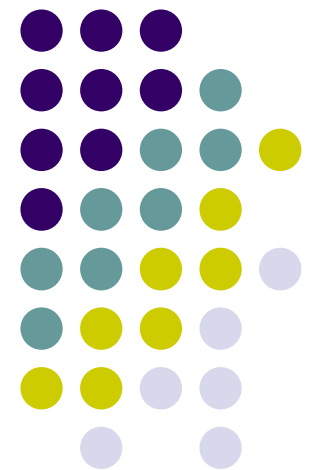


CS 528 Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

Lecture 2: Intro to Android Programming

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Students: Please Introduce Yourself!



- Name
- Status: grad/undergrad, year
- Relevant background: e.g. coal miner 😊
- Relevant courses taken:
 - *Systems*: Networks, OS,
 - *Advanced*: machine learning, advanced networks, etc
- What you would like to get out of this class? E.g.
 - Understanding a hot field
 - Just a class for masters degree/PhD
 - Looking for research area, masters thesis, PhD thesis
 - Compliments your current research interests/publications
 - My spouse told me to 😊



Android UI Tour

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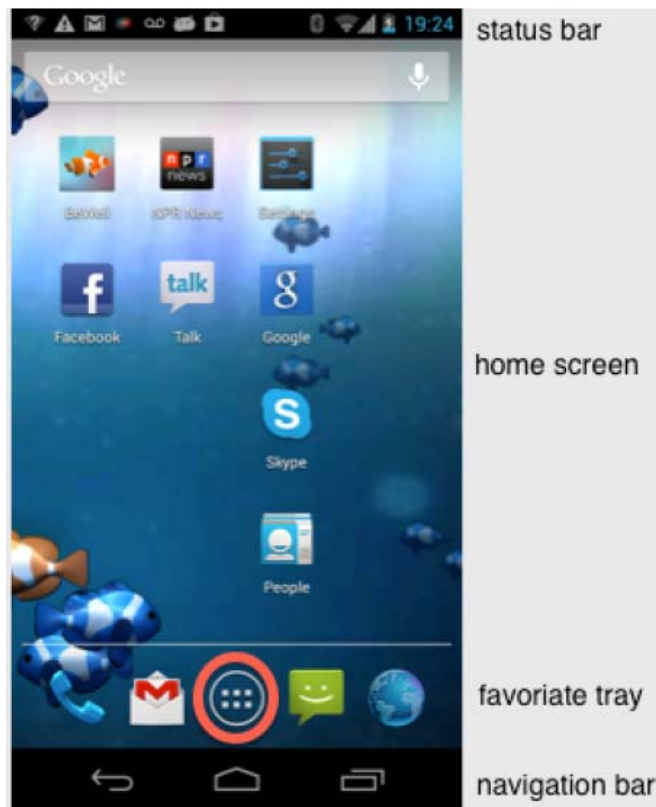


- Android UI has many standard components that developers can reuse
- Next: Review app screens and usage of UI components in popular apps
- Why? These components will also be mentioned in developing Android apps

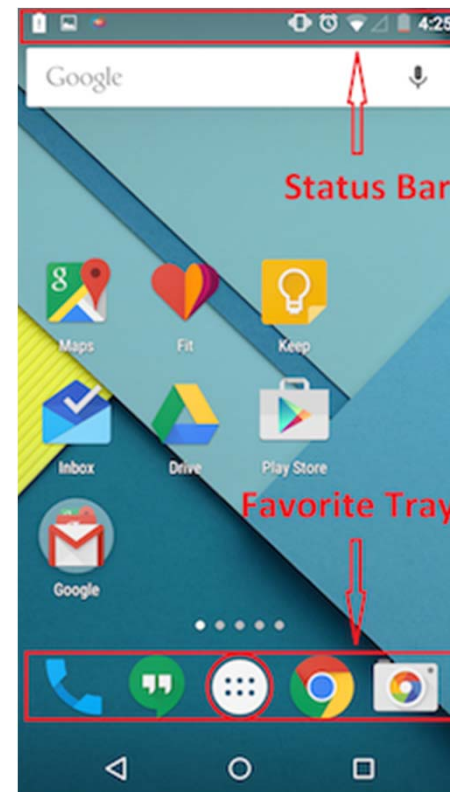


Home Screen

- First screen after unlocking phone or hitting **home** button
- Includes **favorites** tray (e.g phone, mail, messaging, web, etc)



Android 4.0

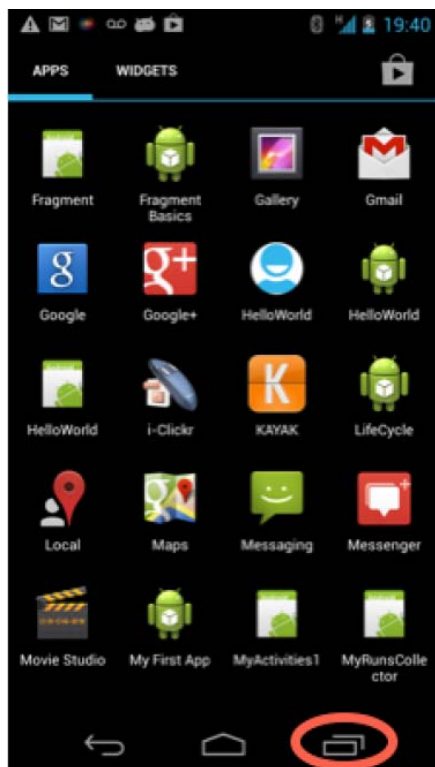


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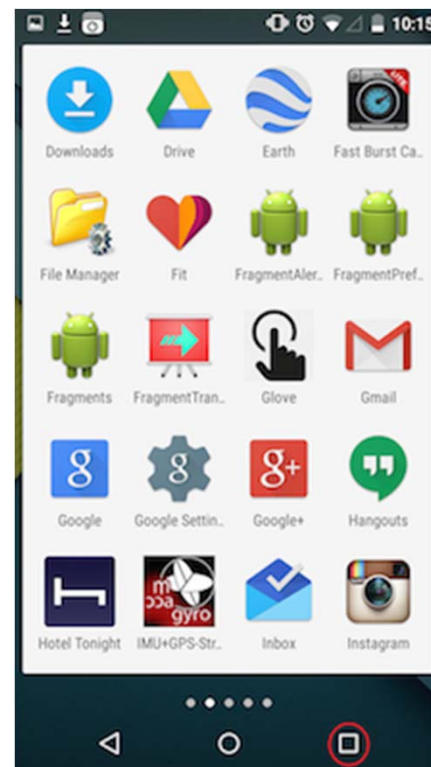


All Apps Screen

- Accessed by touching **all apps button** in favorites tray
- Users can swipe through multiple app and widget screens
- Can be customized by dragging and dropping items



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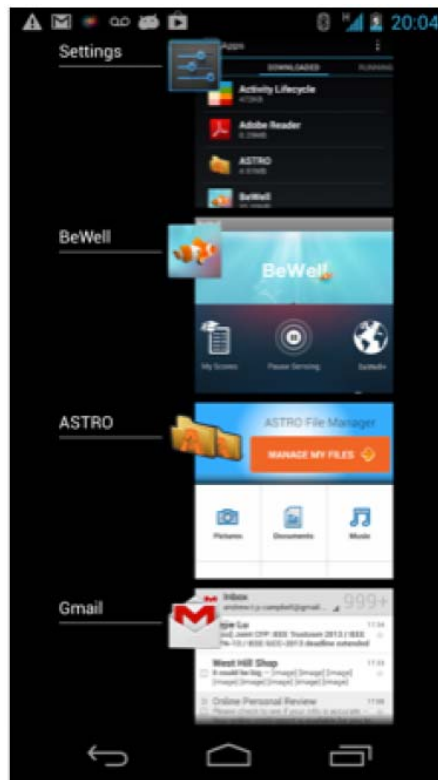


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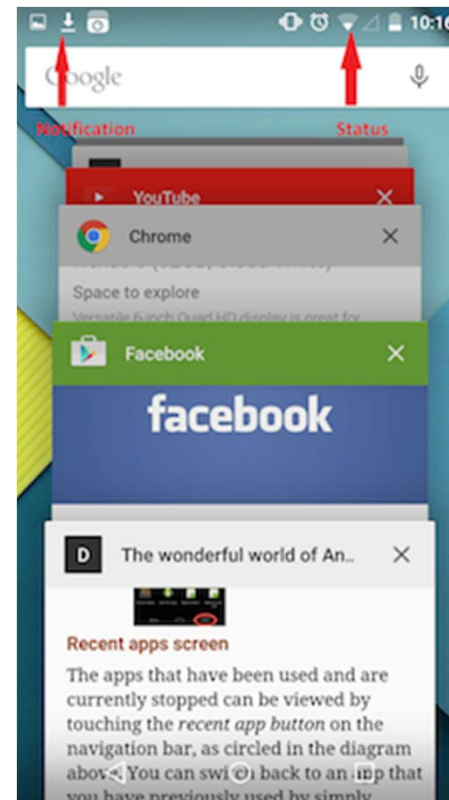


Recent Apps Screen

- Accessed by touching the **recent apps button**
- Shows recently used and currently stopped apps
- Can switch to a recently used app by touching it in list



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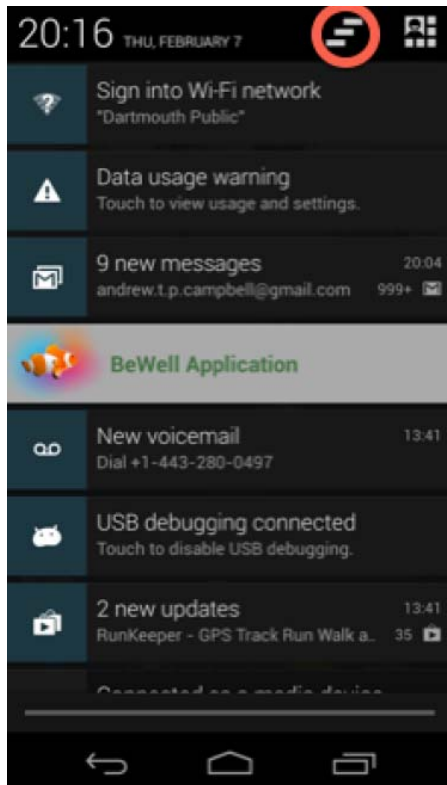


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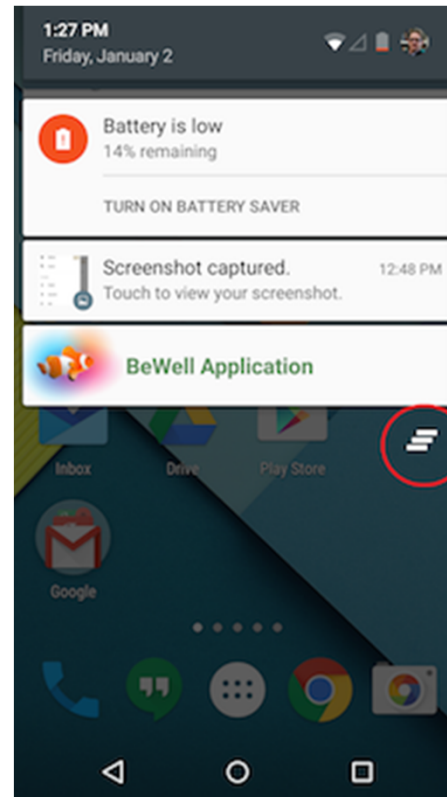
Status Bar and Notification Screen



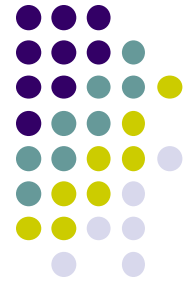
- Displays notifications (on left) and status (on right)
- **Status:** time, battery, cell signal strength, bluetooth enabled, etc
- **Notification:** wifi, mail, bewell, voicemail, usb active, music, etc



Android 4.0

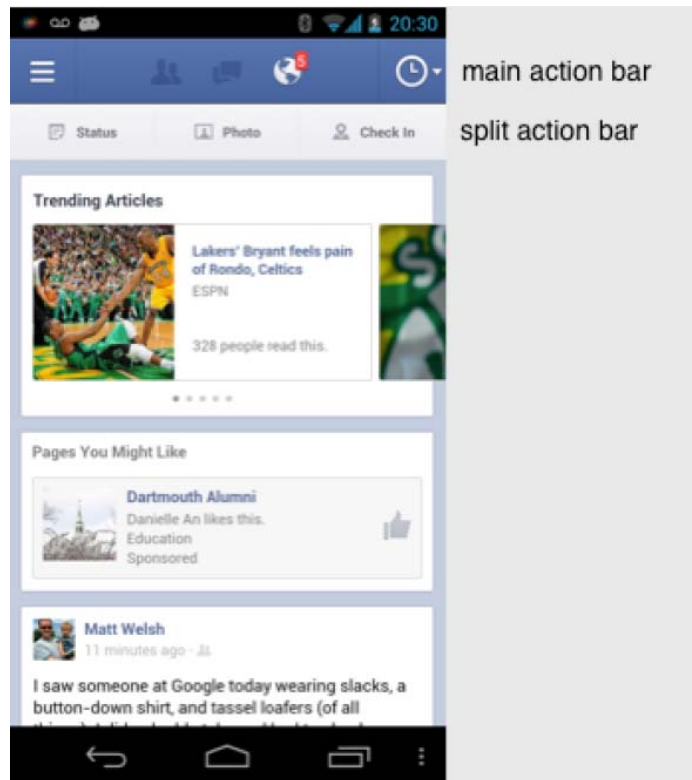


Android 5.0



Facebook UI

- Uses many standard Android UI components
- Shows main action bar and split action bar
- **Action bar:** configurable, handles user action and app navigation



Android 4.0



Android 5.0

Gmail

- Split action bar at bottom of screen
- **View control:** allows users switch between different views (inbox, recent, drafts, sent)



main action bar

view control

split action bar

Android 4.0

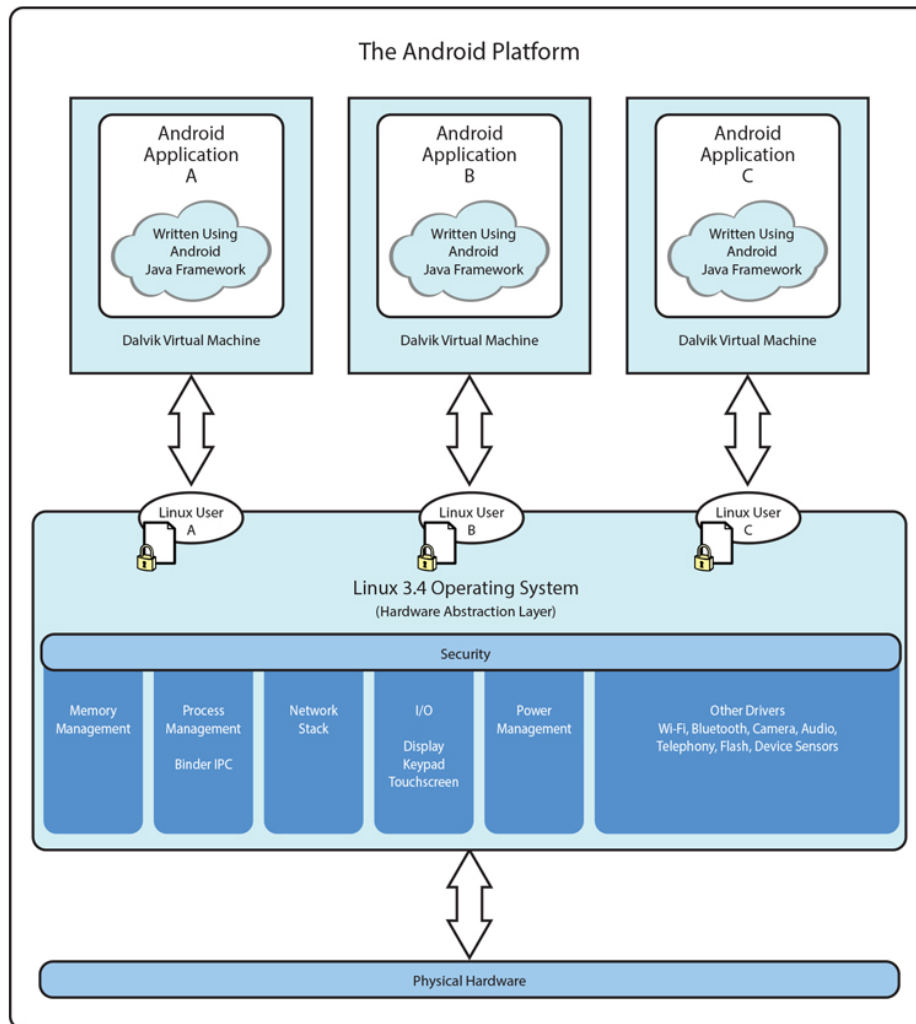
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Android Software Framework

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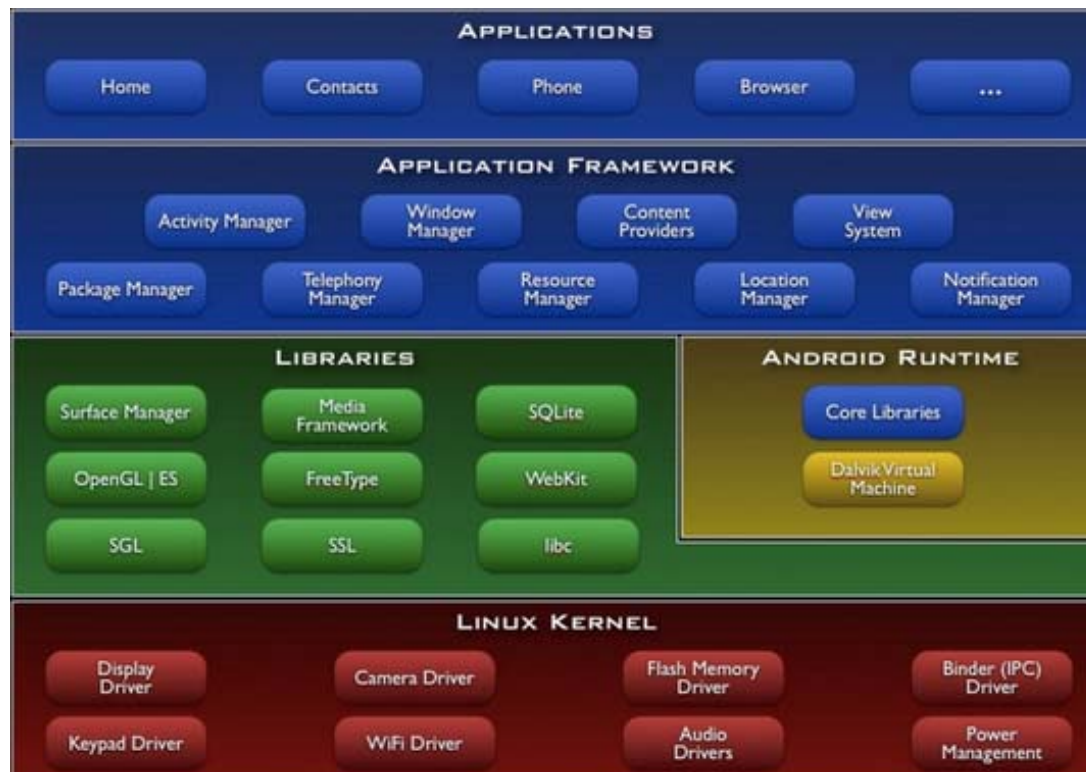
- Each Android app runs in its own security sandbox (VM, minimizes complete system crashes)
- Android OS multi-user Linux system
- Each app is a different user
- Application's files are private
- Android starts app's process when its components need to be executed, shuts down the process when no longer needed

Ref: Introduction to Android Programming, Annuzzi, Darcey & Conder



Android Software Framework

- Android system assigns each app a unique Linux user ID
 - ID is unknown to the application
- Android system sets permissions for all an app's files so that only the process with the app's user ID can access them





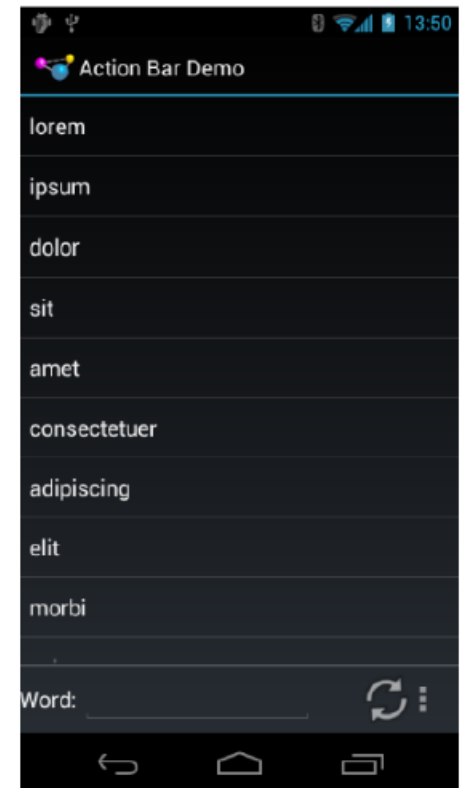
Our First Android App



Activities

- Activity: main building block of Android UI
- Analogous to a window or dialog box in a desktop application
- Apps
 - have at least 1 activity that deals with UI
 - Entry point of app similar to **main()** in C
- Typically have multiple activities
- Example: A camera app
 - **Activity 1:** to focus, take photo, start activity 2
 - **Activity 2:** to present photo for viewing, save it

Activity

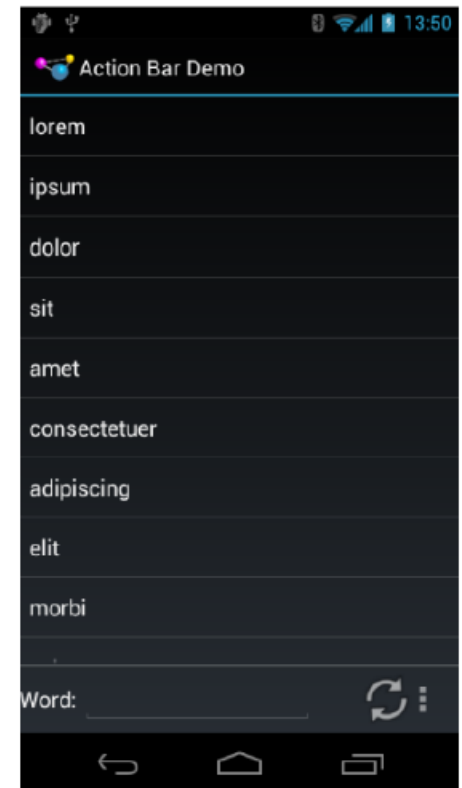




Activities

- 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

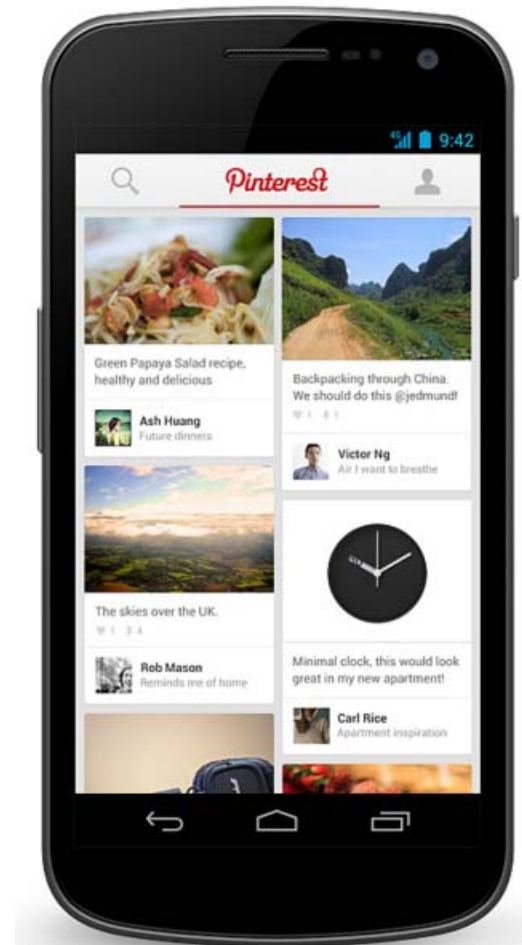
Activity



Recall: Files Hello World Android Project



- 3 Files:
 - **Activity_my.xml:** XML file specifying screen layout
 - **MainActivity.Java:** Java code to define behavior, actions taken when button clicked (intelligence)
 - **AndroidManifest.xml:**
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Execution Order



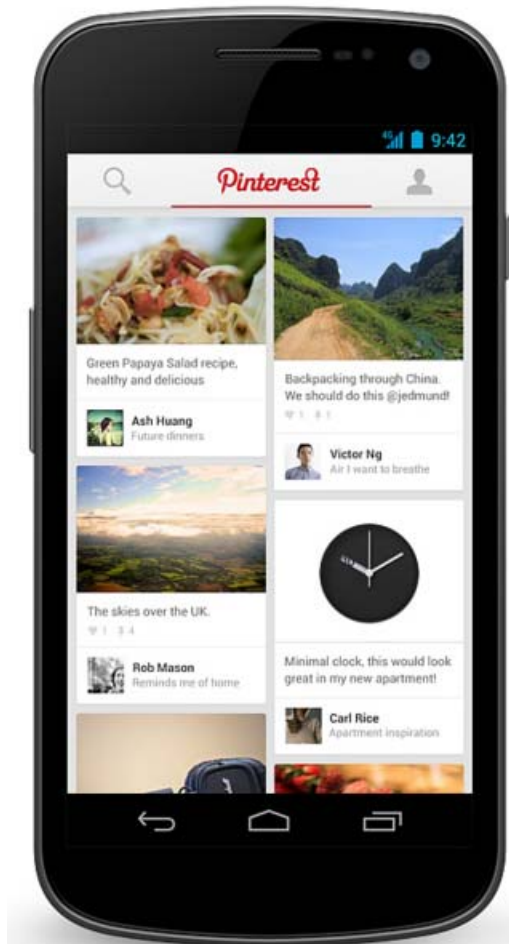
Start in **AndroidManifest.xml**
Read list of activities (screens)
Start execution from Activity
tagged Launcher



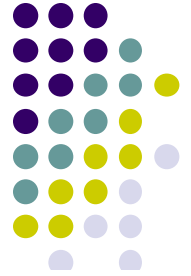
Create/execute activities
(declared in java files)
E.g. **MainActivity.Java**



Format each activity using layout
In XML file (e.g. **Activity_my.xml**)



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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>
```

List of activities (screens) in your app

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

Recall: Files Hello World Android Project



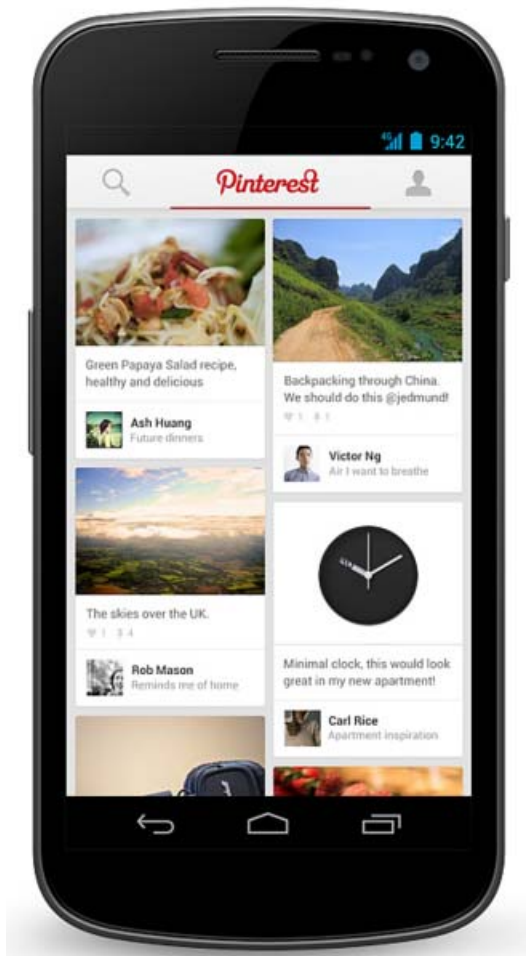
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Example Activity Java file (E.g. MainActivity.java)



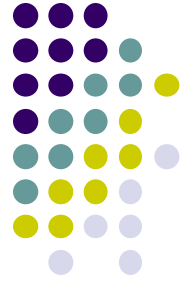
```
Package declaration  
(Same as chosen initially) → package com.commonware.empublite;  
  
Import needed classes → import android.app.Activity;  
import android.os.Bundle;  
  
My class inherits from  
Android activity class → public class EmPubLiteActivity extends Activity {  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
Initialize by calling  
onCreate( ) method  
of base Activity class → super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.main);  
    }  
}
```

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

Note: onCreate Method is called once your
Activity is created

Recall: Files Hello World Android Project

XML file used to design Android UI



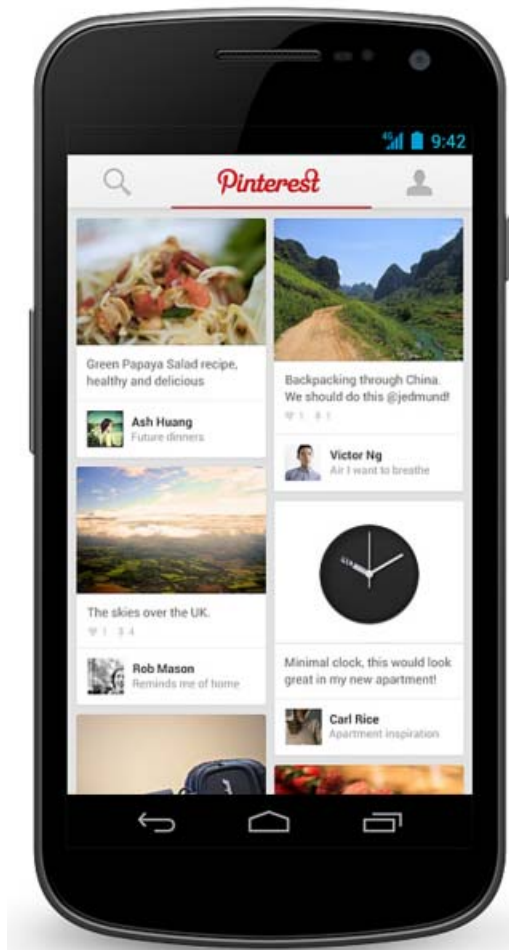
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Simple XML file Designing UI



- 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

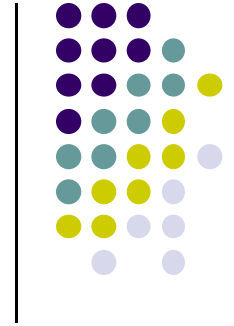
Add widgets

```
<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)



Resources



View Properties and String Resources

- Views are declared with attributes for configuring them
- Consider the following TextView example

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

These XML properties define the width and height of the view.

This attribute sets the text on the view.

- **@string/hello** is a variable declared in another file, **strings.xml**

The raw XML showing name/value strings resources.

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



Strings in AndroidManifest.xml

- Strings declared in strings.xml can be referenced by all other XML files (activity_my.xml, AndroidManifest.xml)

String declaration in strings.xml

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

  <string name="app_name">EmPubLite</string>
  <string name="hello_world">Hello world!</string>

</resources>
```

String usage in AndroidManifest.xml

```
<application
  android:allowBackup="false"
  android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
  android:label="@string/app_name"
  android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
  <activity
    android:name="EmPubLiteActivity"
    android:label="@string/app_name">
    <intent-filter>
      <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN"/>

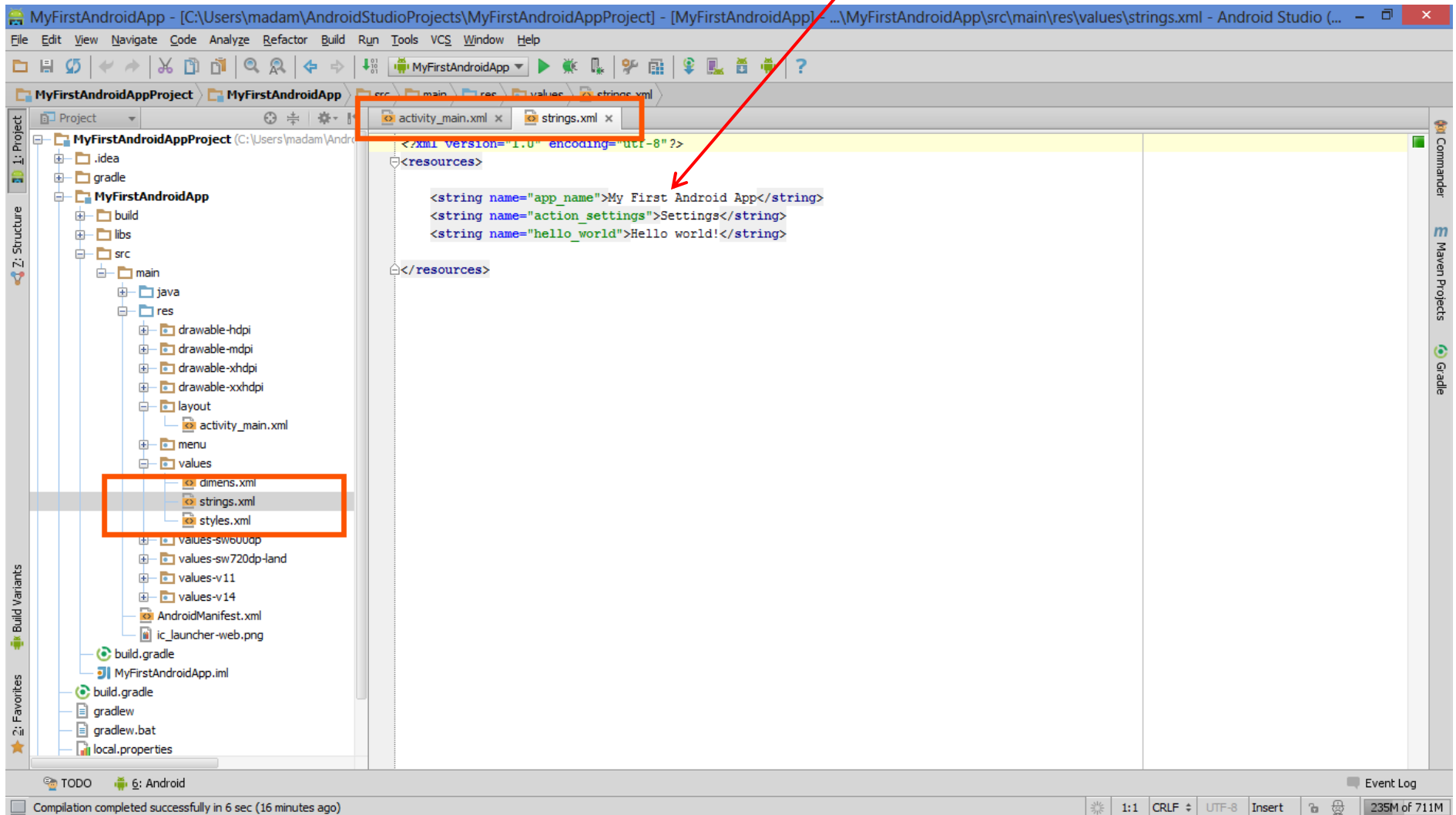
      <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER"/>
    </intent-filter>
  </activity>
</application>

</manifest>
```



Where is strings.xml in Android Studio?

Editing any string here changes it wherever it is displayed





Styled Text

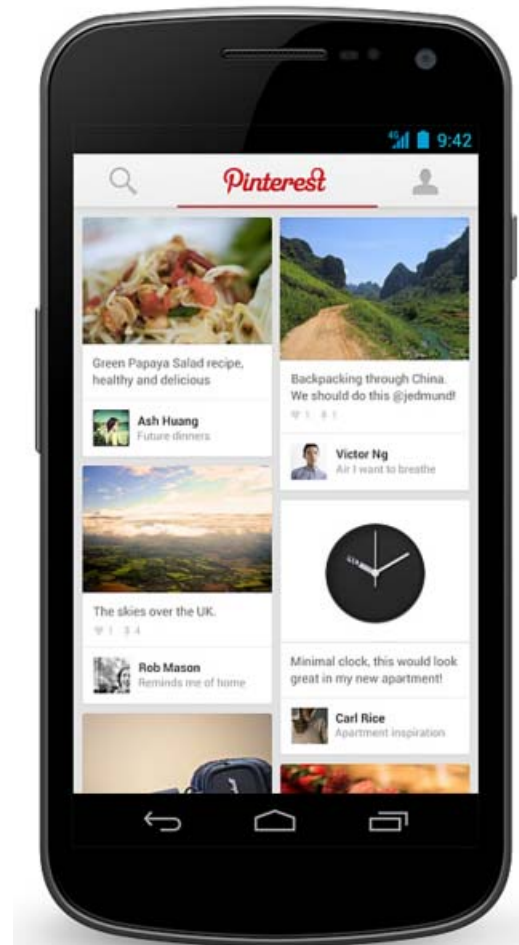
- In HTML, tags can be used for italics, bold, etc
- E.g. `<i> Hello </i>` makes text *Hello*
- ` Hello ` makes text **Hello**
- Can use the same HTML tags to add style (italics, bold, etc) to your Android strings

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

Recall: Example: Files in an Android Project



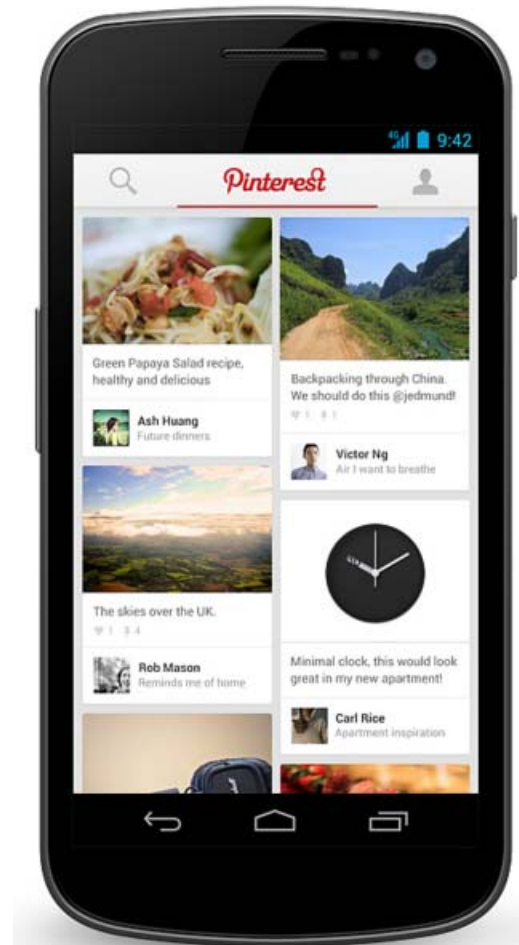
- **res/layout:** The width, height, layout of screen cells are specified in XML file here
- **res/drawable-xyz/:** The images stored in jpg or other format here
- **java/:** App's behavior when user clicks on screen (e.g. button) specified in java file here
- **AndroidManifest.XML:** Contains app name (Pinterest), list of app screens, etc





Resource Files in an Android Project

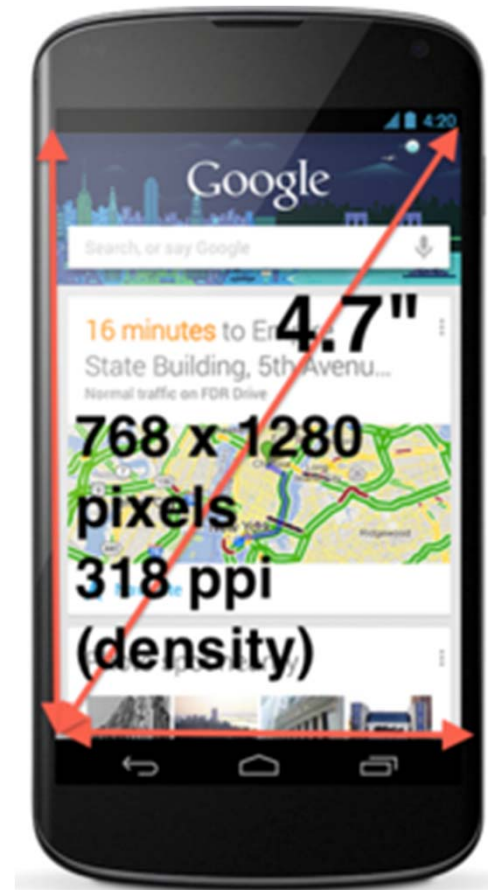
- Resources (stored in **/res** folder) are static bits of information outside java code (e.g. layout, images, etc). E.g.
 - **res/drawable-xyz/**
 - **res/layout:**
- Can have multiple resource definitions, used under different conditions. E.g internalization (text in different languages)
- In Android Studio, the **res/** folder is **app/src/main/**



Phone Dimensions Used in Android UI



- Physical dimensions measured diagonally
 - E.g. Nexus 4 is 4.7 inches diagonally
- Resolution in pixels
 - E.g. Nexus 4 resolution 768 x 1280 pixels
- Pixels per inch (PPI) =
 - $\text{Sqrt}[(768 \times 768) + (1280 \times 1280)] = 318$
- Dots per inch (DPI) is number of pixels in a physical area
 - Low density (ldpi) = 120 dpi
 - Medium density (mdpi) = 160 dpi
 - High density (hdpi) = 240 dpi
 - Extra High Density (xhdpi) = 320 dpi





Adding Pictures

- Android supports images in PNG, JPEG and GIF formats
- GIF officially discouraged, PNG preferred format
- Default directory for images (drawables) is **res/drawable-xyz**
- Images in **res/drawable-xyz** can be referenced by XML and java files
 - **res/drawable-ldpi**: low dpi images (~ 120 dpi of dots per inch)
 - **res/drawable-mdpi**: medium dpi images (~ 160 dpi)
 - **res/drawable-hdpi**: high dpi images (~ 240 dpi)
 - **res/drawable-xhdpi**: extra high dpi images (~ 320 dpi)
 - **res/drawable-xxhdpi**: extra extra high dpi images (~ 480 dpi)
 - **res/drawable-xxxhdpi**: high dpi images (~ 640 dpi)
- Images in these directories are same size, different resolutions

Adding Pictures



- Just the generic picture name is used
 - No format e.g. .png,
 - No specification of what resolution to use
 - E.g. to reference an image **ic_launcher.png**

```
<application
  android:allowBackup="false"
  android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
  android:label="@string/app_name"
  android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
```

- Android chooses which directory (e.g. -mdpi) based on actual device
- Android studio tools for generating icons
 - **Icon wizard or Android asset studio:** generates icons in various densities from starter image
 - Cannot edit images (e.g. dimensions) with these tools



Editing Pictures

- **Image dimensions:**
 - **px:** hardware pixels, varies from device to device
 - **in** and **mm:** inches or millimeters based on actual screen size
 - **pt:** 1/72nd of an inch
 - **dip (or dp):** density-independent pixels
 - 1 dip = 1 hardware pixel on ~160 dpi screen
 - 1 dip = 2 hardware pixels on ~ 320 dpi screen
 - **sp** (or scaled pixels): scaled pixels
- Dimensions declared in **dimens.xml**

```
<resources>
  <dimen name="thin">10dip</dimen>
  <dimen name="fat">1in</dimen>
</resources>
```
- Can reference “thin” declared above
 - In XML layout files as **@dimen/thin**
 - In Java using **Resources.getDimension(R.dimen.thin)**

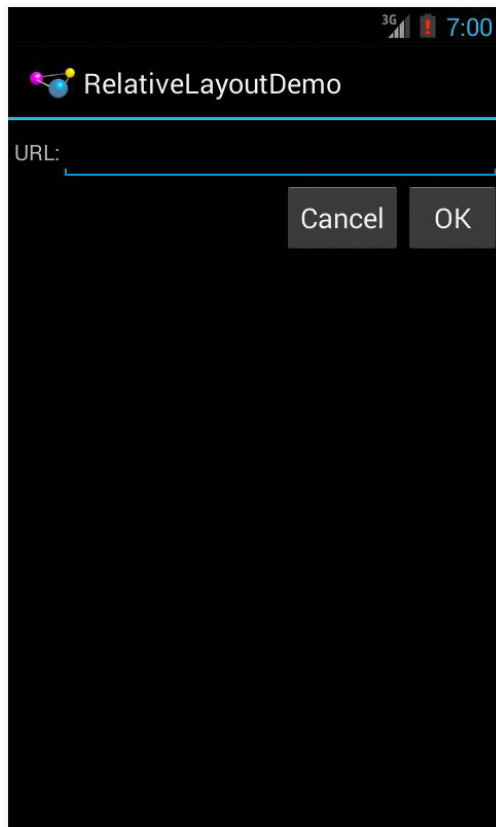
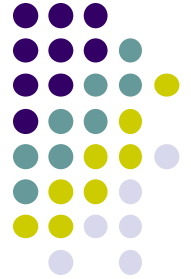
Styles

- Styles specify rules for look of Android screen
- Similar to Cascaded Style Sheets (CSS) in HTML
- E.g CSS enables setting look of certain types of tags.
 - E.g. font and size of all <h1> and <h2> elements
- Android widgets have properties
 - E.g. Foreground color = red
- **Styles in Android:** collection of values for properties
- Styles can be specified one by one or themes (e.g. Theme, Theme.holo and Theme.material) can be used

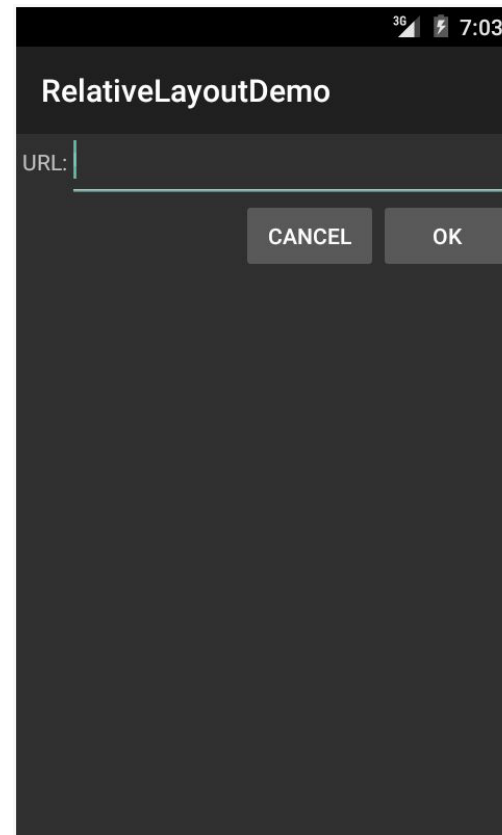


Default Themes

- Android chooses a default theme if you specify none
- Also many stock themes to choose from

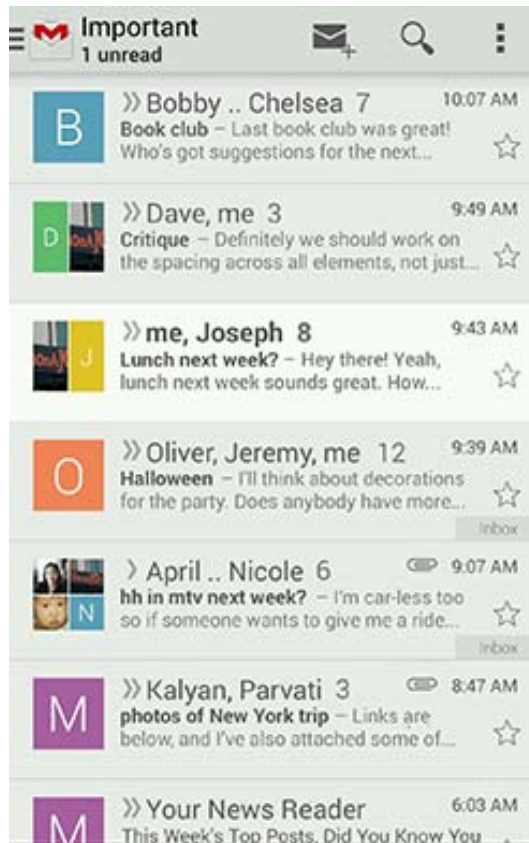


Theme.Holo: default theme in Android 3.0



Theme.Material: default theme in Android 5.0

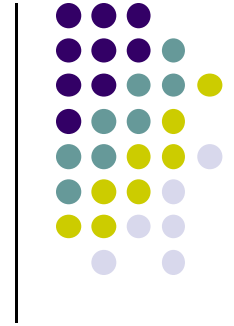
Examples of Themes in Use



GMAIL in Holo Light



Settings in Holo Dark



Android UI Design in XML



Recall: Edit XML Layouts using Graphical IDE

- Can drag and drop widgets, layouts in Android Studio
- Can also edit their properties (e.g. height, width, color, etc)

Drag and drop layout

Drag and drop button or any other widget or view

Edit layout properties

Properties	
layout:width	match_parent
layout:height	match_parent
style	
accessibilityLiveReg	
alpha	
background	
clickable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusableInTouchM	<input type="checkbox"/>
gravity	0
id	
ignoreGravity	



XML Generated

- Clicking and dragging button or widget adds corresponding XML to appropriate XML file (e.g. main.xml)

The added XML declaration to create the Button.

```
*main.xml [?]  
<?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">  
    <Button android:text="@+id/Button01"  
        android:id="@+id/Button01"  
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content" />  
    <TextView android:text="@string/haiku"
```

Recall: Files Hello World Android Project

XML file used to design Android UI



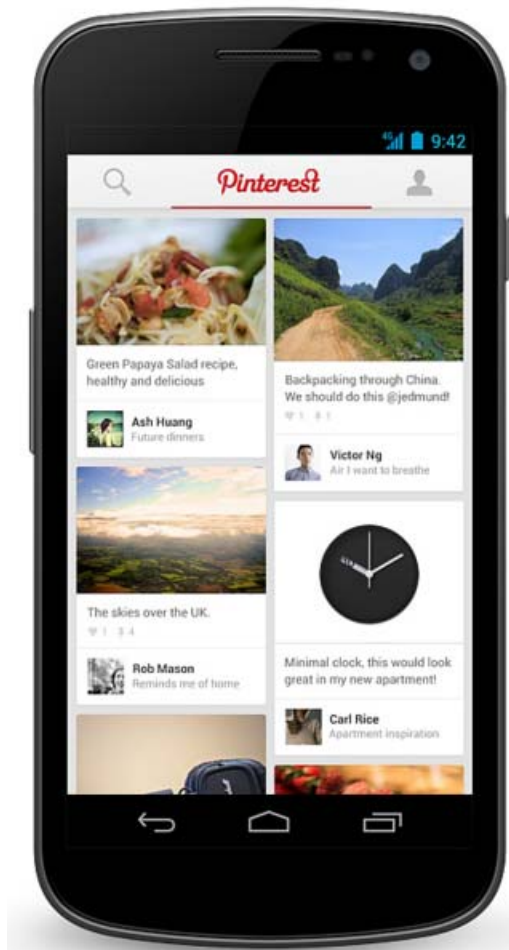
- 3 Files:

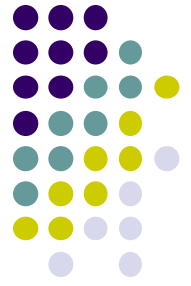
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Android UI using XML Layouts

- Android UI are usually designed in XML
- **Note:** Android UI can also be designed in Java (more later)
- In the XML file, we have to choose a layout to use

LinearLayout



RelativeLayout



TableLayout



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

Layouts



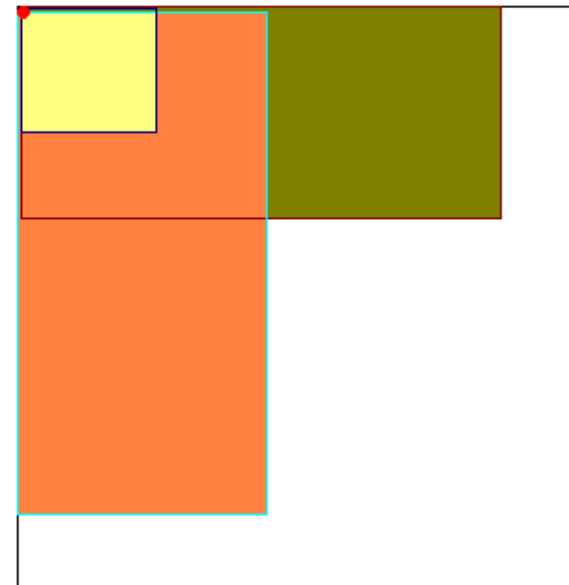
- Layouts can contain UI elements (provided and custom)
- Stored in **res/layout**
- Useful Layouts:
 - FrameLayout,
 - LinearLayout,
 - TableLayout,
 - GridLayout,
 - RelativeLayout,
 - ListView,
 - GridView,
 - ScrollView,
 - DrawerLayout,
 - ViewPager
- More on layouts next



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





LinearLayout

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

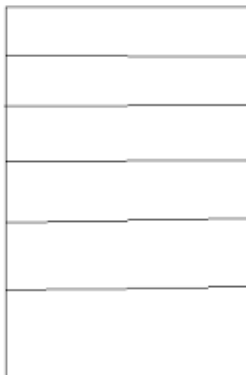
- Example:

```
<?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" >
```

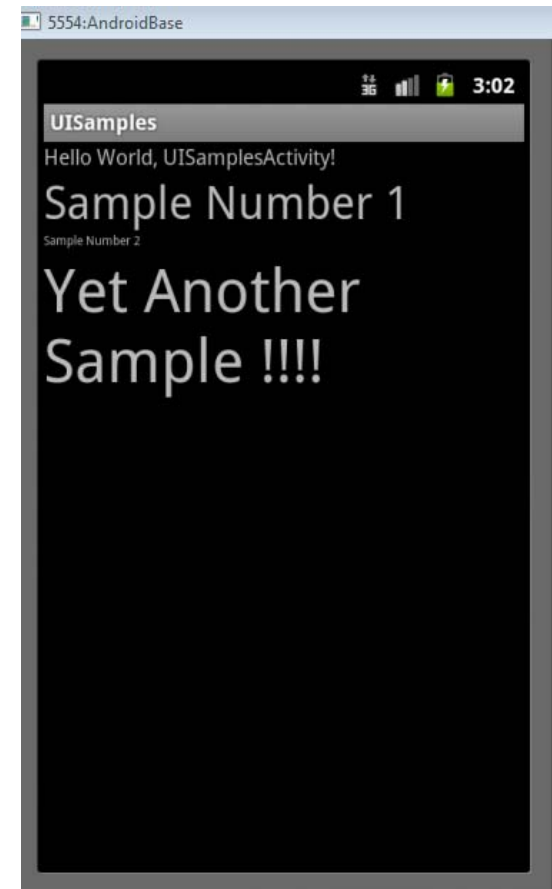
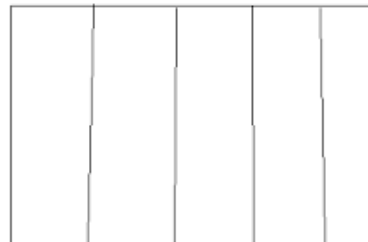
- orientation attribute defines direction (vertical or horizontal):
 - android:orientation="vertical"

Linear Layout

Orientation: vertical



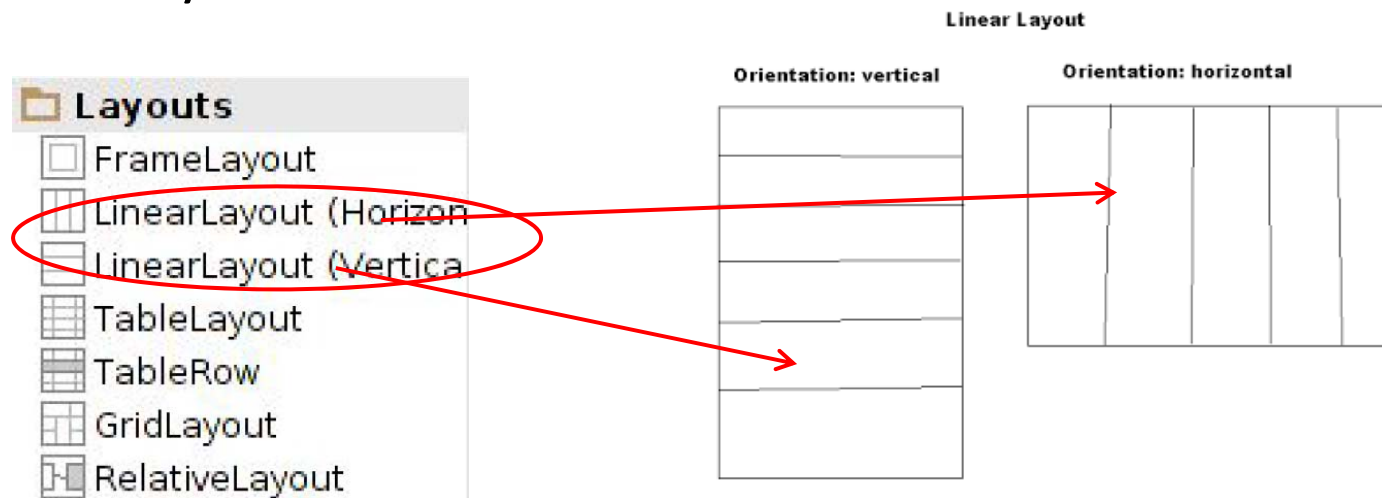
Orientation: horizontal





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**



Attributes

- Layouts have attributes (e.g. width, height, orientation)
- Statements to set attribute values appears in XML file.
- E.g. *android:orientation="vertical"*
- Attributes can be set:
 - In xml file
 - Using IDE (e.g. Android Studio)
 - In Java program
- Lots of attributes!



Attributes

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

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



Setting 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)



Recall: Edit XML Layouts using Graphical IDE

- Can drag and drop widgets, layouts in Android Studio
- Can also edit their properties (e.g. height, width, color, etc)

The screenshot shows the Android Studio IDE in Design mode. The central canvas displays a mobile device with the text "Hello world!". On the left, the Palette is divided into "Layouts" and "Widgets" sections. A red box highlights the "Layouts" section, with an arrow pointing to "RelativeLayout" and the text "Drag and drop layout". Another red box highlights the "Widgets" section, with an arrow pointing to "Button" and the text "Drag and drop button or any other widget or view". On the right, the Component Tree shows a "RelativeLayout" containing a "TextView". Below it, the Properties panel is open, showing various attributes. A red box highlights the "background" property, with an arrow pointing to it and the text "Edit layout attributes".

Drag and drop layout

Drag and drop button or any other widget or view

Edit layout attributes

Properties	
layout:width	match_parent
layout:height	match_parent
style	
accessibilityLiveReg	
alpha	
background	
clickable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusableInTouchM	<input type="checkbox"/>
gravity	0
id	
ignoreGravity	

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)

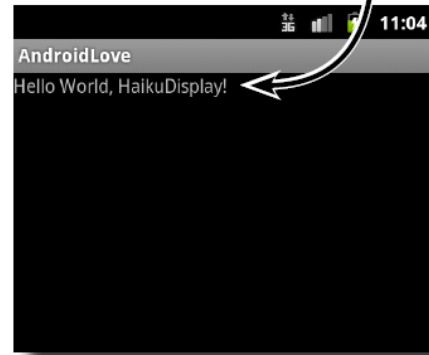
Text widget height should Be as wide as the content (text)

```
<?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

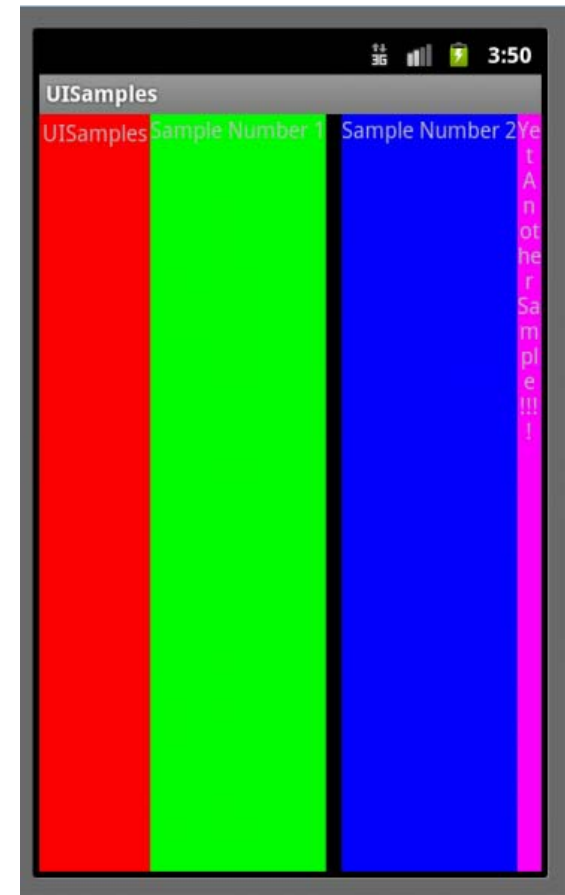


The ViewGroup, in this case a LinearLayout fills the screen.

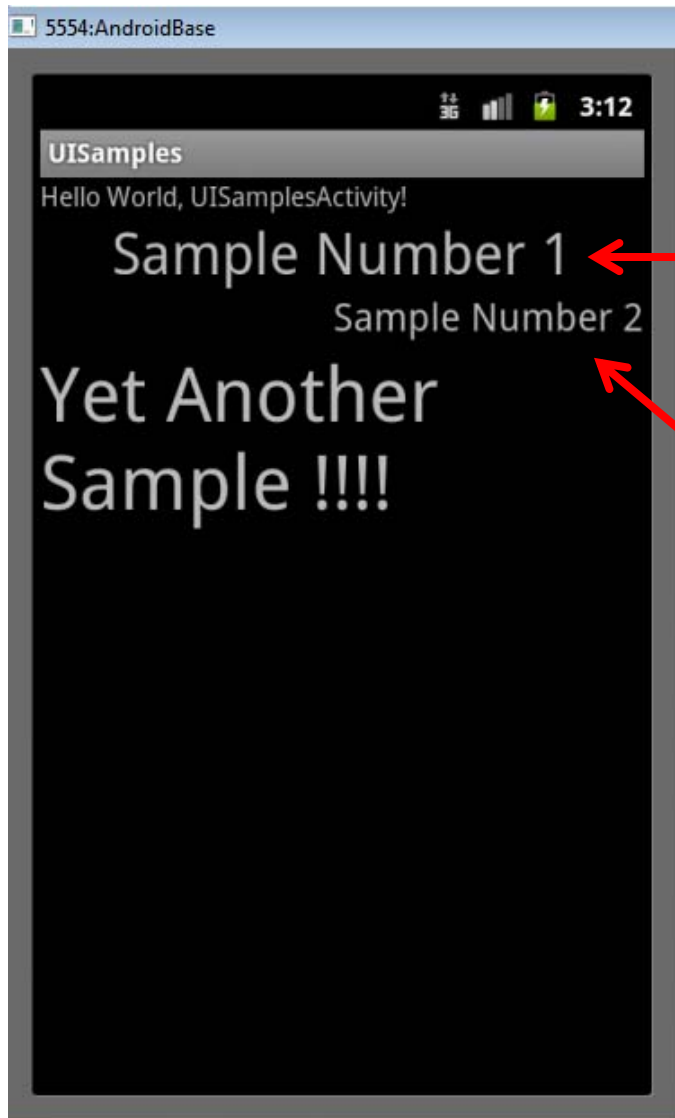


LinearLayout - Horizontal Orientation

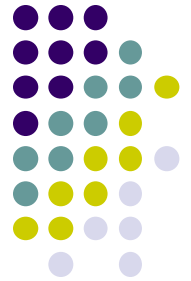
- Set
 - Padding
 - E.g. `android:layout_paddingTop = "20dp"`
 - background color
 - E.g. `android:background = "00FF00"`
 - Margins
 - E.g. `android:layout_marginLeft = "10dp"`



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

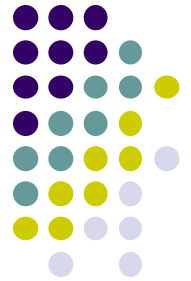


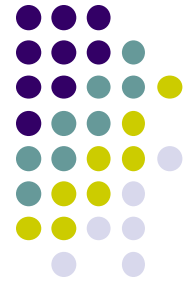
Another Weight Example

button and bottom edit
text weight of 2



button weight 1 and bottom
edit text weight of 2





Linear Layout

- Alternatively, set
 - width, height = 0 then
 - weight = percent of height/width you want element to cover

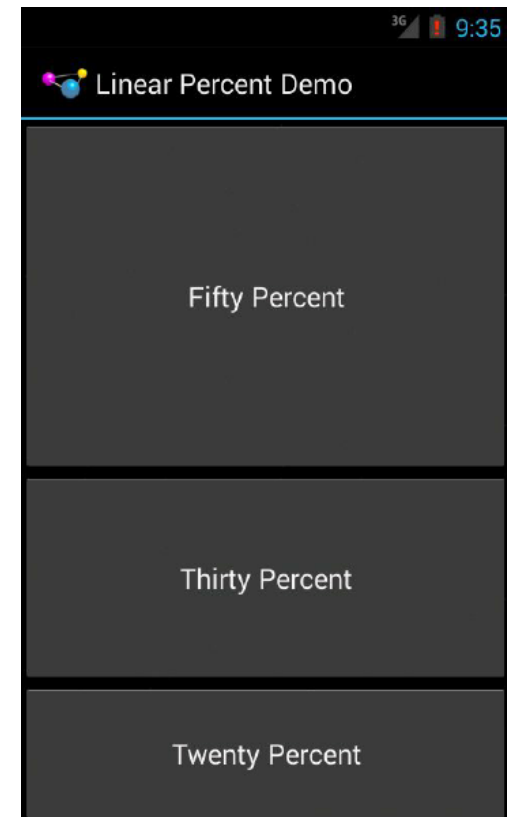
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical">

    <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>
```

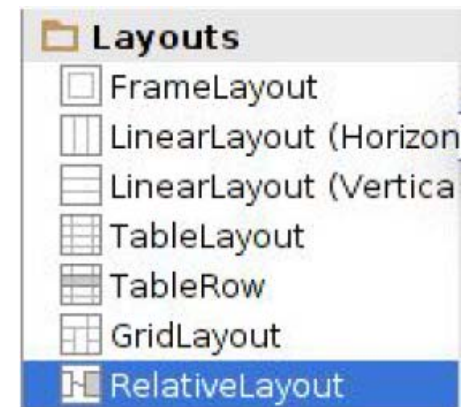
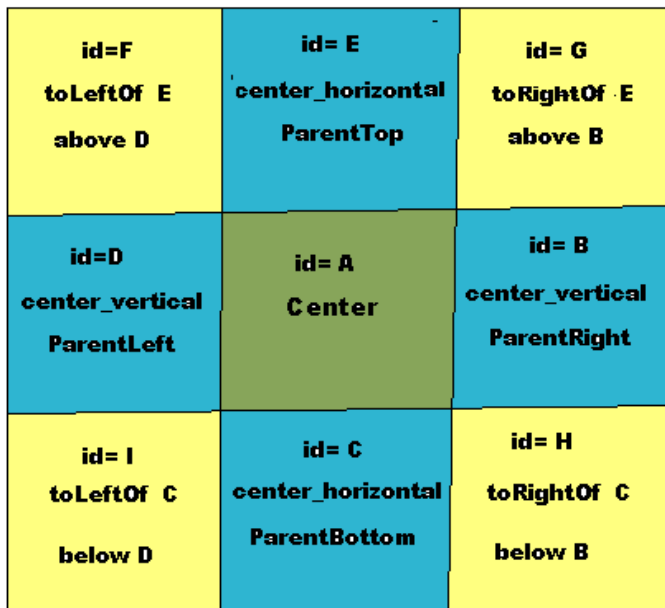




RelativeLayout

- 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">

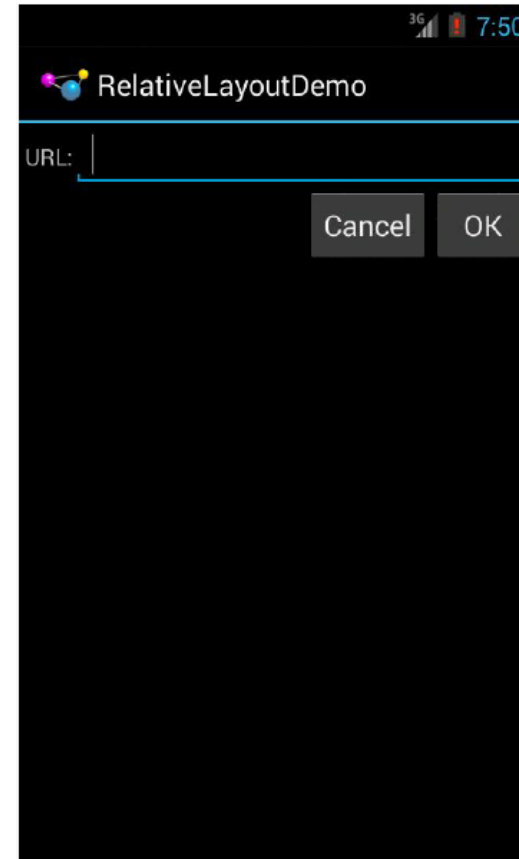
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/label"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_alignBaseline="@+id/entry"
    android:layout_alignParentLeft="true"
    android:layout_marginLeft="4dip"
    android:text="@string/url"/>

  <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



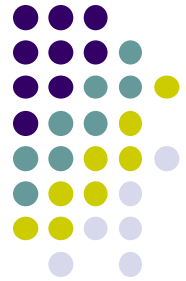
Table Layout

- 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 implementation of a TableLayout in an Android application. 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 displayed. The application shows 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 "Layouts" palette is shown, with "TableLayout" selected.



TableLayout Example

<TableLayout

```
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
android:layout_width="match_parent"  
android:layout_height="match_parent"  
android:shrinkColumns="*"  
android:stretchColumns="*"  
android:background="#ffffff">
```

```
<!-- Row 1 with single column -->
```

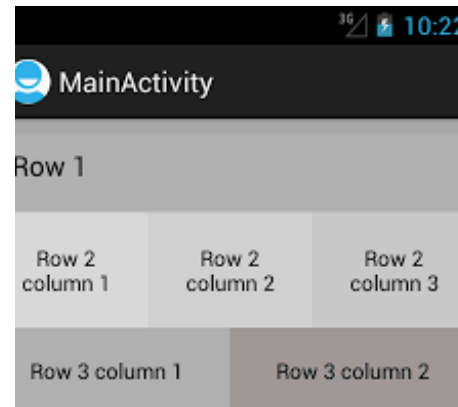
```
<TableRow
```

```
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"  
  android:gravity="center_horizontal">
```

```
  <TextView
```

```
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:textSize="18dp"  
    android:text="Row 1"  
    android:layout_span="3"  
    android:padding="18dip"  
    android:background="#b0b0b0"  
    android:textColor="#000"/>
```

```
</TableRow>
```





TableLayout Example

```
<!-- Row 2 with 3 columns -->
```

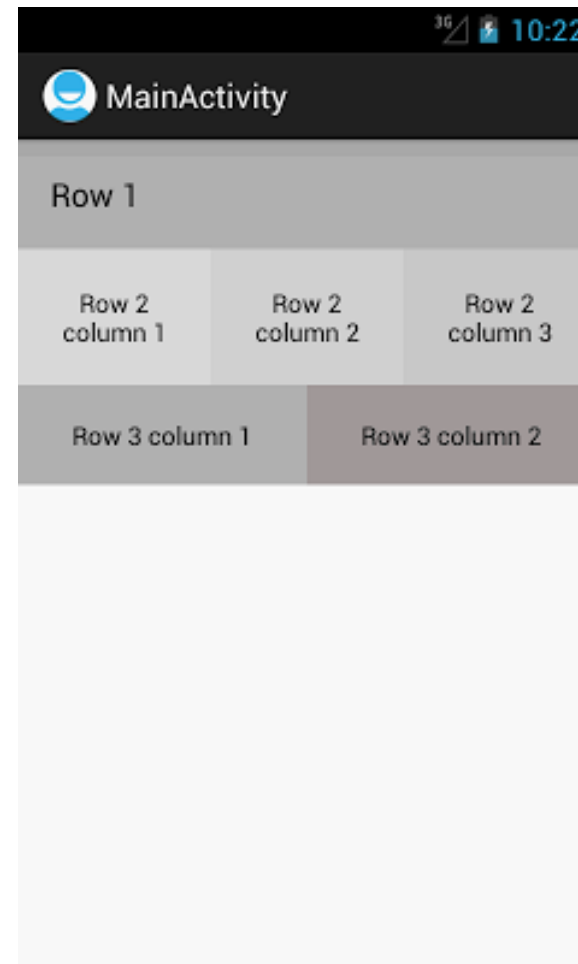
```
<TableRow  
  android:id="@+id/tableRow1"  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_width="match_parent">
```

```
  <TextView  
    android:id="@+id/TextView04"  
    android:text="Row 2 column 1"  
    android:layout_weight="1"  
    android:background="#dcdcdc"  
    android:textColor="#000000"  
    android:padding="20dip"  
    android:gravity="center"/>
```

```
  <TextView  
    android:id="@+id/TextView04"  
    android:text="Row 2 column 2"  
    android:layout_weight="1"  
    android:background="#d3d3d3"  
    android:textColor="#000000"  
    android:padding="20dip"  
    android:gravity="center"/>
```

```
  <TextView  
    android:id="@+id/TextView04"  
    android:text="Row 2 column 3"  
    android:layout_weight="1"  
    android:background="#cac9c9"  
    android:textColor="#000000"  
    android:padding="20dip"  
    android:gravity="center"/>
```

```
</TableRow>
```



TableLayout Example



```
<!-- Row 3 with 2 columns -->
```

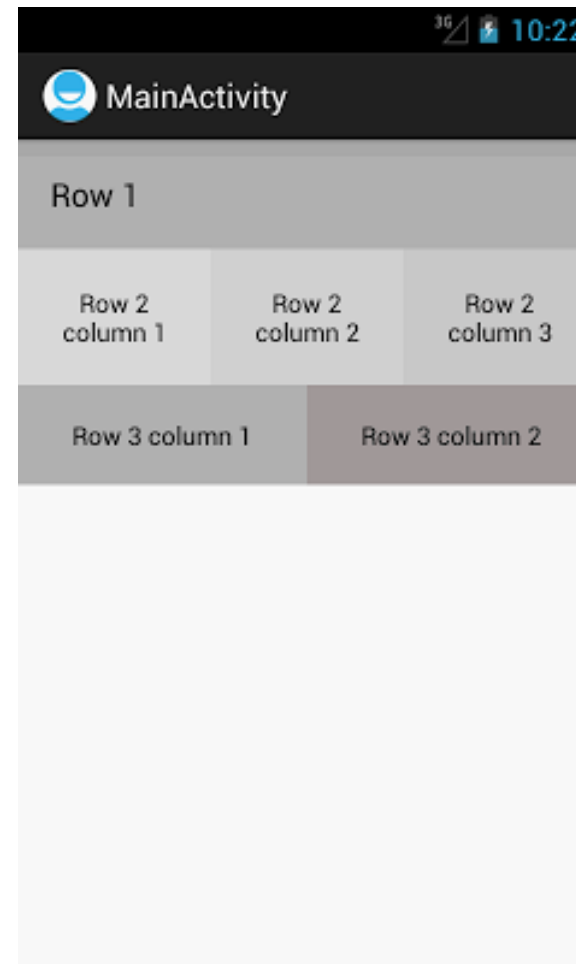
```
<TableRow  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"  
  android:gravity="center_horizontal">
```

```
<TextView  
  android:id="@+id/TextView04"  
  android:text="Row 3 column 1"  
  android:layout_weight="1"  
  android:background="#b0b0b0"  
  android:textColor="#000000"  
  android:padding="18dip"  
  android:gravity="center"/>
```

```
<TextView  
  android:id="@+id/TextView04"  
  android:text="Row 3 column 2"  
  android:layout_weight="1"  
  android:background="#a09f9f"  
  android:textColor="#000000"  
  android:padding="18dip"  
  android:gravity="center"/>
```

```
</TableRow>
```

```
</TableLayout>
```



GridLayout



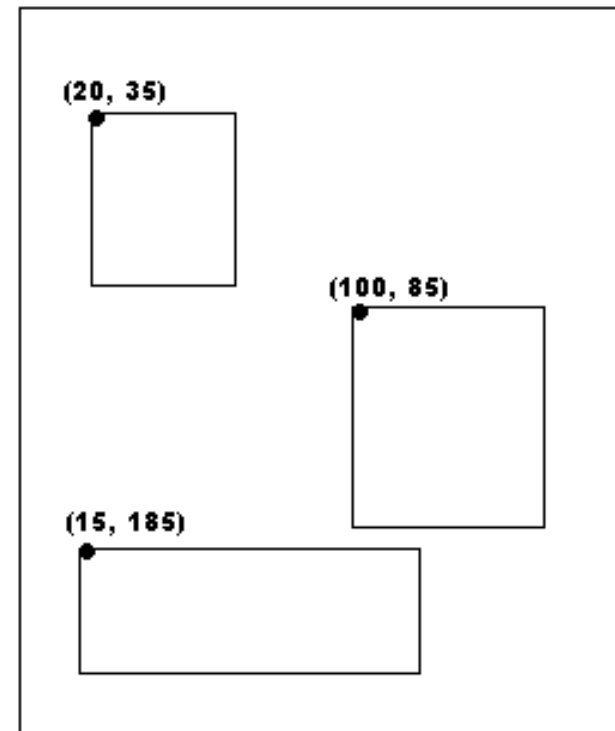
- Added in Android 4.0 (2011)
- In TableLayout, Rows can span multiple columns only
- In GridLayout, child views/controls can span multiple rows **AND** columns
 - different from TableLayout
- child views specify row and column they are in or what rows and columns they span
- Gives greater design flexibility
- For more details see section “Introducing GridLayout” in Busy Coders (pg 1021)

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





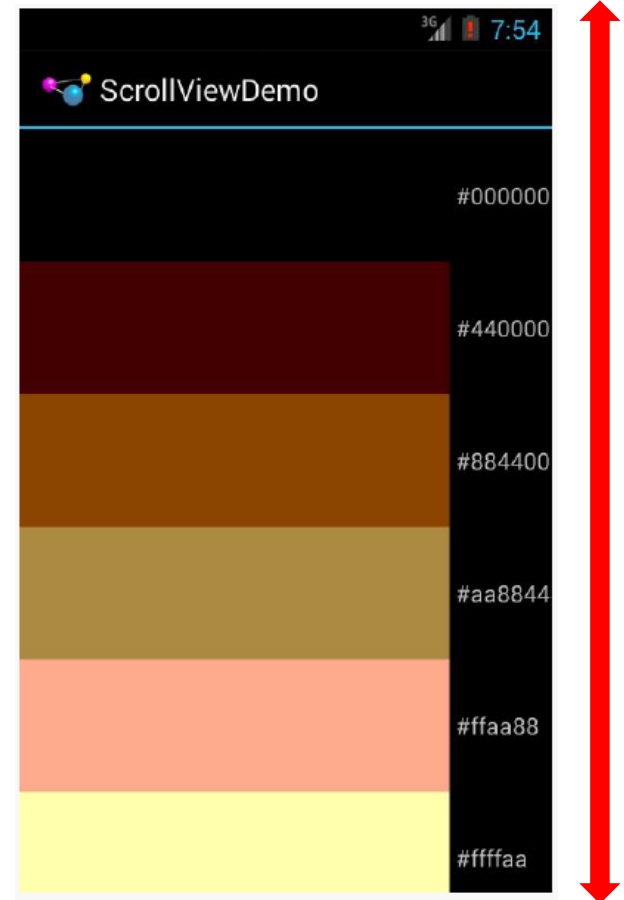
Other Layouts - Tabbed Layouts

- Uses a TabHost and TabWidget
- TabHost consists of TabSpecs
- Can use a TabActivity to simplify some operations
- Tabs can be
 - predefined View
 - Activity launched via Intent
 - generated View from TabContentFactory



Scrolling

- Phone screens are small, scrolling content helps
- ListView supports vertical scrolling
- Other views for Scrolling:
 - **ScrollView** for vertical scrolling
 - **HorizontalScrollView**
- Only one child View
 - but could have children of its own
- examples:
 - scroll through large image
 - Linear Layout with lots of elements
- Cannot contain scrollable items





Android Views, Widgets and ViewGroups



Views and ViewGroups

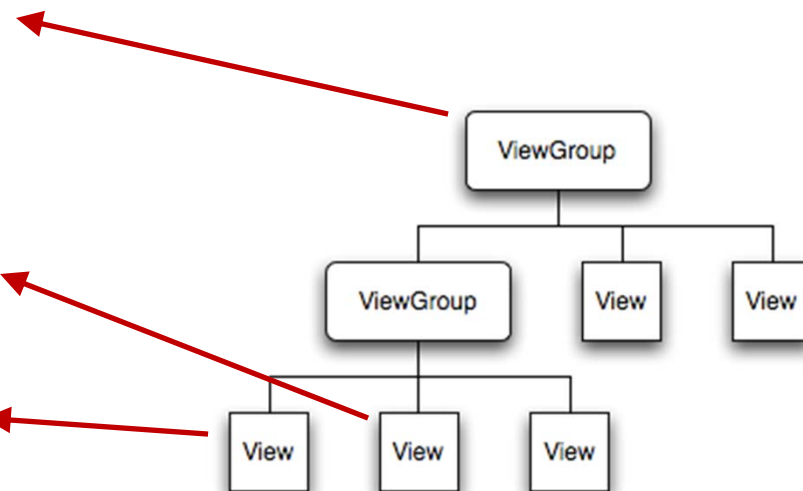
- A view (e.g. buttons, text fields) is basic UI building block
- View occupies rectangular area on screen
- ViewGroup (e.g. a layout) contains multiple Views

```
<?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>
```

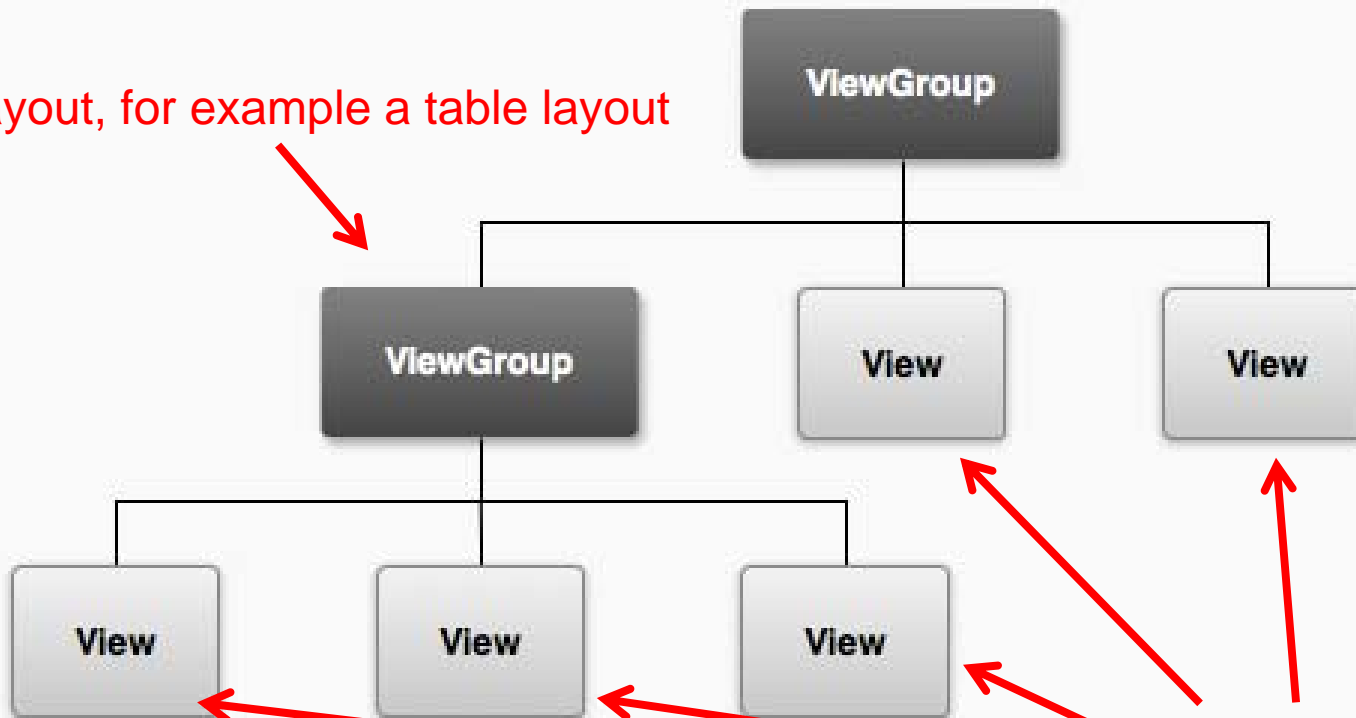




Views and ViewGroups

A layout, for example a linear layout

A layout, for example a table layout

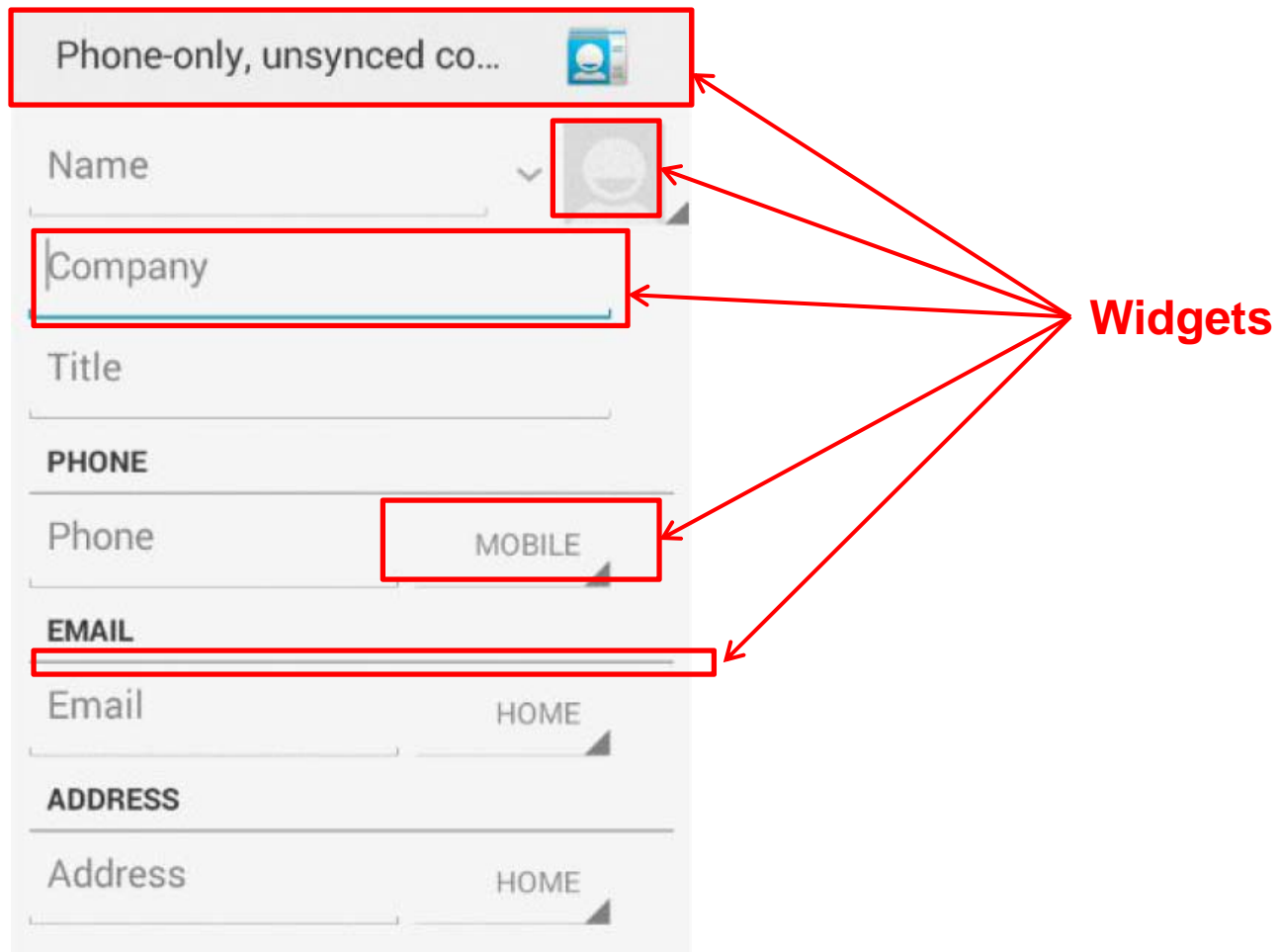


TextViews (labels), ImageViews, Controls such as buttons, etc.



Widgets

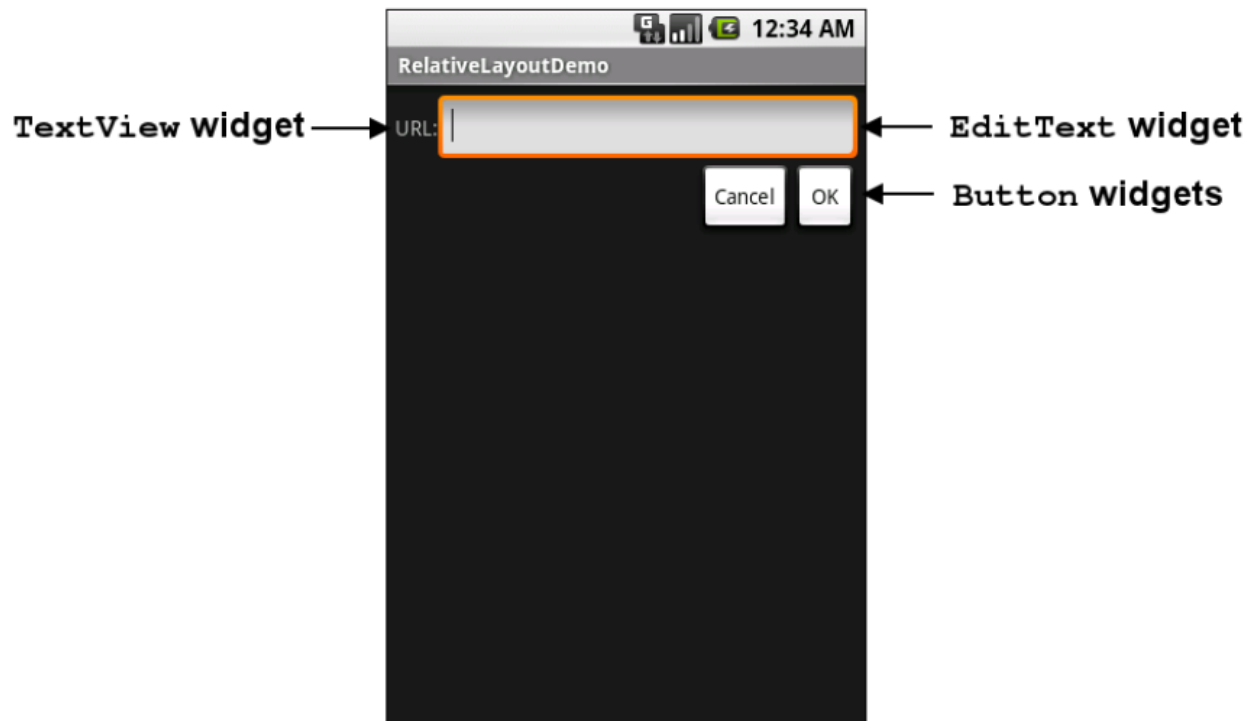
- Widgets are visual building blocks used to compose Android screens (Activities)
- Need to specify size, margins and padding of widgets





Widgets

- Most Android UI developed using widgets (fields, lists, text boxes, buttons, etc)
- Can also render using OpenGL2D or OpenGL3D

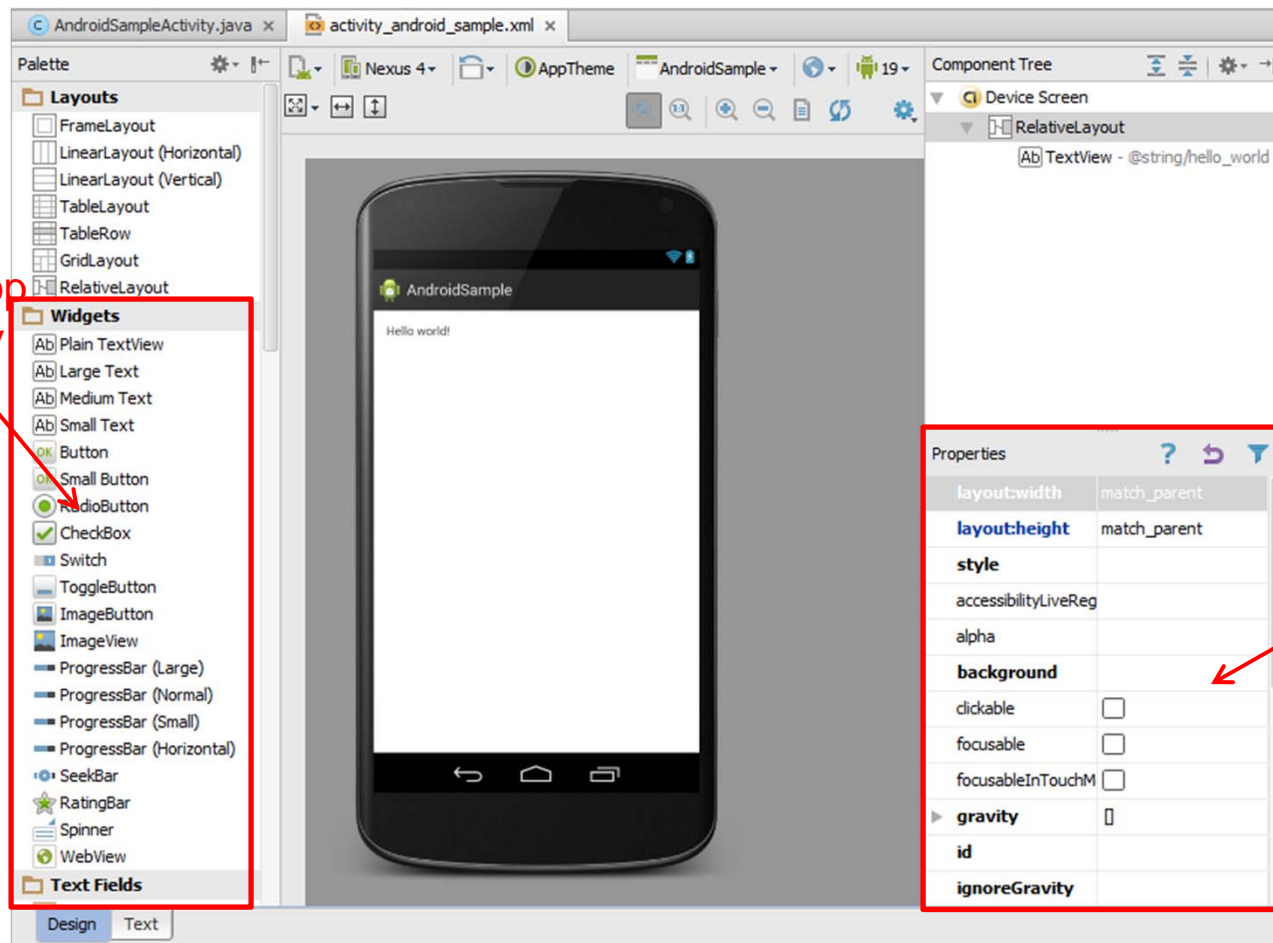




Adding Button using Widget

- Can drag and drop widgets, layouts in Android Studio
- Can also edit their properties (e.g. height, width, color, etc)

Drag and drop button or any other widget or view

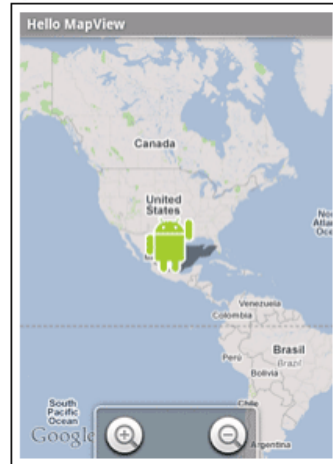


Edit widget properties

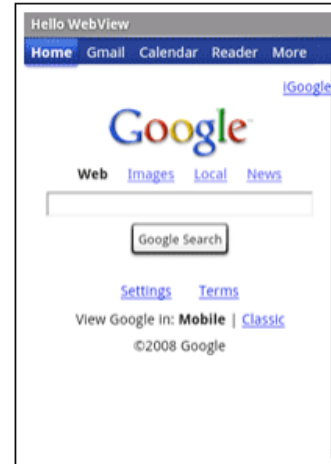


Other Available Widgets

MapView



WebView



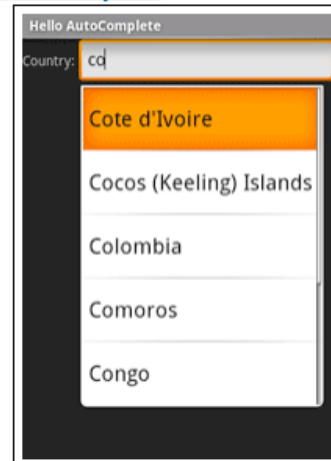
DatePicker



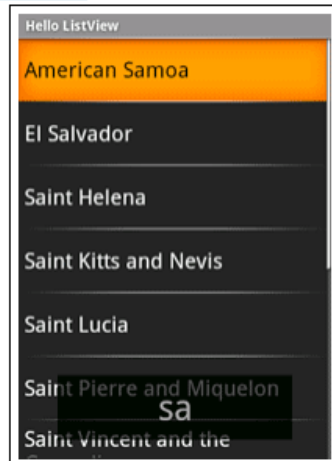
Spinner



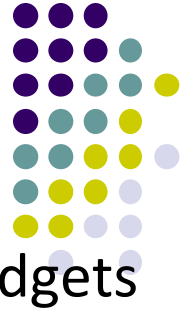
AutoComplete



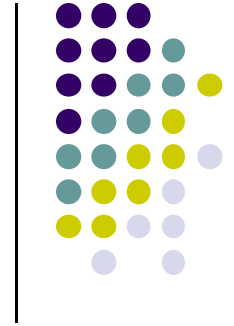
ListView



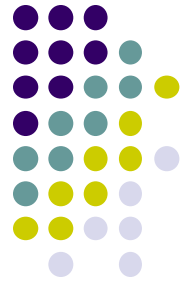
Containers



- Containers provide structured way of organizing multiple widgets
- Containers have children (widgets or other containers)
- Rules used to specify how children of containers are laid out. E.g:
 - Put all children in a row
 - Put all children in a column
 - Arrange children into a table or grid with X rows and Y columns
- Containers have size, margins and padding



Android UI Components: Controls



Example: Make Button Responding to Clicks

- **Task:** Display some text when user clicks a button



- In declaration of the button, add property “onClick”, give name of method to call onClick

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

The Button definition from main.xml

This method has to be implemented in java file

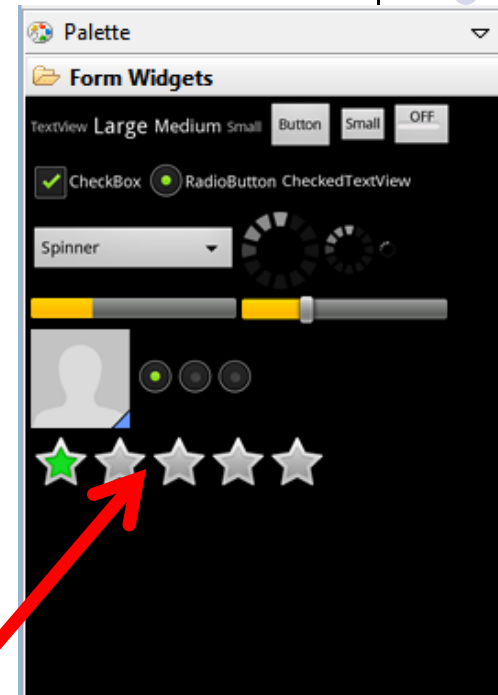
XML

AndroidMain.XML

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

Adding Controls

- Controls can be added in XML layout or in Java code
- Can drag and drop to add component in visual editor
 - XML code automatically generated
 - tweak XML code as desired



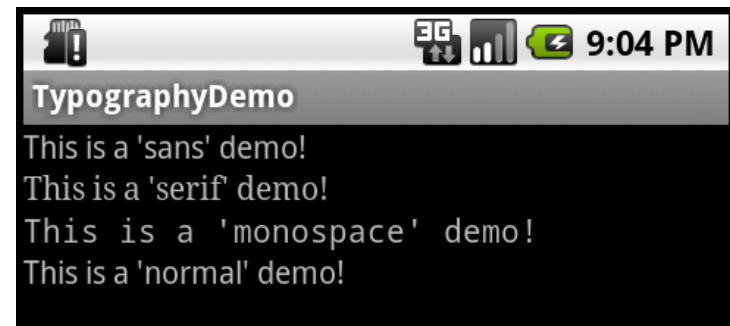
```
<RatingBar
    android:id="@+id/ratingBar1"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content" />
```



TextView

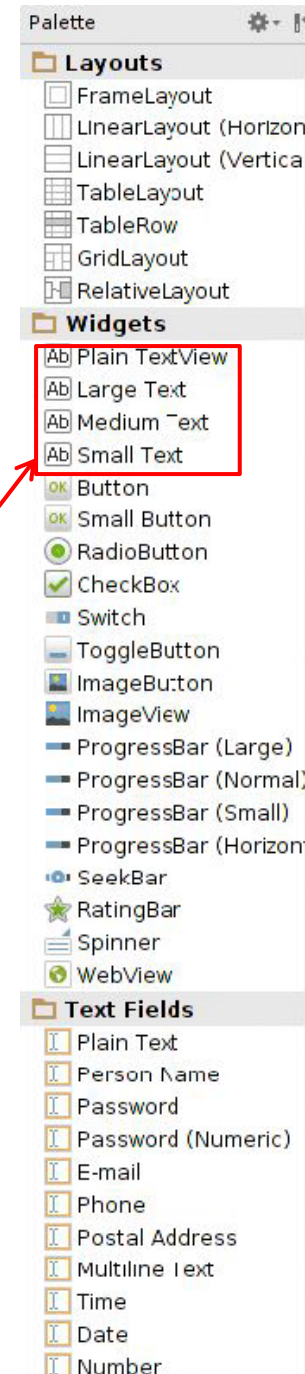
- Text in a rectangle, a simple label
- display information, not for interaction
- **Common attributes:**
 - typeface (android:typeface e.g monospace), bold, italic, (android:textStyle), text size, text color (android:textColor e.g. #FF0000 for red), width, height, padding, visibility, background color
 - units for width / height: px (pixels), dp or dip (density-independent pixels 160 dpi base), sp (scaled pixels based on preferred font size), in (inches), mm (millimeters)
 - recommended units: sp for font sizes, and dp for everything else
 - <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/more-resources.html#Dimension>

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



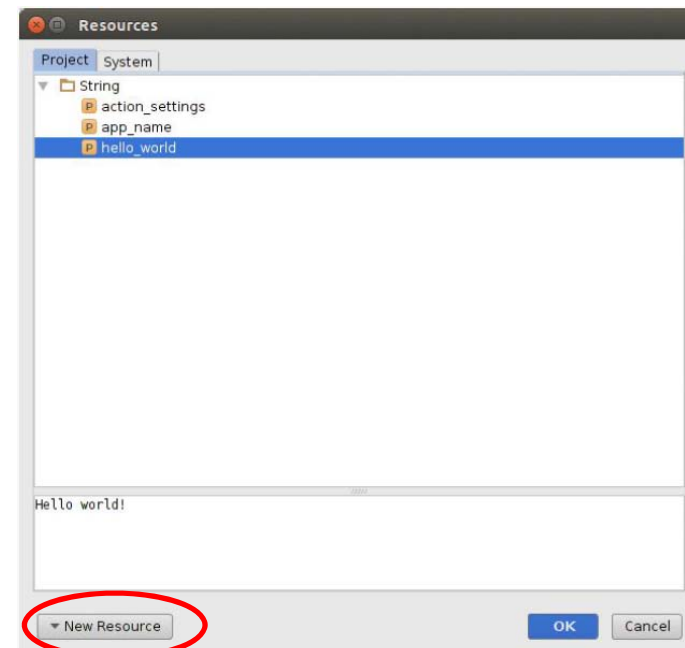
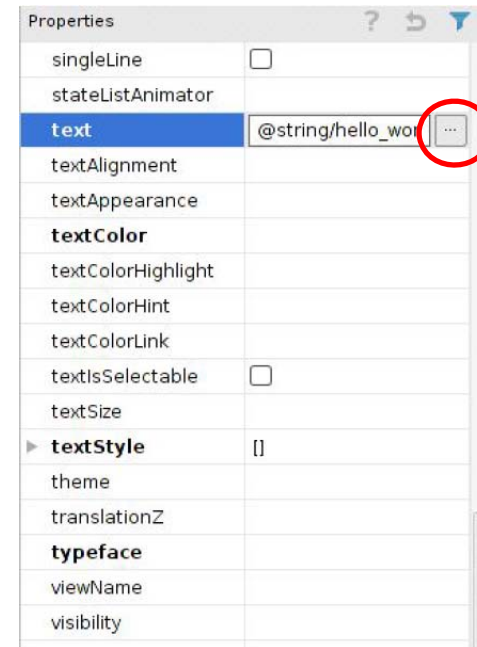
TextView

- 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 demo project: Basic/Label



Setting Text Properties

- Can edit text properties
- Can either type in literal string or click ... button to pick a string you have previously declared (e.g. in strings.xml)
- You can also declare new string by clicking on “New Resource”



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



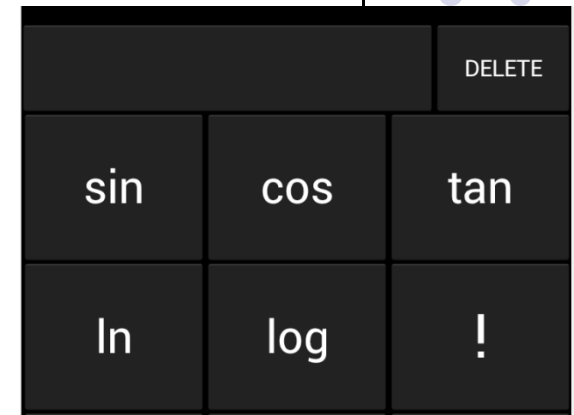
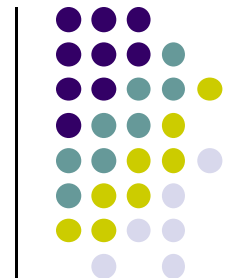
Other TextView Attributes

- set number of lines of text that are visible
 - `android:lines="2"`
- contextual links to email address, url, phone number,
 - autolink attribute set to none, web, email, phone, map, or all

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

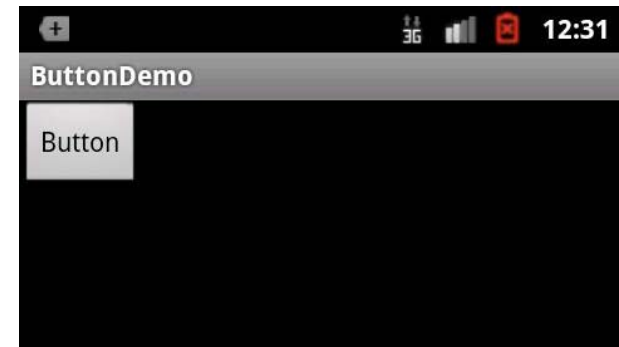
<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/ui/controls/button.html#CustomBackground>



```
<?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">

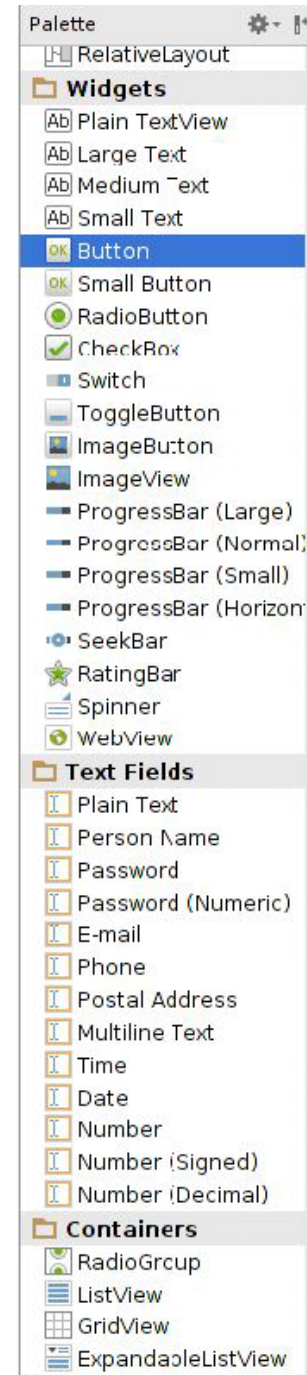
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button1"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/button"/>

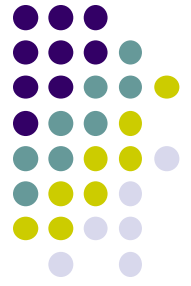
</LinearLayout>
```



Button in Android Studio

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





Responding to Button Clicks

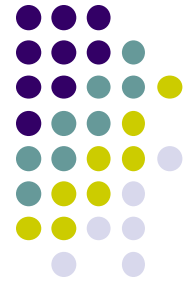
- May want Button press to trigger some action
- How?

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

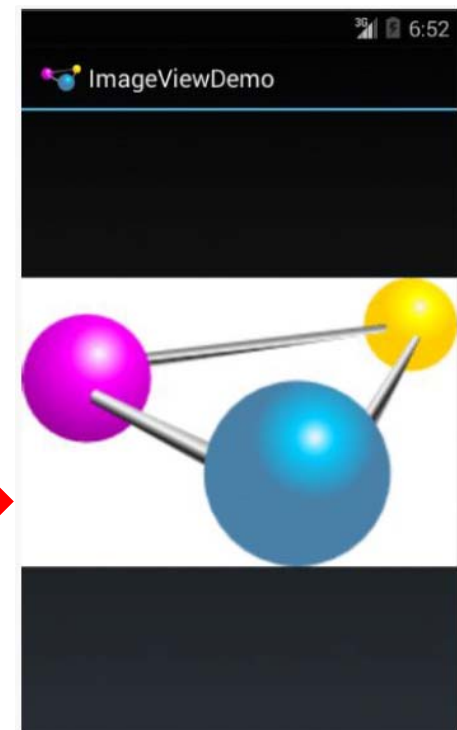
```
public void someMethod(View theButton) {  
    // do something useful here  
}
```



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 demo project: Basic/ImageView

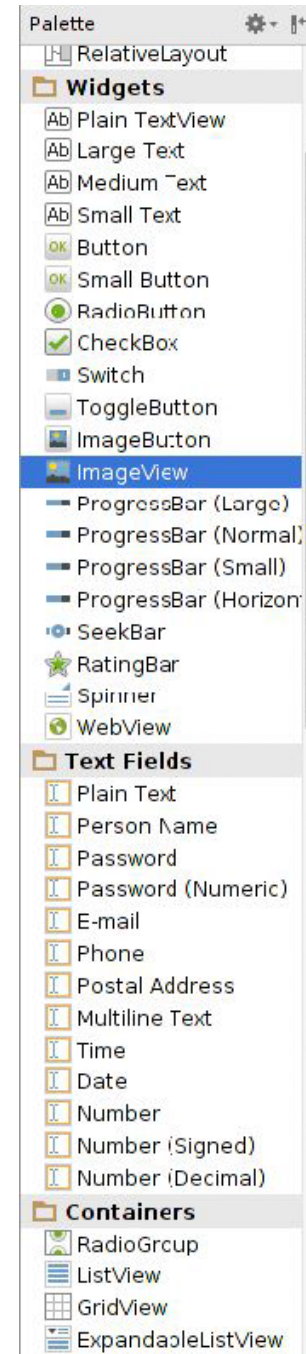
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<ImageView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  android:id="@+id/icon"  
  android:layout_width="match_parent"  
  android:layout_height="match_parent"  
  android:adjustViewBounds="true"  
  android:src="@drawable/molecule" />
```



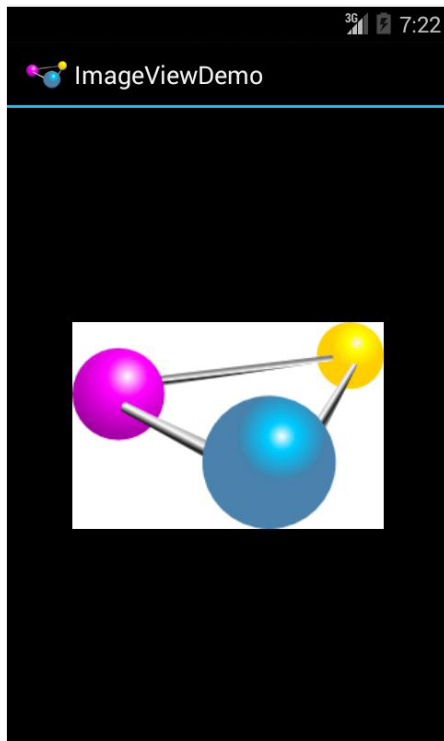
ImageView in Widgets Palette

- 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

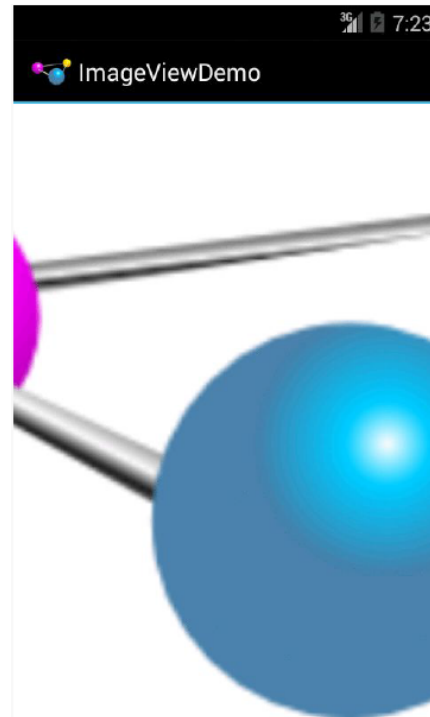
scaleType	
src	<unset>
stateListAnimator	matrix
textAlignment	fitXY
theme	fitStart
	fitCenter
	fitEnd
	center
	centerCrop



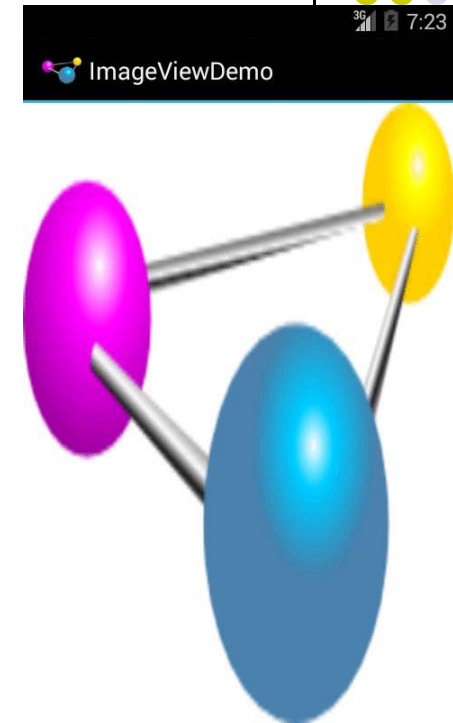
Options for Scaling Images (scaleType)



“**center**” centers image but does not scale it



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

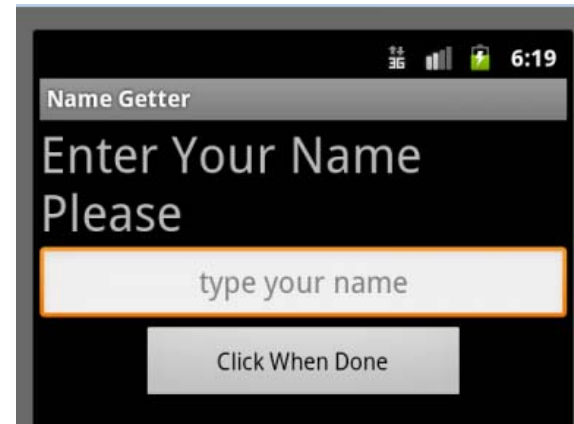


“**fitXY**” scales image to fit ImageView, ignoring aspect ratio

EditText Widget



- UI Component used to get information from user



- long press brings up context menu
- Example:

```
<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" />
```

Edit text

Select word

Select all

Input method

Add "Mik" to dictionary

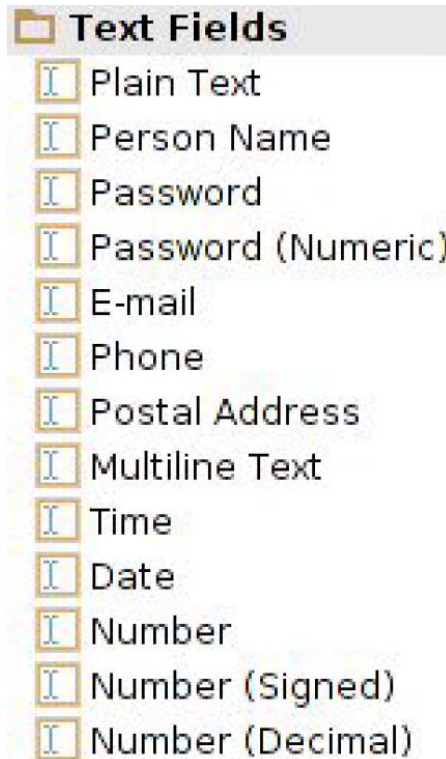
EditText



- can span multiple lines via `android:lines` attribute
- Text fields can have different input types such as number, date, password, or email address
- **`android:inputType`** attribute sets input type, affects
 - What type of keyboard pops up for user
 - Behaviors such as is every word capitalized

EditText Widget in Android Studio Palette

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

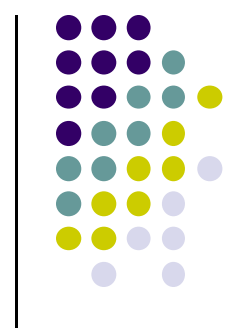


Text Fields
Section of Widget palette

A screenshot of the EditText widget's 'inputType' menu. The menu is a scrollable list with a search icon at the top right. Each item consists of a text label and a checkbox to its right. 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 Attributes



- Some attributes apply to most types of widgets
- **Padding:** Can either set all sides (`android:padding`) or per-side (e.g. `android:paddingLeft`)
 - Units either in DIP or millimeters
- **Margins:** Can be set for all sides (`android:layout_margin`) or per-side (e.g. `android:layout_marginTop`)
 - Units either in dp or DIP
- **Colors:**
 - Some colors attributes take single color (e.g. `android:background`)
 - Other attributes take `ColorStateList` (different colors under different conditions)



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"  
>
```

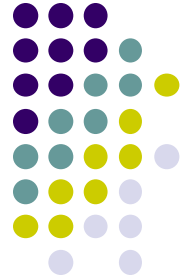




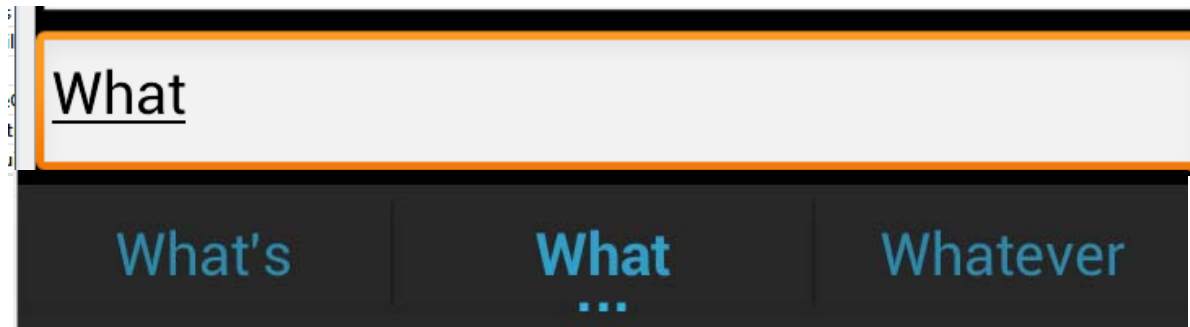
Widget Attributes: Other Attributes

- **android:visibility:** Controls whether the widget is visible
- **android:contentDescription:**
 - similar to alt attribute on an HTML ``
 - Defines content that briefly defines the content of the widget
 - Very important for widgets like **ImageView**

Auto Complete Options



- Depending on EditText inputType suggestions can be displayed
 - works on actual devices



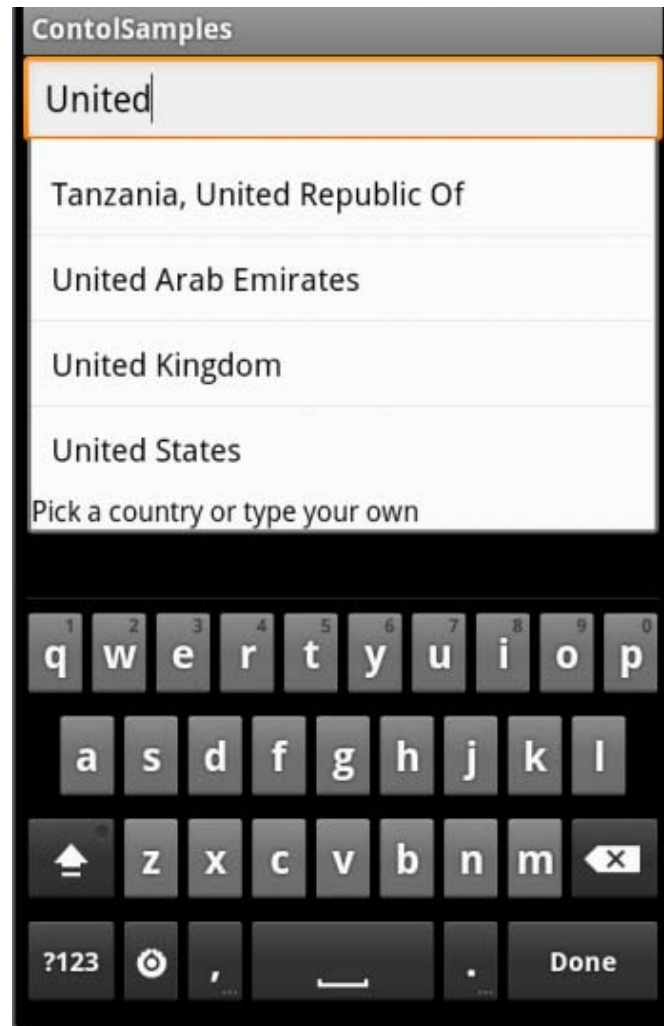
- Other options for exist for auto complete from list
 - AutoCompleteTextView
 - choose one option
 - MultiAutoCompleteTextView
 - choose multiple options (examples tags, colors)



AutoCompleteTextView

- Two types
 - we provide list of choices
 - user provides list
- Developer list
 - use ArrayAdapter connected to array
 - best practice: put array in array.xml file

AutoComplete Using Array





EditText

- Auto complete option using device dictionary:

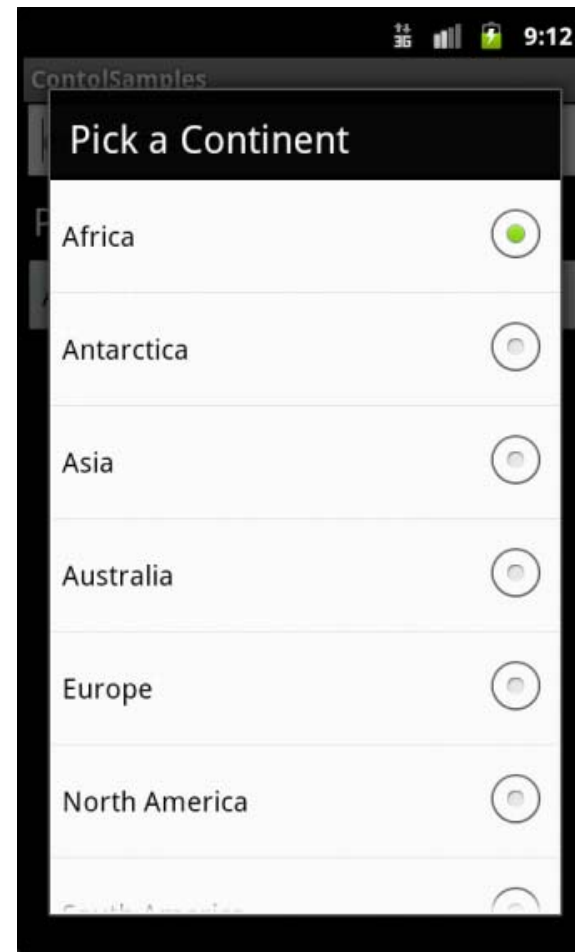
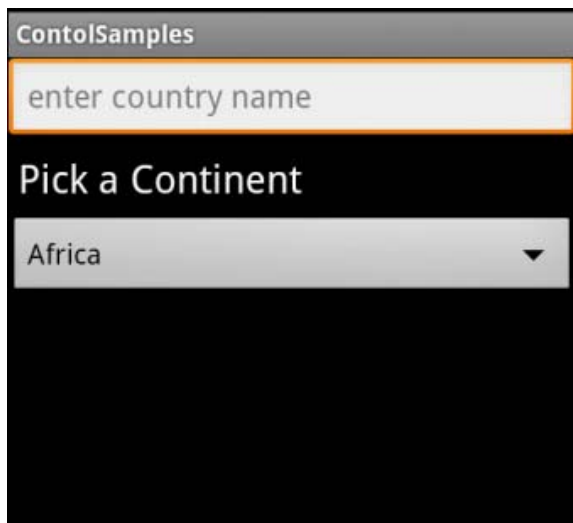
```
<EditText  
    android:id="@+id/msg_text_input"  
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:autoText="true"  
    android:imeOptions="actionNone"  
    android:text="" />
```

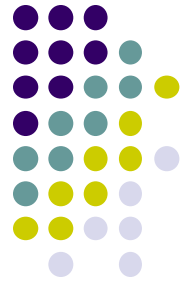
- No dictionary on emulator!



Spinner Controls

- Similar to auto complete, but user **must** select from a set of choices





Spinner Control

<Spinner

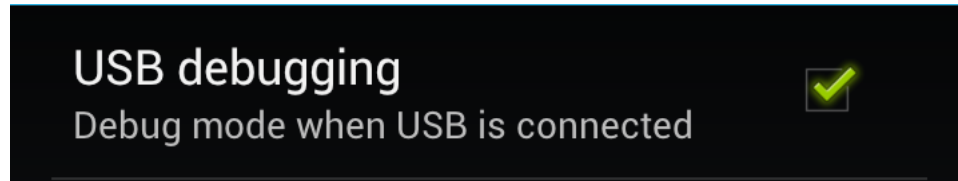
```
    android:id="@+id/spinner1"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:entries="@array/continents"  
    android:prompt="@string/pickCon"  
/>
```

arrays.xml in res/values

```
<string-array name="continents">  
    <item>Africa</item>  
    <item>Antarctica</item>  
    <item>Asia</item>  
    <item>Australia</item>  
    <item>Europe</item>  
    <item>North America</item>  
    <item>South America</item>  
</string-array>
```



Checkbox



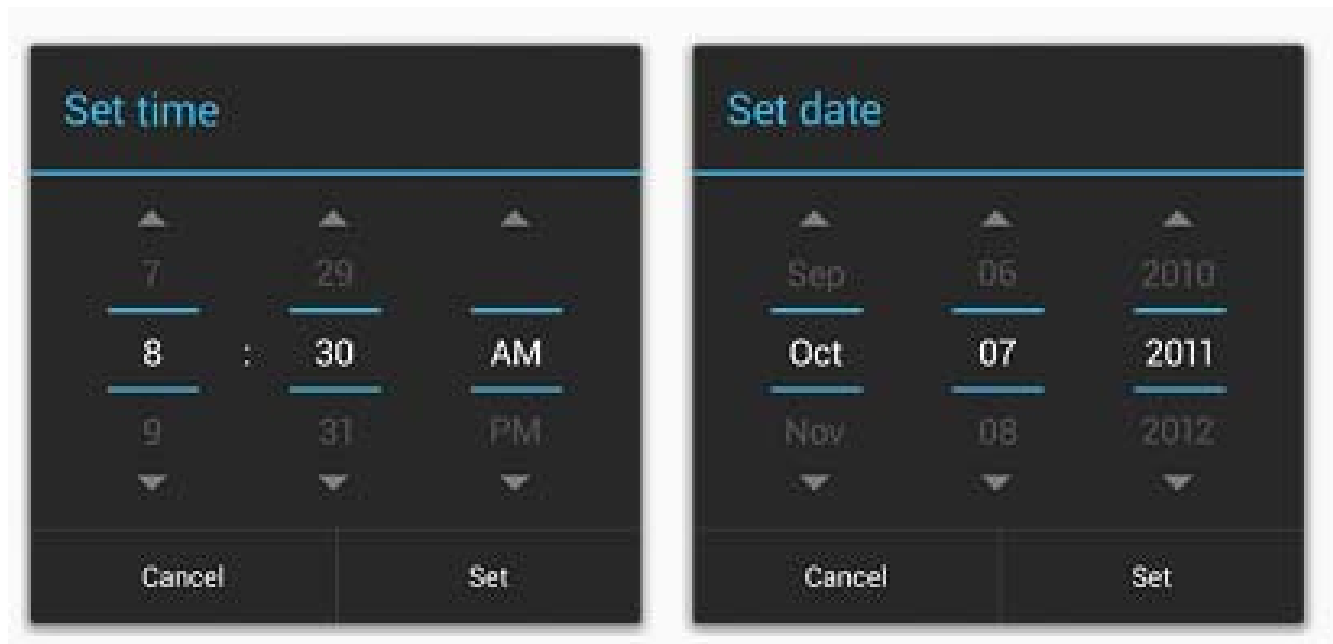
- Checkbox has 2 states: checked and unchecked
- Clicking on checkbox toggles between these 2 states
- Used to indicate a choice (e.g. Add rush delivery)
- Checkbox widget inherits from TextView, so its properties like `android:textColor` can be used to format checkbox
- XML code to create Checkbox

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<CheckBox xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  android:id="@+id/check"  
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
  android:text="@string/unchecked" />
```



Pickers

- TimePicker and DatePicker
- Typically displayed in a TimePickerDialog or DatePickerDialog
 - Dialogs are small pop-up windows that appear in front of the current activity

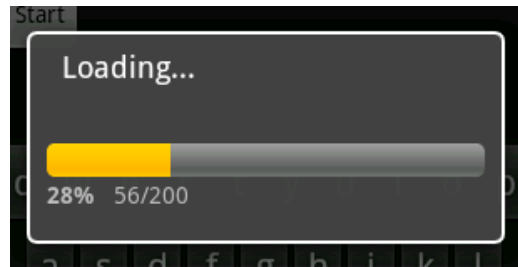




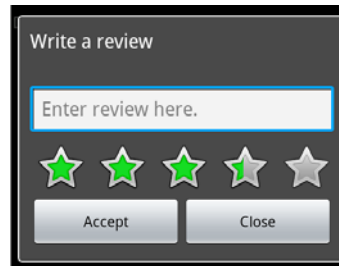
Indicators

- Variety of built in indicators in addition to TextView

- ProgressBar



- RatingBar



- Chronometer

- DigitalClock

- AnalogClock





Android UI Youtube Tutorials

Tutorial 11: Designing the User Interface



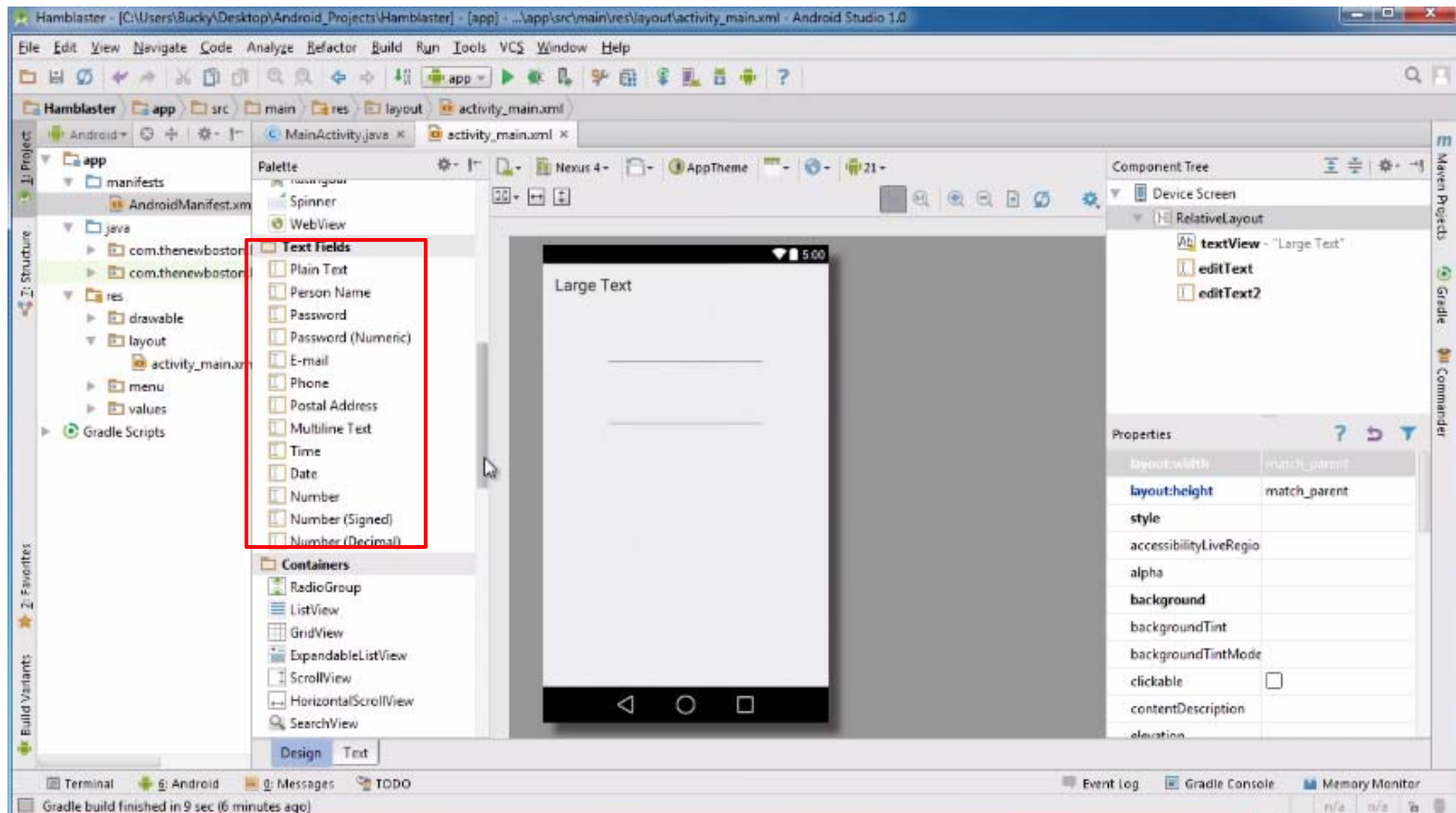
- Tutorial 11: Designing the User Interface [6:19 mins]
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72mf0rmjNAA>

- 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



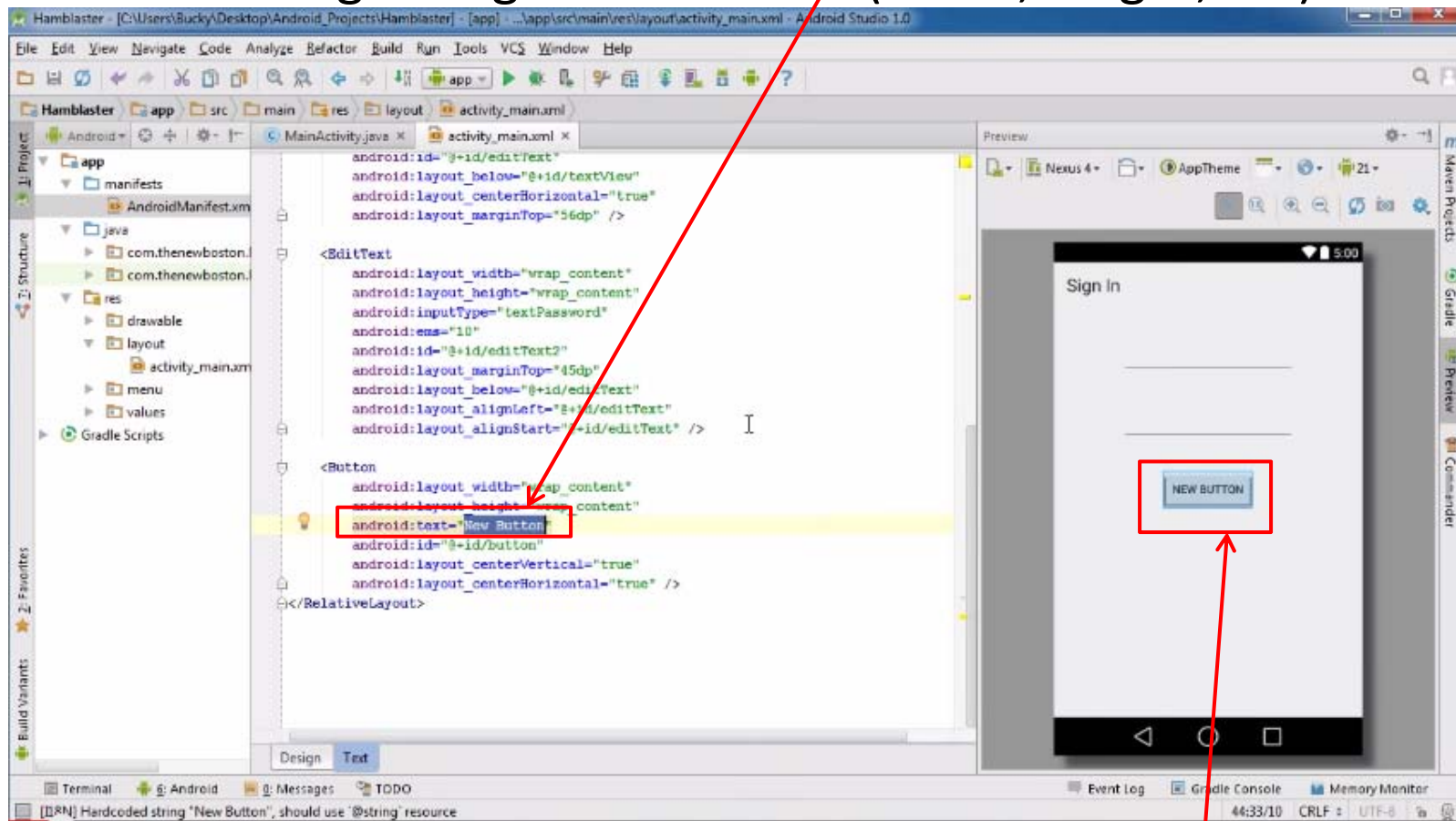
- Tutorial 12: More on User Interface [10:24 mins]
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72mf0rmjNAA>
- Main Topics
 - Changing text in widgets
 - Changing strings from hardcoded to resources (variables)



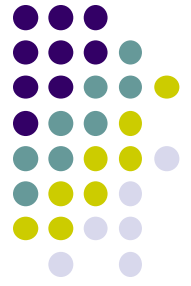
Changing Widget text in Text View

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"



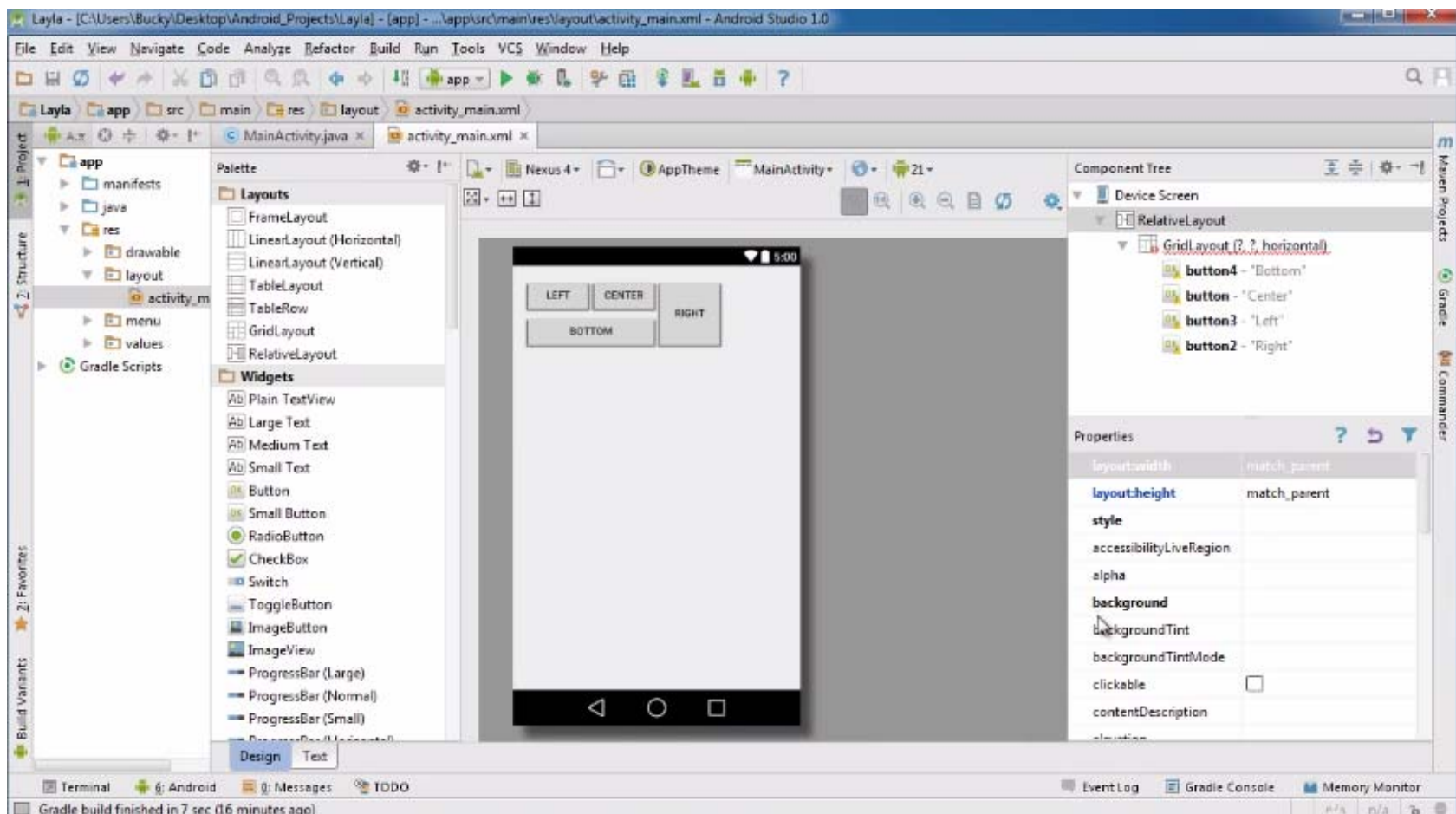
Tutorial 17: GridLayout

- 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





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