

# Android Overview



ANDROID

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# Agenda

- Why Android?
- What is it?
- SDK and tools
- UI and widgets
- Resources, animation
- Debugging, packaging
- Market
- Demo: Spin the Bottle app

# What is Android?

- modern open-source mobile operating system
- full software stack
  - Linux kernel 2.6
  - Java middleware, framework
  - core applications
- Google & OHA





# Why Android?

- open-source
  - apache license
  - cost
  - sets developers free
- solid foundation: Linux kernel
- good framework based on Java
- empower users
  - replace core apps
  - personalize
- Google stuff
- huge opportunity for vendors, developers, users
  - OS for free, innovate at app level
- not just for phones



# Building blocks



# Java Framework

- Java: reasonable choice
  - mainstream language
  - millions of developers
- J2SE, not J2ME
- Dalvik VM: fast register based VM
- modular app architecture
  - building screens and services, not monolithic black-boxes
  - loosely coupled, addressable parts
- every app runs its own process
- multitasking; background processes
- JNI discouraged at this point
- other frameworks possible





# Quickstart

- install JDK 1.5
- install Android SDK
- install eclipse
- read SDK docs
- learn about samples, API demos
- get help from newsgroup
- read sources for advanced stuff
- test on G1 or dev phone
- publish app in Market

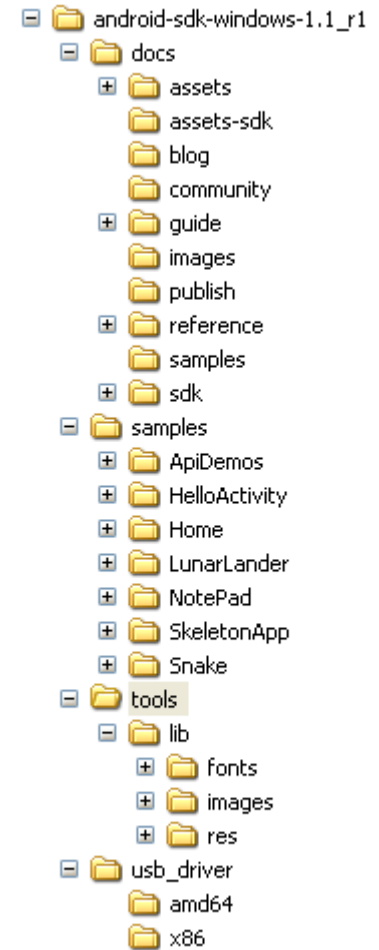
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# SDK

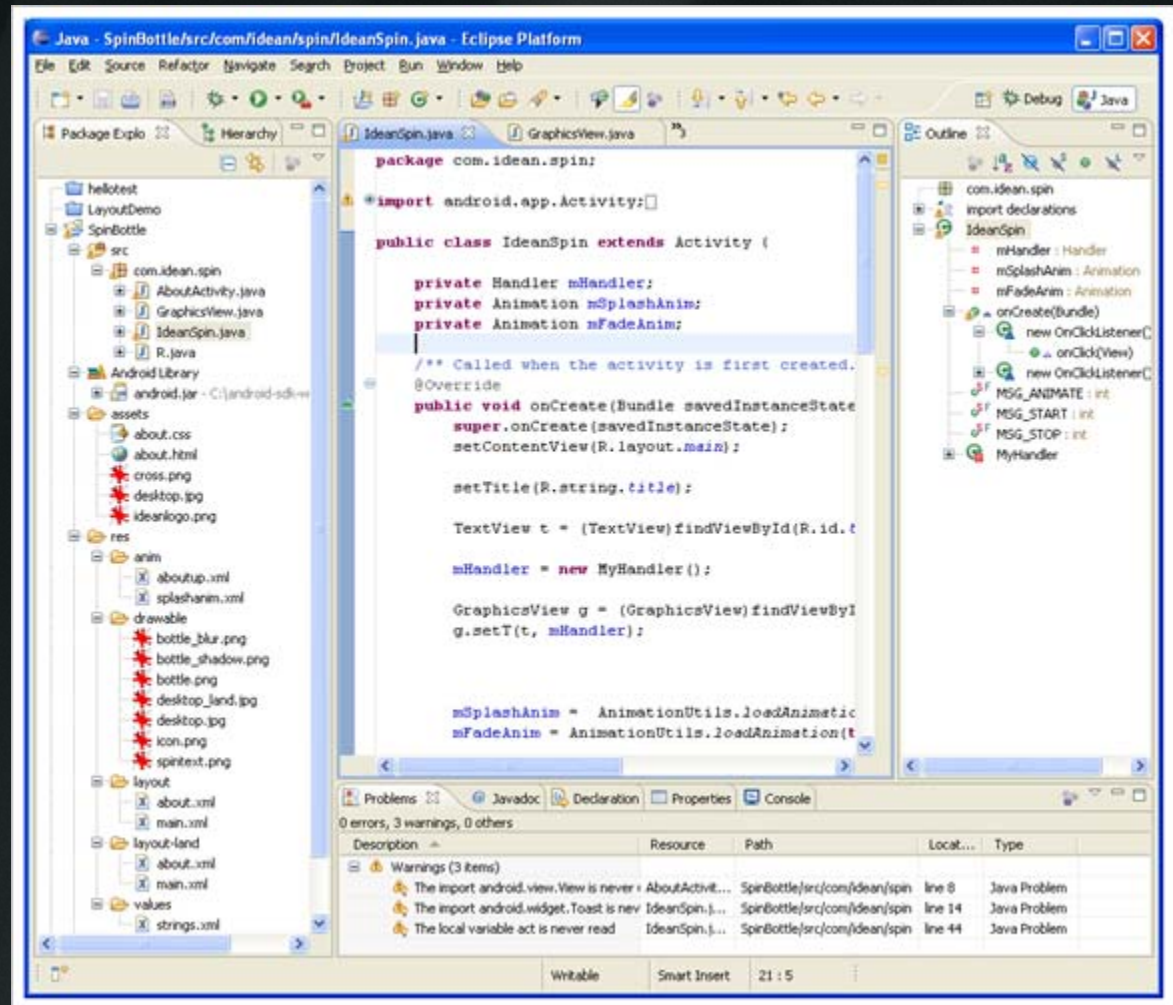
- all platforms supported
  - linux, windows, mac
- no installation, just unzip
- 81.4MB - ver1.1
- clean and compact
- good documentation
- 1.1 latest version



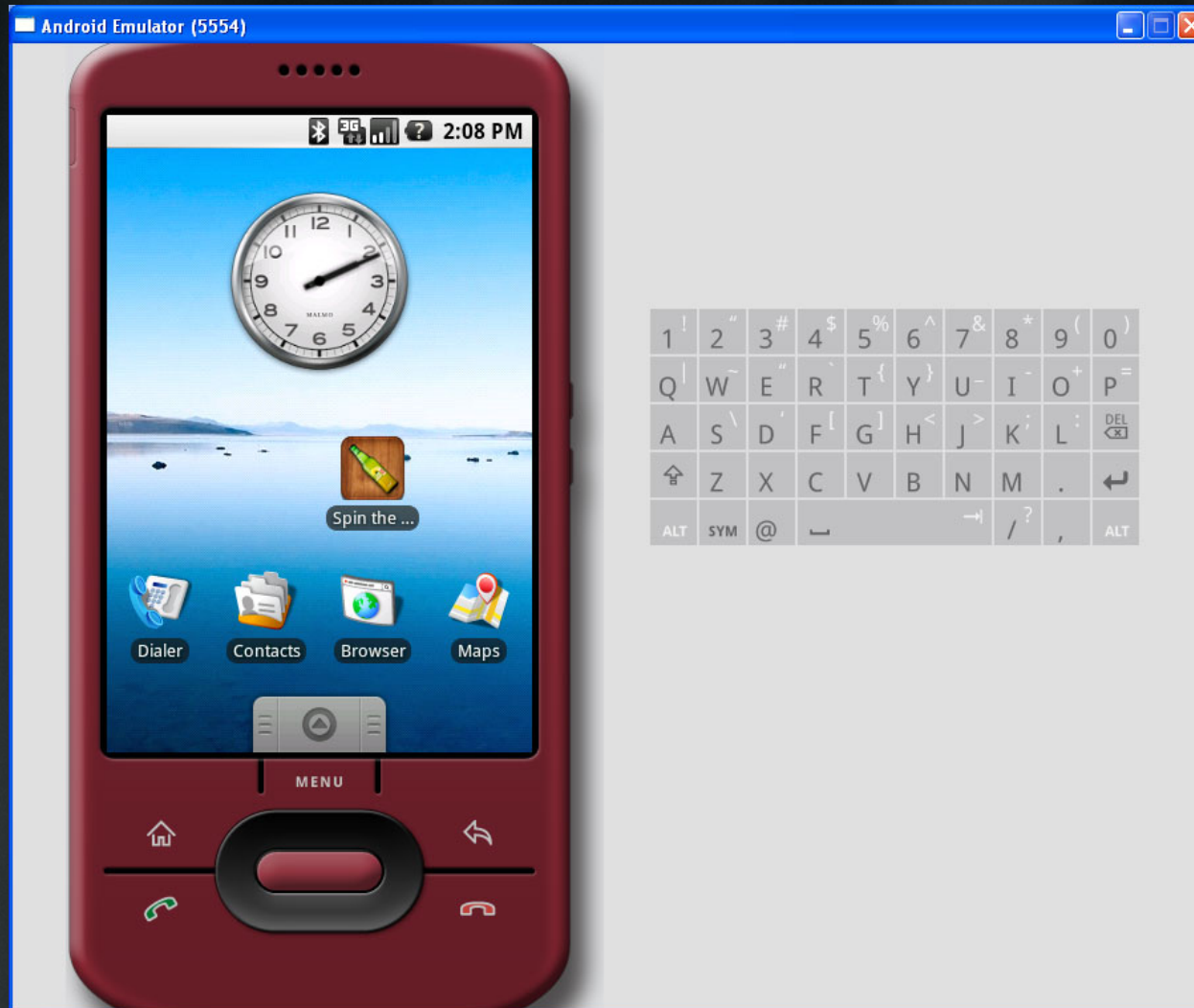


# Eclipse Editor

- most popular Java editor
  - tons of features
  - refactoring
  - debugging
  - integrated help
- ADT: Android Development Tools plugin



# Emulator



# Emulator

- based on QEMU emulator for ARM processor
  - boots up real linux kernel
- camera previews
- easy networking
- audio recording
- switch orientation: CTRL+F12
- install apps with browser or adb
- market app not available
- skins



# Tools in SDK

- all tools available as cmdline
  - eclipse not required
- adb - Android Debug Bridge
  - adb push - transfer files from/to emulator
  - adb install - install app
  - adb logcat - view debug log
  - adb shell - linux shell access
- aapt - Android Asset Packaging Tool
- ddms
- draw9patch
- mksdcard
- hierarchyviewer
- sqlite

# Tools - adb shell

- live shell access to emulator file system

```
C:\android-sdk-windows-1.1_r1\tools>adb shell
# ls -l
ls -l
drwxrwxrwt root root 2009-02-19 14:08 sqlite_stmt_journals
drwxrwx--- system cache 2009-02-19 14:08 cache
d---rwxrwx system system 1970-01-01 02:00 sdcard
lrwxrwxrwx root root 2009-02-19 14:08 etc -> /system/etc
-rwxr-x--- root root 98260 1970-01-01 02:00 init
-rwxr-x--- root root 1564 1970-01-01 02:00 init.goldfish.rc
-rwxr-x--- root root 8630 1970-01-01 02:00 init.rc
drwxrwx---x system system
drwxr-xr-x root root 2008-11-20 02:17 data
dr-xr-xr-x root root 2008-11-20 02:13 system
drwxr-xr-x root root 1970-01-01 02:00 proc
drwxr-xr-x root root 1970-01-01 02:00 sys
drwxr-x--- root root 1970-01-01 02:00 sbin
-rw-r--r- root root 93 1970-01-01 02:00 default.prop
drwx----- root root 1970-01-01 02:00 root
drwxr-xr-x root root 2009-02-19 14:08 dev
# cd data/data/com.idean.spin
cd data/data/com.idean.spin
# ls -l
ls -l
drwxrwx---x app_20 app_20 2009-02-06 15:52 cache
drwxrwx---x app_20 app_20 2009-02-06 15:52 databases
drwxr-xr-x system system 2008-12-18 16:26 lib
```

# Tools - cpubinfo

```
# cat /proc/cpuinfo
cat /proc/cpuinfo
Processor       : ARM926EJ-S rev 5 (v5l)
BogoMIPS       : 629.14
Features        : swp half thumb fastmult vfp edsp java
CPU implementer : 0x41
CPU architecture: 5TEJ
CPU variant     : 0x0
CPU part        : 0x926
CPU revision    : 5
Cache type      : write-through
Cache clean     : not required
Cache lockdown  : not supported
Cache format    : Harvard
I size          : 4096
I assoc         : 4
I line length   : 32
I sets         : 32
D size          : 65536
D assoc         : 4
D line length   : 32
D sets         : 512

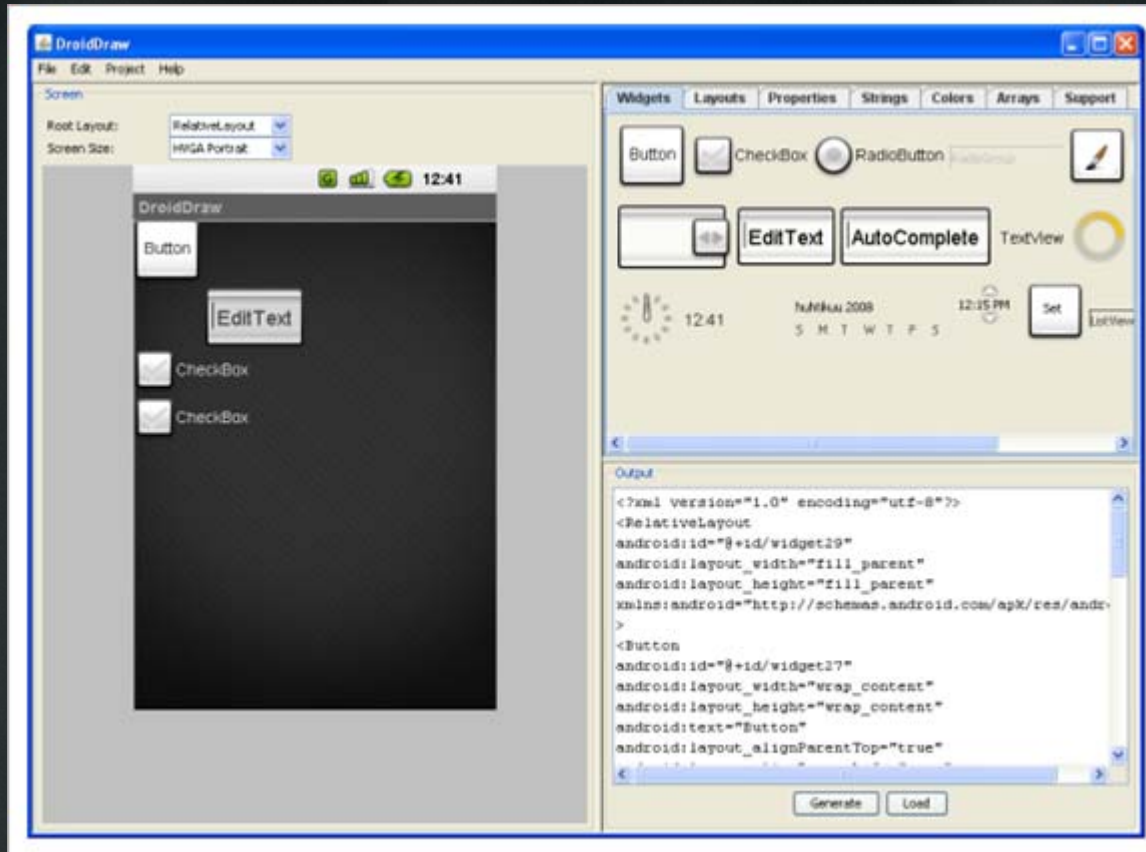
Hardware        : Goldfish
Revision        : 0000
Serial          : 0000000000000000

# cat /proc/stat
cat /proc/stat
cpu 6530 55 2797 503645 175 9 10 0 0
cpu0 6530 55 2797 503645 175 9 10 0 0
intr 173459 0 1 0 166264 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 326 923 1801 1 27 0 4115 1 0 0 0 0 0
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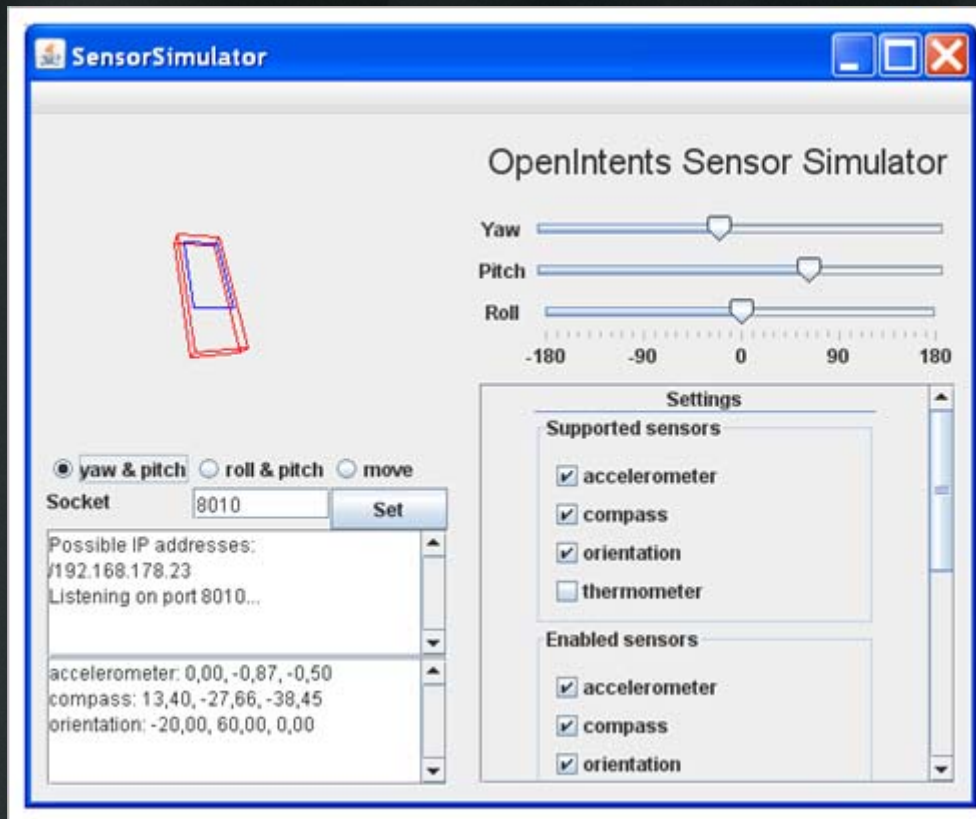
# 3rd party tools - UI builder

- <http://www.droiddraw.org/>
- create UI visually



# 3rd party tools - Sensor simulator

- <http://code.google.com/p/openintents/wiki/SensorSimulator>
- feed sensor data to emulator



# Source code

- "use the source, Luke!"
- <http://source.android.com/>
- GIT version control
- whole package 2.1GB
- just to peek at some files:
  - <http://android.git.kernel.org/>
  - <http://www.google.com/codesearch>
- sources for core apps: launcher, browser...
  - great for learning advanced stuff!

```

/**
 * Looking for the pattern like this
 *
 *      *
 *     * *
 *    * * *
 *   ***   *   *
 *  *       *   *
 *   *       *   *
 *    *       *
 *     *       *
 *
 */

private final SensorListener mSensorListener = new SensorListener() {
    private long mLastGestureTime;
    private float[] mPrev = new float[3];
    private float[] mPrevDiff = new float[3];
    private float[] mDiff = new float[3];
    private float[] mRevertDiff = new float[3];

    public void onSensorChanged(int sensor, float[] values) {
        boolean show = false;
        float[] diff = new float[3];

        for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
            diff[i] = values[i] - mPrev[i];
            if (Math.abs(diff[i]) > 1) {
                show = true;
            }
            if ((diff[i] > 1.0 && mDiff[i] < 0.2) ||
                (diff[i] < -1.0 && mDiff[i] > -0.2)) {
                // start track when there is a big move,
            }
        }
    }
}

```



# App Architecture

- Activity
  - visible screens
- Service
  - background services
- Content Provider
  - shared data
- Broadcast receivers
  - receive and react to broadcasted events
- Intent
  - activating components

# UI

- rich Java UI API
  - layouts and widgets
- declarative programming ala XML
- customization features
  - inherit and override a base widget
  - combine existing widgets
  - fully draw yourself - `View::onDraw(Canvas canvas)`
- designed for touch right from start
  - padmode, touhmode
  - context menu with a long touch
- focus management
- OpenGL
- may not beat iPhone, but foundation ok for future

# Layouts

- container for widgets
- XML party; similar to web's XHTML
- widgets referred from code with IDs
- relative layouts, fits in various screens
- AbsoluteLayout discouraged

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<FrameLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent">

    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/picture"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent"
        android:layout_height="fill_parent"
        android:scaleType="center"
        android:src="@drawable/desktop" />

    <WebView android:id="@+id/webcomp"
        android:layout_height="fill_parent"
        android:layout_width="fill_parent" />
</FrameLayout>
```



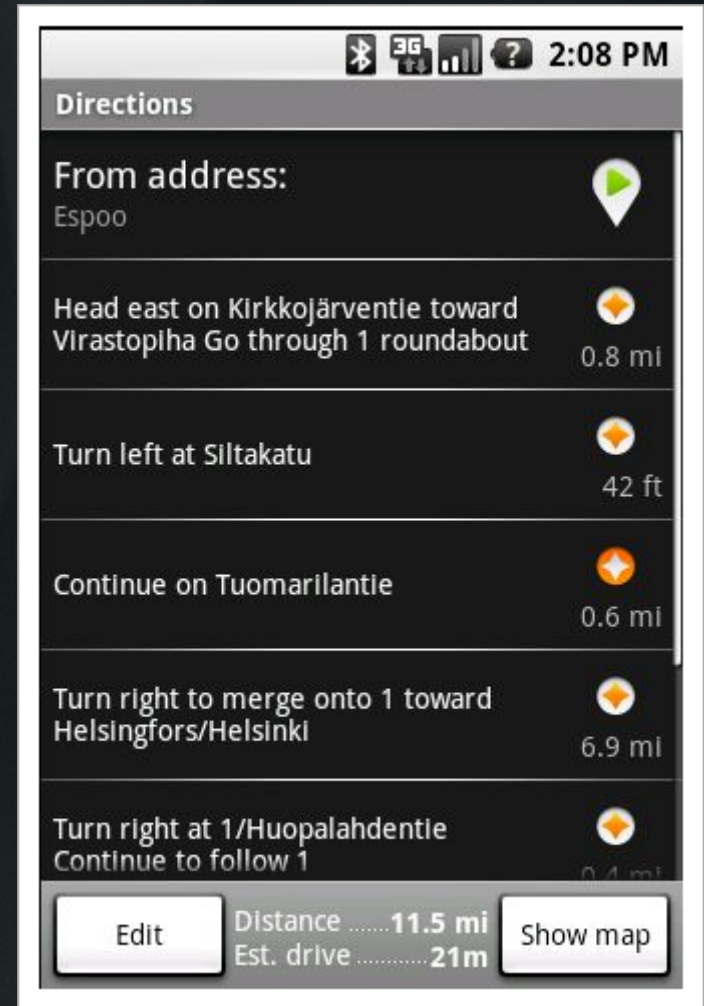
# Widgets

- great number of widgets
- android.widgets.\*

```
C:\install\android\base-HEAD\base\core\java\android\widget>ls
AbsListView.java
AbsSeekBar.java
AbsSpinner.java
AbsoluteLayout.java
Adapter.java
AdapterView.java
AlphabetIndexer.java
AnalogClock.java
AppSecurityPermissions.java
ArrayAdapter.java
AutoCompleteTextView.java
BaseAdapter.java
BaseExpandableListAdapter.java
Button.java
CheckBox.java
Checkable.java
CheckedTextView.java
Chronometer.java
CompoundButton.java
CursorAdapter.java
CursorFilter.java
CursorTreeAdapter.java
DatePicker.java
DialerFilter.java
DigitalClock.java
DoubleDigitManager.java
EditText.java
ExpandableListAdapter.java
ExpandableListConnector.java
ExpandableListPosition.java
ExpandableListView.java
FastScroller.java
Filter.java
FilterQueryProvider.java
Filterable.java
FrameLayout.java
Gallery.java
GridView.java
HeaderViewListAdapter.java
ImageButton.java
ImageSwitcher.java
ImageView.java
LinearLayout.java
ListAdapter.java
ListView.java
MediaController.java
MultiAutoCompleteTextView.java
PopupWindow.java
ProgressBar.java
RadioButton.java
RadioGroup.java
RatingBar.java
RelativeLayout.java
RemoteViews.java
ResourceCursorAdapter.java
ResourceCursorTreeAdapter.java
ScrollBarDrawable.java
ScrollView.java
Scroller.java
SectionIndexer.java
SeekBar.java
SimpleAdapter.java
SimpleCursorAdapter.java
SimpleCursorTreeAdapter.java
SimpleExpandableListAdapter.java
Spinner.java
SpinnerAdapter.java
TabHost.java
TabWidget.java
TableLayout.java
TableRow.java
TextSwitcher.java
TextView.java
TimePicker.java
Toast.java
ToggleButton.java
TwoLineListItem.java
VideoView.java
ViewAnimator.java
ViewFlipper.java
ViewSwitcher.java
WrapperListAdapter.java
ZoomButton.java
ZoomControls.java
package.html
```

# Widgets - ListView

- most common widget; the workhorse
  - learn well
- scroll and fling
- list fading at ends
- scrollbar on off
- cache optimization



# Widgets - Webkit

- embedded browser
- fetch local or remote content
- Javascript and AJAX supported
- bridge for Java/Javascript communication

```
WebView web = (WebView)findViewById(R.id.webcomp);  
web.loadUrl("file:///android_asset/about.html");
```





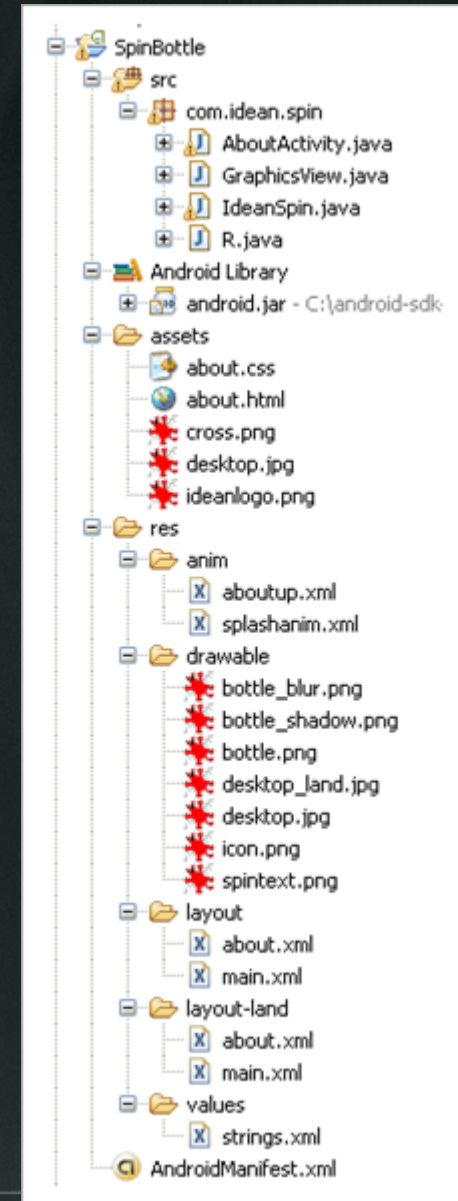
# Widgets - MapView

- location-based apps will be hot
- maps built-in
- based on Google Maps



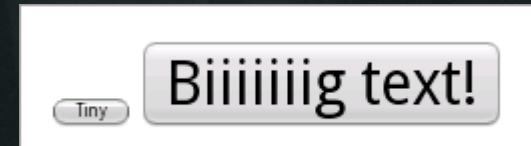
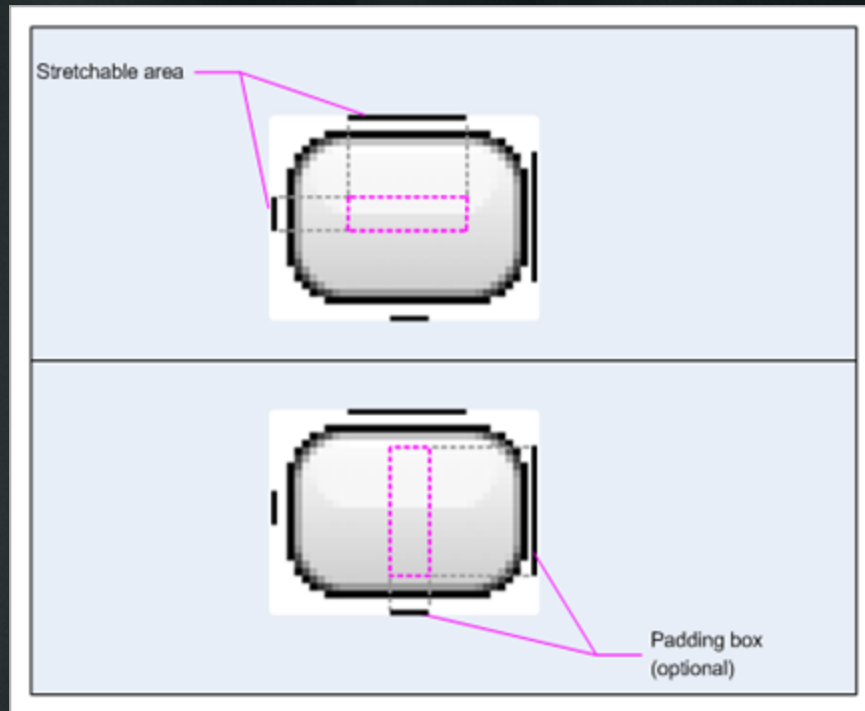
# Resources

- images, audio, video, strings, layouts, themes, color values
- divided into logical dir hierarchy
- fetch from code
  - drawables: `Resources.getDrawable()`
  - XML: `Resources.getXML()`
  - strings: `Resources.getString()`
  - raw: `Resources.openRawResource()`
- intelligent resource matching
  - values-en/, values-fr/
  - drawable-land/
  - drawable-nokeys/
  - drawable-en-finger/
- XML all over



# 9-Patch Bitmaps

- image stretching for widgets
- embedded padding measurements





# Animation

- in-built animation framework
- all views animable, View.StartAnimation()
- tweened anim
  - scale, alpha, transition, rotation
- frame-by-frame anim
  - list images

```
<set xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
  <alpha android:fromAlpha="0.0" android:toAlpha="1.0"
    android:duration="2500" />
  <scale android:fromXScale="5.5" android:toXScale="1.0"
    android:fromYScale="5.5" android:toYScale="1.0"
    android:pivotX="50%p" android:pivotY="50%p"
    android:duration="1000" />
  <rotate android:fromDegrees="100" android:toDegrees="360"
    android:pivotX="50%p" android:pivotY="50%p"
    android:duration="1000" />
</set>
```

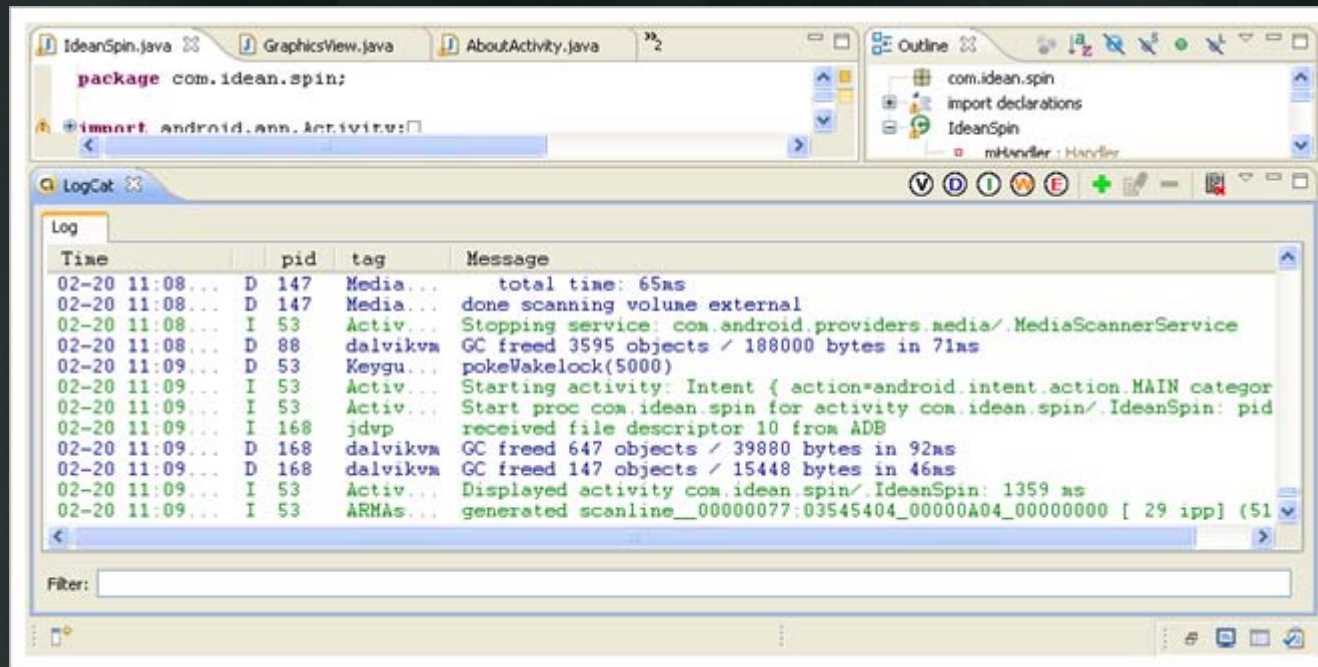
# App Data

- sandboxed file system
  - adb push, pull
- preferences
- SQLite
- SDcard for bigger files



# Debugging

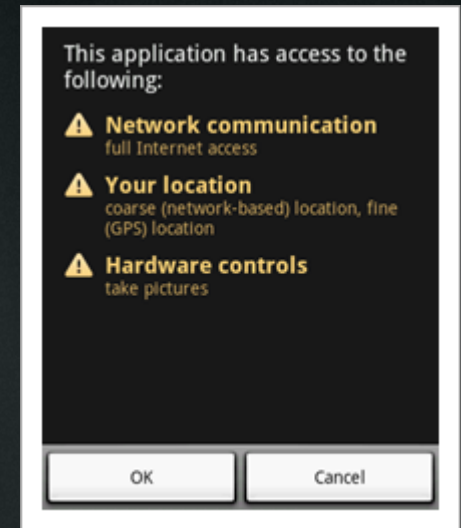
- Eclipse & DDMS
  - DDMS: Dalvik Debug Monitor Server tool
- breakpoints and watches
- actual device debugged via USB





# Security

- linux user account per app
- based on app permissions
- apps are signed by developer private key
  - no central authority
- why signing at all:
  - two sibling apps can share data (process and userid)
  - upgrade also smooth, same key



# Delivery - APK

- zip file
- Java .class converted to .dex
- XML-files compressed into binary form
- manifest for app permissions
- signed with developer private key
- developer public key included
- assets packaged as is

# Market

- since Oct08, free apps only
- payment system for US/UK developers Feb09
  - Google Checkout system
- 25\$ registration fee per developer
- developer gets 70%
- price range \$0.99 - \$200
  - "I'm rich!"-apps disallowed
- over 13y of age
- 24h money-back
- no explicit content
- upgrade logic for apps
- user ratings
- uninstall percentage





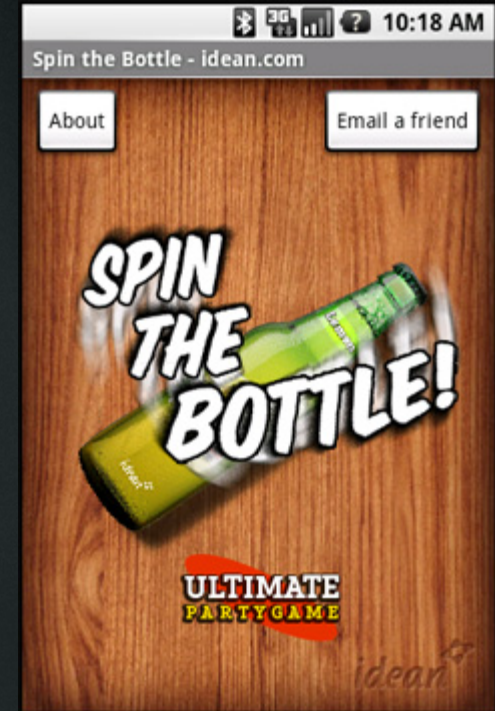
# Future

- new versions coming
  - SDK 1.1 just released
  - "cupcake" in the works
- new phones coming
  - G2 from HTC
  - Huawei 2H09
  - Samsung 2H09
  - O2: 6-8 phones 2H09?
  - Dell, Acer?
- Innovations, cool apps



# Demo - Spin the Bottle

- experimental fun app, "turdake"
- available in Android Market for free
- 10000 downloads in 44hours
- 22000 downloads in 10 days
- rating 3.78/5



# Why be a mobile developer?

- innovation hotspot
- 4B subscriptions in the world
- "mother of all markets"



# Thank you

- See you around at dev camp