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Code to go!

Writing your first Android app

■ Agenda

- 1 Compilation tools
- 2 Importing an existing project
- 3 The folders that make up an app
- 4 GUI Basics
- 5 Run it!

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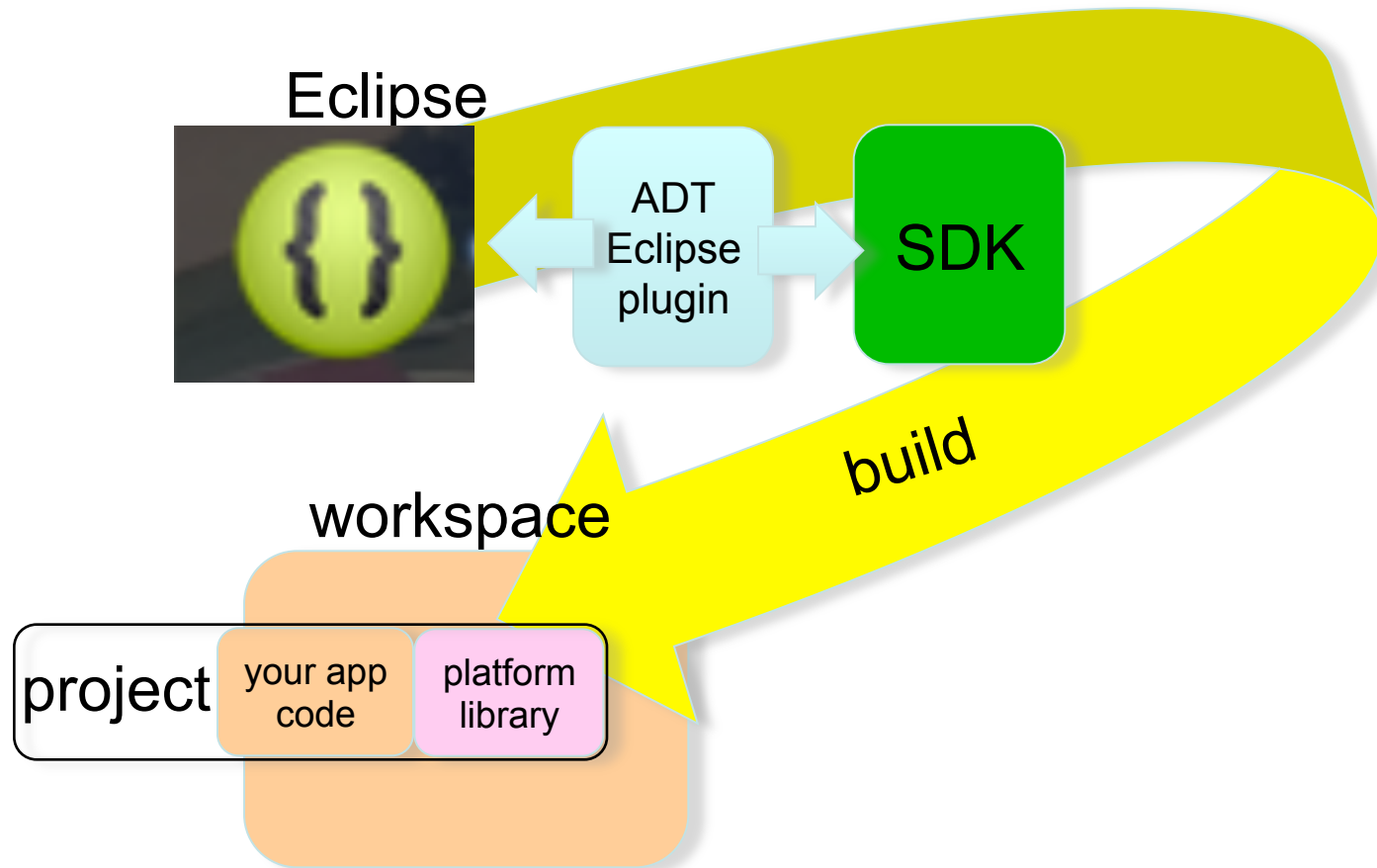
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Compilation tools

- Technologies:
 - Java, XML, SQLite, OpenGL, embedded development
- Tools
 - Eclipse (and Android Studio, based on IntelliJ IDE)
 - Android SDK
 - Platform libraries

Compilation tools



Eclipse main screen

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the Package Explorer shows a project structure with packages like 'confer', 'confer1', 'confer2', 'cryptex', 'feels', and 'Fillt'. The 'feels' package is expanded, showing 'com.example.feels' and 'MainActivity'. The main editor displays the Java code for 'MainActivity.java', which includes imports for 'java.util.Random' and various Android classes, and implements the 'MainActivity' class with methods 'onCreate' and 'handleButton'.

```
package com.example.feels;

import java.util.Random;

import android.os.Bundle;
import android.app.Activity;
import android.view.Menu;
import android.view.View;
import android.widget.RelativeLayout;
import android.widget.Toast;

public class MainActivity extends Activity {

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

    public void handleButton(View v) {
        RelativeLayout rl = (RelativeLayout) findViewById(R.id.mylayout);
        int r=0, g=0, b=0;
        Random ran = new Random();
        g = ran.nextInt(0x100);
        r = ran.nextInt(0x100);
        b = ran.nextInt(0x100);
        Toast.makeText(this, "r="+r+ ",g="+g + ",b="+b, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
        int randomColor = 0xFF000000 + (r<<24) + (g<<16) + (b);
        rl.setBackgroundColor( randomColor);
    }

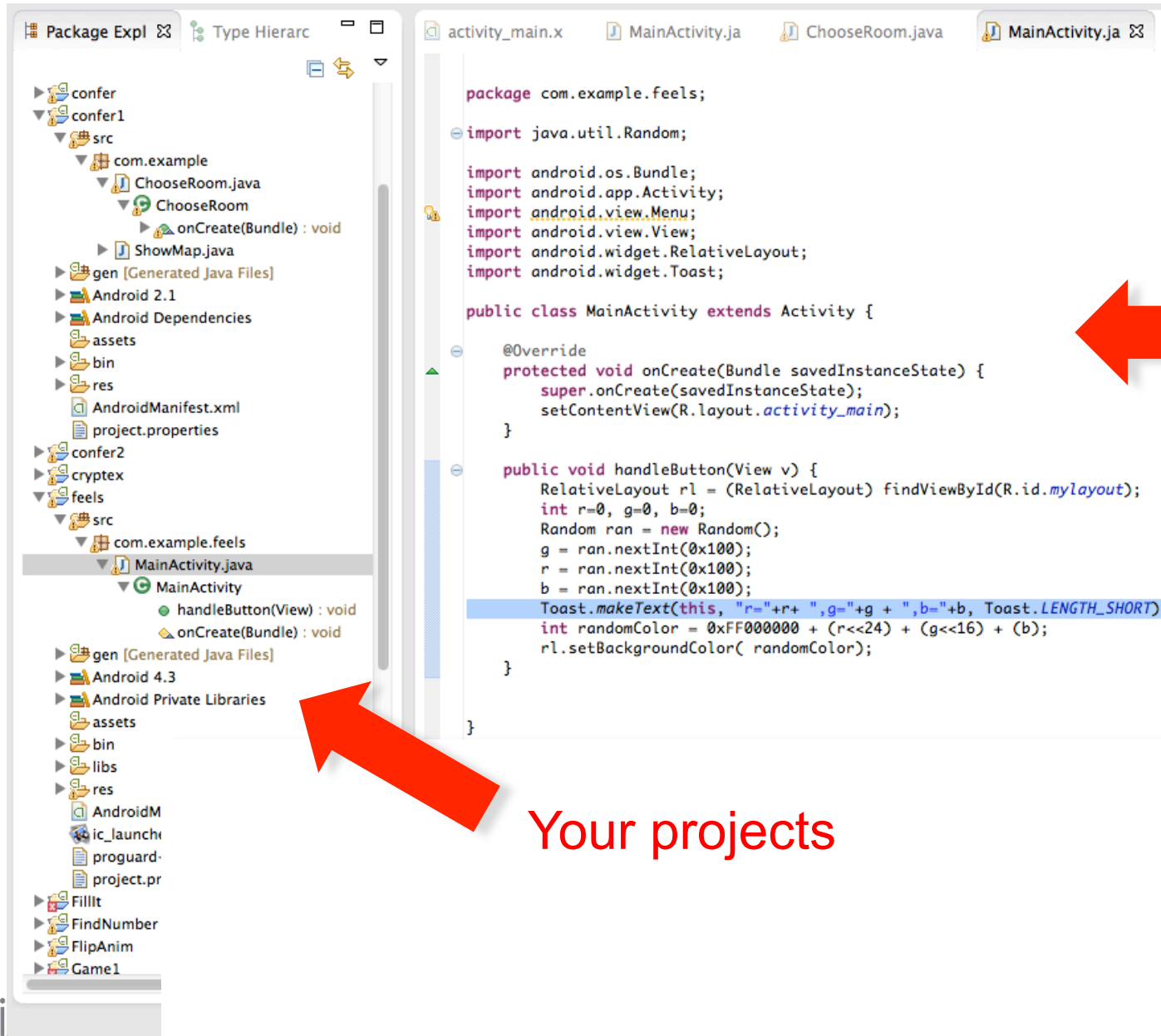
}
```

The bottom of the IDE shows the Problems, Javadoc, Declaration, Console, LogCat, Lint Warnings, and Error Log tabs. The Workspace Log tab is active, showing a search bar and a table with columns for Message, Plug-in, and Date.

Message	Plug-in	Date

At the bottom right, the memory usage is shown as 226M of 486M.

Eclipse main screen



Your
source code
file

Your projects



Using Eclipse

- Eclipse video tutorials

<http://eclipsetutorial.sourceforge.net/totalbeginner.html>

<http://www.vogella.de/articles/Eclipse/article.html>

- Eclipse “Perspective” reset

Window > Reset Perspective > Yes

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What if I did not download any platforms?

Then do it now. Download Platform 14, and use that throughout.

In Eclipse, click on Window > Android SDK Manager

Under “Android 4.0 (API 14) Click on “SDK Platform”

Then click “Install”

These are large 100MB downloads – don’t download more than you need till you are back on your home network

What if I did not put the SDK tools in my path?

Take a demerit for Gryffindor, and add the folders now.

MacOS – edit file `~/.bash_profile` to add these 2 directories to PATH by adding this at the end of the file (use names for *your* PC!)

```
export PATH=$PATH:/Users/plinden/android-sdk-macosx/  
tools:/Users/plinden/android-sdk-macosx/platform-tools
```

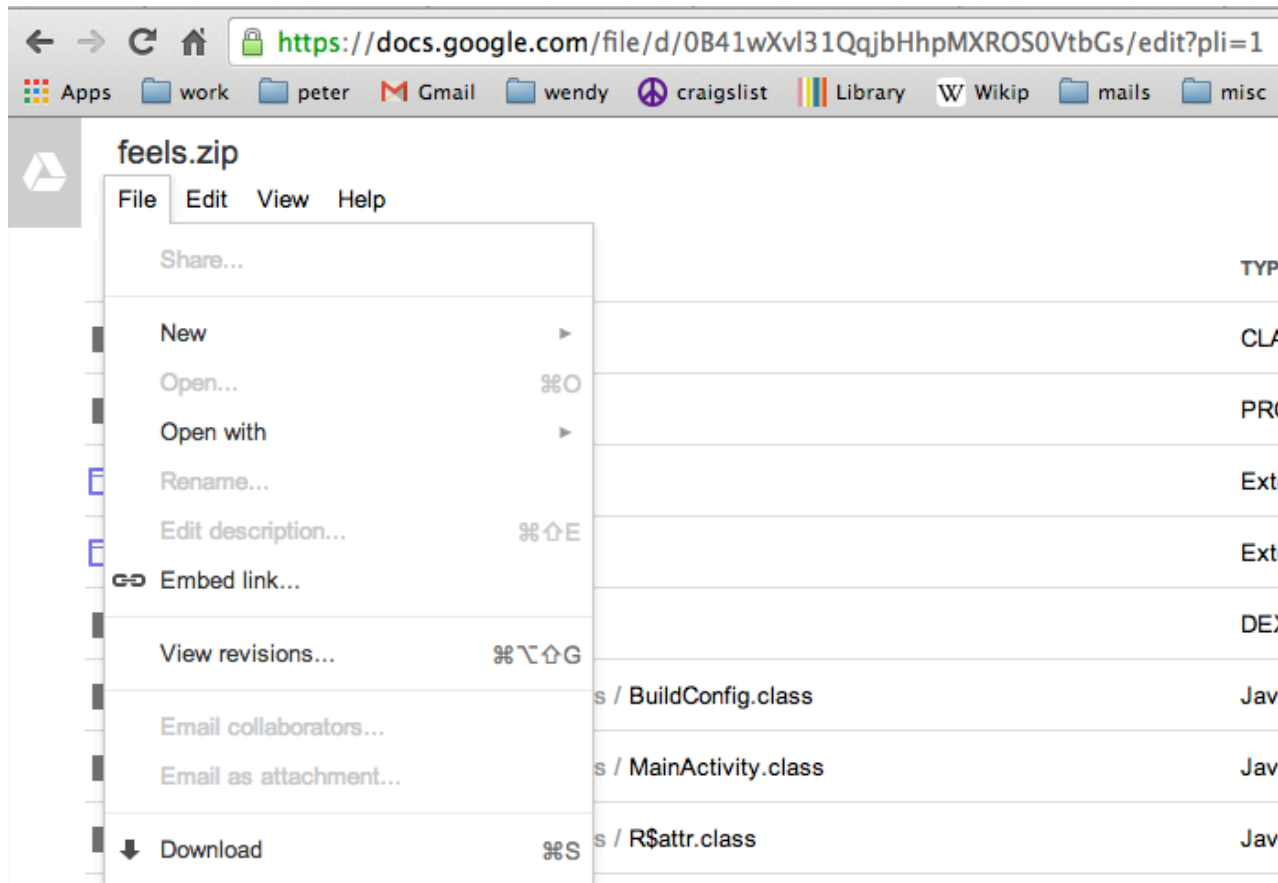
Linux – add the SDK two folders, tools and platform-tools, to your PATH in your shell initialization file (file varies with the shell you use).

Windows – path environment variable is set somewhere under control panel. Google “Windows 7 set env variable” (windows 8 etc)

Get my existing project “feels” into Eclipse

Download the zip file from <http://goo.gl/TN2Hpg>

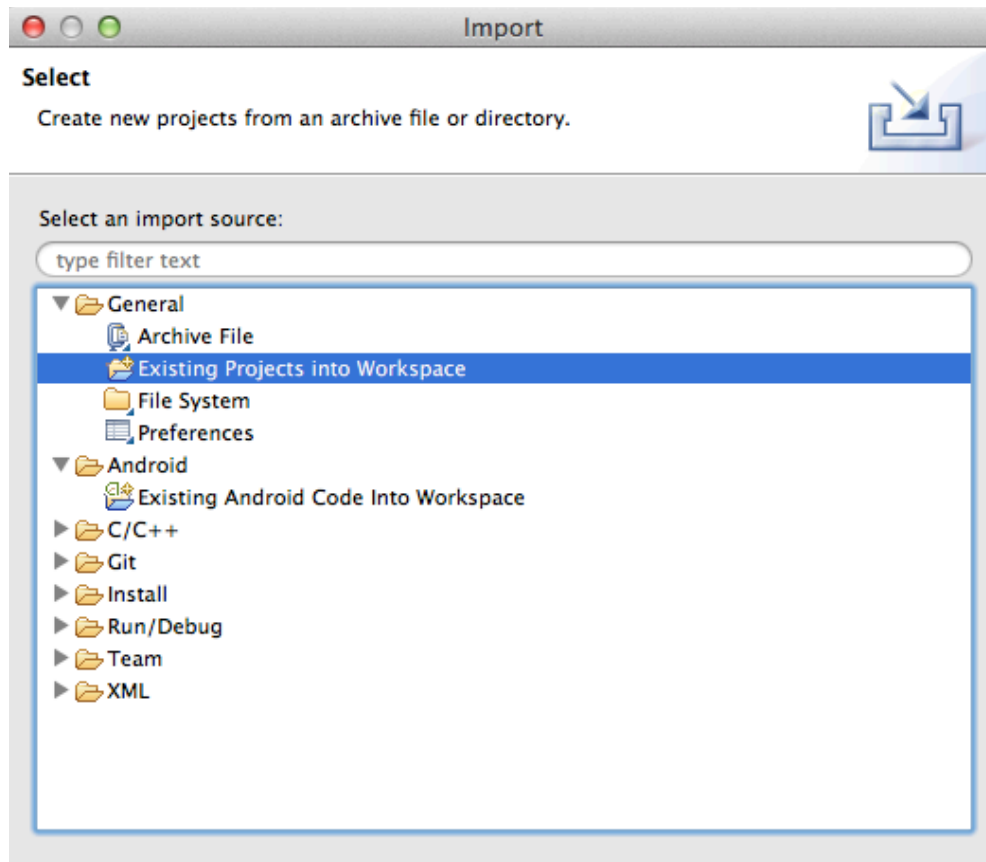
On that page, hit File > Download



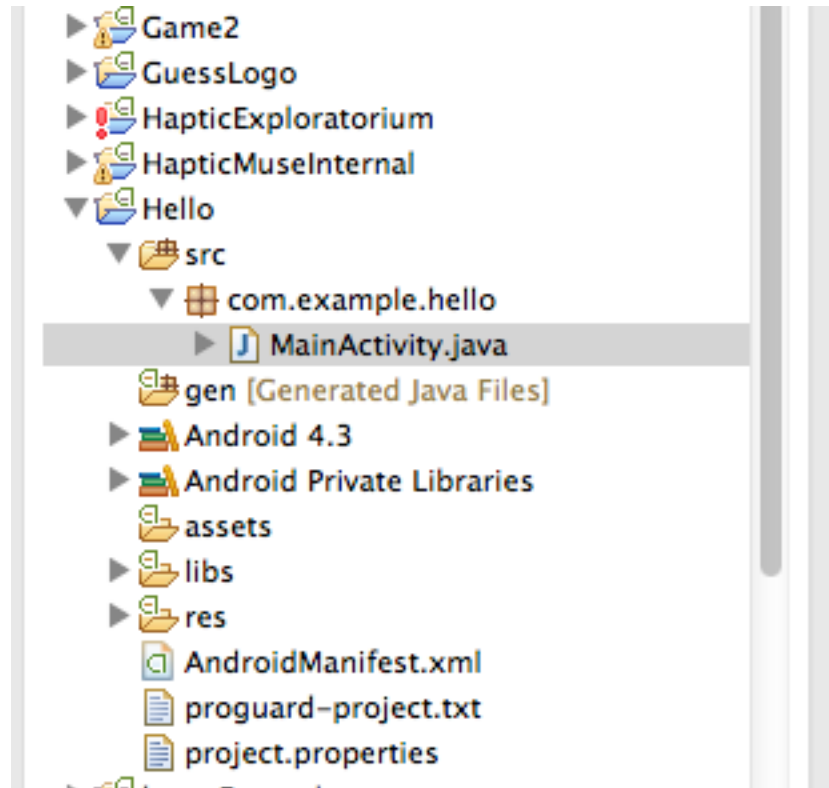
Importing existing project into Eclipse

Unzip the downloaded feels.zip file somewhere handy

File > Import ... > Existing files into workspace



Imported project appears in Eclipse



You can expand folders by clicking right pointing triangle

If project has errors, click Project > Clean > OK



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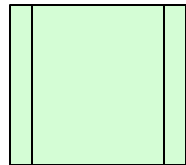
6 Execution tools

Files that make up a Mobile App

- **Java files**
- **Resource files**
 - Png files for icons (up to 5 different screen resolutions)
 - XML files to specify the GUI layout and controls
 - XML files to hold literal strings
 - A project manifest file in XML
- **Asset files (photos, music, video..., other files not compiled or localized)**

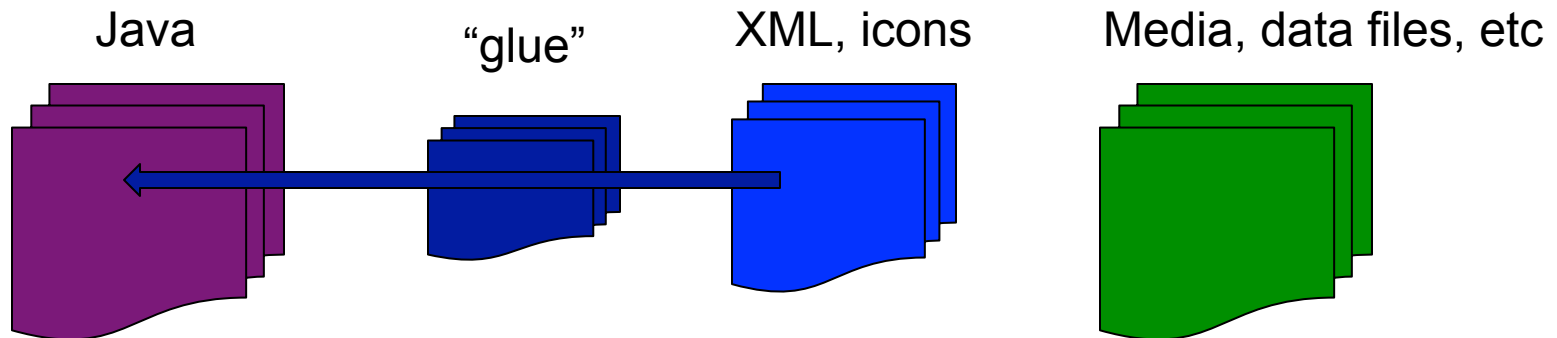
Ingredients of an App

- Source code for every Android app has:



AndroidManifest.xml

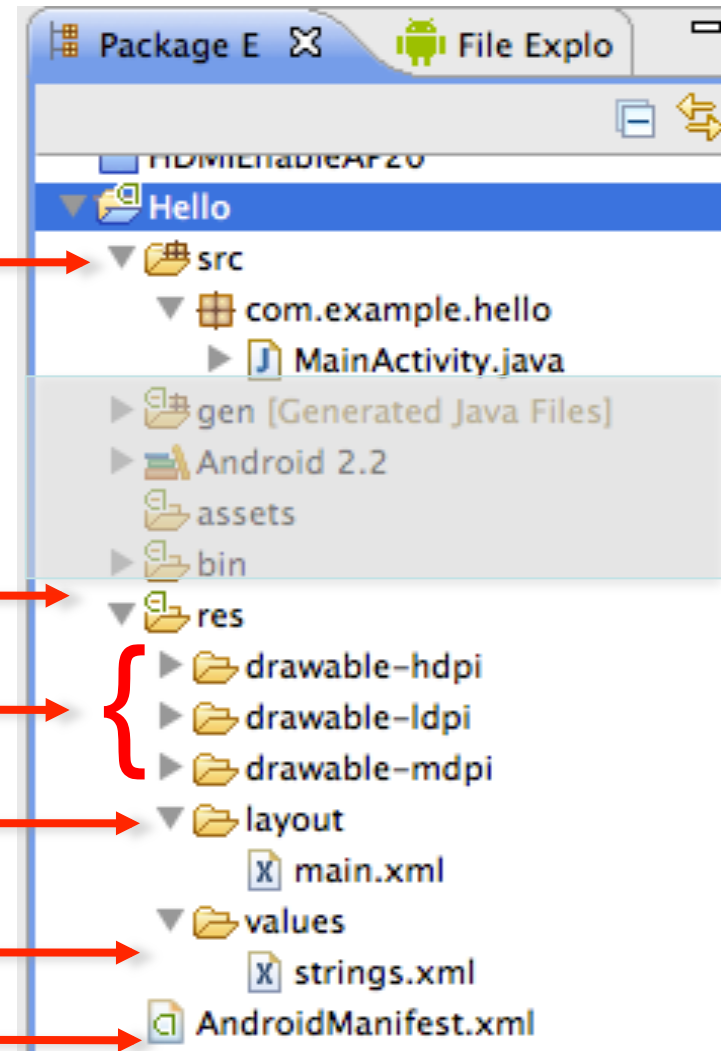
describes the app overall, features used, version, etc



- App binary is an .apk file (zip format)
- contains the compiled version of these files

The “Top 2 folders” – src, res

- **Java files** ← →
- **Resource files** ← →
- Png files for icons (1-5 dpi's) ← → {
- XML files for GUI layout ← → layout
- XML files to hold literal strings ← → values
- A project manifest file in XML ← → AndroidManifest.xml
- Restriction: *filenames under res folder must contain only lowercase a-z, 0-9, or _.*



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GUIs in Android

Views (Widgets, Controls)

- E.g. Button, CheckBox, TextView, ProgressBar,
- About 70 basic controls

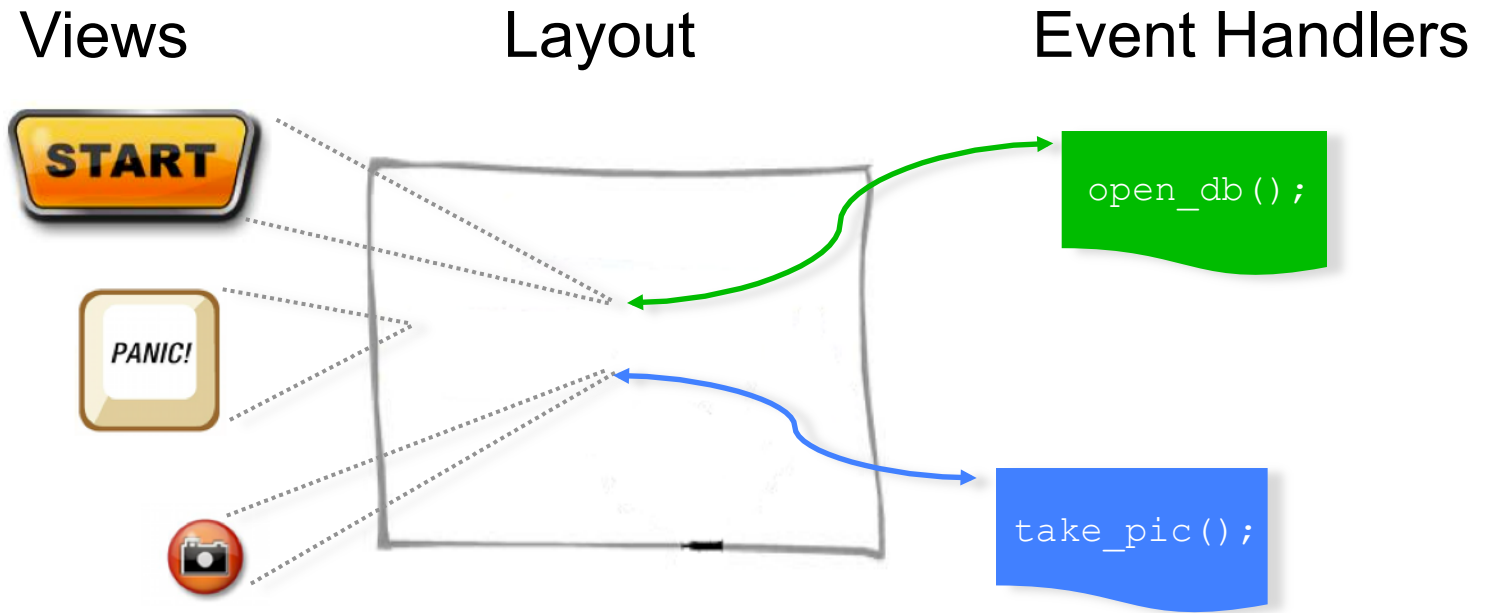
Layouts

- Defines where each View is on a screen
- One XML file per screen
- “alternative resources” – diff layout for portrait vs land

Event handlers

- When a user “operates” a View, it fires an event
- Developer writes event handler code to process it

GUIs in Android - diagram



- how it looks
- what events it fires
- specified in XML in a layout file

- position on screen
- specified in XML file
- the Activity sets this file as its "content view" (how it looks)

- what happens when view is clicked
- written in Java

Some Views in more detail

Peter's handy-dandy XML cheat-sheet

What it's called	What it looks like
Declaration	<code><?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?></code>
Element	<code><someTagName attributes> nested_elements </someTagName></code>
Element	<code><someTagName attributes /></code>
Attribute	<code>someName="someValue"</code>
Comment	<code><!-- some commentary here --></code>
Namespace Declaration	<code>xmlns:someNamespaceName="someURI"</code>
Android namespace declaration	<code>xmlns:android= "http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</code>
Attribute name from android namespace	<code>android:layout_width="fill_parent"</code>

Getting into XML

- There is an XML file defining the GUI objects on its screen/Activity

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

<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    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="@string/hello" />

</LinearLayout>
```



XML for a View

- Every View must have a value for **android:layout_width** and **_height**

Tells layout manager how much room you want
for the WIDTH and the HEIGHT of the component

- **"fill_parent"** magic word that says “greedy – as much as possible”
“match_parent” is also used.
- **"wrap_content"** magic word that says “frugal – as little as possible”

<TextView

android:layout_width="fill_parent"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="@string/hello" />



Gluing XML names to Java code

The XML names in res folder are visible in Java namespace!
The glue code is generated for you.

Create an ID name for an XML element with this attribute

```
<TextView android:id="@+id/myTV"
```

In Java, get hold of that XML-declared TextView by:

```
TextView tv = (TextView) findViewById( R.id.myTV );
```

In XML, get hold of that XML-declared TextView by:

```
<Button android:layout_below="@id/myTV"
```

android.widget.TextView

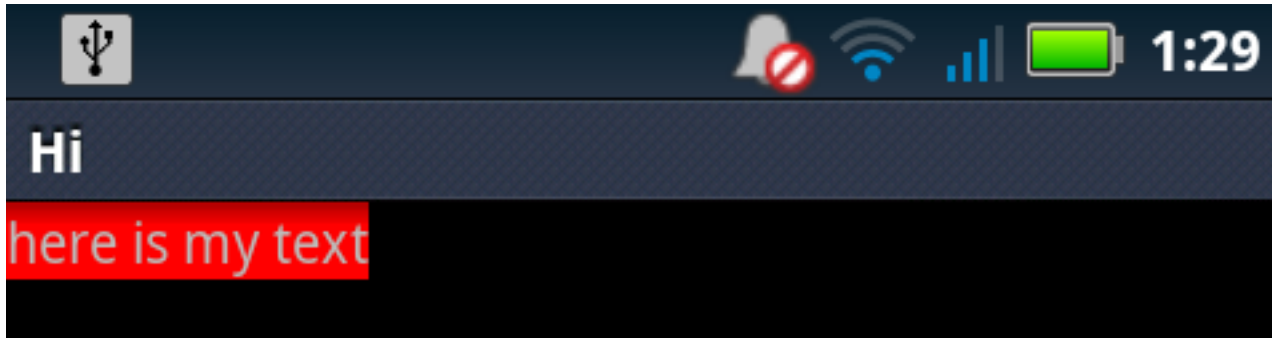
- Appearance:



```
<TextView  
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"    />
```

android.widget.TextView

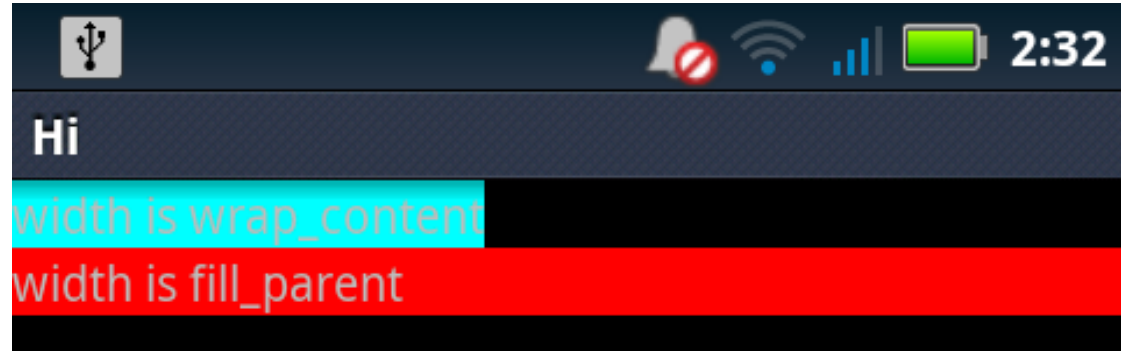
- Appearance:



```
<TextView  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"    />
```

android.widget.TextView

- Appearance:



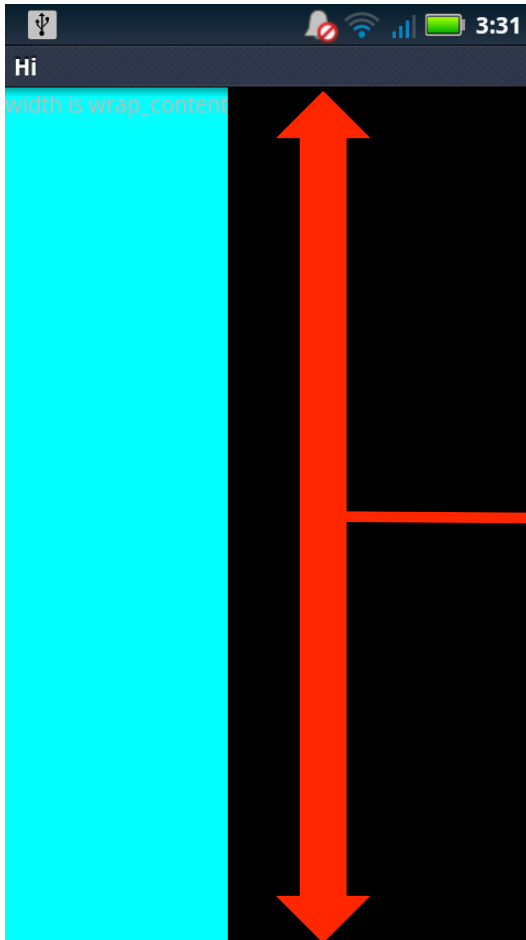
- XML in `res/layout/myname.xml`

```
<TextView
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:background="#0FF"
    android:text="width is wrap_content" />
```

```
<TextView
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:background="#FF0000"
    android:text="width is fill_parent" />
```

Easy to make mistakes!

■ Appearance:



XML in res/layout/myname.xml

```
<TextView
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    android:background="#0FF"
    android:text="width is wrap_content" />
```

```
<TextView
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:background="#FF0000"
    android:text="width is fill_parent" />
```

Attributes for android.widget.TextView

- Use the Android Developer Docs
- <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/R.styleable.html#TextView>
- There are about 75 attributes for TextView

Guide	Reference	Resources	Videos	Blog	Filter by API Level: 15
public static final int[] TextView					
Attributes that can be used with a TextView.					
Includes the following attributes:					
Attribute	Description				
android:autoLink	Controls whether links such as urls and email addresses are automatically found and converted to clickable links.				
android:autoText	If set, specifies that this TextView has a textual input method and automatically corrects some common spelling errors.				
android:bufferType	Determines the minimum type that getText() will return.				
android:capitalize	If set, specifies that this TextView has a textual input method and should automatically capitalize what the user types.				
android:cursorVisible	Makes the cursor visible (the default) or invisible.				
android:digits	If set, specifies that this TextView has a numeric input method and that these specific characters are the ones that it will accept.				
android:drawableBottom	The drawable to be drawn below the text.				
android:drawableEnd	The drawable to be drawn to the end of the text.				
android:drawableLeft	The drawable to be drawn to the left of the text.				
android:drawablePadding	The padding between the drawables and the text.				
android:drawableRight	The drawable to be drawn to the right of the text.				
android:drawableStart	The drawable to be drawn to the start of the text.				
android:drawableTop	The drawable to be drawn above the text.				

android.widget.Button

- Appearance:

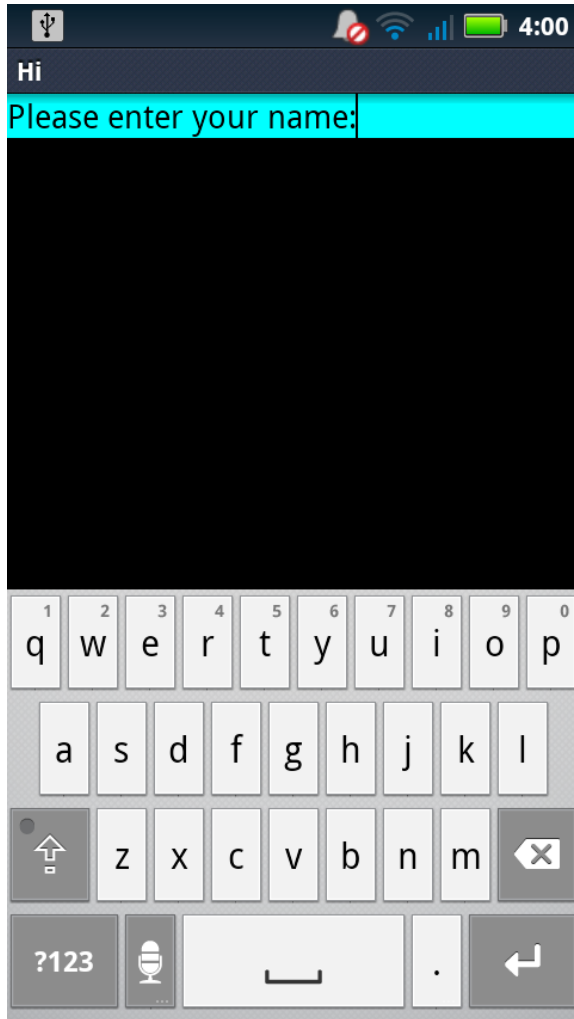


- XML

```
<Button android:layout_width="fill_parent"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:text="@string/brew"  
        android:id="@+id/bt" />
```


android.widget.EditText

■ Appearance:



```
<EditText    someAttributes    />
```

- Subclass of TextView
- No new attributes of its own
- Requires the usual layout attribs
- Click in the field to get keyboard
- And type away...

Event Handlers in more detail

android.widget.EditText Event Handler

- Gives you the contents of entire field for each keypress
- Implement `android.view.View.OnKeyListener`
- Only has 1 method:

`onKey(View v, int keyCode, KeyEvent event)`

- Register your listener with:

`myedittext.setOnKeyListener(objOnKeyListener);`

android.widget.EditText key listener

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);
    final EditText et = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et);
    OKL my_okl = new OKL();
    et.setOnKeyListener(my_okl);
}

class OKL implements OnKeyListener {
    public boolean onKey(View v, int keyCode, KeyEvent event) {
        if ((event.getAction() == KeyEvent.ACTION_DOWN) &&
            (keyCode == KeyEvent.KEYCODE_ENTER)) {
            // Perform action only for "return" key press
            EditText et = (EditText) v;
            Log.i("Hi app", et.getText().toString());
            return true; // have "consumed event"
        }
        return false; // have not consumed event
    }
}
```



android.widget.Button

- Gives you an event when clicked
- Implement android.view.View.OnClickListener
- Only has 1 method:

```
onClick(View v)
```

- Register your listener with code:

```
mybutton.setOnClickListener( objOnClickListener);
```

- Or register your listener with XML attribute:

```
<Button ... android.onClick="doAction" />
```

```
public void doAction(View v) { ... }
```



android.widget.Button event handler

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.main);  
    final Button bt = (Button)findViewById(R.id.bt);  
    CL my_cl = new CL();  
    bt.setOnClickListener(my_cl);  
}  
  
public void doAction(View v) { // button has been pressed  
    Log.i("Hi app", v.toString() + " pressed,doAction called");  
}  
  
class CL implements OnClickListener {  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Log.i("Hi app", v.toString() + " pressed");  
    }  
}
```

Debugging

First choice – the debugger

Here are some quick 'n dirty alternatives
to see what is going on in your code

Always have “adb logcat” running in a terminal!

```
01-22 18:31:30.520 11946 11946 W dalvikvm: threadid=1: thread exiting with uncaught exception (group=0x40018560)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: FATAL EXCEPTION: main
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: java.lang.RuntimeException: Unable to start activity ComponentInfo{com.example.hi/
com.example.hi.HiActivity}: android.view.InflateException: Binary XML file line #7: Error inflating class Checkbox
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread.performLaunchActivity(ActivityThread.java:1696)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread.handleLaunchActivity(ActivityThread.java:1716)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread.access$1500(ActivityThread.java:124)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread$H.handleMessage(ActivityThread.java:968)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.os.Handler.dispatchMessage(Handler.java:99)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.os.Looper.loop(Looper.java:130)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread.main(ActivityThread.java:3806)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at java.lang.reflect.Method.invokeNative(Native Method)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Method.java:507)
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01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at com.android.internal.os.ZygoteInit.main(ZygoteInit.java:597)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at dalvik.system.NativeStart.main(Native Method)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: Caused by: android.view.InflateException: Binary XML file line #7: Error inflating class Checkbox
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.view.LayoutInflater.createViewFromTag(LayoutInflater.java:581)
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01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.Activity.setContentView(Activity.java:1703)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at com.example.hi.HiActivity.onCreate(HiActivity.java:19)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.Instrumentation.callActivityOnCreate(Instrumentation.java:1047)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: at android.app.ActivityThread.performLaunchActivity(ActivityThread.java:1660)
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: ... 11 more
01-22 18:31:30.559 11946 11946 E AndroidRuntime: Caused by: java.lang.ClassNotFoundException: android.view.Checkbox in loader
dalvik.system.PathClassLoader[/data/app/com.example.hi-1.apk]
```



Logging

```
import android.util.Log;
```

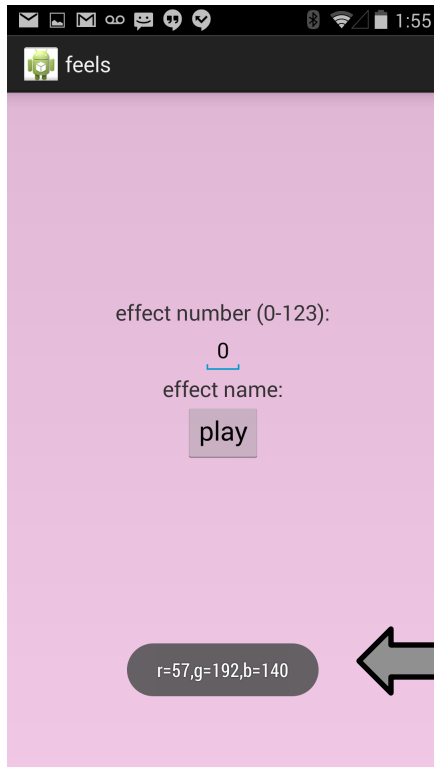
```
    Log.i("Activity ID", "message to log, i=" + i);
```

In a shell, run
\$ adb logcat

Toast

Toast – an easy way to make text “pop up” on screen. Do it when in UI thread in Activity.

```
import android.widget.toast;  
  
...  
Toast.makeText( this,  
                "my string",  
                Toast.LENGTH_LONG ).show();
```



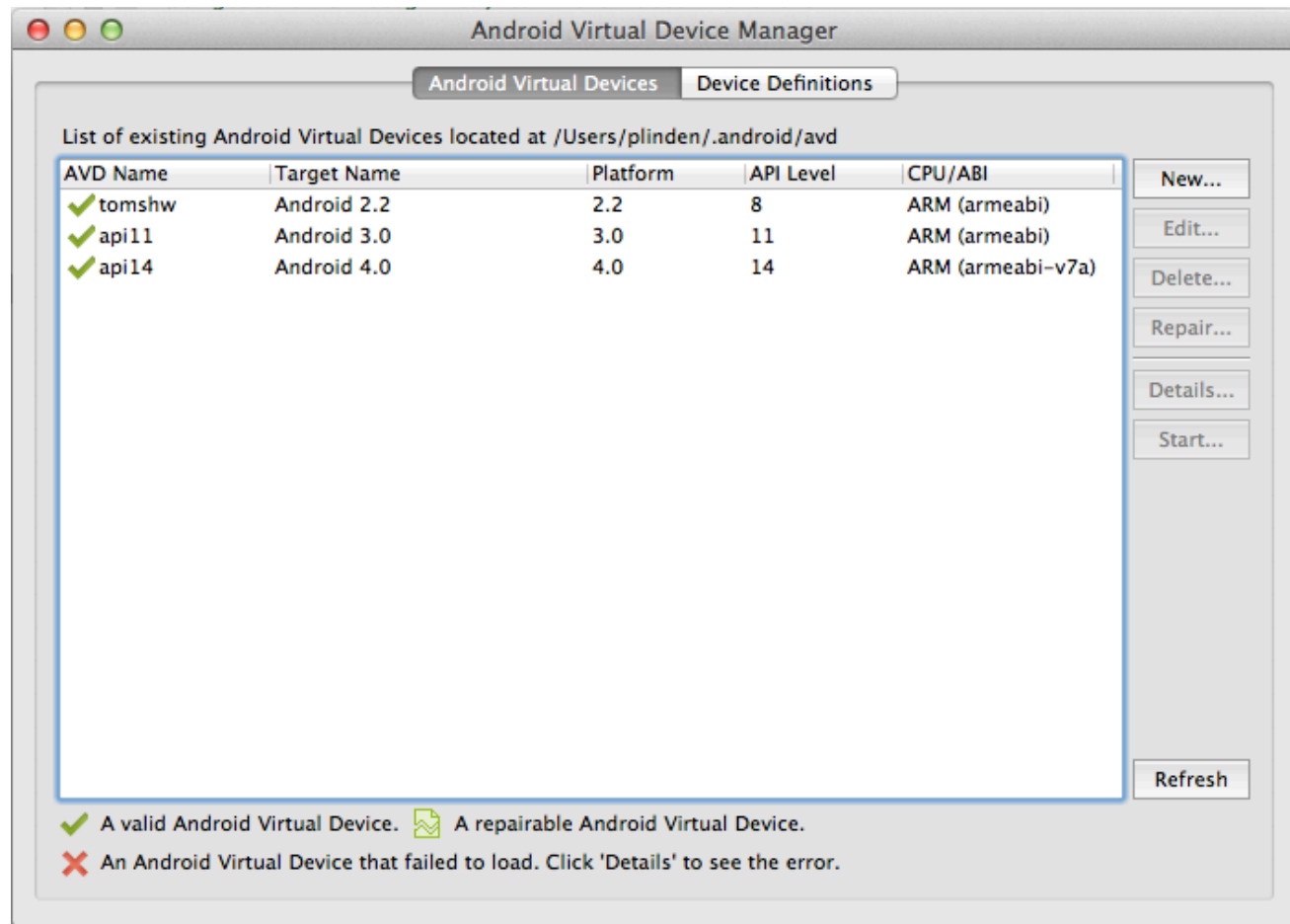
this is the toast pop-up



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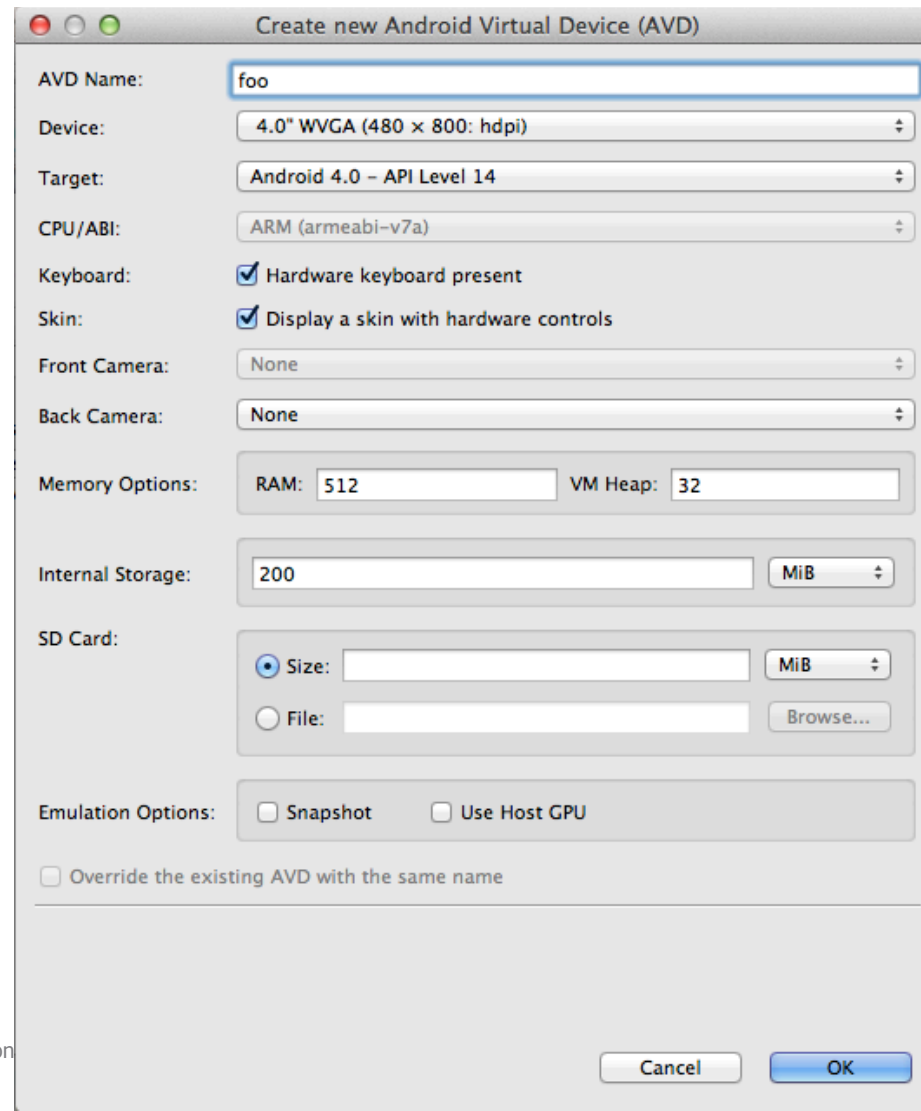
Create a virtual device

Window > Android Virtual Device Manager



Create a virtual device

The only config that really matters is the platform API level. Here API 14.



AVD Name: foo

Device: 4.0" WVGA (480 x 800: hdpi)

Target: Android 4.0 - API Level 14

CPU/ABI: ARM (armeabi-v7a)

Keyboard: ☒ Hardware keyboard present

Skin: ☒ Display a skin with hardware controls

Front Camera: None

Back Camera: None

Memory Options: RAM: 512 VM Heap: 32

Internal Storage: 200 MiB

SD Card: ☒ Size: MiB ☐ File: Browse...

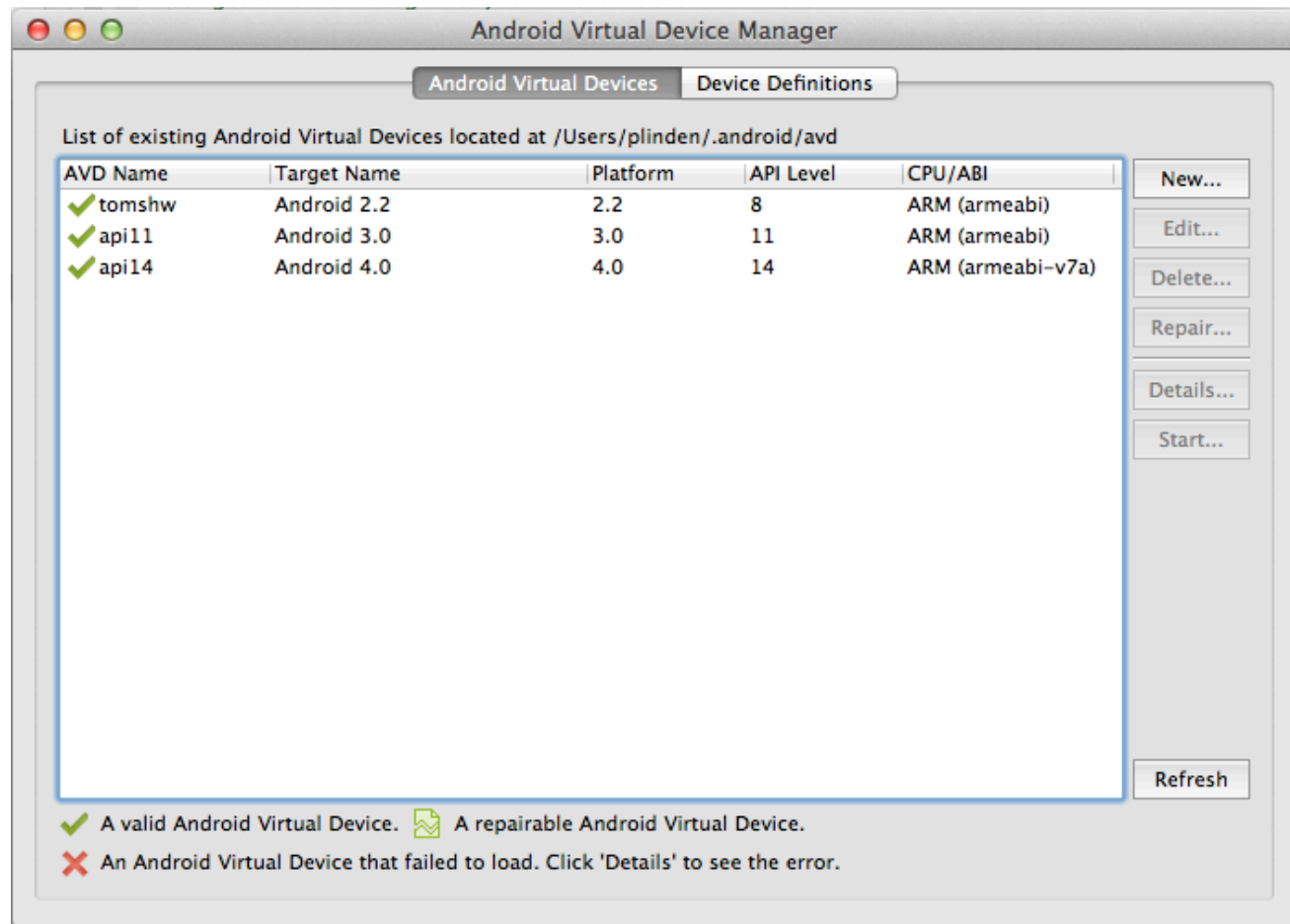
Emulation Options: ☐ Snapshot ☐ Use Host GPU

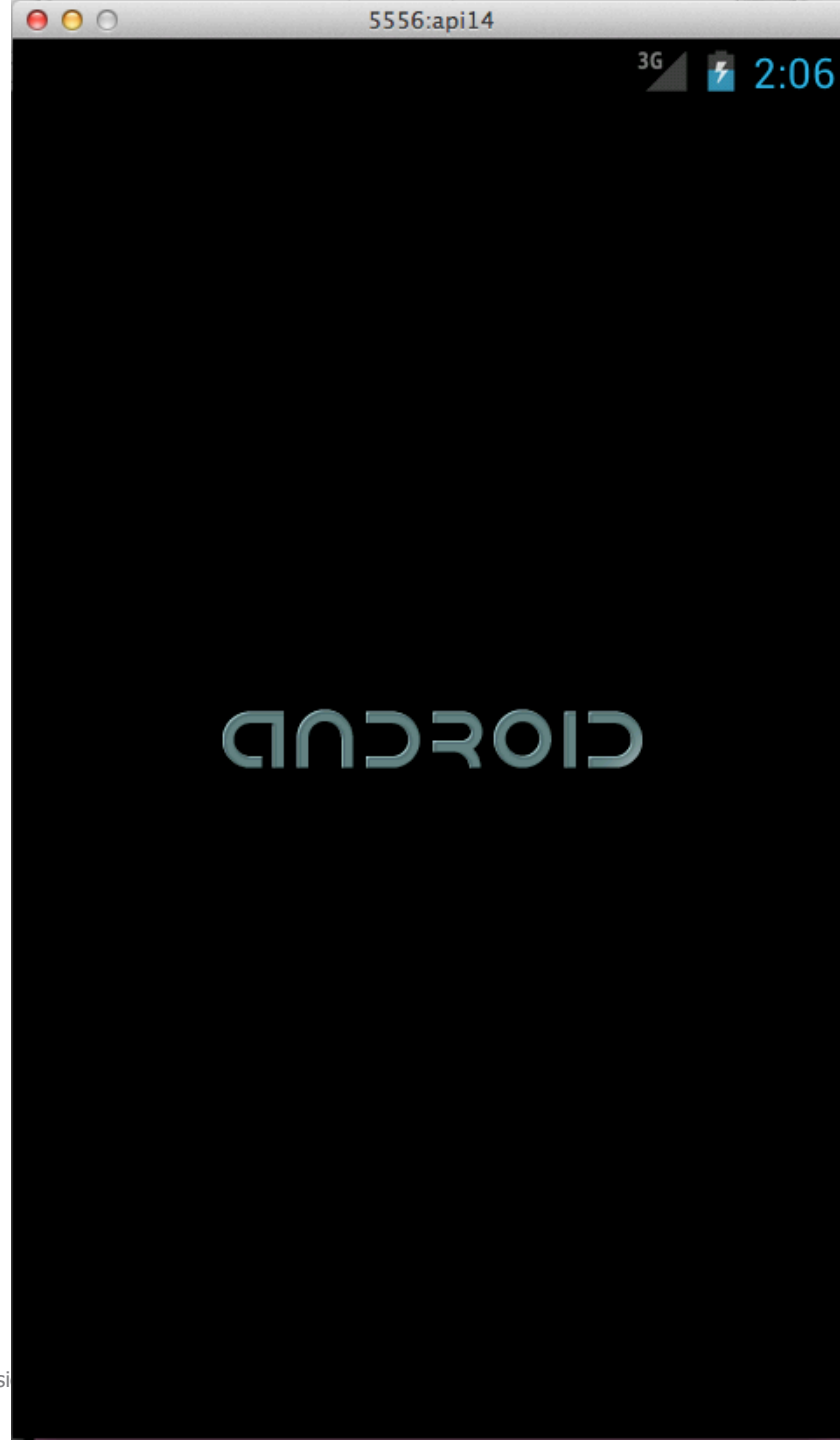
☐ Override the existing AVD with the same name

Cancel OK

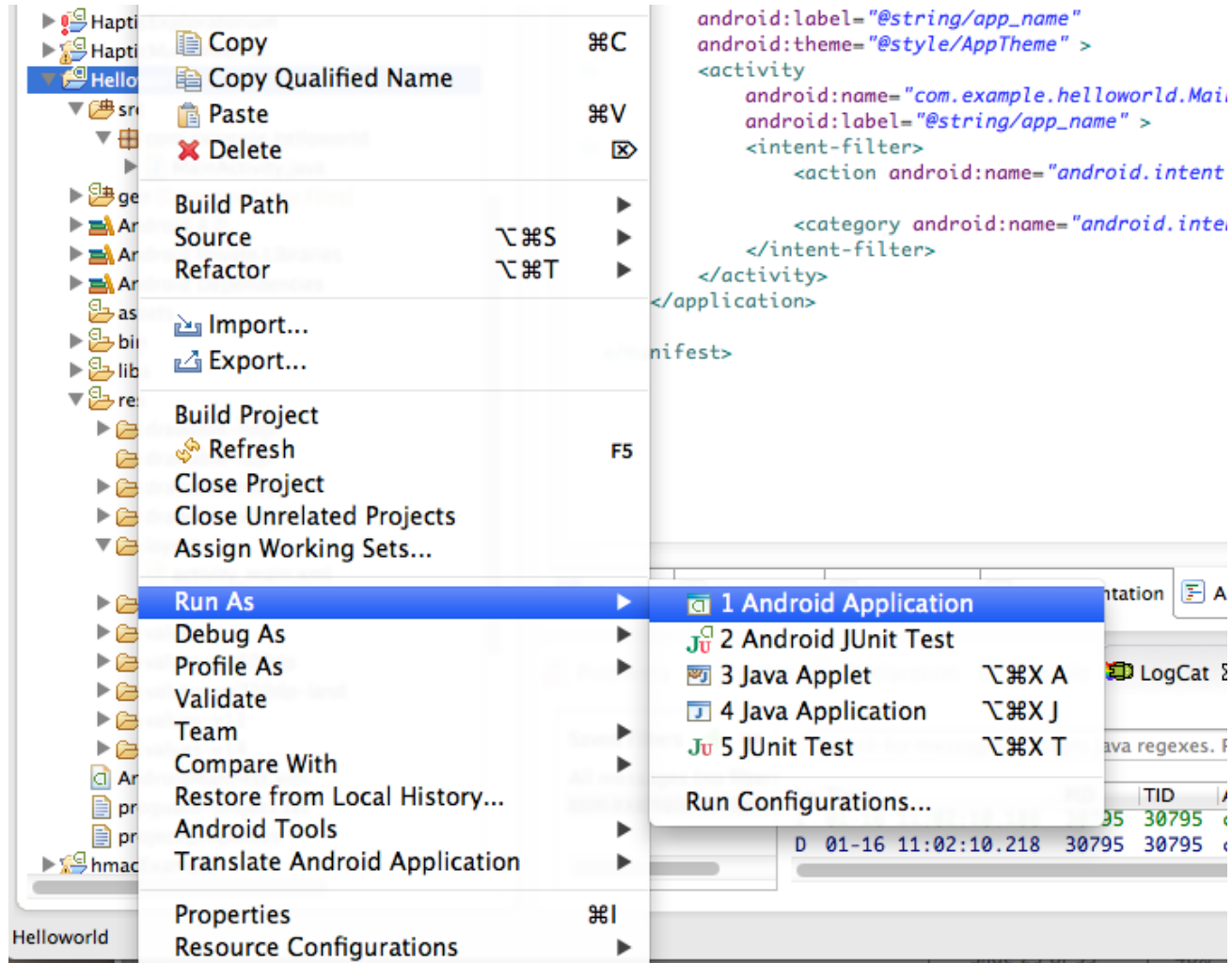
Create a virtual device

Window > Android Virtual Device Manager





Run app on phone / tablet



feels

effect number (0-123):

0

effect name:

play



Well Done!

- Well done!
- We're done!
- Q & A welcome

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Some great Android resources

- <http://developer.android.com>
- <http://developer.immersion.com>
- <http://stackoverflow.com>
- Web search for keywords “Android notification tutorial”
- Have a great time with this!