

# **Android Native Development Kit & Java Native Interface**



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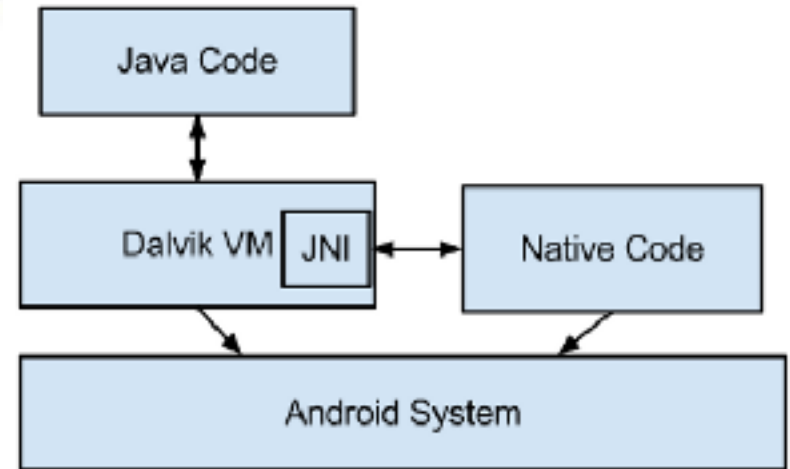
NDK Application Development

# What is the Android NDK?

- ❖ Android provides Native Development Kit (NDK) to support native development in C/C++.
- ❖ The NDK provides all the tools (compilers, libraries, and header files) to build apps that access the device natively.
- ❖ Native code (in C/C++) is necessary for high performance to overcome the limitations in Java's memory management and performance.

# What is the Android NDK?

- ❖ Supports “classic” C/C++
- ❖ Executed natively, without Interpretation
- ❖ Can call and be called from Java
- ❖ Can execute assembly code
- ❖ Gives access to a few Android API



# When NDK should be used?

- ❖ Need performance(Intensive Apps or Game)
- ❖ Port C/C++ code
  - ✓ Existing libraries from the C/C++ ecosystem
  - ✓ Share code with other systems

# When NDK should be used?

✓ Only when its benefits outrages its drawbacks

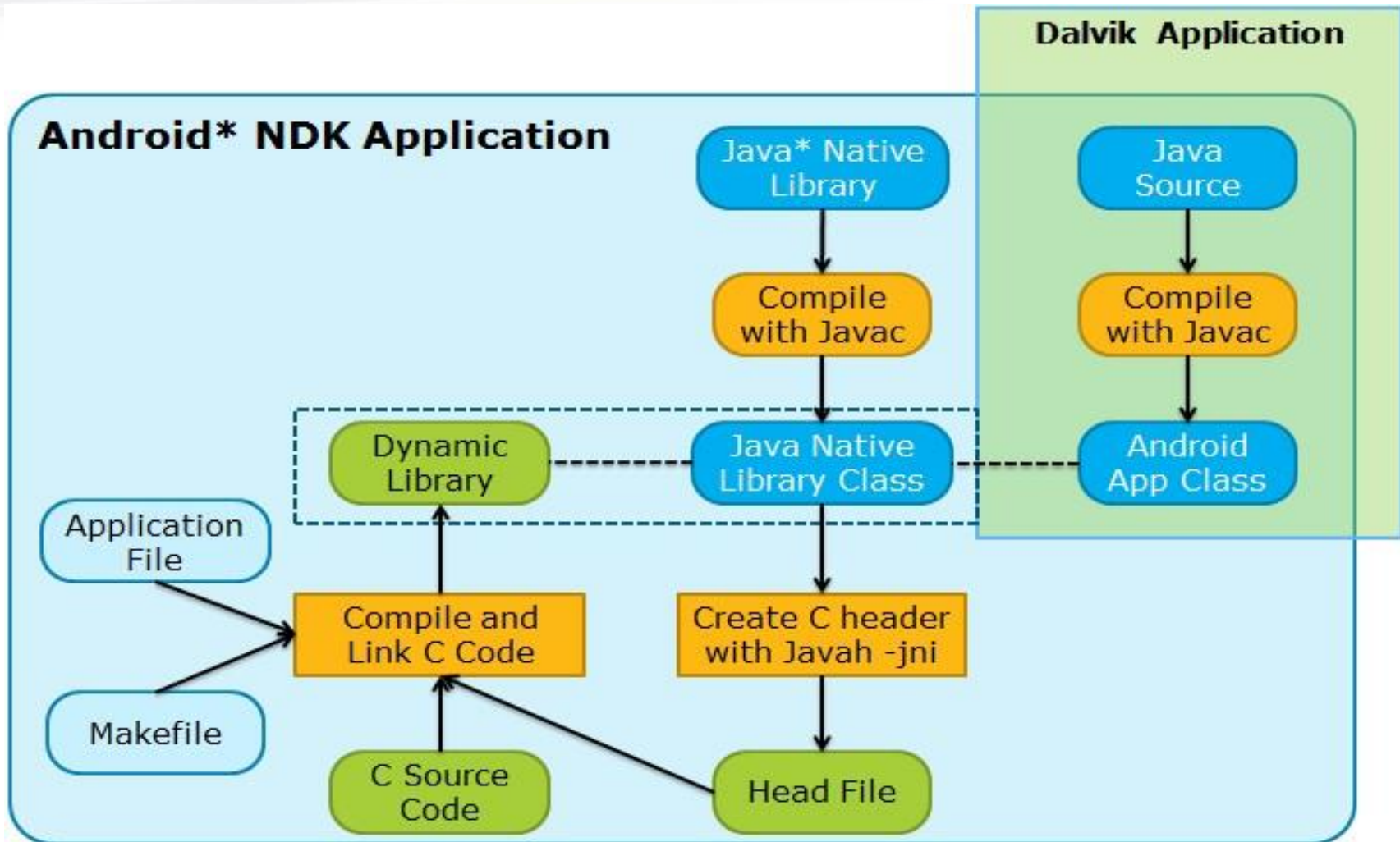
## ❖ Disadvantages:

- Always increases application complexity
- Very difficult debugging

## ❖ Advantages:

- + Increases speed
- + Enable us to port most of the libraries

# Two types of Android applications



# Installing the NDK

- ❖ Setting up all the necessary tools for Android programming, such as JDK, Eclipse, Android SDK, Eclipse ADT
- ❖ Download the Android NDK from <http://developer.android.com/tools/sdk/ndk/index.html#Installing> (e.g., [android-ndk-r10c-windows-x86.exe](#)).
- ❖ Unzip the downloaded zip file into a directory of your choice (e.g., d:\AndroidNDK). The NDK will be unzipped as d:\AndroidNDK\android-ndk-r10c. The installed directory path is denoted as <NDKROOT>.
- ❖ Include the NDK installed directory in the PATH environment variable.





# Installing the NDK

Android NDK | Android De x

developer.android.com/tools/sdk/ndk/index.html

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## Android NDK

The NDK is a toolset that allows you to implement parts of your app using native-code languages such as C and C++. For certain types of apps, this can be helpful so you can reuse existing code libraries written in these languages, but most apps do not need the Android NDK.

Before downloading the NDK, you should understand that **the NDK will not benefit most apps**. As a developer, you need to balance its benefits against its drawbacks. Notably, using native code on Android generally does not result in a noticeable performance improvement, but it always increases your app complexity. In general, you should only use the NDK if it is essential to your app—never because you simply prefer to program in C/C++.

Typical good candidates for the NDK are CPU-intensive workloads such as game engines, signal processing, physics simulation, and so on. When examining whether or not you should develop in native code, think about your requirements and see if the Android framework APIs provide the functionality that you need.

### Downloads

Platform	Package	Size (Bytes)	MD5 Checksum
Windows 32-bit	<a href="#">android-ndk-r10c-windows-x86.exe</a>	433102815	805a04810719886674d3c7bff5eca53f
Windows 64-bit	<a href="#">android-ndk-r10c-windows-x86_64.exe</a>	458925419	af8edf5d316e1bf1a5a72e04a9faec41

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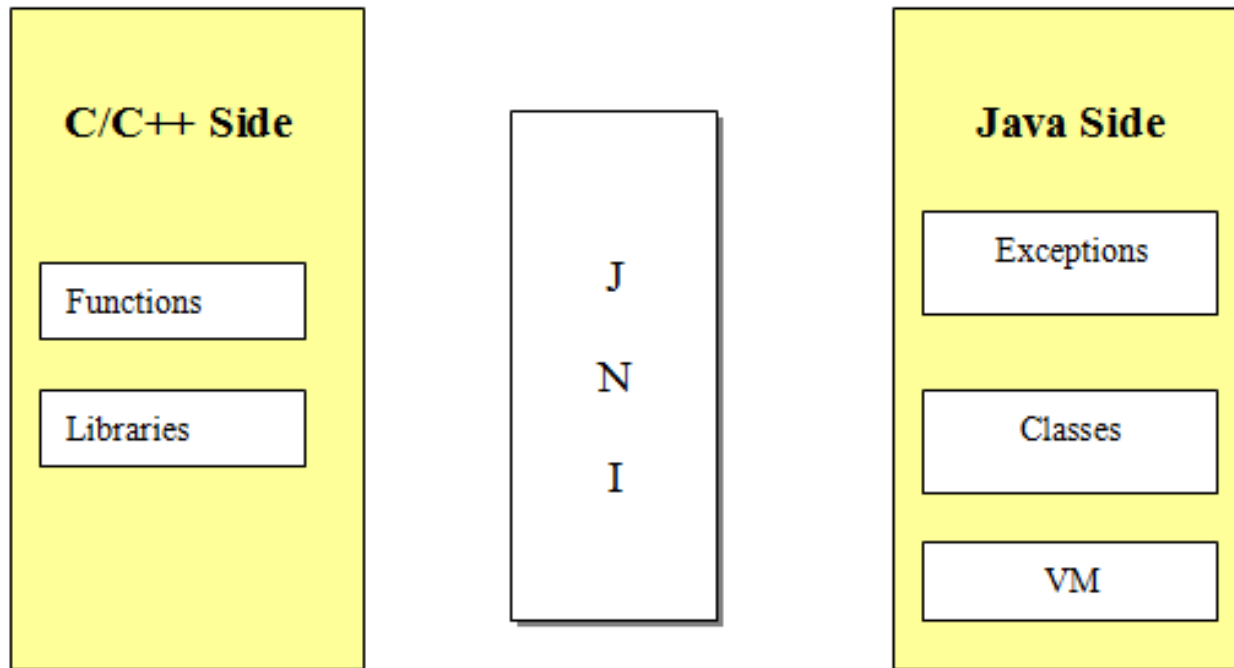
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# JNI

# JAVA NATIVE INTERFACE

# JNI serves as a gateway between native code and Java

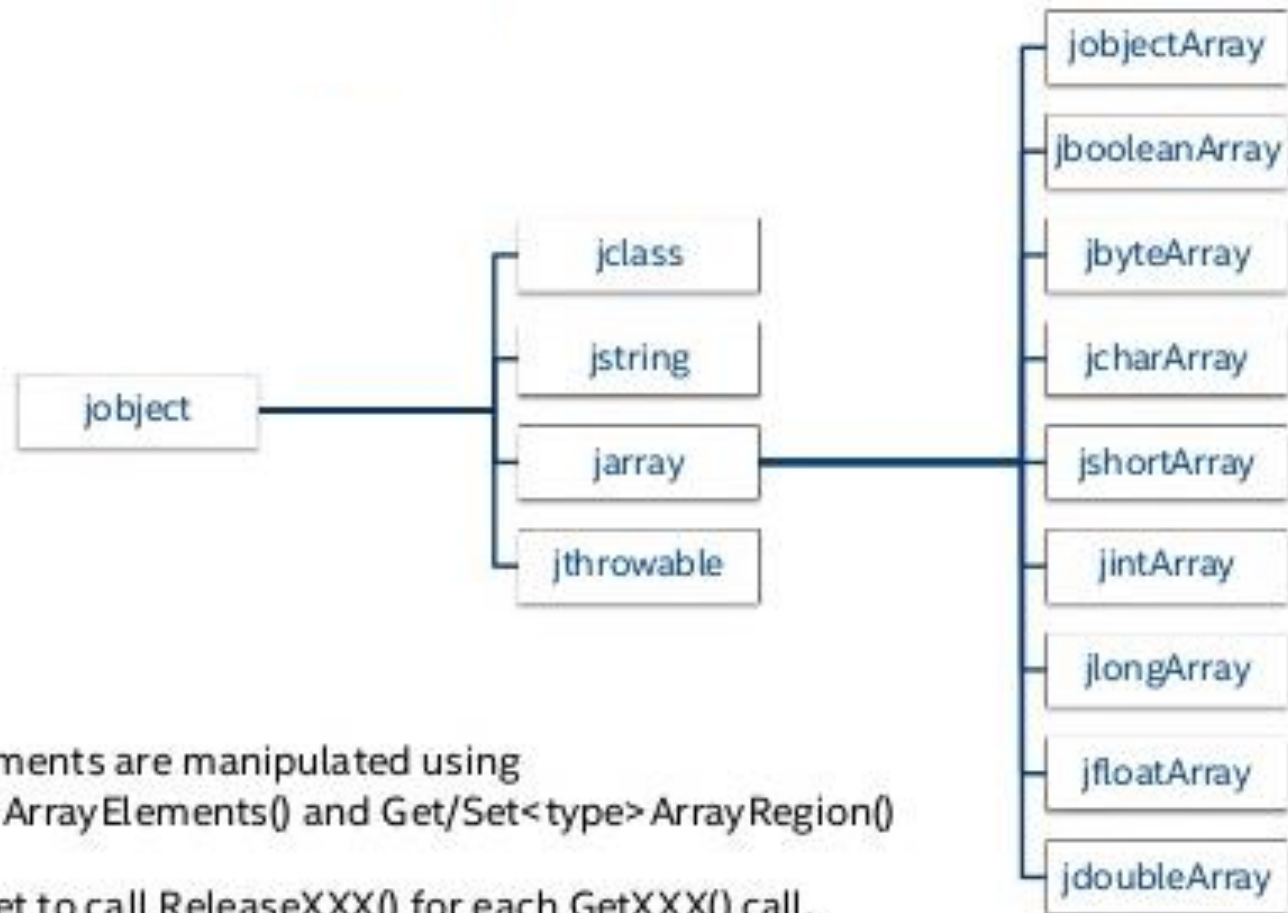


# JNI Primitive Types

Java <sup>®</sup> Type	Native Type	Description
boolean	jboolean	unsigned 8 bits
byte	jbyte	signed 8 bits
char	jchar	unsigned 16 bits
short	jshort	signed 16 bits
int	jint	signed 32 bits
long	jlong	signed 64 bits
float	jfloat	32 bits
double	jdouble	64 bits
void	void	N/A



# JNI Reference Types



Arrays elements are manipulated using  
Get<type>ArrayElements() and Get/Set<type>ArrayRegion()

Don't forget to call ReleaseXXX() for each GetXXX() call.

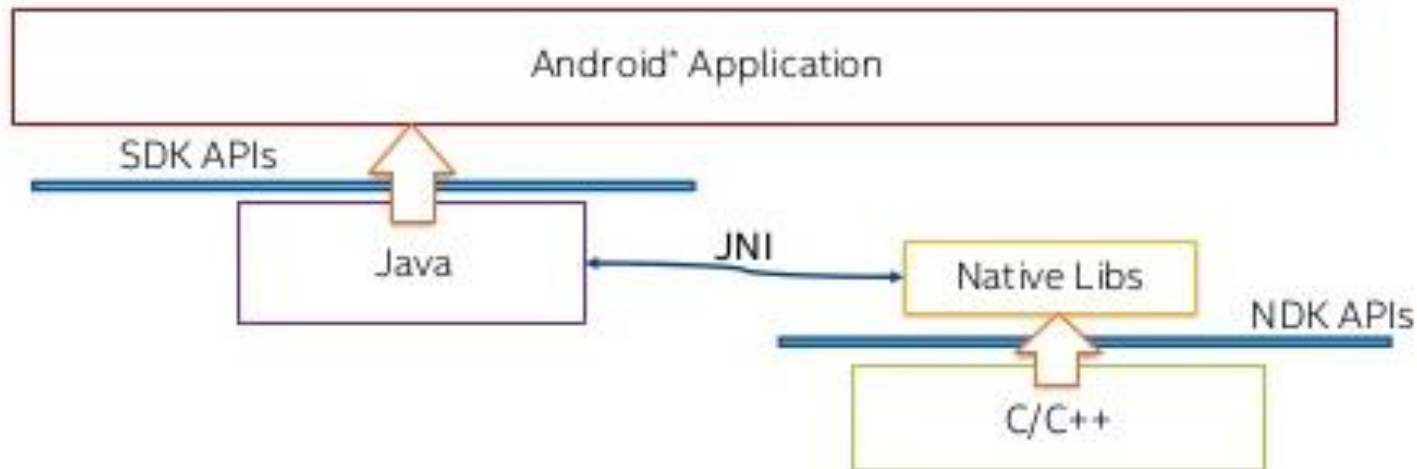


# JNI strategy

- Create the native methods in java class
- Load the library in java class
- Create the function prototypes using javah in a .h file
- Create the final native source file!
- Use your native methods inside Android activity



# NDK Application Development



# Steps in building an Android NDK App

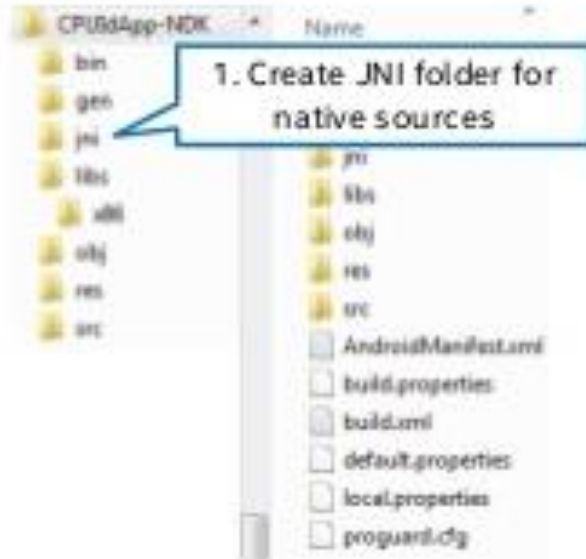
The steps in building an Android NDK app are:

1. **Create a sub-directory called "jni"** and place all the native sources here.
2. **Create a "Android.mk"** to describe your native sources to the NDK build system.
3. Write Native code for a library
4. **Build your native code by running the "ndk-build"** (in NDK installed directory) script from your project's directory. The build tools copy the stripped, shared libraries needed by your application to the proper location in the application's project directory.
4. Finally, **compile and run your application using the SDK tools** in the usual way. The SDK build tools will package the shared libraries in the application's deployable ".apk" file.





# Adding Native Code to Android Project



# Integrating Native Function with Java

Declare native methods in your Android® application (Java®) using the 'native' keyword:

```
public native String stringFromJNI();
```

Provide a native shared library built with the NDK that contains the methods used by your application:

```
libMyLib.so
```

Your application must load the shared library (before use... during class load for example):

```
static {  
    System.loadLibrary("MyLib");  
}
```

# Write an Android JNI program

In this example, we shall **create an activity**, that **calls a native method** to **obtain** a string **and displays** the string on a **TextView**.

- Create an **Android project** called "**AndroidHelloJNI**", with **application name** "**Hello JNI**" and **package** "**com.mytest**"
- Create an **activity** called "**JNIActivity**" with **Layout** name "**activity\_jni**"



# Create New Android Project

**New Android Application**

Creates a new Android Application

Application Name:

Project Name:


Package Name:

Minimum Required SDK:

Target SDK:

Compile With:

Theme:



# Set Activity Name

**New Android Application**


**Blank Activity**  
Creates a new blank activity, with an action bar and optional navigational elements such as tabs or horizontal swipe.


Activity Name


Layout Name

Fragment Layout Name

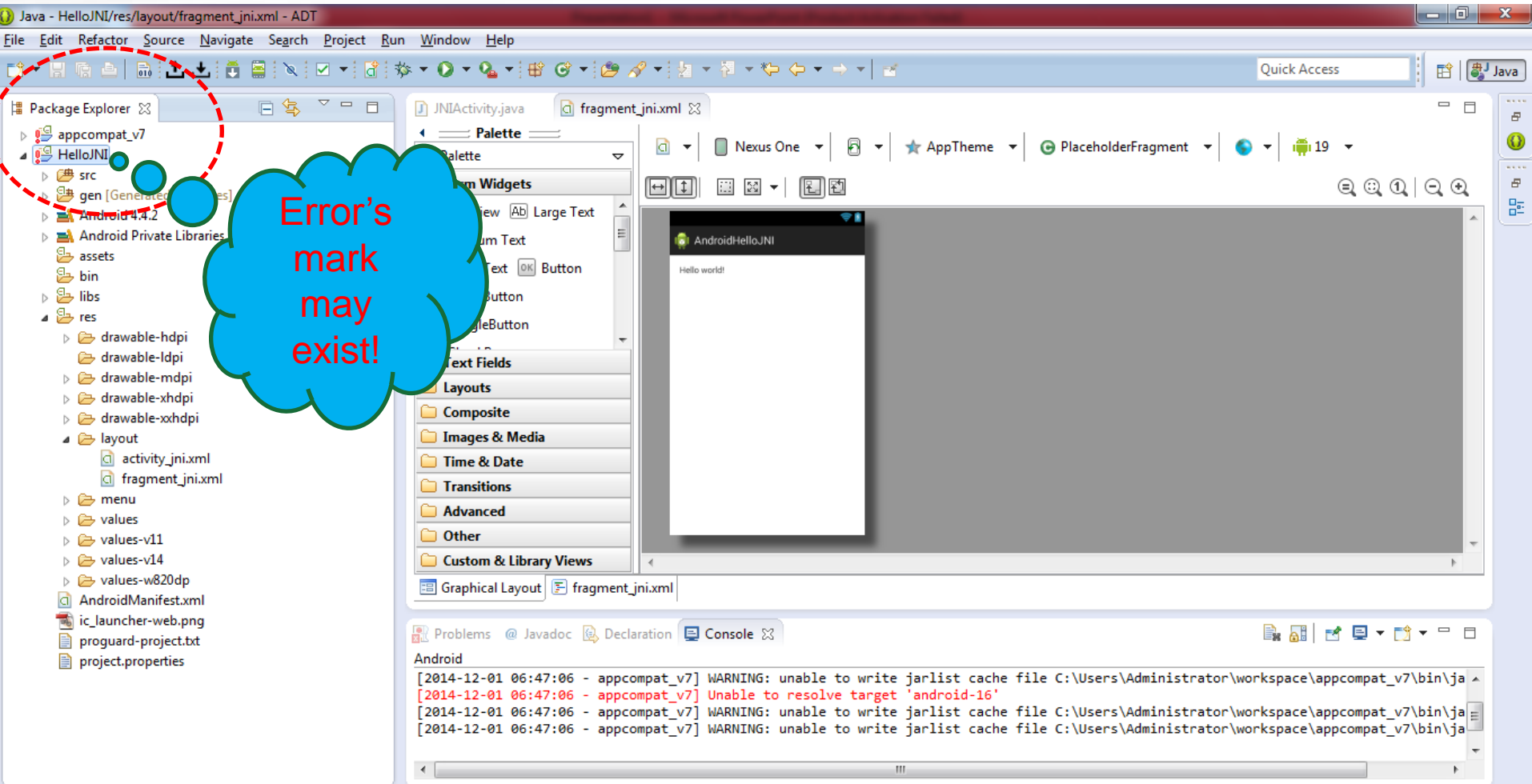
Navigation Type



 The name of the layout to create for the activity



# New Project Created



Java - HelloJNI/res/layout/fragment\_jni.xml - ADT

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Quick Access

Package Explorer

- appcompat\_v7
- HelloJNI
  - src
  - gen [Generated Resources]
  - Android 4.4.2
  - Android Private Libraries
  - assets
  - bin
  - libs
  - res
    - drawable-hdpi
    - drawable-ldpi
    - drawable-mdpi
    - drawable-xhdpi
    - drawable-xxhdpi
    - layout
      - activity\_jni.xml
      - fragment\_jni.xml
    - menu
    - values
      - values-v11
      - values-v14
      - values-w820dp
    - AndroidManifest.xml
    - ic\_launcher-web.png
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    - project.properties

Palette

- Widgets
  - TextView
  - EditText
  - Button
  - ImageButton
- Text Fields
- Layouts
- Composite
- Images & Media
- Time & Date
- Transitions
- Advanced
- Other
- Custom & Library Views

Graphical Layout

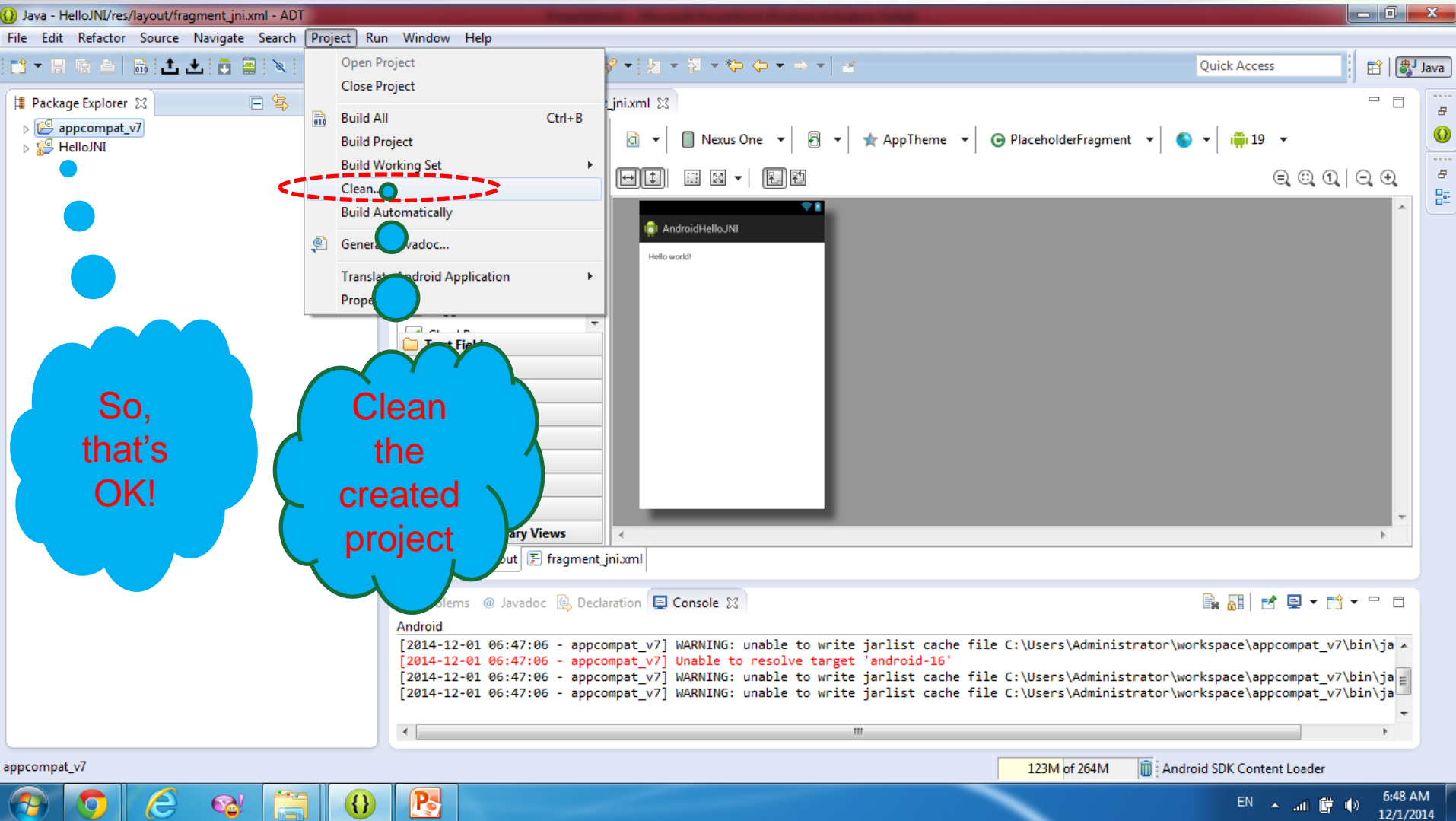
fragment\_jni.xml

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Android

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[2014-12-01 06:47:06 - appcompat_v7] WARNING: unable to write jarlist cache file C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\appcompat_v7\bin\ja
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# Create New Android Project



Java - HelloJNI/res/layout/fragment\_jni.xml - ADT

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Package Explorer

- appcompat\_v7
- HelloJNI

Project Menu:

- Open Project
- Close Project
- Build All (Ctrl+B)
- Build Project
- Build Working Set
- Clean...**
- Build Automatically
- Generate Javadoc...
- Translate Android Application
- Properties

Quick Access

AndroidHelloJNI

Hello world!

Console

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Android
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```

appcompat\_v7

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# Create New Android Project

The screenshot shows the Android Studio IDE with a new project named 'HelloJNI' created. The 'Package Explorer' on the left shows the project structure, including 'src', 'gen', 'AndroidManifest.xml', 'ic\_launcher-w', 'proguard-project.txt', and 'project.properties'. A red dashed box highlights the 'src' folder, and a blue cloud with the text 'Pure Java Code' is overlaid on the 'src' folder. The 'Palette' on the right shows various widgets and views. The 'Console' at the bottom displays warnings about the 'android-16' target and jarlist cache files.

Java - HelloJNI/res/layout/fragment\_jni.xml - ADT

File Edit Refactor Source Navigate Search Project Run Window Help

Quick Access

Package Explorer

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Form Widgets

- TextView
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Other

Custom & Library Views

Graphical Layout

fragment\_jni.xml

AndroidHelloJNI

Hello world!

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# Create New Android Project

The screenshot shows the Android Studio IDE with the 'New' menu open. The 'Folder' option is highlighted with a red dashed box. A blue cloud bubble contains the text: 'Create new 'jni' folder for C/C++ native code'.

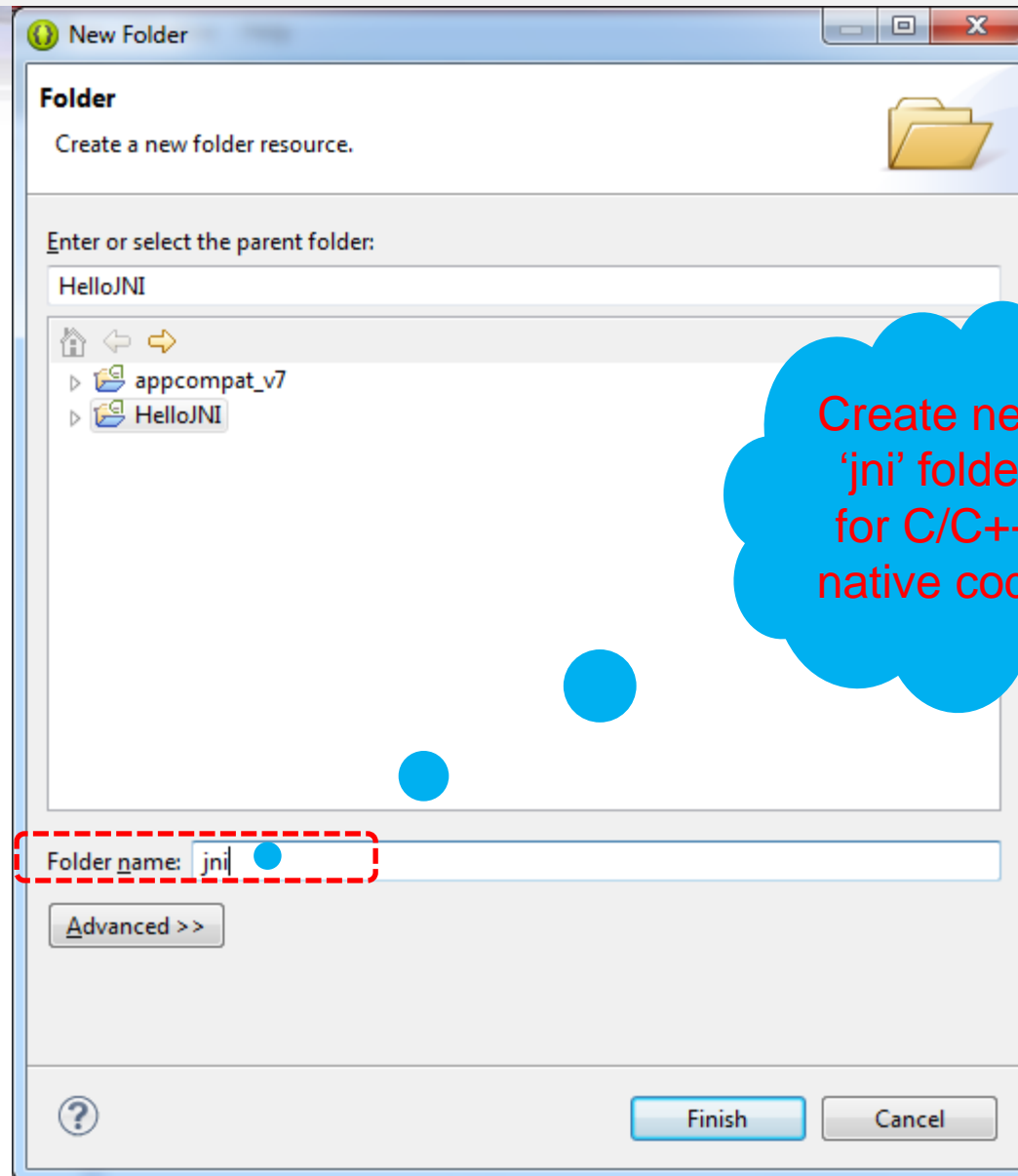
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- New
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- Show In
- Copy
- Copy Qualified Name
- Paste
- Delete
- Build Path
- Source
- Refactor
- Import...
- Export...
- Build Project
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- Close Unrelated Projects
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Sub-menu items for 'New':

- Java Project
- Android Application Project
- Project...
- Package
- Class
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- Enum
- Annotation
- Source Folder
- Java Working Set
- Folder
- File
- Untitled Text File
- Android XML File
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- Example...
- Other...

# Create New Android Project



Create new  
'jni' folder  
for C/C++  
native code



# Create New Android Project

Java - ADT

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Quick Access

Java

'jni' folder created for C/C++ native code

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jni - HelloJNI

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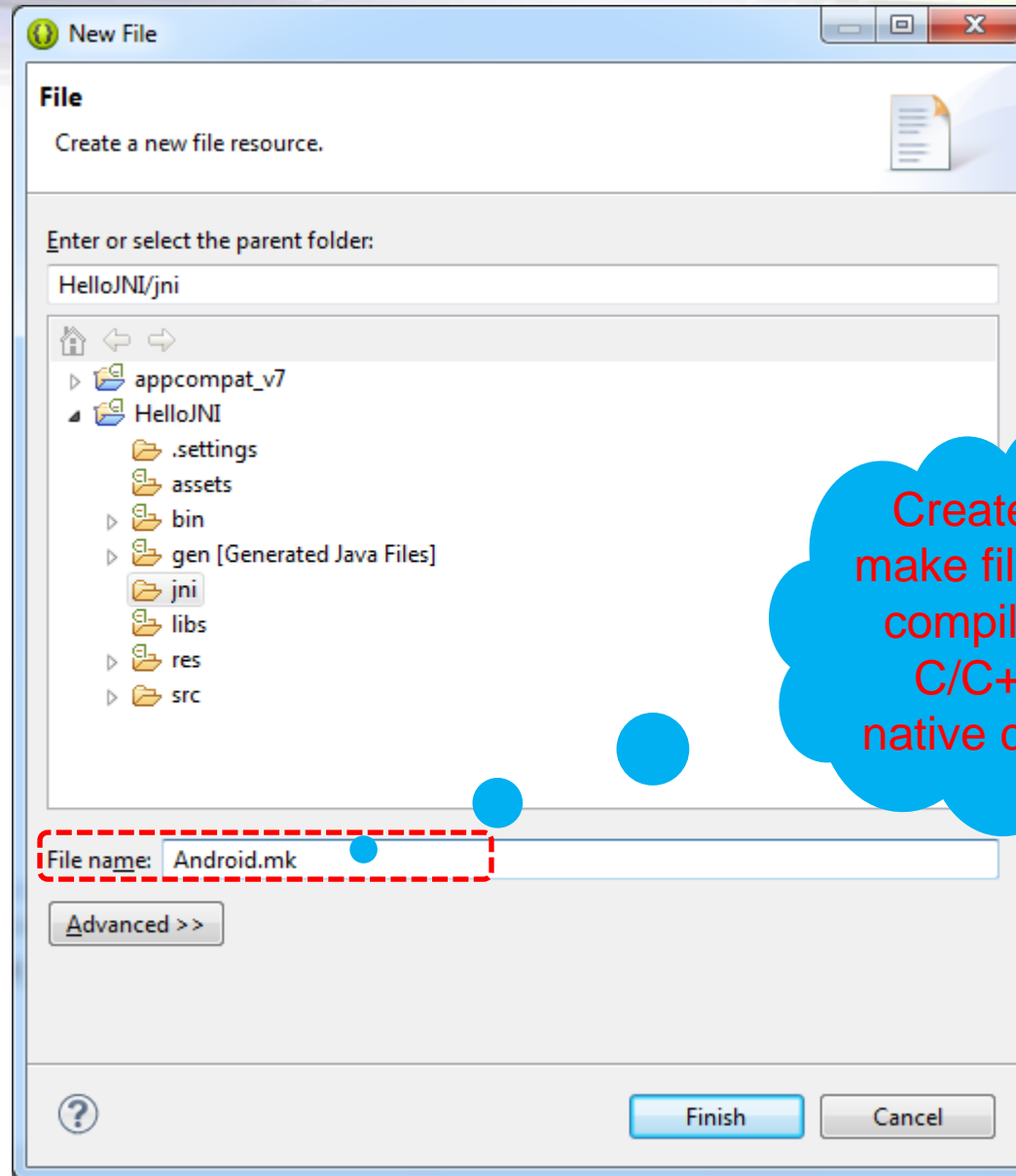


# Create New Android Project

The screenshot shows the Java - ADT IDE interface. The Package Explorer on the left shows a project named 'HelloJNI' with a 'src' folder. The 'New' menu is open, and the 'File' option is highlighted with a red dashed box. The menu options include: New, Open in New Window, Show In, Copy, Copy Qualified Name, Paste, Delete, Build Path, Refactor, Import..., Export..., Refresh, Assign Working Sets..., Validate, Profile As, Debug As, Run As, Team, Compare With, Restore from Local History..., Source, Translate Android Application, Properties, Java Project, Android Application Project, Project..., Package, Class, Interface, Enum, Annotation, Source Folder, Java Working Set, Folder, File, Untitled Text File, Android XML File, JUnit Test Case, Example..., Other... The status bar at the bottom shows '96M of 264M' and 'Android SDK Content Loader'. The system tray at the bottom right shows the date and time: '6:52 AM 12/1/2014'.

Create a make file for compiling C/C++ native code

# Create New Android Project





# Create New Android Project

Java - HelloJNI/jni/Android.mk - ADT

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```
LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)
include $(CLEAR_VARS)

LOCAL_MODULE := myjni
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := HelloJNI.c

include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

'Android.mk' created for compiling C/C++ native code

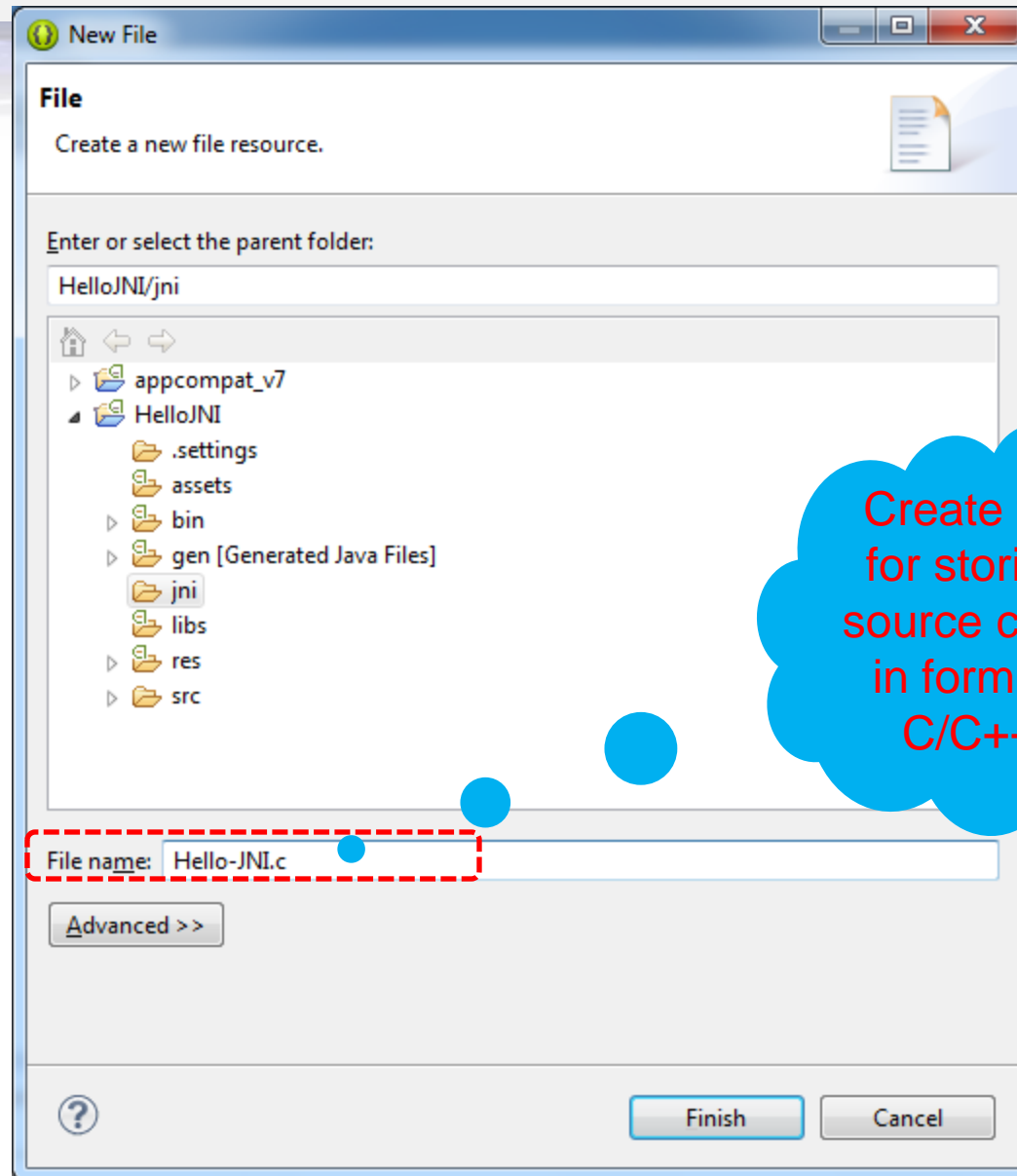
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# Create New Android Project



Create file  
for storing  
source code  
in form of  
C/C++





# Create New Android Project

Java - HelloJNI/jni/Hello-JNI.c - ADT

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\*Hello-JNI.c

```
#include <jni.h>
#include <string.h>

JNIEXPORT jstring JNICALL Java_com_mytest_JNIActivity_getMessage(JNIEnv *env, jobject thisObj){
    return (*env)->NewStringUTF(env, "Hello Android from Native Code!");
}
```

'Hello-JNI.c' created for storing source code in form of C/C++

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# Create New Android Project

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```

\*Android.mk

Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>ndk-build
make.exe: *** No rule to make target 'C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni\HelloJNI.o', needed by 'C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\obj\local\armeabi\objs\myjni\HelloJNI.o'. Stop.

C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>
```

Compile Native code in command line using syntax: **ndk-build**

Check to find possible solution!

Error's message appeared ???



# Create New Android Project

Java - HelloJNI/jni/Android.mk - ADT

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HelloJNI.c

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LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)
include $(CLEAR_VARS)

LOCAL_MODULE := myjni
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := HelloJNI.c

include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

```
C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>ndk-build
[armeabi] Compile thumb   : myjni <= HelloJNI.c
[armeabi] SharedLibrary   : libmyjni.so
[armeabi] Install         : libmyjni.so => libs/armeabi/libmyjni.so
C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>
```

Re- compile Native code in command line using syntax: **ndk-build**

Change the file name to 'HelloJNI.c'

So, the library is compiled successfully!!

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# Create New Android Project

Java - HelloJNI/jni/Android.mk - ADT

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HelloJNI.c

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include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

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C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>ndk-build
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[armeabi] SharedLibrary   : libmyjni.so
[armeabi] Install         : libmyjni.so => libs/armeabi/libmyjni.so
C:\Users\Administrator\workspace\HelloJNI\jni>
```

The new library "libmyjni.so" created

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# Create New Android Project

Now, we integrate native library into Android Project!

```
package com.mytest;

import android.support.v7.app.ActionBarActivity;
import android.support.v4.app.Fragment;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.view.LayoutInflater;
import android.view.Menu;
import android.view.MenuItem;
import android.view.View;
import android.view.ViewGroup;
import android.widget.TextView;

public class MainActivity extends ActionBarActivity {
    static{
        System.loadLibrary("myjni"); // Load native library into Android Project
    }
    public native String getMessage(); // A native method that returns a Java String

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_jni);

        TextView textView = new TextView(this);
        textView.setText(getMessage());
        setContentView(textView);
    }
}
```

1. Load the native library  
2. Declare native method(s)

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# Create New Android Project

Java - HelloJNI/src/com/mytest/JNIActivity.java - ADT

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import android.view.Menu;
import android.view.MenuItem;
import android.view.View;
import android.view.ViewGroup;
import android.widget.TextView;

public class JNIActivity extends ActionBarActivity {

    static{
        System.loadLibrary("myjni"); // Load native library into Android Project
    }
    public native String getMessage(); // A native method that returns a Java String

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_jni);

        TextView textView = new TextView(this);
        textView.setText(getMessage());
        setContentView(textView);
    }
}
```

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Now, we integrate native library into Android Project!

Implement operations/actions using native method: -> getMessage() To feed predefined string into a TextView



# Create New Android Project

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "Java - HelloJNI/src/com/mytest/JNIActivity.java - ADT". The "Project" menu is open, and the "Clean..." option is highlighted with a red dashed box. A blue callout bubble with red text says "Then, we clean project to make sure no error exist!". The Package Explorer on the left shows the project structure, including the "src" folder and "com.mytest" package. The main editor displays the code for "JNIActivity.java", which extends "ActionBarActivity". The code includes a static block for loading a native library and an "onCreate" method that sets up a "TextView". The bottom status bar shows "Writable", "Smart Insert", "14:12", "137M of 264M", and "Android SDK Content Loader". The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows various application icons and the system clock.

Then, we clean project to make sure no error exist!

```
public class JNIActivity extends ActionBarActivity {  
    static{  
        System.loadLibrary("myjni"); // Load native library into Android Project  
    }  
    public native String getMessage(); // A native method that returns a Java String  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_jni);  
  
        TextView textView = new TextView(this);  
        textView.setText(getMessage());  
        setContentView(textView);  
    }  
}
```





# Create New Android Project

The screenshot shows the Android Studio IDE with the 'New' menu open. The 'Android Application' option is highlighted with a red dashed box. The code editor in the background shows the implementation of the `getMessage()` method in `JNIActivity.java`.

```
package com.mytest;

import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
import android.support.v4.app.Fragment;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.view.LayoutInflater;
import android.view.Menu;
import android.view.MenuItem;
import android.view.View;
import android.view.ViewGroup;
import android.widget.TextView;

public class JNIActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    static{
        System.loadLibrary("myjni"); // Load native library into A
    }
    public native String getMessage(); // A native method that re

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_jni);

        TextView textView = new TextView(this);
        textView.setText(getMessage());
        setContentView(textView);
    }
}
```

Finally, we build and run the integrated application which is written by Java and Native (C/C++) code !!

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## Step 1: Write an Android JNI program

- This JNI program uses a static initializer to load a shared library ("myjni.dll" in Windows or "libmyjni.so" in Unixes).
- It declares a native method called `getMessage()`, which returns a `String` to be as the `TextView`'s message.
- The `onCreate()` method declares a `TextView`, and invokes the native method `getMessage()` to set its text.



## Step 2: C Implementation - HelloJNI.c

- Create the following C program called "**HelloJNI.c**" under the "**jni**" **directory** (right-click on the "jni" folder ⇒ New ⇒ File):

```
1  #include <jni.h>
2  #include "include/HelloJNI.h"
3
4  JNIEXPORT jstring JNICALL Java_com_mytest_JNIActivity_getMessage
5      (JNIEnv *env, jobject thisObj) {
6      return (*env)->NewStringUTF(env, "Hello from native code!");
7  }
```

- The native program gets and returns a JNI jstring via JNI environment interface function **NewStringUTF()** with an input C-string "Hello from native code!"



## Step 3: Create an Android makefile - **Android.mk**

- Create an Android makefile called "**Android.mk**" under the "**jni**" **directory** (right-click on "jni" folder ⇒ New ⇒ File), as follows:

```
LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)

include $(CLEAR_VARS)

LOCAL_MODULE      := myjni
LOCAL_SRC_FILES   := HelloJNI.c

include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

- In the above makefile, "**myjni**" is the name of our shared library (**used in `System.loadLibrary()`**), and "**HelloJNI.c**" is the **source file**.



## Step 4: Build NDK

- **Start a CMD shell**
- **Change directory** to the project's root directory
- Run "**ndk-build**" script provided by Android NDK (the Android NDK installed directory shall be in the PATH).

```
// Change directory to <project-root>
> ndk-build
Compile thumb : myjni <= HelloJNI.c
SharedLibrary  : libmyjni.so
Install        : libmyjni.so => libs/armeabi/libmyjni.so
```

### NOTES:

- Use "**ndk-build --help**" to display the command-line options.
- Use "**ndk-build V=1**" to display the build messages.
- Use "**ndk-build -B**" to perform a force re-build.



## Step 5: Run the Android App

- Run the android app, via "Run As"  $\Rightarrow$  "Android Application". You shall see the message from the native program appears on the screen.
- Check the "LogCat" panel to confirm that the shared library "libmyjni.so" is loaded.

...: Trying to load lib /data/data/com.example.androidhellojni/lib/libmyjni.so ...

...: Added shared lib /data/data/com.example.androidhellojni/lib/libmyjni.so ...

# Java integrated with C via JNI



# Step 1: Write a Java Class that uses C Codes - HelloJNI.java

```
1  public class HelloJNI {
2      static {
3          System.loadLibrary("hello"); // Load native library at runtime
4                                         // hello.dll (Windows) or libhello.so (Unixes)
5      }
6
7      // Declare a native method sayHello() that receives nothing and returns void
8      private native void sayHello();
9
10     // Test Driver
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         new HelloJNI().sayHello(); // invoke the native method
13     }
14 }
```

- The static initializer invokes **System.loadLibrary()** to **load** the **native library "hello"** (which contains the native method sayHello()) during the class loading. It will be mapped to "hello.dll" in Windows; or "libhello.so" in Unixes.



# Step 1: Write a Java Class that uses C Codes - HelloJNI.java

- Next, we **declare** the **method sayHello()** as a native instance method, via keyword native, which denotes that this method is implemented in another language.
- A **native method does not contain a body**. The sayHello() is contained in the native library loaded.
- The **main() method** allocate an instance of HelloJNI and invoke the native method sayHello().
- Compile the "HelloJNI.java" into "HelloJNI.class"

```
> javac HelloJNI.java
```

## Step 2: Create the C/C++ Header file - HelloJNI.h

- **Run** javah utility on the class file to create a header file for C/C++ programs:

```
> javah HelloJNI
```

- The output is HelloJNI.h as follows:

```
1  /* DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE - it is machine generated */
2  #include <jni.h>
3  /* Header for class HelloJNI */
4
5  #ifndef _Included_HelloJNI
6  #define _Included_HelloJNI
7  #ifdef __cplusplus
8  extern "C" {
9  #endif
10 /*
11  * Class:      HelloJNI
12  * Method:     sayHello
13  * Signature:  ()V
14  */
15 JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_HelloJNI_sayHello(JNIEnv *, jobject);
16
17 #ifdef __cplusplus
18 }
19 #endif
20 #endif
```



## Step 2: Create the C/C++ Header file - HelloJNI.h

- The header declares a C function Java\_HelloJNI\_sayHello as follows:

```
JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_HelloJNI_sayHello(JNIEnv *, jobject);
```

- The naming convention for C function is **Java\_{package\_and\_classname}\_{function\_name}(JNI arguments)**.
- The dot in package name shall be replaced by underscore.

### The arguments:

- JNIEnv\*: reference to JNI environment, which lets you access all the JNI functions.
- jobject: reference to "this" Java object.



## Step 2: Create the C/C++ Header file - HelloJNI.h

- The extern "C" is recognized by C++ compiler only.
- It notifies the C++ compiler that these functions are to be compiled using C's function naming protocol (instead of C++ naming protocol).
- C and C++ have different function naming protocols as C++ support function overloading and uses a name mangling scheme to differentiate the overloaded functions.



## Step 3: C Implementation - HelloJNI.c

```
1  #include <jni.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include "HelloJNI.h"
4
5  // Implementation of native method sayHello() of HelloJNI class
6  JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_HelloJNI_sayHello(JNIEnv *env, jobject thisObj) {
7      printf("Hello World!\n");
8      return;
9  }
```

- **Save the C program** as "**HelloJNI.c**".
- The header "jni.h" is available under the "<JAVA\_HOME>\include" and "<JAVA\_HOME>\include\win32" directories, where <JAVA\_HOME> is your JDK installed directory (e.g., "c:\program files\java\jdk1.7.0").
- The C function simply prints the message "Hello world!" to the console.
- **Compile the C program** - this depends on the C compiler you used.



## Step 4: Run the Java Program

```
> java HelloJNI  
or  
> java -Djava.library.path=. HelloJNI
```

- You may need to specify the library path of the "hello.dll" via VM option - `Djava.library.path=<path_to_lib>`, as shown above.



# Java integrated C/C++ Mixture via JNI



# Step 1: Write a Java Class that uses Native Codes - HelloJNICpp.java

```
1 public class HelloJNICpp {
2     static {
3         System.loadLibrary("hello"); // hello.dll (Windows) or libhello.so (Unixes)
4     }
5
6     // Native method declaration
7     private native void sayHello();
8
9     // Test Driver
10    public static void main(String[] args) {
11        new HelloJNICpp().sayHello(); // Invoke native method
12    }
13 }
```

- Compile the HelloJNICpp.java into HelloJNICpp.class

```
> javac HelloJNICpp.java
```



## Step 2: Create the C/C++ Header file - HelloJNICpp.h

```
> javah HelloJNICpp
```

- The resultant header file "HelloJNICpp.h" declares the native function as:

```
JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_HelloJNICpp_sayHello(JNIEnv *, jobject);
```



## Step 3: C/C++ Implementation - HelloJNICppImpl.h, HelloJNICppImpl.cpp, and HelloJNICpp.c

- We shall implement the program in C++ (in "HelloJNICppImpl.h" and "HelloJNICppImpl.cpp"), but use a C program ("HelloJNICpp.c") to interface with Java.

- C++ Header -  
"HelloJNICppImpl.h"

```
1  #ifndef _HELLO_JNI_CPP_IMPL_H
2  #define _HELLO_JNI_CPP_IMPL_H
3
4  #ifdef __cplusplus
5      extern "C" {
6
7      void sayHello ();
8
9      }
10 #endif
11
12 #endif
```





## Step 3: C/C++ Implementation - HelloJNICppImpl.h, HelloJNICppImpl.cpp, and HelloJNICpp.c

- We shall implement the program in C++ (in "HelloJNICppImpl.h" and "HelloJNICppImpl.cpp"), but use a C program ("HelloJNICpp.c") to interface with Java.
- C++ Implementation - "HelloJNICppImpl.cpp"

```
1  #include "HelloJNICppImpl.h"
2  #include <iostream>
3
4  using namespace std;
5
6  void sayHello () {
7      cout << "Hello World from C++!" << endl;
8      return;
9  }
```



## Step 3: C/C++ Implementation - HelloJNICppImpl.h, HelloJNICppImpl.cpp, and HelloJNICpp.c

- C Program interfacing with Java - "HelloJNICpp.c"

```
1  #include <jni.h>
2  #include "HelloJNICpp.h"
3  #include "HelloJNICppImpl.h"
4
5  JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_HelloJNICpp_sayHello (JNIEnv *env, jobject thisObj) {
6      sayHello(); // invoke C++ function
7      return;
8  }
```

- Compile the C/C++ programs into shared library ("hello.dll" for Windows).



## Step 4: Run the Java Program

```
> java HelloJNICpp  
or  
> java -Djava.library.path=. HelloJNICpp
```

- You may need to specify the library path of the "hello.dll" via VM option - `Djava.library.path=<path_to_lib>`, as shown above.





## End of Lecture

## Q&A