

Android Developer Fundamentals

Hello World

Lesson 1



Create your first
Android app

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1.1 Create Your First Android App

Contents

- Android Studio
- Creating "Hello World" app in Android Studio
- Basic app development workflow with Android Studio
- Running apps on virtual and physical devices



Prerequisites

- Java Programming Language
- Object-oriented programming
- XML - properties / attributes
- Using an IDE for development and debugging

Android Studio



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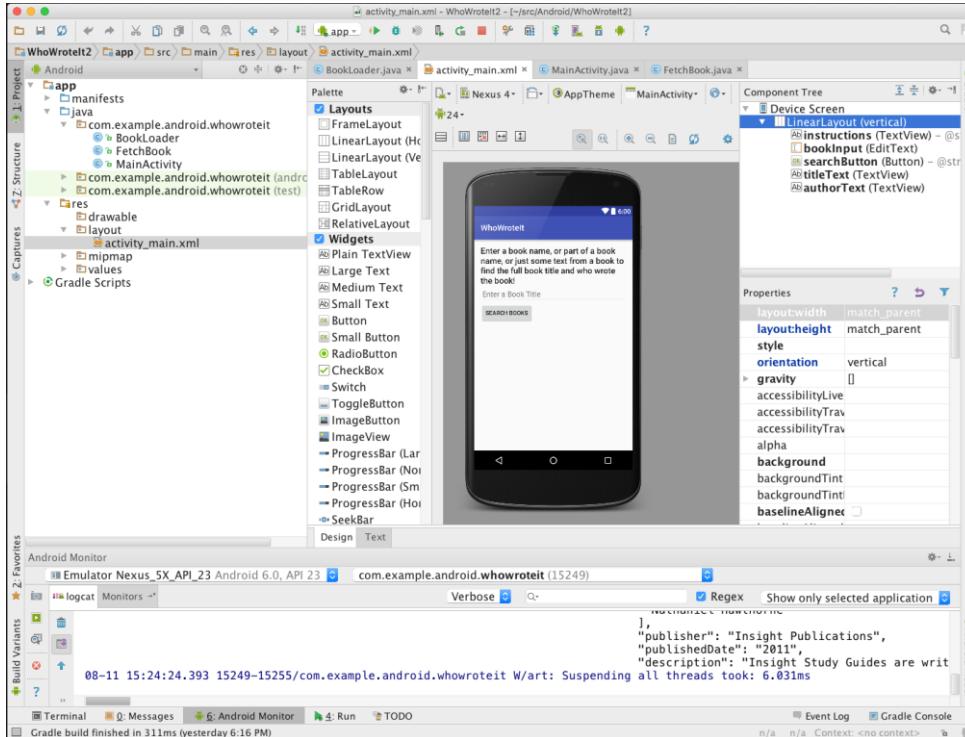
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What is Android Studio?



- Android IDE
- Project structure
- Templates
- Layout Editor
- Testing tools
- Gradle-based build
- Log Console
- Debugger
- Monitors
- Emulators

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Installation Overview

- Mac, Windows, or Linux
- Requires Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.7 or better from [Oracle Java SE downloads page](http://java.oracle.com/javase/7u7/download.html)
- Set JAVA_HOME to JDK installation location
- Download and install Android Studio from <http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html>
- See [1.1 P Install Android Studio for details](#)

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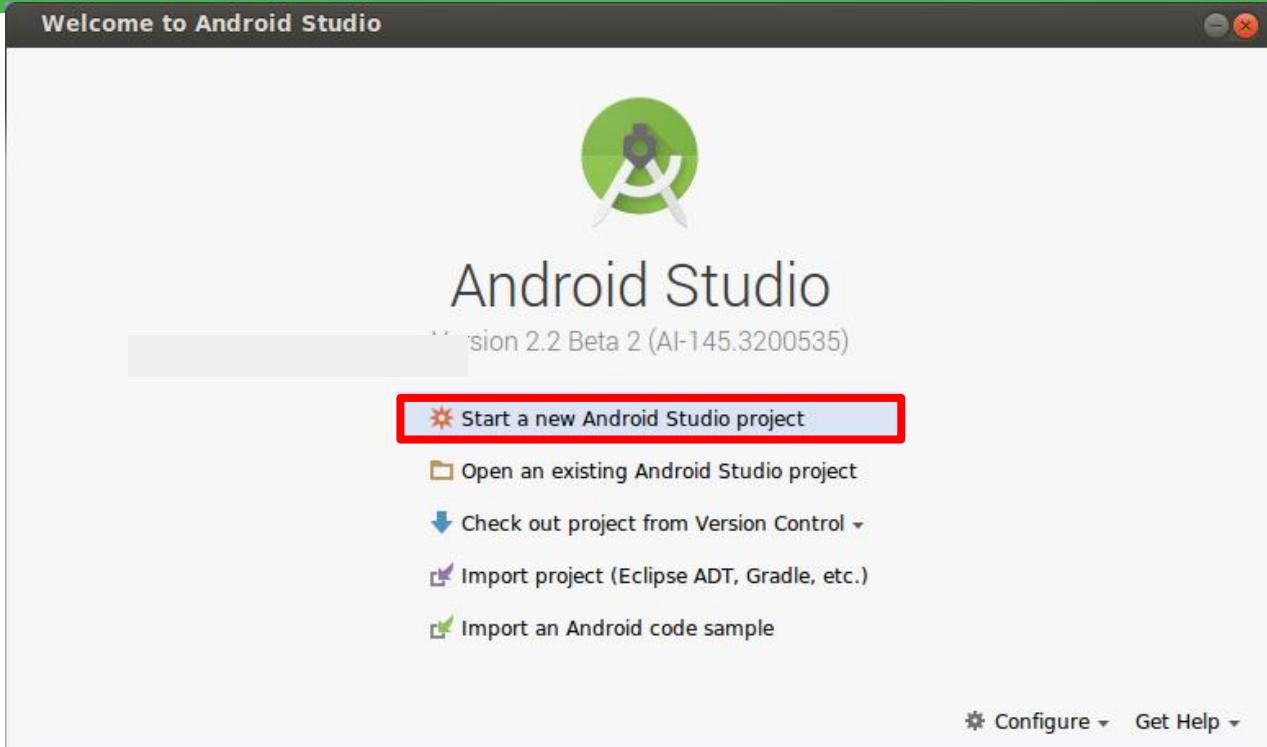
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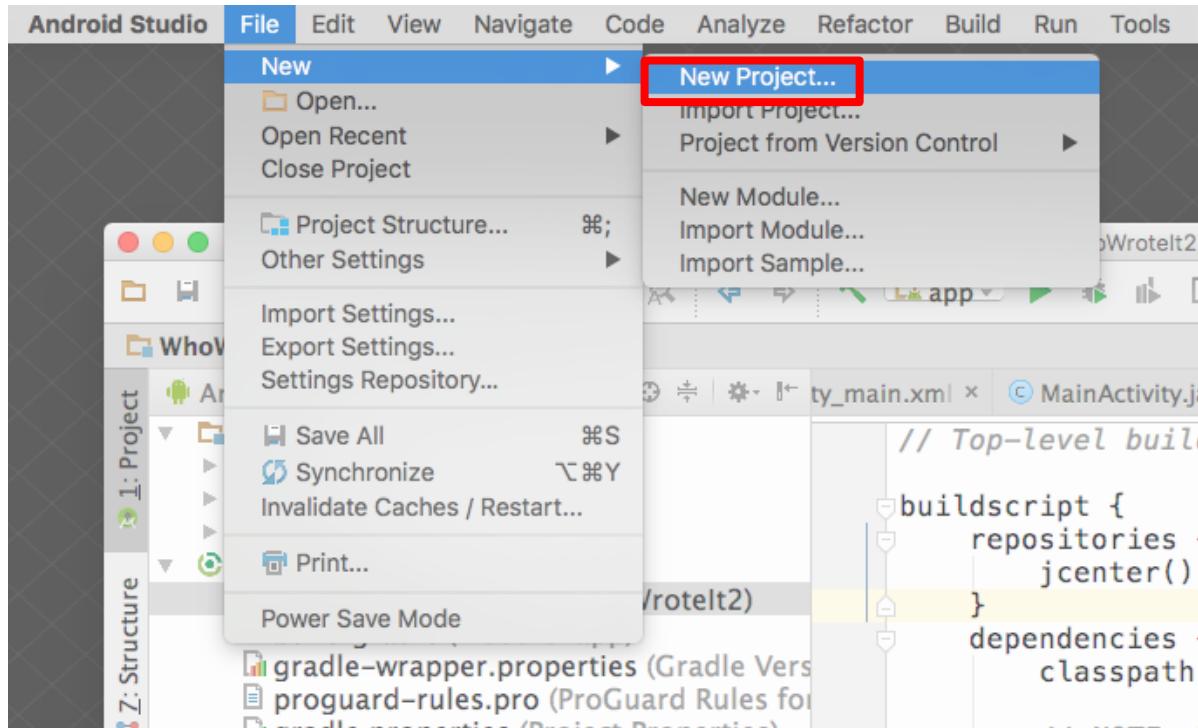
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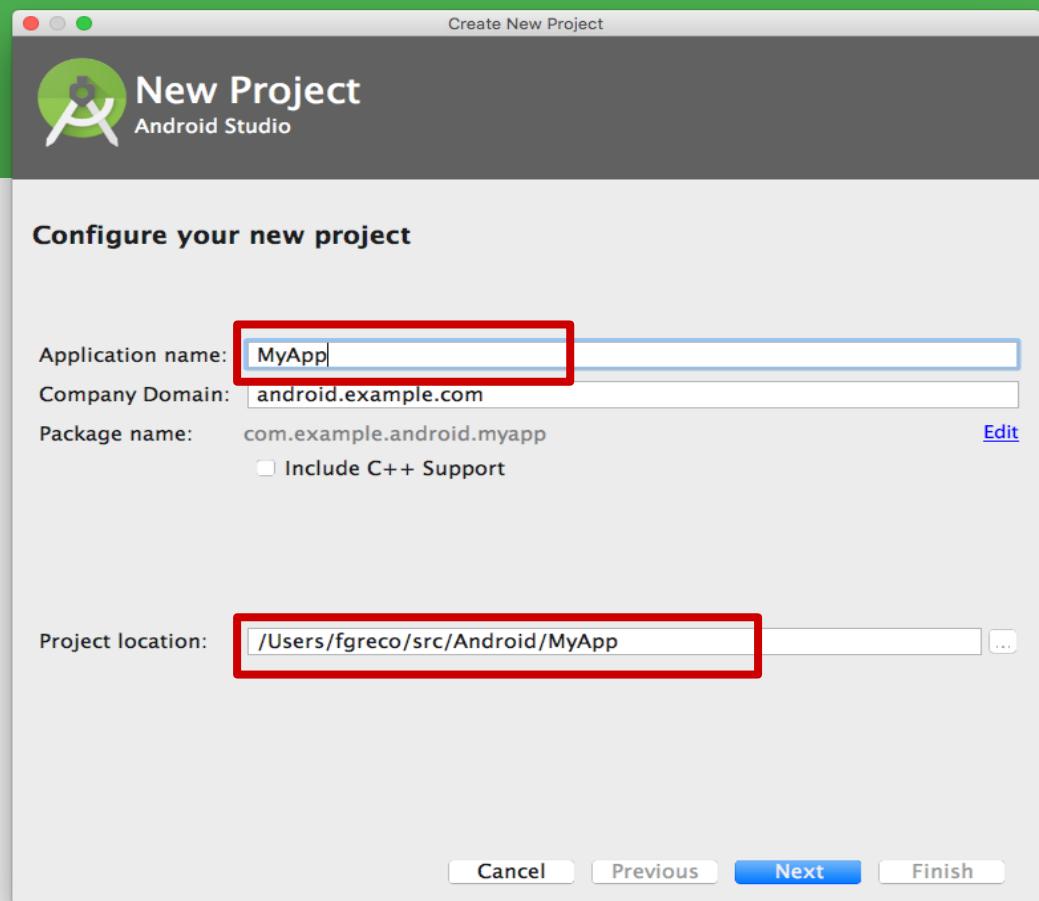
Start Android Studio



Create a project inside Android Studio



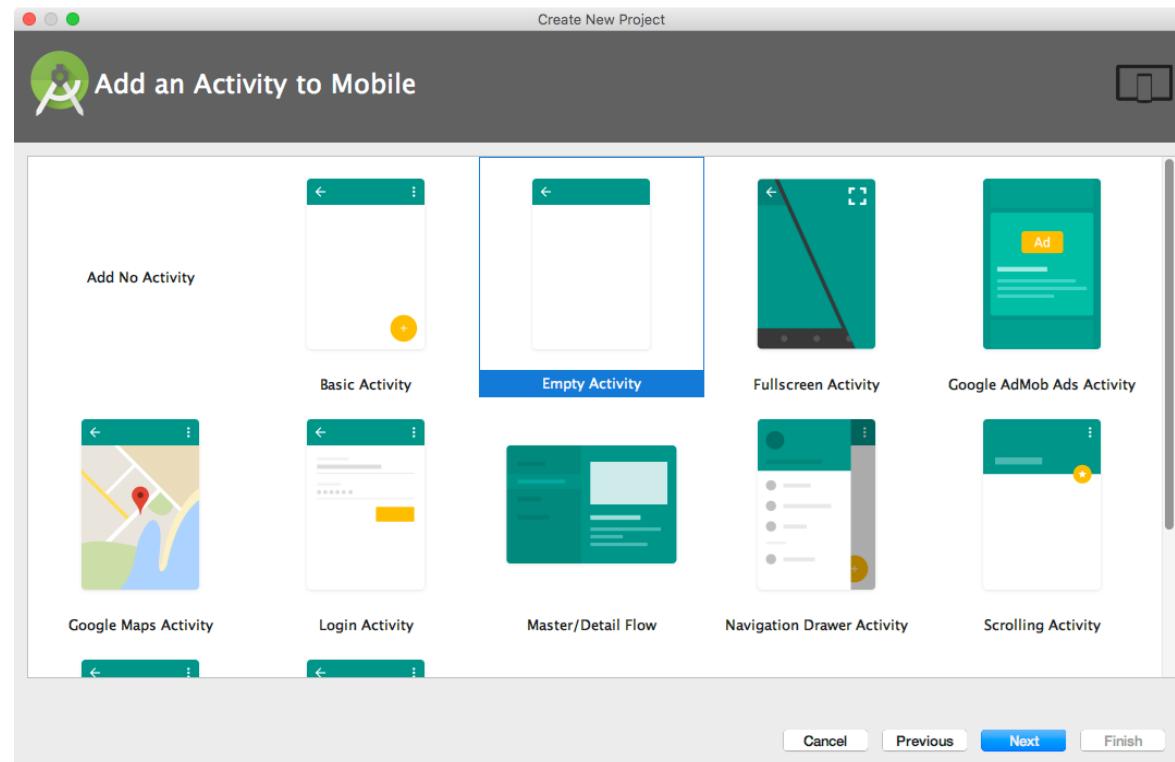
Name your app



Pick activity template

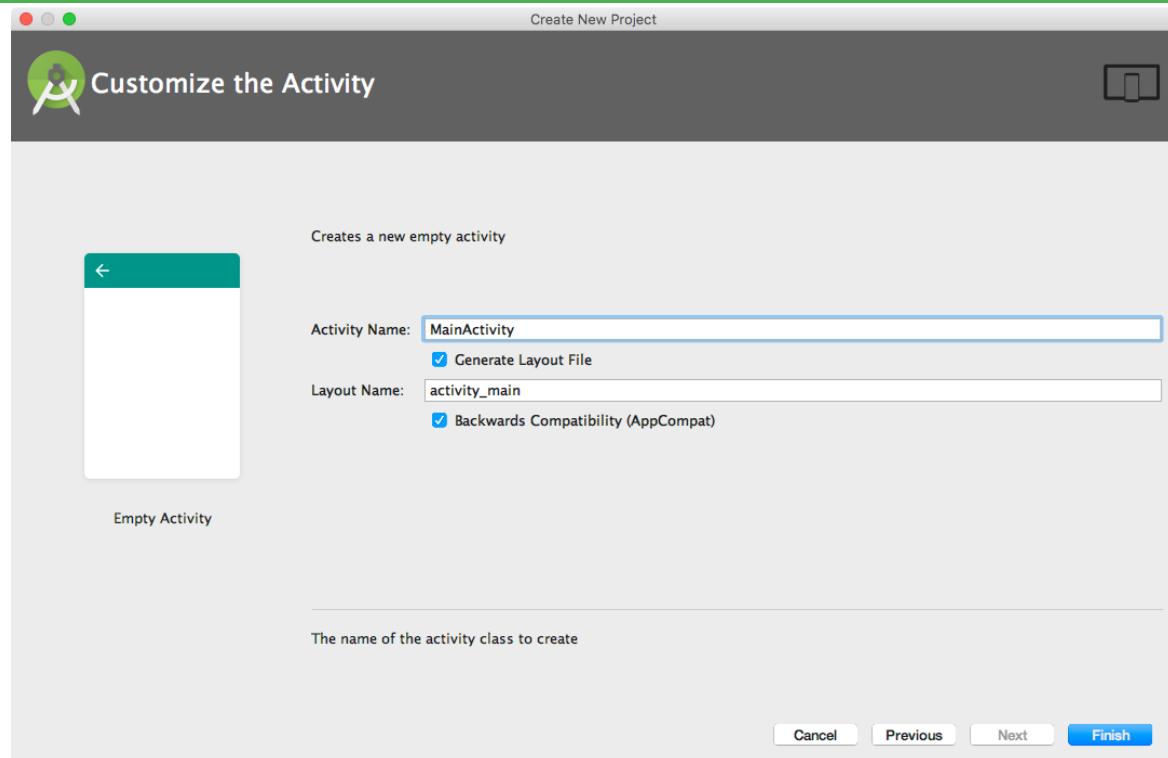
Choose templates for common activities, such as maps or navigation drawers.

Pick Empty Activity or Basic Activity for simple and custom activities.



Name your activity

- Good practice to name main activity `MainActivity` and `activity_main` layout
- Use AppCompat
- Generating layout file is convenient



Android Studio Panes

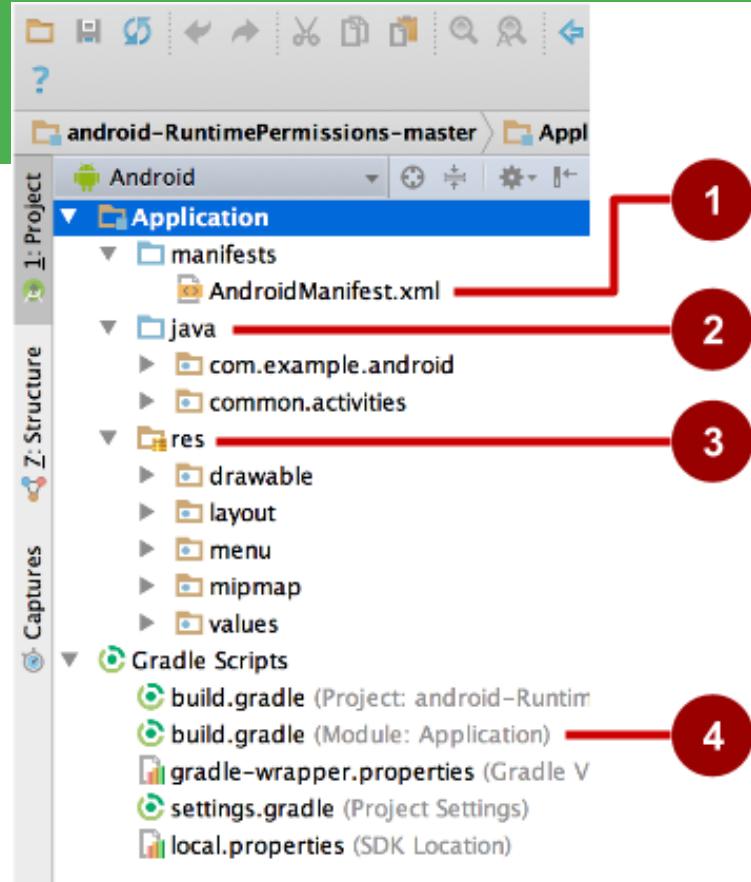
The screenshot illustrates the Android Studio interface with several open panes:

- Project Files**: Located on the left, showing the project structure under the **app** module.
- Layout Editor**: The central pane displays the `activity_main.xml` layout. It features a large yellow `LinearLayout` containing a `TextView` with the text "TOAST" and a large blue number "0". To the right is another `LinearLayout` with a `TextView` labeled "show_count" and a `Button` labeled "button_toast". The **Properties** pane on the right shows settings for the `show_count` `TextView`, including `ID: show_count`, `layout_width: match_parent`, and `layout_height: wrap_content`. The **Component Tree** pane shows the hierarchical structure of the layout.
- Android Monitor**: The bottom pane shows logcat output for the emulator. The log includes messages such as "D/libc: [logcat] 09-26 16:29:17.556 2724: 2724 D/". The **Build Variants** and **Gradle Scripts** panes are also visible on the far left.

Android Monitors: logcat: log messages

Project folders

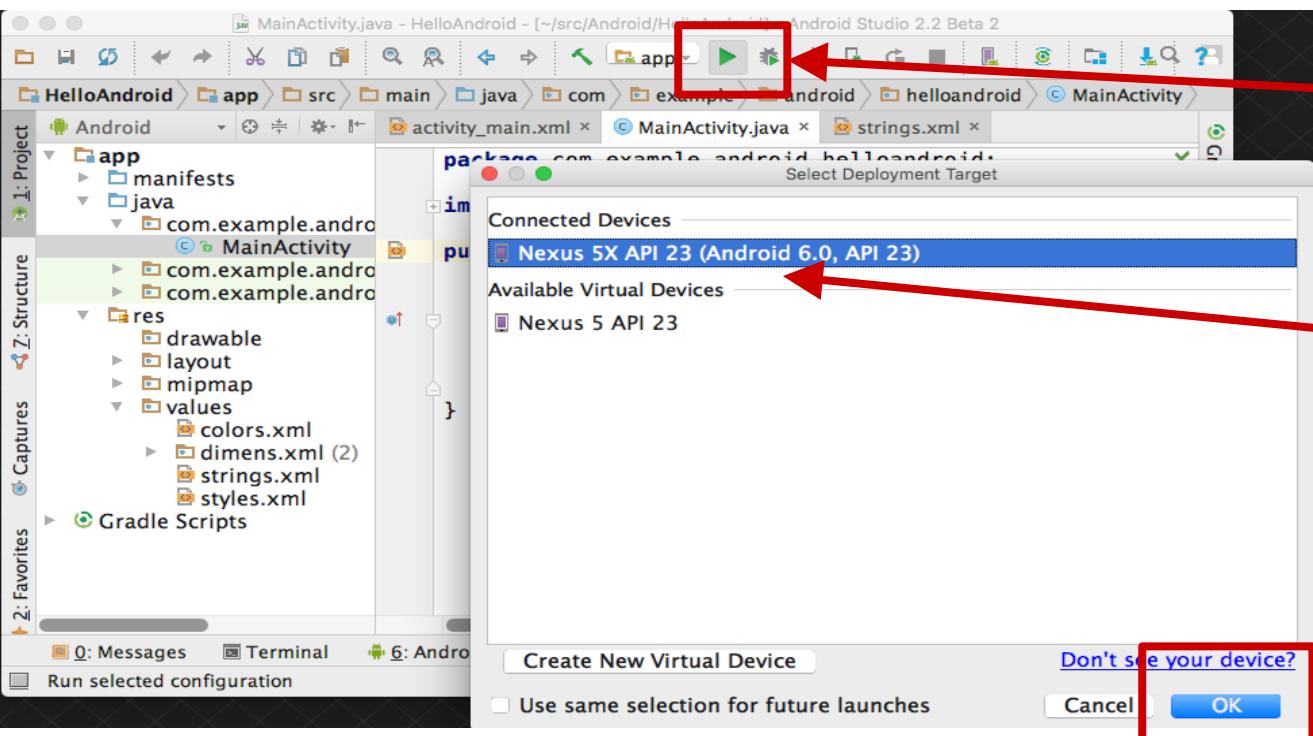
- 1. manifests**—Android Manifest file - description of app read by the Android runtime
- 2. java**—Java source code packages
- 3. res**—Resources (XML) - layout, strings, images, dimensions, colors...
- 4. build.gradle**—Gradle build files



Gradle build system

- Modern build subsystem in Android Studio
- Three build.gradle:
 - project
 - module
 - settings
- Typically not necessary to know low-level Gradle details
- Learn more about gradle at <https://gradle.org/>

Run your app



1. Run

2. Select virtual or physical device

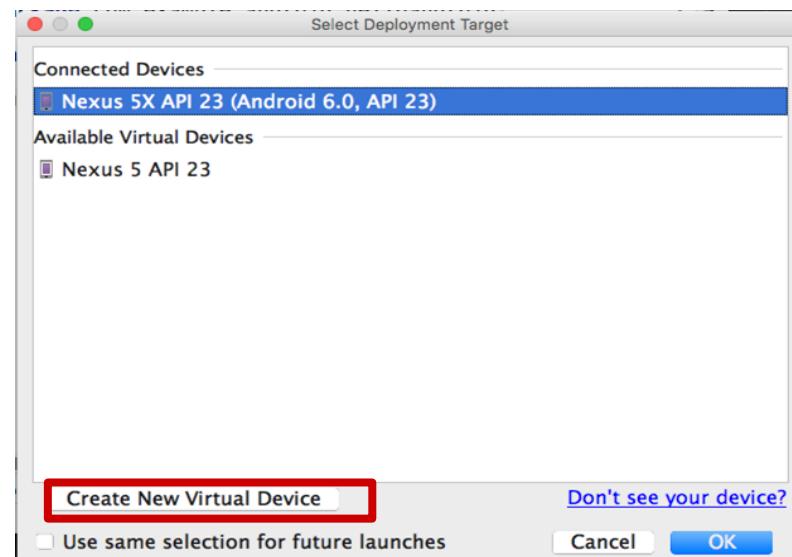
3. OK

Create a virtual device

Use emulators to test app on different versions of Android and form factors.

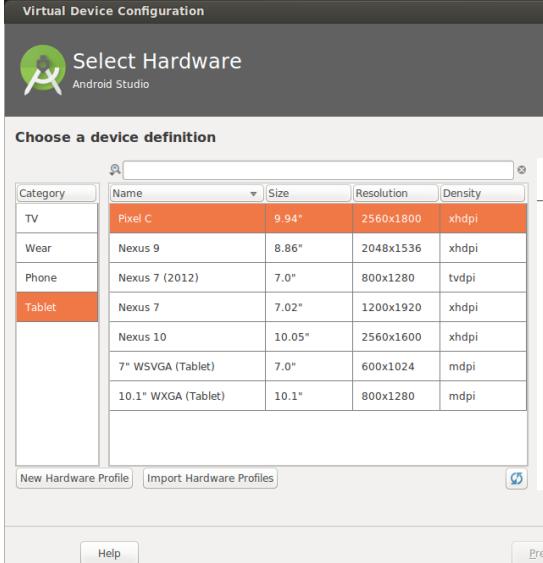
Tools > Android > AVD Manager

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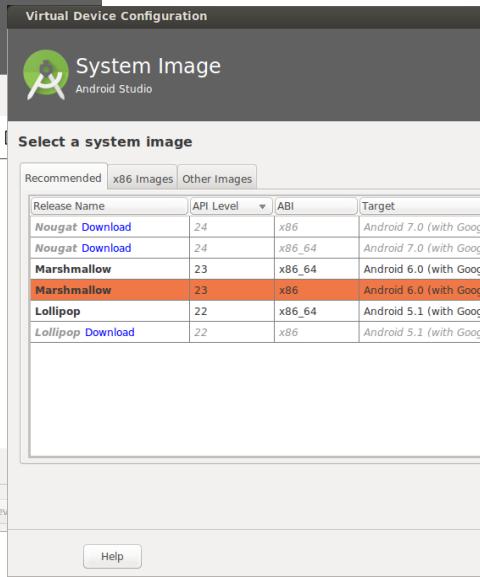


Configure virtual device

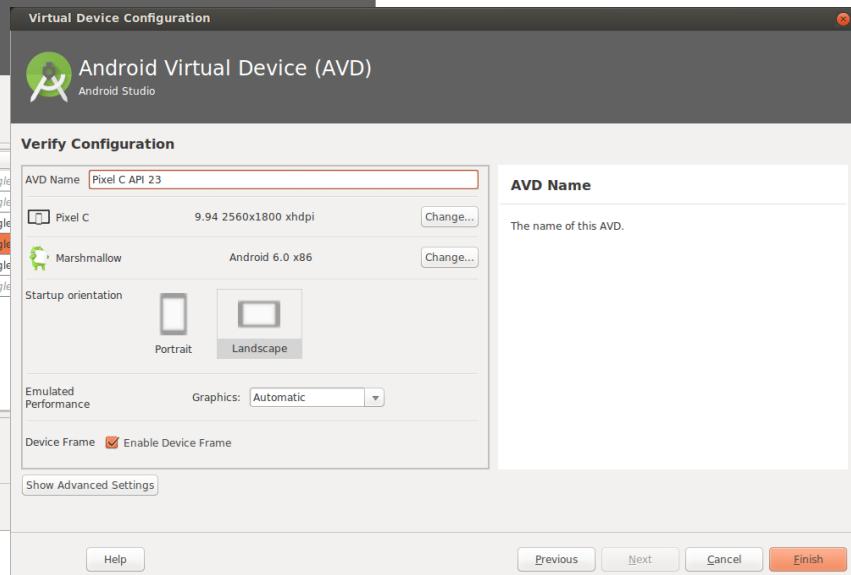
1. Choose hardware



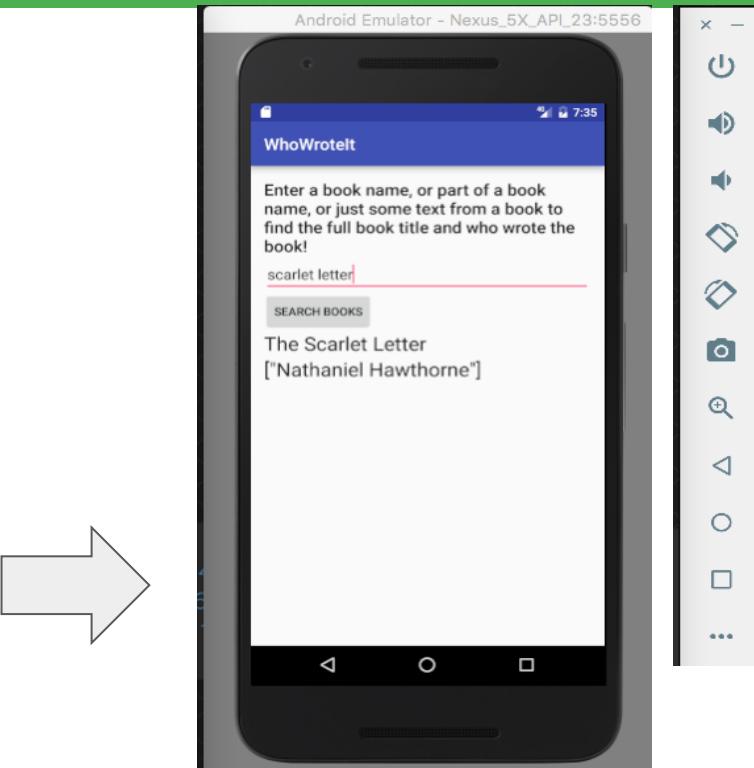
2. Select Android Version



3. Finalize



Run on a virtual device



Run on a physical device

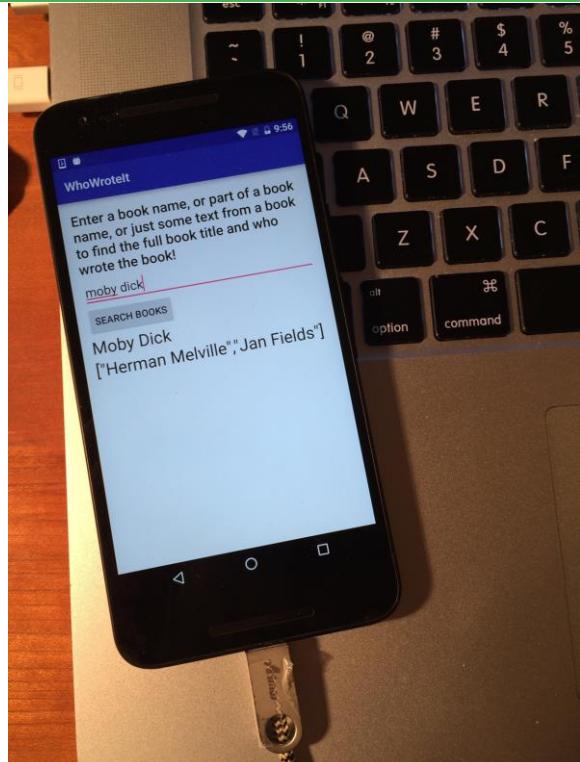
1. Turn on Developer Options:
 - a. **Settings > About phone**
 - b. Tap **Build number** seven times
2. Turn on USB Debugging
 - a. **Settings > Developer Options > USB Debugging**
3. Connect phone to computer with cable

Windows/Linux additional setup:

- [Using Hardware Devices](#)

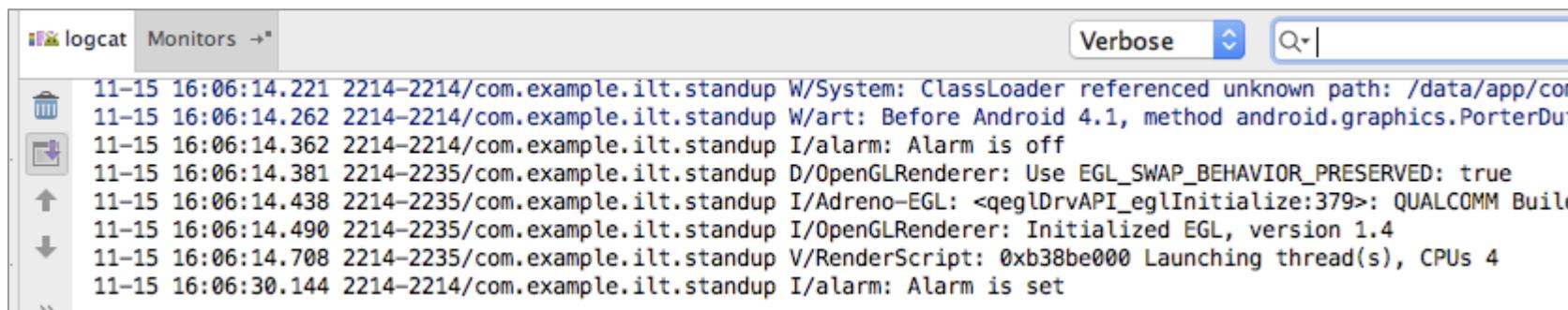
Windows drivers:

- [OEM USB Drivers](#)



Get feedback as your app runs

- As the app runs, Android Monitor logcat shows information
- You can add logging statements to your app that will show up in logcat.



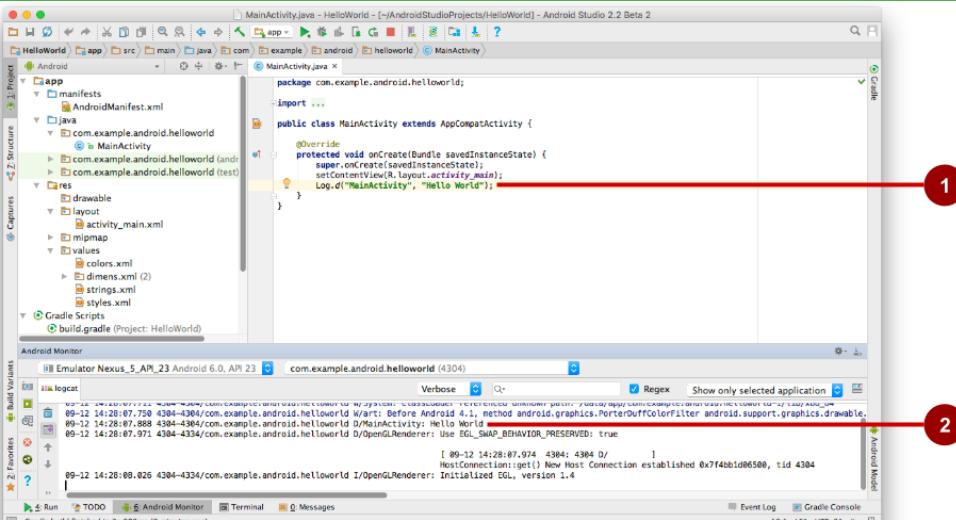
The screenshot shows the Android Monitor application window with the 'logcat' tab selected. The interface includes a toolbar with icons for logcat, monitors, verbose/filter dropdown, and search. The main pane displays a list of log entries from an application named 'com.example.ilt.standup'. The log entries are timestamped and show various system and application logs, such as class loading, OpenGL renderer initialization, and alarm management. The logcat output is as follows:

```
11-15 16:06:14.221 2214-2214/com.example.ilt.standup W/System: ClassLoader referenced unknown path: /data/app/com.example.ilt.standup-1/lib/arm64
11-15 16:06:14.262 2214-2214/com.example.ilt.standup W/art: Before Android 4.1, method android.graphics.PorterDuffColorFilter android.graphics.drawable.Drawable.setColorFilter(int,int) was defined as void in class android.graphics.drawable.Drawable. This violation has been allowed to keep the original behavior
11-15 16:06:14.362 2214-2214/com.example.ilt.standup I/Alarm: Alarm is off
11-15 16:06:14.381 2214-2235/com.example.ilt.standup D/OpenGLRenderer: Use EGL_SWAP_BEHAVIOR_PRESERVED: true
11-15 16:06:14.438 2214-2235/com.example.ilt.standup I/Adreno-EGL: <qeglDrvAPI_eglInitialize:379>: QUALCOMM Build ID: 1.1.0.0
11-15 16:06:14.490 2214-2235/com.example.ilt.standup I/OpenGLRenderer: Initialized EGL, version 1.4
11-15 16:06:14.708 2214-2235/com.example.ilt.standup V/RenderScript: 0xb38be000 Launching thread(s), CPUs 4
11-15 16:06:30.144 2214-2214/com.example.ilt.standup I/Alarm: Alarm is set
```

Logging

```
import android.util.Log;  
  
// Use class name as tag  
private static final String TAG =  
    MainActivity.class.getSimpleName();  
  
// Show message in Android Monitor, logcat pane  
// Log.<log-level>(TAG, "Message");  
Log.d(TAG, "Creating the URI...");
```

Android Monitor > logcat pane



1. Log statements in code.
 2. logcat pane shows system and logging messages

- Set filters to see what's important to you
 - Search using tags

Learn more

- [Meet Android Studio](#)
- Official Android documentation at developer.android.com
- [Create and Manage Virtual Devices](#)
- [Supporting Different Platform Versions](#)
- [Supporting Multiple Screens](#)

Learn even more

- [Gradle Wikipedia page](#)
- [Google Java Programming Language style guide](#)
- Find answers at [Stackoverflow.com](#)

What's Next?

- Concept Chapter: [1.1 C Create Your First Android App](#)
- Practical: [1.1 P Install Android Studio and Run Hello World](#)

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1.2 Views, Layouts, and Resources

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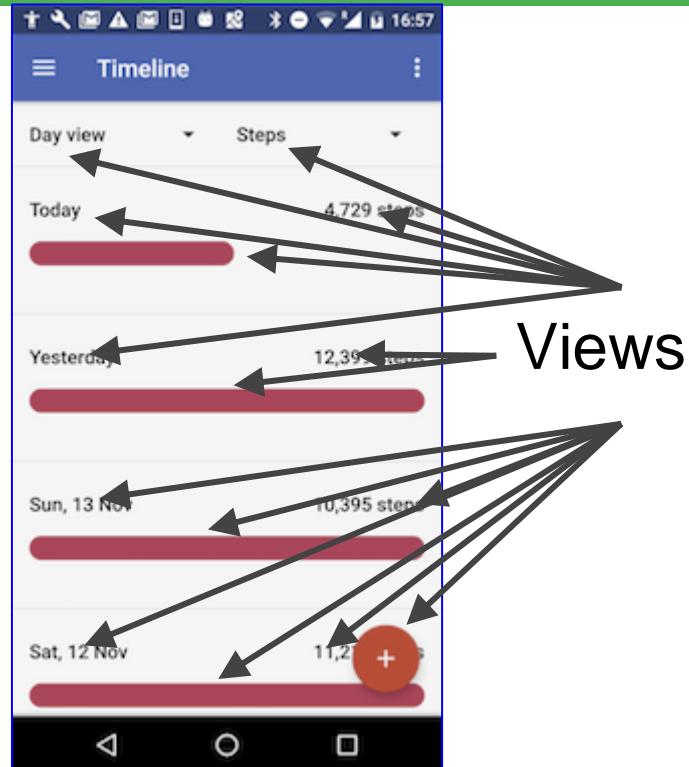
- Views, view groups, and view hierarchy
- Layouts in XML and Java code
- Event Handling
- Resources
- Screen Measurements

Views

An Android application is incomplete without the proper appearance of the screen

Everything you see is a view

If you look at your mobile device,
every user interface element that
you see is a **View**.



What is a view

Views are building blocks of user interface.

- display text ([TextView](#) class), edit text ([EditText](#) class)
- buttons ([Button](#) class), [menus](#), other controls
- scrollable ([ScrollView](#), [RecyclerView](#))
- show images ([ImageView](#))
- subclass of [View](#) class

Views have properties

- Have properties (e.g., color, dimensions, positioning)
- May have focus (e.g., selected to receive user input)
- May be interactive (respond to user clicks)
- May be visible or not
- Have relationships to other views

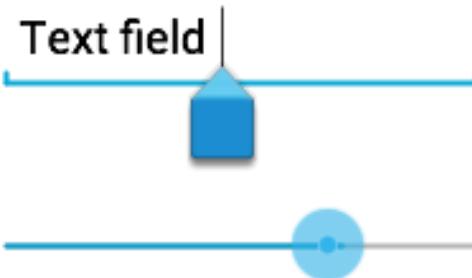
Examples of views

Button



CheckBox

EditText



RadioButton

SeekBar



Switch

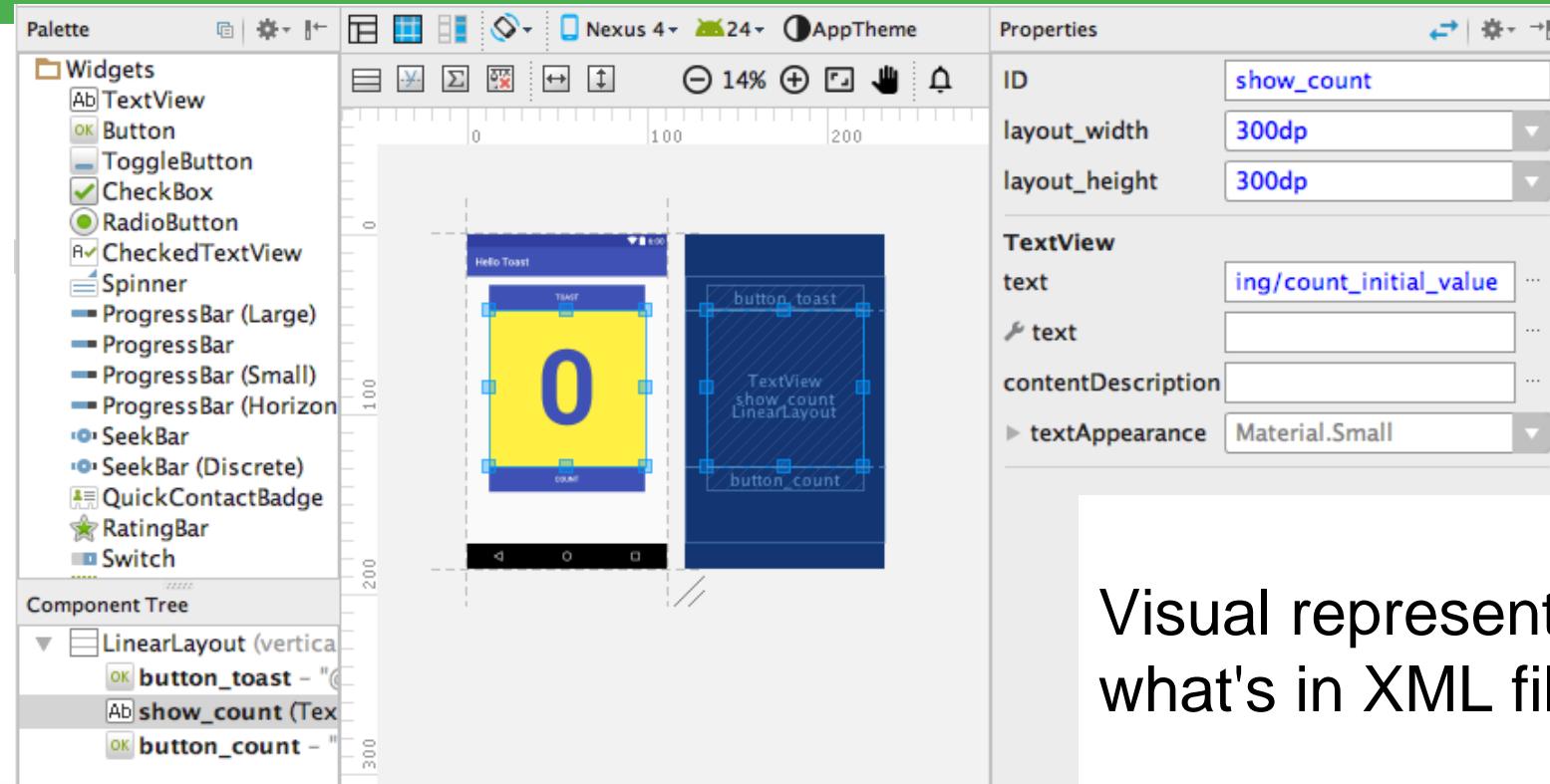


Creating and laying out views

3 ways to define views

- Graphically within Android Studio
- XML Files
- Programmatically

Views defined in Layout Editor

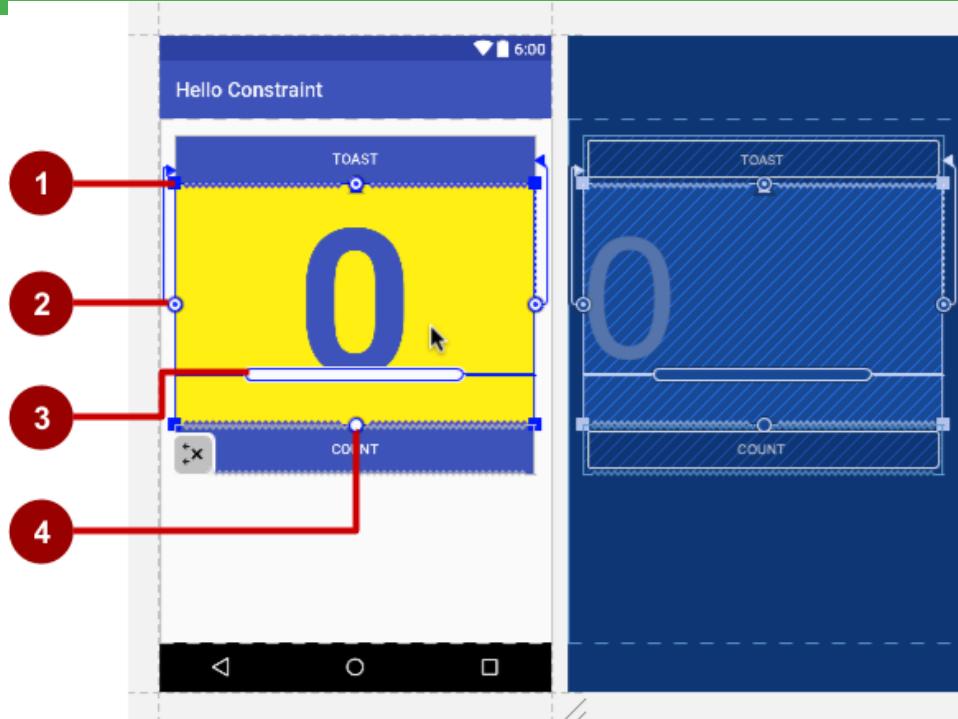


Visual representation of what's in XML file.

Using the Layout Editor

1. Resizing handle
2. Constraint line and handle
3. Baseline handle
4. Constraint handle

A constraint represents a connection or alignment to another view



Views defined in XML

```
<TextView
```

```
    android:id="@+id/show_count"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:background="@color/myBackgroundColor"  
    android:text="@string/count_initial_value"  
    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"  
    android:textSize="@dimen/count_text_size"  
    android:textStyle="bold"
```

/>

Using "match_parent" for the width means the UI element will take up all the available width within its parent container.

For example, if you have a LinearLayout that contains a button with android:layout_width="match_parent", the button will stretch horizontally to fill the entire width of the LinearLayout.

"wrap_content": This value indicates that the UI element's height should be as tall as necessary to accommodate its content. In other words, the UI element will adjust its height to fit the content it holds.

For example, if you have a TextView with a long text, setting its height to "wrap_content" will ensure that the TextView is tall enough to display the entire text without cutting it off.

View properties in XML

`android:<property_name>=<property_value>"`

Example: `android:layout_width="match_parent"`

`match_parent` will take the width from the parent tag

`android:<property_name>="@<resource_type>/resource_id"`

Example: `android:text="@string/button_label_next"`

`android:<property_name>="@+id/view_id"`

Example: `android:id="@+id/show_count"`

Create View in Java code

In an Activity:

context



```
TextView myText = new TextView(this);  
myText.setText("Display this text!");
```

What is the context?

- Context is an interface to global information about an application environment
- Get the context:
`Context context = getApplicationContext();`
- An activity is its own context:
`TextView myText = new TextView(this);`

Custom views

- Over 100 (!) different types of views available from the Android system, all children of the [View](#) class
- If necessary, [create custom views](#) by subclassing existing views or the View class

ViewGroup & View Hierarchy

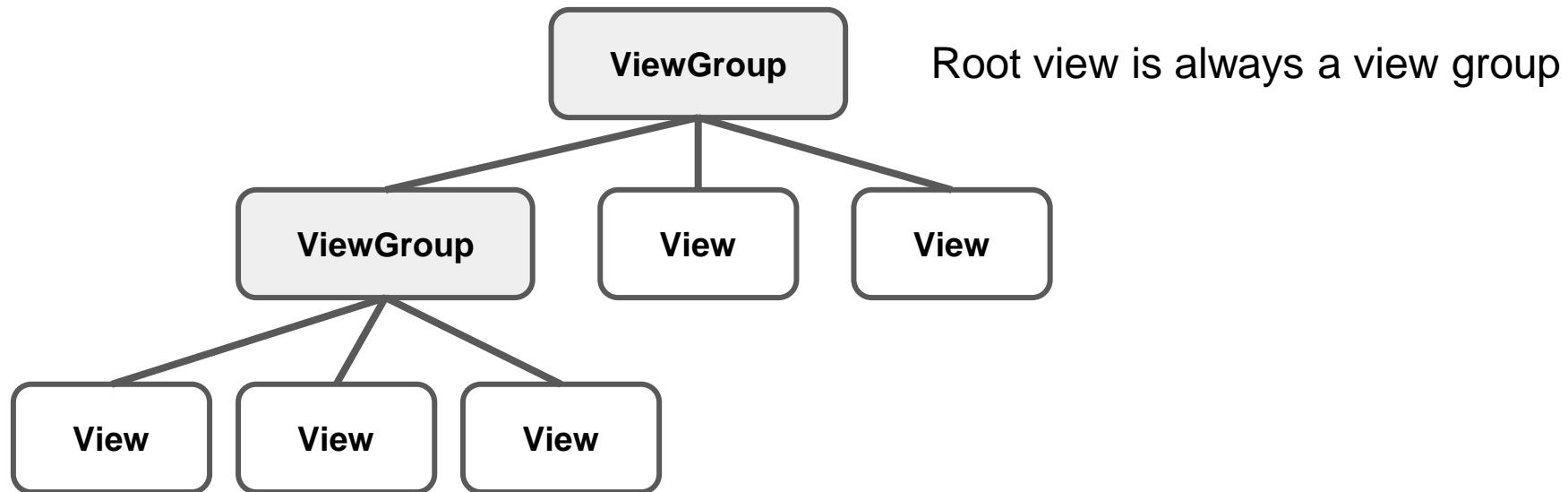
ViewGroup views

A **ViewGroup** (parent) is a type of view that can contain other views (children). It acts as the container to contain the views.

ViewGroup is the base class for layouts and view components

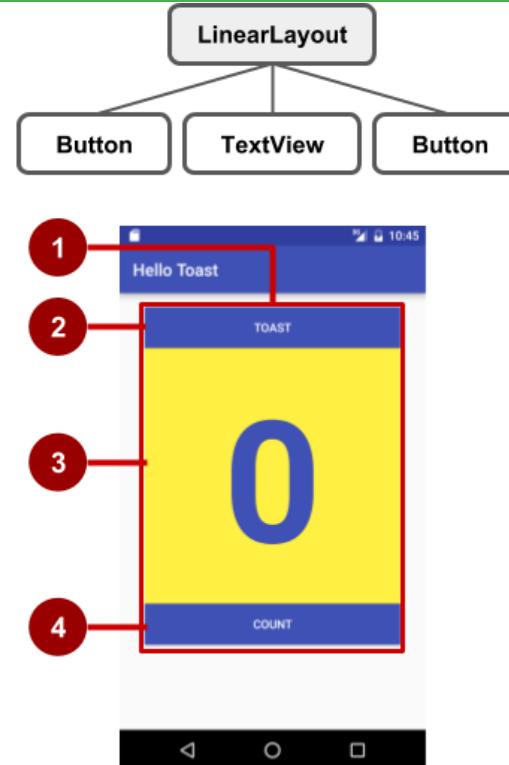
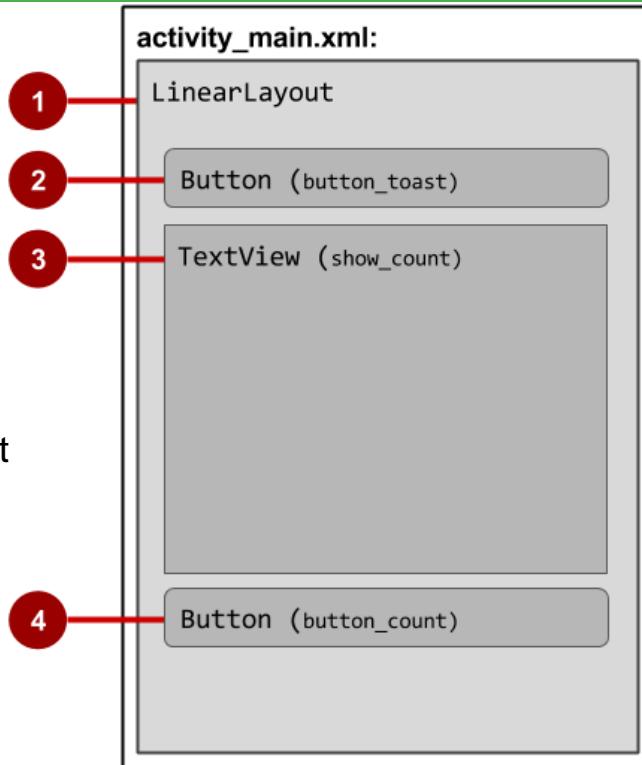
- ScrollView—scrollable view that contains one child view
- LinearLayout—arrange views in horizontal/vertical row
- RecyclerView—scrollable "list" of views or view groups

Hierarchy of view groups and views

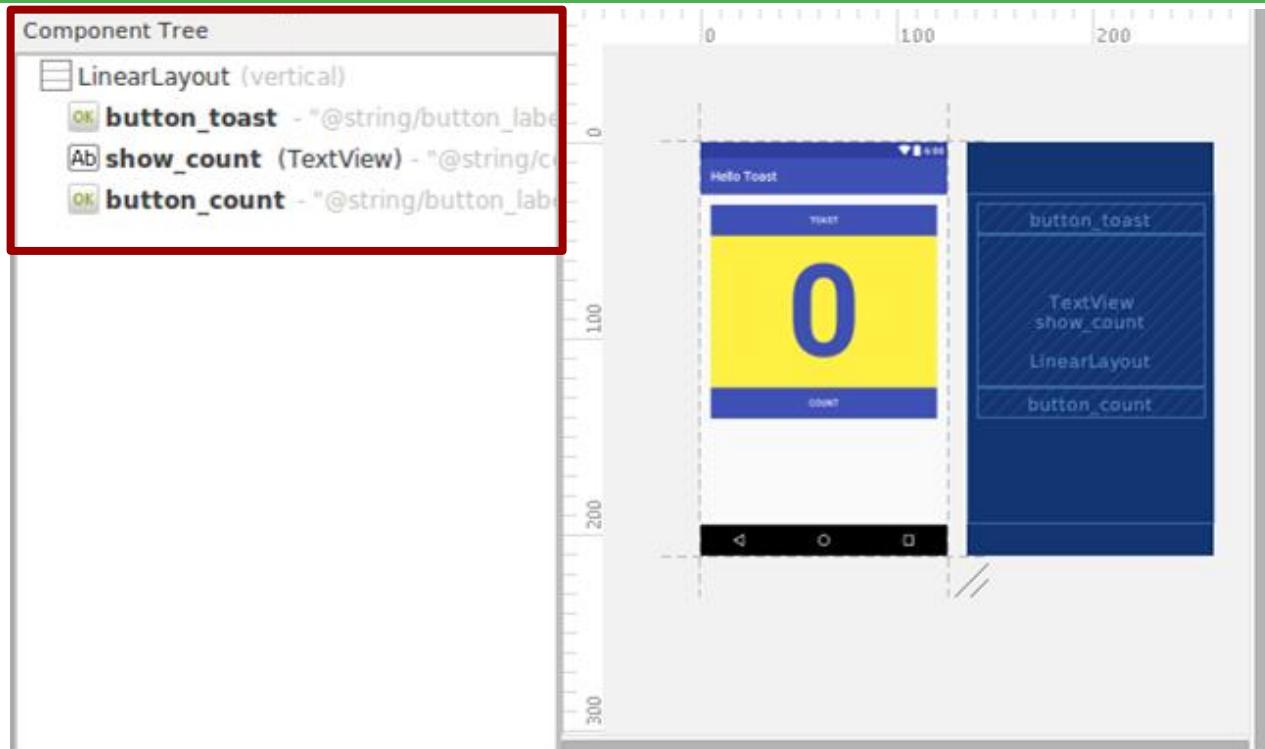


View hierarchy and screen layout

LinearLayout
is the
ViewGroup



View hierarchy in the component tree



Best practices for view hierarchies

- Arrangement of view hierarchy affects app performance
- Use smallest number of simplest views possible
- Keep the hierarchy flat—limit nesting of views and view groups

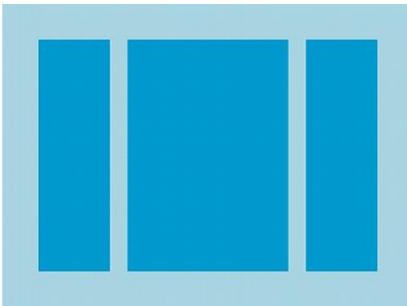
Layouts

Layout Views represent ViewGroups

Layouts

- are specific types of view groups(ScrollView, LinearLayout, RecyclerView)
- are subclasses of [ViewGroup](#)
- contain child views
- can be in a row, column, grid, table, absolute

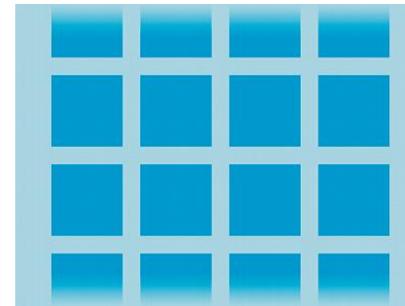
Common Layout Classes



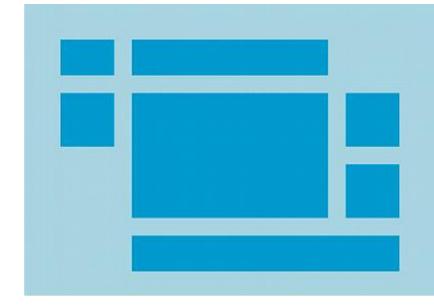
LinearLayout



RelativeLayout



GridLayout



TableLayout

All UI components are related to each other

Common Layout Classes

- **ConstraintLayout** (**put a constraint on view**) - connect views with constraints
- **LinearLayout** - horizontal or vertical row
- **RelativeLayout** - child views relative to each other
- **TableLayout** - rows and columns
- **FrameLayout** - shows one child of a stack of children
- **GridView** - 2D scrollable grid

Class Hierarchy vs. Layout Hierarchy

- View class-hierarchy is standard object-oriented class inheritance
 - For example, Button is-a TextView is-a View is-a Object
 - Superclass-subclass relationship
- Layout hierarchy is how Views are visually arranged
 - For example, LinearLayout can contain Buttons arranged in a row
 - Parent-child relationship

Layout created in XML

```
<LinearLayout  
    android:orientation="vertical"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent">  
    <EditText  
        ... />  
    <Button  
        ... />  
</LinearLayout>
```

Layout created in Java Activity code

```
LinearLayout linearL = new LinearLayout(this);
linearL.setOrientation(LinearLayout.VERTICAL);

TextView myText = new TextView(this);
myText.setText("Display this text!");

linearL.addView(myText);
setContentView(linearL); //activity code method
```

Setting width and height in Java code

Set the width and height of a view:

```
LinearLayout.LayoutParams layoutParams =  
    new LinearLayout.LayoutParams(  
        LayoutParams.MATCH_PARENT,  
        LayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT);  
myView.setLayoutParams(layoutParams);
```

Event Handling

Events

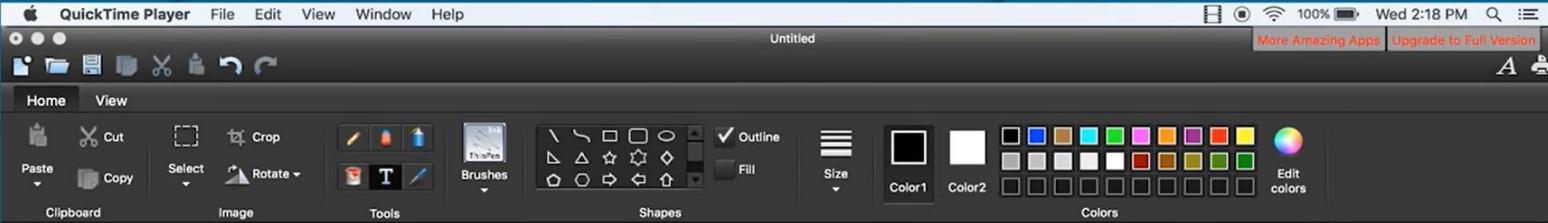
Something that happens

- In UI: Click, tap, drag
- Device: DetectedActivity such as walking, driving, tilting
- Events are "noticed" by the Android system
- 3 things to handle events: event source (daughter), event listener (Dad) and Event handler (Shopkeeper)

Event Handlers

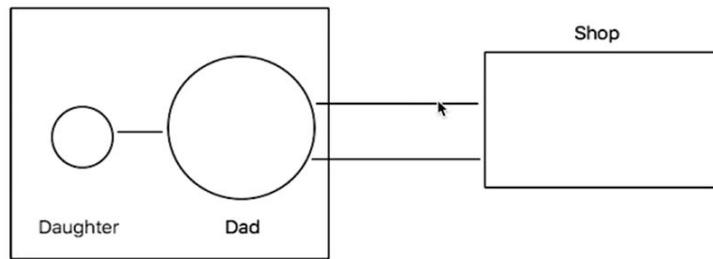
Methods that do something in response to a click

- A method, called an **event handler**, is triggered by a specific event and does something in response to the event



Dad and Daughter

Room



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Handling clicks in XML & Java

Attach handler to view in layout:

```
android:onClick="showToast"
```

Click event can be generated by any view

Implement handler in activity:

```
public void showToast(View view) {  
    String msg = "Hello Toast!";  
    Toast toast = Toast.makeText(  
        this, msg, duration);  
    toast.show();  
}
```

Toast is the interactive dialog box to notify the user

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Setting click handlers in Java

```
final Button button = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button_id);
button.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
    public void onClick(View v) {
        String msg = "Hello Toast!";
        Toast toast = Toast.makeText(this, msg, duration);
        toast.show();
    }
});
```

Resources

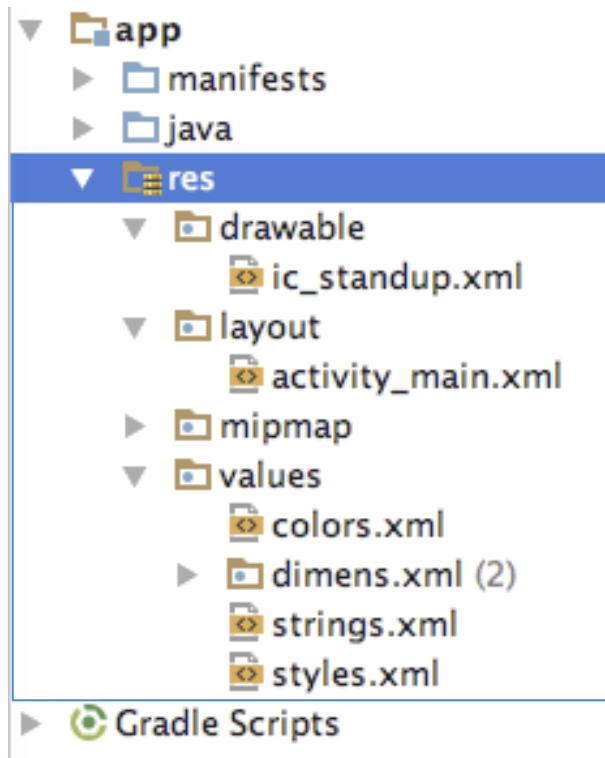
Resources

Why do we define resources separately?

- Separate static data from code in your layouts.
- Strings, dimensions, images, menu text, colors, styles
- Useful for localization (no need to define the resource repeatedly)



Where are the resources in your project?



resources and resource files
stored in **res** folder



Refer to resources in code

- Layout:

```
R.layout.activity_main  
setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
```

- View:

```
R.id.recyclerview  
rv = (RecyclerView) findViewById(R.id.recyclerview);
```

- String:

In Java: R.string.title

In XML: android:text="@string/title"

Measurements

- Device Independent Pixels (dp) - for Views
- Scale Independent Pixels (sp) - for text

Don't use device-dependent units:

- Actual Pixels (px)
- Actual Measurement (in, mm)
- Points - typography 1/72 inch (pt)



Demo for Layout, View and Event handling

Android Studio File Edit View Navigate Code Analyze Refactor Build Run Tools VCS Window Help

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activity_main.xml - ViewsandEvents - [~/AndroidStudioProjects/ViewsandEvents]

ViewsandEvents app src main res layout activity_main.xml

MainActivity.java

Palette Widgets TextView Button ToggleButton CheckBox RadioButton CheckedTextView Spinner ProgressBar (Large) ProgressBar ProgressBar (Small) ProgressBar (Horizontal) SeekBar SeekBar (Discrete) QuickContactBadge RatingBar Switch Space Text Fields (EditText) Plain Text Password Component Tree activity_main (RelativeLayout) textView - "UI and Events" t1 (TextView) - "Your Text" b1 (Button) - "CHANGE1" b2 (Button) - "CHANGE2"

Properties ID: t1 layout_width: wrap_content layout_height: wrap_content

Text View text: Your Text

contentDescription:

textAppearance: Material.Small

fontFamily: sans-serif

typeface: none

textSize: 36sp

lineSpacingExtra: none

textColor: @color/colorPrimary

textStyle: B I Tr

textAlignment: Left Center Right Justify

Design Text

View all properties ↗

Build Variants 2 Favorites

0: Messages 6: Android Monitor TODO

IllegalStateException: Do not change documents during undo as it will break undo sequence. (3 minutes ago)

n/a n/a Context: <no context>

Event Log Gradle Console

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MainActivity.java - ViewsandEvents - [/AndroidStudioProjects/ViewsandEvents]

ViewsandEvents app src main java com.example.example demouser viewsandevents MainActivity

activity_main.xml MainActivity.java

1: Project 2: Structure Captures 3: Favorites Build Variants

Gradle

Android Model

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Run selected configuration

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Java code in MainActivity.java:

```
package com.example.demouser.viewsandevents;

import ...

public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity implements View.OnClickListener{

    TextView t1;
    Button b1;

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
        t1 = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.t1);
        b1 = (Button)findViewById(R.id.b1);

        b1.setOnClickListener(this);
    }

    @Override
    public void onClick(View view) {
        t1.setText("You clicked Button 1");
    }
}
```

qemu-system-x86_64

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ViewsandEvents app src main res layout activity_main.xml

MainActivity.java

```
RelativeLayout Button
    android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:textSize="30sp"
    android:id="@+id/mytitle" />

<TextView
    android:text="Your Text"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/textView"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:layout_marginTop="43dp"
    android:id="@+id/t1"
    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"
    android:textSize="36sp" />

<Button
    android:text="Change 1"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/t1"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:layout_marginTop="31dp"
    android:id="@+id/b1" />

<Button
    android:text="Change2"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/b1"
    android:onClick="doSomething"
    android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/b1"
    android:layout_alignStart="@+id/b1"
    android:layout_marginTop="16dp"
    android:id="@+id/b2" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

Android Emulator - Black_Knight_02:5554

ViewsandEvents

UI and Events

You clicked Button 1

CHANGE 1

CHANGE2

Android Model

Instant Run applied code changes and restarted the app. Method Added. (Dont show again)

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The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the following details:

- Project Structure:** Shows the project name "ViewsandEvents" and the file structure under "app".
- XML Layout Editor:** Displays the "activity_main.xml" file content, which includes a RelativeLayout containing a Button, a TextView, and two Buttons labeled "Change 1" and "Change2".
- Java Code Editor:** Shows the "MainActivity.java" code, which includes the XML layout and some Java logic.
- Emulator:** An Android emulator running on a Black Knight device (ID: 02:5554) showing the application's UI. The UI has a title bar "ViewsandEvents", a main section with text "UI and Events" and "You clicked Button 1", and two buttons labeled "CHANGE 1" and "CHANGE2".
- Bottom Bar:** Includes links for Messages, Terminal, Android Monitor, Run, TODO, Event Log, and Gradle Console.
- Status Bar:** Shows battery level (91%), time (Wed 3:14 PM), and signal strength.

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MainActivity.java - ViewsandEvents - [/AndroidStudioProjects/ViewsandEvents]

ViewsandEvents app src main java com.example.demouser.viewsandevents MainActivity

activity_main.xml MainActivity.java

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Gradle

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```
package com.example.demouser.viewsandevents;

import ...

public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity implements View.OnClickListener{

    TextView t1;
    Button b1;

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
        t1 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.t1);
        b1 = (Button) findViewById(R.id.b1);

        b1.setOnClickListener(this);
    }

    @Override
    public void onClick(View view) {
        t1.setText("You clicked Button 1");
    }

    public void doSomething(View v){
        t1.setText("You clicked button 2");
    }
}
```

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Gradle build finished in 17s 145ms (2 minutes ago)

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ViewsandEvents app src main res layout activity_main.xml

MainActivity.java

```
RelativeLayout Button
    android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:textSize="30sp"
    android:id="@+id/mytitle" />

<TextView
    android:text="Your Text"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/textView"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:layout_marginTop="43dp"
    android:id="@+id/t1"
    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"
    android:textSize="36sp" />

<Button
    android:text="Change 1"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/t1"
    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
    android:layout_marginTop="31dp"
    android:id="@+id/b1" />

<Button
    android:text="Change2"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_below="@+id/b1"
    android:onClick="doSomething"
    android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/b1"
    android:layout_alignStart="@+id/b1"
    android:layout_marginTop="16dp"
    android:id="@+id/b2" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

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ViewsandEvents

UI and Events

You clicked button 2

CHANGE 1

CHANGE2

Android Model

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What's Next?

- Concept Chapter: [1.2 C Layouts, Views, and Resources](#)
- Practicals:
 - [1.2A P Make Your First Interactive UI](#)
 - [1.2B P Using Layouts](#)

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Android Developer Fundamentals

Hello World

Lesson 1



Text and
Scrolling Views

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1.3 Text and Scrolling Views



Contents

Creating text views, putting those text views into ScrollView and create beautiful forms.

- TextView
- ScrollView

TextView

TextView for text

- [TextView](#) is a view for displaying single and multi-line text
- [EditText](#) is a subclass of TextView with editable text
- Controlled with layout attributes
- Set text statically from a string resource in XML, or dynamically from Java code and any source

Formatting text in string resource

- Use `` and `<i>` HTML tags for bold and italics
- All other HTML tags are ignored
- String resources: one unbroken line = one paragraph
- `\n` starts a new a line or paragraph
- Escape apostrophes and quotes with backslash (`\'', \'`)
- Escape any non-ASCII characters with backslash (`\`)

Creating TextView in XML

```
<TextView android:id="@+id/textview"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="@string/my_story"/>
```



Common TextView attributes

android:text—text to display

android:textColor—color of text

android:textAppearance—predefined style or theme

android:textSize—text size in sp

android:textStyle—normal, bold, italic, or bold|italic

android:typeface—normal, sans, serif, or monospace

android:lineSpacingExtra—extra space between lines in sp



Formatting active web links

```
<string name="article_text">... www.rockument.com ...</string>
```

```
<TextView  
    android:id="@+id/article"  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:autoLink="web"  
    android:text="@string/article_text"/>
```

autoLink values:"web", "email", "phone", "map", "all"

android:autoLink="web" to make your textView active for websites. Similarly, you can make your textView active for email or phone or map

Don't use HTML for a web link in free-form text

Creating TextView in Java code

```
TextView myTextview = new TextView(this);
myTextview.setWidthLayoutParams.MATCH_PARENT);
myTextview.setHeightLayoutParams.WRAP_CONTENT);
myTextview.setMinLines(3);
myTextview.setText(R.string.my_story);
myTextview.append(userComment);
```



ScrollView

What about large amounts of text?

- The user may need to scroll.
 - News stories, articles, ...
- To allow users to scroll a TextView, embed it in a ScrollView.
- ScrollView is categorized in ViewGroup. You can put other views in it. But only one view at a time. You use it to show large text that goes beyond your screen. If you want to design a form with so many text views, buttons, EditText view and scroll the form, you need to define ScrollView at the root and inside that we define layout and layout can contain as many views as you want.
- Other Views can be embedded in a ScrollView.
 - LinearLayout, TextView, Button, ...



ScrollView for scrolling content

- [ScrollView](#) is a subclass of [FrameLayout](#)
- Can only hold **one** view (which can be a ViewGroup)
- Holds all content in memory
- Not good for long texts, complex layouts
- Do not nest multiple scrolling views
- Use [HorizontalScrollView](#) for horizontal scrolling
- Use a [RecyclerView](#) for lists



ScrollView layout with one TextView

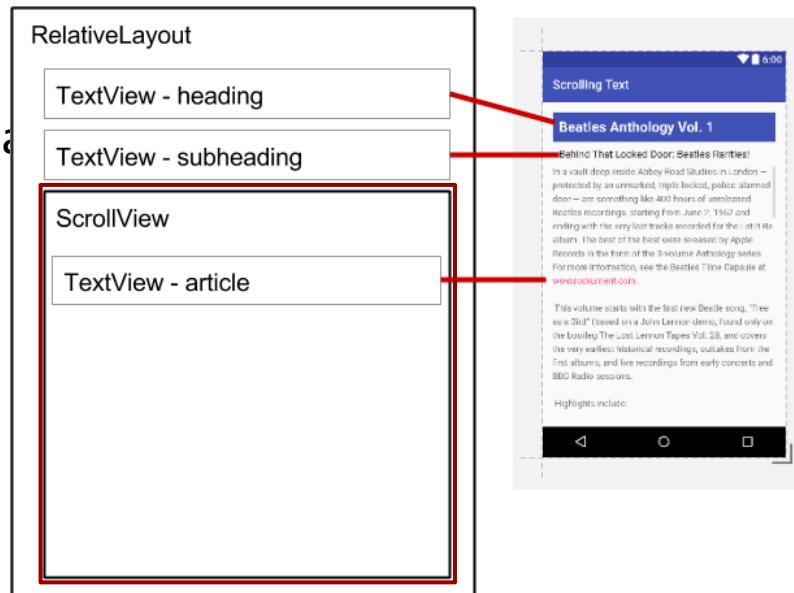
```
<ScrollView
```

```
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_below="@+id/article_subhead
```

```
<TextView
```

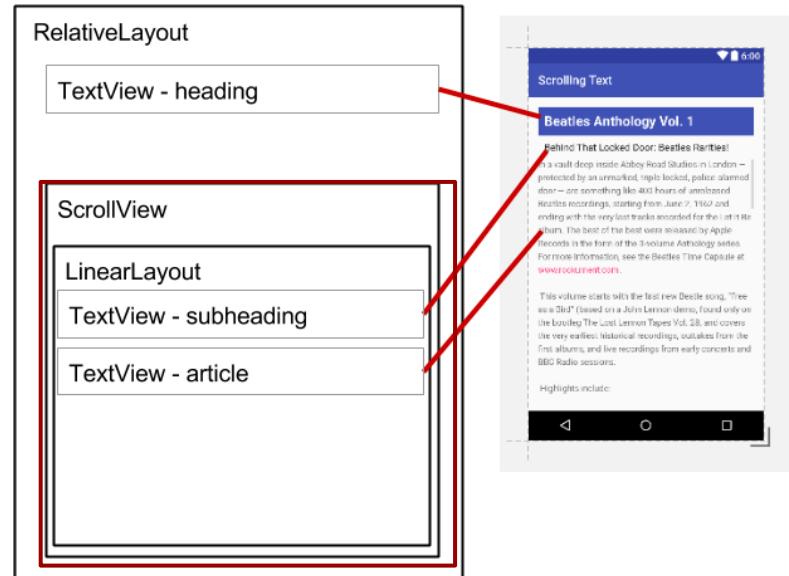
```
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    .../>
```

```
</ScrollView>
```



ScrollView layout with a view group

```
<ScrollView ...>  
    <LinearLayout  
        android:layout_width="match_parent"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:orientation="vertical">  
  
        <TextView  
            android:id="@+id/article_subheading"  
            .../>  
  
        <TextView  
            android:id="@+id/article" ... />  
    </LinearLayout>  
</ScrollView>
```



ScrollView with image and button

```
<ScrollView...>
```

```
    <LinearLayout...>
```

```
        <ImageView.../>
```

```
        <Button.../>
```

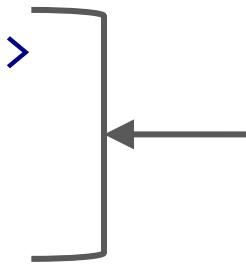
```
        <TextView.../>
```

```
    </LinearLayout>
```

```
</ScrollView>
```



One child of ScrollView
which can be a layout



Children of the layout

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Android

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Palette Widgets TextView Button ToggleButton CheckBox RadioButton CheckedTextView Spinner ProgressBar (Large) ProgressBar ProgressBar (Small) ProgressBar (Horizontal) SeekBar SeekBar (Discrete) QuickContactBadge RatingBar Switch Space Text Fields (EditText) Plain Text Password

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ScrollView scrollbarStyle none style droid:scrollViewStyle fillViewport clipToPadding

Properties ID layout_width layout_height ScrollView scrollbarStyle style fillViewport clipToPadding

TextviewandScrollView Textview with scrollview

Component Tree activity_main (RelativeLayout) textView - "Textview" ScrollView tv1 (TextView)

View all properties ↗

Design Next

Terminal 6: Android Monitor 0: Messages TODO

Gradle build finished in 6s 428ms (5 minutes ago)

Event Log Gradle Console

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The screenshot shows the Android Studio Layout Editor for an XML file named 'activity_main.xml'. The layout consists of a single ScrollView containing a single TextView. The ScrollView has a blue header bar with the title 'TextviewandScrollView' and a subtitle 'Textview with scrollview'. The TextView below it contains the text 'Textview with scrollview'. The layout is displayed on a Nexus 4 device with a resolution of 25x25. The Properties panel on the right shows settings for the ScrollView, including 'layout_width: match_parent', 'layout_height: 200dp', 'scrollbarStyle: none', 'style: droid:scrollViewStyle', 'fillViewport: true', and 'clipToPadding: true'. The Component Tree panel shows the hierarchy: activity_main (RelativeLayout) containing textView and ScrollView, which in turn contains tv1 (TextView). The bottom status bar indicates a successful Gradle build.

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TextviewandScrollView app src main layout activity_main.xml

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RelativeLayout TextView

```
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:paddingBottom="16dp"
        android:paddingLeft="16dp"
        android:paddingRight="16dp"
        android:paddingTop="16dp"
        tools:context="com.example.demouser.TextViewandScrollView.MainActivity"

    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Textview with scrollview"
        android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
        android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
        android:textSize="30sp" />

    <ScrollView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="200dp"
        android:layout_marginTop="30dp"
        android:layout_below="@+id/textView"
        android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
        android:layout_alignParentStart="true">

        <TextView
            android:layout_width="match_parent"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:id="@+id/tv1"
            android:text="@string/mypara"
            android:textSize="24sp" />

    </ScrollView>

</RelativeLayout>
```

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TextViewandScrollView

Textview with scrollview defense. Defense News serves an audience of senior military, government and industry decision-makers throughout the world. Defense News is a global newsmagazine on politics, business and technology of

Event Log Gradle Console

Gradle build finished in 6s 657ms (a minute ago)

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Learn more

Developer Documentation:

- [TextView](#)
- [ScrollView](#) and [HorizontalScrollView](#)
- [String Resources](#)

Other:

- Android Developers Blog: [Linkify your Text!](#)
- Codepath: [Working with a TextView](#)

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- Concept Chapter: [1.3 C Text and Scrolling Views](#)
- Practical: [1.3 P Working with TextView Elements](#)

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Activities and Intents

Lesson 2



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2.1 Activities

The whole screen what you
see on your device

Contents

- Activities
- Defining an activity
- Starting a new activity with an intent
- Passing data between activities with extras
- Navigating between activities

Application Components

- 1.Activity
- 2.Service
- 3.Broadcast receiver
- 4.Content provider

Activities (high-level view)

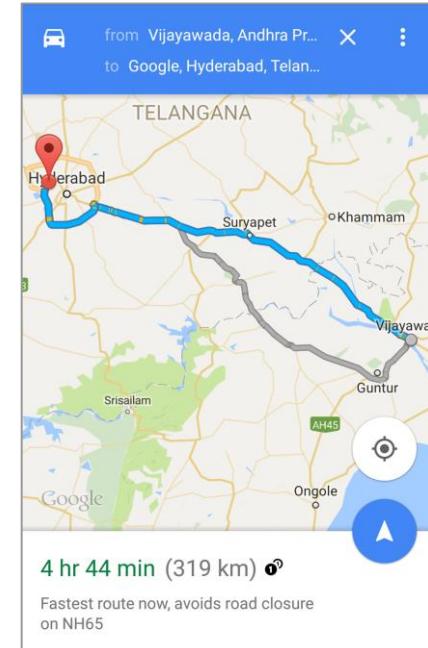
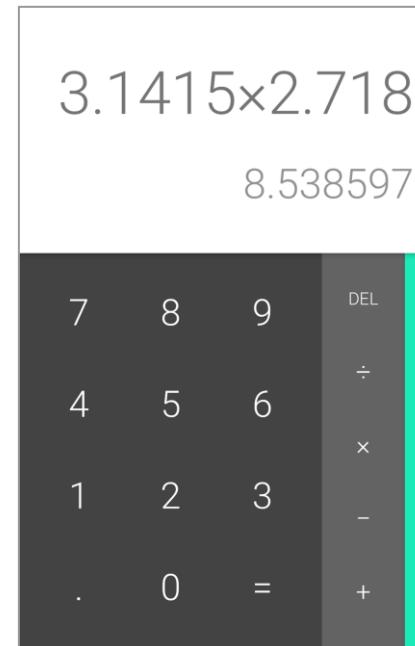
What is an Activity?

- An Activity is an application component
- Represents one window, one hierarchy of views
- Typically fills the screen, but can be embedded in other activity or appear as floating window (When you drag your notification bar, there is an activity already running in the background and notification bar is floating activity)
- Java class, typically one activity in one file
- An activity comprises of two things: A Java class and an UI layout

What does an Activity do?

- Represents an activity, such as ordering groceries, sending email, or getting directions
- Handles user interactions, such as button clicks, text entry, or login verification
- Can start other activities in the same or other apps
- Has a life cycle—is created, started, runs, is paused, resumed, stopped, and destroyed

Examples of activities



Apps and activities

- Activities are loosely tied together to make up an app
- First activity user sees is typically called "main activity"/launcher activity
- Activities can be organized in parent-child relationships in the Android manifest to aid navigation

Layouts and Activities

- An activity typically has a UI layout
- Layout is usually defined in one or more XML files
- Activity "inflates" layout as part of being created
- We need to register all the activities in manifest file
- Activity is not just a Java file. You also need a UI file
- If you need to show any UI on screen then first you have to create UI in your XML file and then connect XML file to Java file

Implementing Activities

Implement new activities

1. Define layout in XML
2. Define Activity Java class
 - extends AppCompatActivity
3. Connect Activity with Layout
 - Set content view in onCreate()
4. Declare Activity in the Android manifest

1. Define layout in XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<RelativeLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="Let's Shop for Food!" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

2. Define Activity Java class

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    }  
}
```

3. Connect activity with layout

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
    }  
}
```

Resource is layout in this XML file

4. Declare activity in Android manifest

```
<activity android:name=".MainActivity">
```

4. Declare main activity in manifest

Main Activity needs to include intent to start from launcher icon

```
<activity android:name=".MainActivity">
    <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
    </intent-filter>
</activity>
```

If you want to provide a behaviour to a particular activity then use intent-filter. Which activity you want to be a launcher activity. This you can do with intent filter. Intent-filter says that this is your main activity. If there are 10 activities in your application then which activity to be shown when user opens your application?

Intents

**Under the hood all screens you see
are launched by intents.**

**Intent is used to navigate the screens
of your app**

What is an intent?

An intent is a description of an operation to be performed.

An Intent is an object used to request an action from another app component via the Android system. Using intent, we invoke activity, broadcast receiver and service. Intent is used to invoke all Android's fundamental components like activity, service and broadcast receiver except content provider.

Whenever an app is opened, There is an intent which is been fired. Android system now knows that it has to launch the intent who is the main and the launcher.

Whenever you open your app, an intent is fired. Android system knows that it has to open the intent which is responsible to launch the main activity.

What can intents do?

- Start activities
 - A button click starts a new activity
 - Clicking Share opens an app that allows you to post a photo
- Start services
 - Initiate downloading a file in the background
- Deliver broadcasts
 - The system informs everybody that the phone is now charging

Explicit and implicit intents

Explicit Intent (source and destination are known)

- Starts a specific activity
- This type of intent is used inside an application. That is to transfer from one activity to another activity within an application (from 2nd activity to 7th activity)

Implicit Intent (used to invoke activity from different app)

- Asks system to find an activity that can handle this request
 - Clicking Share opens a chooser with a list of apps

Starting Activities

Start an Activity with an explicit intent

To start a specific activity, use an explicit intent

1. Create an intent

- Intent intent = new Intent(this, ActivityName.class);

2. Use the intent to start the activity

- [startActivity\(intent\);](#)

Start an Activity with implicit intent

To ask Android to find an Activity to handle your request, use an implicit intent

1. Create an intent

- `Intent intent = new Intent(action, uri);`

2. Use the intent to start the activity

- `startActivity(intent);`

Implicit Intents - Examples

Show a web page

```
Uri uri = Uri.parse("http://www.google.com");
Intent it = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_VIEW,uri);
startActivity(it);
```

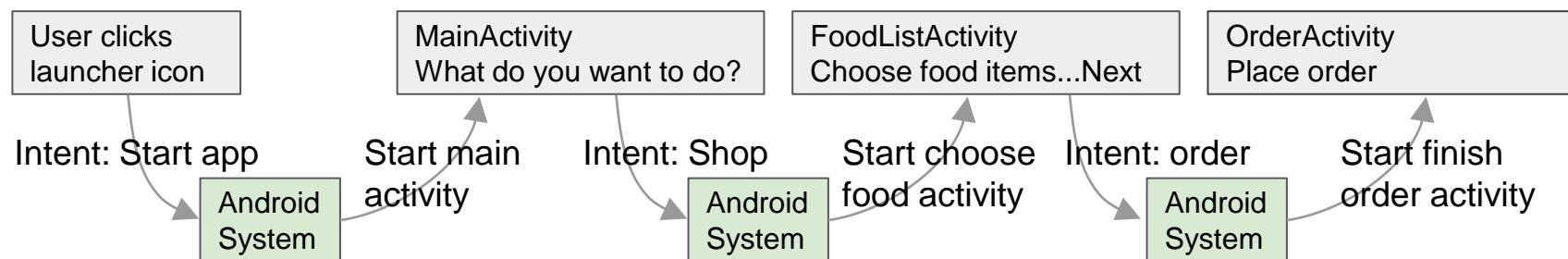
Action_VIEW is a general action. Depending on data, a particular app will open.

Dial a phone number

```
Uri uri = Uri.parse("tel:8005551234");
Intent it = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_DIAL, uri);
startActivity(it);
```

How Activities Run

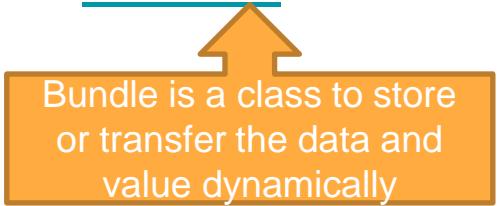
- All activities are managed by the Android runtime
- Started by an "intent", a message to the Android runtime to run an activity



Sending and Receiving Data

Two types of sending data with intents

- Data—one piece of information whose data location can be represented by an URI
- Extras—one or more pieces of information as a collection of key-value pairs in a [Bundle](#)



Bundle is a class to store or transfer the data and value dynamically

A screen with a name field where you will enter the name and a button. When you click this button you want the name to be transferred to the next activity. We can use extras.

Sending and retrieving data

In the first (sending) activity:

1. Create the Intent object
2. Put data or extras into that intent
3. Start the new activity with `startActivity()`

In the second (receiving) activity,:
:

1. Get the intent object the activity was started with
2. Retrieve the data or extras from the Intent object



Putting a URI as intent data

```
// A web page URL  
intent.setData(  
    Uri.parse("http://www.google.com"));  
  
// a Sample file URI  
intent.setData(  
    Uri.fromFile(new File("/sdcard/sample.jpg")));
```

Put information into intent extras

- `putExtra(String name, int value)`
⇒ `intent.putExtra("level", 406);`
- `putExtra(String name, String[] value)`
⇒ `String[] foodList = {"Rice", "Beans", "Fruit"};`
`intent.putExtra("food", foodList);`
- `putExtras(bundle);`
⇒ if lots of data, first create a bundle and pass the bundle.
- See [documentation](#) for all

Sending data to an activity with extras

```
public static final String EXTRA_MESSAGE_KEY =  
    "com.example.android.twoactivities.extra.MESSAGE";  
  
Intent intent = new Intent(this, SecondActivity.class);  
String message = "Hello Activity!";  
intent.putExtra(EXTRA_MESSAGE_KEY, message);  
startActivity(intent);
```

Get data from intents

- `getData();`
⇒ `Uri locationUri = intent.getData();`
- `int getIntExtra (String name, int defaultValue)`
⇒ `int level = intent.getIntExtra("level", 0);`
- `Bundle bundle = intent.getExtras();`
⇒ Get all the data at once as a bundle.
- See [documentation](#) for all

Returning data to the starting activity

1. Use `startActivityForResult()` to start the second activity
2. To return data from the second Activity:
 - Create a *new* Intent
 - Put the response data in the Intent using `putExtra()`
 - Set the result to `Activity.RESULT_OK`
or `RESULT_CANCELED`, if the user cancelled out
 - call `finish()` to close the activity
1. Implement `onActivityResult()` in first activity

startActivityForResult()

[startActivityForResult](#)(intent, requestCode);

- Starts activity (`intent`), assigns it identifier (`requestCode`)
- Returns data via intent extras
- When done, pop stack, return to previous activity, and execute `onActivityResult()` callback to process returned data
- Use `requestCode` to identify which activity has "returned"

1. startActivityForResult() Example

```
public static final int CHOOSE_FOOD_REQUEST = 1;
```

```
Intent intent = new Intent(this, ChooseFoodItemsActivity.class);  
startActivityForResult(intent, CHOOSE_FOOD_REQUEST);
```

2. Return data and finish second activity

```
// Create an intent  
Intent replyIntent = new Intent();  
  
// Put the data to return into the extra  
replyIntent.putExtra(EXTRA_REPLY, reply);  
  
// Set the activity's result to RESULT_OK  
setResult(RESULT_OK, replyIntent);  
  
// Finish the current activity  
finish();
```

3. Implement onActivityResult()

```
public void onActivityResult(int requestCode,  
                           int resultCode, Intent data) {  
    super.onActivityResult(requestCode, resultCode, data);  
    if (requestCode == TEXT_REQUEST) { // Identify activity  
        if (resultCode == RESULT_OK) { // Activity succeeded  
            String reply = data.getStringExtra(SecondActivity.EXTRA_REPLY);  
            // ... do something with the data  
        }  
    }  
}
```

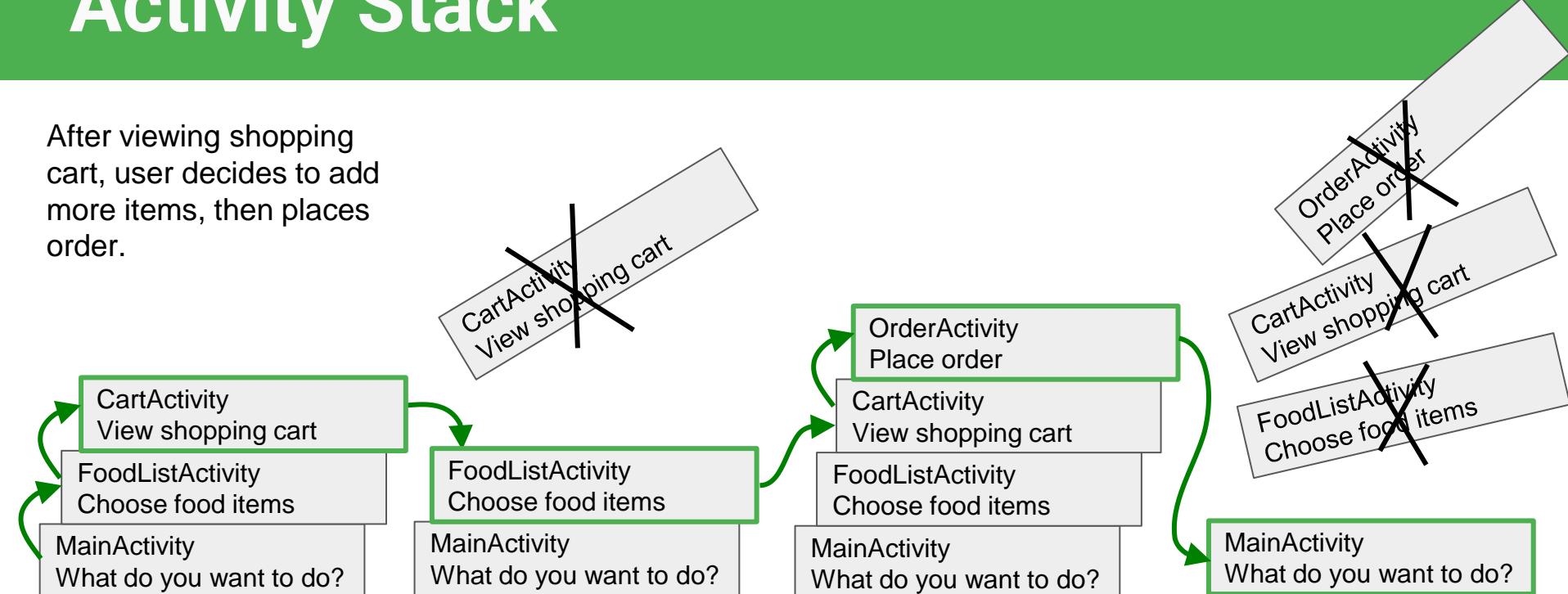
Navigation

Activity stack

- When a new activity is started, the previous activity is stopped and pushed on the activity back stack
- Last-in-first-out-stack—when the current activity ends, or the user presses the Back  button, it is popped from the stack and the previous activity resumes

Activity Stack

After viewing shopping cart, user decides to add more items, then places order.



Two forms of navigation



Temporal or back navigation

- provided by the device's back button
- controlled by the Android system's back stack



Ancestral or up navigation

- provided by the app's action bar
- controlled by defining parent-child relationships between activities in the Android manifest





Back navigation

- Back stack preserves history of recently viewed screens
- Back stack contains all the activities that have been launched by the user in reverse order *for the current task*
- Each task has its own back stack
- Switching between tasks activates that task's back stack
- Launching an activity from the home screen  starts a new task
- Navigate between tasks  with the overview or recent tasks screen



Up navigation

- Goes to parent of current activity
- Define an activity's parent in Android manifest
- Set parentActivityName

```
<activity  
        android:name=".ShowDinnerActivity"  
        android:parentActivityName=".MainActivity" >  
</activity>
```

Learn more

Learn more

- [Android Application Fundamentals](#)
- [Starting Another Activity](#)
- [Activity \(API Guide\)](#)
- [Activity \(API Reference\)](#)
- [Intents and Intent Filters \(API Guide\)](#)
- [Intent \(API Reference\)](#)
- [Navigation](#)

What's Next?

- Concept Chapter: [2.1 C Understanding Activities and Intents](#)
- Practical: [2.1 P Create and Start Activities](#)

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