



Programming with Android: **SDK install and Initial setup**

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SDK and initial setup: **Outline**

□ Today:

- How to setup a machine to start developing Android applications
- An overview of an Android project
- Some useful tools
- Your first Android application
 - Maybe on a real device!



(Not really) two **options**

- Historically Android development was in Eclipse
 - Download the SDK
 - Install the Android plugin

- Now there is Android Studio: the official development platform
 - Customized environment



Which one?

- For LAM, it's the same: if you already use and love Eclipse, go with it
 - You might see examples done in both platforms
 - You can always import an Eclipse project into Android Studio
 - The inverse is difficult

BUT

- Eclipse SDK has been DEPRECATED since the end of 2015, which means newer versions of Android are no longer supported.
 - Want a better explanation?

<https://android-developers.googleblog.com/2015/06/an-update-on-eclipse-android-developer.html>



Android Studio

The screenshot displays the Android Studio interface. On the left, the Project Explorer shows the file structure of an Android application, including the `res` directory. The central XML editor shows the `image_grid.xml` file with the following code:

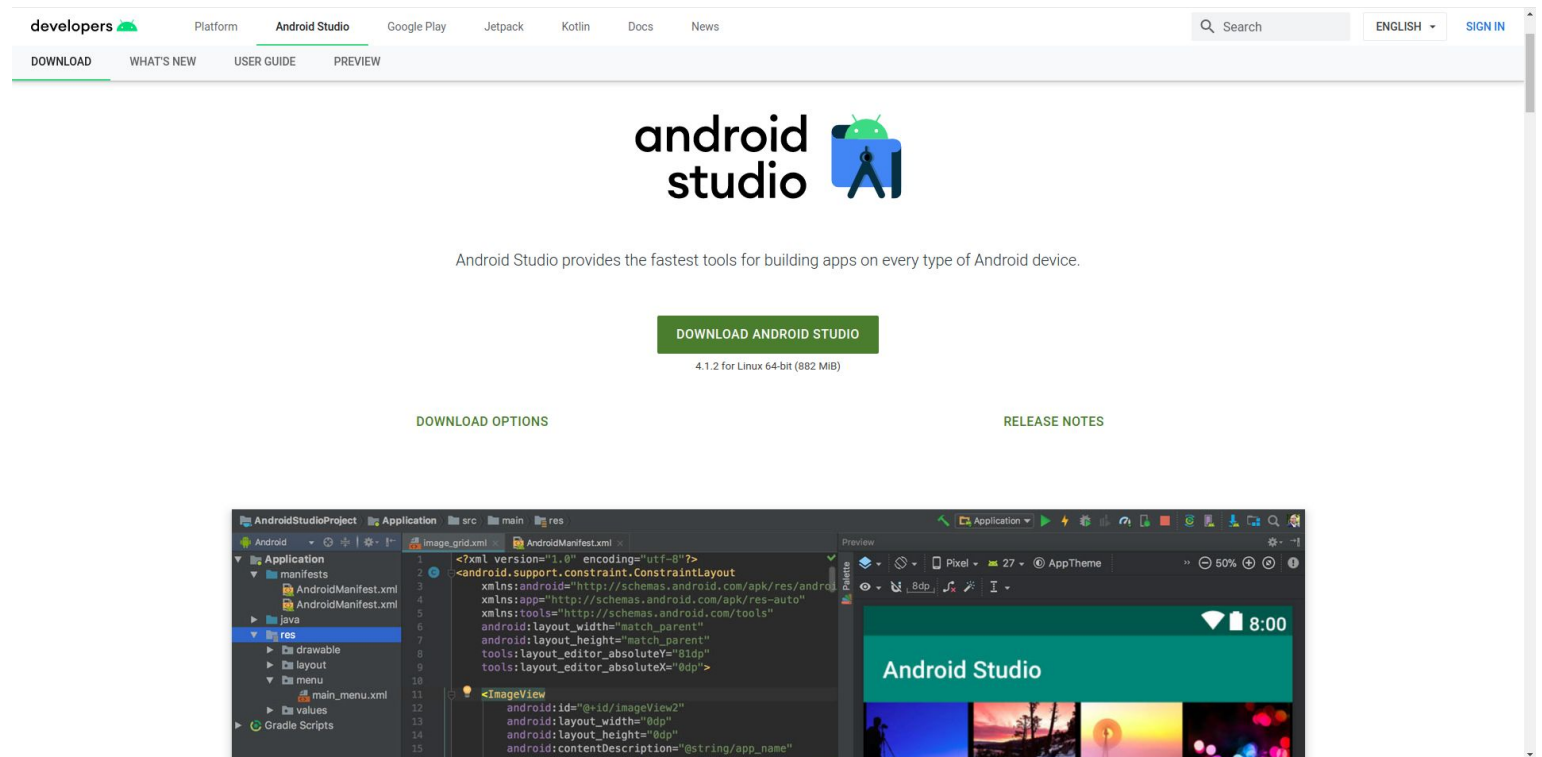
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    tools:layout_editor_absoluteY="81dp"
    tools:layout_editor_absoluteX="0dp">
    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/imageView2"
        android:layout_width="0dp"
        android:layout_height="0dp"
        android:contentDescription="@string/app_name"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toTopOf="@+id/imageView6"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toStartOf="@+id/imageView3"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.5"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        app:srcCompat="@drawable/grid_1" />
    <ImageView
        android:id="@+id/imageView3"
        />
</android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout>
```

The right side of the interface shows a design preview of the application running on a virtual device (Google Pixel_XL). The preview displays a grid of images with the text "Android Studio" at the top. The bottom of the screen shows the Android Profiler, which tracks the performance of the application. The profiler shows the CPU usage at 34% and the memory usage at 128 MB. The network usage is also visible, showing sending and receiving data.



Where and how to get it

- Go to <https://developer.android.com/studio>
- Download Android Studio and the SDK
- Install it and you're done!



Version
Bumblebee
2021.1.1 patch 1
at the time of writing



What's new compared to past two years...

Changes from 3.5.3 to 4.1.2

- Database Inspector for querying application databases
- Studio templates now use Material Design Components and Themes
- Ability to run Android Emulator inside of Android Studio
- Support for Dagger Navigation library
- Support for TensorFlow Lite models
- All improvements from IntelliJ IDEA 2020.1.4
- Support for foldables in the Android emulator
- Faster Builds using Apply Changes for devices running Android 11 or higher
- Ability to export C/C++ dependencies from AARs
- Improvements to System Trace UI and Native Memory Profiling



What's new compared to past two years...

Changes from 4.1.2 to Bumblebee

- New Device Manager
 - The old AVD manager has been removed, now there is a new tab that lets you quickly get access to all the virtual and physical devices.
- ADB (android debug bridge) now works **over WiFi** on android phones that run Android 11 or later.
- Android Gradle Plugin for running instrumented tests
- Other stuff...



Basic requirements

- **How to develop Android applications?**
 - **Linux / Mac OS / Windows? Doesn't matter**
 - **A real device is not mandatory**
 - **although suggested...**
- **Code your application in the IDE**
 - **Test it with the emulator**
 - **Deploy it on a real device (if you can)**



A bit of **terminology**

- **SDK (Software development kit)**
 - A set of tools that help you in creating software
 - Compiler, tester, debugger, **libraries**
- **IDE (Integrated Development Environment)**
 - Graphical environment in which all the tools are accessible.
- **API (Application Program Interface)**
 - A set of calls that the underlying world exposes to the developer for interaction.
 - It does not correspond to “libraries”.



SDK manager

Tools > SDK Manager

□ Android tool

□ Used to get APIs and add-ons

□ You can also start it from Android Studio

□ It'll affect the `compileSdkVersion` (details later)

Settings for New Projects

Appearance & Behavior > System Settings > Android SDK

Manager for the Android SDK and Tools used by Android Studio

Android SDK Location: [Edit](#) [Optimize disk space](#)

SDK Platforms SDK Tools SDK Update Sites

Each Android SDK Platform package includes the Android platform and sources pertaining to an API level by default. Once installed, Android Studio will automatically check for updates. Check "show package details" to display individual SDK components.

Name	API Level	Revision	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Android S Preview	5	1	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android 11.0 (R)	30	3	Installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android 10.0 (Q)	29	5	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 9.0 (Pie)	28	6	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 8.1 (Oreo)	27	3	Partially installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android 8.0 (Oreo)	26	2	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 7.1.1 (Nougat)	25	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 7.0 (Nougat)	24	2	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android 6.0 (Marshmallow)	23	3	Update available
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 5.1 (Lollipop)	22	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 5.0 (Lollipop)	21	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.4W (KitKat Wear)	20	2	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android 4.4 (KitKat)	19	4	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.3 (Jelly Bean)	18	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.2 (Jelly Bean)	17	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean)	16	5	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.0.3 (IceCreamSandwich)	15	5	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 4.0 (IceCreamSandwich)	14	4	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 3.2 (Honeycomb)	13	1	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android 3.1 (Honeycomb)	12	3	Not installed
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<input type="checkbox"/> Android 2.3.3 (Gingerbread)	10	2	Not installed
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Hide Obsolete Packages Show Package Details

OK Cancel Apply



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<input type="checkbox"/> NDK (Side by side)		Not Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android SDK Command-line Tools (latest)		Not Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> CMake		Not Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android Auto API Simulators	1	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Android Auto Desktop Head Unit Emulator	2.0.0 rc1	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android Emulator	30.4.5	Installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android SDK Platform-Tools	31.0.0	Installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Android SDK Tools	26.1.1	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Play APK Expansion library	1	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Play Instant Development SDK	1.9.0	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Play Licensing Library	1	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Google Play services	49	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Web Driver	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Layout Inspector image server for API 29-30	6	Not installed

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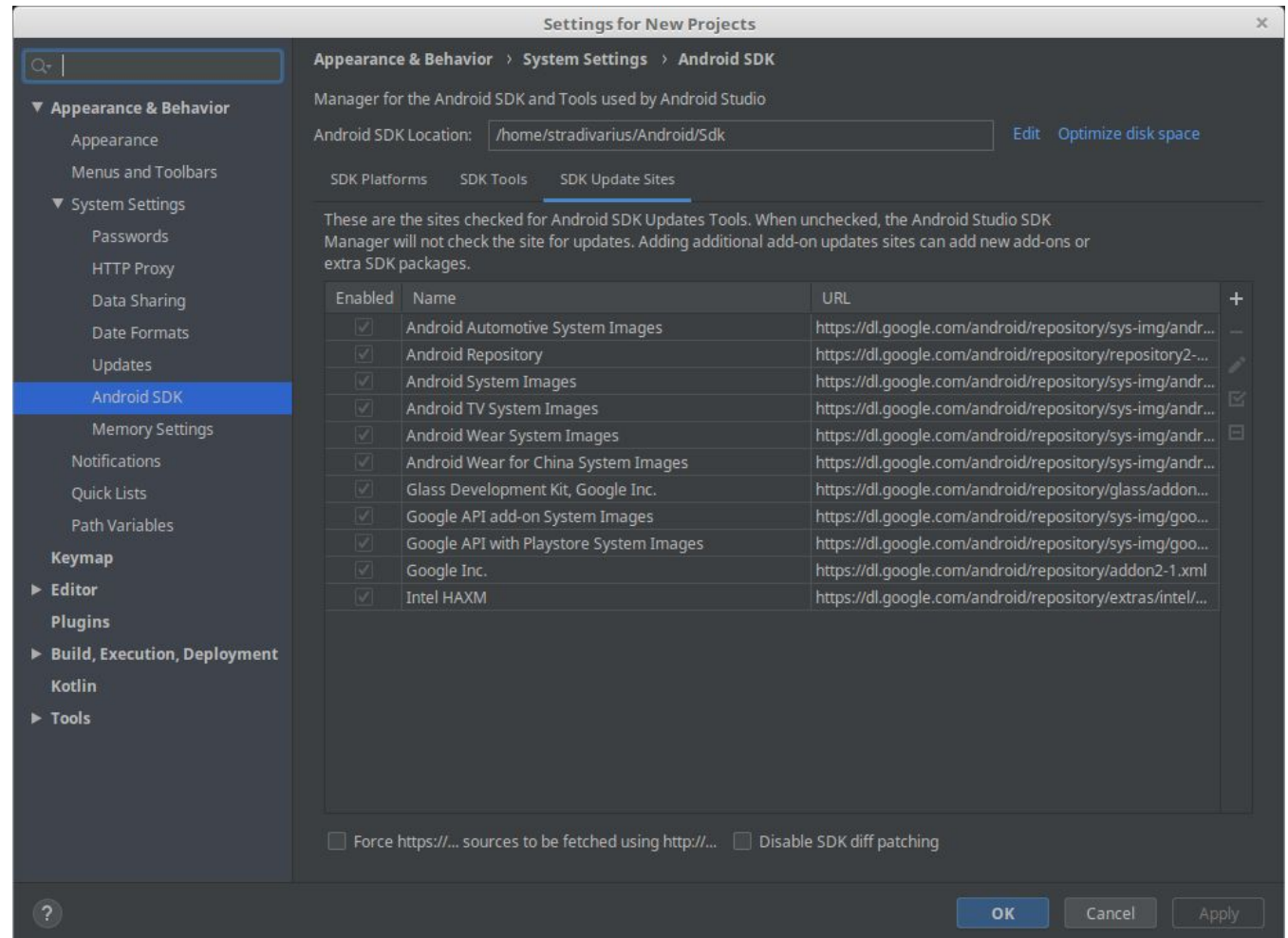
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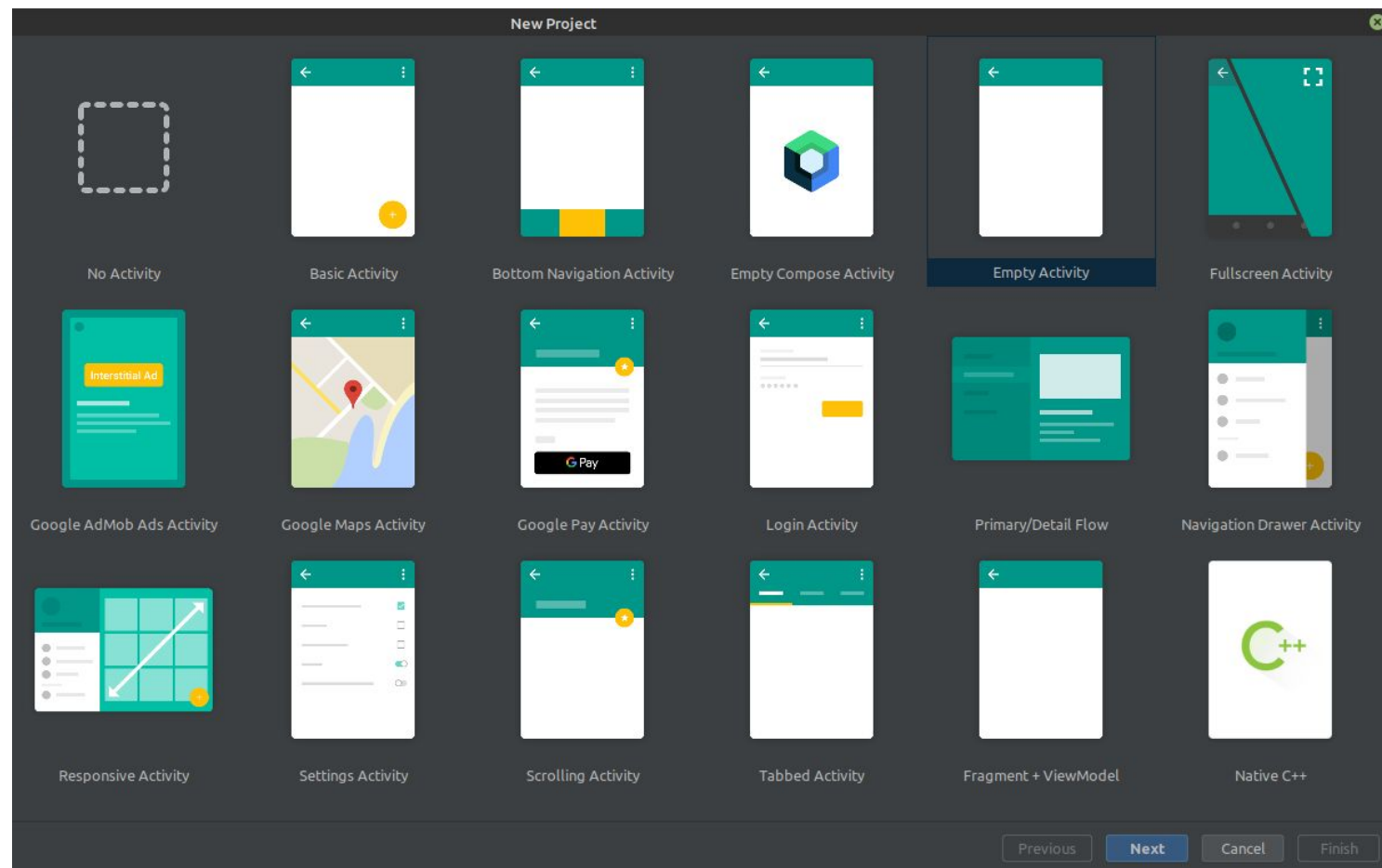




Your first **Android application**

□ Go to File >
New Project

Newest version of
Android Studio
makes you choose
first which kind of
activity you want
to
start with.



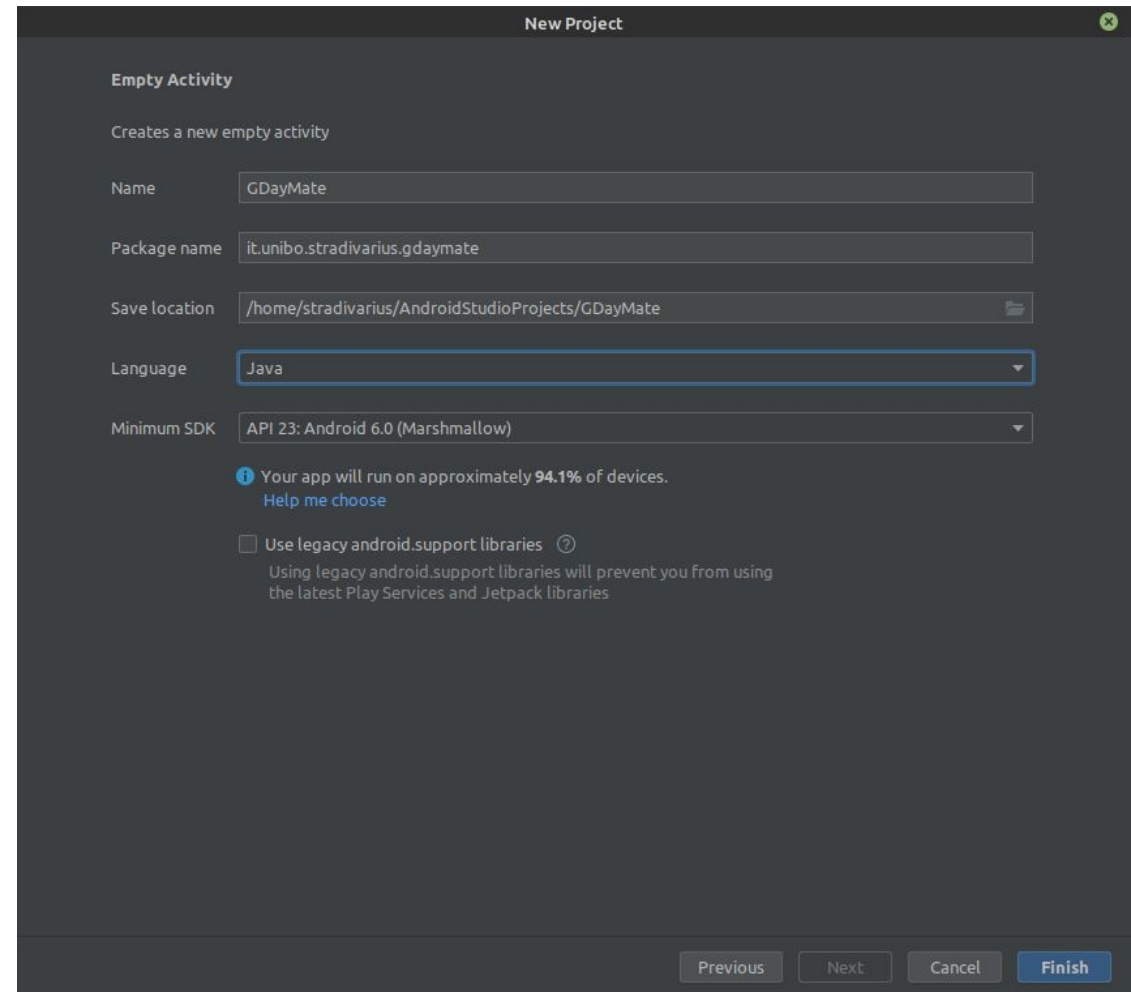


Your first **Android application**

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Your activity will be named **MainActivity** by default (Java class).

Of course you can refactor it ...





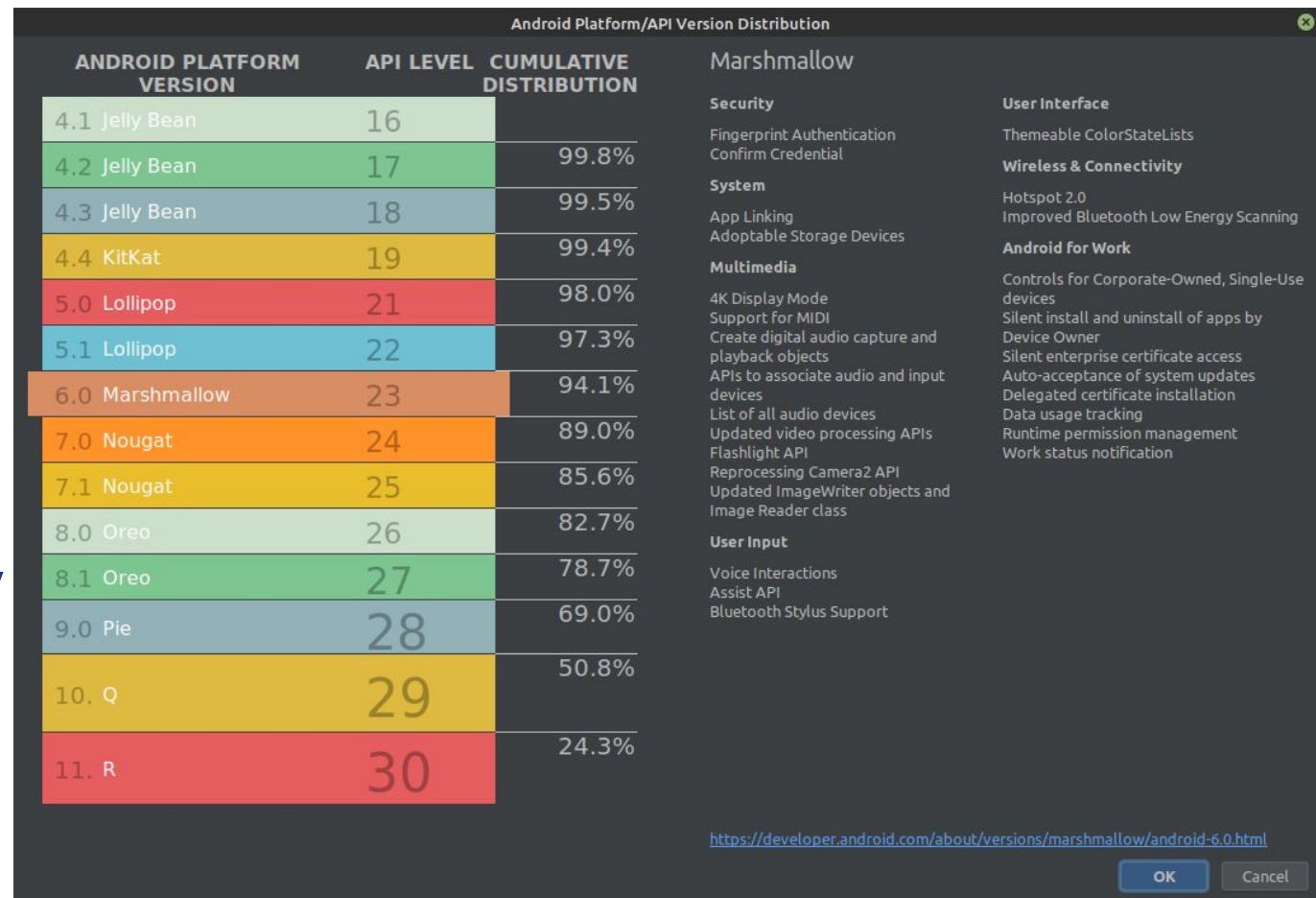
Your first **Android application**

□ Go to File > New Project

Choose carefully
which API version
to use.

Low version =
high compatibility

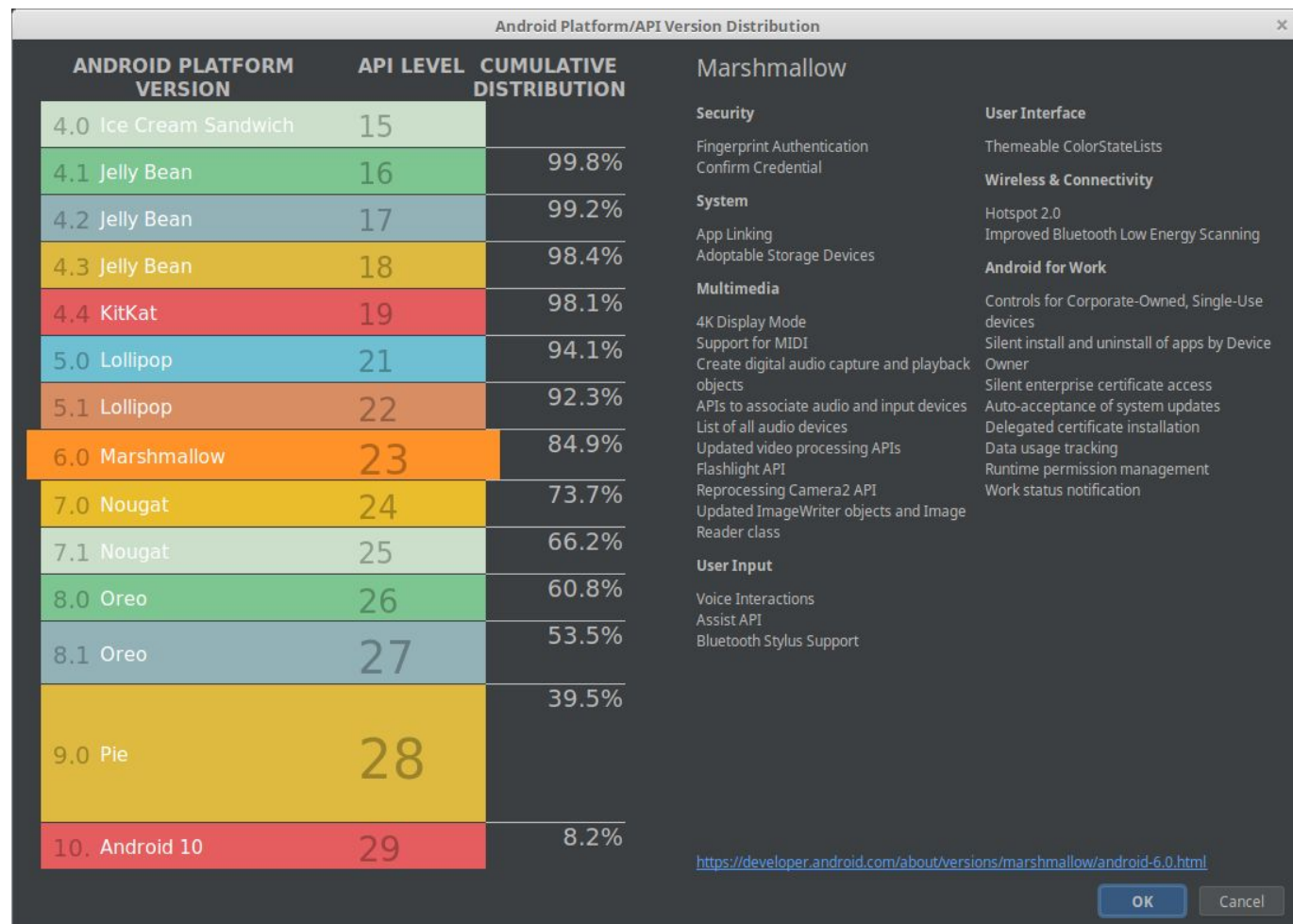
Low version =
less features





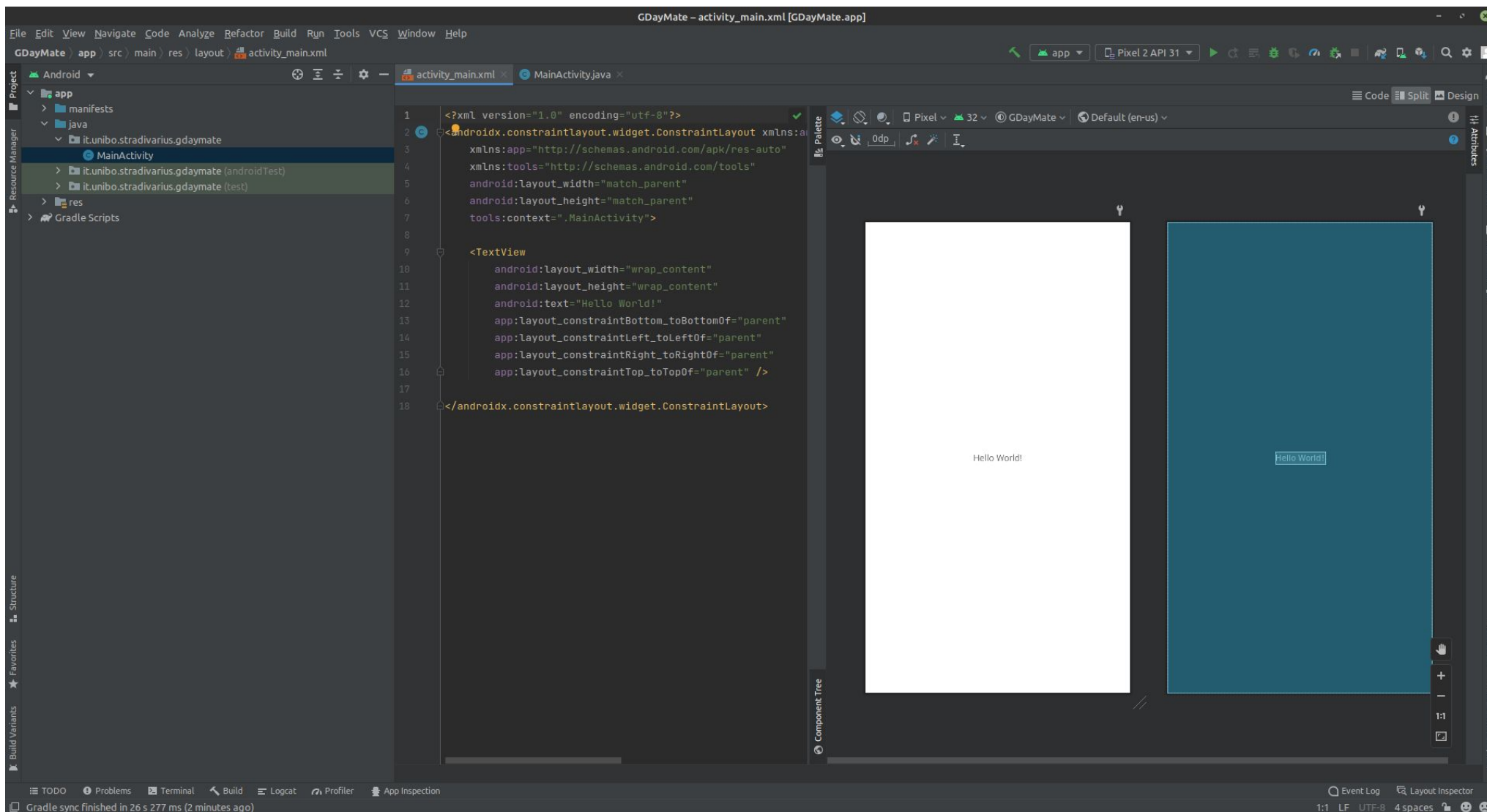
Your first **Android application**

□ This was from last year, just as a comparison!





Your first **Android** application





Your first **Android** application

```
1 package it.unibo.stradivarius.gdaymate;
2
3 import ...
4
5
6
7 public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
8
9     @Override
10    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
11        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
12        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
13    }
14 }
```

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "GDayMate - MainActivity.java [GDayMate.app]". The left sidebar displays the project structure: "app" (manifests, java) and "it.unibo.stradivarius.gdaymate" (MainActivity, androidTest, test, res, Gradle Scripts). The main editor shows the MainActivity.java code. The bottom status bar indicates "Gradle sync finished in 26 s 277 ms (3 minutes ago)".



Creating an emulator

Hit Tools >

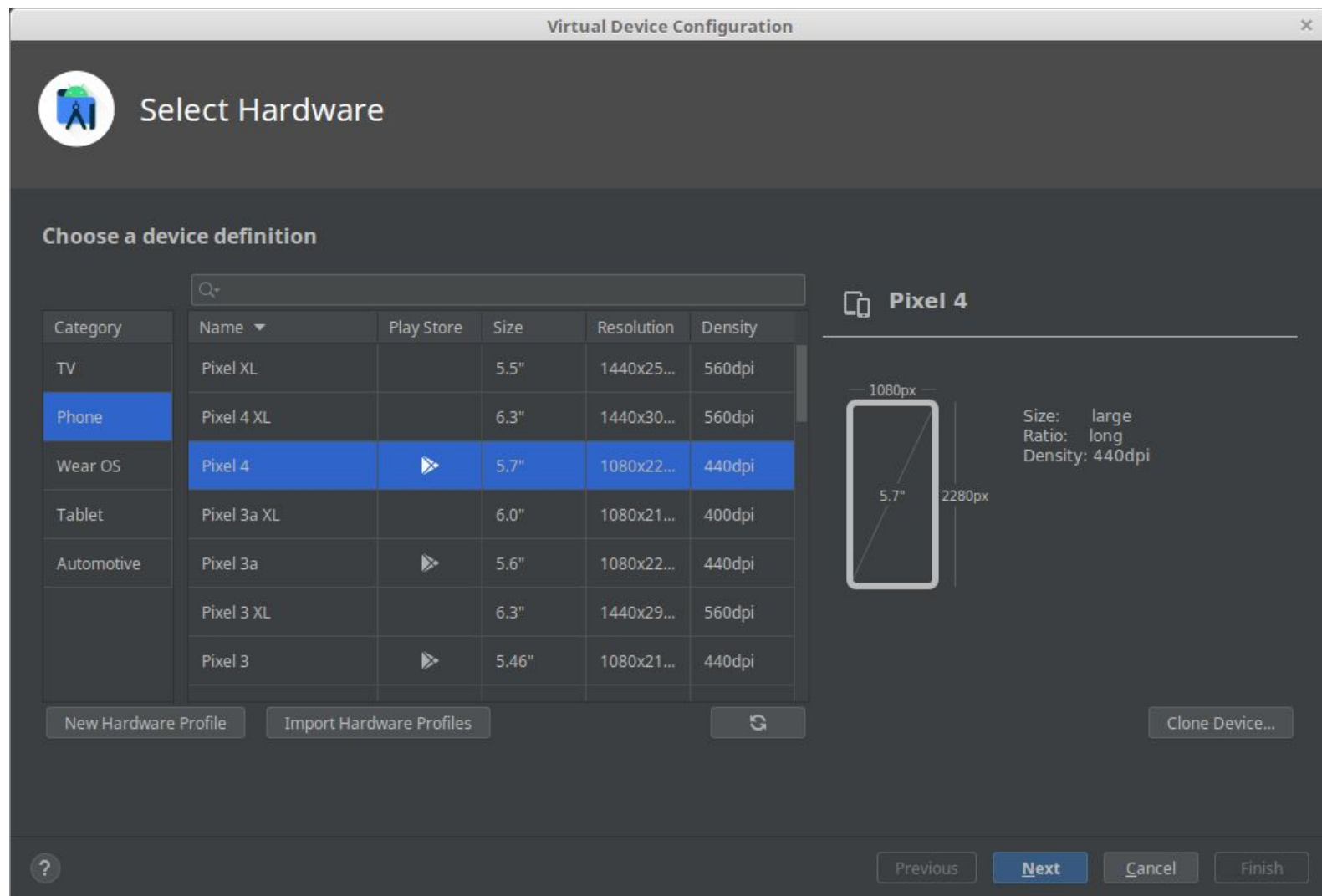
Device Manager

Previously AVD

AVD = Android Virtual Device

You can select options for the emulator

You can create as many as you want





Creating an emulator

Hit Tools >

AVD Manager

AVD = Android Virtual Device

You obviously **need** to download the Android system image for the version you want.

Virtual Device Configuration


System Image

Select a system image

Recommended x86 Images Other Images


Release Name	API Level	ABI	Target
R Download	30	x86	Android 11.0 (Google Play)
Q Download	29	x86	Android 10.0 (Google Play)
Pie Download	28	x86	Android 9.0 (Google Play)
Oreo	27	x86	Android 8.1 (Google Play)
Oreo Download	26	x86	Android 8.0 (Google Play)
Nougat Download	25	x86	Android 7.1.1 (Google Play)
Nougat Download	24	x86	Android 7.0 (Google Play)


R


 API Level **30**
Android **11.0**
Google Inc.
System Image **x86**

We recommend these Google Play images because this device is compatible with Google Play.

Questions on API level?
See the [API level distribution chart](#)



 A system image must be selected to continue.

 [Previous](#) [Next](#) [Cancel](#) [Finish](#)



Creating an emulator

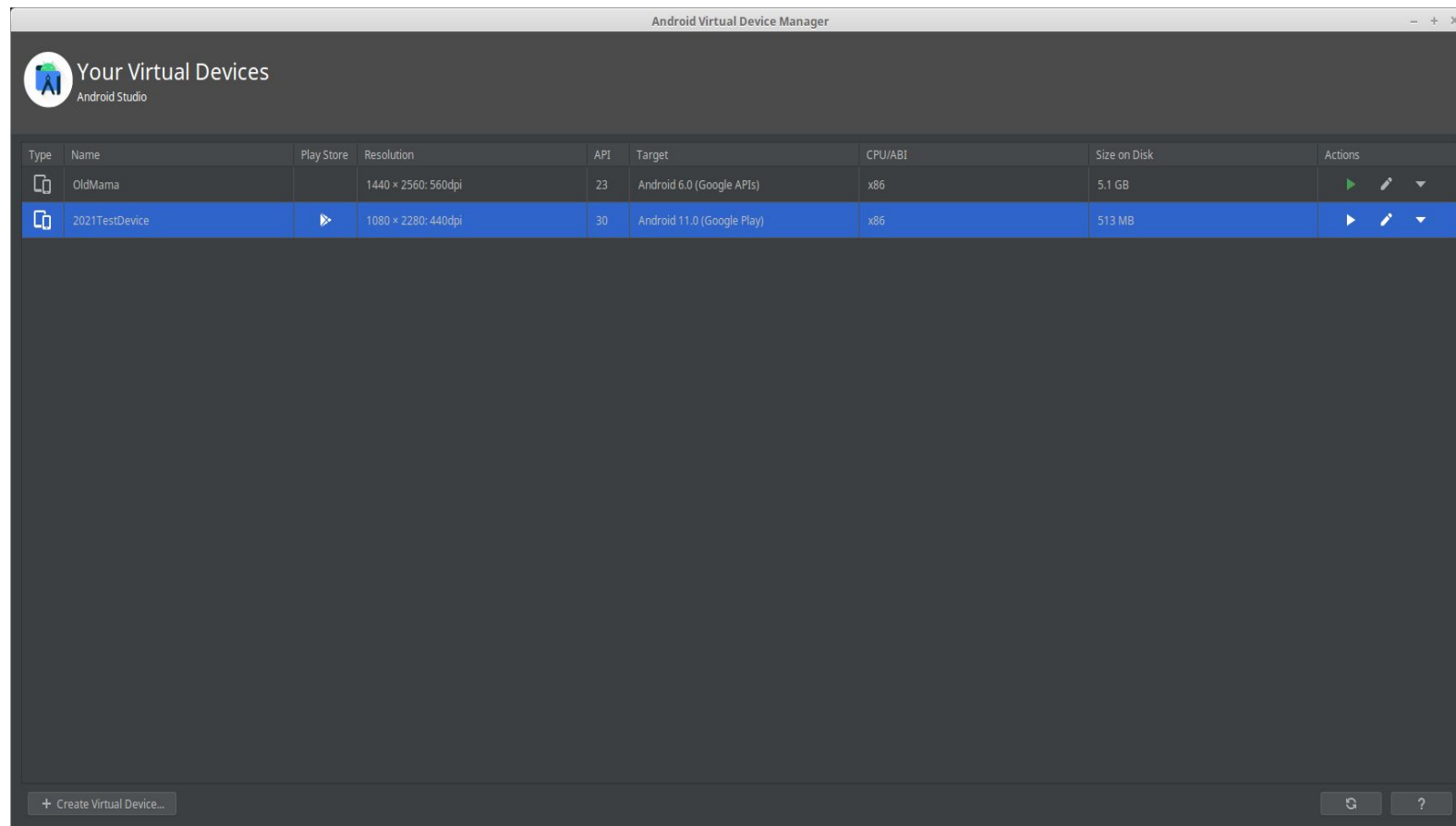
Hit Tools >

AVD Manager

AVD = Android Virtual Device

Wanna test it?

Hit the Play button





Creating an emulator

Hit Tools >

AVD Manager

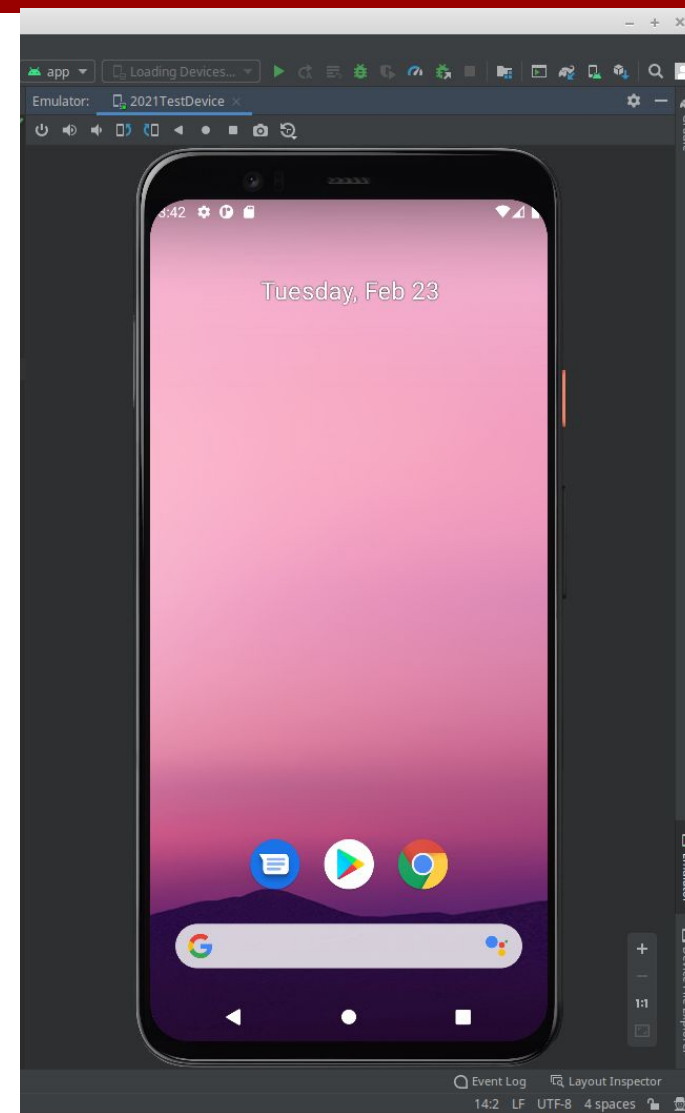
AVD = Android Virtual Device

If you run it, it will turn on and resemble pretty much a real device.

It is legit a virtual machine.

YES you can use the internet (by default each AVD is individually NATted).

NO you can't call (lol)

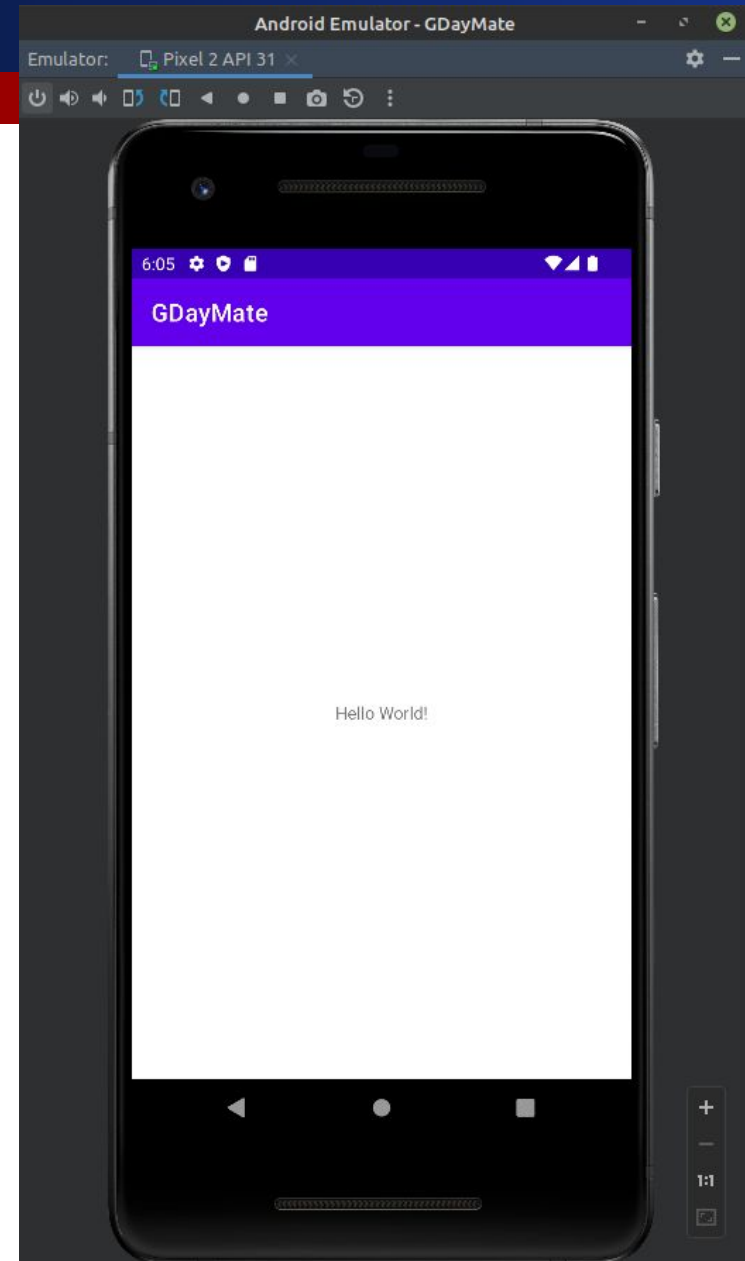




All good? Test it!

Hit Run > Run 'app'

- Test in on the emulator
- You should see something similar to this





Delving into **versions** and **building**

Hit “File > Project Structure > Modules” and you’ll see two sections that’ll help you deal with versioning.

- Properties
 - versioning and other stuff at **Compile time**
 - Mostly having to do with Gradle
- Default Config
 - versioning and other stuff at **Run Time**



Android: versions

2008
API 1



Apple Pie 1.0

2009
API 3



Cupcake 1.5

2009
API 4



Donut 1.6

2009
API 5



Eclair 2.0/ 2.1

2010
API 8



Froyo 2.2

2010
API 9



Gingerbread 2.3.x

2011
API 11



Honeycomb 3.x



Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0.x

2011
API 14



Jelly Bean 4.1/4.2/4.3

2012
API 16



KitKat 4.4

2013
API 19



Lollipop 5.0

2014
API 21



Marshmallow 6.0

2015
API 23



Nougat 7.0

2015
API 24



Oreo 8.0

2017
API 26



Pie 9.0

2018
API 28

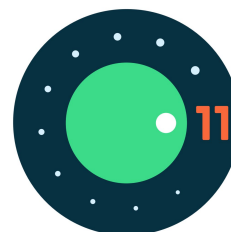
2019 - API 29



Initially "Android Q"

No more desserts...

2020 - API 30



Android
"R"



2021 - API 31
2022 - API 32



Delving into **versions** and **building**

What is Gradle?

It's the official build automation tool for Android, coming with a lot of optimizations.

It has config files that can be modified through the Android Studio GUI.

It manages build configurations that no longer are assigned to the Android Developer.

- New Gradle two weeks ago... <https://gradle.org/whats-new/gradle-7/>



Delving into **versions** and **building**

compileSdkVersion

- Used by Gradle to compile the project
- i.e. which set of classes and functions should I use?
- It's the newest possible SDK theoretically supported by your app (watch out, NOT the API).
- Suggested to use the latest available (unless you haven't learned it yet...)
- It's COMPILED, therefore retro-compatibility is structurally ensured.



Delving into **versions** and **building**

minSdkVersion

- Indicates which is the oldest release of the SDK (but also API) your app is compatible with...
- ... though it is compiled with another version.
- Obviously you cannot implement certain functionalities (e.g. channels).
- In practice if a customer has a phone that's too old, then the app is neither installable nor visible.



Delving into **versions** and **building**

targetSdkVersion

- Indicates which is the newest release of the SDK (but also API) your app is compatible with...
- ... in practice it tells what is the expected version.
- It is ideally the same as the compileSdkVersion, however it can be older if newer versions had not been tested.
- In short:
 - `minSdkVersion <= targetSdkVersion <= compileSdkVersion`
- Even though it's better:
 - `minSdkVersion <= targetSdkVersion == compileSdkVersion`



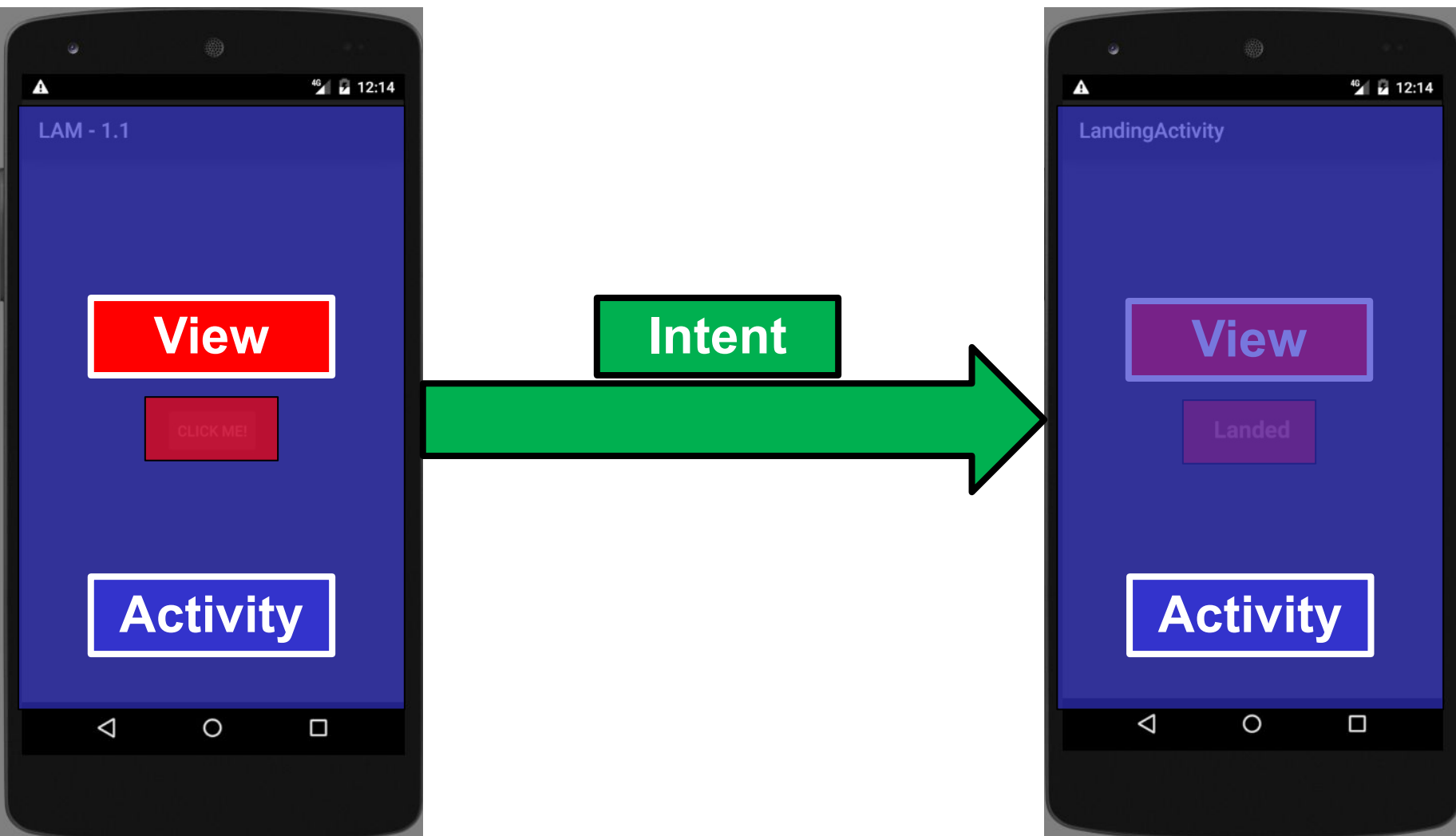
Hello world, Android!

- Anatomy of an application
 - Activity: what is started
 - View: what is seen
 - Intent: how to communicate with others

- Mix of XML and Java
 - Generally XML for layouts
 - Java for the app logic



Activities, Intents and Views

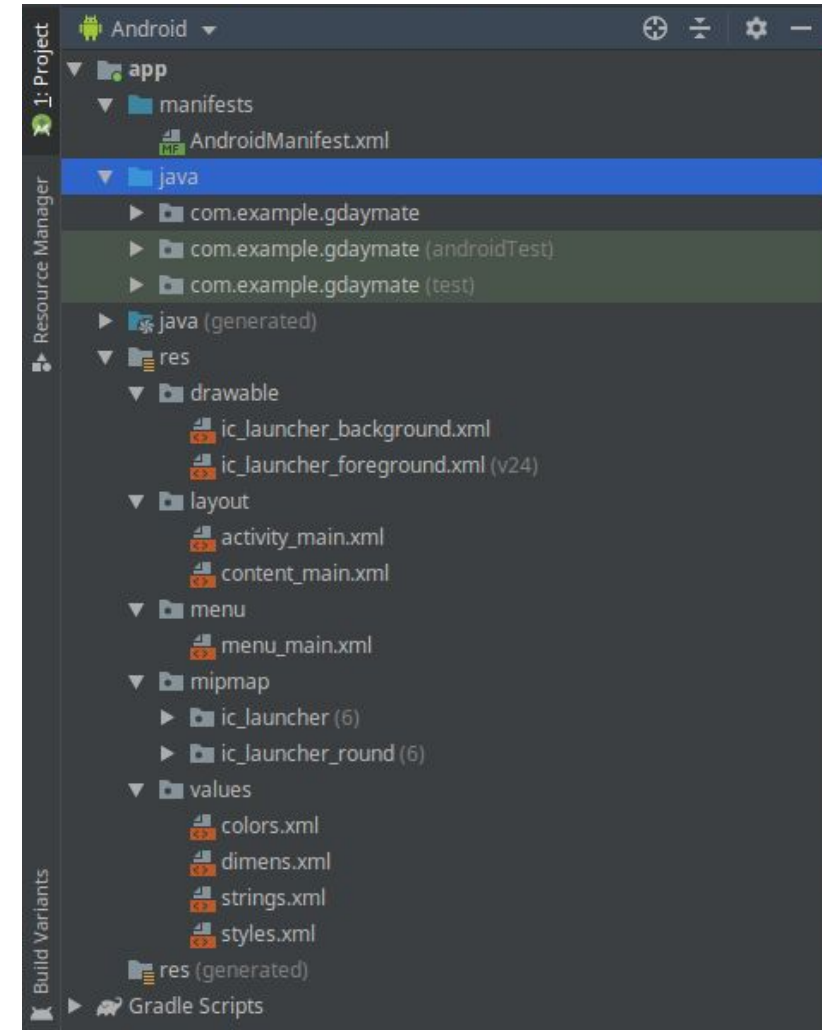




The **java** and **res** folders

The code of your application:

- The java folder contains... the java code!
- Inside res there are a lot of resources
 - Images
 - Layouts
 - Xml files
 - Strings
- AndroidManifest.xml





AndroidManifest.xml

Mandatory file for every application

- Contains:
 - Application declaration
 - Permissions
 - Intent filters
 - Targets

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    package="com.example.gdaymate">

    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="GdayMate"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:supportsRtl="true"
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:label="GdayMate"
            android:theme="@style/AppTheme.NoActionBar">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />

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

</manifest>
```



How to test

□ Via an AVD

✓ Fast, possible to have different resolutions, APIs

✗ Not a real device

□ On a real device

✓ You get exactly what is deployed

✗ Must own a real device

□ So?

□ Test in on AVDs.

□ When you feel that the application is ready, go with a real device



Test on a **Real Device**

Mainly 2 ways of doing it:

- Via USB debugging (more for **debugging**)
 - Phone must have developer options and USB debugging enabled (howto: <https://developer.android.com/studio/debug/dev-options.html#enable>)
 - PC's OS must have the correct driver/module (howto: <https://developer.android.com/studio/run/device#setting-up>)
 - Can then run apps just by hitting the Run > Run 'app'
 - You can use the newest WiFi pairing!
- Create an *apk* (more for **releasing** and **sharing**)
 - Must be **signed**



Test on a **Real Device**

Here's the app running on my Samsung A40 with Android 10.



Hello World!





How to **deploy** through **APK**

- Android applications must be signed before installing them on a real device.

Hit: Build >
Generate Signed Bundle / APK

You can generate a Bundle (ABB) alternatively:

a Bundle is Google Play's new app serving model, called Dynamic Delivery, then uses your app bundle to generate and serve optimized APKs for each user's device configuration, so they download only the code and resources they need to run your app. You no longer have to build, sign, and manage multiple APKs to support different devices, and users get smaller, more optimized downloads. It is a **publishing** format.

<https://developer.android.com/guide/app-bundle>

You need a key for this and you can generate one from the menu.

You can potentially use no key, but it will generate a debug version.



How to **deploy** through **APK**

□ Using here V2 Signature (faster, since Android 7.0)

https://developer.android.com/about/versions/nougat/android-7.0.html#apk_signature_v2

New Key Store

Key store path: /home/stradivarius/Android/myKeystore/newKeystore.jks

Password: Confirm:

Key

Alias: key0

Password: Confirm:

Validity (years): 2

Certificate

First and Last Name: Federico Montori

Organizational Unit: Death Star

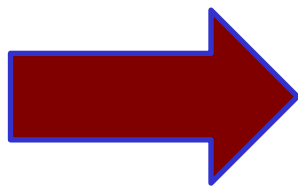
Organization: The Galactic Empire

City or Locality:

State or Province:

Country Code (XX):

OK Cancel



Generate Signed Bundle or APK

Module: app

Key store path: /home/stradivarius/Android/myKeystore/newKeystore.jks

Key store password:

Key alias: key0

Key password:

Remember passwords

Previous Next Cancel Help

... transfer the .apk file to your phone and you're done.



How to **deploy**

- To be published on the market, you have to pay 25 Euro
 - Lifetime fee, unlimited APPs
 - Not required for the LAM class
- Upload the APK or the ABB, and in few hours/days the APP is on the play store
 - Receive comments, improve, update
 - Smartphone specific bugs? AVDs



Android **Developer** Console

Google play Developer Console **PREVIEW** @google.com Sign out

ALL APPLICATIONS

The big blue
com.consoledemo.bigblue

The little blue
com.consoledemo.littleblue

APP NAME	PRICE	ACTIVE INSTALLS	AVG. RATING / TOTAL	ERRORS	LAST UPDATE	STATUS
The big blue	Free	12	★ 5.00 / 1	0	Aug 15, 2012	Unpublished
The Handy Developer Guide	Free	756	★ 5.00 / 2	6	Sep 26, 2012	Published
The big green	Free			—		Draft
The big red	\$2.00	136	—	14	Dec 3, 2010	Published
The big yellow	Free	3,672,387	★ 5.00 / 1	119	Jan 18, 2012	Unpublished
The little pink	Free	7,452,652	★ 5.00 / 1,986,412	8	Jun 14, 2012	Published
The little red	Free	2,412	★ 3.33 / 335	341	Dec 8, 2010	Published

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