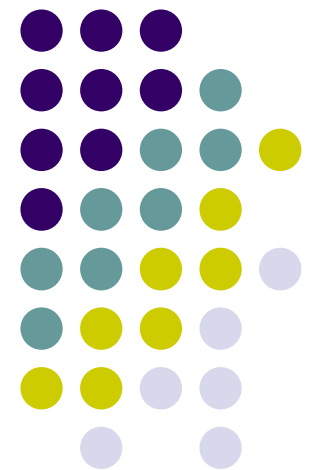
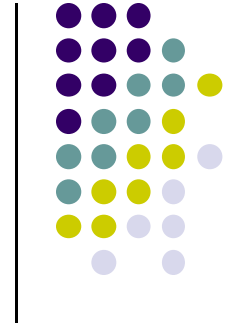


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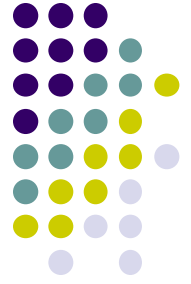




Android UI Design in XML

Recall: Files Hello World Android Project

XML file used to design Android UI



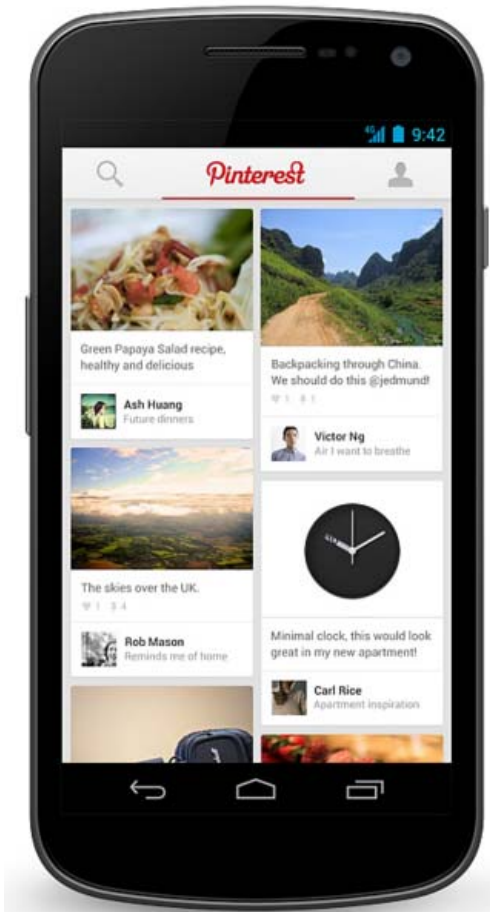
- 3 Files:

- **Activity_main.xml:** XML file specifying screen layout

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

- **AndroidManifest.xml:**

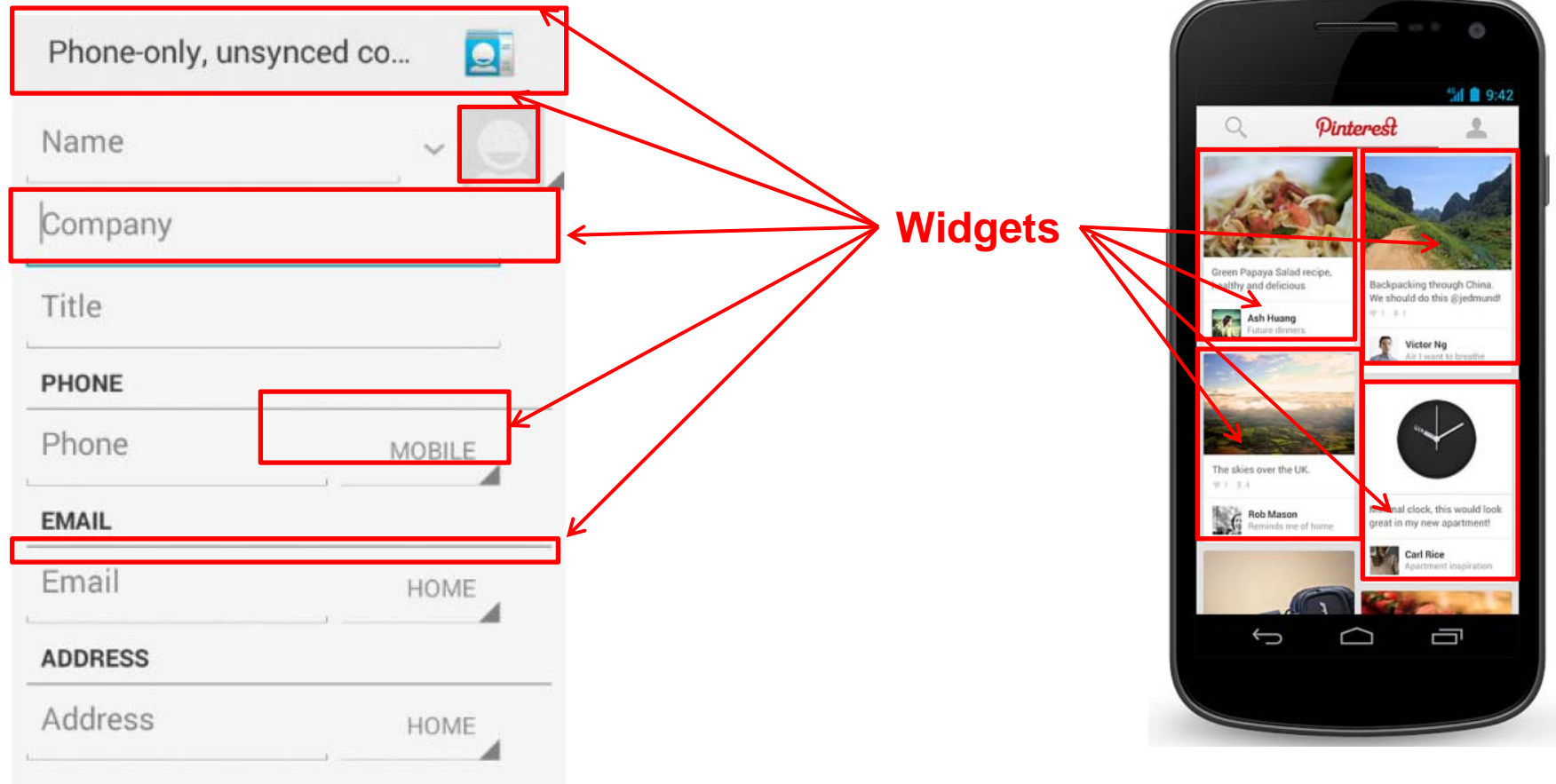
- Lists all app components and screens
- Like a table of contents for a book
- E.g. Hello world program has 1 screen, so AndroidManifest.xml has 1 item listed
- App starts running here (a bit like main() in C), launching activity with a tag "LAUNCHER"



Widgets



- *Android UI design involves arranging widgets on a screen*
- Pick widgets, specify widget attributes (dimensions, margins, padding, etc)

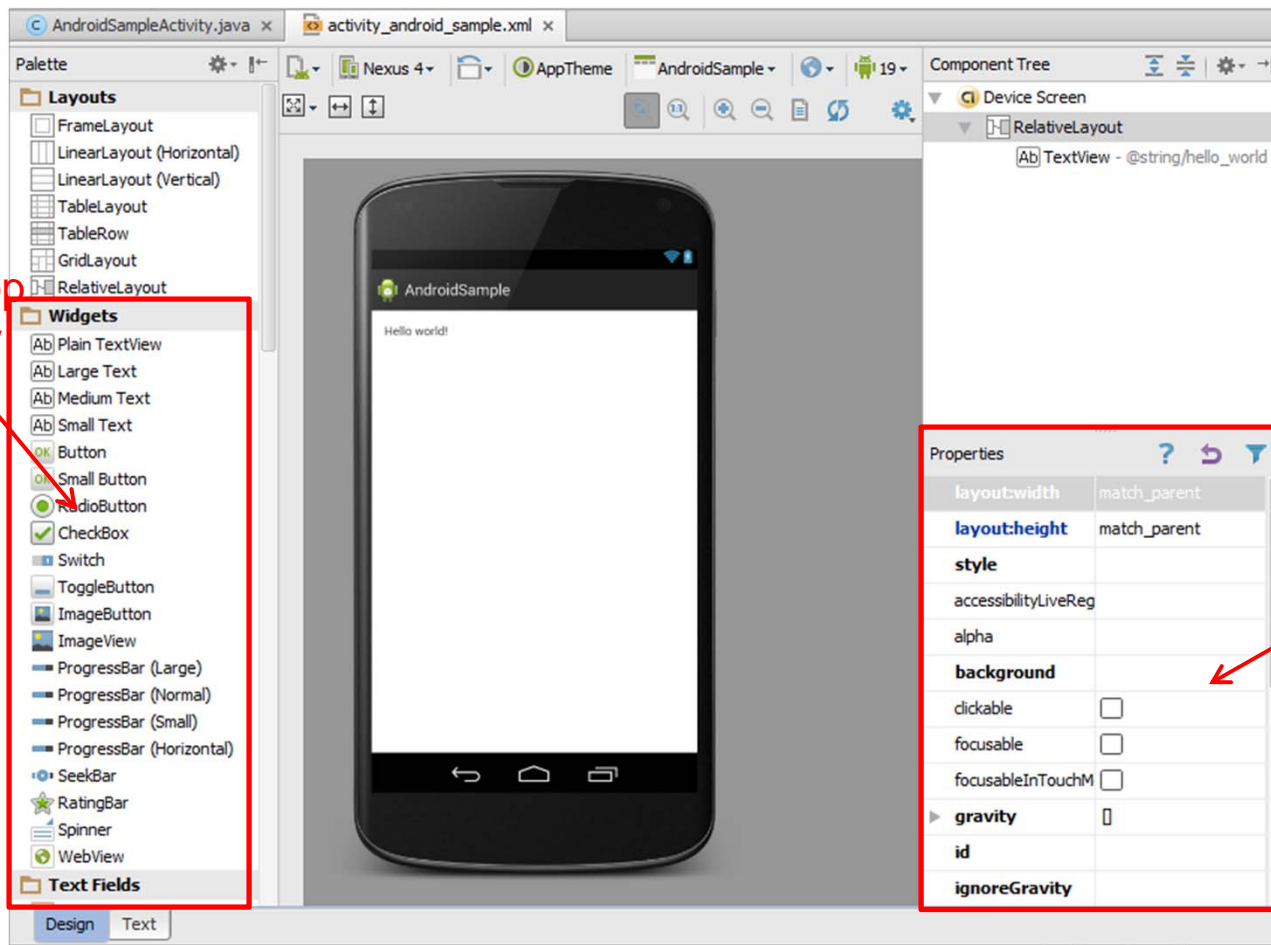




Recall: Design Option 1: Add Widget in Design View

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

Drag and drop
button or any
other widget
or view

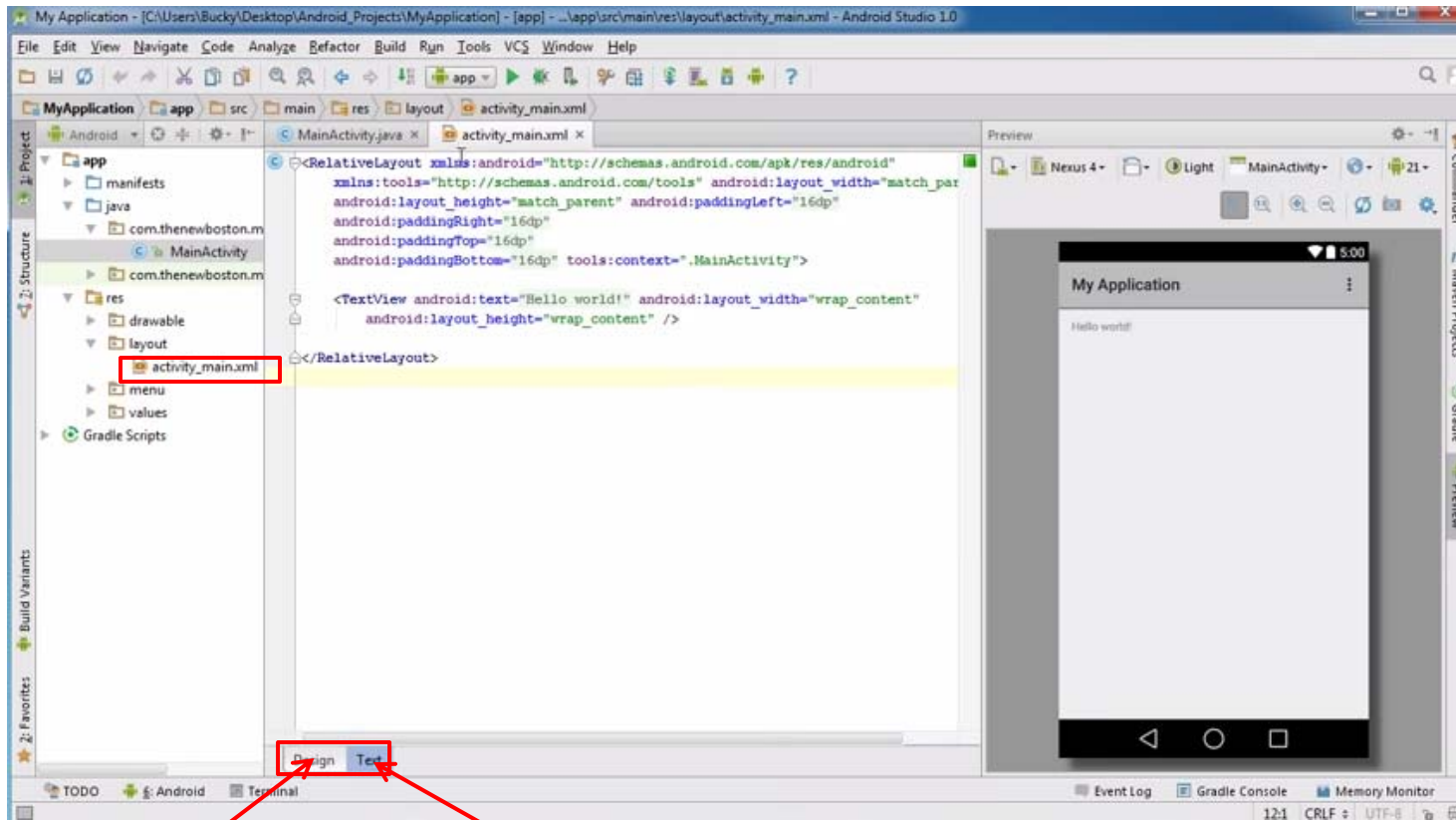


Edit widget
properties

Recall: Design Option 2: Edit XML Directly

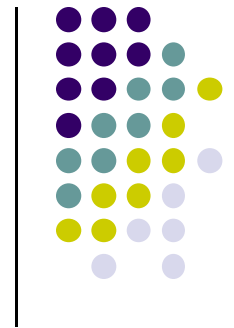


- **Text view:** Directly edit XML file defining screen (activity_main.xml)
- **Note:** dragging and dropping widgets in design view generates related XML in Text view



Drag and drop widget

Edit XML

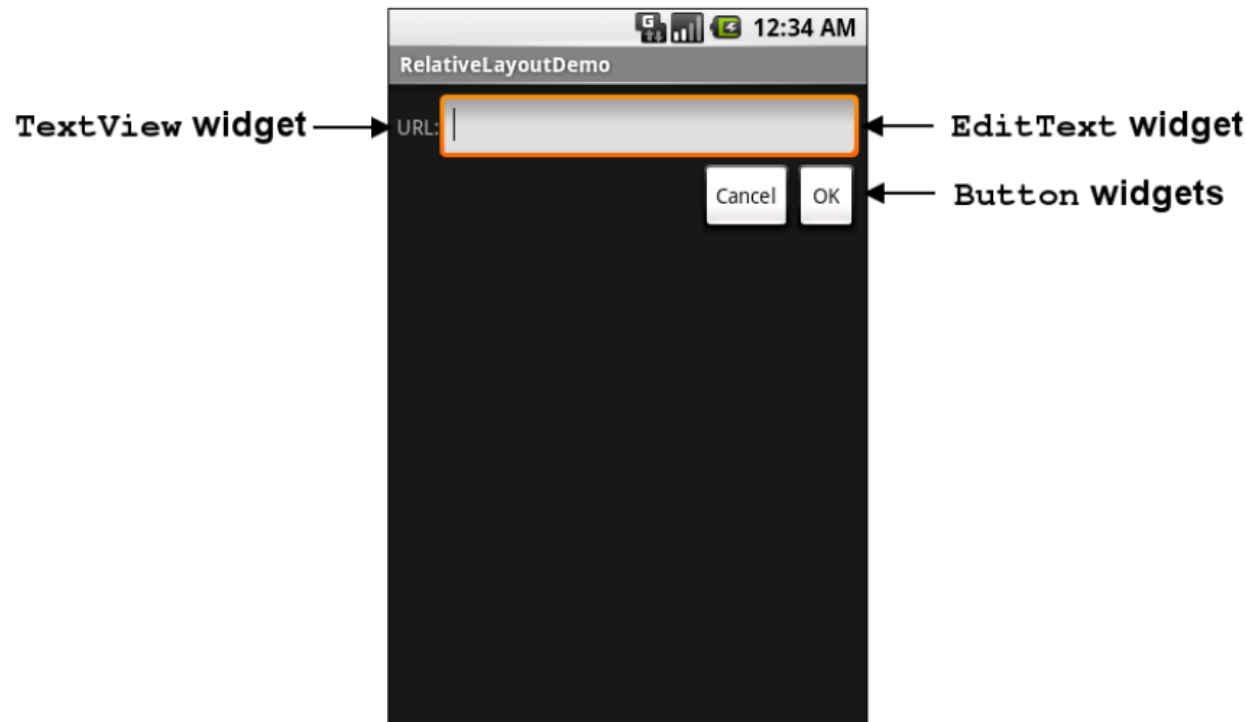


Android Widgets

Example: Some Common Widgets



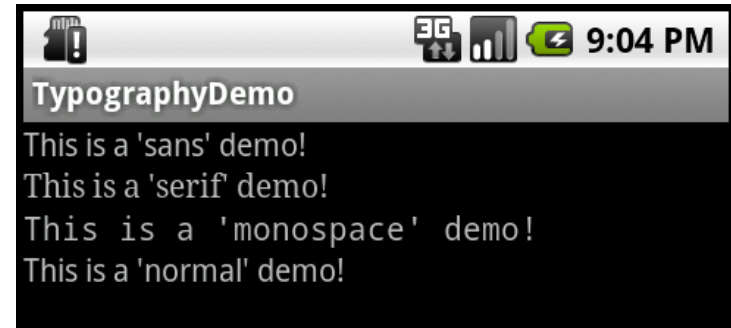
- **TextView:** Text in a rectangle
- **EditText:** Text box for user to type in text
- **Button:** Button for user to click on



TextView

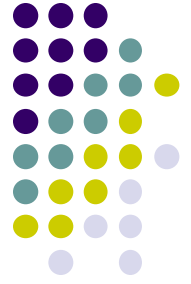
- Text in a rectangle
- Display text, not for interaction

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



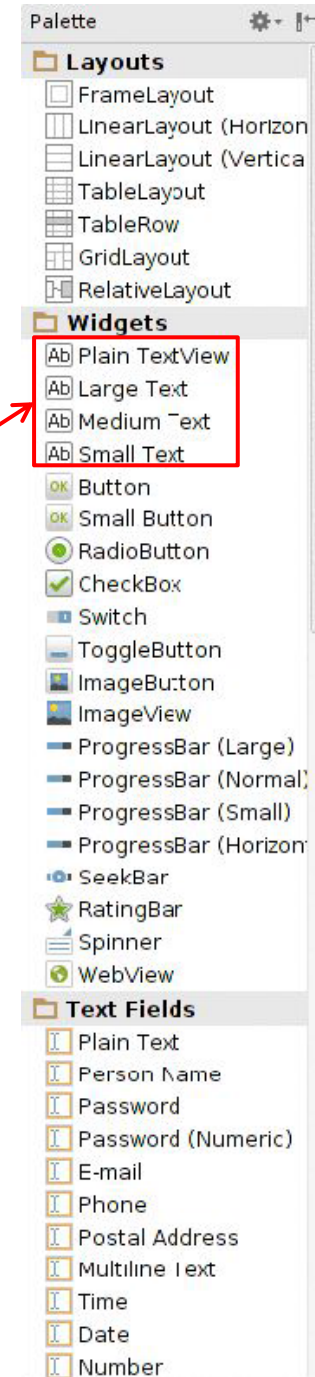
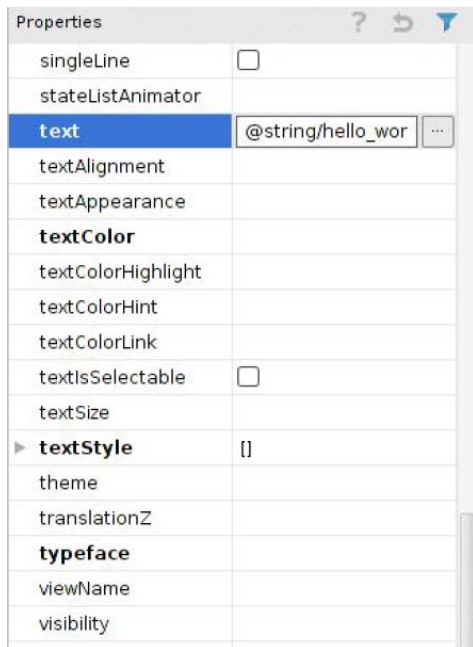
- **Common attributes:**

- 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
- Can also include links to email address, url, phone number,
 - web, email, phone, map, etc



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
- After dragging Textview in, edit properties



Widget ID

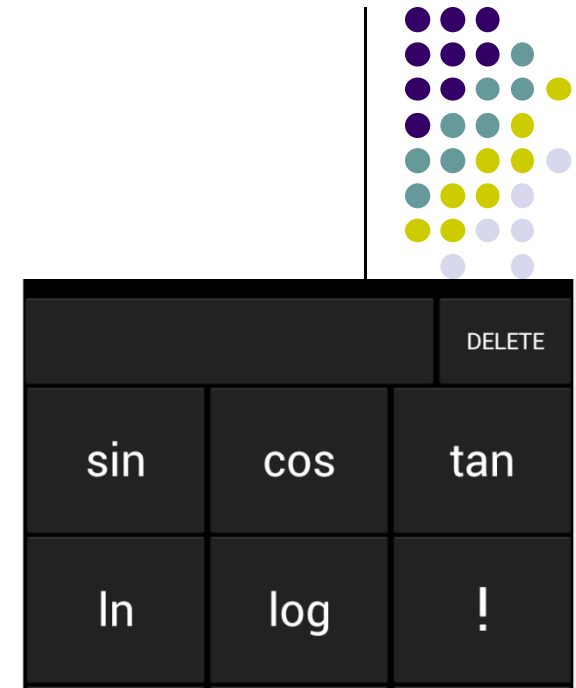


- Every widget has ID, stored in **android:id** attribute
- In java code, to manipulate declared in XML file, need to reference it using its ID (More later)
- Naming convention
 - First time use: @+id/xyx_name
 - Subsequent use: @id/xyz_name

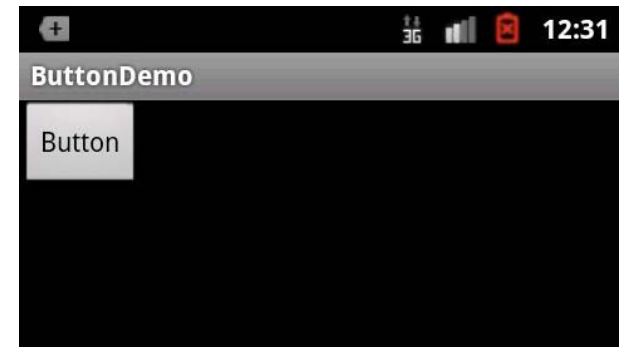
Properties	
ellipsize	
enabled	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusable	<input type="checkbox"/>
focusableInTouchMod	<input type="checkbox"/>
fontFamily	
▶ gravity	[]
height	
hint	
id	textView2
importantForAccessib	
inputMethod	
▶ inputType	[]
labelFor	
lines	
linksClickable	<input type="checkbox"/>
longClickable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

Button Widget

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

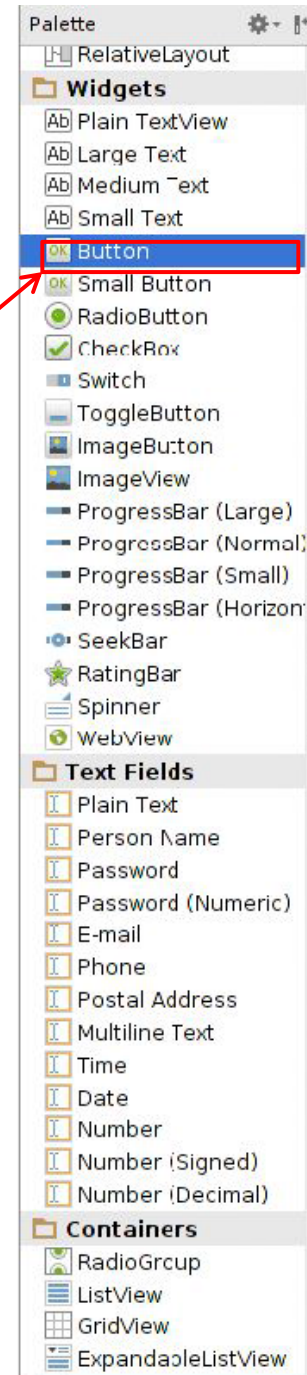


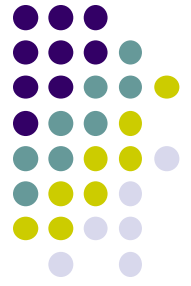
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:orientation="vertical">
    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button1"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        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
- Drag and drop button, edit its attributes





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  
}
```

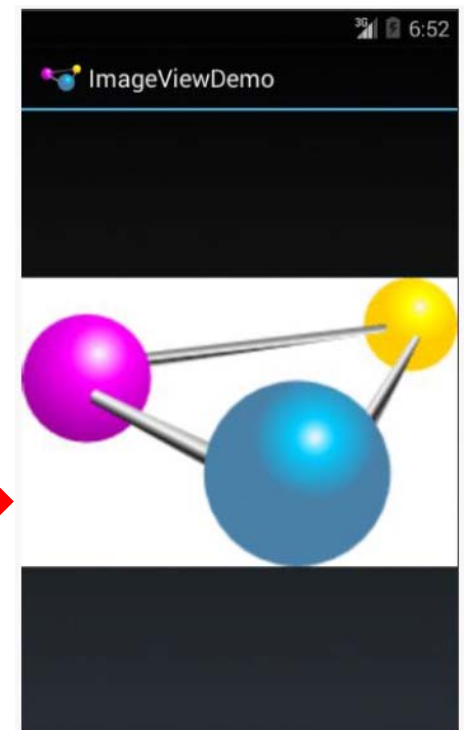


Embedding Images: ImageView and ImageButton

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

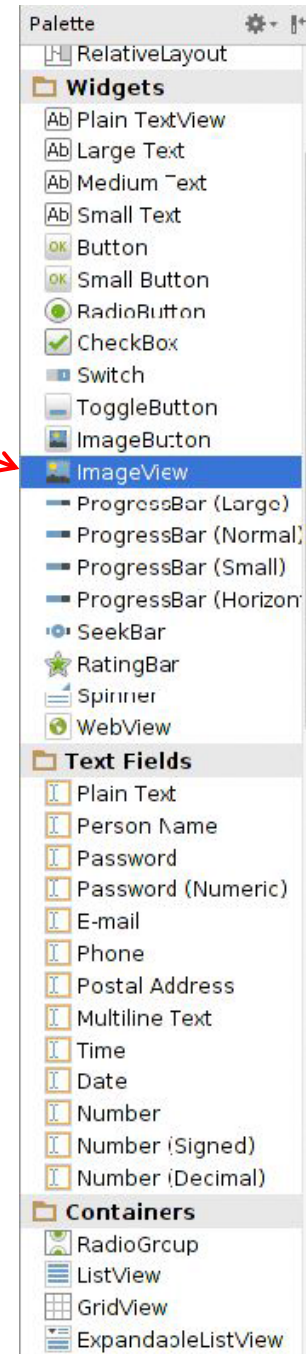
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<ImageView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
  android:id="@+id/icon"  
  android:layout_width="match_parent"  
  android:layout_height="match_parent"  
  android:adjustViewBounds="true"  
  android:src="@drawable/molecule" />
```

File molecule.png in drawable/ folder



ImageView in Widgets Palette

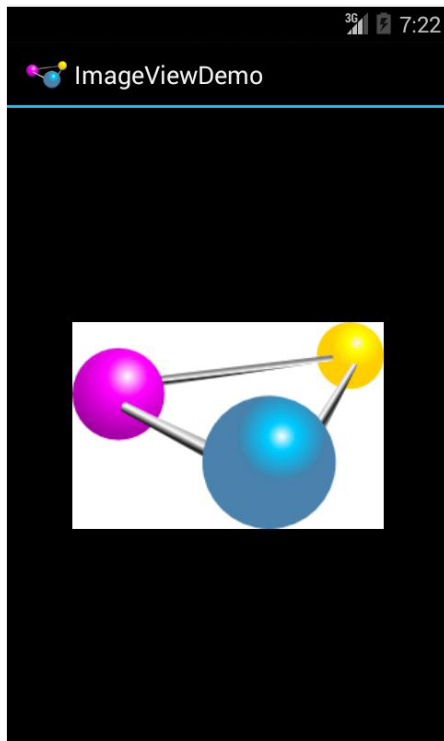
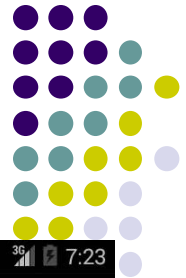
- Can drag and drop ImageView from Widgets Palette
- Can use menus (right-click) to specify:
 - **src**: to choose image to be displayed
 - **scaleType**: to choose how image should be scaled



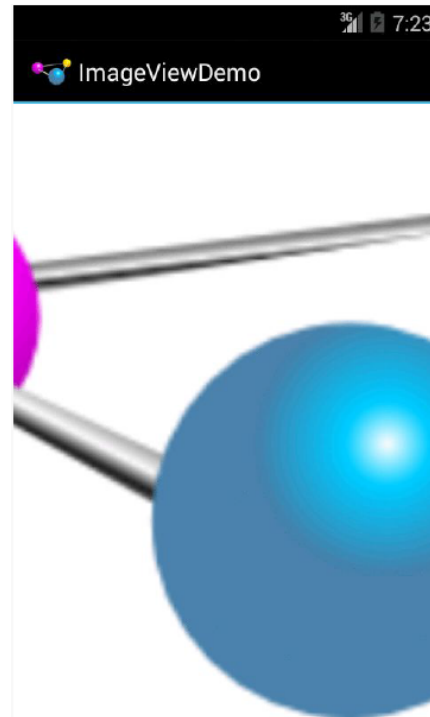
scaleType	
src	<unset>
stateListAnimator	matrix
textAlignment	fitXY
theme	fitStart
	fitCenter
	fitEnd
	center
	centerCrop



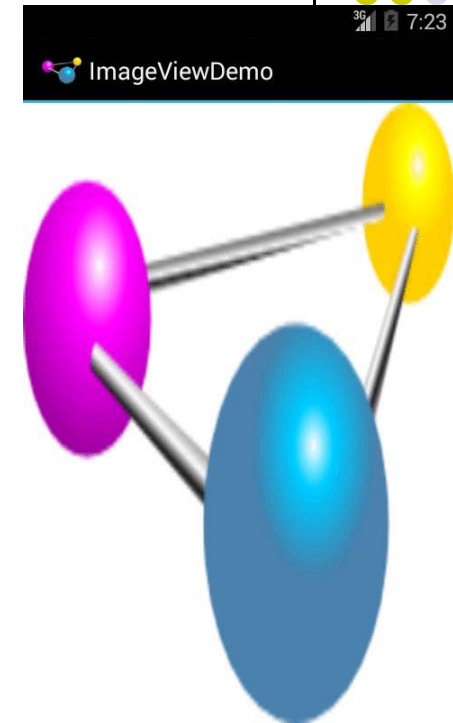
Options for Scaling Images (scaleType)



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



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



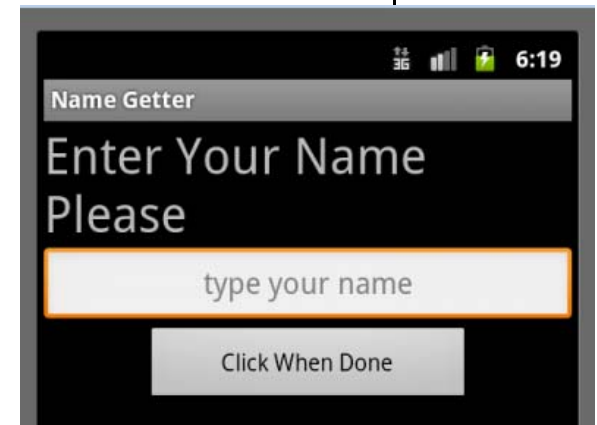
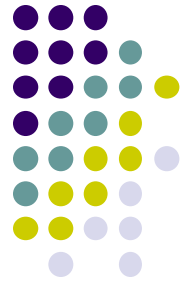
“**fitXY**” scales image to fit ImageView, ignoring aspect ratio (distorts)

EditText Widget

- UI Component used for user input
- Example:

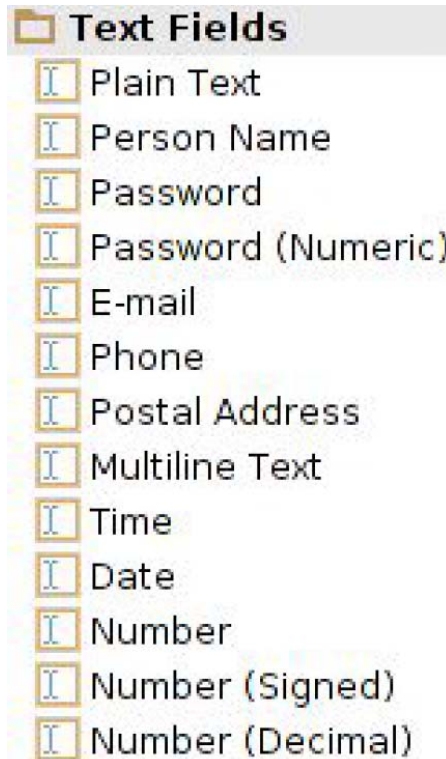
```
<EditText  
    android:id="@+id/edittext"  
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_gravity="center"  
    android:gravity="center"  
    android:inputType="textPersonName"  
    android:hint="type your name" />
```

- Text fields can have different input types
 - e.g. number, date, password, or email address
- **android:inputType** attribute sets input type, affects
 - What type of keyboard pops up for user



EditText Widget in Android Studio Palette

- A section of Android Studio palette has EditText widgets (or text fields)

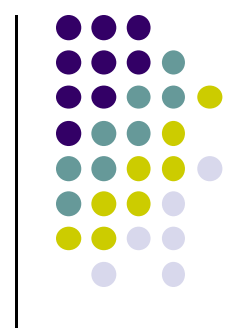


Text Fields
Section of Widget palette

A screenshot of the EditText widget's 'inputType' menu. The menu is a list of 20 options, each with a small square icon to its right:

inputType	Icon
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"/>
textimeMultiLine	<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"/>
textVisiblePasswo	<input type="checkbox"/>
textWebEditText	<input type="checkbox"/>
textFilter	<input type="checkbox"/>
textPhonetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
textWebEmailAddr	<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"/>

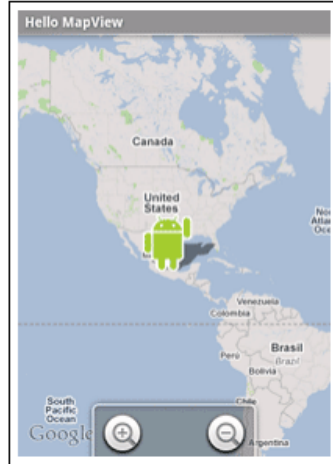
EditText
inputType menu



Other Available Widgets



MapView



WebView



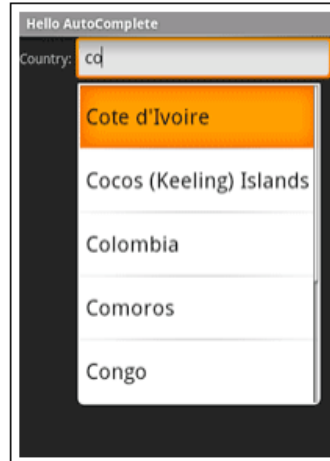
DatePicker



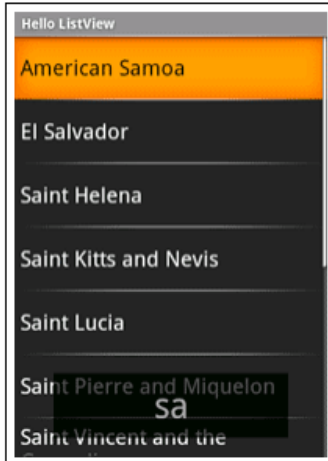
Spinner

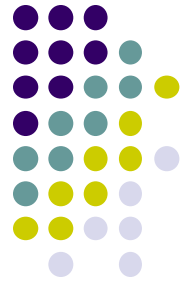


AutoComplete



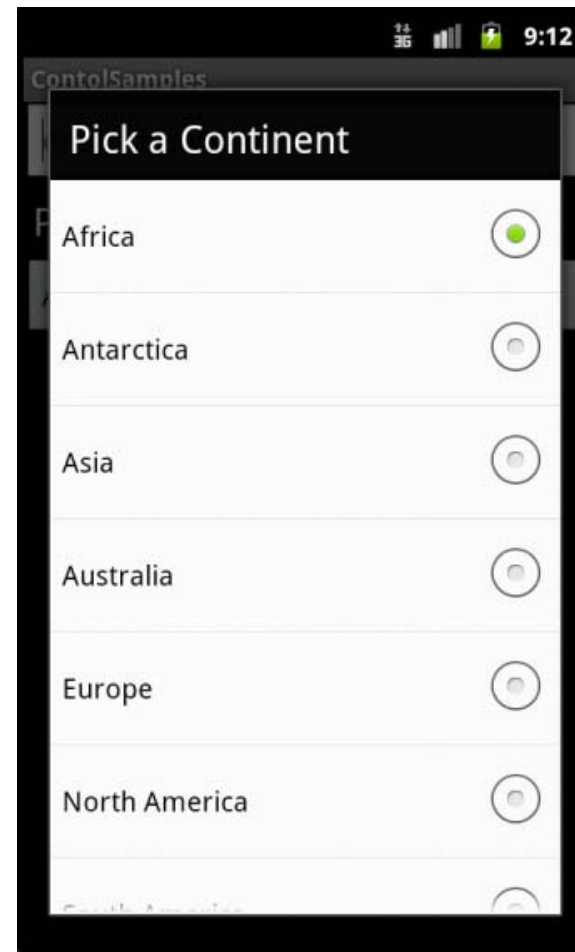
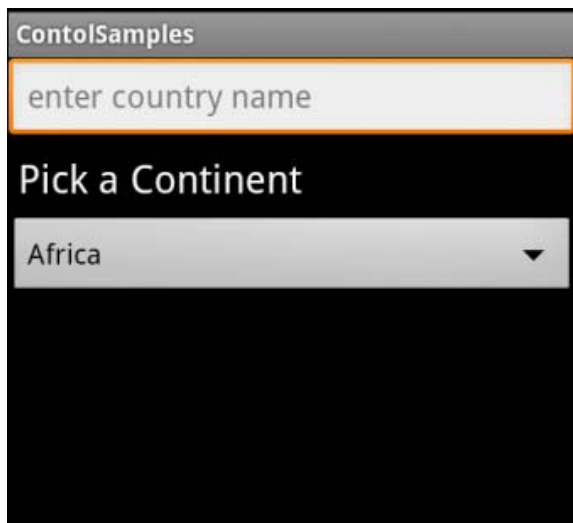
ListView





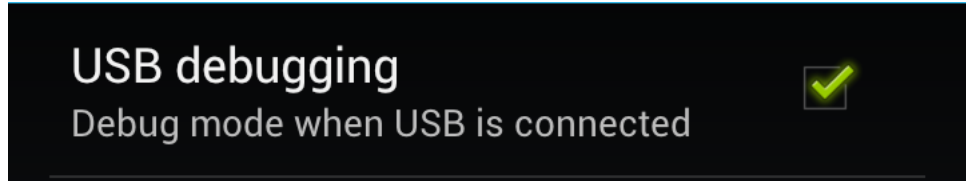
Spinner Controls

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





Checkbox



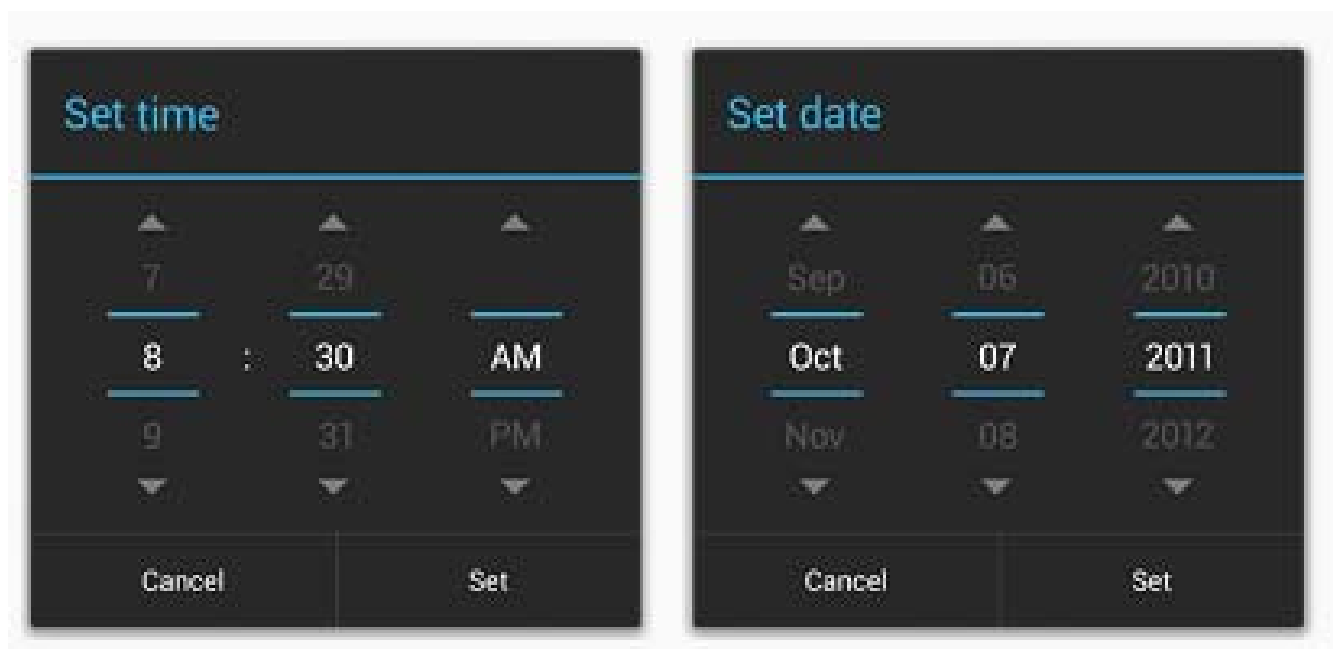
- Checkbox has 2 states: checked and unchecked
- Clicking on checkbox toggles between these 2 states
- Checkbox widget inherits from TextView, so its properties like `android:textColor` can be used to format checkbox
- XML code to create Checkbox

```
<?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

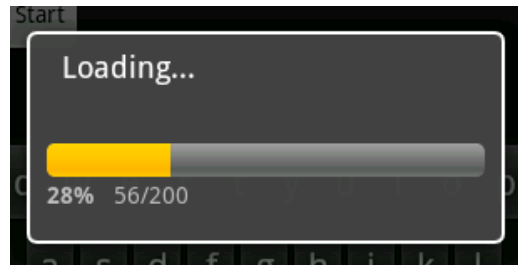
- TimePicker and DatePicker
- Typically displayed in a TimePickerDialog or DatePickerDialog
 - Dialogs are small pop-up windows that appear in front of the current activity



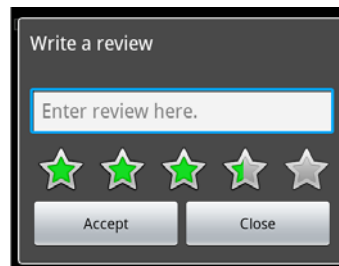
Indicators



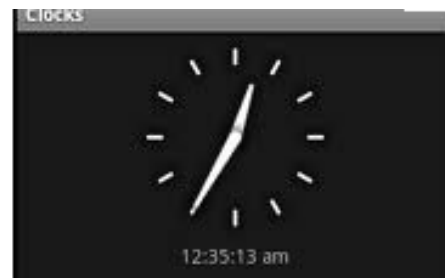
- ProgressBar



- RatingBar



- Chronometer
- DigitalClock
- AnalogClock





Android Layouts in XML



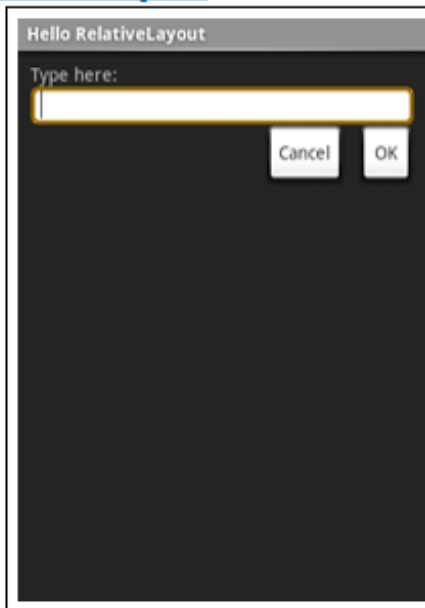
Android UI using XML Layouts

- Layout? Pattern in which multiple widgets are arranged
- In XML layout file, we have to choose a layout to use
- Layouts (XML files) stored in **res/layout**

LinearLayout



RelativeLayout



TableLayout



Some Layouts

- `FrameLayout`,
- `LinearLayout`,
- `TableLayout`,
- `GridLayout`,
- `RelativeLayout`,
- `ListView`,
- `GridView`,
- `ScrollView`,
- `DrawerLayout`,
- `ViewPager`





LinearLayout

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

- Example:

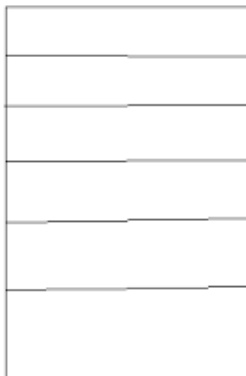
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.c
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"
  android:layout_height="fill_parent"
  android:background="#ff00ff"
  android:orientation="vertical" >
```

Layout properties

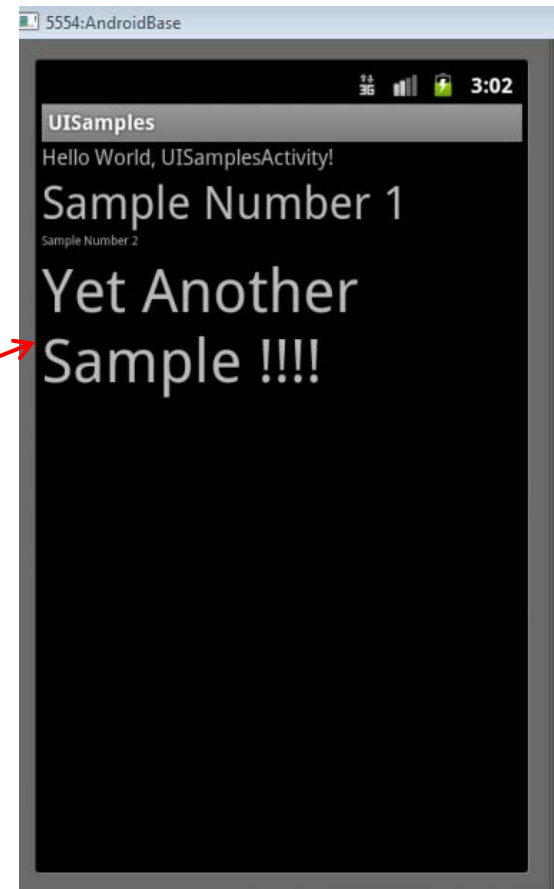
- orientation attribute defines direction (vertical or horizontal): E.g.
 - android:orientation="vertical"

Linear Layout

Orientation: vertical



Orientation: horizontal





LinearLayout in Android Studio

- LinearLayout in 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)
- E.g. *android:orientation="vertical"*
- Attributes can be set:
 - In xml file
 - Using IDE (e.g. Android Studio)
 - In Java program
- Lots of attributes!

LinearLayout 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);
    }
}
```

← Can also design UI, set attributes in Java program (e.g. ActivityMain.java) (More later)

Layout Width and Height Attributes



- **wrap_content**: widget as wide/high as its content (e.g. text)
- **match_parent**: widget as wide/high as its parent layout box
- **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)

Screen (Hardware)

↑
Linear Layout

↑
TextView

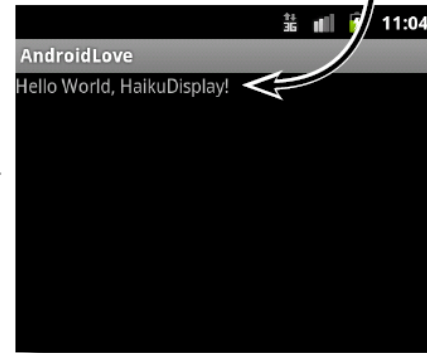
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:layout_width="fill_parent"
  android:layout_height="fill_parent" >
  <TextView
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"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





Adding Padding

- Paddings sets space between layout sides and its parent

```
<RelativeLayout ...
```

```
    android:paddingBottom="16dp"
```

```
    android:paddingLeft="16dp"
```

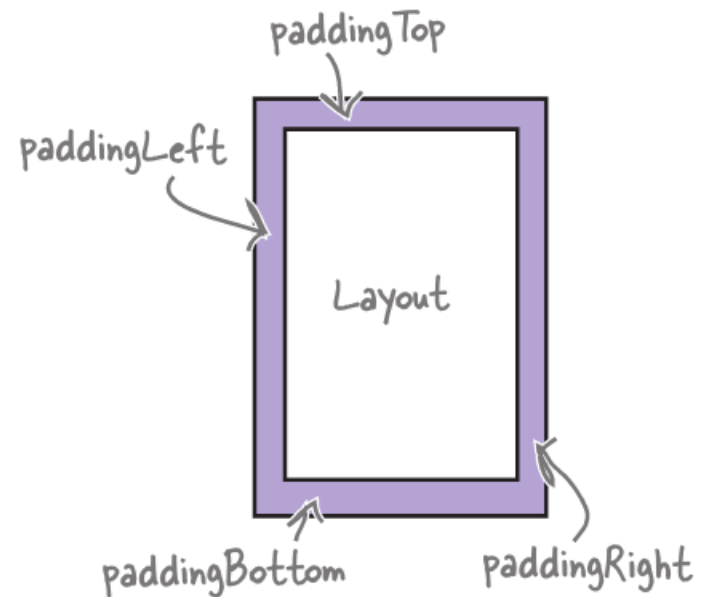
```
    android:paddingRight="16dp"
```

```
    android:paddingTop="16dp">
```

```
    ...
```

```
</RelativeLayout>
```

Add padding of 16dp.



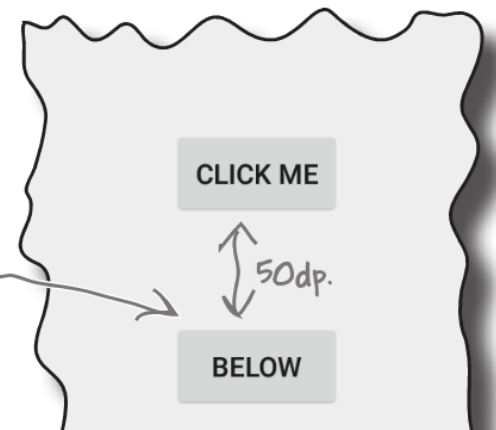
Setting Margins



- Can increase gap (margin) between adjacent widgets
- E.g. To add margin between two buttons, in declaration of bottom button

```
<Button
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/button_click_me"
  android:layout_below="@+id/button_click_me"
  android:layout_marginTop="50dp"
  android:text="@string/button_below" />
</RelativeLayout>
```

Adding a margin to the top of the bottom button adds extra space between the two views.



- Other options

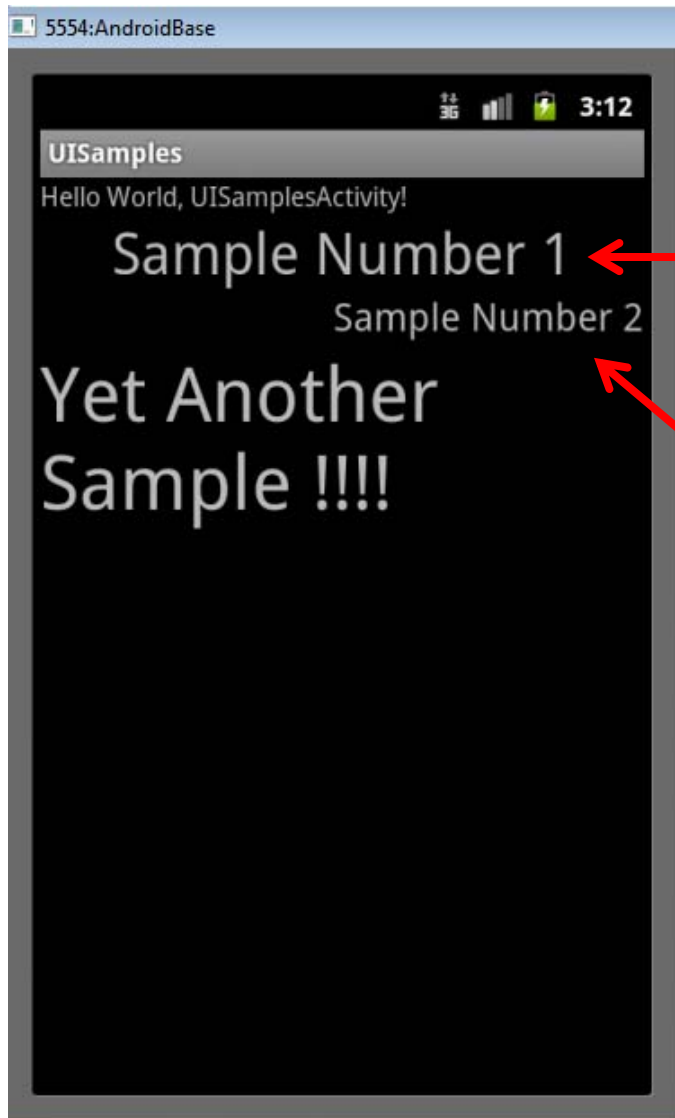
android:layout_marginLeft



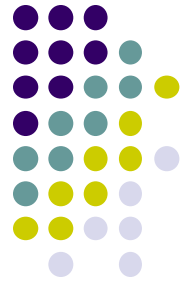
android:layout_marginRight



Gravity Attribute



- By default, linearlayout left- and top-aligned
- Gravity attribute can change alignment :
 - e.g. `android:gravity = "right"`



Layout Weight Attribute

- layout_weight attribute
 - Specifies "importance" of a view (i.e. button, text, etc)
 - Default = 0
 - Larger weights (layout_weight > 0) takes up more space

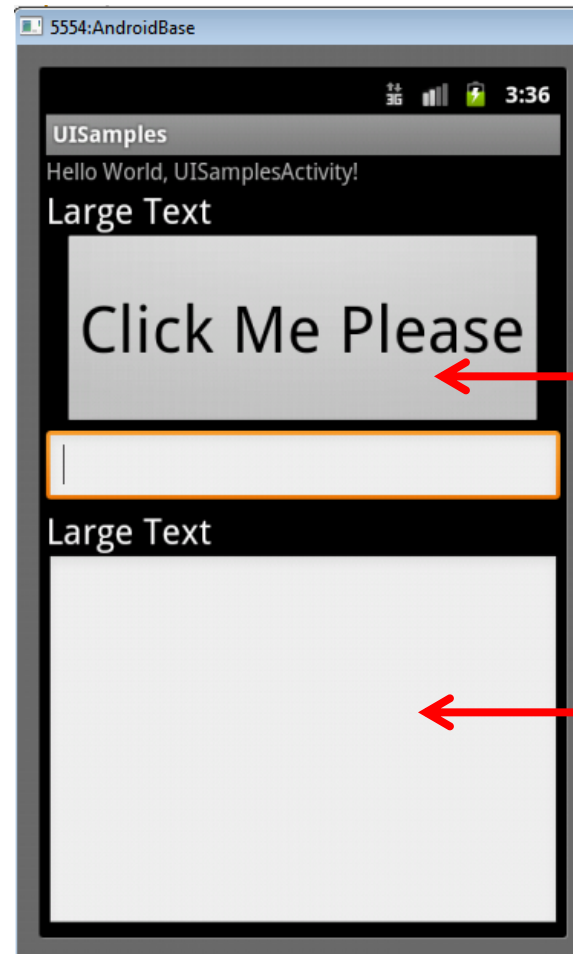


Another Weight Example



← Weight = 2

← Weight = 1

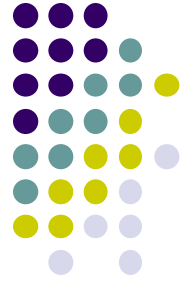


← Weight = 1

← Weight = 2

Linear Layout

- Can 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"/>

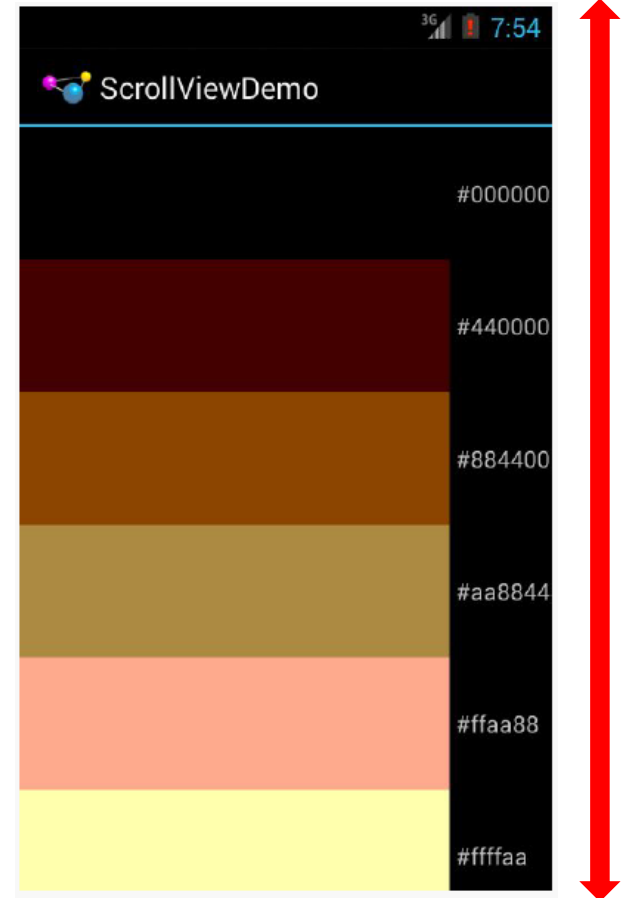
</LinearLayout>
```



Scrolling

- Phone screens are small, scrolling content helps
- Views for Scrolling:
 - **ScrollView** for vertical scrolling
 - **HorizontalScrollView**
- Examples:
 - scroll through large image
 - Linear Layout with lots of elements
- Rules:
 - Only one direct child View
 - Child could have many children of its own

```
<ScrollView
  ...>
  <LinearLayout>
    ....
    <!-- you can have as many Views in here as you want -->
  </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

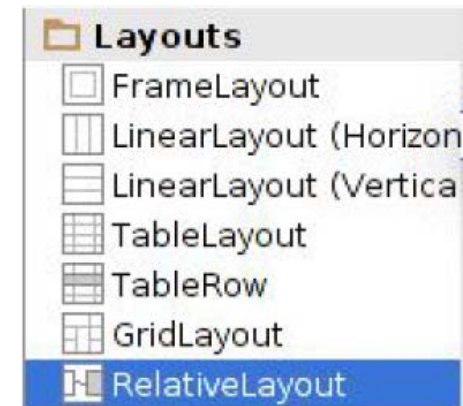
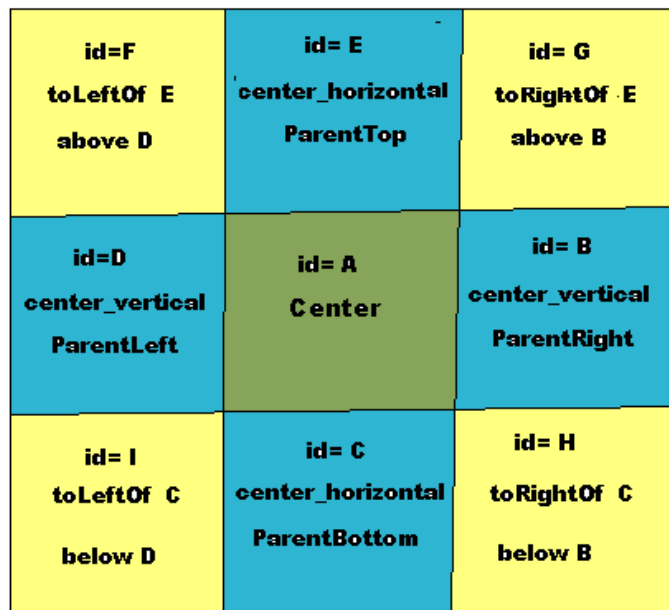




RelativeLayout

- First element listed is placed in "center"
- Positions of children specified relative to parent or to each other.

Relative Layout



RelativeLayout available
In Android Studio palette

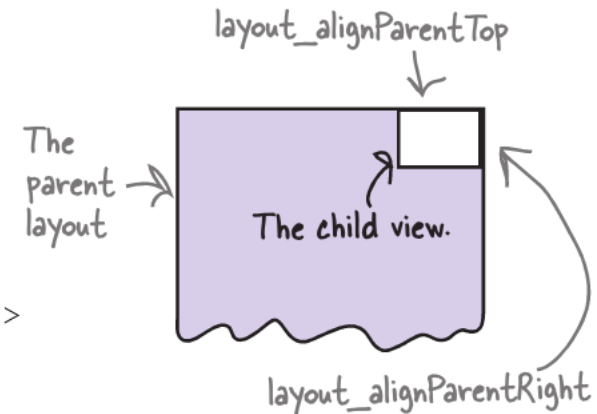


Positioning Views Relative to Parent Layout

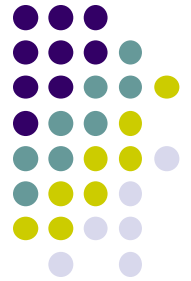
- Can position a view (e.g. button, TextView) relative to its parent
- Example: Button aligned to top, right in a Relative Layout

```
<RelativeLayout ... >  
  <Button  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="@string/click_me"  
    android:layout_alignParentTop="true"  
    android:layout_alignParentRight="true" />  
</RelativeLayout>
```

The layout contains the button, so the layout is the button's parent.



Examples: Positioning a Button Relative to Parent Layout

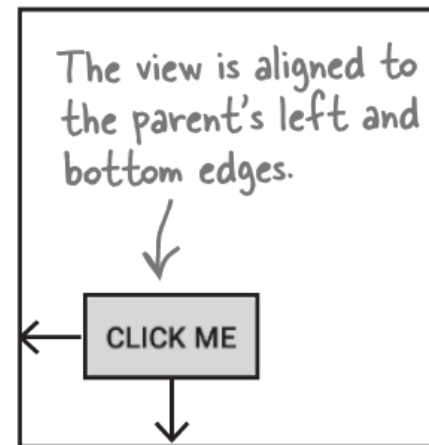


- Align to parent bottom and left

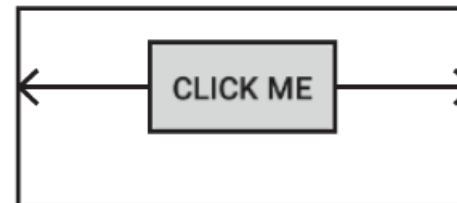
android:
layout_alignParentBottom

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android:
layout_alignParentLeft



android:
layout_centerHorizontal



See [Head First Android Development page 169](#) for more examples



Positioning Views Relative to Other Views

- The anchor view has to be assigned an ID using **android:id**
- E.g. Relative layout with 2 buttons (1 centered in layout middle, second button underneath first button)

Assign anchor button an ID

```
<RelativeLayout ... >  
  <Button  
    android:id="@+id/button_click_me"  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_centerInParent="true"  
    android:text="@string/click_me" />
```

We're using this button as an anchor for the second one, so it needs an ID.

Align second button with first button's left and below it

```
  <Button  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_alignLeft="@+id/button_click_me"  
    android:layout_below="@+id/button_click_me"  
    android:text="@string/new_button_text" />  
</RelativeLayout>
```

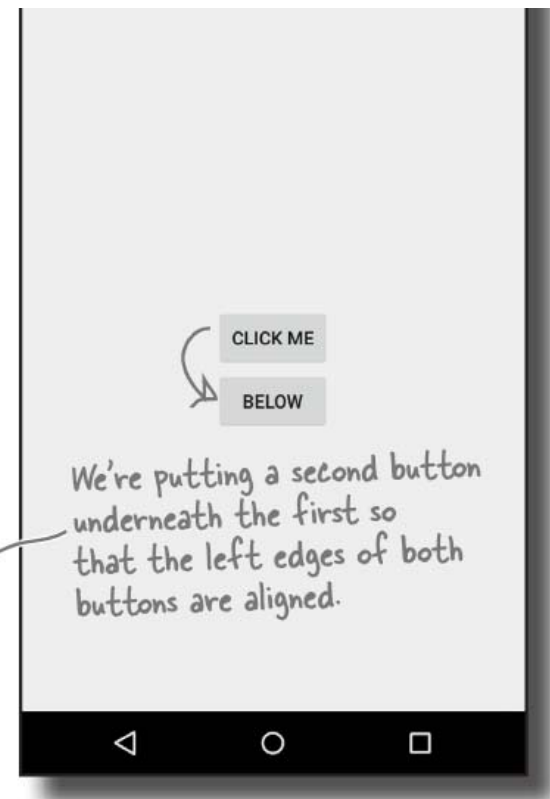


Table Layout

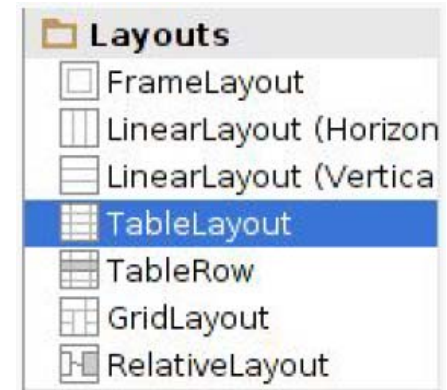
- Specify number of rows and columns of views.
- Available in Android Studio palette



Table layout

TableRows

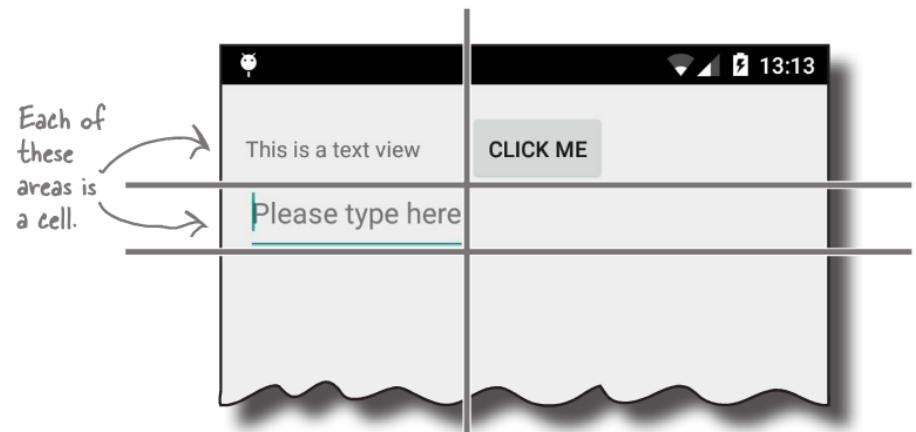
The diagram illustrates a 4x4 grid layout. Red arrows labeled "TableRows" point to each of the four rows of the grid. To the right is a screenshot of an Android application titled "Tic-Tac-Toe" running on a mobile device. The game board is a 3x3 grid with one cell highlighted in orange. Below the board, the text "You go first." and a "New Game" button are visible.





GridLayout

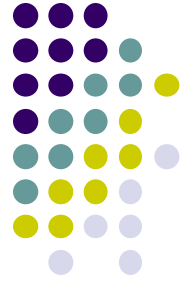
- Added in Android 4.0 (2011)
- In TableLayout, Rows can span multiple columns only
- In GridLayout, child views/controls can span multiple rows **AND** columns
 - different from TableLayout
- Gives greater design flexibility



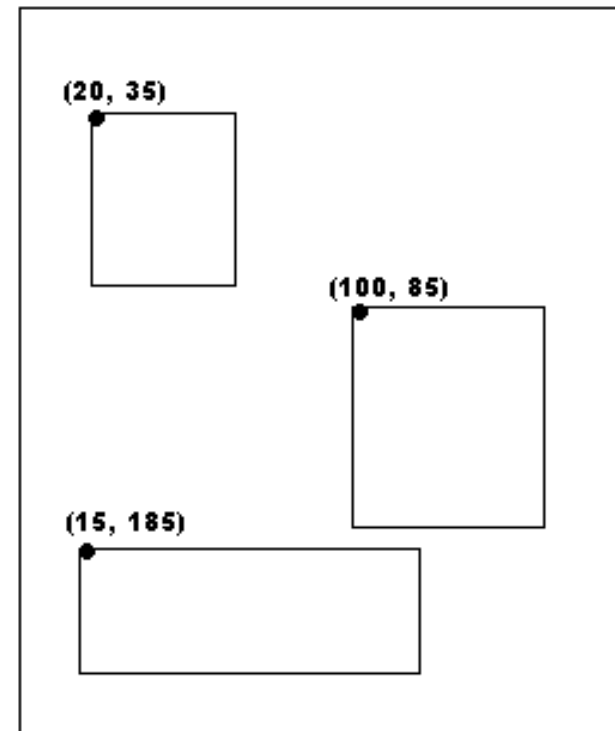
- See section “GridLayout Displays Views in a Grid” in Head First Android Development (pg 189)

Absolute Layout

- Allows specification of exact x,y coordinates of layout's children.
- Less flexible, harder to maintain



Absolute Layout

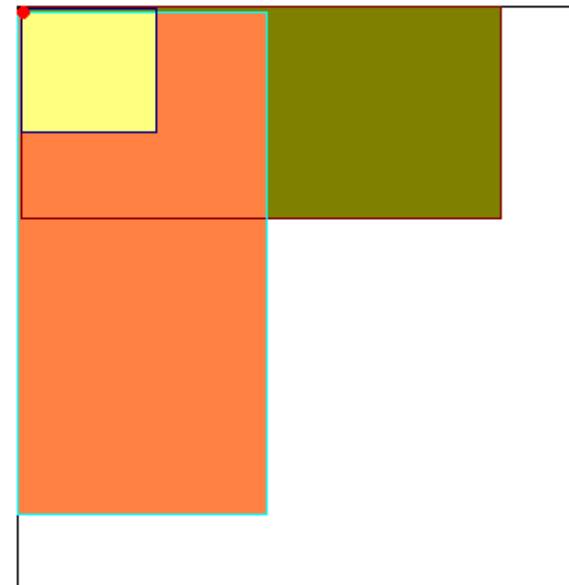




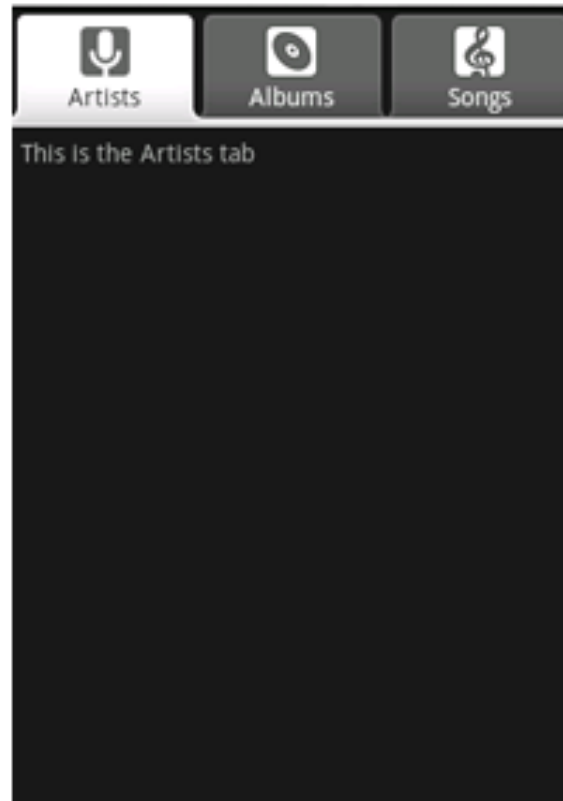
FrameLayout

- 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



Other Layouts - Tabbed Layouts





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

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)



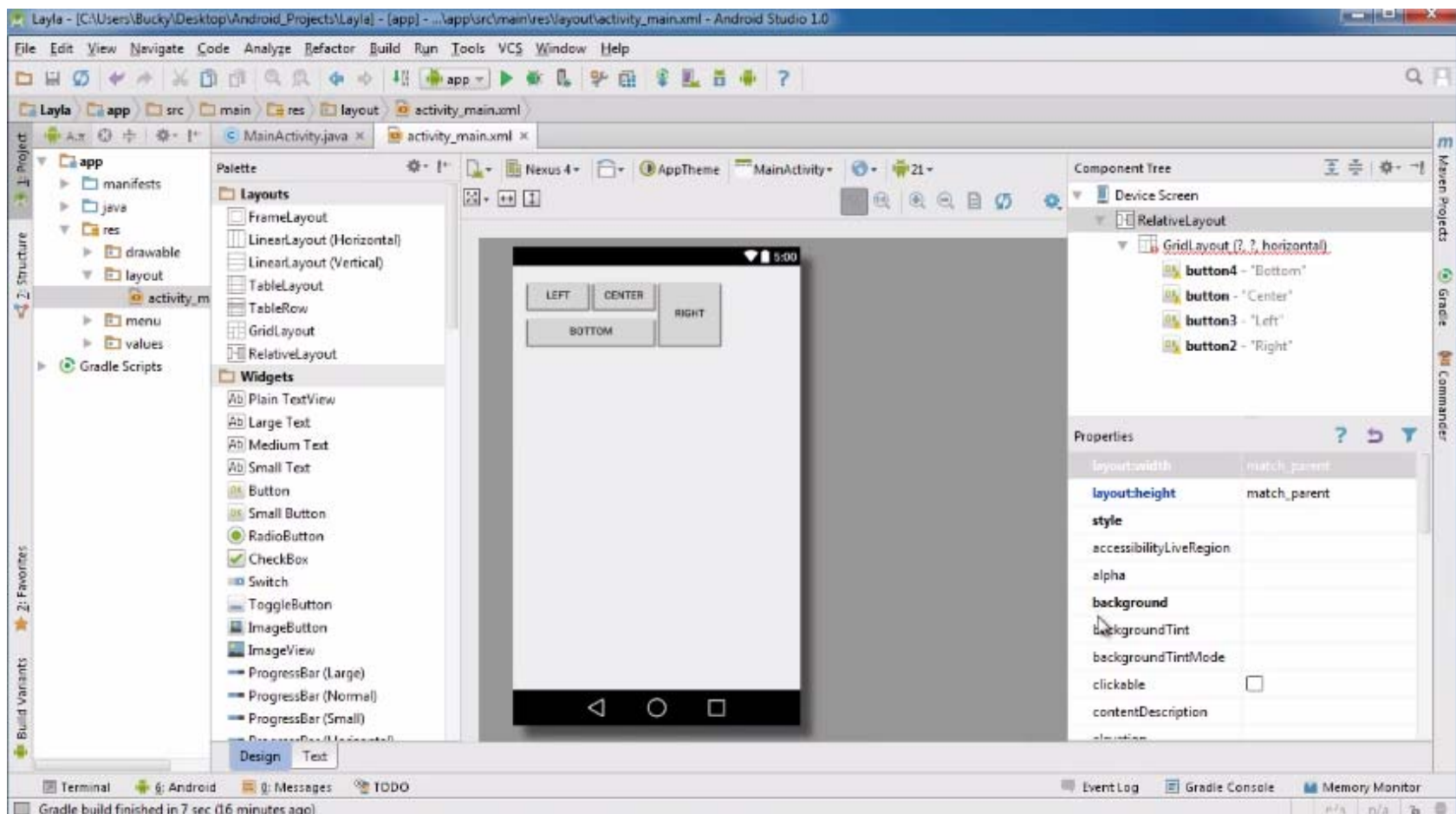
Tutorial 17: GridLayout

- 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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