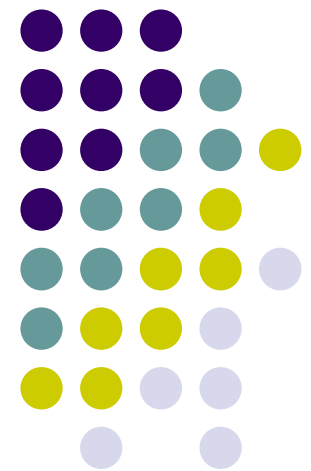
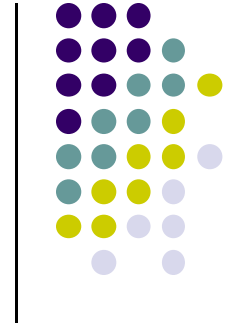


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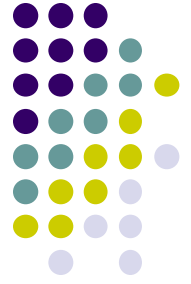




# Android UI Design in XML

# Recall: Files Hello World Android Project

XML file used to design Android UI



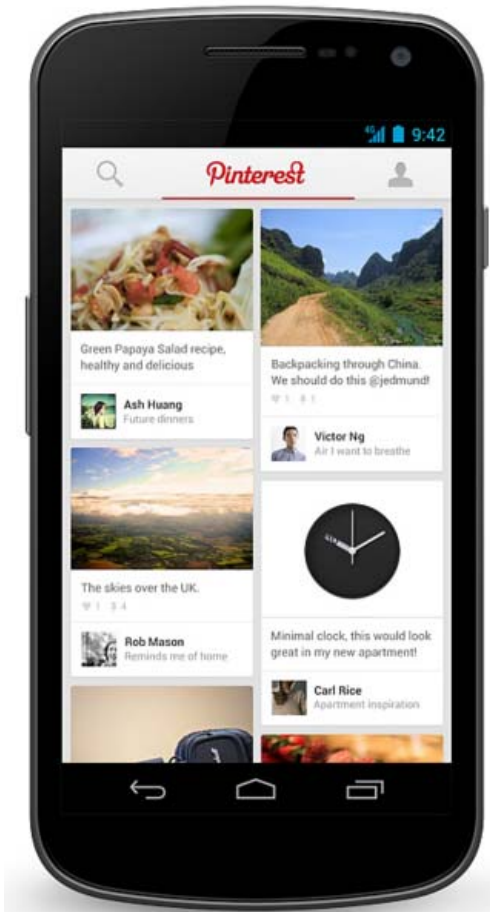
- 3 Files:

- **Activity\_main.xml:** XML file specifying screen layout

- **MainActivity.Java:** Java code to define behavior, actions taken when button clicked (intelligence)

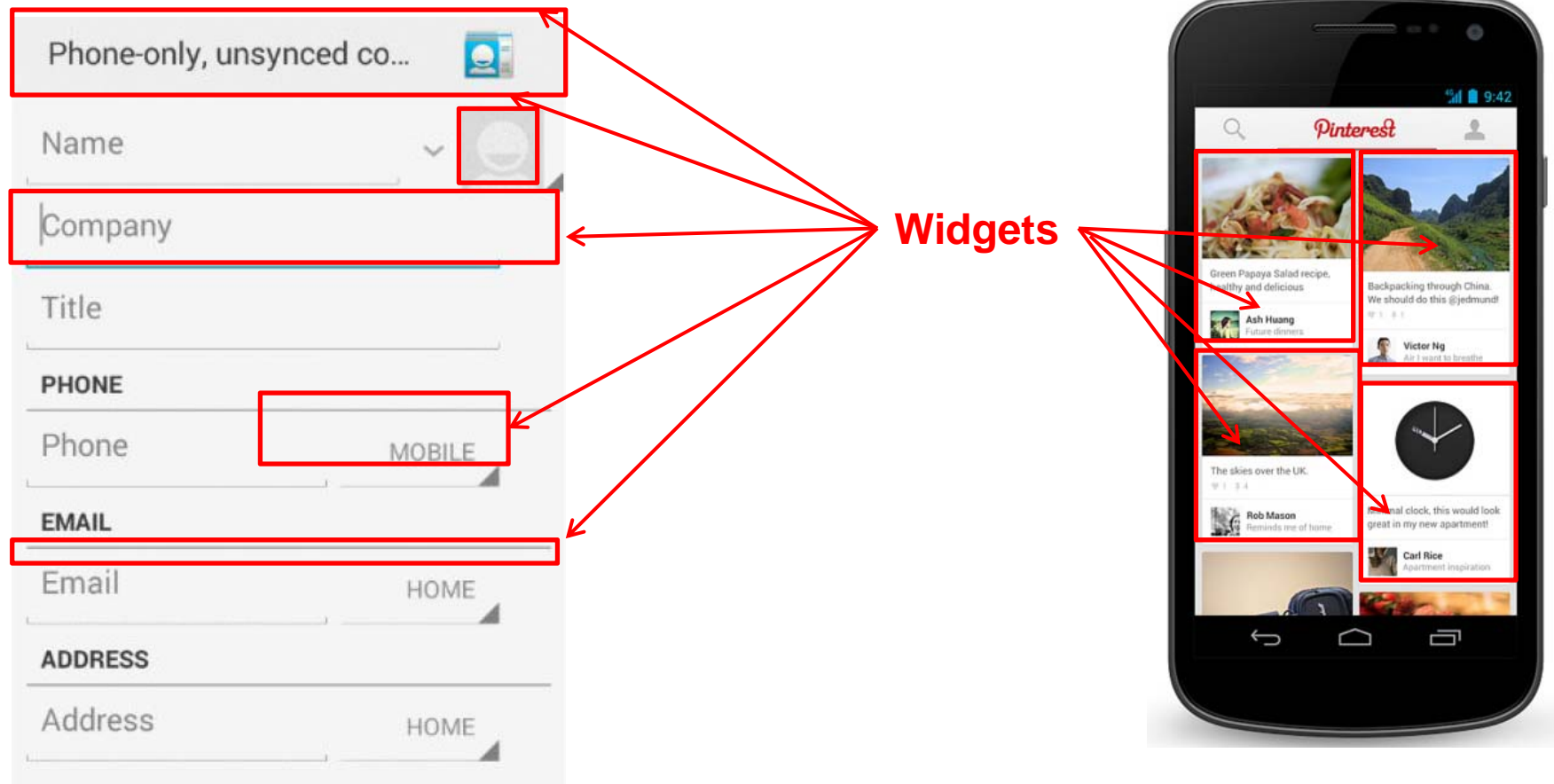
- **AndroidManifest.xml:**

- Lists all app components and screens
- Like a table of contents for a book
- E.g. Hello world program has 1 screen, so AndroidManifest.xml has 1 item listed
- App starts running here (a bit like main( ) in C), launching activity with a tag "LAUNCHER"



# Widgets

- Widgets are visual building blocks of Android screens
- Need to specify widget attributes (dimensions, margins, padding, etc)
- ***Android UI design involves arranging widgets on a screen***

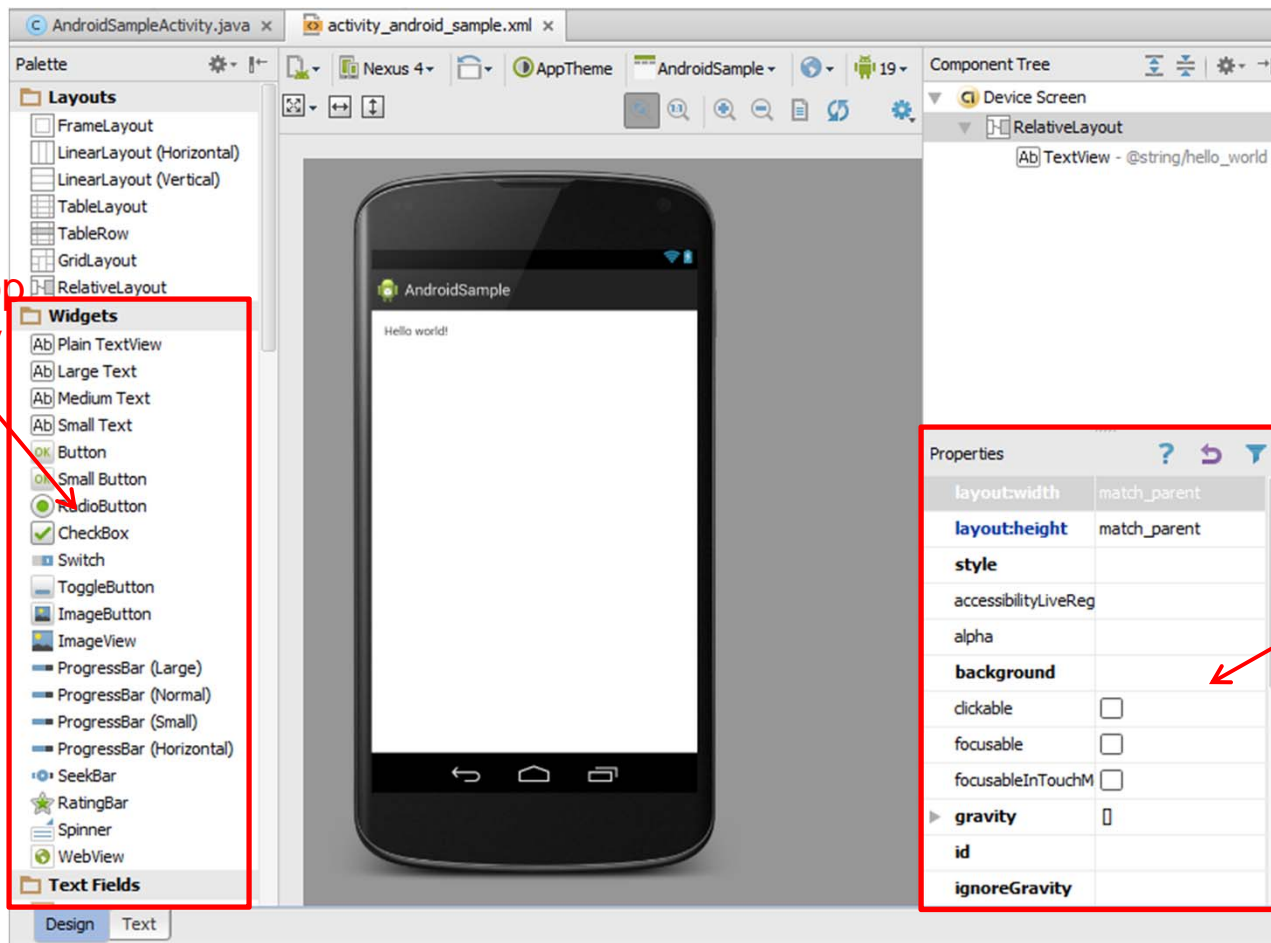




# Option 1: Adding Widget in Design View

- Drag and drop widgets in Android Studio
- Edit their properties (e.g. height, width, color, etc)

Drag and drop button or any other widget or view

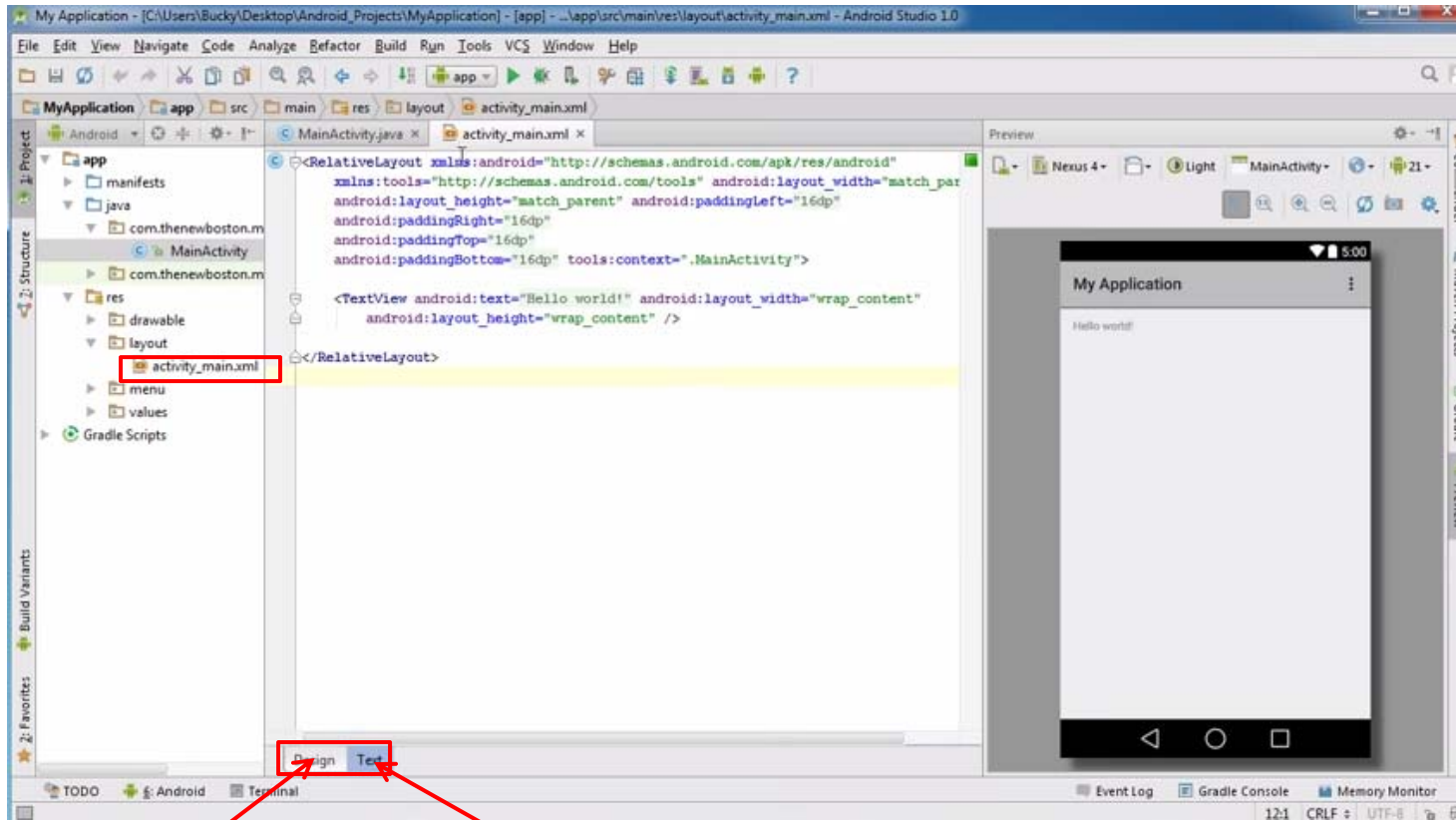


Edit widget properties



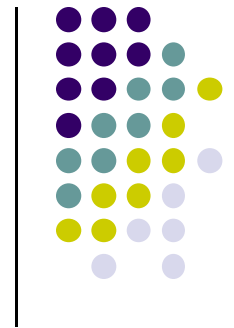
## Option 2: Edit XML Directly

- **Text view:** Directly edit XML file defining screen (activity\_main.xml)
- **Note:** dragging and dropping widgets in design view generates related XML in Text view



Drag and drop widget

Edit XML

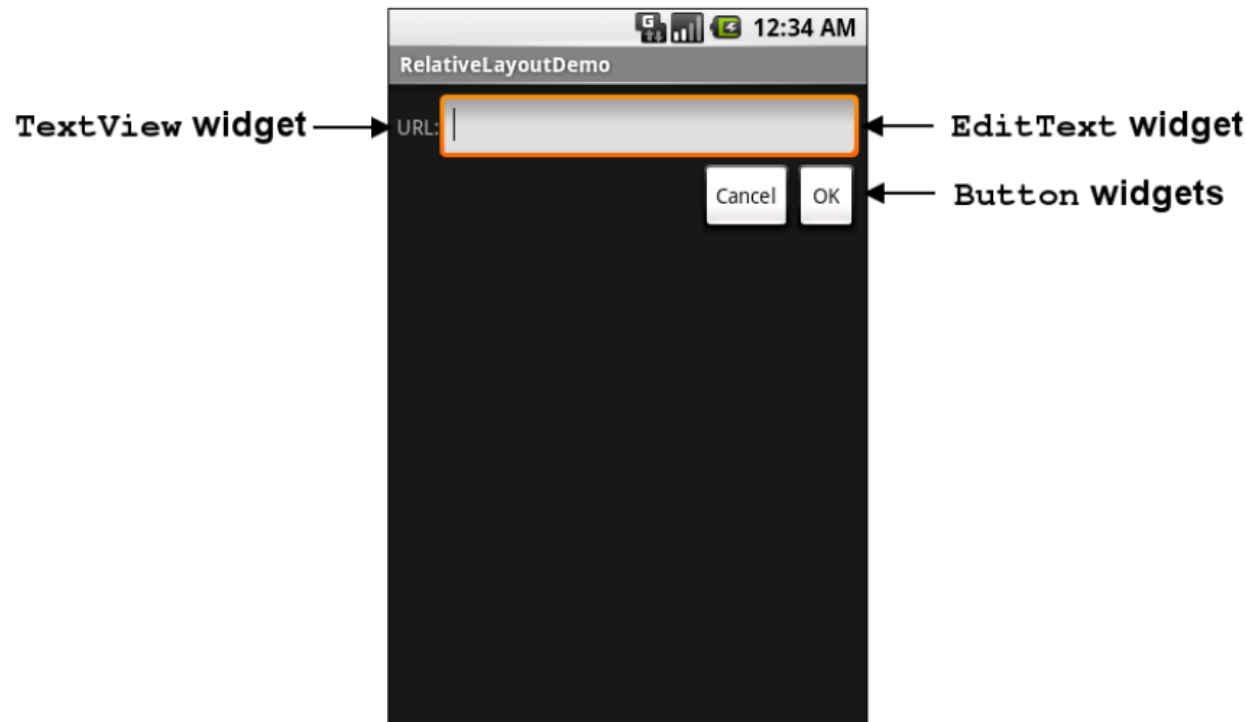


# Android Widgets

# Example: Some Common Widgets



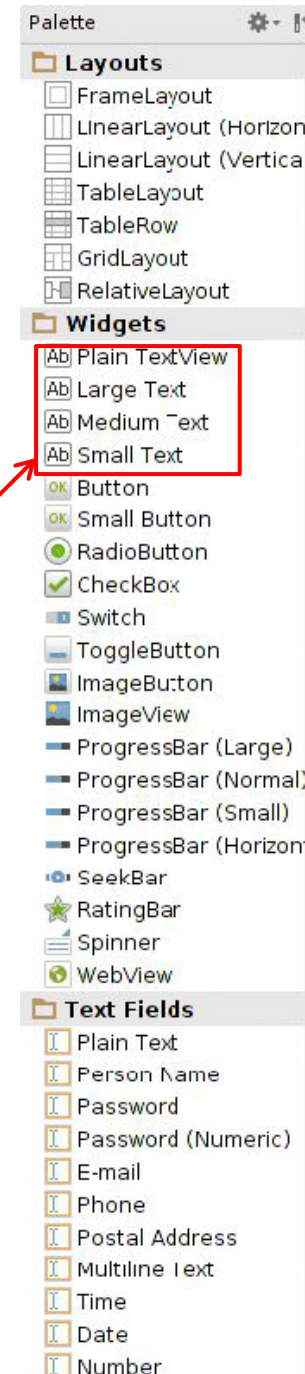
- **TextView:** Text in a rectangle
- **EditText:** Text box for user to type in text
- **Button:** Button for user to click on





# TextView

- Text in a rectangle
- Displays information, not for interaction
- TextView widget is available in widgets palette in Android Studio Layout editor
- **Plain TextView, Large text, Medium text and Small text** are all TextView widgets
- See book demo project: **Basic/Label**

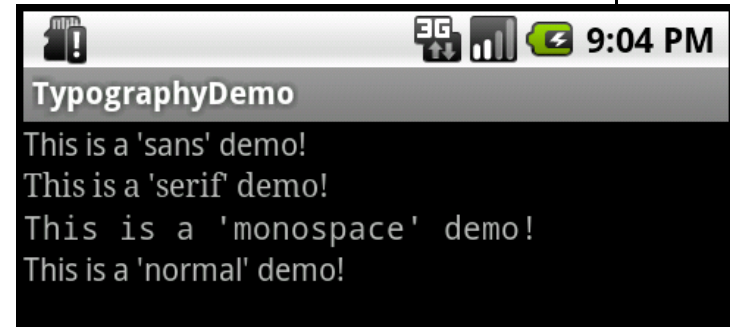


# TextView



- **Declare TextView in XML (e.g. Activity\_main.xml):**

```
<TextView
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="This is a 'sans' demo!"
    android:typeface="sans"
/>
```



- **match\_content:** Make Textview as large as text
- **match\_parent:** Make Textview as box it is declared in
- **Common attributes:**
  - **Typeface** (android:typeface e.g monospace), bold, italic, text size
  - **Text color:** (android:textColor) e.g. #FF0000 for red
  - width, height, padding, margins, visibility, background color
  - <http://developer.android.com/reference/android/R.styleable.html#TextView>
- **units for width / height:** px (pixels), dp or dip (density-independent pixels 160 dpi base), in (inches), mm (millimeters) (More later)
  - <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/more-resources.html#Dimension>



# Margin Example

```
<TextView  
android:id="text1"  
android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
android:layout_marginRight="20dp"  
android:text="@string/my_best_text"  
android:background="#FF0000"  
>
```

```
<TextView  
android:id="text2"  
android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
android:layout_marginRight="20dp"  
android:text="@string/my_best_text"  
android:background="#00FF00"  
>
```



# Button Widget

- Text or icon or both on View (Button)
- E.g. “Click Here”
- Declared as subclass of TextView so similar attributes
- Appearance of buttons can be customized

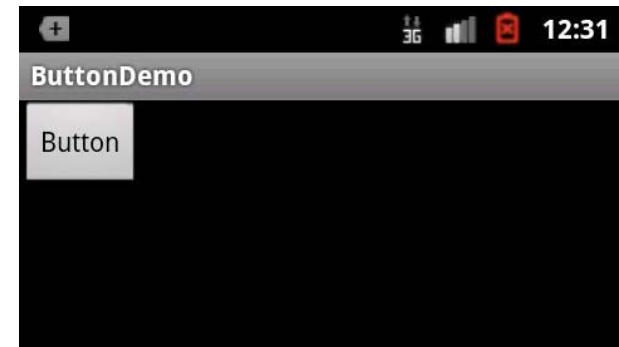
<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/controls/button.html#CustomBackground>



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

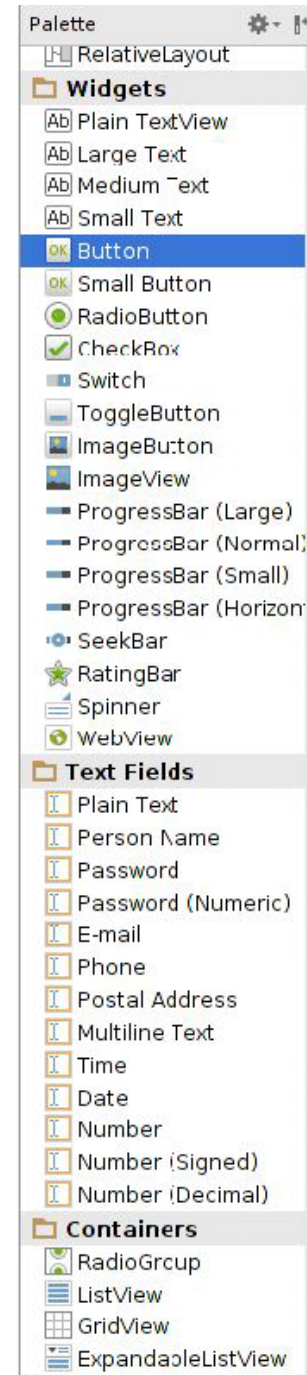
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button1"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/button"/>

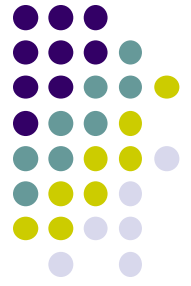
</LinearLayout>
```



# Button in Android Studio

- **Button** widget available in Android Studio graphical layout editor
- Can drag and drop button, edit attributes as with TextView
- See book demo project: Basic/Button





# Responding to Button Clicks

- May want Button press to trigger some action
- How?

1. In XML file (e.g. Activity\_my.xml), set `android:onClick` attribute to specify method to be invoked

```
<Button  
    android:onClick="someMethod"  
    ...  
>
```

2. In Java file (e.g. MainActivity.java) declare method/handler to take desired action

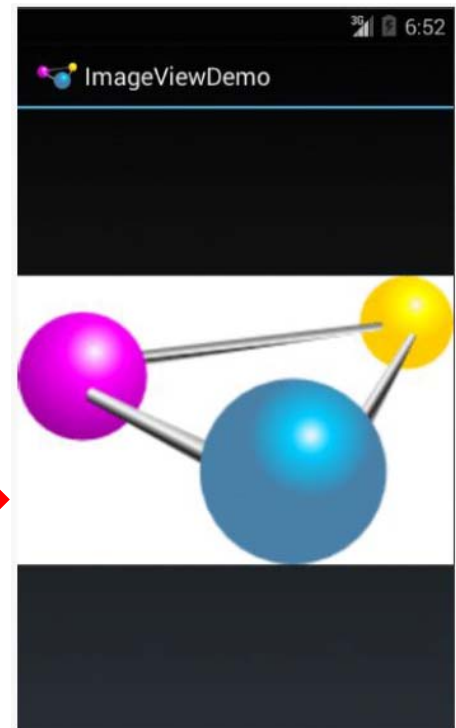
```
public void someMethod(View theButton) {  
    // do something useful here  
}
```



# Embedding Images: ImageView and ImageButton

- **ImageView** and **ImageButton**:
  - Image-based based analogs of TextView and Button
  - **ImageView**: display image
  - **ImageButton**: Clickable image
- Use attribute **android:src** to specify image source in **drawable** folder (e.g. **@drawable/icon**)
- See book demo project: Basic/ImageView

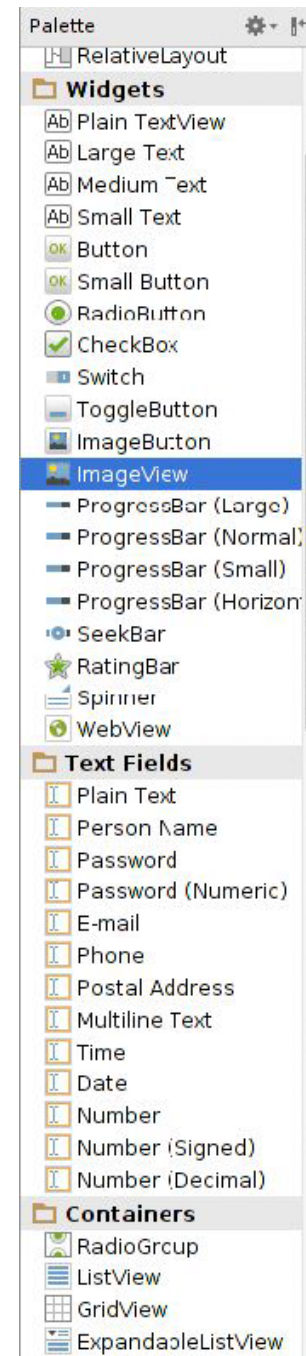
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<ImageView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  android:id="@+id/icon"  
  android:layout_width="match_parent"  
  android:layout_height="match_parent"  
  android:adjustViewBounds="true"  
  android:src="@drawable/molecule" />
```



# ImageView in Widgets Palette

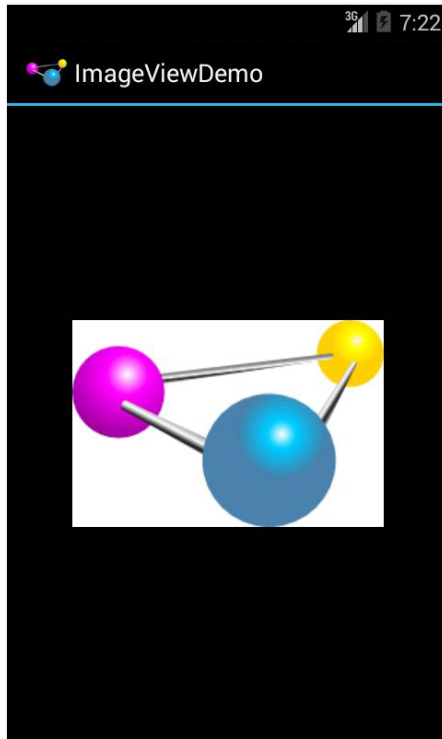
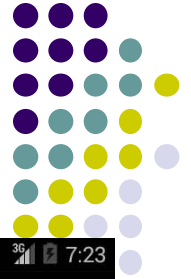
- Can drag and drop ImageView from Widgets Palette
- Can also use menus to specify:
  - **src**: to choose image to be displayed
  - **scaleType**: to choose how image should be scaled

scaleType	
src	<unset>
stateListAnimator	matrix
textAlignment	fitXY
theme	fitStart
	fitCenter
	fitEnd
	center
	centerCrop

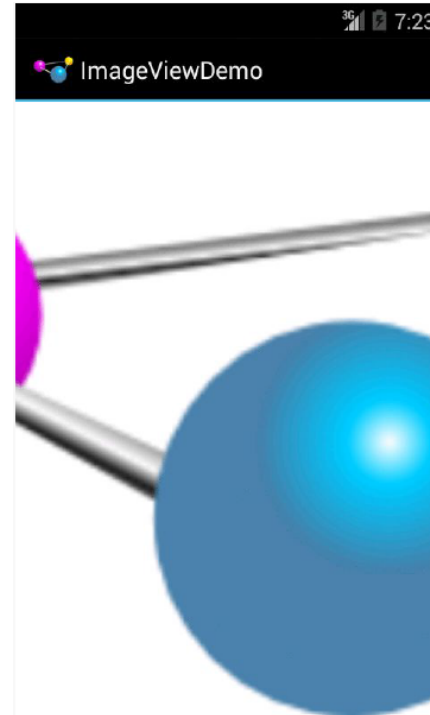




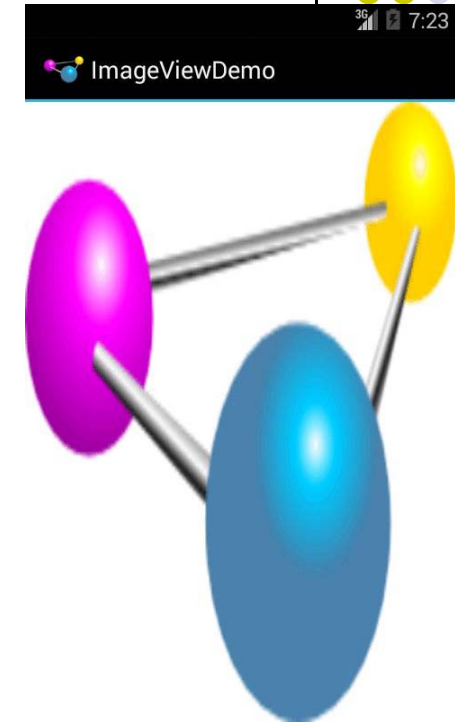
# Options for Scaling Images (scaleType)



“**center**” centers image  
(no scaling)



“**centerCrop**” centers images, scales it so that **shortest dimension fills available space**, and crops longer dimension



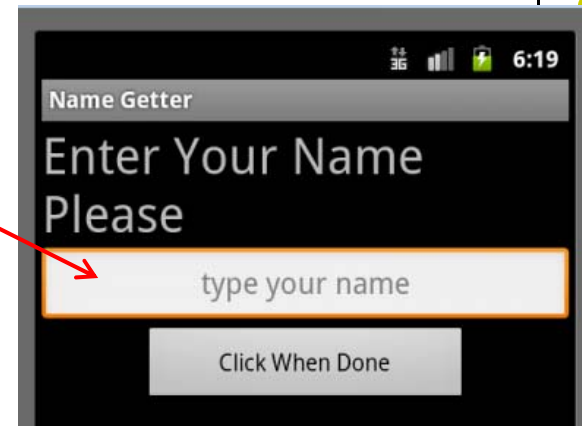
“**fitXY**” scales image to fit ImageView, ignoring aspect ratio

# EditText Widget

- UI Component for user to enter information
- long press brings up context menu
- Example XML declaration:

```
<EditText
    android:id="@+id/edittext"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_gravity="center"
    android:gravity="center"
    android:inputType="textPersonName"
    android:hint="type your name" />
```

- **android:inputType**: defines input type (number, date, password, or email address)



Edit text

Select word

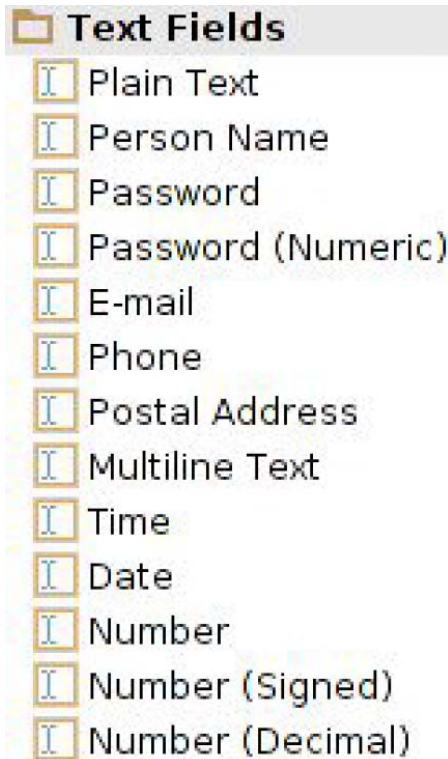
Select all

Input method

Add "Mik" to dictionary

# EditText Widget in Android Studio Palette

- A whole section of Android Studio palette dedicated to EditText widgets (or text fields)



**Text Fields**  
Section of Widget palette

A screenshot of the EditText widget's 'inputType' menu. The menu is a list of input types, each with a corresponding checkbox. The items are: none, text, textCapCharacter, textCapWords, textCapSentences, textAutoCorrect, textAutoComplete, textMultiLine, textTimeMultiLine, textNoSuggestion, textUri, textEmailAddress, textEmailSubject, textShortMessage, textLongMessage, textPersonName, textPostalAddress, textPassword, textVisiblePassword, textWebEditText, textFilter, textPhonetic, textWebEmailAddress, textWebPassword, number, numberSigned, numberDecimal, numberPassword, and phone.

inputType	
none	<input type="checkbox"/>
text	<input type="checkbox"/>
textCapCharacter	<input type="checkbox"/>
textCapWords	<input type="checkbox"/>
textCapSentences	<input type="checkbox"/>
textAutoCorrect	<input type="checkbox"/>
textAutoComplete	<input type="checkbox"/>
textMultiLine	<input type="checkbox"/>
textTimeMultiLine	<input type="checkbox"/>
textNoSuggestion	<input type="checkbox"/>
textUri	<input type="checkbox"/>
textEmailAddress	<input type="checkbox"/>
textEmailSubject	<input type="checkbox"/>
textShortMessage	<input type="checkbox"/>
textLongMessage	<input type="checkbox"/>
textPersonName	<input type="checkbox"/>
textPostalAddress	<input type="checkbox"/>
textPassword	<input type="checkbox"/>
textVisiblePassword	<input type="checkbox"/>
textWebEditText	<input type="checkbox"/>
textFilter	<input type="checkbox"/>
textPhonetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
textWebEmailAddress	<input type="checkbox"/>
textWebPassword	<input type="checkbox"/>
number	<input type="checkbox"/>
numberSigned	<input type="checkbox"/>
numberDecimal	<input type="checkbox"/>
numberPassword	<input type="checkbox"/>
phone	<input type="checkbox"/>

**EditText**  
**inputType** menu

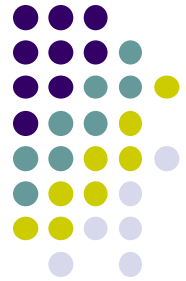


# Widget ID



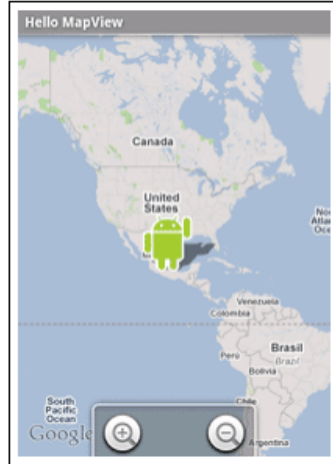
- Every widget has ID whose value is stored in **android:id** attribute
- To manipulate this widget or set its attributes in Java code, need to reference it using its ID
- More on this later
- Naming convention
  - First time use: @+id/xyx\_name
  - Subsequent use: @id/xyz\_name

Properties	
ellipsize	
<b>enabled</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusableInTouchMod	<input type="checkbox"/>
fontFamily	
▶ <b>gravity</b>	[]
height	
<b>hint</b>	
<b>id</b>	textView2
importantForAccessit	
inputMethod	
▶ inputType	[]
labelFor	
lines	
linksClickable	<input type="checkbox"/>
longClickable	<input type="checkbox"/>
maxHeight	



# Other Available Widgets

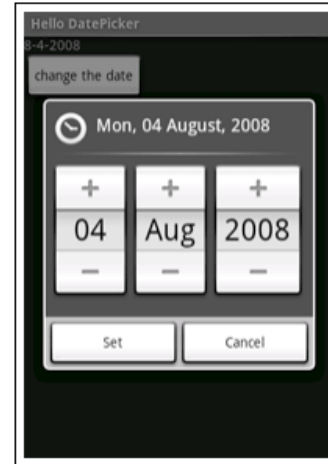
MapView



WebView



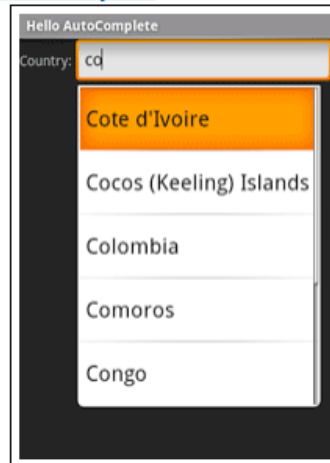
DatePicker



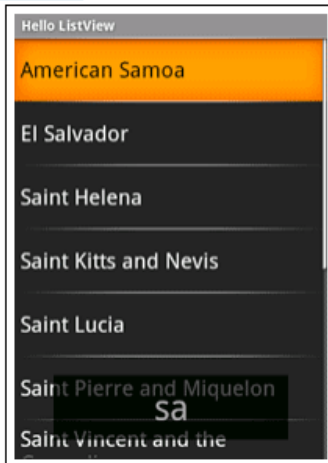
Spinner



AutoComplete



ListView





# Strings



# Declaring Strings in Strings.xml

- Declare all strings in a single file
- Strings declared in strings.xml can be referenced by all other XML files (activity\_my.xml, AndroidManifest.xml)
- **Example:**

## 1. Declare string in strings.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <string name="hello">Hello!</string>
</resources>
```

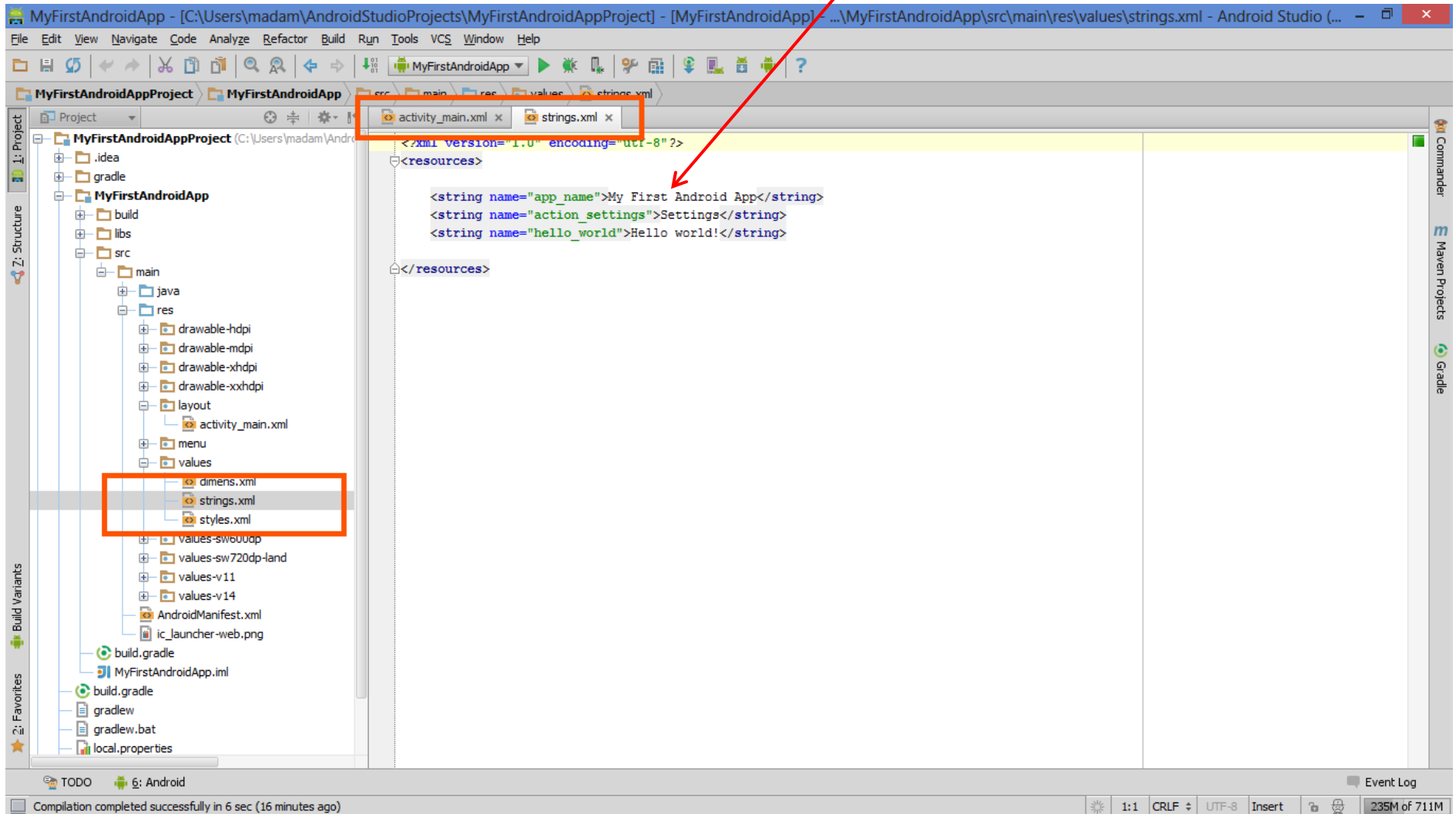
## 2. Use string in Activity\_main.xml

```
<TextView
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="@string/hello" />
```



# Where is strings.xml in Android Studio?

Editing any string here changes it wherever it is displayed







## Styled Text

- In HTML, tags can be used for italics, bold, etc
- E.g. `<i> Hello </i>` makes text *Hello*
- `<b> Hello </b>` makes text **Hello**
- Can use the same HTML tags to add style (italics, bold, etc) to your Android strings

```
<resources>
  <string name="b">This has <b>bold</b> in it.</string>
  <string name="i">Whereas this has <i>italics</i>!</string>
</resources>
```



# Android Layouts in XML



# Views and ViewGroups

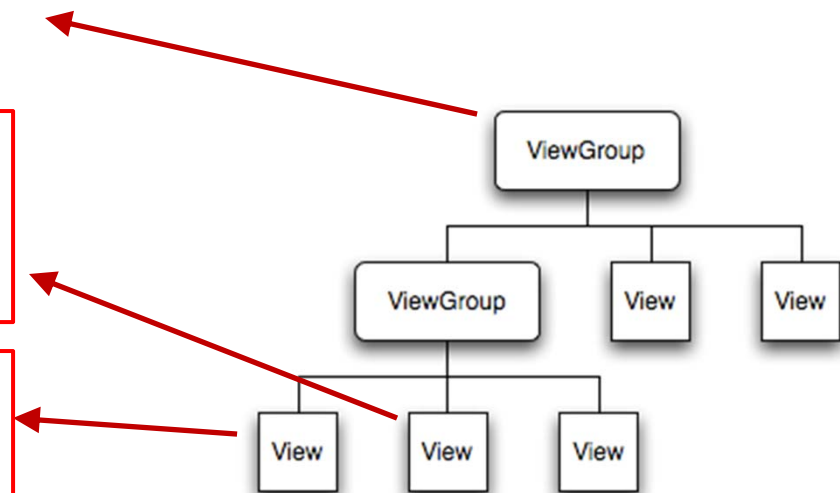
- Widgets are declared as views in Android
- ViewGroup (e.g. a layout) contains multiple Views
- **Hierarchical arrangement:** Widgets are children of parent viewgroup, etc

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

```
<EditText
    android:id="@+id/name"
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="@string/hello" />
```

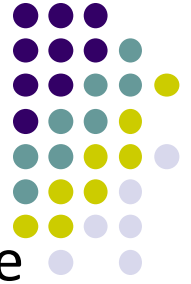
```
<Button
    android:id="@+id/hello_button"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:text="Press Me" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```



Tree from: <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/index.html>

# Android UI using XML Layouts



- In the XML file, we have to choose a layout (viewgroup) to use
- Examples:

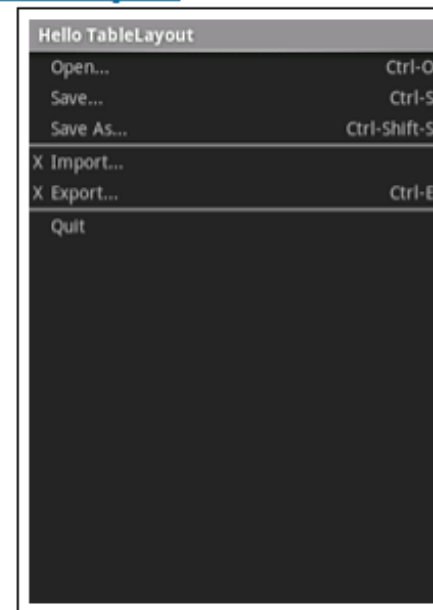
LinearLayout



RelativeLayout



TableLayout



<http://developer.android.com/resources/tutorials/views/index.html>

# Layouts

- Layouts are stored in **res/layout**
- Some Android Layouts:
  - FrameLayout,
  - LinearLayout,
  - TableLayout,
  - GridLayout,
  - RelativeLayout,
  - ListView,
  - GridView,
  - ScrollView,
  - DrawerLayout,
  - ViewPager
- More on layouts next





# LinearLayout

- aligns child elements (e.g. buttons, text boxes, pictures, etc.) in single direction

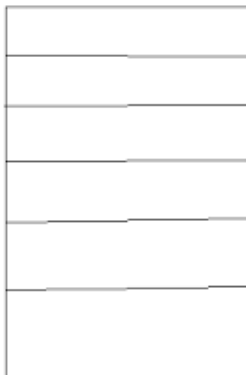
- Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.c
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
        android:background="#ff00ff"
        android:orientation="vertical" >
```

- orientation attribute defines direction (vertical or horizontal):
  - android:orientation="vertical"

Linear Layout

Orientation: vertical



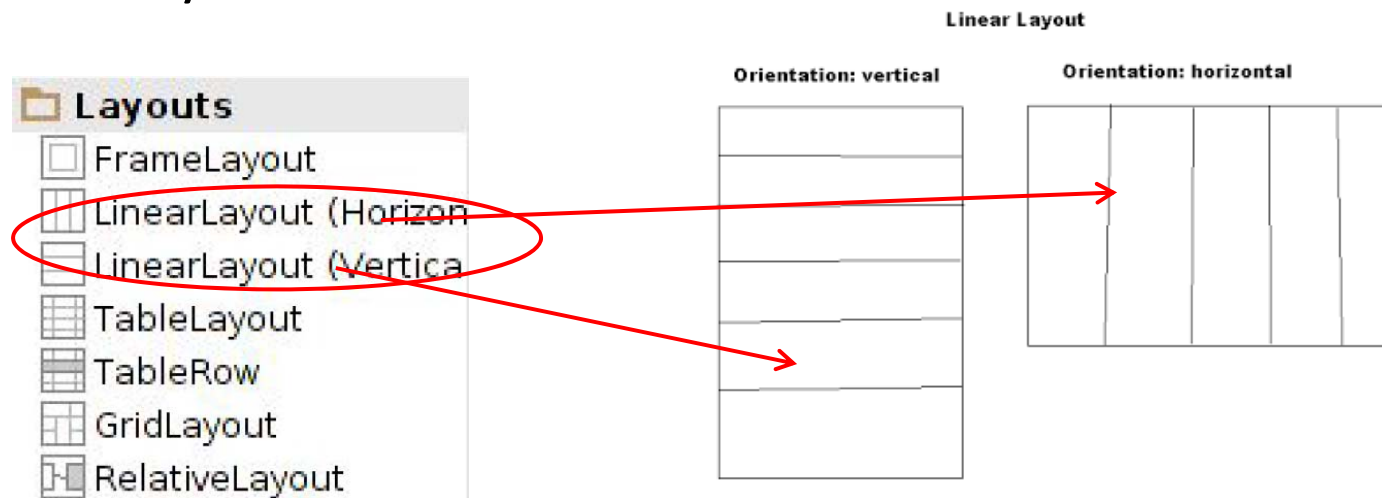
Orientation: horizontal





# LinearLayout in Android Studio

- LinearLayout can be found in palette of Android Studio Graphical Layout Editor



- After selecting LinearLayout, toolbars buttons to set parameters



**Toggle width, height between  
match\_parent and wrap\_content**

**Change gravity of  
LinearLayout**



# Setting Layout & Widget Attributes

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.c
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    android:background="#ff00ff"
    android:orientation="vertical" >
```

← in layout xml file

```
public class UISamplesActivity extends Activity {
    /** Called when the activity is first created. */
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.main);
    }

    public void change(View v) {
        LinearLayout vg = (LinearLayout)this.findViewById(R.id.main_layout);
        Log.d("UI SAMPLE", vg + "");
        vg.setOrientation(LinearLayout.HORIZONTAL);
    }
}
```

← in Java program  
(More later)





# Some LinearLayout Attributes

XML Attributes		
Attribute Name	Related Method	Description
<a href="#">android:baselineAligned</a>	<a href="#">setBaselineAligned(boolean)</a>	When set to false, prevents the layout from aligning its children's baselines.
<a href="#">android:baselineAlignedChildIndex</a>	<a href="#">setBaselineAlignedChildIndex(int)</a>	When a linear layout is part of another layout that is baseline aligned, it can specify which of its children to baseline align to (that is, which child TextView).
<a href="#">android:divider</a>	<a href="#">setDividerDrawable(Drawable)</a>	Drawable to use as a vertical divider between buttons.
<a href="#">android:gravity</a>	<a href="#">setGravity(int)</a>	Specifies how to place the content of an object, both on the x- and y-axis, within the object itself.
<a href="#">android:measureWithLargestChild</a>	<a href="#">setMeasureWithLargestChildEnabled(boolean)</a>	When set to true, all children with a weight will be considered having the minimum size of the largest child.
<a href="#">android:orientation</a>	<a href="#">setOrientation(int)</a>	Should the layout be a column or a row? Use "horizontal" for a row, "vertical" for a column.
<a href="#">android:weightSum</a>		Defines the maximum weight sum.

Inherited XML Attributes <span>[Expand]</span>		
▼ From class <a href="#">android.view.ViewGroup</a>		
Attribute Name	Related Method	Description
<a href="#">android:addStatesFromChildren</a>		Sets whether this ViewGroup's drawable states also include its children's drawable states.
<a href="#">android:alwaysDrawnWithCache</a>		Defines whether the ViewGroup should always draw its children using their drawing cache or not.
<a href="#">android:animateLayoutChanges</a>	<a href="#">setLayoutTransition(LayoutTransition)</a>	Defines whether changes in layout (caused by adding and removing items) should cause a LayoutTransition to run.
<a href="#">android:animationCache</a>		Defines whether layout animations should create a drawing cache for their children.
<a href="#">android:clipChildren</a>	<a href="#">setClipChildren(boolean)</a>	Defines whether a child is limited to draw inside of its bounds or not.
<a href="#">android:clipToPadding</a>	<a href="#">setClipToPadding(boolean)</a>	Defines whether the ViewGroup will clip its drawing surface so as to exclude the padding area.
<a href="#">android:descendantFocusability</a>		Defines the relationship between the ViewGroup and its descendants when looking for a View to take focus.
<a href="#">android:layoutAnimation</a>		Defines the layout animation to use the first time the ViewGroup is laid out.

Can find complete list of attributes, possible values on [Android Developer website](#)

# Layout Width and Height Attributes



- **match\_parent**: widget as wide/high as its parent
- **wrap\_content**: widget as wide/high as its content (e.g. text)
- **fill\_parent**: older form of **match\_parent**

Text widget width should be as wide as its parent (the layout)

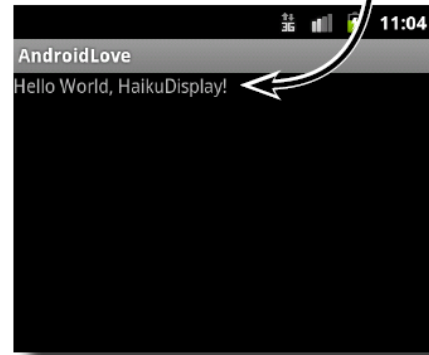
Text widget height should be as wide as the content (text)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"
  android:layout_height="fill_parent" >
  <TextView
    android:layout_width="fill parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap content"
    android:text="@string/hello"
  />
</LinearLayout>
```

The View inside the layout is a TextView, a View specifically made to display text.



main.xml

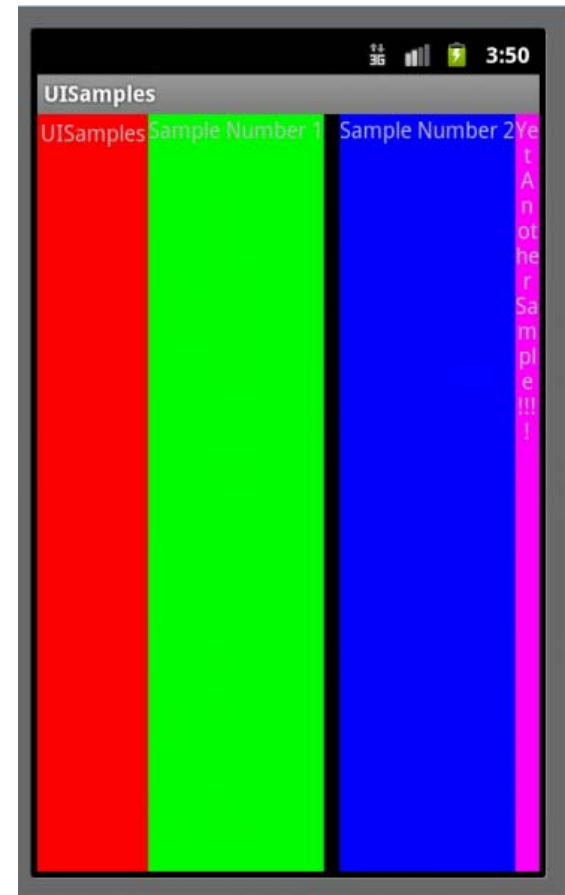


The ViewGroup, in this case a LinearLayout fills the screen.

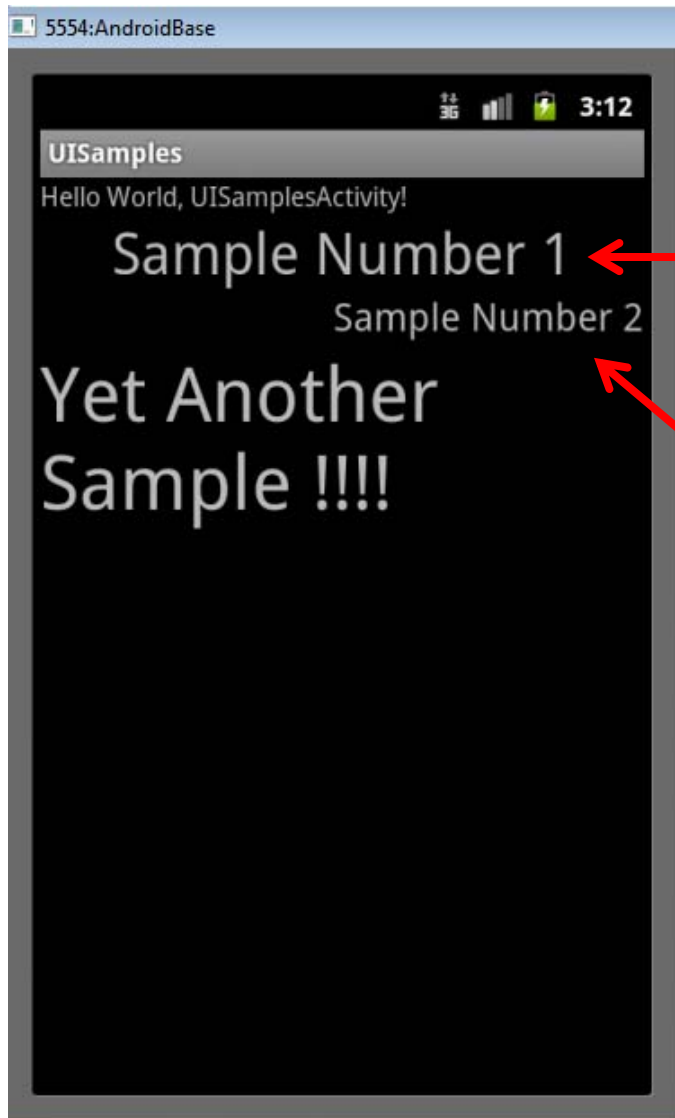


# LinearLayout - Horizontal Orientation

- Set
  - Padding  
**E.g. `android:layout_paddingTop = "20dp"`**
  - background color  
**E.g. `android:background = "00FF00"`**
  - Margins
  - **E.g. `android:layout_marginLeft = "10dp"`**



# Gravity Attribute



- By default, linearlayout left- and top-aligned
- Gravity attribute can change position of :
  - Widget within Linearlayout
  - Contents of widgets (e.g. `android:gravity = "right"`)

# Weight

- layout\_weight attribute
  - Specifies "importance" of a view (i.e. button, text, etc)
  - default = 0. If layout\_weight > 0 takes up more of parent space



button and bottom edit text weight of 2



button weight 1 and  
bottom edit text weight of 2

# Linear Layout



- Alternate way to control widget size
  - width, height = 0 then
  - weight = percent of height/width you want element to cover

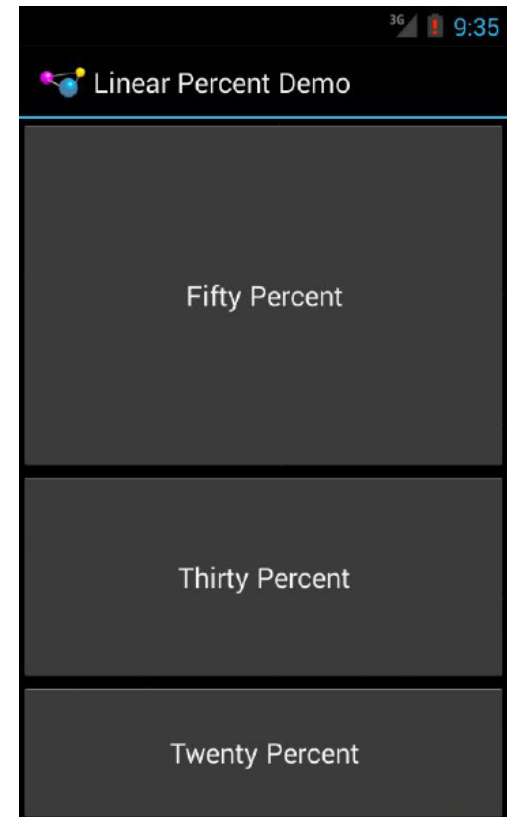
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical">

    <Button
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="0dip"
        android:layout_weight="50"
        android:text="@string/fifty_percent"/>

    <Button
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="0dip"
        android:layout_weight="30"
        android:text="@string/thirty_percent"/>

    <Button
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="0dip"
        android:layout_weight="20"
        android:text="@string/twenty_percent"/>

</LinearLayout>
```

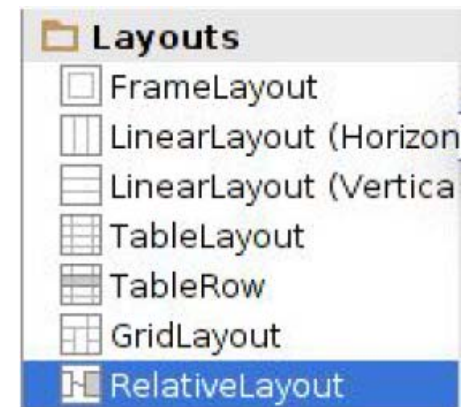
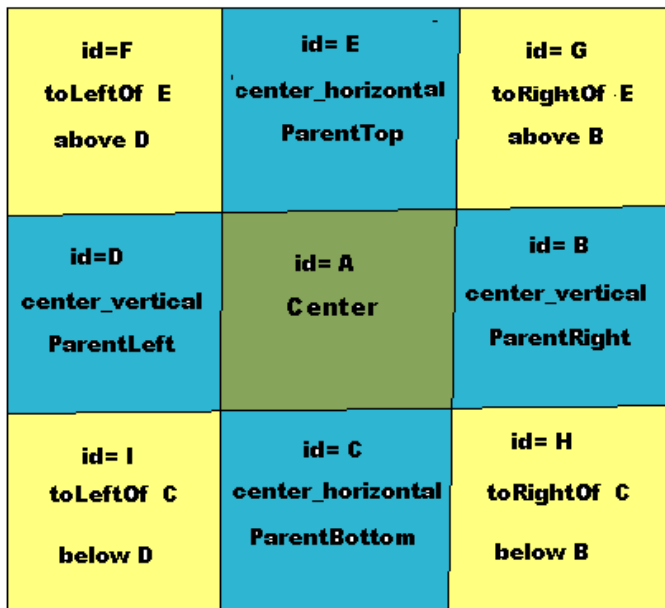




# RelativeLayout

- First element listed is placed in "center"
- Positions of children specified relative to parent or to each other.
  - E.g. **android:layout\_toRightOf = "true"**: widget should be placed to the right of widget referenced in the property
  - **android:layout\_alignParentBottom = "true"**: align widget's bottom with container's bottom

Relative Layout



**RelativeLayout available  
In Android Studio palette**



```
<?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="wrap_content">

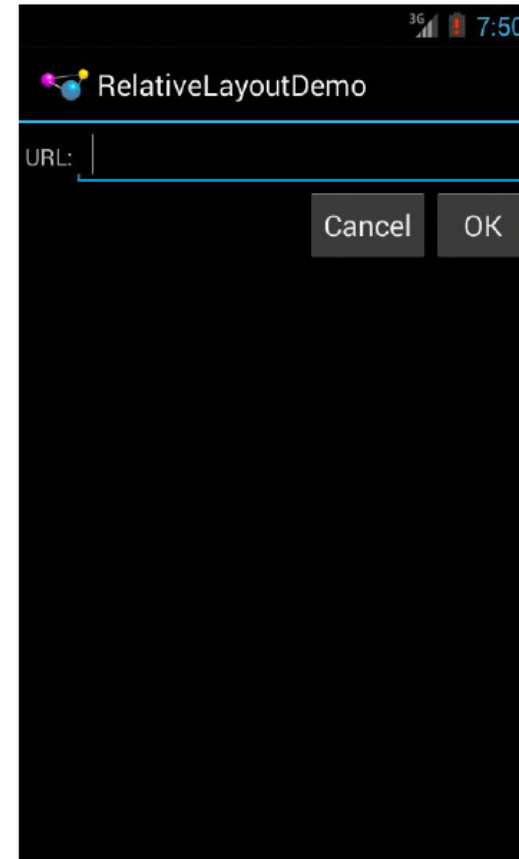
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/label"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_alignBaseline="@+id/entry"
    android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
    android:layout_marginLeft="4dip"
    android:text="@string/url"/>

  <EditText
    android:id="@id/entry"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_alignParentTop="true"
    android:layout_toRightOf="@id/label"
    android:inputType="text"/>

  <Button
    android:id="@+id/ok"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_alignRight="@id/entry"
    android:layout_below="@id/entry"
    android:text="@string/ok"/>

  <Button
    android:id="@+id/cancel"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_alignTop="@id/ok"
    android:layout_toLeftOf="@id/ok"
    android:text="@string/cancel"/>

</RelativeLayout>
```



## RelativeLayout XML Example

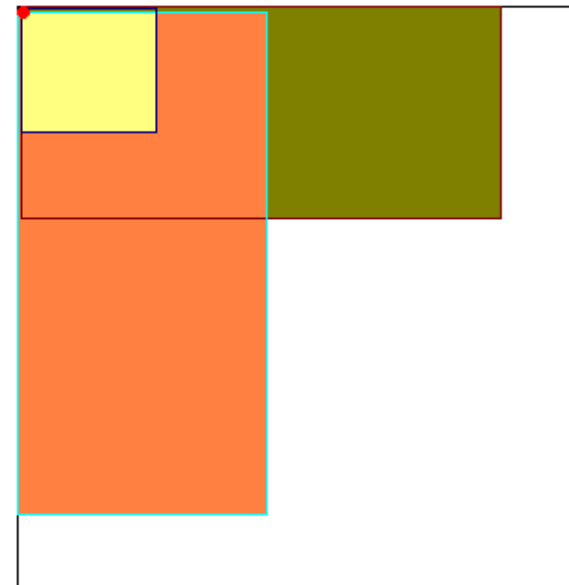




# FrameLayout

- FrameLayout
  - simplest type of layout object
  - fill with single object (e.g a picture)
  - child elements pinned to top left corner of screen, cannot be moved
  - adding a new element / child draws over the last one

Frame Layout





# Table Layout

- Specify number of rows and columns
- Rows specified using **TableRows** (subclass of LinearLayout)
- **TableRows** contain other elements such as buttons, text, etc.
- Available in Android Studio palette

**Table layout**

**TableRows**

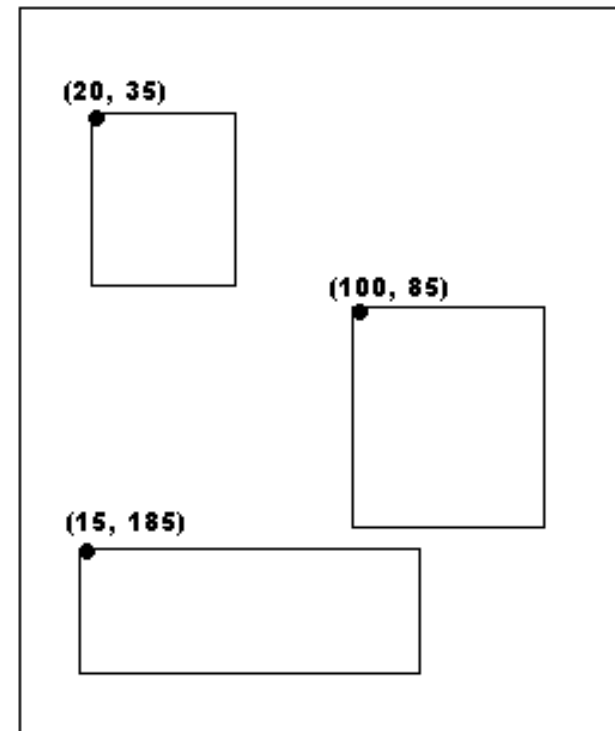
The image illustrates the use of TableLayout in Android. On the left, a 4x4 grid is shown with the title "Table layout". Red arrows point from the label "TableRows" to each of the four rows of the grid. In the center, a screenshot of an Android application titled "Tic-Tac-Toe" is shown. The application displays a 3x3 grid with one orange cell, the text "You go first.", and a "New Game" button. On the right, a screenshot of the Android Studio layout palette is shown, with "TableLayout" selected under the "Layouts" category.

# Absolute Layout



- Allows specification of exact locations (x/y coordinates) of its children.
- Less flexible and harder to maintain than other types of layouts

**Absolute Layout**



# Scrolling

- Phone screens are small, scrolling content helps
- ListView supports vertical scrolling
- Other views for Scrolling:
  - **ScrollView** for vertical scrolling
  - **HorizontalScrollView**
- examples:
  - scroll through large image
  - Linear Layout with lots of elements





# Android UI Youtube Tutorials

# Tutorial 11: Designing the User Interface

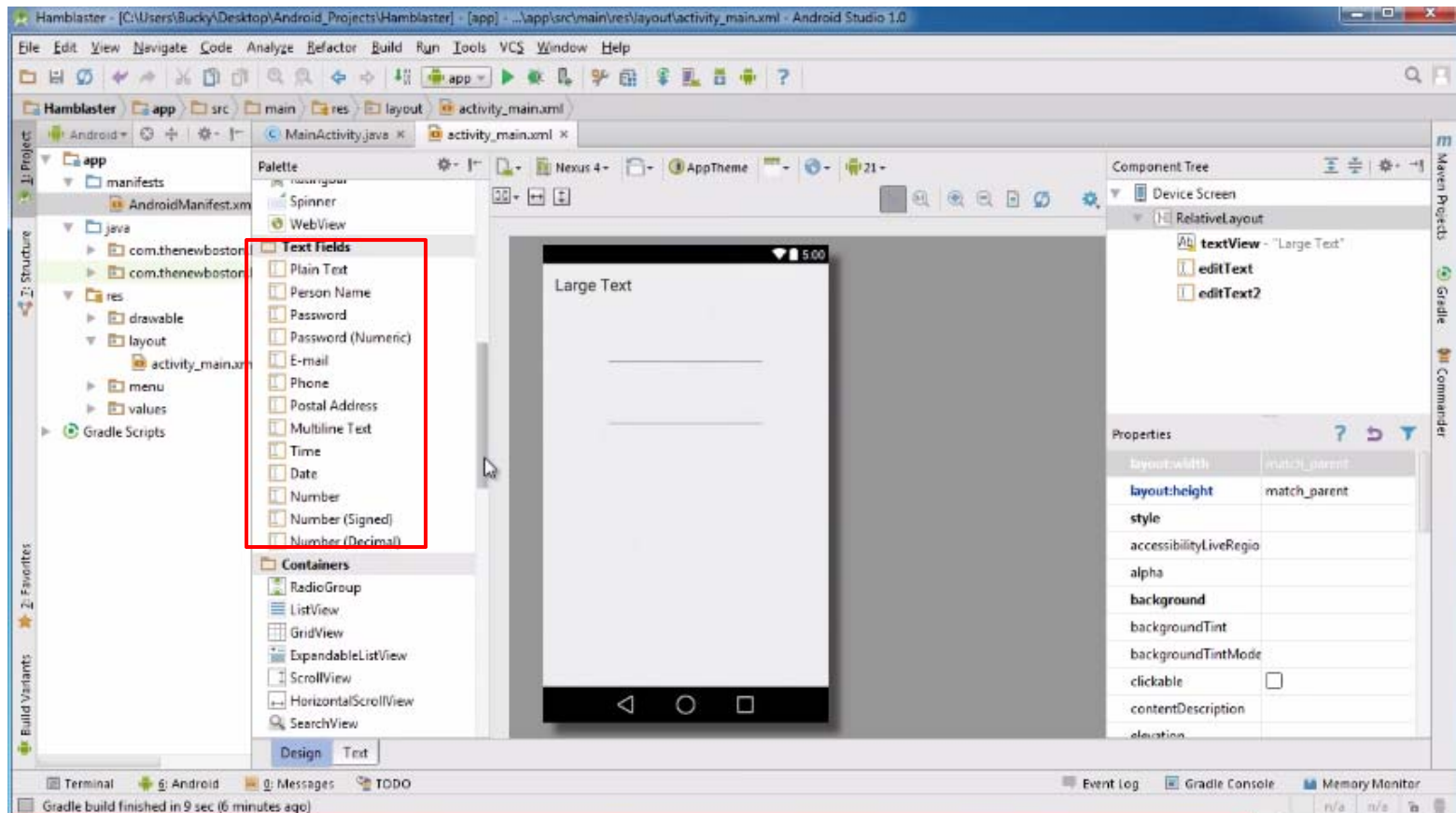


- Tutorial 11: Designing the User Interface [6:19 mins]
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72mf0rmjNAA>
  
- Main Topics
  - Designing the User interface
  - Manually adding activity
  - Dragging in widgets
  - Changing the text in widgets



# Drag and Drop in Widgets

- Android Studio creates 2 files as usual (MainActivity.java, activity\_main.xml)
- Drag and drop in widgets (e.g. Large text, Text boxes)



# Tutorial 12: More on User Interface



- Tutorial 12: More on User Interface [10:24 mins]
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72mf0rmjNAA>
- Main Topics
  - Changing text in widgets
  - Changing strings from hardcoded to resources (variables)

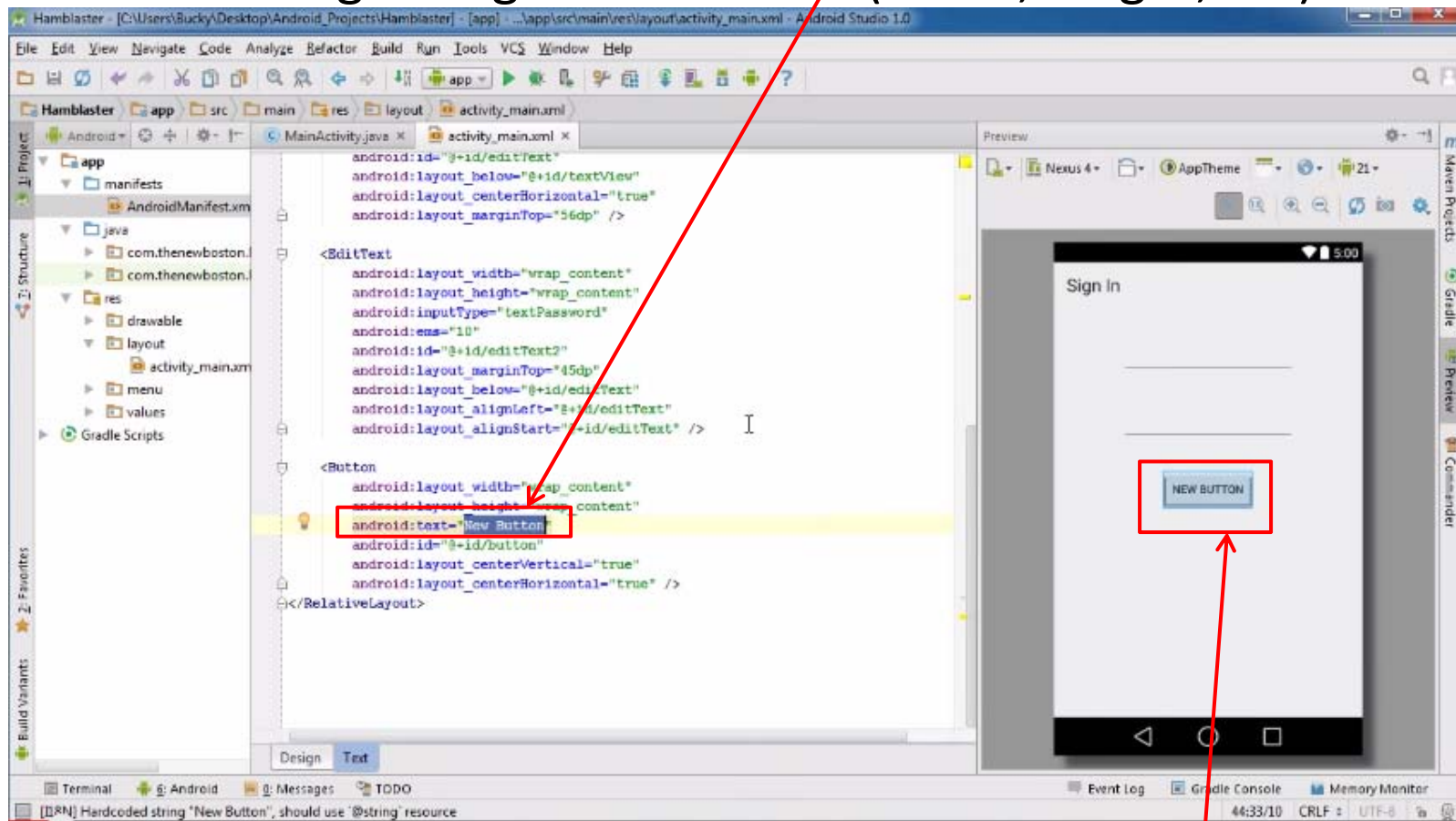




# Changing Widget text in Text View

Change text “New Button” in XML file,

- E.g. Change text on New Button in activity\_main.xml
- Can also change widget dimensions (width, height, etc)



We want to change Text “New Button”



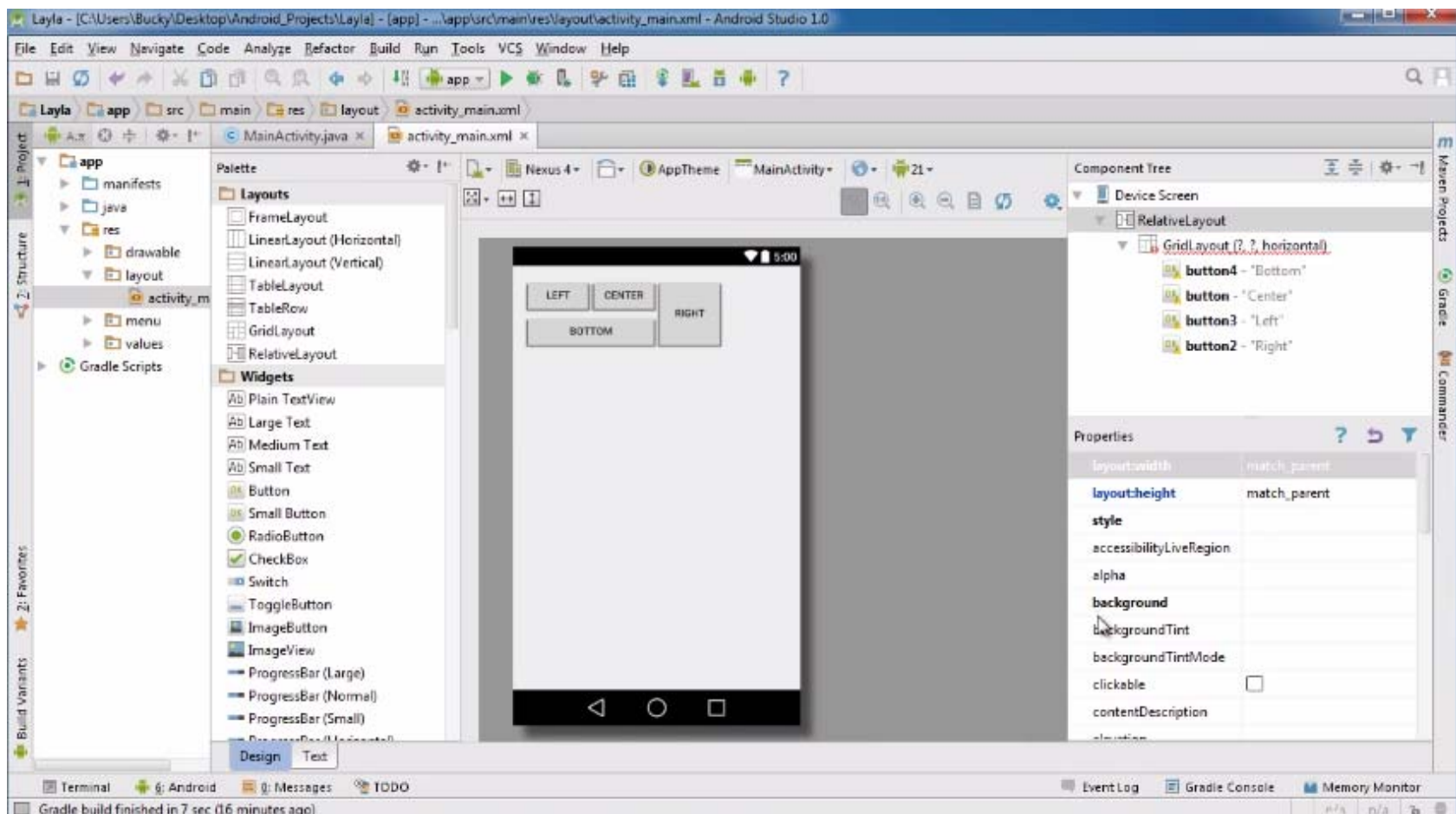
# Tutorial 17: GridLayout

- Tutorial 17: GridLayout [9:40 mins]
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bXOr5Rk1dk>
- Main Topics
  - Creating GridLayout: Layout that places its children in a grid
  - Add widgets (buttons) to GridLayout
  - Format width, height, position of widgets

# Create Grid Layout, Add & Format Widgets



- Add widgets (buttons) to GridLayout
- Format width, height, position of widgets





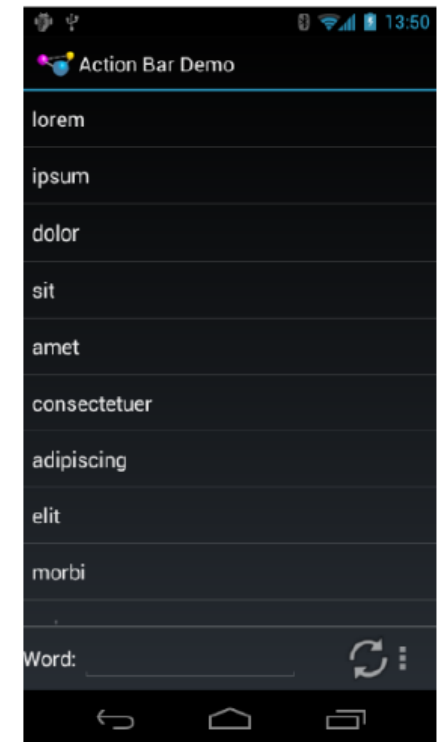
# Our First Android App

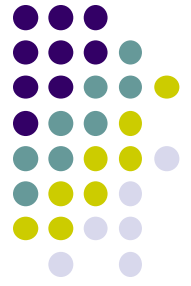


# Activities

- Single Android window or dialog box
- Apps have at least 1 activity that deals with UI
  - An entry point of app similar to **main( )** in C
- Many apps have multiple activities screens
- Example: A camera app
  - **Activity 1:** to focus, snap photo, start activity 2
  - **Activity 2:** to preview picture, save it

Activity





# Activities

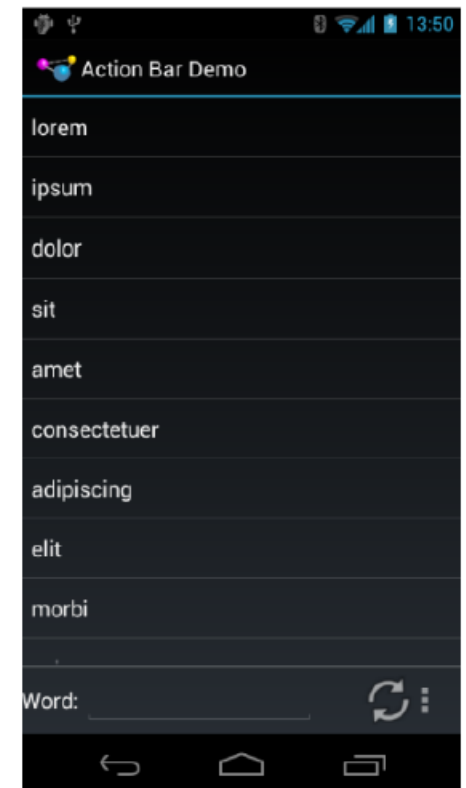
- Each activity controls 1 or more screens
- Activities independent of each other
- Can be coupled by control or data
- App Activities are sub-class of **Activity** class
- E.g. to declare activity

```
Public class EmPubLiteActivity extends Activity{
```

```
// .....write code to control activity
```

```
}
```

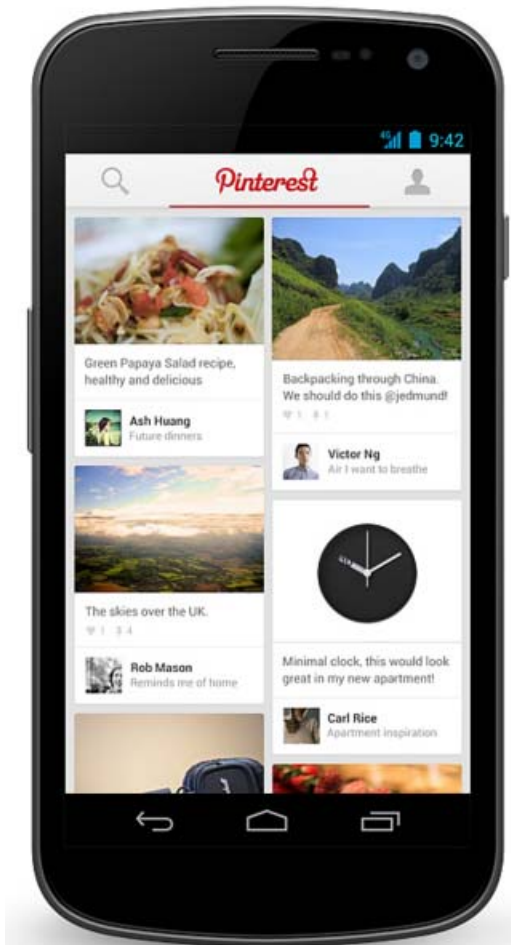
Activity



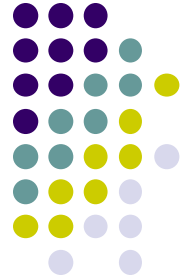
# Recall: Files Hello World Android Project



- 3 Files:
  - **Activity\_main.xml:** XML file, specifies screen layout
  - **MainActivity.Java:** Java code to define app behavior, actions taken when button clicked (intelligence)
  - **AndroidManifest.xml:**
    - Lists all app components, activities (screens)
    - Like a table of contents for a book
    - E.g. Hello world program has 1 screen, so AndroidManifest.xml has 1 item listed
    - App starts running here (a bit like main( ) in C), launches activity with a tag “LAUNCHER”



# Execution Order



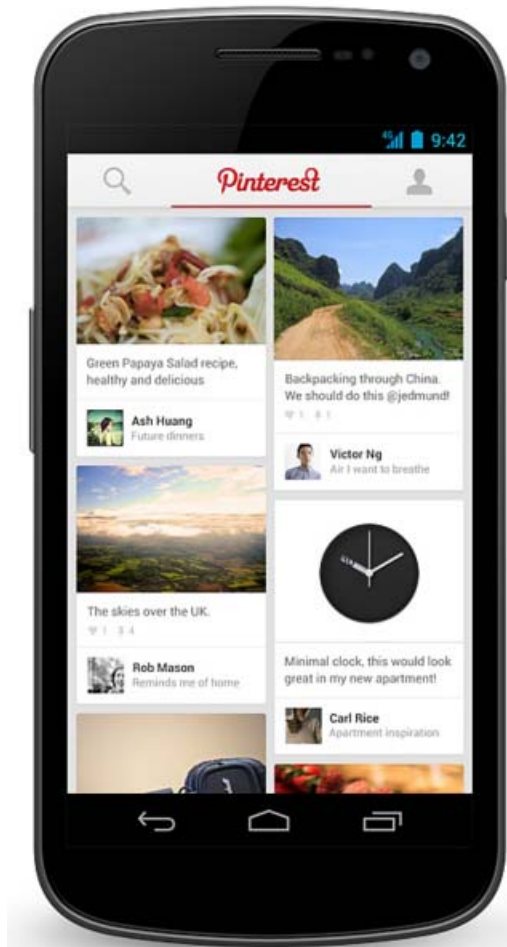
Start in **AndroidManifest.xml**  
Read list of activities (screens)  
Start execution from Activity  
tagged Launcher



Create/execute activities  
(declared in java files)  
E.g. **MainActivity.Java**



Format each activity using layout  
In XML file (e.g. **Activity\_main.xml**)





# Recall: Files Hello World Android Project



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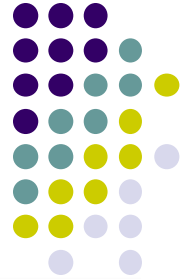
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Next: Let's look at AndroidManifest.XML

# Recall: Inside "Hello World" AndroidManifest.xml



Your package name

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>  
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  package="com.commonware.android.skeleton"  
  android:versionCode="1"  
  android:versionName="1.0">
```

Android version

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

1 activity (screen) listed for this app

One activity (screen) designated LAUNCHER. The app starts running here

# Recall: Files Hello World Android Project



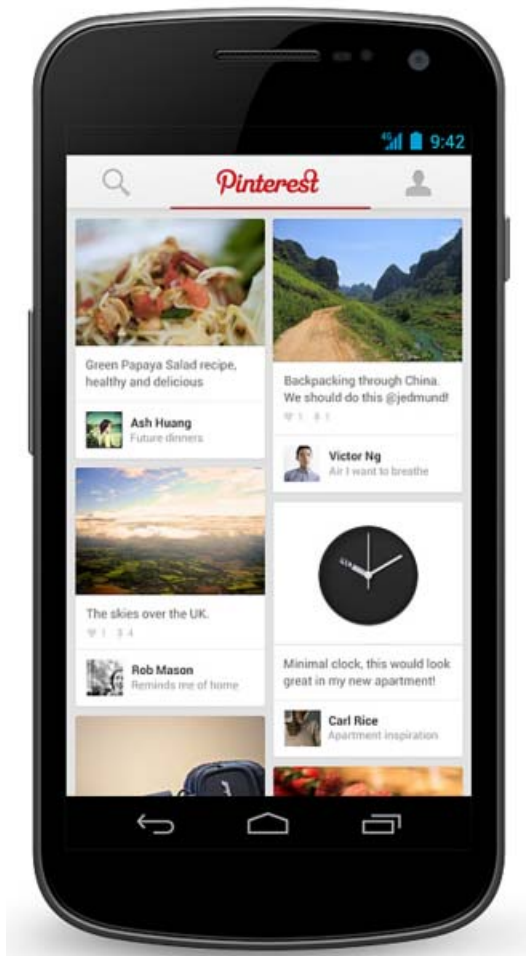
- 3 Files:
  - **Activity\_main.xml**: XML file specifying screen layout

Next: Let's look at Simple java file

- **MainActivity.Java**: Java code to define behavior, actions taken when button clicked (intelligence)

- **AndroidManifest.xml**:

- Lists all screens, components of app
- How these components attach themselves to overall Android system
- Analogous to a table of contents for a book
- E.g. Hello world program has 1 screen, so AndroidManifest.xml has 1 item listed
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# Example Activity Java file (E.g. MainActivity.java)



Package declaration  
(Same as chosen initially)

```
package com.commonware.empublite;
```

Import needed classes

```
import android.app.Activity;  
import android.os.Bundle;
```

My class inherits from  
Android activity class

```
public class EmPubLiteActivity extends Activity {  
    @Override
```

Initialize by calling  
onCreate( ) method  
of base Activity class

```
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.main);  
    }  
}
```

Use screen layout (design)  
declared in file main.xml stored  
in folder res/layout

**Note:** Android OS calls your onCreate  
Method is called once your Activity is created

# Recall: Files Hello World Android Project

XML file used to design Android UI



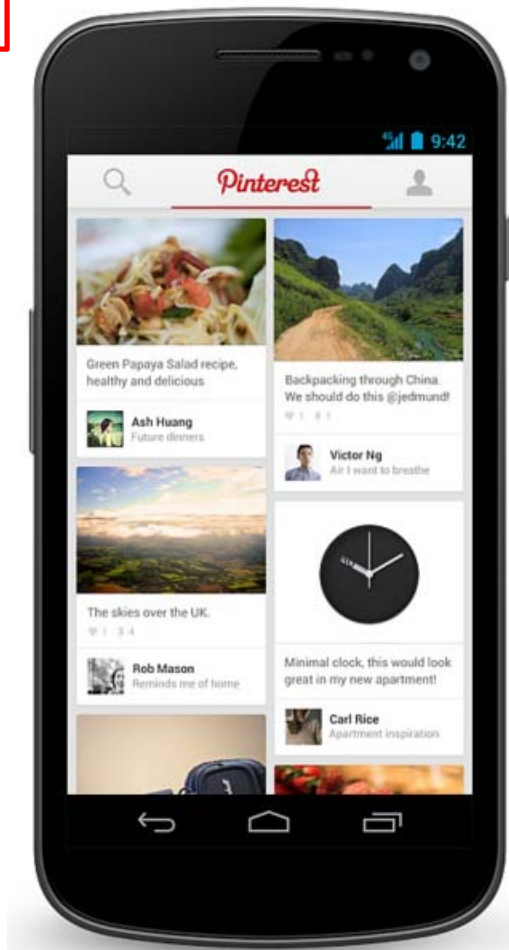
- 3 Files:

- **Activity\_main.xml:** XML file specifying screen layout

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- **AndroidManifest.xml:**

- Lists all screens, components of app
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# Simple XML file Designing UI



- After choosing the layout, then widgets added to design UI

This file is written using xml namespace and tags and rules for android

Declare Layout

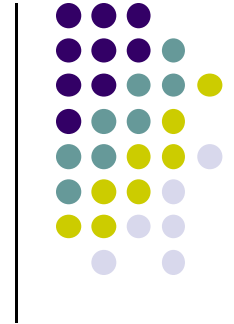
Add widgets

```
<RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    tools:context=".EmPubLiteActivity">

    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
        android:layout_centerVertical="true"
        android:text="@string/hello_world"/>

</RelativeLayout>
```

Widget properties  
(e.g. center contents  
horizontally and vertically)



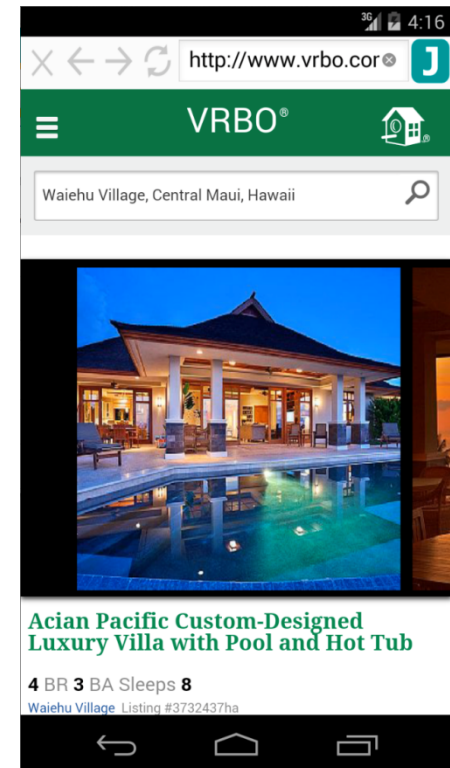
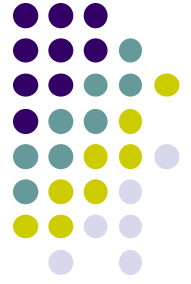
# WebView Widget

# WebView Widget

- A View that display web pages
  - Can be used for creating your own web browser
  - OR just display some online content inside your app
- Uses WebKit rendering engine (lots of memory)
  - <http://www.webkit.org/>
- Webkit used in many web browsers including Safari



- Web pages in WebView same look same as Safari







# WebView Widget Functionality

- **Display Web page** containing HTML, CSS, Javascript
- **Navigation history** of URLs to support forward and backwards
- **Zoom in and out**
- **perform searches**
- **Additional functionality:**
  - capture images of page
  - Search page for string
  - Deal with cookies on a per application basis





# WebView Example

- Simple app to view and navigate web pages
- XML code (e.g in res/layout/main.xml)

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



# WebView Activity

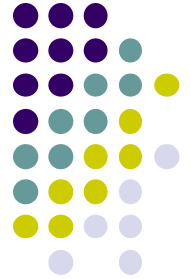
- In onCreate, use loadURL to load website
- If website contains Javascript, enable Javascript

```
public class HelloWebView extends Activity {  
  
    private WebView mWebView;  
  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.main);  
  
        mWebView = (WebView) findViewById(R.id.webview);  
        mWebView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);  
        mWebView.loadUrl("http://m.utexas.edu");  
    }  
}
```

# loadUrl( )

```
@Override
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.main);

    mWebView = (WebView) findViewById(R.id.webview);
    mWebView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);
    mWebView.loadUrl("http://m.utexas.edu");
}
```



- loadUrl( ) Works with
  - **http://** and **https://** URLs
  - **file//** URLs pointing to local filesystem
  - **file:///** android\_asset/ URLs pointing to app's assets (later)
  - **content://** URLs pointing to content provider that is streaming published content



# WebView Example

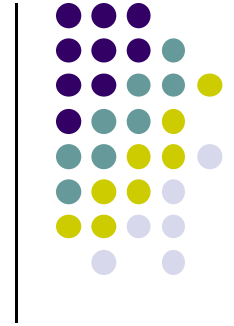
- Add permission to AndroidManifest.xml for app to use Internet
- Also change style so no title bar

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    package="scottm.examples"
    android:versionCode="1"
    android:versionName="1.0" >

    <uses-sdk android:minSdkVersion="10" />

    <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />

    <application
        android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name" >
        <activity
            android:name=".HelloWebView"
            android:label="@string/app_name"
            android:theme="@android:style/Theme.NoTitleBar" >
```



# Android UI Design Example

# GeoQuiz App

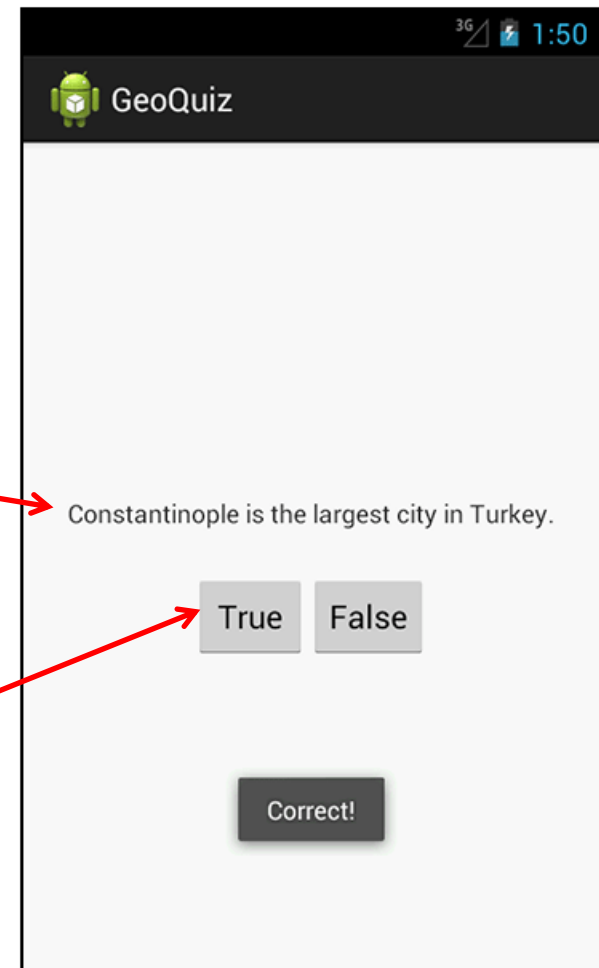
Reference: Android Nerd Ranch, pgs 1-30



- App presents questions to test user's knowledge of geography
- User answers by pressing **True** or **False** buttons
- How to get this book?

Question

User responds  
by clicking True  
or False





# GeoQuiz App

- 2 main files:
  - **activity\_quiz.xml**: to format app screen
  - **QuizActivity.java**: To present question, accept True/False response
- **AndroidManifest.xml** also auto-generated

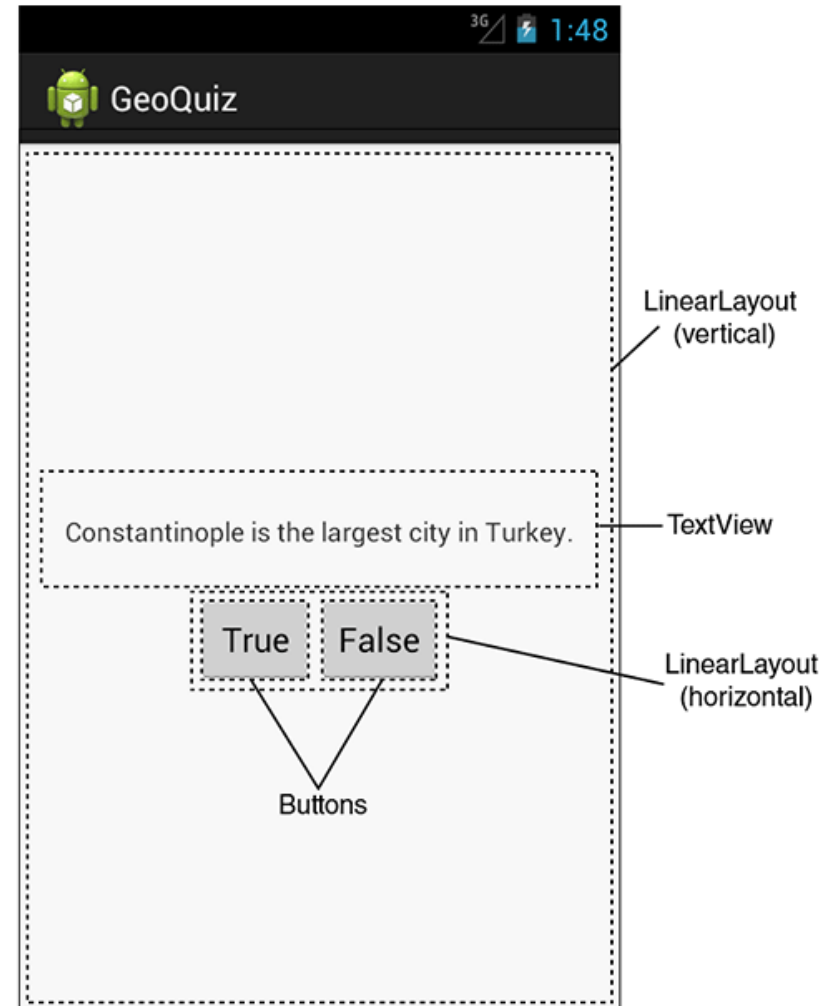
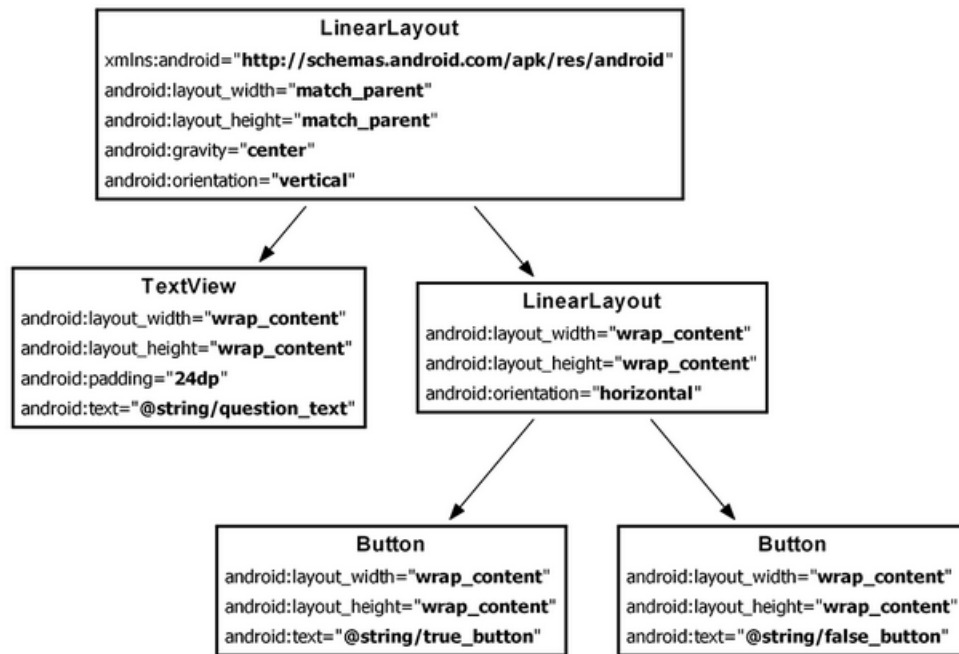




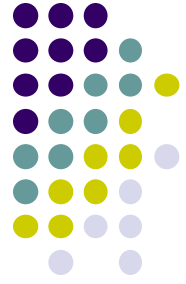


# GeoQuiz: Plan Out App Widgets

- 5 Widgets arranged hierarchically



# GeoQuiz: activity\_quiz.xml File listing



```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:gravity="center"
    android:orientation="vertical" >

    <TextView
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:padding="24dp"
        android:text="@string/question_text" />

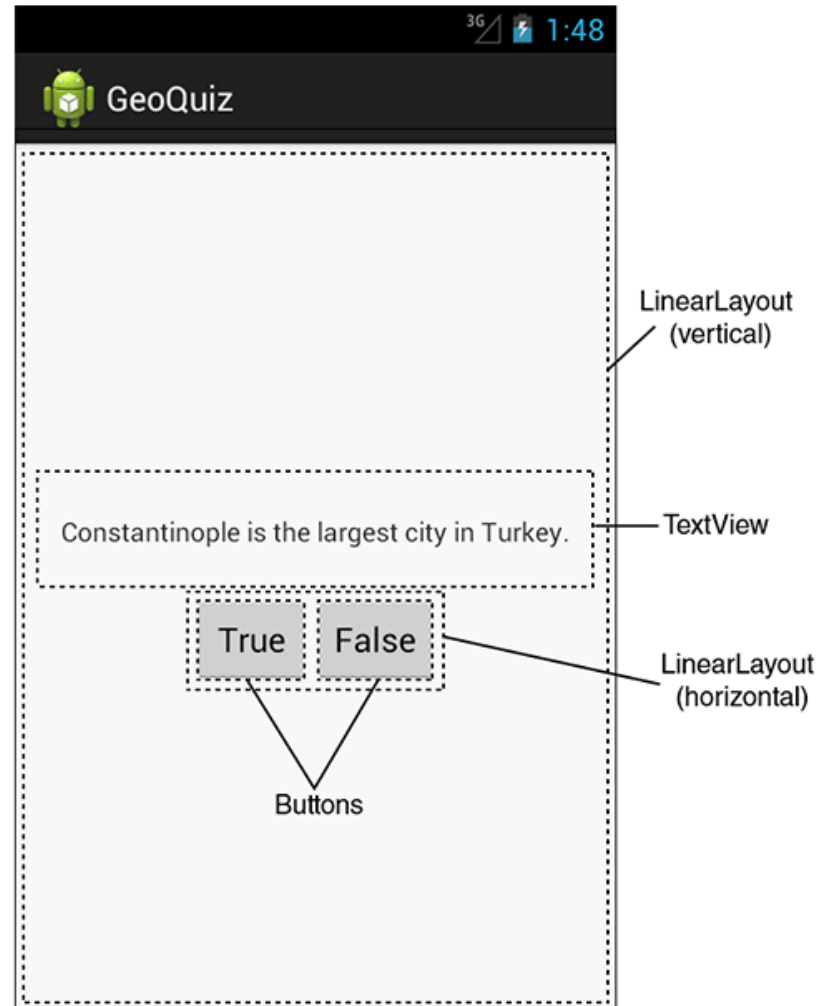
    <LinearLayout
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:orientation="horizontal" >

        <Button
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="@string/true_button" />

        <Button
            android:layout_width="wrap_content"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="@string/false_button" />

    </LinearLayout>

</LinearLayout>
```



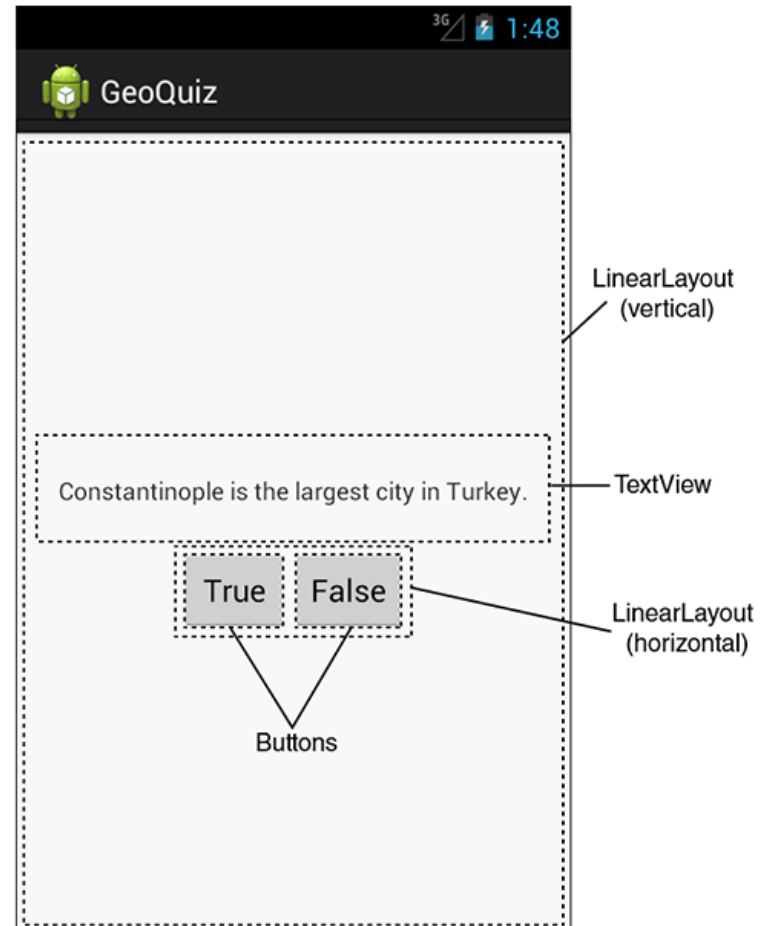
# GeoQuiz: strings.xml File listing



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>

  <string name="app_name">GeoQuiz</string>
  <string name="hello_world">Hello, world!</string>
  <string name="question_text">Constantinople is the largest city in
Turkey.</string>
  <string name="true_button">True</string>
  <string name="false_button">False</string>
  <string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>

</resources>
```





# QuizActivity.java

- Initial QuizActivity.java code

```
package com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.view.Menu;

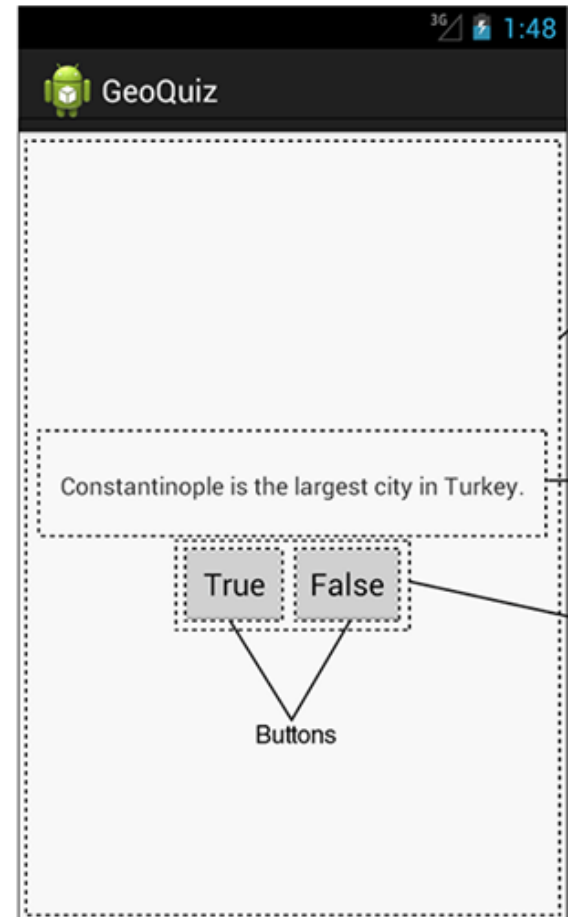
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {

    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
    }
}
```

onCreate Method is called once Activity is created

specify layout XML file

- Would like java code to respond to True/False buttons being clicked



# Responding to True/False Buttons in Java



```
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
... >
```

```
<TextView
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:padding="24dp"
  android:text="@string/question_text" />
```

```
<LinearLayout
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:orientation="horizontal">
```

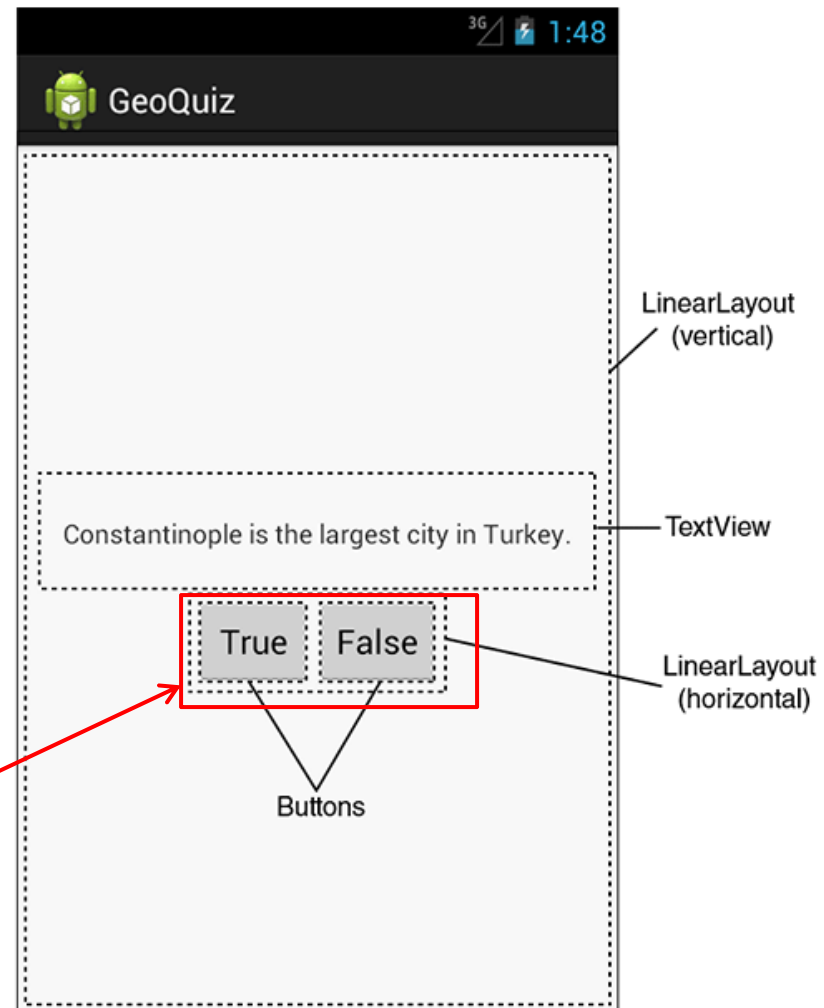
```
<Button
  android:id="@+id/true_button"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="@string/true_button" />
```

```
<Button
  android:id="@+id/false_button"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:text="@string/false_button" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

**Write code in Java file to specify app's response when True/False buttons are clicked**





## 2 Ways to Respond to Button Clicks

1. In XML: set `android:onClick` attribute
2. In java create a `ClickListener` object, override `onClick` method
  - typically done with anonymous inner class



# Approach 1: Button that responds to Clicks

## Reference: Head First Android

1. In XML file (e.g. main.xml), set `android:onClick` attribute to specify (`onLoveButtonClicked`) to be invoked

The Button definition from main.xml

```
<Button android:text="@+id/Button01"
        android:id="@+id/Button01"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:onClick="onLoveButtonClicked"
/>
```

XML  
main.xml

The `onClick` attribute added to the Button. Pointing to the `onLoveButtonClicked` method.

2. In Java file (e.g. `AndroidLove.java`) declare and implement method/handler to take desired action

The new `onLoveButtonClicked` method that's referenced from the `android:onClick` Button attribute.

```
public class AndroidLove extends Activity {

    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.main);
    }

    public void onLoveButtonClicked(View view) {
        //doesn't do anything yet
    }

}
```

class Foo {  
public...  
}

AndroidLove.java

# Approach 2: Create a ClickListener object, override onClick

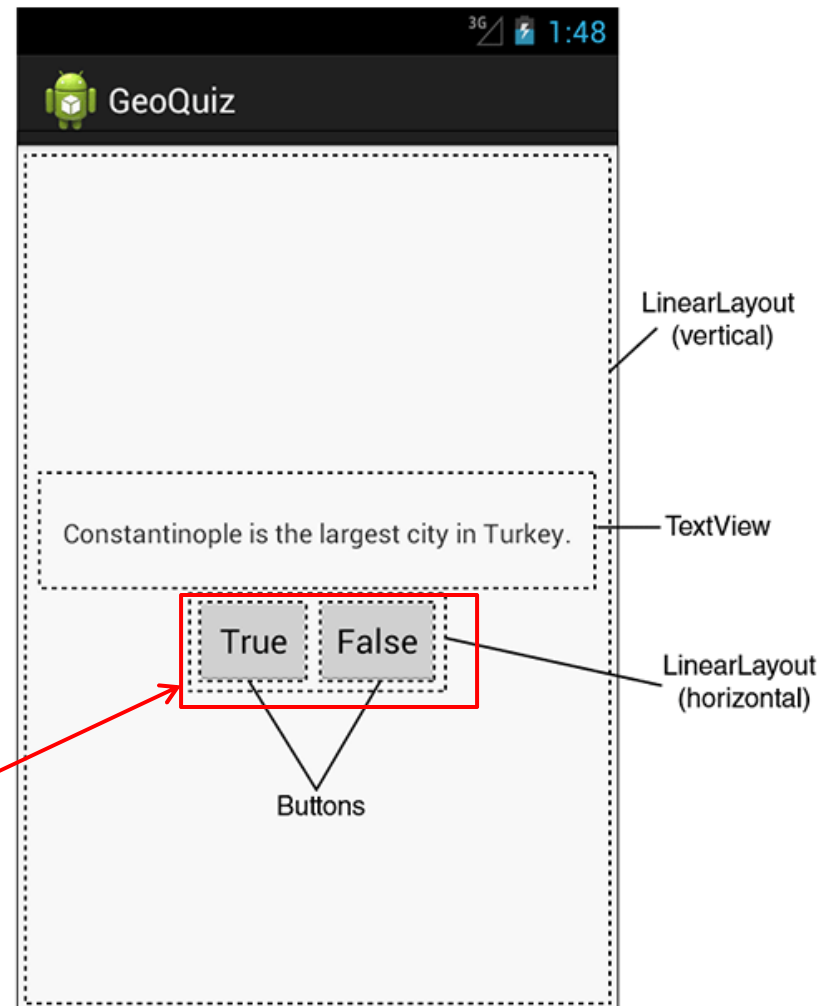


- First, get reference to Button in our Java file. How?

```
<Button  
  android:id="@+id/true_button"  
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:text="@string/true_button" />
```

```
<Button  
  android:id="@+id/false_button"  
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:text="@string/false_button" />
```

**Need reference to Buttons**







# R.Java Constants

- During compilation, XML resources (drawables, layouts, strings, views with IDs, etc) are assigned constants
- Sample R.Java file

```
public final class R {  
    public static final class attr {}  
    public static final class drawable {  
        public static final int icon=0x7f020000;  
    }  
    public static final class id {  
        public static final int Button01=0x7f050000;  
    }  
    public static final class layout {  
        public static final int main=0x7f030000;  
    }  
    public static final class string {  
        public static final int app_name=0x7f040001;  
        public static final int haiku=0x7f040000;  
        public static final int love_button_text=0x7f040002;  
    }  
}
```

Interfaces grouping the constants.

Constants referring to XML resource.



## Referring to Resources in Java File

- Can refer to resources in Java file using these constants
- Example

```
public static final class layout {  
    public static final int main=0x7f030000;  
}
```

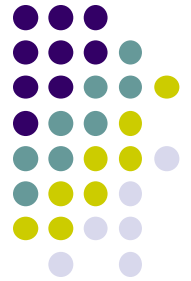
Constant assigned to  
R.layout.main at runtime

- In java file, R.java the constant corresponding to main.xml is argument of setContentView

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.main);  
}
```

Pass in layout file as  
constant assigned to  
R.layout.main

# Referencing Widgets by ID



- To reference a widget in Java code, you need its **android:id**

In XML file, give the widget/view an ID  
i.e. assign android:id

```
<Button android:text="@+id/Button01"  
        android:id="@+id/Button01"  
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

In java file, to reference/manipulate  
view/widget use its ID to find it  
(call findViewById( ) )

```
findViewById(R.id.Button01)
```

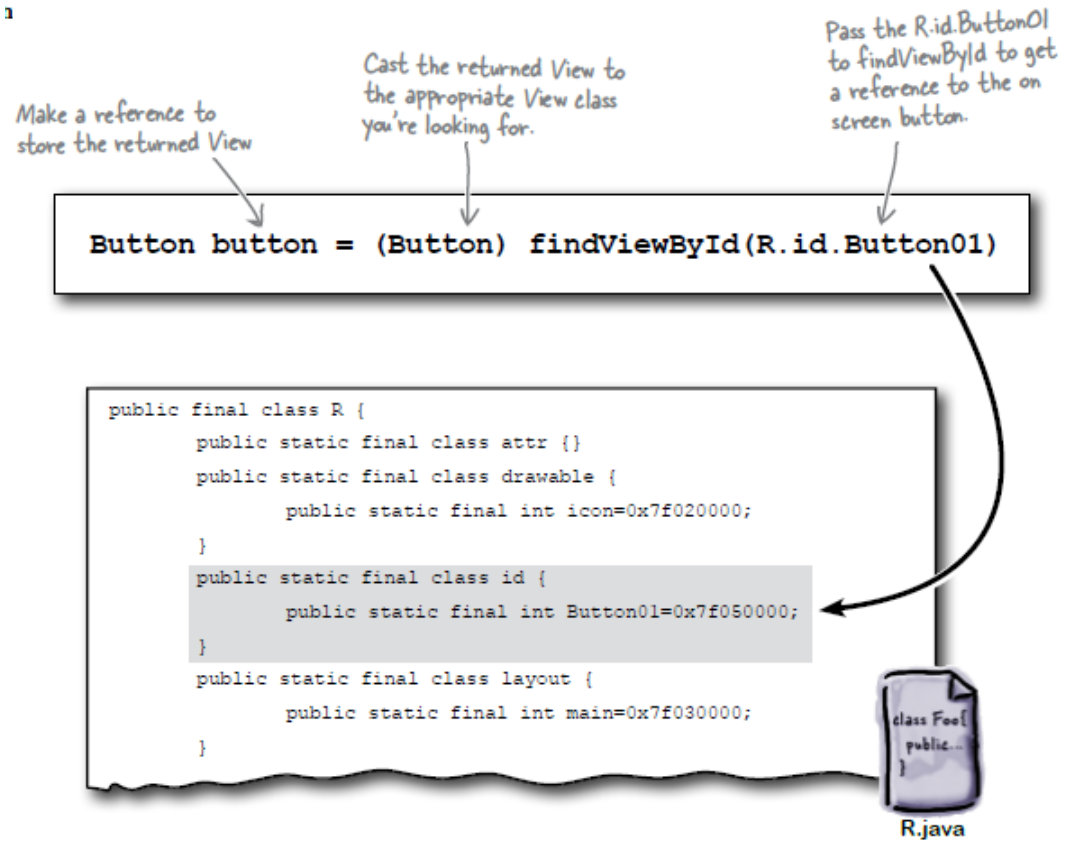


# Getting View References

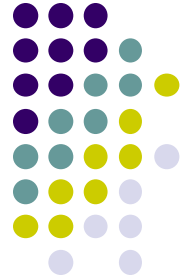


- **findViewById** method is part of Activity class so it can be called in our java file (e.g. MainActivity.java)

- A generic view is returned (not subclasses e.g. buttons, TextView), so needs to cast



# QuizActivity.java: Getting References to Buttons



- To get reference to buttons in java code

```
public class QuizActivity extends Activity {
```

```
private Button mTrueButton;  
private Button mFalseButton;
```

```
@Override  
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);
```

```
    mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);  
    mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);
```

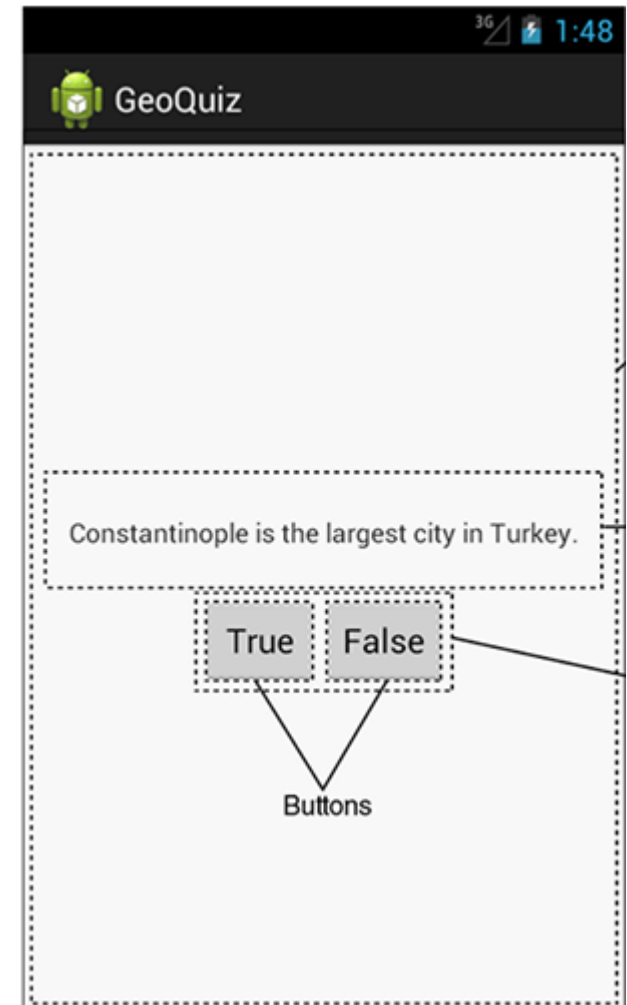
```
}
```

```
...  
}
```

**Declaration  
in XML**

```
<Button  
    android:id="@+id/true_button"  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="@string/true_button" />
```

```
<Button  
    android:id="@+id/false_button"  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="@string/false_button" />
```





# QuizActivity.java: Setting Listeners

- Set listeners for **True** and **False** button

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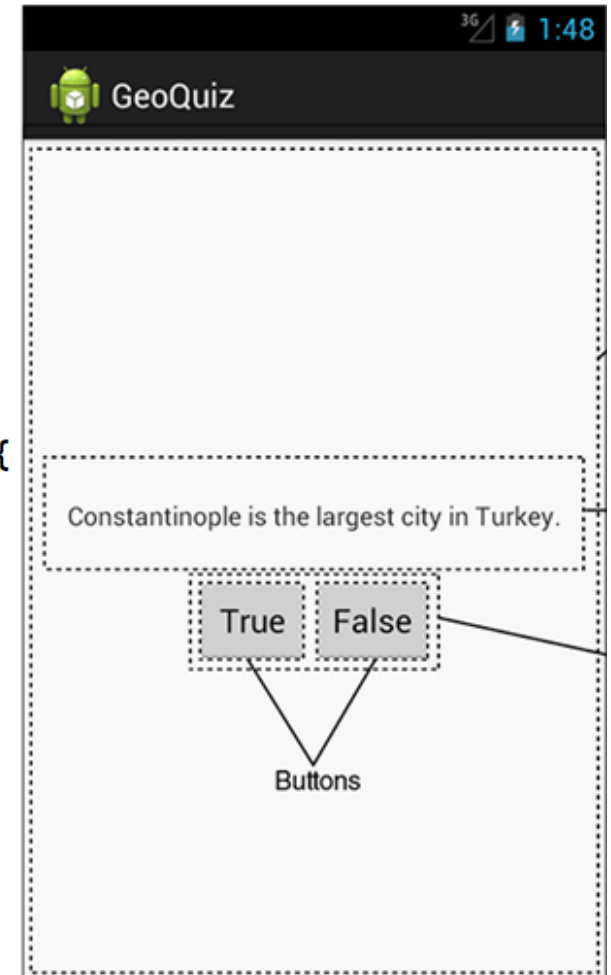
```
mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        // Does nothing yet, but soon!  
    }  
});
```

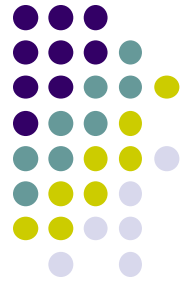
```
mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);  
mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        // Does nothing yet, but soon!  
    }  
});  
}
```

1. Set Listener Object  
For mTrueButton

3. Override onClick method  
(insert your code to do  
whatever you want as  
mouse response here)

2. Create listener  
object as anonymous  
(unnamed) inner object

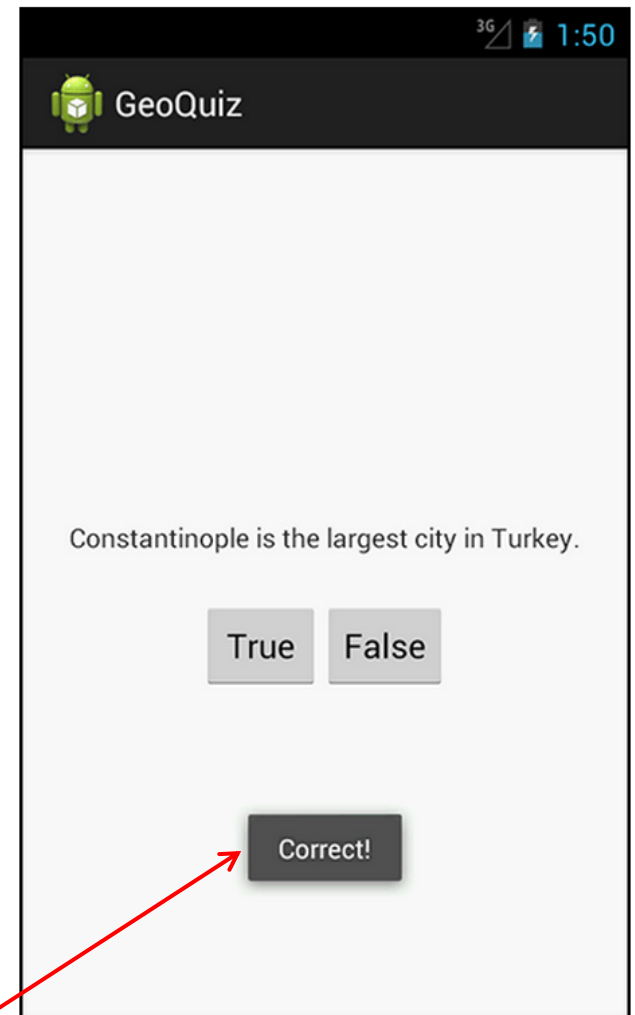




# QuizActivity.java: Adding a Toast

- A toast is a short pop-up message
- After user clicks True or False button, our app will pop-up a toast to inform the user if they were right or wrong
- First, we need to add toast strings (Correct, Incorrect) to strings.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <string name="app_name">GeoQuiz</string>
  <string name="question_text">Constantinople is the largest city in
Turkey.</string>
  <string name="true_button">True</string>
  <string name="false_button">False</string>
  <string name="correct_toast">Correct!</string>
  <string name="incorrect_toast">Incorrect!</string>
  <string name="menu_settings">Settings</string>
</resources>
```



A toast



# QuizActivity.java: Adding a Toast

- To create a toast, call the method:

```
public static Toast.makeText(Context context, int resId, int duration)
```

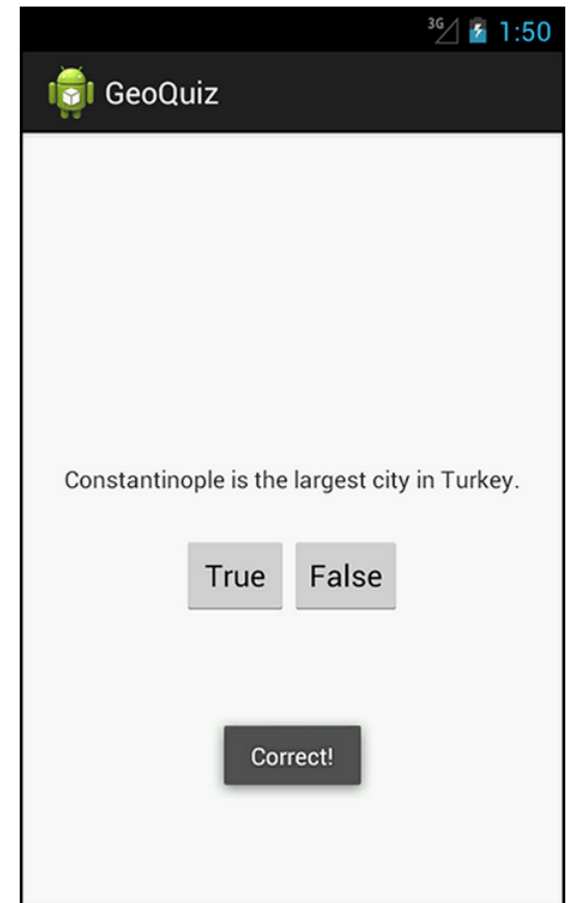
Instance of Activity  
(Activity is a subclass  
of context)

Resource ID of the  
string that toast  
should display

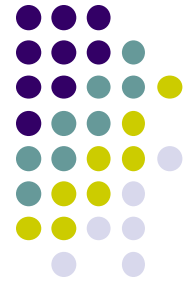
Constant to specify  
how long toast  
should be visible

- After creating toast, call **toast.show( )** to display it
- For example to add a toast to our **onClick( )** method:

```
public void onClick(View v) {  
    Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
        R.string.incorrect_toast,  
        Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
}
```







# QuizActivity.java: Adding a Toast

- Code for adding a toast

...

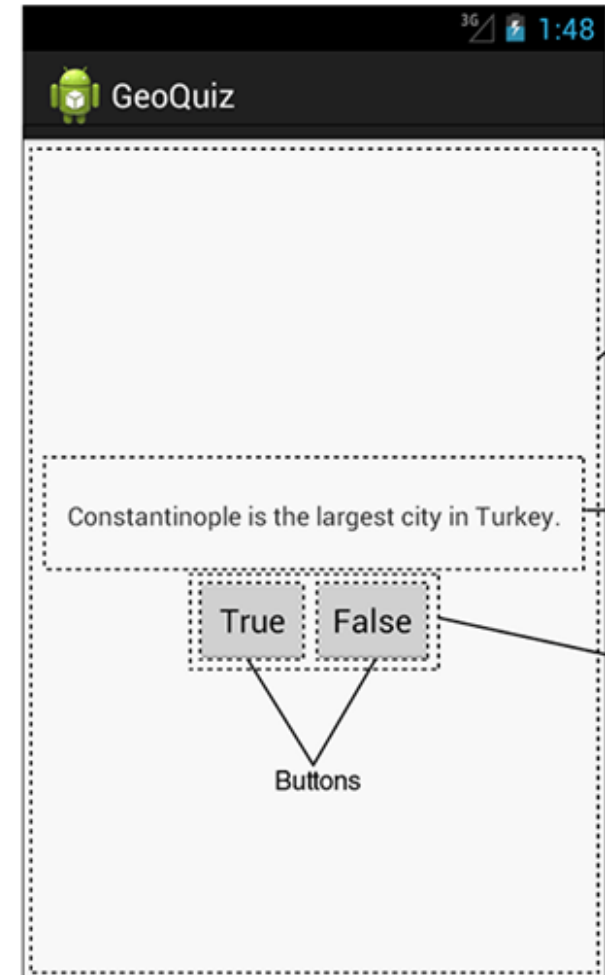
```
mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
            R.string.incorrect_toast,  
            Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
    }  
});
```

```
mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
            R.string.correct_toast,  
            Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
    }  
});
```

1. Set Listener Object  
For mTrueButton

3. Override onClick method  
Make a toast

2. Create listener  
object as anonymous  
inner object





```
package com.bignerdranch.android.geoquiz;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.view.Menu;
import android.view.View;
import android.widget.Button;
import android.widget.Toast;

public class QuizActivity extends Activity {

    Button mTrueButton;
    Button mFalseButton;

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_quiz);

        mTrueButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.true_button);
        mTrueButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
            @Override
            public void onClick(View v) {
                Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,
                    R.string.incorrect_toast, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT)
                    .show();
            }
        });
    }
}
```

## QuizActivity.java: Complete Listing



```
mFalseButton = (Button)findViewById(R.id.false_button);  
mFalseButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
```

```
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View v) {  
        Toast.makeText(QuizActivity.this,  
            R.string.correct_toast, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT)  
            .show();  
    }  
});  
}
```

```
@Override  
public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {  
  
    // Inflate the menu;  
    // this adds items to the action bar if it is present.  
  
    getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.activity_quiz, menu);  
    return true;  
}  
}
```

## QuizActivity.java: Complete Listing (Contd)

Used if app has an  
Action bar menu



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