Mobile App Development

Let's Start Android Development!



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Objectives

- Get familiar with the history of Android
- Get familiar with the Android environment
 - Android SDK
 - Android AVD
 - Android Studio
 - adb
- Understand Android file system
- Write and run your first Android app
- Know how to get help on Android development

Devices



First Android phone launched in Nov. 2009



http://galaxytab.samsungm obile.com/ First Android Tablet launched in Sept. 2010



Devices





Google Glass launched in April 2013

First Android Wear watch launched in July 2014

Android Platform

- Complete, open and free mobile platform
 - Open source <u>https://source.android.com</u>
 - Open standards
 - No fee for developers (except to publish in the Google Play Store)
- Open Handset Alliance
 - Google and handset manufacturers formed the Open Handset Alliance in 2007 to develop the next generation of wireless platforms
 - Lower development costs and increase profits
 - Design of a platform with unprecedented features

Google Android OS Code Names

- Android 1.1, February 2008
- Android 1.5 CupCake, April 2009
- Android 1.6 Donut, September 2009
- Android 2.0 / 2.1 Éclair, October 2009 / December 2009
- Android 2.2 Froyo, May 2010
- Android 2.3 Gingerbread, December 2010 /

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& More available at:

https://source.android.com/setup/start/build-numbers

LATEST VERSION: Android Pie 9.0 => Q





























Developing for Android is not easy!

Target Devices

https://developer.android.com/about/dashboards

What do developers need?

- Android Studio
 - https://developer.android.com/sdk/installing/studio.html
 - Android SDKs
 - https://developer.android.com/studio/intro/update
- Documentation
 - http://developer.android.com
 - https://developer.android.com/design
 - https://developer.android.com/distribute
 - http://stackoverflow.com
- Google Play
 - http://play.google.com
- Latest news on Android
 - http://www.androidpolice.com

Android Application Components

Activities

- Core component of the Android platform
- Each activity is a task of the application
- Often corresponds to an application screen

Content providers

 A content provider manages a shared set of application data (sharing of data between apps)

Intents

- System messages notifying applications of events that start activities
- Examples of predefined intents: hardware events (e.g., SD card inserted), data events (e.g., new SMS message)

Android Application Components

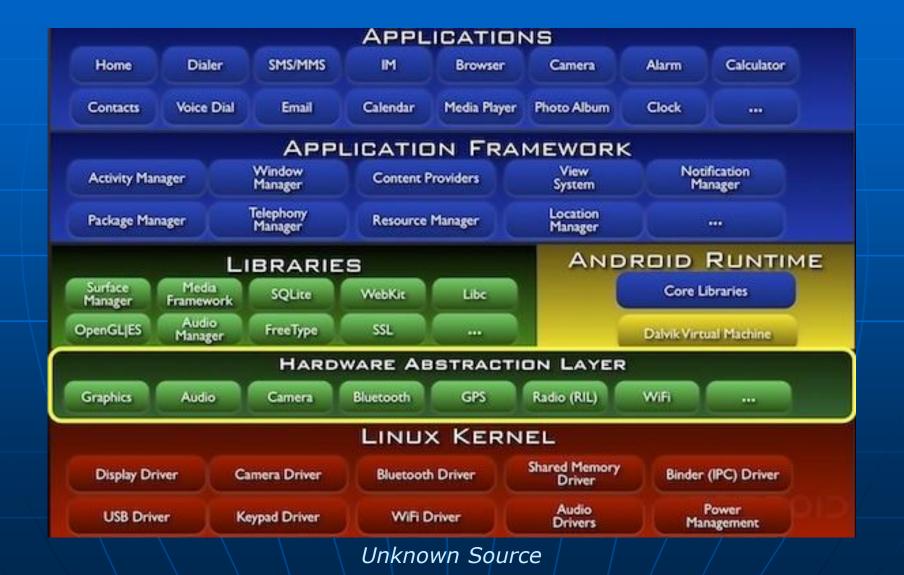
Services

- Long-live applications designed to run in the background (e.g., checking a RSS feed or play music)
- Not associated with a screen

Broadcast receivers

- Component that listens for relevant broadcast events to trigger an event
- Examples of pre-defined broadcasted events: low battery and new application installed
- Examples of user generated broadcasted events: finished calculation and started thread
- Fragments (introduced in Android 3.0)
 - Represents a behavior or part of the user interface in an activity

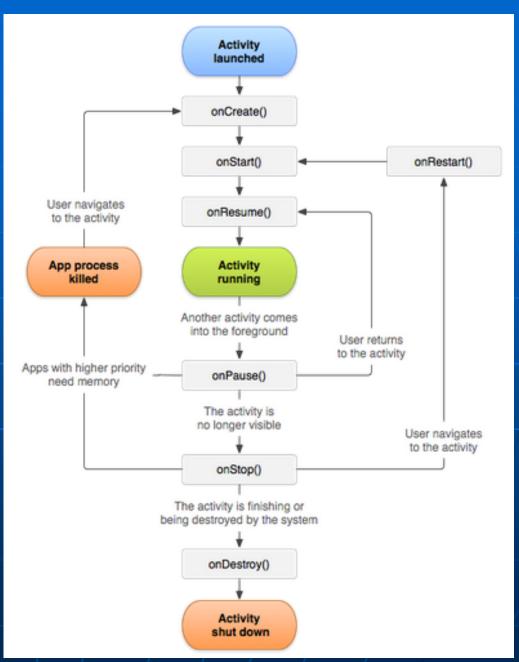
Architecture



Activity Lifecycle

- An Activity is like a screen
- Check out the Activity class
- Methods:
 - onCreate
 - onStart
 - onResume
 - onPause
 - onDestroy
 - onRestart

http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.ht



Android Studio

https://developer.android.com/studio/in dex.html

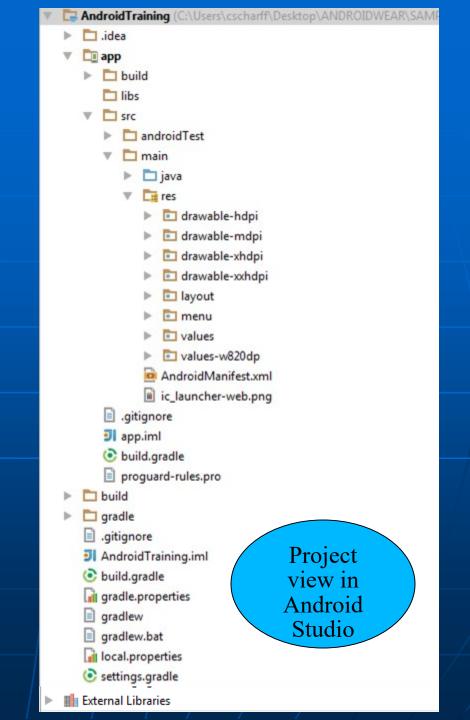
What is the current version?

Lab — Android Studio

- Install Android Studio and be sure that you have the latest version available (reinstall or/and update if necessary)
- http://developer.android.com/tools/studio/index.
 html

Project Structure

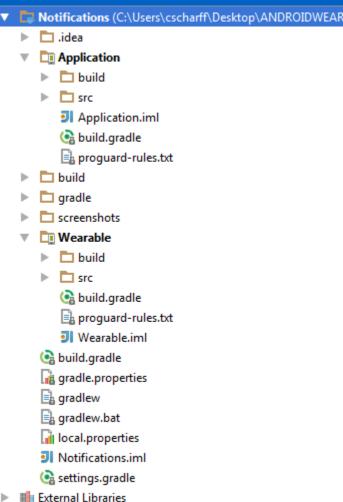
- Model View Controller (MVC) design pattern
- Source code (src)
- Resources (res)
 - images (drawables)
 - layouts
 - values
 - menus etc.
- AndroidManifest.xml
- Gradle is the build system used in Android Studio



Project Structure

 Support for Mobiles and Wearables (even Glass and TV)





Android Manifest

- AndroidManifest.xml XML configuration file describing the application and its components (e.g., activities and services)
 - Defines the default activity to be launched by the application
 - Defines the package name and application version
 - Defines the application (e.g., name, icon, activities, functionalities and services provided)
 - Defines the permissions (e.g., android.permission.READ_CONTACTS for the application to be able access the contacts)

Example of Manifest

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    package="com.example.cscharff.myapplication">
    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS FINE LOCATION"></uses-permission>
    <application</a>
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic launcher"
        android:label="My Application"
        android:supportsRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
        <activity android:name=".MainActivity">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

Gradle (build.gradle)

```
apply plugin: 'com.android.application'
                                                        MinSdk is the
                                                        minimum version
android {
   compileSdkVersion 23
                                                        you want to support
   buildToolsVersion "23.0.3"
                                                        (Android Studio
   defaultConfig {
                                                       suggests it when
       applicationId "com.example.cscharff.myapplication"
                                                        you create the
       minSdkVersion 23
       targetSdkVersion 23
                                                        project)
       versionCode 1
       versionName "1.0"
                                                        TargetSdk is the
                                                        version you want to
   buildTypes {
       release {
                                                        target
          minifyEnabled false
          proguardFiles getDefaultProguardFile('proguard-android.txt'), 'proguard-rules.pro'
dependencies {
   compile fileTree(dir: 'libs', include: ['*.jar'])
   testCompile 'junit:junit:4.12'
   compile 'com.android.support:appcompat-v7:23.4.0'
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Resources

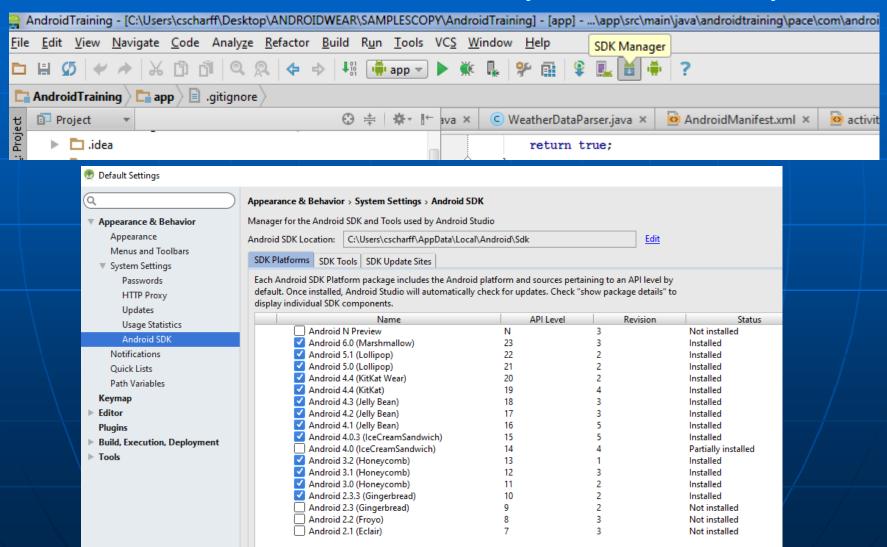
- Each resource has a unique id
- res Directory that contains resources such as icons, GUI layouts, music...
 - res/drawable Icon graphic resources in different screen densities and resolutions (hdpi, mdpi, ldpi, xhdpi, xxhdpi)
 - res/layout User interface layout files
 - res/values Organization of the various types of resources
 - strings.xml String resources
 - Can be used for translating apps
 - res/menu Menus of the application

Questions to Answer

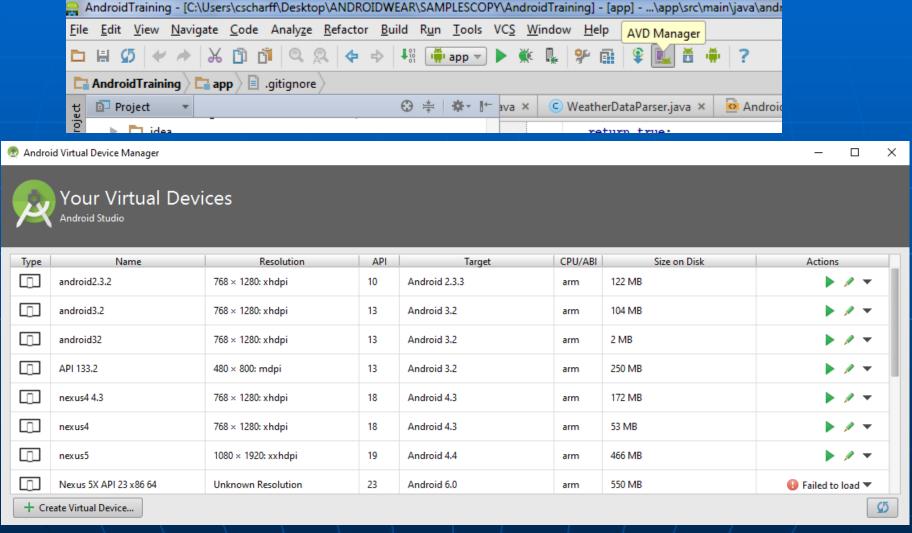
- In what directory is Android Studio installed?
- What are the directories under that directory?
- What are the directories inside the sdk directory?

Lab – Android SDK Manager

Install ALL the Android SDK (after version 4)



Lab – Create AVD (Android Virtual Devices)



Emulators are slow and it's normal!

Lab – Using your Own Device (instead of AVD)

- Connect your Android device to your computer!
- What Android phone do you have? What OS is it using?
- Your device must have Developer Options enabled
- Unknown Sources must be checked in Settings > Security
- On Windows you may need to install drivers
 - http://developer.android.com/sdk/win-usb.html

Java

- You should be comfortable with Java to develop native applications for Android!
- Java is an objet-oriented language
 - Inheritance
 - Encapsulation
 - Polymorphism
- Be sure that you know what are:
 - package, extends, implements, super, this, public, private, protected, new, @override

Lab – Your First Android App

 Create and run your first Android app in Android Studio

https://developer.android.com/training/basics/firsta

pp/creating-project



Question

In what directory is your project?

Questions

- Where is the apk file located?
 - Apk files are the files you install on your phones to run the Android

app

Go to Android Studio projects files:

Select the project name

Select app

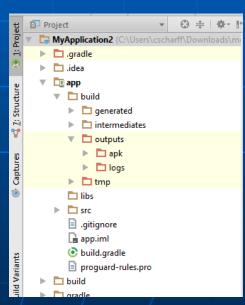
Select build

Select Outputs

There are different view for your project you should use Project to see these files

The apk file is located in that directory

• What is the default name of the apk file?



Getting help!

- Android Developer web site
 - <u>http://developer.android.com/index.html</u>

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- Android reference packages
 - http://developer.android.com/reference/packages.ht
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- Stackoverflow



- http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/android
- http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/androidwear
- http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/googleglass

Questions

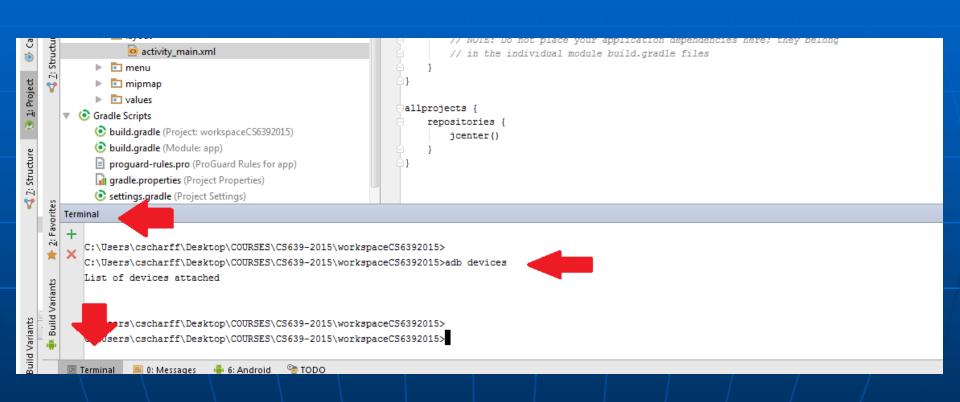
- Cite 5 methods of the Activity class
 - <u>http://developer.android.com/reference/android</u>
 <u>/app/Activity.html</u>
- What methods relate to the menu in the Activity class?
- How do the classes Activity and AppCompatActivity relate to each others?
 - https://developer.android.com/reference/android/support/v7/app/AppCompatActivity
- What is a fragment?
 - https://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Fragment

Adb: Android Debug Bridge

- Adb is a tool to interact with a device, install, uninstall ... apps from the command line (Terminal in Android Studio)
- adb is used to interact with an AVD or devices
- Command line
- adb devices
- adb uninstall
 - adb -s emulator-5554 uninstall cs639.pace.com.cs639sampleproject
- adb install
 - adb -s emulator-5554 install cs639.pace.com.cs639sampleproject
- adb -s emulator-5554 shell stop
- adb -s emulator-5554 shell start
- adb -s emulator-5554 shell logcat

http://developer.android.com/tools/help/adb.html

Example



Lab

Run an Android app on an emulator or on a device

Execute: adb devices in the command line

Going Further

- As default emulators are slow, it may be adapted to install and run third-party emulators
 - Intel Hardware Accelerated Execution Manager
 - GENYMOTION
- These emulators can however be limited as they may not have access to Google APIs



https://software.intel.com/enus/android/articles/intel-hardwareaccelerated-execution-manager



https://www.genym otion.com

Dr. Scharff's Recommendations

- Use the latest version of Android Studio
- Use a real device rather than an emulator (You may want to buy a cheap tablet or phone)
- If you use emulators be sure they have the Google APIs if you want to use maps, Google App Engines etc.
- Android evolves quickly! Some of the slides may be outdated but in general they have the relevant information
- Be persistent! There are lots of things that can go wrong!