Introduction to Android

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Quiz 5: 10min, 20pts

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- Pseudocode the steps to setup in Java a TCP server and a TCP client.



Quiz 5: answers #1-2

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 - Plug-ins for Firefox, Eclipse, Photoshop, etc.
 - JavaBeans, .NET, (Android)
- Contrast TCP vs. UDP. Describe example applications when you might use each one.
 - TCP: session (phone): HTTP, crypted, etc.
 - UDP: packet (mail): may drop, re-order, or duplicate: live streaming media, stock ticker



Quiz 5: answers #3

Pseudocode the steps to setup in Java a TCP server and a TCP client.

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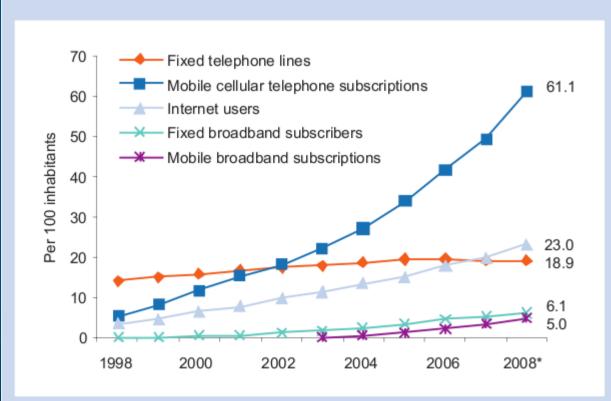
- Server:
 - Create new ServerSocket (reserve port num)
 - Bind (start listening): .accept()
 - Setup streams: .get(In/Out)putStream()
- Client:
 - Create new Socket (call server)
 - Setup streams: .get(In/Out)putStream()



Mobile phone penetration

- 61% market penetration worldwide
- Mobile broadband also on the rise

Chart 2.1: Global ICT developments, 1998-2008



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Note: * Estimates.

Source: ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators database.

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Mobile phones by country

- Mobile phones per 100 inhabitants, by country
- X-axis is GDP; disk size is population
- Data from ITU, 1998-2008
- Visualization by Richard Heeks at Centre for Development Informatics, U. Man., UK
- Using Google Motion Chart
- Link



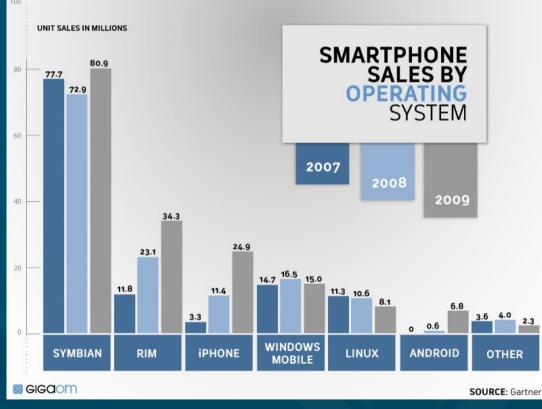
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Smartphone OS market share

Symbian (Nokia) is still biggest by far, but Android is rising quickly





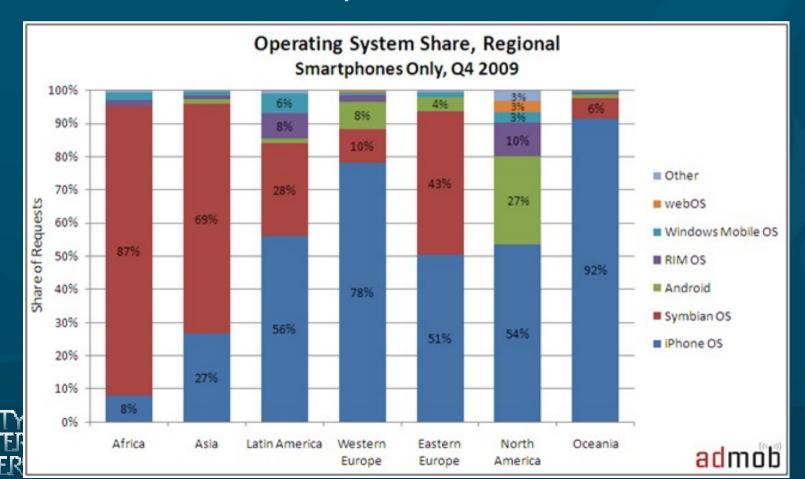


Source: Gartner via GigaOM and ColumnFive

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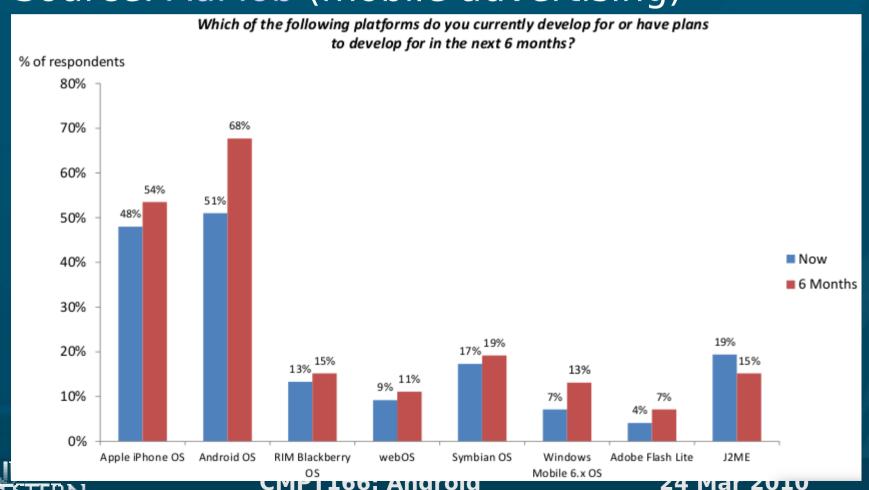
Regional effects: mobile OS

- Android and iPhone have significantly larger market share in N.America
- But data is from requests to mobile advertising



Developers of mobile apps

- Increase in cross-platform development
- Source: AdMob (mobile advertising)



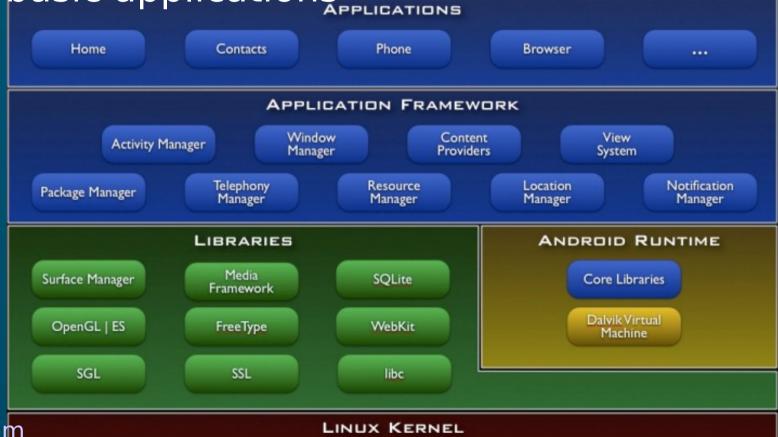
Android OS

- Open-source mobile OS (mostly Apache licence)
- Developed by Google + Open Handset Alliance
- Linux kernel
- Most apps written in Java, using Android SDK
- Apps run on Dalvik: custom Java VM
- Android Open Source Project: fully open-source
- "Google Experience": adds closed-source apps (Maps, Gmail, etc.)
- Hardware drivers are also often closed-source



Android architecture

Android is: OS, core libraries, "middleware", plus basic applications



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Source:

Display Driver Camera Driver Flash Memory Driver Binder (IPC)

Keypad Driver WiFi Driver Audio Drivers Power Management

What can you do with Android?

- Component architecture: reuse parts of apps
- Integrate web browser into your app (WebKit)
- Audio, video, images (MPEG4, MP3, PNG, etc.)
- 2D and 3D graphics (OpenGL-ES 1.0/1.1)
- SQLite on-board database
- Telephony (calls, SMS, etc.)
- EDGE/3G, WiFi data, Bluetooth
- Camera, GPS, compass, accelerometer, etc.
- Develop in Eclipse, debug on phone



Getting started with Android

- Eclipse IDE for Java
- Android SDK starter package
- ADT plugin for Eclipse
- From plugin, add Android 1.6 platform
 - Could also develop for 1.5, 2.0, 2.1, etc.
 - Setup an emulator instance(virtual phone)
- Try the "Hello World!" tutorial
 - Run/debug on the emulator
 - Run/debug on actual phone via USB

