**Starter Templates**

When you create a new project in Android Studio, you will choose from a list of various layout types called activities. These layouts are starter templates that help configure all the necessary code to get your app working. Some call this the boiler plate, meaning that it is code that has to exist in every project to configure it to work no matter what your app will ultimately do. Part of this code is to set up connections to the Android SDK, add in starter files for Java and XML code, and add a folder and product structure that you can use to get started with.

The starter templates that are built in Android Studio give you the bare minimum you need to get started. There are other plugins that you can download and install into Android Studio that can add in more features and code. The templates that are part of a typical Android Studio installation cover a number of different layout types, but the one that you'll most likely start with is the single, basic activity. This layout only has a handful of predefined layouts and controls. This will allow you to create whatever interface you want in your app when you get started.





