

# Dev Environment & App Workflow

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# Overview

Development Environment

Emulation vs Simulation

Android Monitor & Other Tools

App Workflow

Version Control

Continuous Integration

# Development Environment

Workbench for writing Android applications

Oracle Java JDK 8

Android Studio IDE & SDK Tools

Android Emulator

Debugging

Android Device Monitor

Android Profiler

Other Development Tools

# Android Emulator

Virtual Android Device - Sometimes slow (why?)

Some features are unavailable

No Bluetooth or USB

Advanced emulation features

Different network speeds

Battery power

Location coordinates

Incoming sms or phone calls

<https://developer.android.com/studio/run/emulator.html>



# Emulator vs. Simulator

**Emulation:** system that behaves **exactly like** something else, and abides by all the rules

Replicates as on the original, used as a substitute

**Simulation:** system that behaves **similar** to something else, but possibly implemented in an entirely different way

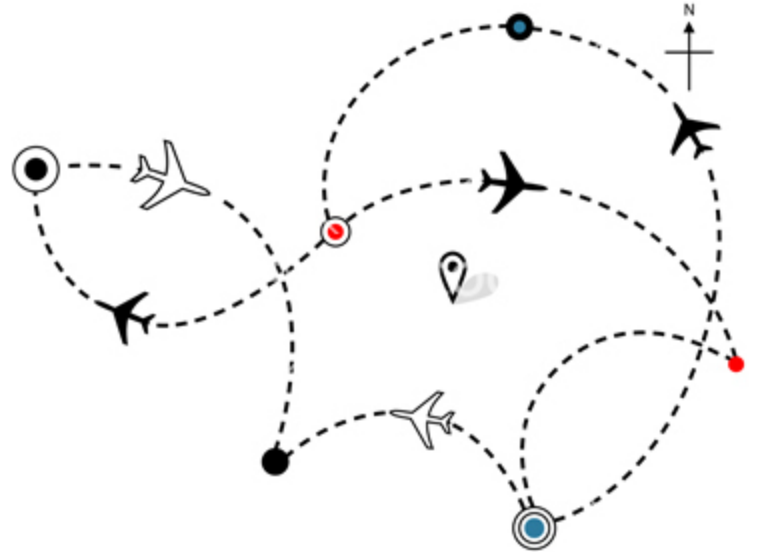
Provides basic behavior of the system but may not abide by all the rules; gives a basic idea

Is a model for analysis and study

# Flight Simulator Example

**Flight simulator:** Looks and feels like flying an airplane, but you are disconnected from the reality of flying the plane

If the flight simulator brought you from Point A to Point B, that's an **emulation**



# Android Profiler

Tools for monitoring and analyzing application behavior, CPU and memory usage, processes and threads, etc.

<https://developer.android.com/studio/profile/android-profiler>

<https://developer.android.com/studio/profile/am-basics>

ImageDetailActivity.java - DisplayingBitmaps - [~/AndroidStudioProjects/DisplayingBitmaps]

com.example.android.displayingbitmaps.ui.ImageDetailActivity

```
61 // Fetch screen height and width, to use as our max size when loading images
62 // activity runs full screen
63 final DisplayMetrics displayMetrics = new DisplayMetrics();
64 getWindowManager().getDefaultDisplay().getMetrics(displayMetrics);
65 final int height = displayMetrics.heightPixels;
66 final int width = displayMetrics.widthPixels;
67
68
```

1: Project Structure: com.example.android > displayingbitmaps > ui > ImageDetailActivity

2: ImageDetailActivity.java

3: Run button (a green play icon)

4: Live button (a play icon with a refresh symbol)

5: ui.ImageDetailActivity

Google Pixel\_API\_26 (emulator-5554) com.example.android.displayingbitmaps (4650)

CPU 1%

MEMORY 67.53 MB

NETWORK Sending: 0 MB/S Receiving: 0 MB/S

0s 14m45.00s 14m50.00s 14m55.00s 15m 15m5.00s 15m10.0s

Run TODO Logcat Android Profiler Terminal Messages Event Log Gradle Console

Emulator: qemu-system-i386: goldfish\_battery\_read: Bad offset 0000000000000028 (moments ago) 44:14 LF UTF-8 Context: <no context>



# App Workflow

1. Define Resources & XML
2. Implement application classes in Code (Java)
3. Package the application  
Converted to bytecode
4. Install & run application  
VM executes bytecode

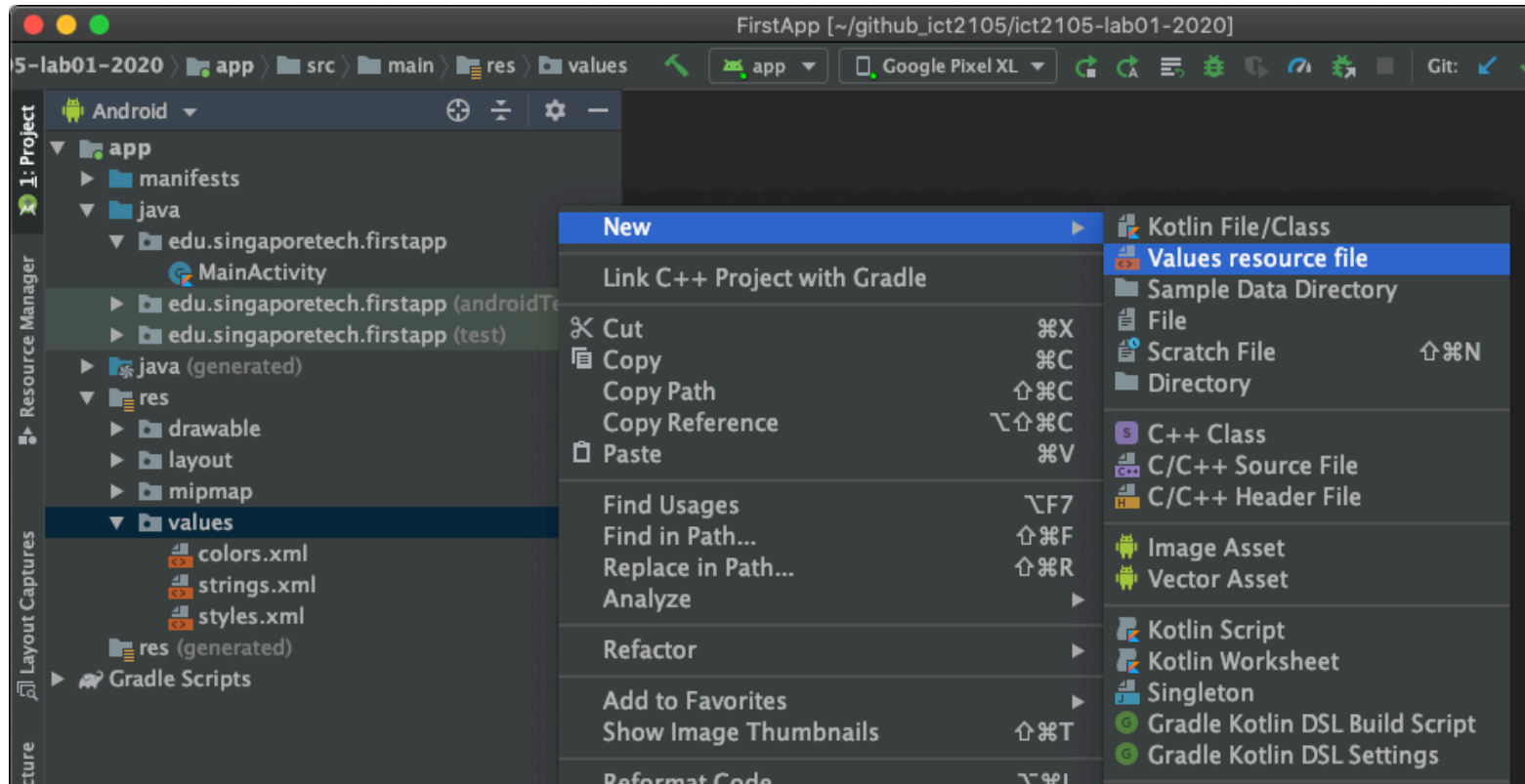
# 1. Define Resources & XML

Non-source code items

Many different resource types

- Layouts (XML)
- Strings
- Images
- Menus
- Animations

Allows customization for different devices, regions, languages, etc.



# R.java

Resources are compiled into the R.java class

Auto-Generated: DO NOT EDIT!

Java code uses the R class to access resources

Use `findViewById()` and `Resources` object to get access to the resources:

E.g. `Button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button);`

E.g. `getResources().getString(R.string.hello);`

# Strings

String, String Array, Plurals

Stored in res/values/\*.xml

Specified in XML

```
<string name="hello">Hello World!</string>
```

Other resources access through

```
@string/string_name
```

Java/Kotlin access through

```
R.string.string_name
```

# UI Layout in XML

Specify UI elements and layout in XML

Separation of code from views

Can use graphical layout tools

Stored in `res/layout/*.xml`

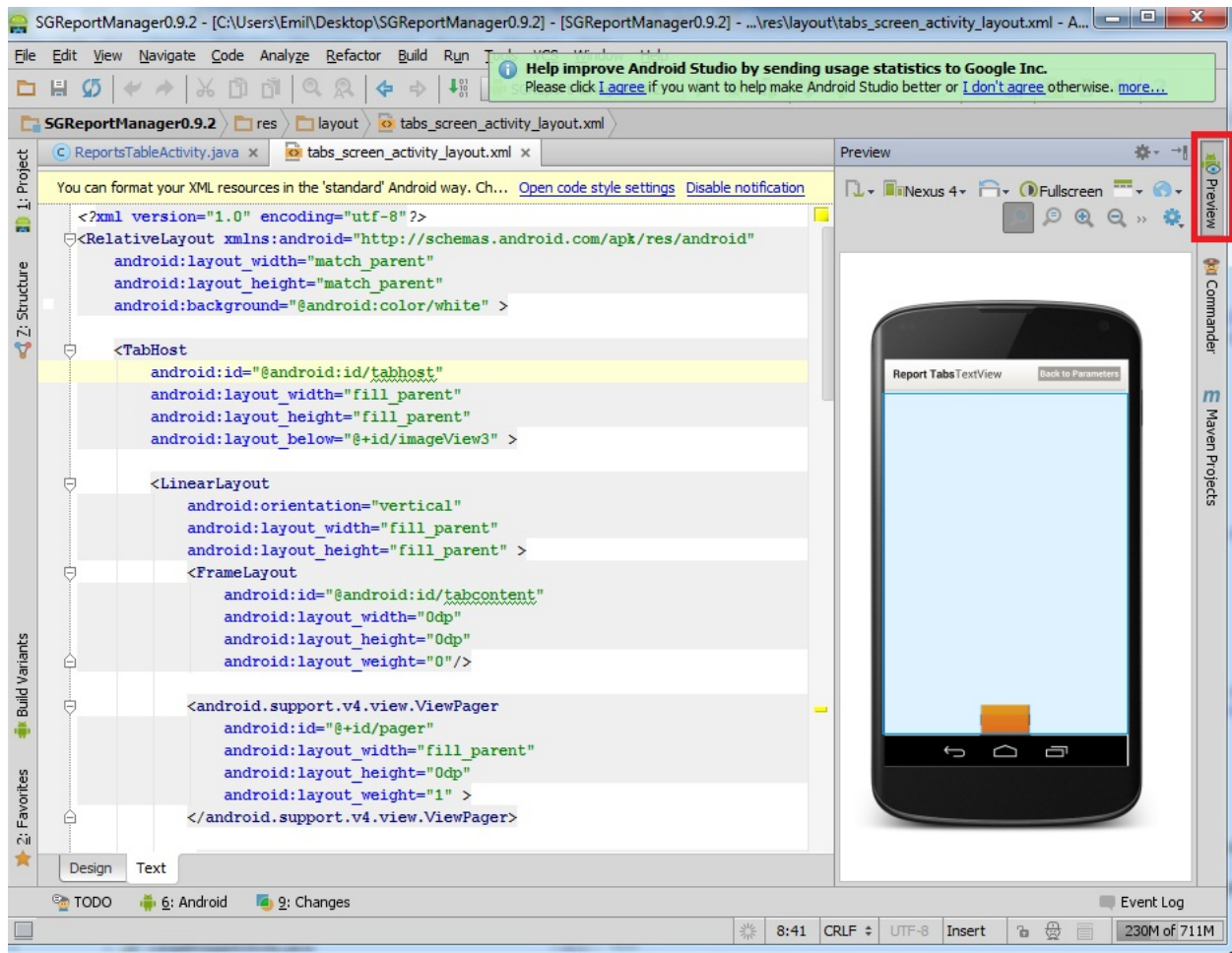
Other resources access through

```
@layout/layout_name
```

Java/Kotlin access through

```
R.layout.layout_name
```

Different layout files for different devices, orientation, screen size



## 2. Implement Code

Implement Java/Kotlin classes

Usually requires at least one Activity

Activity initialization in `onCreate()`



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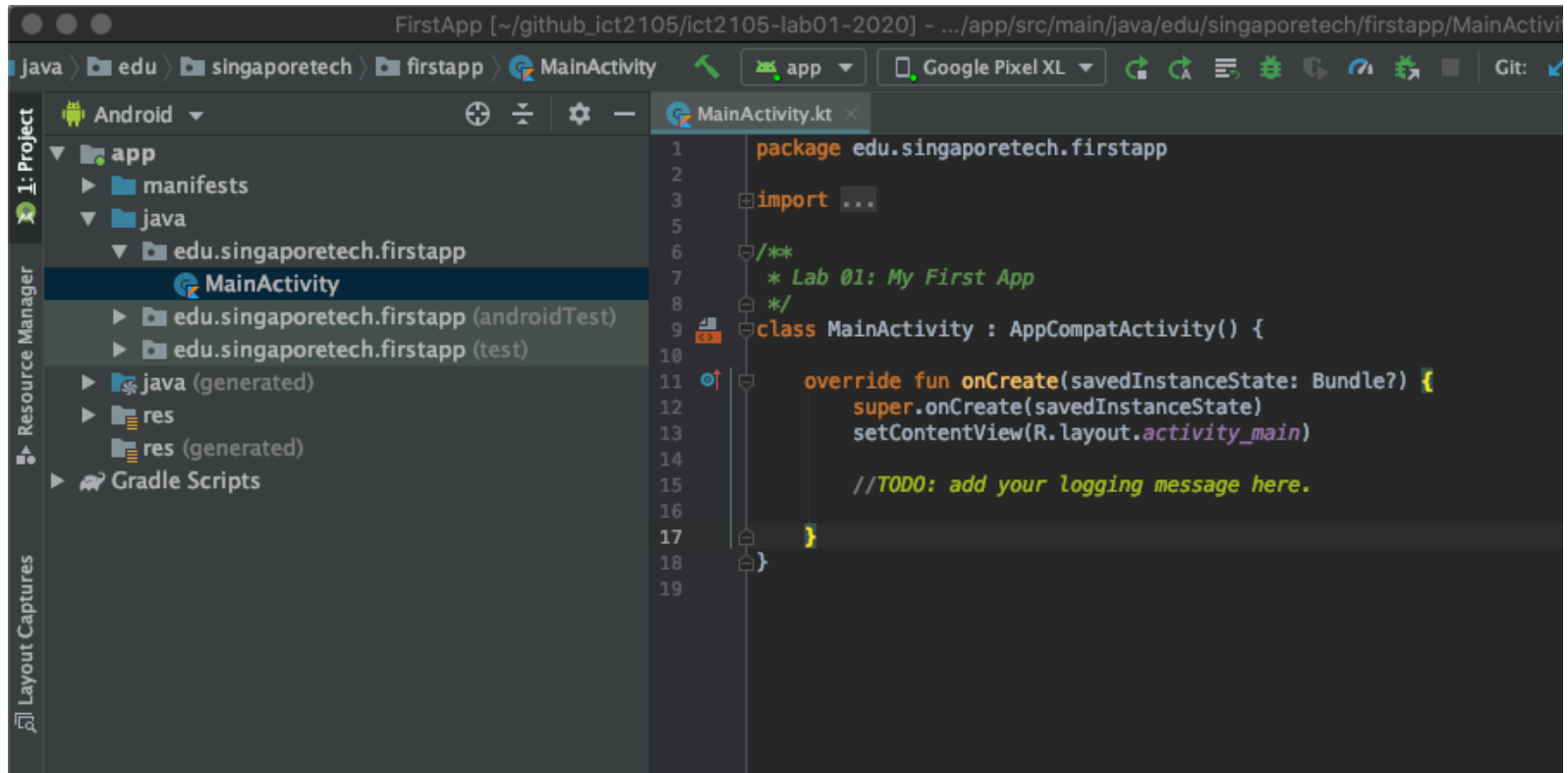
Within `onCreate()`

- Restore saved state

- Set content view

- Initialize UI Elements

- Link UI Elements to code



### 3. Package Application

Required app information is in

`AndroidManifest.xml`

Java/Kotlin classes, resources, etc. packaged into .APK file

# AndroidManifest.xml

Contains essential information the system must have before running the application:

Application Name

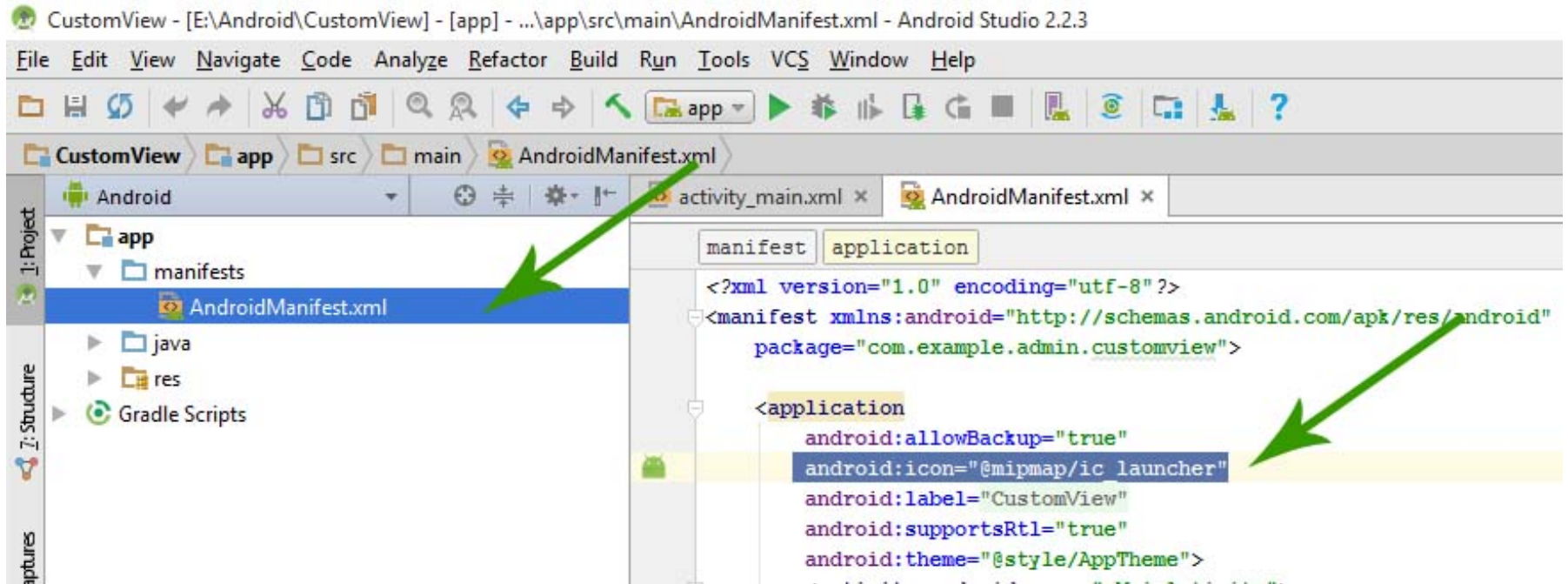
Components (Activities, Services, etc)

Permissions

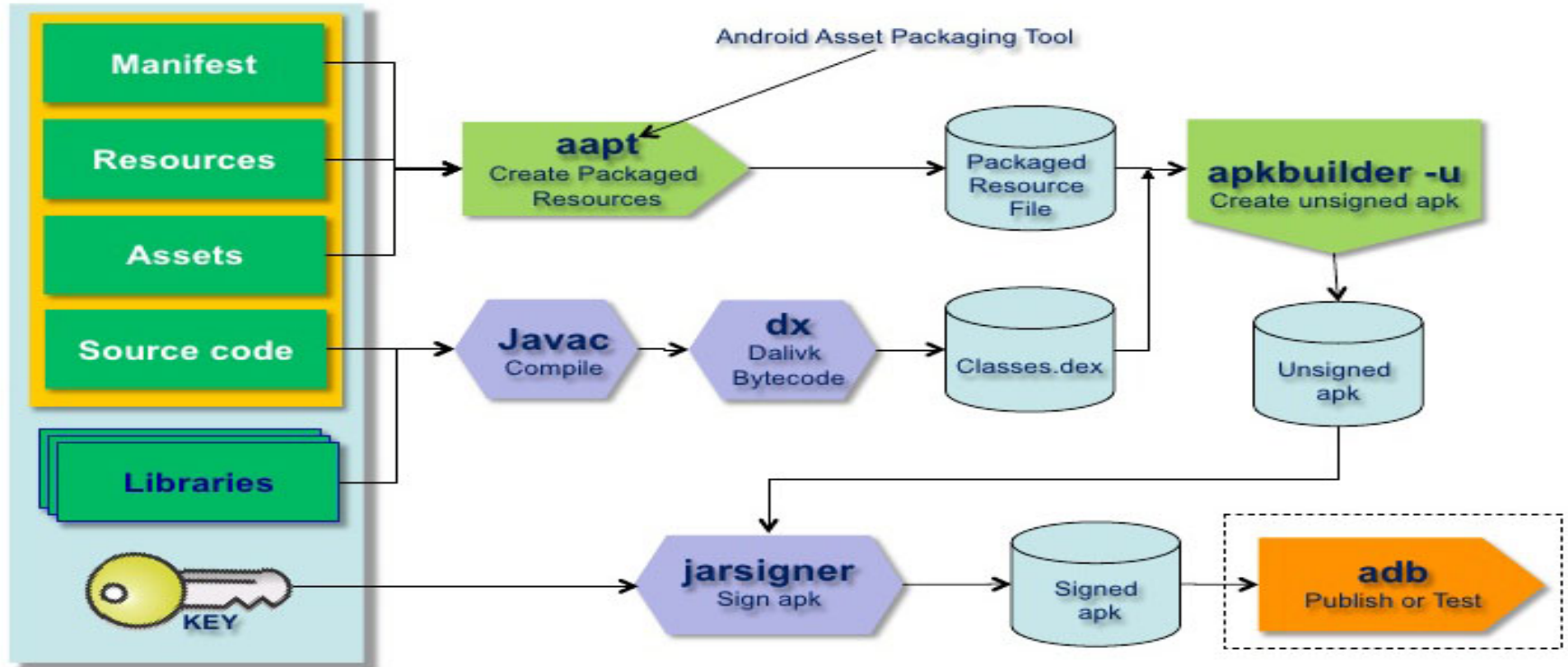
Other Features

Minimum API Level

# AndroidManifest.xml



# App Packaging Workflow



## 4. Install & Run

Hit “Play” button in Android Studio, run in the emulator

Enable USB Debugging on real device

Command Line:

```
adb install <filename.apk>
```

# Version Control

System that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific **versions** later

Usually applies to code

Can do this with any file on the computer



# Centralized Version Control

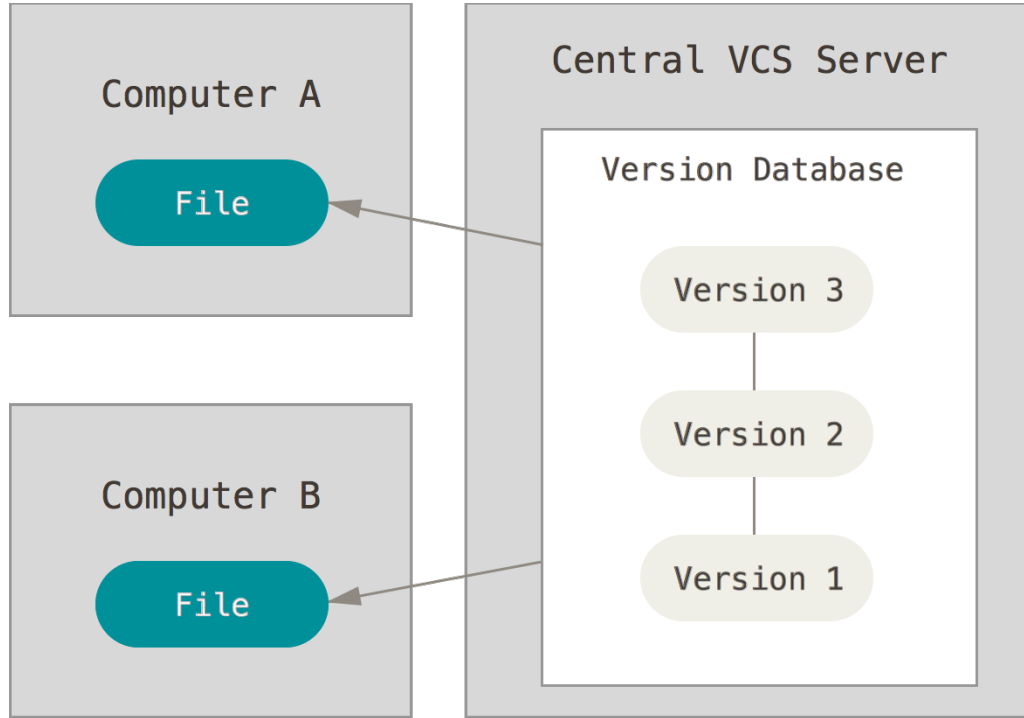
Single server that contains all the versioned files

A number of clients that check out files from that central place

Possibly single point of failure

E.g. CVS, Subversion, Perforce

# Centralized Version Control



# Distributed Version Control

Clients fully mirror the repository

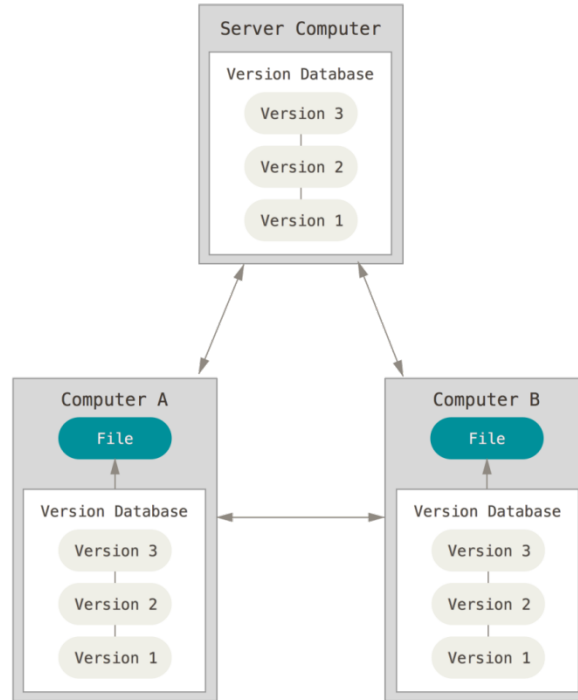
If any server dies, any of the client repositories can be copied back up to the server to restore it

Every clone is really a full backup of all the data

E.g. Git, Mercurial, Bazaar or Darcs

We're using Git!

# Distributed Version Control



# Coding Conventions

Java <https://google.github.io/styleguide/javaguide.html>

Kotlin <https://developer.android.com/kotlin/style-guide>

Improve the readability of software

Highlight potential bugs or avoid mistakes

Reduce training and learning curve

- ❑ Match a class name with its file name [High]

### WRONG

```
/**
 * Copyright Notice
 * Filename: Hello.java
 */
package learning.com.myprograms;
public class HelloWorld {

}
```

### RIGHT

```
/**
 * Copyright Notice
 * Filename: HelloWorld.java
 */
package learning.com.myprograms;
public class HelloWorld {

}
```

- ❑ Group operations with the same name together [Low]

### WRONG

```
package learning.com.myprograms;  
public class HelloWorld {  
    void operation() {  
    }  
    void function() {  
    }  
    void operation(int param) {  
    }  
}
```

### RIGHT

```
package learning.com.myprograms;  
public class HelloWorld {  
    void operation() {  
    }  
    void operation(int param) {  
    }  
    void function() {  
    }  
}
```

# Kotlin Naming Conventions

## Naming

If a source file contains only a single top-level class, the file name should reflect the case-sensitive name plus the `.kt` extension. Otherwise, if a source file contains multiple top-level declarations, choose a name that describes the contents of the file, apply PascalCase, and append the `.kt` extension.

```
// MyClass.kt
class MyClass { }
```



```
// Bar.kt
class Bar { }
fun Runnable.toBar(): Bar = // ...
```



```
// Map.kt
fun <T, O> Set<T>.map(func: (T) -> O): List<O> = // ...
fun <T, O> List<T>.map(func: (T) -> O): List<O> = // ...
```





# Kotlin Coding Conventions

## Braces

Braces are not required for `when` branches and `if` statement bodies which have no `else if/else` branches and which fit on a single line.

```
if (string.isEmpty()) return

when (value) {
    0 -> return
    // ...
}
```

Braces are otherwise required for any `if`, `for`, `when` branch, `do`, and `while` statements, even when the body is empty or contains only a single statement.

```
if (string.isEmpty())
    return // WRONG!

if (string.isEmpty()) {
    return // Okay
}
```

# Continuous Integration

Development practice that requires developers to **integrate** code into a shared repository several times a day

Each check-in is then verified by an automated build, allowing teams to detect problems early

Build: Compile all the code, libraries, resources

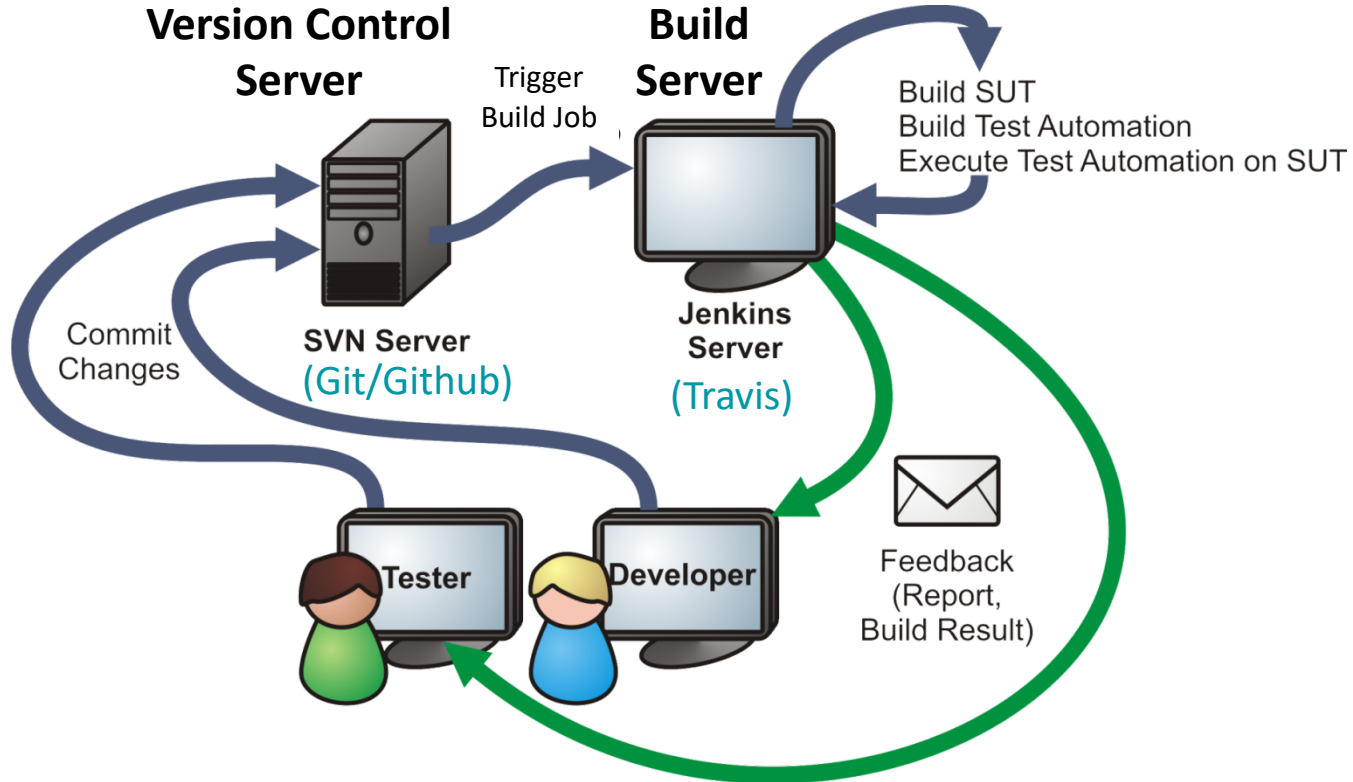
Code don't compile => **YOU BROKE THE BUILD**

Run the automatic tests

Email build and test results to the team

E.g. Hudson, Jenkins, CruiseControl, Travis

# Continuous Integration



# You Broke the Build!



# YOU BROKE THE BUILD!

This is Agnes and she's none too pleased with you, Bub. You broke the build. You should have known that you were making breaking changes, but you checked them in anyway.



If you start using continuous integration, Agnes won't have to come back.

[www.YouBrokeTheBuild.com](http://www.YouBrokeTheBuild.com)

# Summary

Development environment overview and tools

Emulation != Simulation

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Version Control & Continuous Integration