

# **Chapter 4. Graphical User Interfaces**

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- MVC
- LinearLayout
- RelativeLayout
- TableLayout
- ScrollView



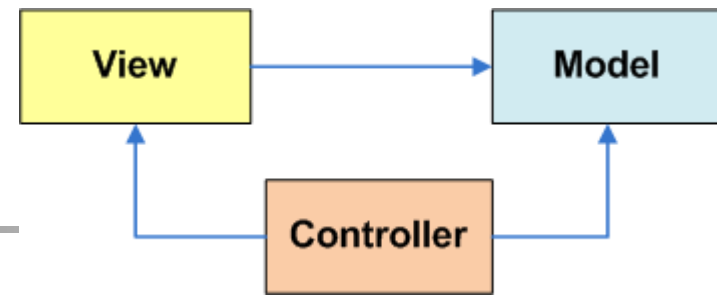
# Tài liệu tham khảo

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Mobile Application Development –  
Android OS, Victor Matos, Cleveland  
State University

# The Model-View- Control Pattern (MVC)

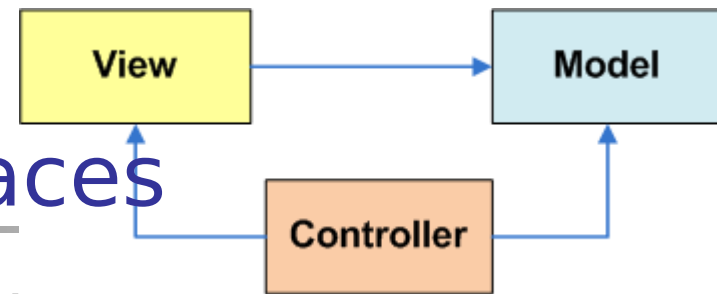
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The Model-View-Controller (MVC) is an important software design pattern whose main goal is to separate

- (1) user interface,
- (2) business,
- (3) input logic.

# MVC with Android - Graphical User Interfaces



- **Model.** Consists of the Java code and API objects used to represent the business problem and manage the behavior and data of the application.
- **View.** Set of screens the user sees and interacts with.
- **Controller.** Implemented through the Android OS, responsible for interpretation of the user and system inputs. Input may come from a variety of sources such as the trackball, keyboard, touch-screen, GPS chip, proximity sensor, accelerometer, etc, and tells the Model and/or the View (usually through callbacks and registered listeners) to change as appropriate.



# MVC Pattern: The View - User Interfaces (GUI s )

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Android graphical interfaces are usually implemented as XML files (although they could also be dynamically created from Java code).

An Android UI is conceptually similar to a common HTML page



# MVC Pattern: The View - User Interfaces (GUI s )

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- In a manner similar to a web page interaction, when the Android user touches the screen, the controller interprets the input and determines what specific portion of the screen and gestures were involved.
- Based on this information it tells the model about the interaction in such a way that the appropriate “callback listener” or lifecycle state could be called into action.



# MVC Pattern: The View - User Interfaces (GUI s )

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Unlike a web application (which refreshes its pages after explicit requests from the user) an asynchronous Android background service could quietly notify the controller about some change of state (such as reaching a given coordinate on a map) and in turn a change of the view's state could be triggered; all of these without user intervention.

# Design for Android

<https://developer.android.com/design>

The screenshot shows the 'Design for Android' page on the Android Developers website. The page has a top navigation bar with links to Platform, Android Studio, Google Play, Jetpack, Kotlin, Docs (selected), and News. A search bar and language selector (ENGLISH) are on the right. A left sidebar lists various design topics under 'Overview' and 'Quality guidelines'. The main content area features a large hero section titled 'Design for Android' with a blue background and white text. It explains that Android users expect apps to be consistent with the platform and follow material design guidelines. Below this, there are links for 'MATERIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES' and 'APP QUALITY GUIDELINES'. The page also includes a section titled 'Material design basics' with three sub-sections: 'Style' (represented by a blue and yellow geometric pattern), 'Patterns' (represented by a pink background with a white grid and a blue dot), and 'Layout' (represented by a yellow background with a white plus sign).

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## Design for Android

Android users expect your app to look and behave in a way that's consistent with the platform. Not only should you follow material design guidelines for visual and navigation patterns, but you should also follow quality guidelines for compatibility, performance, security, and more.

The following links provide everything you need to design a high quality Android app.

**MATERIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**APP QUALITY GUIDELINES**

### Material design basics

Style

Patterns

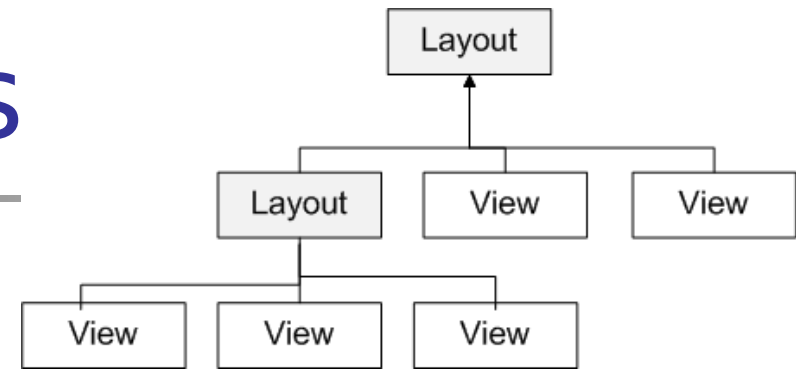
Layout





# The VIEW Clas

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- The View class is the Android's most basic component from which users interfaces can be created. It acts as a container of displayable elements.
- A View occupies a rectangular area on the screen and is responsible for drawing and event handling.
- Widgets are subclasses of View. They are used to create interactive UI components such as buttons, checkboxes, labels, text fields, etc.
- Layouts are invisible structured containers used for holding other Views and nested layouts.

# Using XML to represent UIs

<RelativeLayout

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:paddingBottom="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
android:paddingLeft="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
android:paddingRight="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
android:paddingTop="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
tools:context="csu.matos.gui_demo.MainActivity" >
```

<EditText

```
android:id="@+id/editText1"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
android:layout_marginTop="36dp"
android:text="@string/edit_user_name"
android:ems="12" >
```

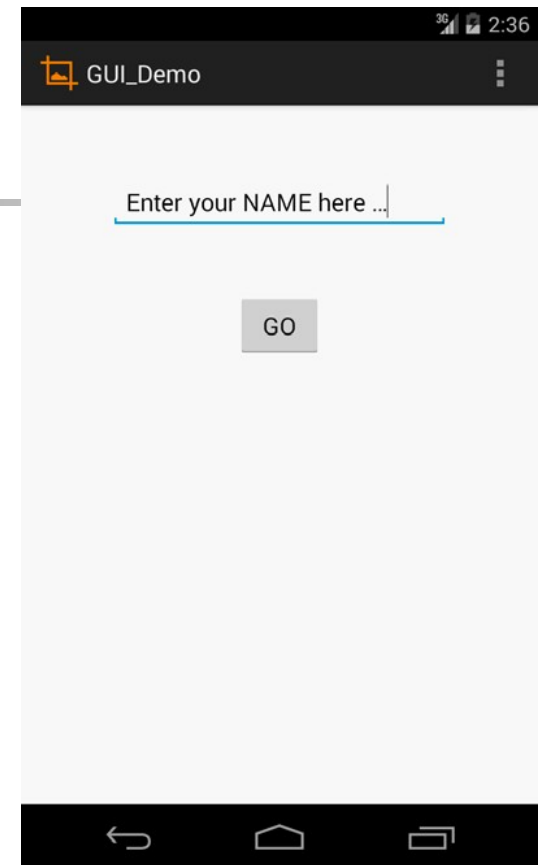
<requestFocus />

</EditText>

<Button

```
android:id="@+id/button1"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_below="@+id/editText1"
android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
android:layout_marginTop="48dp"
android:text="@string/btn_go" />
```

</RelativeLayout>





# Nesting XML Layouts

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- An Android's XML view file consists of a layout design holding a hierarchical arrangement of its contained elements.
- The inner elements could be basic widgets or user-defined nested layouts holding their own viewgroups.
- An Activity uses the **setContentView(R.layout.xmlfilename)** method to render a view on the device's screen.

```
<LinearLayout  
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  android:layout_width="match_parent"  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:orientation="horizontal" >
```

## Widgets and other nested layouts

```
</LinearLayout>
```



# Setting Views to Work

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Dealing with widgets & layouts typically involves the following operations

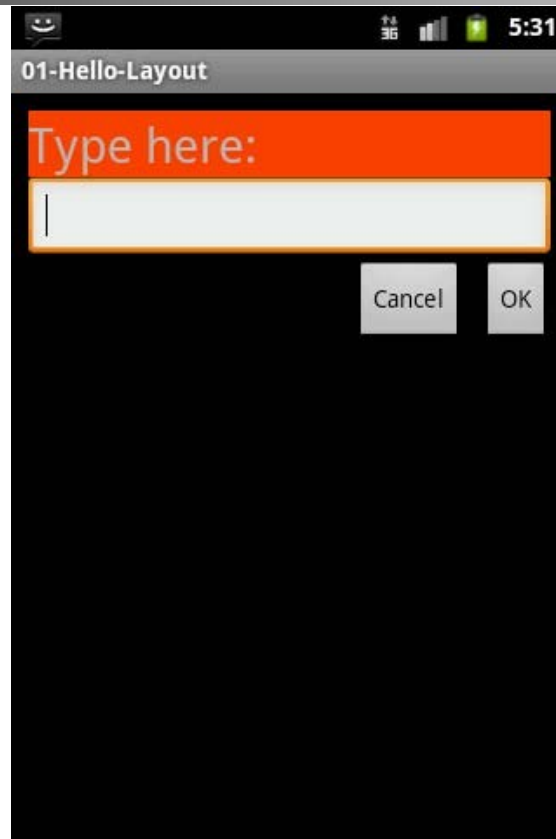
1. Set properties: For instance, when working with a `TextView` you set the background color, text, font, alignment, size, padding, margin, etc.
2. Set up listeners: For example, an image could be programmed to respond to various events such as: click, long-tap, mouse-over, etc.
3. Set focus: To set focus on a specific view, you call the method `.requestFocus()` or use XML tag `<requestFocus />`
4. Set visibility: You can hide or show views using `setVisibility(...)`.

# A Sample of Common Android LAYOUTS



## Linear Layout

A LinearLayout places its inner views either in horizontal or vertical disposition.



## Relative Layout

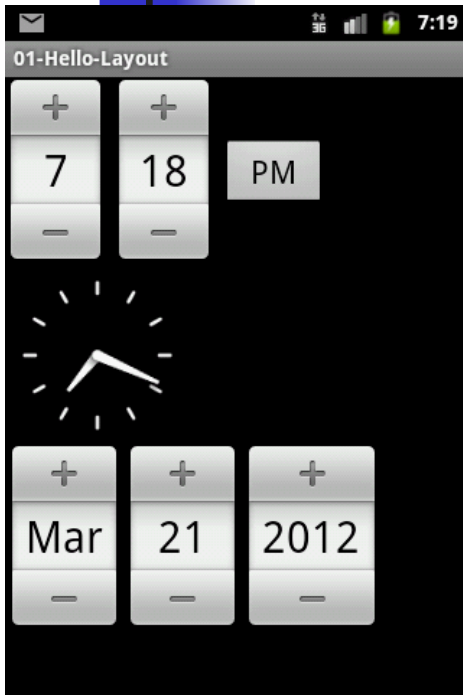
A RelativeLayout is a ViewGroup that allows you to position elements relative to each other.



## Table Layout

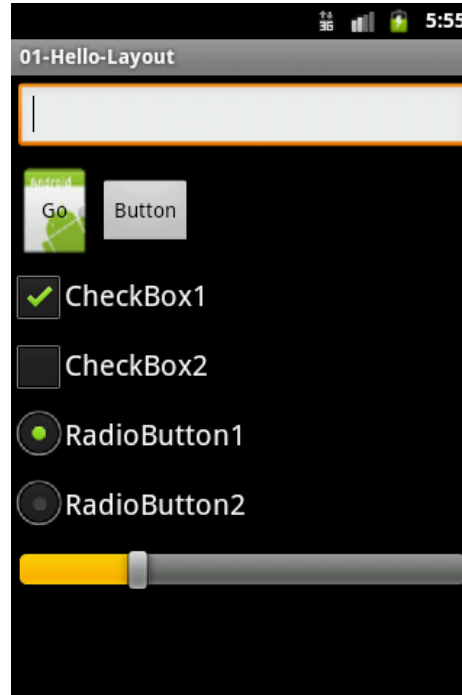
A TableLayout is a ViewGroup that places elements using a row & column disposition. <sup>13</sup>

# A Sample of Common Android WIDGETS



TimePicker  
AnalogClock  
DatePicker

A DatePicker is a widget that allows the user to select a month, day and year.



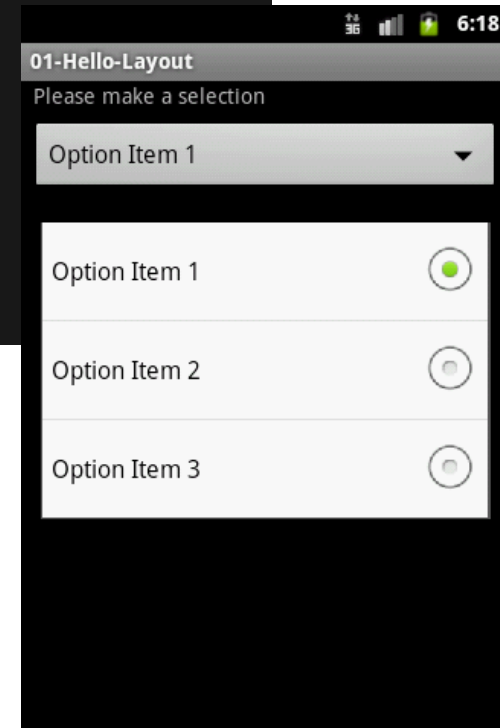
Form Controls  
Includes a variety of typical form widgets, like:  
image buttons,  
text fields,  
checkboxboxes and  
radio buttons.



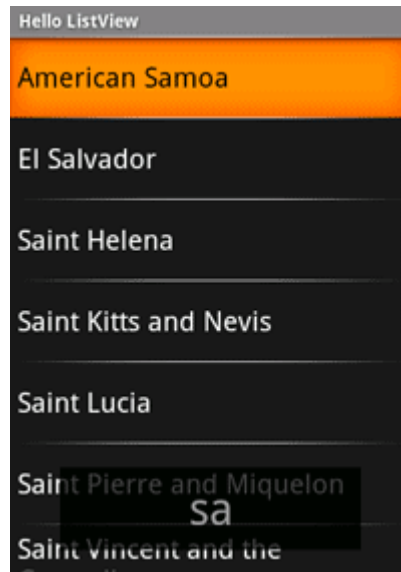
GalleryView  
TabWidget



Spinner



# A Sample of Common Android WIDGETS

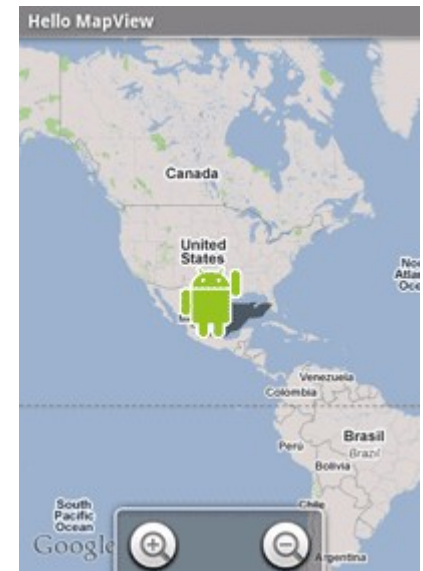


## ListView

A ListView is a View that shows items in a vertically scrolling list. The items are acquired from a ListAdapter.



WebView



MapView

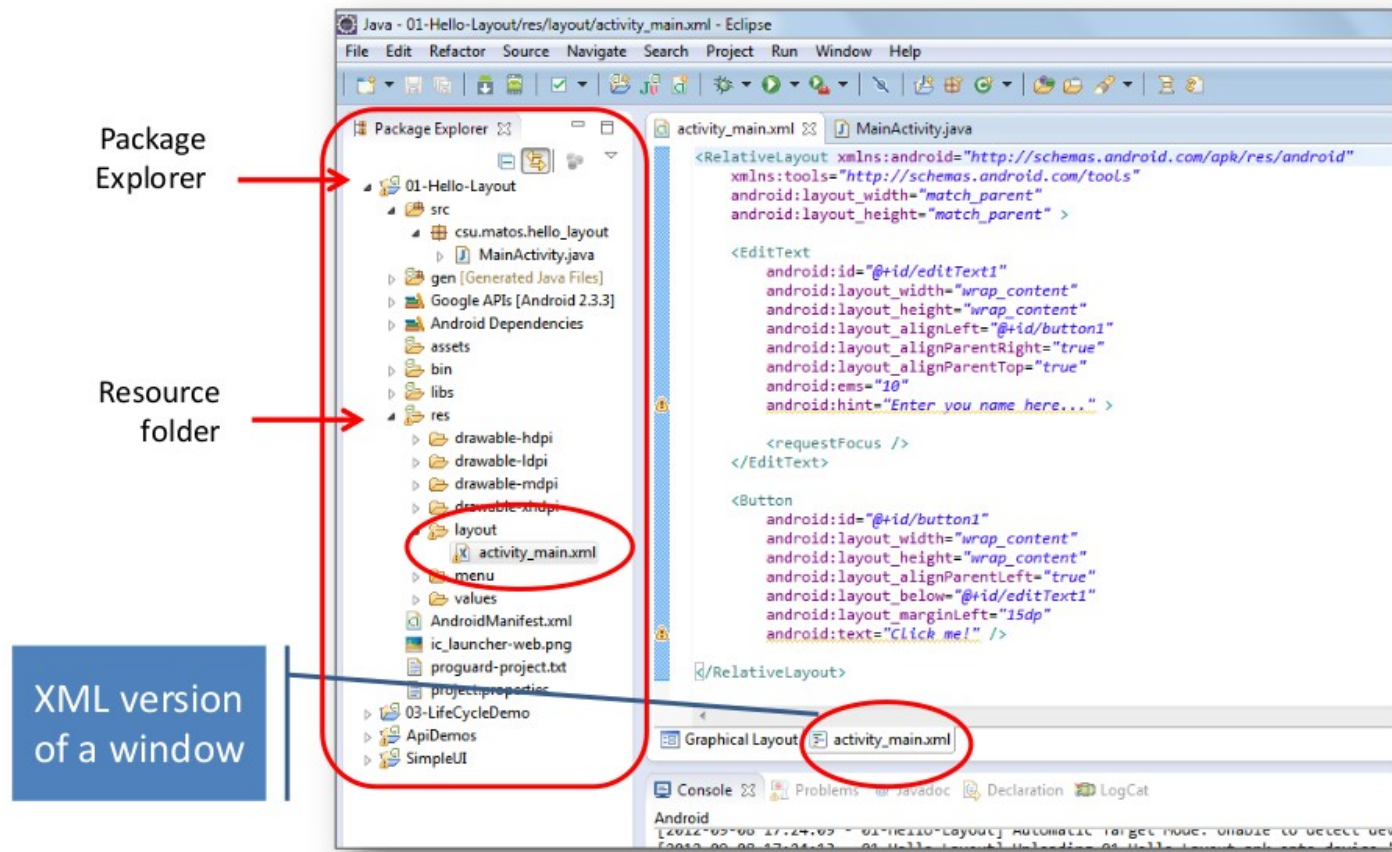
## AutoCompleteTextView

It is a version of the EditText widget that will provide auto-complete suggestions as the user types. The suggestions are extracted from a collection of strings.

Reference: <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/layout-objects.html>

# GUI Editing: XML Version

Android considers XML-based layouts to be resources, consequently layout files are stored in the res/layout directory inside your Android project.





# GUI Editing: XML Version

The screenshot displays the Android Studio interface for a project named 'TestSavedInstanceStateApp'. The 'App explorer' on the left shows the project structure, with the 'res' folder expanded and 'layout/activity\_main.xml' selected. A red circle highlights this file. The 'Resource folder' label points to the 'res' folder. The main editor shows the XML code for 'activity\_main.xml', which defines a 'RelativeLayout' containing a 'TextView'. The XML code is as follows:

```
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:paddingBottom="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
    android:paddingLeft="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
    android:paddingRight="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
    android:paddingTop="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
    tools:context=".MainActivity">

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

</RelativeLayout>
```

The 'Design' tab is selected in the bottom right corner, and the 'Text' tab is also visible. A blue box labeled 'XML version of a window' points to the XML code editor.

# GUI Editing: WYSIWYG Version

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE with the following components:

- GUI Palette:** A list of Android widgets on the left, including TextView, Button, ToggleButton, and others. A red arrow points to this area with the label "GUI Palette".
- WYSIWYG screen:** The central canvas showing a visual representation of the UI. It includes a header "LifeCycleDemo" and a button labeled "Adios". A red arrow points to this area with the label "WYSIWYG screen".
- Screen's Outline:** A panel on the right showing the hierarchy of the UI components. It lists "myScreen (RelativeLayout)" containing "txtMsg (EditText)" and "btnAdios (Button) - 'Adios'". A red arrow points to this area with the label "Screen's Outline".
- Widget's properties:** A panel on the right showing the attributes of the selected widget. It lists properties such as Id, Style, Text, Hint, Content Descripti..., and Text View. A red arrow points to this area with the label "Widget's properties".

At the bottom left, a red arrow points to the "Graphical Layout" tab with the label "Select WYSIWYG or XML view".



# Tools you can use to create an Android GUI

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- Android Studio. Based on IntelliJ IDEA IDE. Functionally equivalent to Eclipse with the ADT Plugin.

<http://developer.android.com/sdk/installing/studio.html>

- Android SDK. Streamlined workbench based on Eclipse+ADT in a simpler to install package.

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

- NBAndroid. Workbench based on NetBeans+ADT.

<http://www.nbandroid.org/2014/07/android-plugin-for-gradle-11012.html>

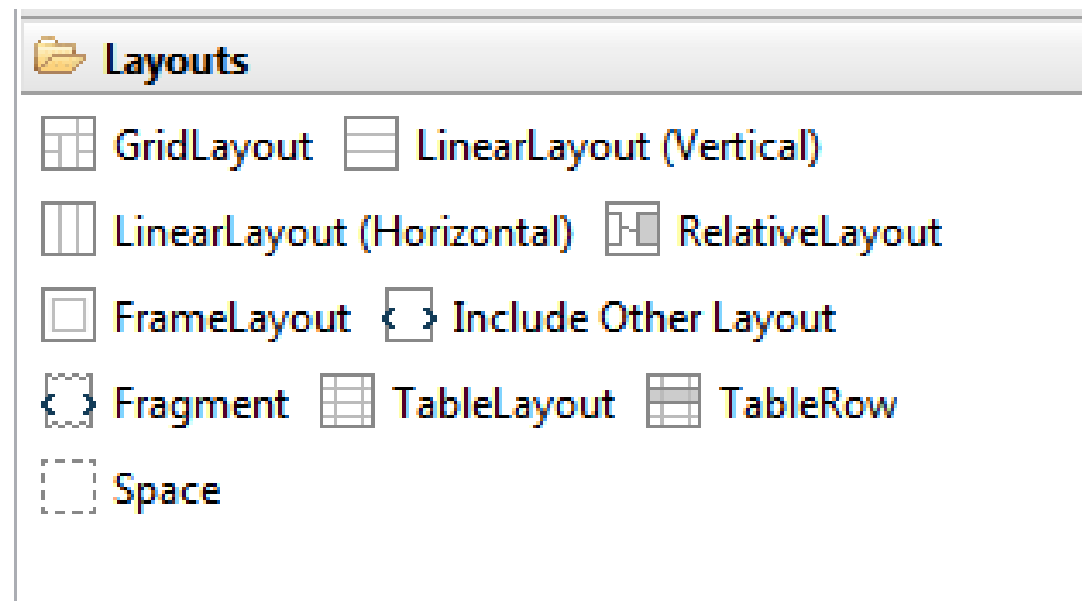
- DroidDraw Very simple GUI designer, incomplete, not integrated to the Eclipse IDE, aging!

<http://www.droiddraw.org/>

- App Inventor (educational, very promising & ambitious, 'hides' coding ...) <http://appinventor.mit.edu/>

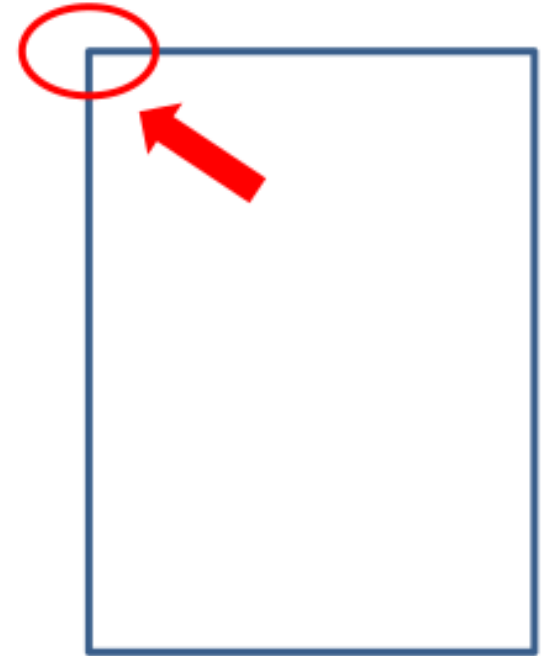
# GUI Elements: The LAYOUT

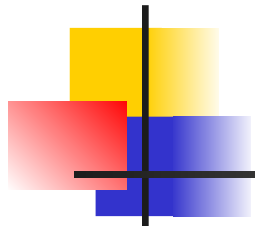
- Android GUI Layouts are containers having a predefined structure and placement policy such as relative, linear horizontal, grid-like, etc.
- Layouts can be nested, therefore a cell, row, or column of a given layout could be another layout.



# FrameLayout

- The FrameLayout is the simplest type of GUI container.
- It is useful as an outermost container holding a window.
- Allows you to define how much of the screen (high, width) is to be used.
- All its children elements are aligned to the top left corner of the screen.;

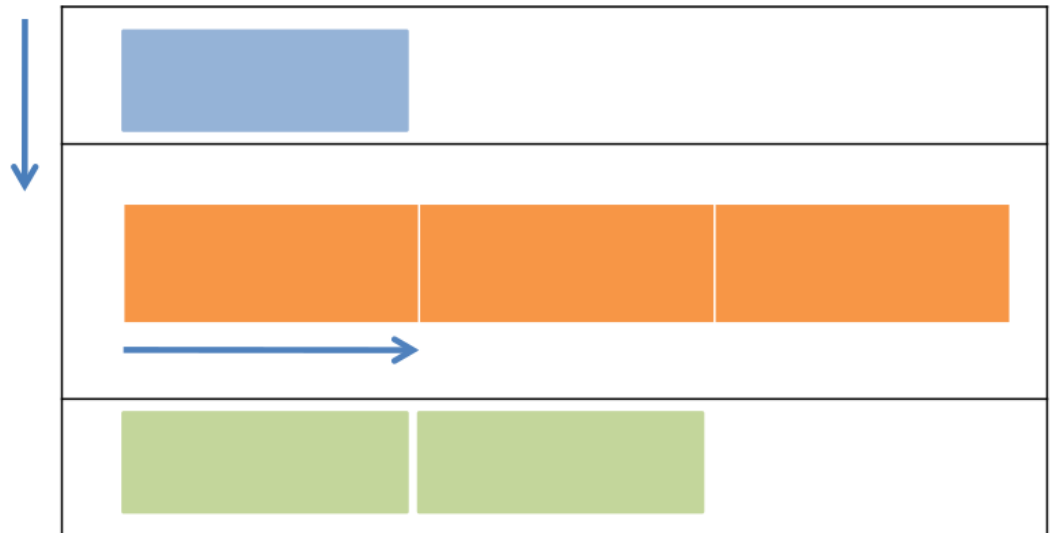




# LinearLayout

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- The LinearLayout supports a filling strategy in which new elements are stacked either in a horizontal or vertical fashion.
- If the layout has a vertical orientation new rows are placed one on top of the other.
- A horizontal layout uses a side-by-side column placement policy.





# LinearLayout

## Setting Attributes

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Configuring a LinearLayout usually requires you to set the following attributes:

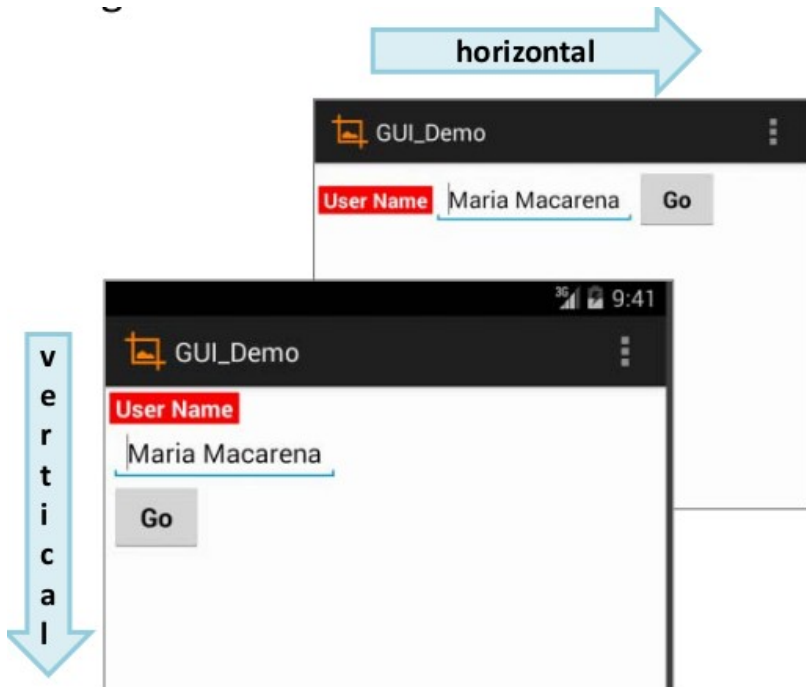
- orientation (vertical, horizontal)
- fill model (match\_parent, wrap\_contents)
- weight (0, 1, 2, ...n )
- gravity (top, bottom, center,...)
- padding ( dp – dev. independent pixels )
- margin ( dp – dev. independent pixels )



# LinearLayout : Orientation

The android:orientation property can be set to: horizontal for columns, or vertical for rows.

Use setOrientation() for runtime changes.



```
<LinearLayout
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/  
android"
```

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

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="match_parent"
```

```
android:orientation="horizontal"
```

```
android:padding="4dp" >
```

```
<TextView
```

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

```
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:background="#ffff0000"
```

```
android:text=" User Name "
```

```
android:textColor="#ffffff"
```

```
android:textSize="16sp"
```

```
android:textStyle="bold" />
```

```
<EditText
```

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

```
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:text="Maria Macarena"
```

```
android:textSize="18sp" />
```

```
<Button
```

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

```
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

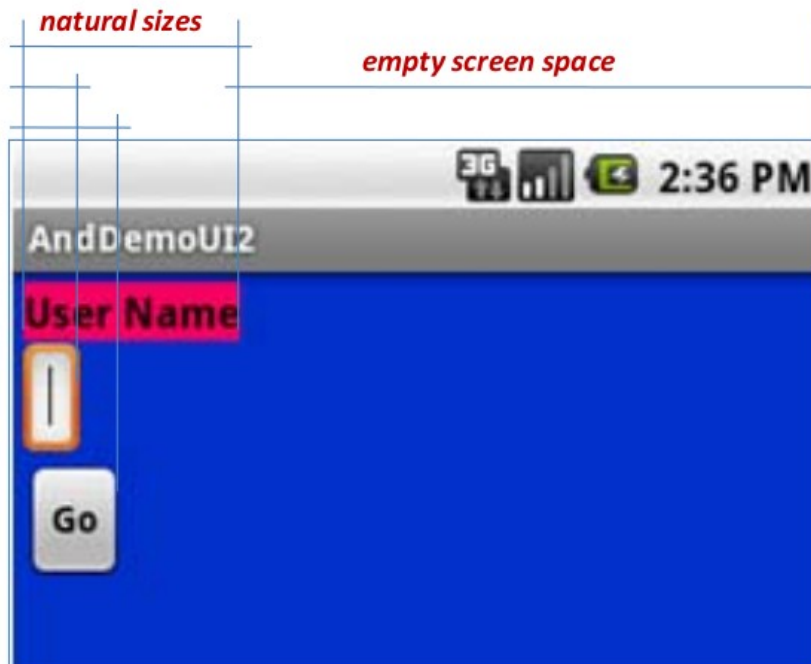
```
android:text="Go"
```

```
android:textStyle="bold" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

# LinearLayout : Fill Model

- Widgets have a "natural size" based on their included text (rubber band effect).
- On occasions you may want your widget to have a specific space allocation (height, width) even if no text is initially provided (as is the case of the empty text box shown below).



Shown on a  
Gingerbread  
device



# LinearLayout : Fill Model

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All widgets inside a LinearLayout must include 'width' and 'height' attributes.

**android:layout\_width**

**android:layout\_height**

Values used in defining height and width can be:

1. A specific dimension such as 125dp (device independent pixels dip )
2. wrap\_content indicates the widget should just fill up its natural space.
3. match\_parent (previously called 'fill\_parent') indicates the widget wants to be as big as the enclosing parent.

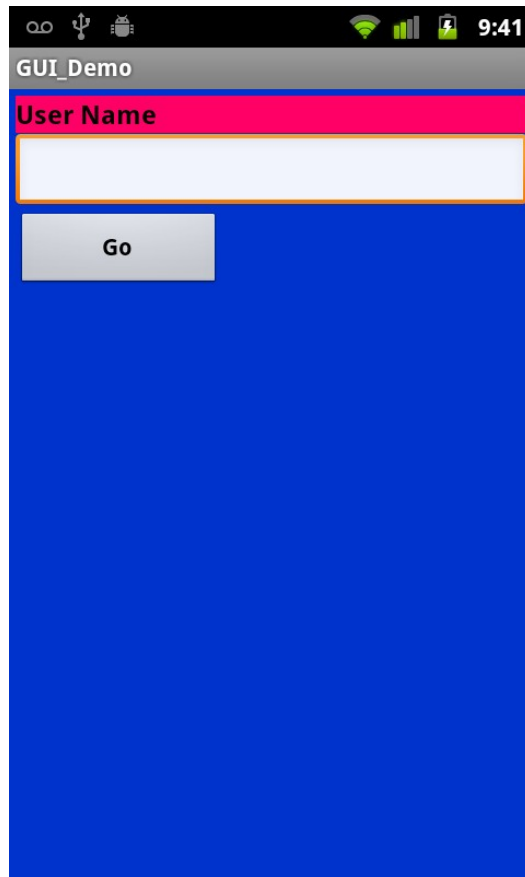
# LinearLayout : Fill Model



Medium resolution is: 320 x 480 dpi.  
Shown on a Gingerbread device

```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:id="@+id/myLinearLayout"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:background="#ff0033cc"
    android:orientation="vertical"
    android:padding="6dp" >
    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/labelUserName"
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:background="#ffff0066"
        android:text="User Name"
        android:textColor="#ff000000"
        android:textSize="16sp"
        android:textStyle="bold" />
    <EditText
        android:id="@+id/ediName"
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:textSize="18sp" />
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/btnGo"
        android:layout_width="125dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Go"
        android:textStyle="bold" />
</LinearLayout>
```

# Warning ! Same XML different rendition...



Same XML layout shown on a Gingerbread (left) and Kitkat (right) device.



## Warning ! Same XML different rendition...

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Since the introduction of Android 4.x, changes in the SDK make layouts to be more uniformly displayed in all 4.x and newer devices (the intention is to provide a seamless Android experience independent from provider, hardware, and developer).

The XML spec used in the previous example looks different when displayed on a 4.x and older devices (see figures on the right, please also notice the color bleeding occurring on top of the GO button, more on this issue in the Appendix)

# LinearLayout : Weight

The extra space left unclaimed in a layout could be assigned to any of its inner components by setting its Weight attribute.

Use 0 if the view should not be stretched. The bigger the weight the larger the extra space given to that widget.

Example:

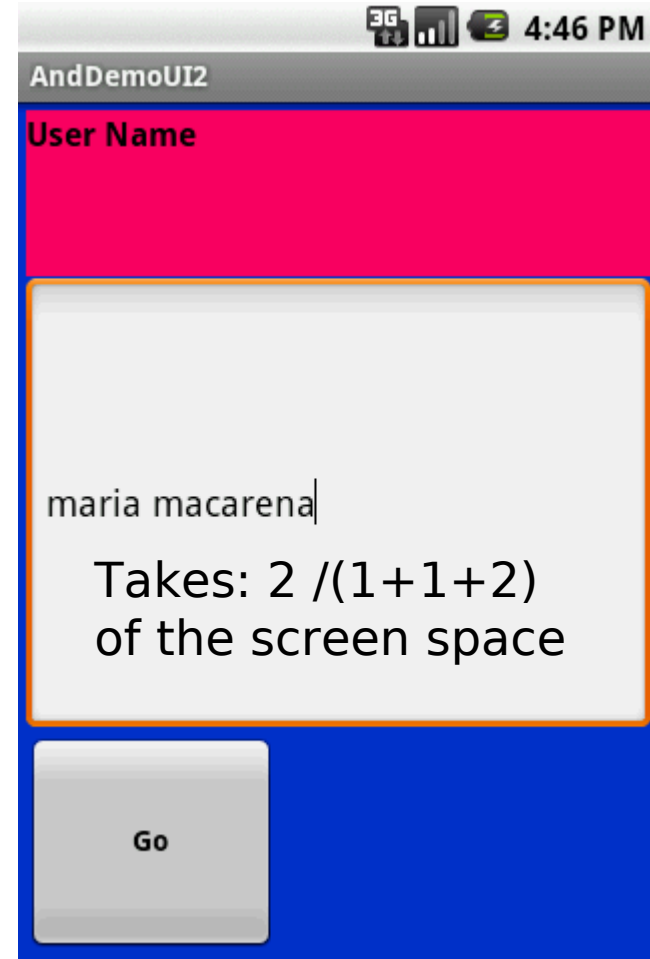
The TextView and Button controls have the additional property

`android:layout_weight="1"`

whereas the EditText control has

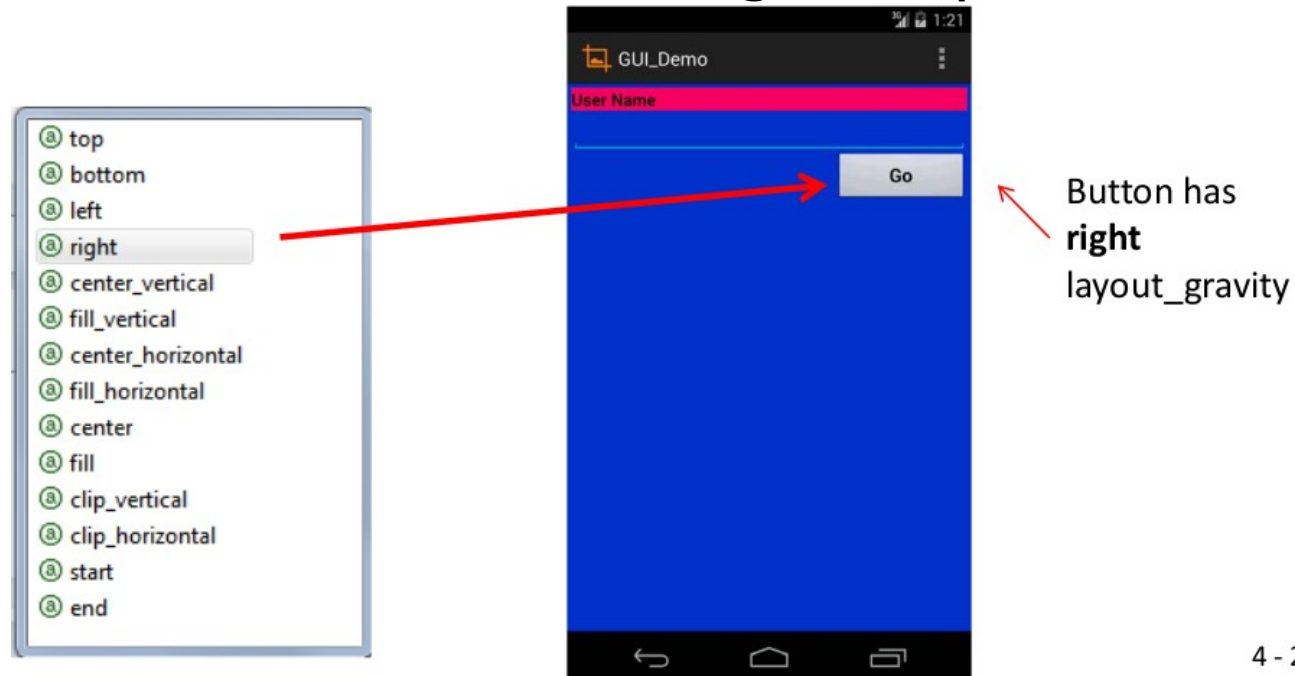
`android:layout_weight="2"`

Remember, default value is 0



# LinearLayout : Gravity

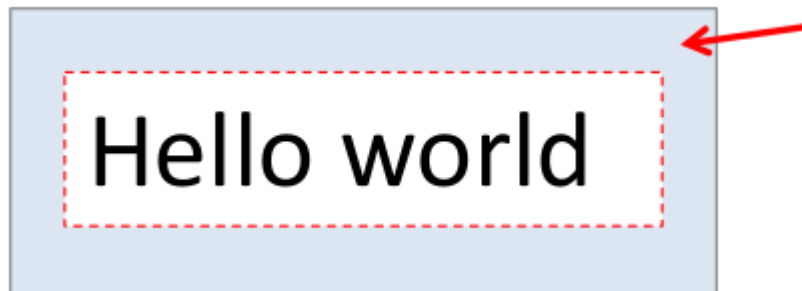
- Gravity is used to indicate how a control will align on the screen.
- By default, widgets are left- and top-aligned.
- You may use the XML property `android:layout_gravity="..."` to set other possible arrangements: left, center, right, top, bottom, etc.





# LinearLayout : Padding

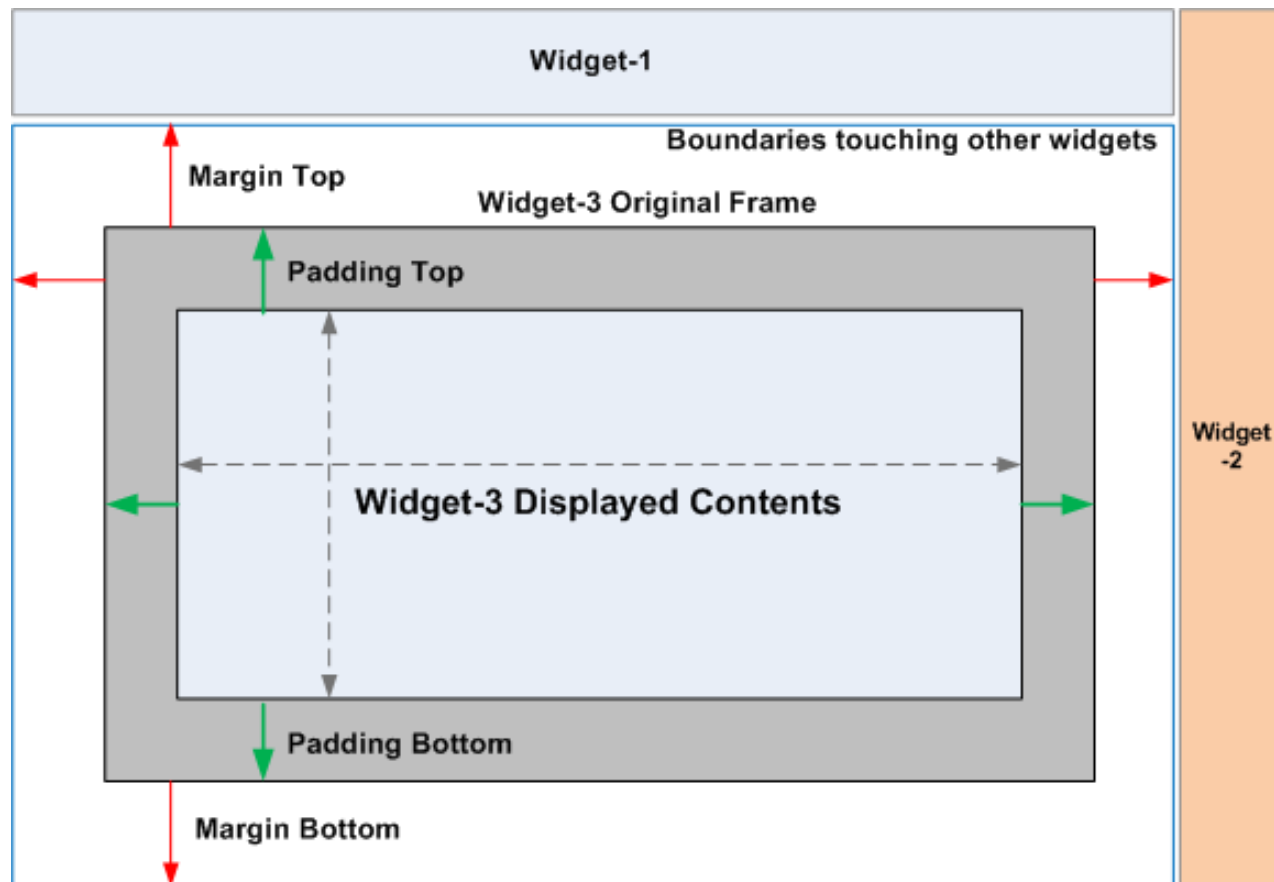
- The padding attribute specifies the widget's internal margin (in dp units).
- The internal margin is the extra space between the borders of the widget's "cell" and the actual widget contents.
- Either use
  - `android:padding` property
  - or call method `setPadding()` Hello world at runtime.



The 'blue' surrounding space around the text represents the inner view's padding

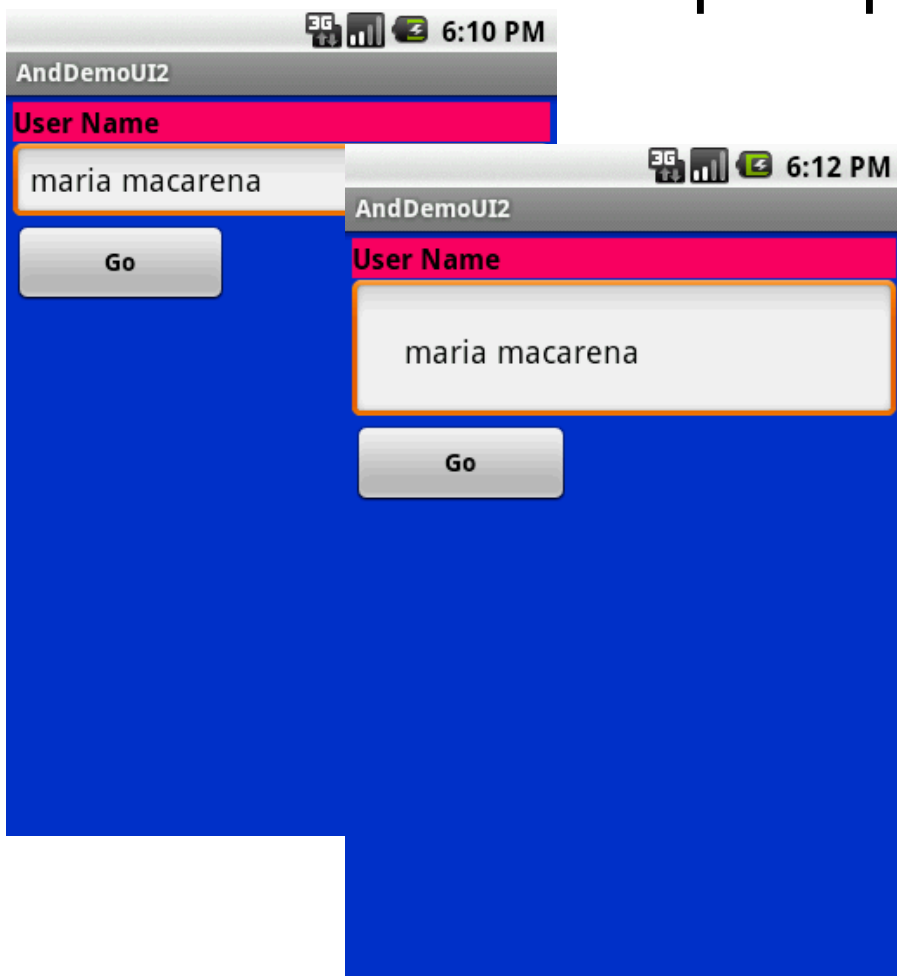
# LinearLayout : Padding and Margin

Padding and Margin represent the internal and external spacing between a widget and its included and surrounding context (respectively).



# LinearLayout : Set Internal Margins Using Padding

Example: The EditText box has been changed to include 30dp of padding all around

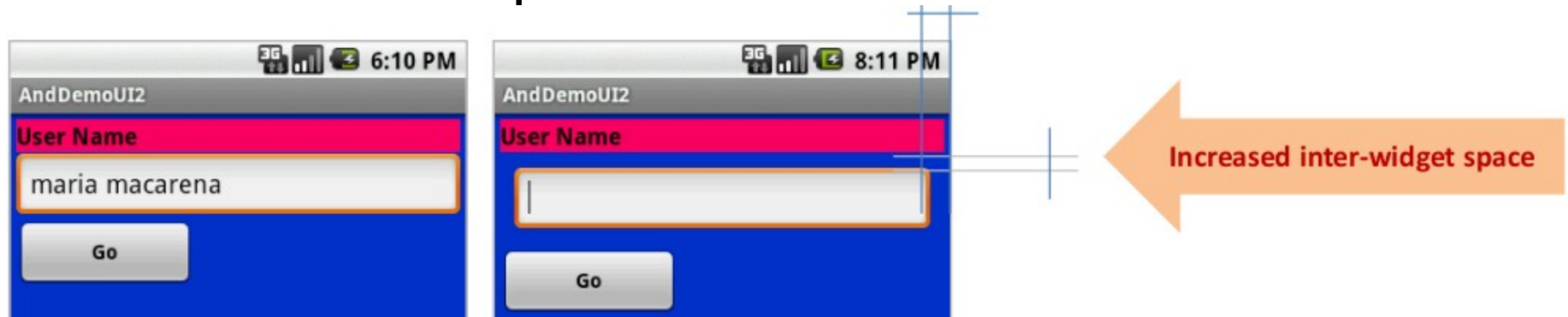


```
<EditText  
    android:id="@+id/ediName"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:textSize="18sp"  
    android:padding="30dp" />
```

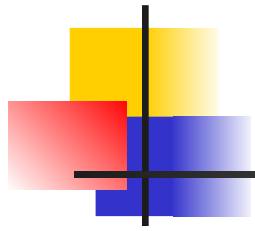
...

# LinearLayout : Set External Margins

- Widgets –by default– are closely displayed next to each other.
- To increase space between them use the



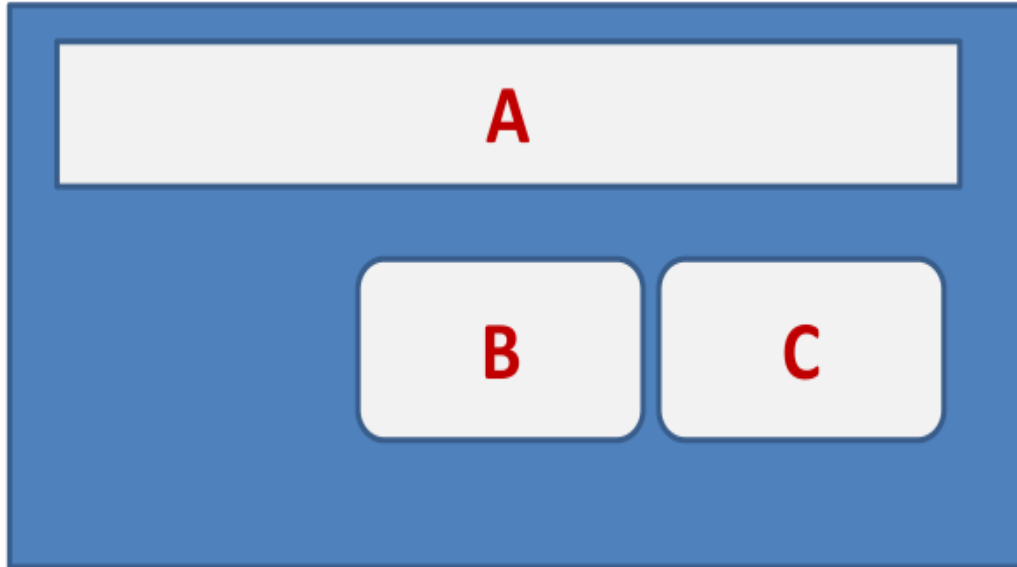
```
<EditText
    android:id="@+id/ediName"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:textSize="18sp"
    android:layout_margin="6dp"
>
</EditText>
```



# RelativeLayout

# Relative Layout

The placement of a widget in a RelativeLayout is based on its positional relationship to other widgets in the container as well as the parent container.

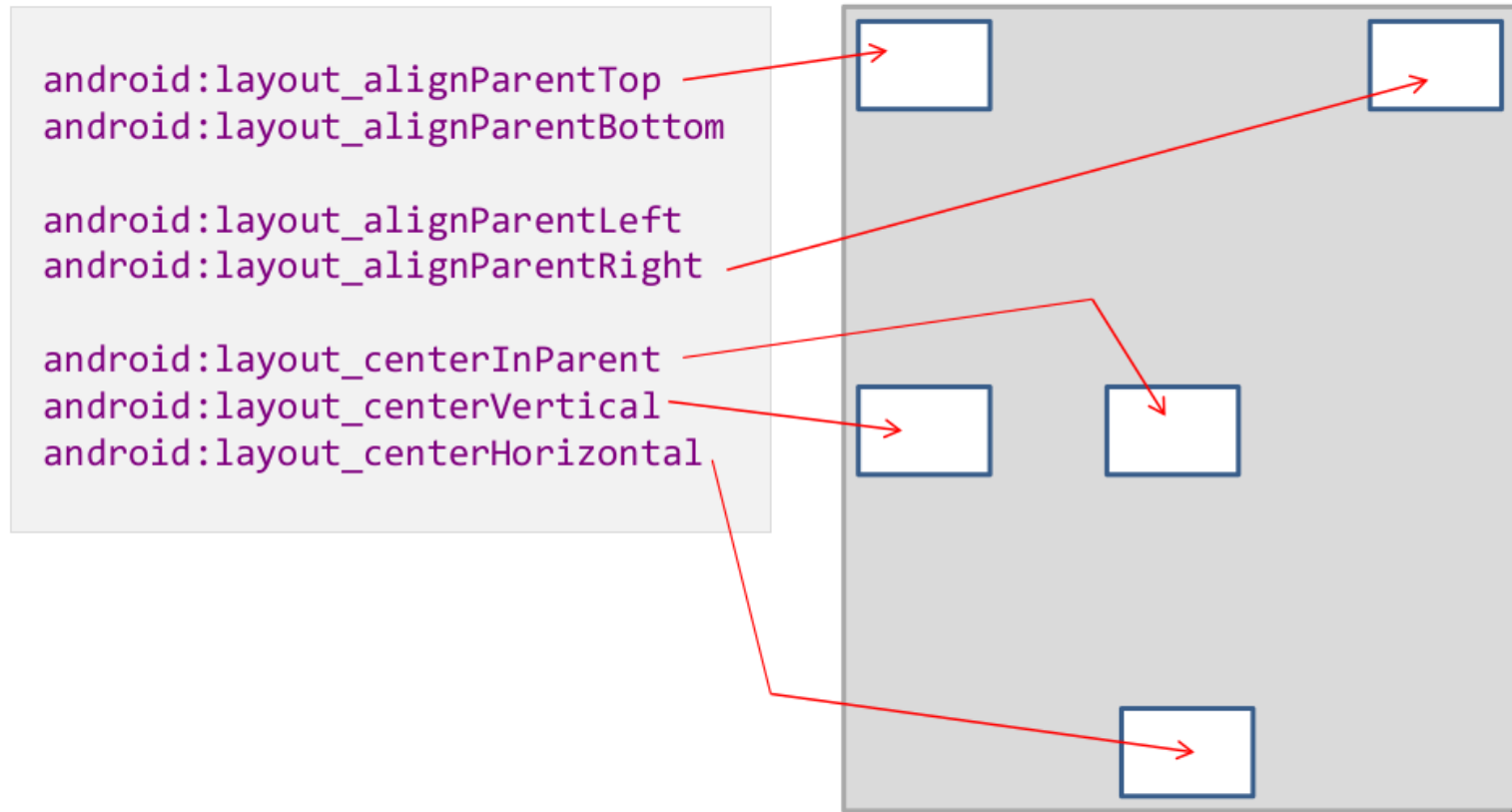


Example:

A is by the parent's top  
C is below A, to its right  
B is below A, to the left  
of C

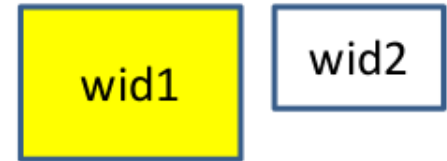
# Relative Layout - Referring to the container

Below there is a sample of various positioning XML boolean properties (true/false) which are useful for collocating a widget based on the location of its parent container.

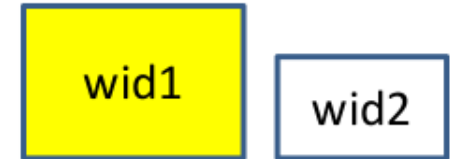


# Relative Layout - Referring to Other Widgets

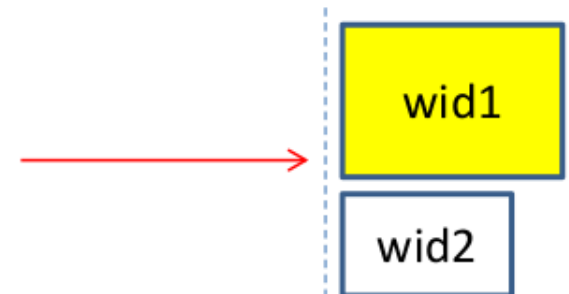
`android:layout_alignTop="@+id/wid1"`



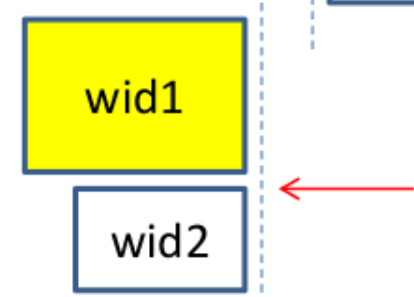
`android:layout_alignBottom="@+id/wid1"`



`android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/wid1"`



`android:layout_alignRight="@+id/wid1"`







# Relative Layout - Referring to Other Widgets

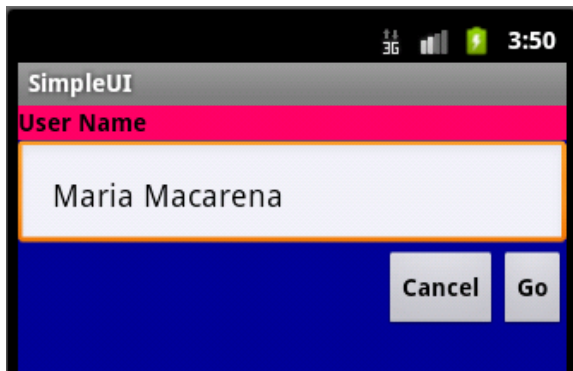
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When using relative positioning you need to:

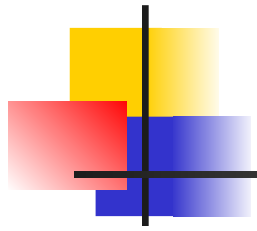
1. Use identifiers ( `android:id` attributes ) on all elements that you will be referring to.
2. XML elements are named using the prefix: `@+id/ ...` For instance an EditText box could be called: `android:id="@+id/txtUserName"`
3. You must refer only to widgets that have been already defined. For instance a new control to be positioned below the `txtUserName` EditText box could refer to it using:  
`android:layout_below="@+id/txtUserName"`

# Relative Layout - Example

```
<RelativeLayout
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/
apk/res/android"
android:id="@+id/myRelativeLayout"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="match_parent"
android:background="#ff000099" >
<TextView
android:id="@+id/lblUserName"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
android:background="#ffff0066"
android:text="User Name"
android:textColor="#ff000000"
android:textStyle="bold" >
</TextView>
```



```
<EditText
android:id="@+id/txtUserName"
android:layout_width="match_parent"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
android:layout_below="@+id/lblUserName"
android:padding="20dp" >
</EditText>
<Button
android:id="@+id/btnGo"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_alignRight="@+id/
txtUserName"
android:layout_below="@+id/txtUserName"
android:text="Go"
android:textStyle="bold" >
</Button>
<Button
android:id="@+id/btnCancel"
android:layout_width="wrap_content"
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
android:layout_below="@+id/txtUserName"
android:layout_toLeftOf="@+id/btnGo"
android:text="Cancel"
android:textStyle="bold" >
</Button>
</RelativeLayout>
```



# TableLayout



# Table Layout

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1. Android's `TableLayout` uses a grid template to position your widgets.
2. Like in a 2D matrix, cells in the grid are identified by rows and columns.
3. Columns are flexible, they could shrink or stretch to accommodate their contents.
4. The element `TableRow` is used to define a new row in which widgets can be allocated.
5. The number of columns in a `TableRow` is determined by the total of side-by-side widgets placed on the row.




# Table Layout – Setting Number of Columns

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The final number of columns in a table is determined by Android.

Example: If your `TableLayout` have three rows

- one row with two widgets,
- one with three widgets, and
- one final row with four widgets,

there will be at least four columns in the table, with column indices: 0, 1, 2, 3.

0		1	
0		1	2
0	1	2	3

# Table Layout – Example 3



Item	Calories	Price \$	
Big Mac	530	3.99	Buy
Filet-O-Fish	390	3.49	Buy
Cheeseburger	290	1.29	Buy

The screen shows various items from a McDonald's restaurant menu [\*].

The TableLayout has four TableRows, with three columns in the first row (labels) and four cells in each of the other three rows (item, Calories, Price, and Buy button).

```

<TableLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:id="@+id/myTableLayout"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent"
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:padding="6dp" >
<TableRow>
<TextView
  android:background="#FF33B5E5"
  android:text="Item " />
<TextView
  android:layout_marginLeft="5dp"
  android:background="#FF33B5E5"
  android:text="Calories " />
<TextView
  android:layout_marginLeft="5dp"
  android:background="#FF33B5E5"
  android:text="Price $ " />
</TableRow>
<View
  android:layout_height="1dp"
  android:background="#FF33B5E5" />
<TableRow>
<TextView android:text="Big Mac" />
<TextView
  android:gravity="center"
  android:text="530" />
<TextView
  android:gravity="center"
  android:text="3.99" />
<Button
  android:id="@+id/btnBuyBigMac"
  android:gravity="center"
  android:text="Buy" />
</TableRow>
<View
  android:layout_height="1dp"
  android:background="#FF33B5E5" />
<!-- other TableRows omitted --!>
</TableLayout>

```



# Table Layout - Stretching a Column

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- A single widget in a TableLayout can occupy more than one column.
- The android:layout\_span property indicates the number of columns the widget is allowed to expand.

```
<TableRow>  
    <TextView android:text="URL:" />  
    <EditText  
        android:id="@+id/txtData"  
        android:layout_span="3" />  
</TableRow>
```





## Table Layout – Stretching a Column

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Widgets on a table's row are placed lexicographically from left to right, beginning with the first available column.

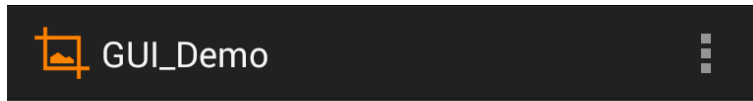
Each column in the table stretches as needed to accommodate its occupants.

# Example 4

- The table shown below has four columns (indices: 0,1,2,3).
- The label ("ISBN") goes in the first column (index 0).
- The EditText to the right of the label uses the `layout_span` attribute to be placed into a spanned set of three columns (columns 1 through 3).

Label (ISBN)	EditText	EditText-span	EditText-span
<i>Column 0</i>	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i> Button Cancel	<i>Column 3</i> Button OK

# Example 4 continuation



Note to the reader:  
Experiment changing  
layout\_span to 1, 2, 3

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<TableLayout
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/
res/android"
    android:id="@+id/myTableLayout"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:padding="6dp"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
    <TableRow>
        <TextView android:text="ISBN:" />
        <EditText
            android:id="@+id/editISBN"
            android:layout_span="3" />
    </TableRow>
    <TableRow>
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/cancel"
            android:layout_column="2"
            android:text="Cancel" />
        <Button
            android:id="@+id/ok"
            android:text="OK" />
    </TableRow>
</TableLayout>
```

Occupy 3  
columns

Skip  
columns 0, 1



# Table Layout – Stretching the Entire Table

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- By default, a column is as wide as the “natural” size of the widest widget collocated in this column (e.g. a column holding a button showing the caption “Go” is narrower than other column holding a button with the caption “Cancel”).
- A table does not necessarily take all the horizontal space available.
- If you want the table to (horizontally) match its container use the property:

`android:stretchColumns="column(s)"`

Where ‘column(s)’ is the column-index (or comma-separated column indices) to be stretched to take up any space still available on the row.

For example, to stretch columns 0, and 2 of a table you set `android:stretchColumns="0,2"`



# Table Layout – Stretching the Entire Table

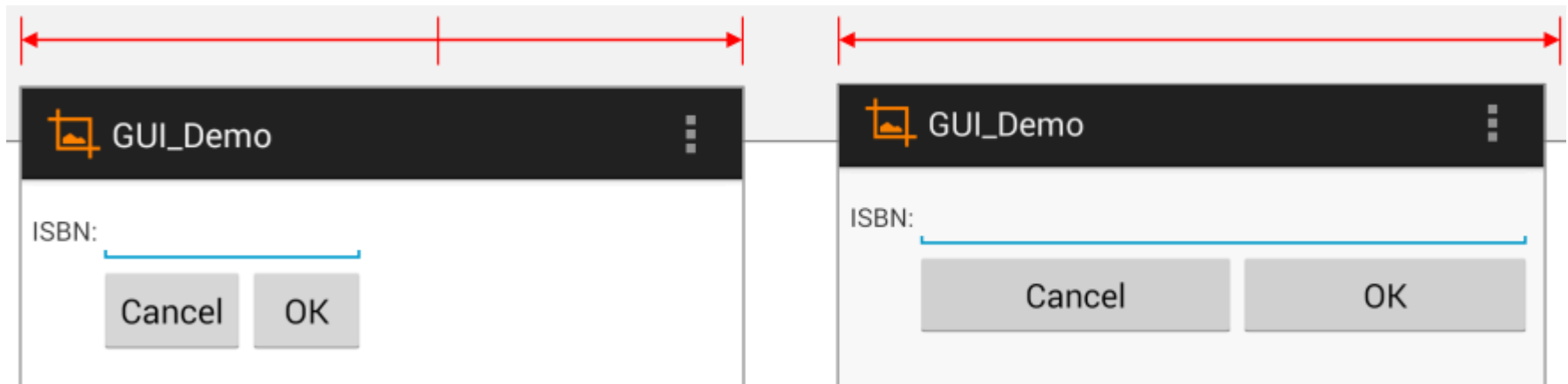
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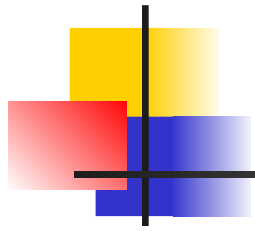
In Example 4 we created a table with four columns. We may elongate its columns 2, 3 to force the TableLayout to horizontally occupy the empty rest of the screen. Observe the use of the clause `‘:stretchColumns’`

```
...  
<TableLayout  
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
    android:id="@+id/myTableLayout"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent"  
    android:orientation="vertical"  
    android:stretchColumns="2,3"  
>  
...
```

# Table Layout – Stretching the Entire Table

Screens shown before and after using the `android:stretchColumns` clause.

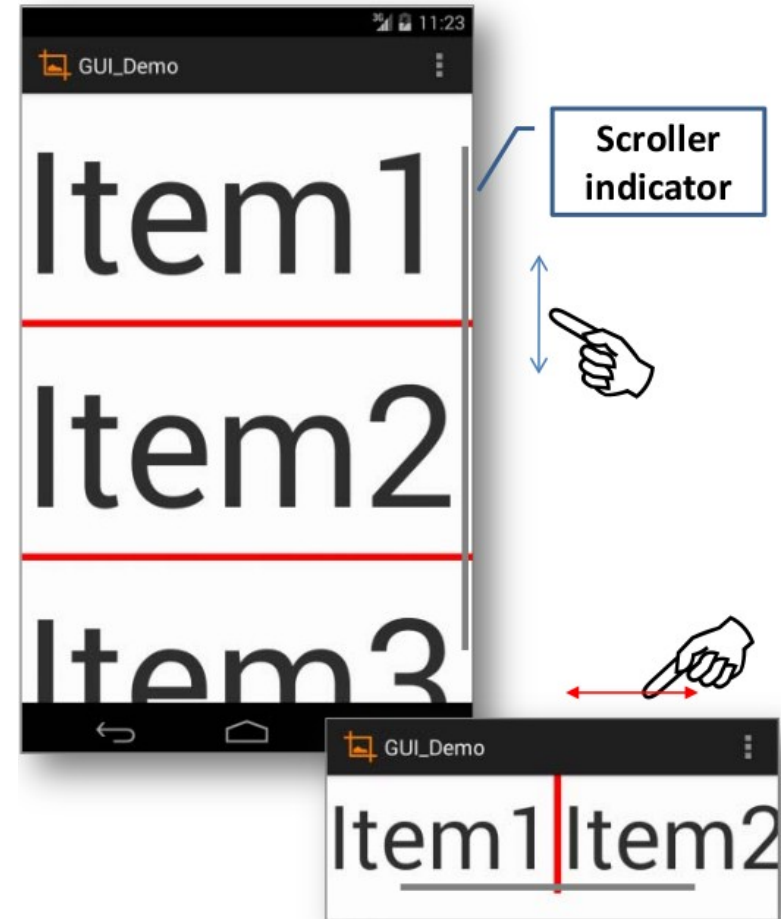




# ScrollView

# ScrollView Layout (Vertical & Horizontal)

- The ScrollView control is useful in situations in which we have more data to show than what a single screen could display.
- ScrollViews provide a vertical sliding (up/down) access to the data.
- The HorizontalScrollView provides a similar left/right sliding mechanism)
- Only a portion of the user's data can be seen at one time, however the rest is available for viewing.





## Vertical ScrollView Layout

<ScrollView

xmlns:android=

"http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"

android:id="@+id/myVerticalScrollView1"

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="match\_parent" >

<LinearLayout

android:id="@+id/myLinearLayoutVertical"

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="match\_parent"

android:orientation="vertical" >

<TextView

android:id="@+id/textView1"

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="wrap\_content"

android:text="Item1"

android:textSize="150sp" />

<View

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="6dp"

android:background="#ffff0000" />

<TextView

android:id="@+id/textView2"

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="wrap\_content"

android:text="Item2"

android:textSize="150sp" />

<View

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

android:layout\_height="6dp"

android:background="#ffff0000" />

<TextView

android:id="@+id/textView3"

android:layout\_width="match\_parent"

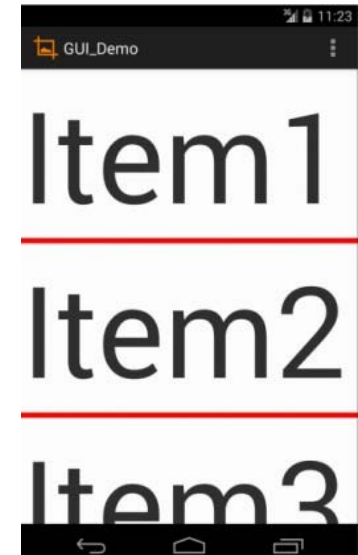
android:layout\_height="wrap\_content"

android:text="Item3"

android:textSize="150sp" />

</LinearLayout>

</ScrollView>



```
<HorizontalScrollView
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/r
```

```
es/android"
```

```
android:id="@+id/myHorizontalScrollView1"
```

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content" >
```

```
<LinearLayout
```

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

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="match_parent"
```

```
android:orientation="horizontal" >
```

```
<TextView
```

```
android:id="@+id/textView1"
```

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:text="Item1"
```

```
android:textSize="75sp" />
```

```
<View
```

```
android:layout_width="6dp"
```

```
android:layout_height="match_parent"
```

```
android:background="#ffff0000" />
```

```
<TextView
```

```
android:id="@+id/textView2"
```

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:text="Item2"
```

```
android:textSize="75sp" />
```

```
<View
```

```
android:layout_width="6dp"
```

```
android:layout_height="match_parent"
```

```
android:background="#ffff0000" />
```

```
<TextView
```

```
android:id="@+id/textView3"
```

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:text="Item3"
```

```
android:textSize="75sp" />
```

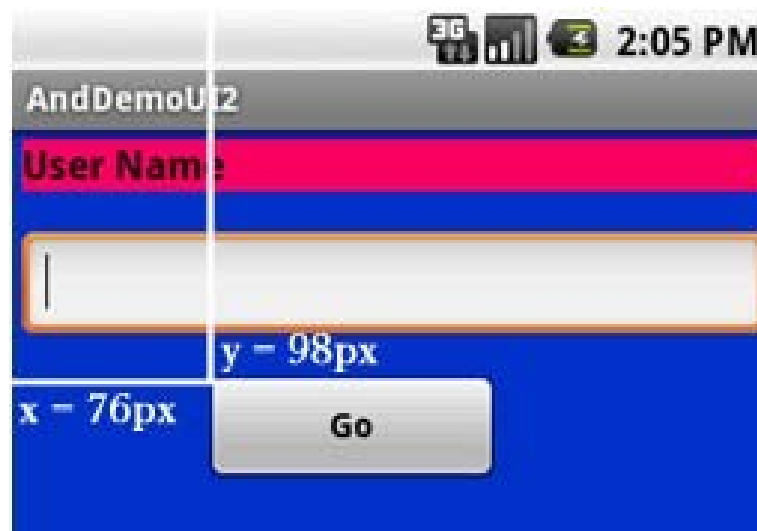
```
</LinearLayout>
```

```
</HorizontalScrollView>
```



# Miscellaneous: Absolute Layout (Deprecated)

- This layout lets you specify exact locations (x/y coordinates) of its children.
- Absolute layouts are less flexible and harder to maintain than other types of layouts without absolute positioning.
- They DO NOT migrate well from one device to the other; not even from portrait to landscape modes in the same device!



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

```
<AbsoluteLayout
```

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
```

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

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="match_parent"
```

```
android:background="#ff0033cc"
```

```
android:padding="4dp"
```

```
>
```

```
<TextView
```

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

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:background="#ffff0066"
```

```
android:text="User Name"
```

```
android:textSize="16sp"
```

```
android:textStyle="bold"
```

```
android:textColor="#ff000000"
```

```
android:layout_x="0dp"
```

```
android:layout_y="10dp"
```

```
>
```

```
</TextView>
```

```
<EditText
```

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

```
android:layout_width="match_parent"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
android:textSize="18sp"
```

```
android:layout_x="0dp"
```

```
android:layout_y="38dp"
```

```
>
```

```
</EditText>
```

```
<Button
```

```
android:layout_width="120dp"
```

```
android:text="Go"
```

```
android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

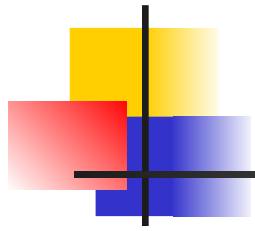
```
android:textStyle="bold"
```

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

```
android:layout_x="100dp"
```

```
android:layout_y="170dp" />
```

```
</AbsoluteLayout>
```



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# Next: Connecting Layouts to Java Code