
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLavout
   android:id="@+id/RLayout"
   android: layout width="fill parent"
   android: layout height="fill parent"
   xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" >
   <TextView
       android:id="@+id/lblComments"
       android:layout width="wrap content"
       android:layout height="wrap content"
       android:text="Comments"
       android:layout alignParentTop="true"
       android:layout alignParentLeft="true" />
   <EditText
       android:id="@+id/txtComments"
       android:layout width="fill parent"
       android:layout height="170px"
       android:textSize="18sp"
       android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/lblComments"
       android:layout_below="@+id/lblComments"
       android:layout centerHorizontal="true" />
   <Button
       android:id="@+id/btnSave"
       android:layout width="125px"
       android: layout height="wrap content"
       android:text="Save"
       android:layout below="@+id/txtComments"
       android:layout alignRight="@+id/txtComments" /
   <Button
       android:id="@+id/btnCancel"
       android:layout width="124px"
       android:layout height="wrap content"
       android:text="Cancel"
       android:layout_below="@+id/txtComments"
       android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/txtComments" />
   </RelativeLayout>
```



## **TableLayout**

- Groups views into rows and columns.
- Use <TableRow> element to designate a row in the table. Each row can contain one or more views. Each view placed within a row forms a cell.
- The width of each column is determined by the largest width of each cell in that column.

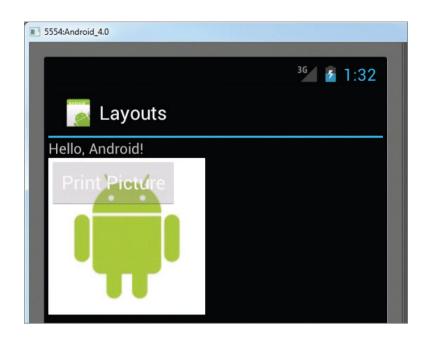
```
<TableLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout height="fill parent"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent" >
    <TableRow>
        <TextView
            android:text="User Name:"
            android:width = "120dp"
            />
        <EditText
            android:id="@+id/txtUserName"
            android:width="200dp" />
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <TextView
            android:text="Password:"
            />
        <EditText
            android:id="@+id/txtPasswop
            android:password="true"
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <TextView />>
        <CheckBox android:id="@+id/chkRememberPassword"</pre>
            android:layout_width="fill_parent"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Remember Password"
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/buttonSignIn"
            android:text="Log In" />
    </TableRow>
</TableLayout>
```



## FrameLayout

- Placeholder on screen that you can use to display a single view.
- Block out an area on the screen to display a single item.
- Views that you add to a FrameLayout are always anchored to the top left of the layout.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLavout
    android:id="@+id/RLayout"
    android: layout width="fill parent"
    android: layout height="fill parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/lblComments"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Hello, Android!"
        android:layout alignParentTop="true"
        android:layout alignParentLeft="true"
    <FrameLayout
        android: layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android: layout alignLeft="@+id/lblComments"
        android:layout below="@+id/lblComments"
        android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" >
        <ImageView
            android:src = "@drawable/droid"
            android:layout width="wrap content"
            android:layout height="wrap content" />
        <Button
            android:layout width="124dp"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Print Picture" />
    </FrameLayout>
</RelativeLayout>
```

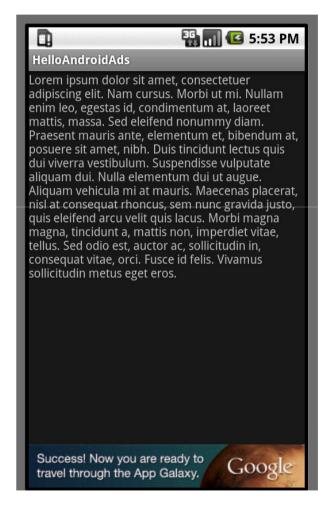


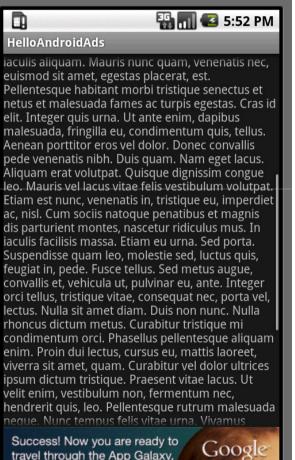
- FrameLayout within a RelativeLayout
- Within the
   FrameLayout, you
   embed an ImageView
   and a button

#### ScrollView

- Special type of FrameLayout in that it enables users to scroll through a list of views that occupy more space than the physical display.
- The ScrollView can contain only one child view or ViewGroup, which normally is a LinearLayout.

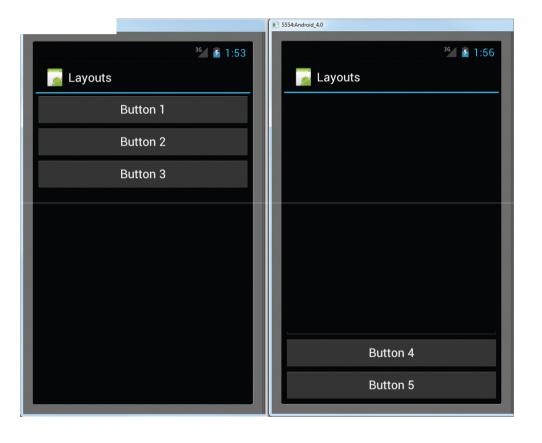
#### ScrollView





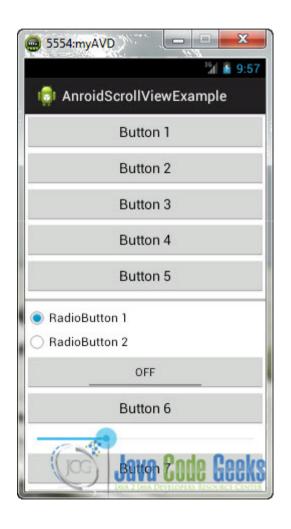


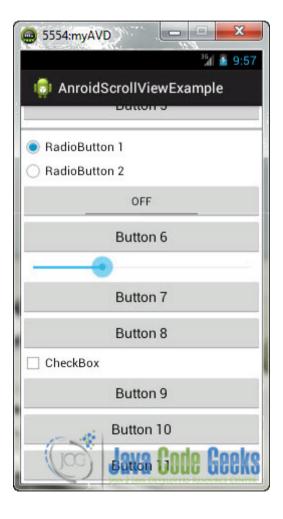
```
<ScrollView
   android:layout width="fill parent"
   android: layout height="fill parent"
   xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" >
  <LinearLayout
      android:layout width="fill parent"
      android:layout height="wrap content"
      android:orientation="vertical"
      android:focusable="true"
      android:focusableInTouchMode="true" >
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/button1"
            android:layout width="fill parent"
            android: layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 1" />
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/button2"
            android:layout_width="fill_parent"
            android: layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 2" />
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/button3"
            android:layout width="fill parent"
            android: layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 3" />
        <EditText
            android:id="@+id/txt"
            android:layout width="fill parent"
            android:layout height="600dp" />
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/button4"
            android:layout width="fill parent"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Button 4" />
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/button5"
            android:layout width="fill parent"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 5" />
    </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ScrollView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android: lavout_width="fill_parent"
    android: layout height="wrap content" >
    <LinearLavout
        android: lavout_width="fill_parent"
        android: lavout height="fill parent"
        android:orientation="vertical" >
            android: lavout width="fill parent"
            android: lavout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 1" />
        <Rutton
            android: layout_width="fill_parent"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Button 2" />
        <Button
            android: lavout width="fill parent"
            android: lavout height="wrap content"
            android:text="Button 3" />
        <Button
            android: layout_width="fill_parent"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Button 4" />
        <Button
            android: lavout_width="fill_parent"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Button 5" />
        <ProgressBar
            android:id="@+id/progressBar1"
            style="?android:attr/progressBarStyleHorizontal"
            android: lavout width="match parent"
            android: lavout height="wrap content" />
        <RadioButton
            android:id="@+id/radioButton2"
            android: layout_width="wrap_content"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="RadioButton 1" />
        ≺RadioButton
            android:id="@+id/radioButton1"
            android: layout_width="wrap_content"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="RadioButton 2" />
        <ToggleButton
            android:id="@+id/toggleButton1"
            android: layout_width="match_parent"
            android: layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="ToggleButton" />
```

```
<Button
            android: lavout_width="fill_parent"
            android: lavout height="wrap content"
           android:text="Button 6" />
        <SeekBar.
           android:id="@+id/seekBar1"
           android: lavout width="match parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content" /
       <Button
           android:id="@+id/button3"
           android: lavout width="match parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Button 7" />
        <Rutton
           android:id="@+id/button4"
           android: layout_width="match_parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Button 8" />
       <CheckBox
            android:id="@+id/checkBox1"
           android: layout_width="wrap_content"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="CheckBox" />
        <Rutton
           android:id="@+id/button2"
           android: layout_width="match_parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Button 9" />
       <Button
            android:id="@+id/button1"
           android: lavout width="match parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Button 10" />
        <Button
           android: lavout width="fill parent"
           android: layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Button 11" />
   </LinearLayout>
:/ScrollView>
```

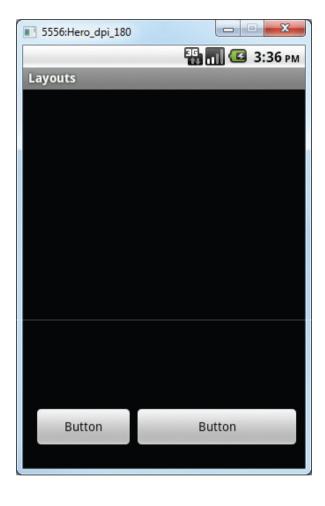




## AbsoluteLayout

Specify the exact location of its children

```
<AbsoluteLayout
    android:layout width="fill parent"
    android: layout height="fill parent"
   xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android" >
<Button
    android:layout width="188dp"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Button"
    android:layout x="126px"
    android:layout y="361px" />
<Button
    android:layout width="113dp"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Button"
    android:layout x="12px"
    android:layout y="361px" />
</AbsoluteLayout>
```



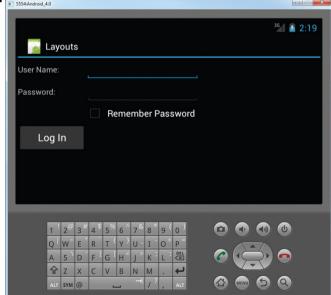
• Problem:



has been deprecated since Android 1.5
 (although it is still supported in the current version).

#### Screen orientation

- Android supports two screen orientations: portrait and landscape.
- By default, when you change the display orientation of your Android device, the current activity that is displayed automatically redraws its content in the new orientation.
- The **onCreate()** method of the activity is fired whenever there is a change in display orientation.

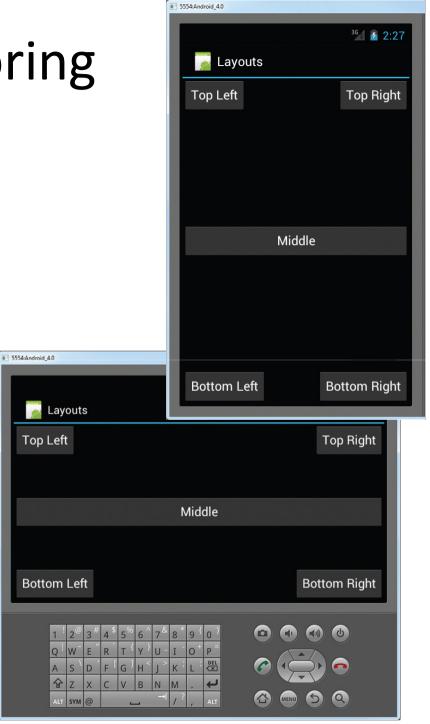


## Adapting to screen orientation

- 2 techniques to handle changes in screen orientation
  - Anchoring to the four edges of the screen. When the screen orientation changes, the views can anchor neatly to the edges. It is achieved by using RelativeLayout.
  - Resizing and repositioning each and every view according to the current screen orientation

## Anchoring

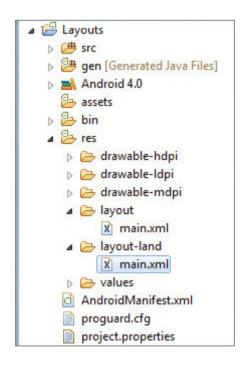
```
<RelativeLayout
    android: layout width="fill parent"
    android: layout height="fill parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button1"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Top Left"
        android:layout alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout alignParentTop="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button2"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Top Right"
        android:layout alignParentTop="true"
        android:layout_alignParentRight="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button3"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Bottom Left"
        android:layout alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button4"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Bottom Right"
        android:layout alignParentRight="true"
        android:layout alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button5"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Middle"
        android:layout centerVertical="true"
        android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
</RelativeLayout>
```



- layout\_alignParentLeft Aligns the view to the left of the parent view
- layout\_alignParentRight Aligns the view to the right of the parent view
- layout\_alignParentTop Aligns the view to the top of the parent view
- layout\_alignParentBottom Aligns the view to the bottom of the parent view
- layout\_centerVertical Centers the view vertically within its parent view
- layout\_centerHorizontal Centers the view horizontally within its parent view

## Resizing and Repositioning

 To support landscape mode, you can create a new folder in the res folder and name it as layout-land (representing landscape).



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout
    android: layout width="fill parent"
    android:layout height="fill parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button1"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Top Left"
        android:layout alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout alignParentTop="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button2"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Top Right"
        android:layout alignParentTop="true"
        android:layout alignParentRight="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button3"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android: layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Bottom Left"
        android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button4"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Bottom Right"
        android:layout alignParentRight="true"
        android:layout alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button5"
        android:layout width="fill parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Middle"
        android:layout centerVertical="true"
        android:layout centerHorizontal="true" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

#### main.xml in layout



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
   android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
       android:id="8+id/button1"
       android:layout_width='wrap_content'
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Top Left"
       android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
       android:layout_alignParentTop="true" />
    <Button
       android:id="8+id/button2"
       android:layout_width="wrap_content"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Top Right"
       android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
       android:layout_alignParentRight="true" />
       android:id="0+id/button3"
       android:layout_width='wrap_content'
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Bottom Left"
       android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
       android:layout_alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
       android:id="0+id/button4"
       android:layout_width="wrap_content"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Bottom Right"
       android:layout_alignParentRight="true"
       android:layout_alignParentBottom="true" />
    <Button
       android:id="0+id/button5"
       android:layout_width="fill_parent"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Middle"
       android:layout_centerVertical="true"
       android:layout_centerHorizontal="true" />
       android:id="@+id/button6"
       android:layout_width="180px"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Top Middle"
       android:layout_centerVertical="true"
       android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
       android:layout_alignParentTop="true" />
       android:id="@+id/button7"
       android:layout_width="180px"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:text="Bottom Middle"
       android:layout_centerVertical="true"
       android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
       android:layout_alignParentBottom="true" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

### main.xml in layoutland



# Try it out

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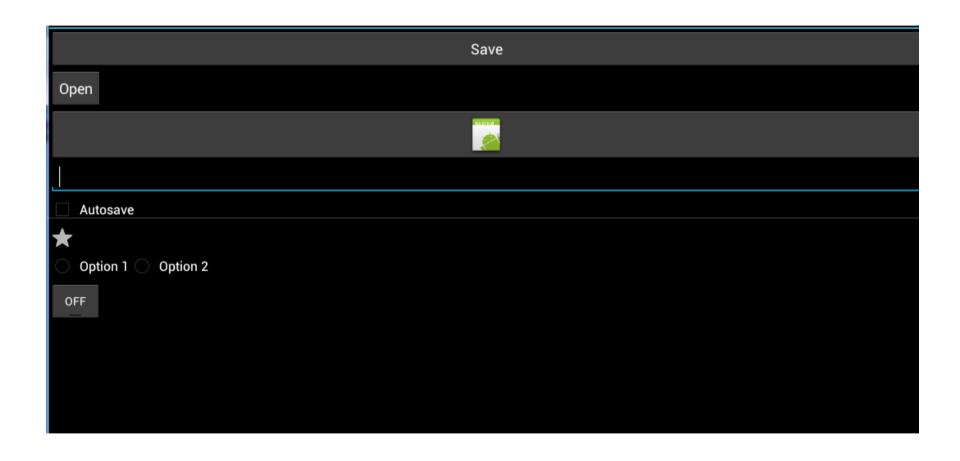
#### **Views**

- Import android.view.View.
- Basic views Commonly used views such as the TextView, EditText, and Button views
- Picker views Views that enable users to select from a list, such as the *TimePicker* and *DatePicker* views
- List views Views that display a long list of items, such as the ListView and the SpinnerView views
- Specialized fragments Special fragments that perform specific functions

#### Basic views

- TextView
- EditText
- Button
- ImageButton
- CheckBox
- ToggleButton
- RadioButton
- RadioGroup

# Basic views (Try it out Page 161)



#### **TextView**

- Displays text to the user and optionally allows them to edit it.
- A TextView is a complete text editor, however the basic class is configured to not allow editing

http://developer.android.com/reference/android

9:46 PM

ello.txt: It's a text file in the

The files inside /res/raw will be traded as raw. it will not be

compiled. They will be moved

to application package as they

enjoy:)

/widget/TextView.html

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical" >

    <TextView
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/hello" />

</LinearLayout>
```

#### **EditText**

 Subclass of TextView configured to allow the user to edit the text inside

http://developer.android.com/reference/andr

TextView

EditText

oid/widget/EditText.html

```
<EditText android:id="@+id/txtName"
android:layout_width="fill_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```

#### Button

- Button
- Checkbox
- Radio button

#### **Button**

- Represent a **push-button** widget
- A button consists of text or an icon (or both text and an icon) that communicates what action occurs when the user touches it.
- Represents a push-button widget. Push-buttons can be pressed, or clicked, by the user to perform an action.
- http://developer.android.com/refere nce/android/widget/Button.html



#### **Button**

With text, using the Button class:

```
<Button
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:text="@string/button_text"
   ... />
```

With an icon, using the ImageButton class:

```
<ImageButton
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:src="@drawable/button_icon"
... />
Alarm
```





• With text and an icon, using the Button class with the android: drawableLeft attribute:

```
<Button
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/button_text"
    android:drawableLeft="@drawable/button_icon"
    ... />
```

## Styling buttons

Borderless button

```
<Button
    android:id="@+id/button_send"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/button_send"
    android:onClick="sendMessage"
    style="?android:attr/borderlessButtonStyle" />
```

- Custom background: your background should be a state list resource that changes appearance depending on the button's current state.
- http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/controls/button.html

#### Add a Button to a layout

- Each child of a LinearLayout appears on the screen in the order in which it appears in the XML.
- Define the button view in the layout file and assign it a unique ID:

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

#### Reference a button at the code

• Then create an instance of the view object and capture it from the layout (typically in the onCreate() method):

```
Button myButton = (Button) findViewById(R.id.my_button);
```

#### Responding to Click Events

 To define the click event handler for a button, add the android:onClick attribute to the <Button> element in your XML layout.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Button xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:id="@+id/button_send"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/button_send"
    android:onClick="sendMessage" />
```

 Within the Activity that hosts this layout, the following method handles the click event: (public; Return void; Define a View as its only parameter

```
/** Called when the user touches the button */
public void sendMessage(View view) {
    // Do something in response to button click
}
```

#### Responding to Click Events

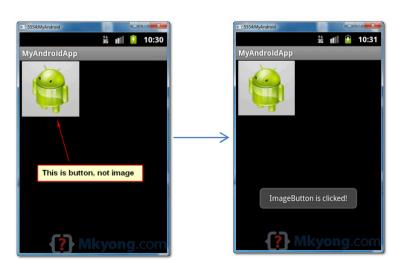
- The method you declare in the android:onClick attribute must:
  - Be public
  - Return void
  - Define a View as its only parameter (this will be the View that was clicked)
- http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/controls/checkbox.html#HandlingEvents

#### Using an **OnClickListener**

 Declare the click event handler programmatically rather than in an XML layout if you instantiate the Button at runtime or you need to declare the click behavior in a Fragment subclass.

#### **ImageButton**

- Similar to the Button view, except that it also displays an image
- 1. Add Image to Resources
  - Put image "android\_button.png" into
     "res/drawable-?dpi" folder. So that Android know where to find your image.
- 2. Add ImageButton
- 3. Code the code



#### Add ImageButton

 Open "res/layout/main.xml" file, add a "ImageButton" tag, and defined the background image via "android:src".

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical" >

    <ImageButton
        android:id="@+id/imageButton1"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:src="@drawable/android_button" />

    </LinearLayout>
```

#### Code the cod

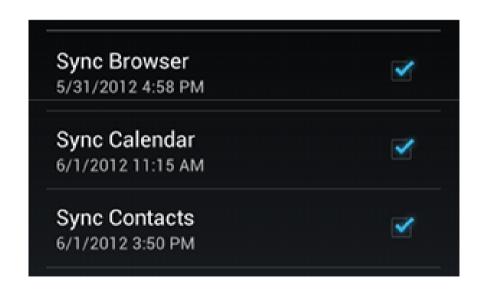
```
package com.mkyong.android;
import android.app.Activity;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.widget.ImageButton;
import android.widget.Toast;
import android.view.View;
import android.view.View.OnClickListener;
public class MyAndroidAppActivity extends Activity {
        ImageButton imageButton;
        @Override
        public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                setContentView(R.layout.main);
                addListenerOnButton():
        public void addListenerOnButton() {
                imageButton = (ImageButton) findViewById(R.id.imageButton1);
                imageButton.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
                        @Override
                        public void onClick(View arg0) {
                           Toast.makeText(MyAndroidAppActivity.this,
                                "ImageButton is clicked!", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
```

MyAndroidAppActivity.java

```
}
});
```

#### Checkbox

 A special type of button that has two states: checked or unchecked





```
<CheckBox android:id="@+id/chkAutosave"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Autosave" />

<CheckBox android:id="@+id/star"
    style="?android:attr/starStyle"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```

#### Responding to Click Events

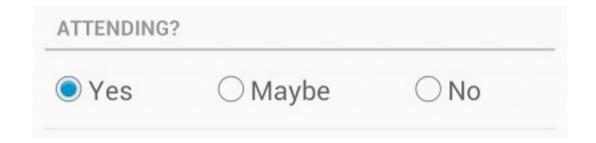
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</p>
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:layout width="fill parent"
                                                  public void onCheckboxClicked(View view) {
    android:layout height="fill parent">
                                                      // Is the view now checked?
    <CheckBox android:id="@+id/checkbox meat"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="@string/meat"
                                                      switch(view.getId()) {
        android:onClick="onCheckboxClicked"/>
                                                          case R.id.checkbox meat:
    <CheckBox android:id="@+id/checkbox cheese"
                                                              if (checked)
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="@string/cheese"
                                                              else
        android:onClick="onCheckboxClicked"/>
                                                              break:
</LinearLayout>
                                                          case R.id.checkbox cheese:
                                                              if (checked)
```

```
boolean checked = ((CheckBox) view).isChecked();
// Check which checkbox was clicked
            // Put some meat on the sandwich
           // Remove the meat
            // Cheese me
        else
            // I'm lactose intolerant
        break:
    // TODO: Veggie sandwich
```

#### RadioGroup & RadioButton

- The RadioButton has two states:
  - checked or unchecked.
- A RadioGroup is used to group together one or more RadioButton views, thereby allowing only one RadioButton to be checked within the RadioGroup.
- If not necessary to show all options side-by-side, use a spinner instead.
- http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/co ntrols/radiobutton.html#HandlingEvents

## RadioGroup & RadioButton





```
<RadioGroup android:id="@+id/rdbGp1"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:orientation="vertical" >

    <RadioButton android:id="@+id/rdb1"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Option 1" />

    <RadioButton android:id="@+id/rdb2"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Option 2" />

</RadioGroup>
```

#### Responding to Click Events

if (checked)

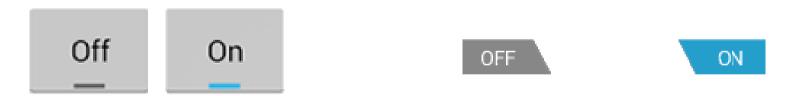
break:

// Ninjas rule

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RadioGroup xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
   android: layout width="fill parent"
   android: layout height="wrap content"
    android:orientation="vertical">
   <RadioButton android:id="@+id/radio pirates"
        android:layout width="wrap content"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="@string/pirates"
        android:onClick="onRadioButtonClicked"/>
   <RadioButton android:id="@+id/radio ninjas"
                                                    public void onRadioButtonClicked(View view) {
        android:layout width="wrap content"
                                                        // Is the button now checked?
        android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                        boolean checked = ((RadioButton) view).isChecked();
        android:text="@string/ninjas"
        android:onClick="onRadioButtonClicked"/>
                                                        // Check which radio button was clicked
</RadioGroup>
                                                        switch(view.getId()) {
                                                            case R.id.radio pirates:
                                                                if (checked)
                                                                    // Pirates are the best
                                                                break:
                                                            case R.id.radio ninjas:
```

#### ToggleButton

- Change a setting between two states.
- Displays checked/unchecked states using a light indicator



Switches (in Android 4.0+)

#### ToggleButton

```
ON ____ Toggle button is Off
```

```
<ToggleButton android:id="@+id/toggle1"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```

## Responding to Click Events

For example, here's a ToggleButton with the android: onClick attribute:

```
<ToggleButton

android:id="@+id/togglebutton"

android:layout_width="wrap_content"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:textOn="Vibrate on"

android:textOff="Vibrate off"

android:onClick="onToggleClicked"/>
```

Within the Activity that hosts this layout, the following method handles the click event:

```
public void onToggleClicked(View view) {
    // Is the toggle on?
    boolean on = ((ToggleButton) view).isChecked();

if (on) {
    // Enable vibrate
} else {
    // Disable vibrate
}
```

# Declare a click event handler programmatically rather than in an XML layout

To declare the event handler programmatically, create an CompoundButton.OnCheckedChangeListener object and assign it to the button by calling

setOnCheckedChangeListener(CompoundButton.OnCheckedChangeListener).For example:

```
ToggleButton toggle = (ToggleButton) findViewById(R.id.togglebutton);
toggle.setOnCheckedChangeListener(new CompoundButton.OnCheckedChangeListener() {
   public void onCheckedChanged(CompoundButton buttonView, boolean isChecked) {
      if (isChecked) {
          // The toggle is enabled
      } else {
          // The toggle is disabled
      }
   }
});
```

#### **ImageView**

- Displays an arbitrary image, such as an icon.
- The ImageView class can load images from various sources (such as resources or content providers), takes care of computing its measurement from the image so that it can be used in any layout manager, and provides various display options such as scaling and tinting.
- More in Chapter 7



#### Try it out

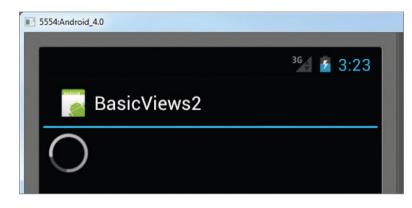
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#### ProgressBar

- Provides visual feedback about some ongoing tasks, such as when you are performing a task in the background.
- For example, you might be downloading some data from the web and need to update the user about the status of the download. (determinate)
- A progress bar can also be made indeterminate. In indeterminate mode, the progress bar shows a cyclic animation without an indication of progress. This mode is used by applications when the length of the task is unknown. The indeterminate progress bar can be either a spinning wheel or a horizontal bar.

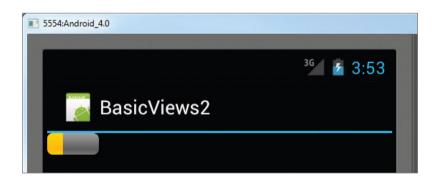
#### ProgressBar

```
<ProgressBar android:id="@+id/progressbar"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```



Interdeterminate (default)

```
<ProgressBar android:id="@+id/progressbar"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    style="@android:style/Widget.ProgressBar.Horizontal" />
```



determinate

#### ProgressBar

- Style constants for ProgressBar:
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Horizontal
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Small
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Large
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Inverse
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Small.Inverse
  - Widget.ProgressBar.Large.Inverse

#### Indeterminate

```
<ProgressBar android:id="@+id/progressbar"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```

```
static int progress;
ProgressBar progressBar;
int progressStatus = 0;
Handler handler = new Handler():
/** Called when the activity is first created. */
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    progress = 0;
    progressBar = (ProgressBar) findViewById(R.id.progressbar);
    //---do some work in background thread---
    new Thread(new Runnable()
        public void run()
            //---do some work here---
            while (progressStatus < 10)
                progressStatus = doSomeWork();
            //---hides the progress bar---
           handler.post(new Runnable()
               public void run()
                    //---0 - VISIBLE; 4 - INVISIBLE; 8 - GONE---
                   progressBar.setVisibility(View.GONE);
           });
       //---do some long running work here---
       private int doSomeWork()
           try {
                //---simulate doing some work---
                Thread.sleep(500);
           } catch (InterruptedException e)
               e.printStackTrace();
           return ++progress;
   }).start();
```

#### determinate

```
<ProgressBar android:id="@+id/progressbar"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   style="@android:style/Widget.ProgressBar.Horizontal"</pre>
```

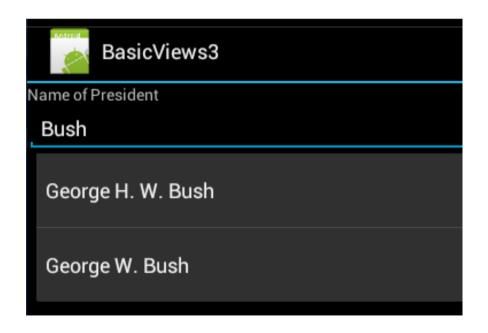
```
progress = 0;
progressBar = (ProgressBar) findViewById(R.id.progressbar);
progressBar.setMax(200);
//---do some work in background thread---
new Thread(new Runnable()
    public void run()
        //--do some work here--
        while (progressStatus < 100)
            progressStatus = doSomeWork();
            //--Update the progress bar--
            handler.post(new Runnable()
                public void run() {
                    progressBar.setProgress(progressStatus);
            });
        //---hides the progress bar---
        handler.post(new Runnable()
            public void run()
                //---0 - VISIBLE; 4 - INVISIBLE; 8 - GONE---
                progressBar.setVisibility(View.GONE);
        });
    //---do some long running work here---
    private int doSomeWork()
        try {
            //---simulate doing some work---
            Thread.sleep(50);
        } catch (InterruptedException e)
            e.printStackTrace();
        return ++progress;
}).start();
```

## Try it out

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## AutoCompleteTextView

- Subclass of EditText
- It shows a list of completion suggestions automatically while the user is typing.



```
<TextView
    android:layout width="fill parent"
    android:layout height="wrap content"
    android:text="Name of President" />
<AutoCompleteTextView android:id="@+id/txtCountries"</pre>
    android:layout width="fill parent"
    android:layout height="wrap content" />
                                                      import android.widget.ArrayAdapter;
                                                      import android.widget.AutoCompleteTextView;
                                                      public class BasicViews3Activity extends Activity {
                                                          String[] presidents = {
                                                                  "Dwight D. Eisenhower",
                                                                  "John F. Kennedy",
                                                                  "Lyndon B. Johnson",
                                                                  "Richard Nixon",
                                                                  "Gerald Ford".
                                                                  "Jimmy Carter".
                                                                  "Ronald Reagan",
                                                                  "George H. W. Bush",
                                                                  "Bill Clinton",
                                                                  "George W. Bush",
                                                                  "Barack Obama"
                                                              };
                                                          /** Called when the activity is first created. */
                                                          @Override
                                                          public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                              super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                              setContentView(R.layout.main);
                                                              ArrayAdapter<String> adapter = new ArrayAdapter<String>(this,
                                                                  android.R.layout.simple dropdown item 1line, presidents);
                                                              AutoCompleteTextView textView = (AutoCompleteTextView)
                                                                  findViewById(R.id.txtCountries);
                                                              textView.setThreshold(3);
                                                              textView.setAdapter(adapter);
```

# Try it out

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## Chapter 6 – more on UI

- Using the picker and list views
- Using specialized fragments
- Listen for UI notifications
- Create UI programmatically