

What is Android

- · Mobile phone operating system?
- · What about
 - Google TV
 - Tablet computers
 - Android at Home (appliances)
 - · And who knows what's next?
 - Laptops
 - Cars

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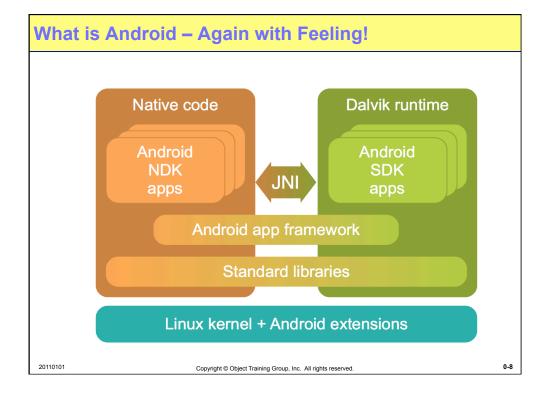
What is Android?

"Android is not a specification, or a distribution in the traditional Linux sense. It's not a collection of replaceable components. Android is a chunk of software that you port to a device."

- Dan Morrill

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Anatomy of an Android App

- Activities
- Services
- · Content Providers
- Broadcast Receivers
- Intents
- Application Manifest

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Activities

- · Single screen with a user interface
- Independent but work together
- · Can be invoked from other applications
- · Extends the Activity class

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Service

- · Perform long-running operations in the background
- · No User Interface
- · Can bind to other services or activities
- · Extends the Service class

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Content Provider

- · Manages shared application data
- · Provides consistent interfaces to data
 - Restful
 - · CRUD operations
- · Data Store backing options
 - SQLite DB
 - File System
 - Web
- Can consume data from other Content Providers
- Extends the ContentProvider class

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Broadcast Reciever

- · Respond to system wide messages
- · Messages can be initiated by system or another app
- 2 kinds
 - Delivered asynchronously to all receivers
 - Delivered in priority order Should be light weight, work should be passed to services
- Extends the BroadcastReceiver class

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Intents

- Messages that link app components together
 - Explicit launch a specific component
 - Implicit launch any component which is registered to handle intent
- Describes an operation to be performed
 - · Requested action
 - · Data used by the action
 - · Extra metadata

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Writing an Android App

- Use Eclipse
- · Use the Android Development Toolkit plugin for Eclipse
 - · Create an Android Project
- · Write Java Code
- Write XML
- Run the Android project
 - Emulator
 - Device

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