NFC-connected Phone as a User Interface? There's an App For That! — Hands On

Class 3: Building an Android **Application from Scratch**

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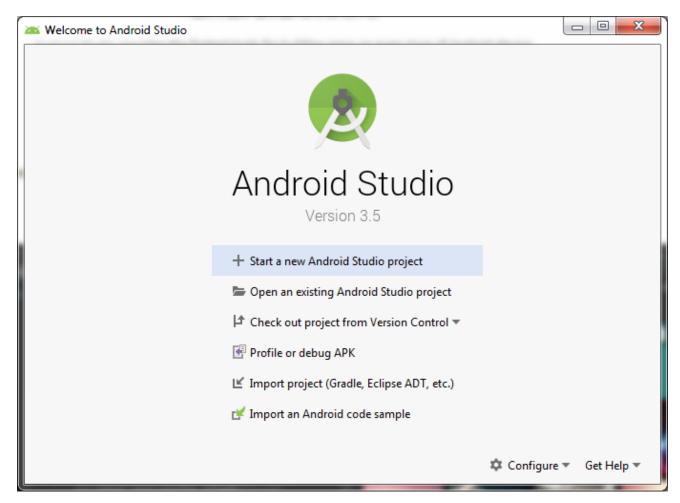
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From Monday...









Some beginning concepts

Question 1: Will you be running through the exercises on Android Development?







Apps provide multiple entry points

- Android apps are built as a combination of components that can be invoked individually. For example, an activity is a type of app component that provides a user interface.
- The "main" activity is what starts when the user taps your app icon, but you can take the user straight into a different activity from other places, such as from a notification or even from a different app.
- Other components such as broadcast receivers and services also allow your app to perform background tasks without a user interface.





Apps adapt to different devices

- Android allows you to provide different resources for different devices. For example, you can create different layouts for different screen sizes. Then the system determines which layout to use based on the current device's screen size.
- If any of your app's features need specific hardware, such as a NFC, you
 can query whether the device has that hardware at runtime and then
 disable the corresponding features if not. You can also set some features
 as required so Google Play won't allow installation on devices without
 them.







Studio Supports Two Languages

- Java
- Kotlin (OOPL derived from Java)

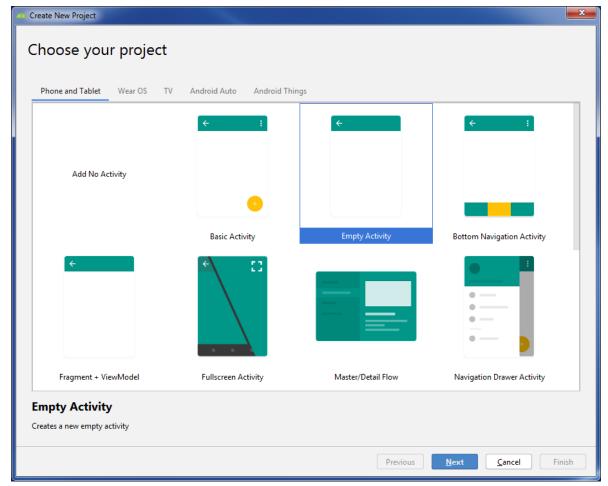
- Most examples are in Java







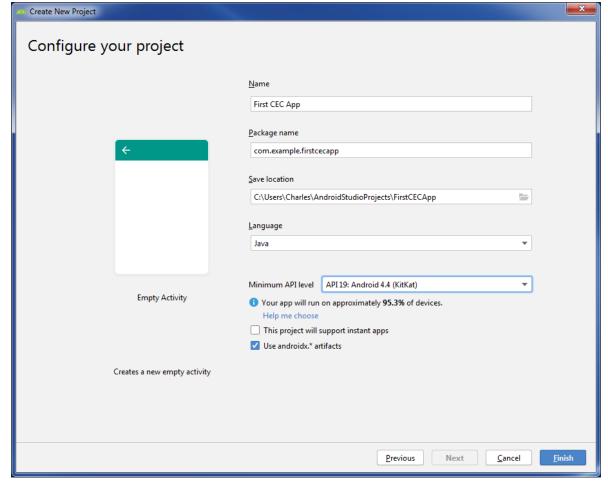
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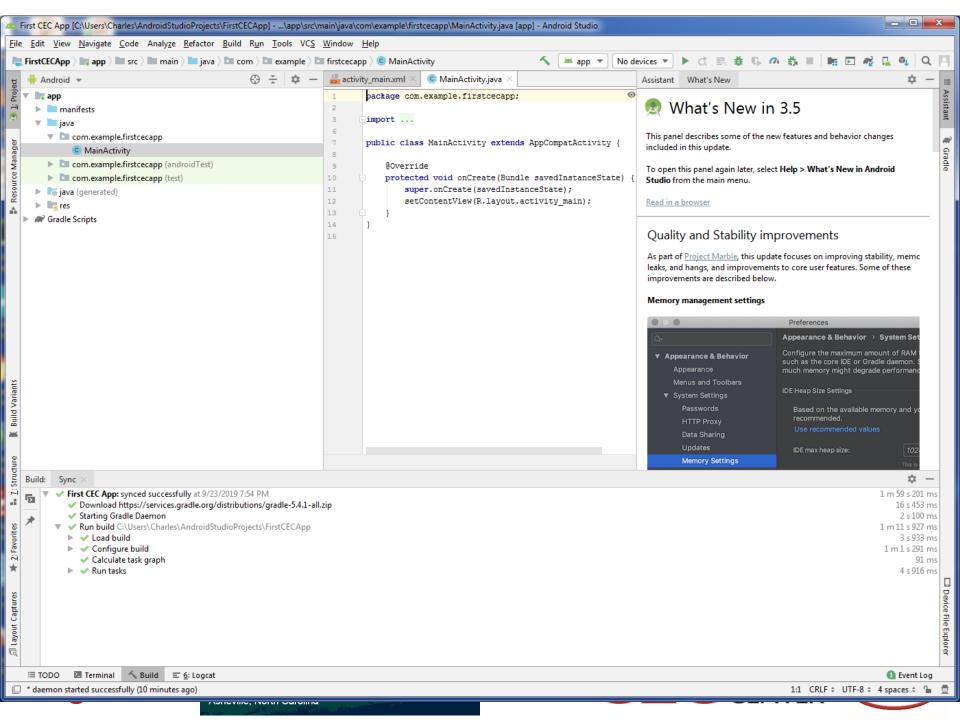
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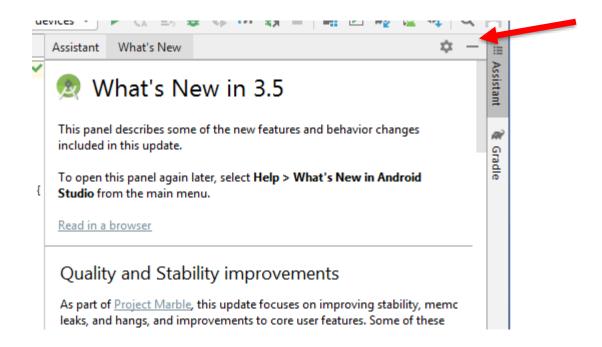








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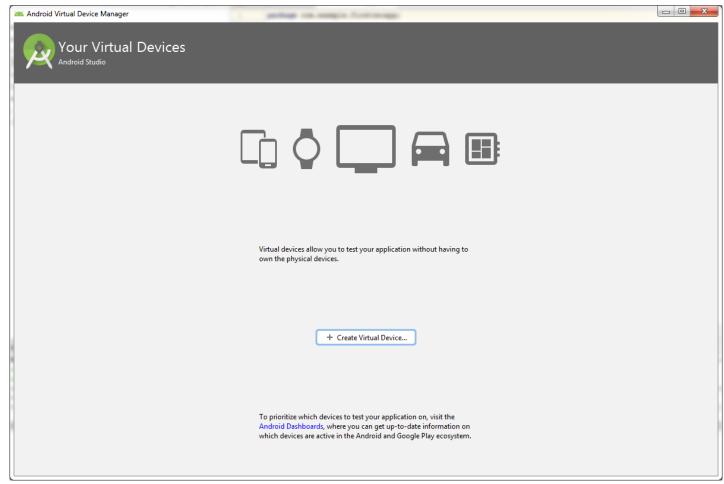








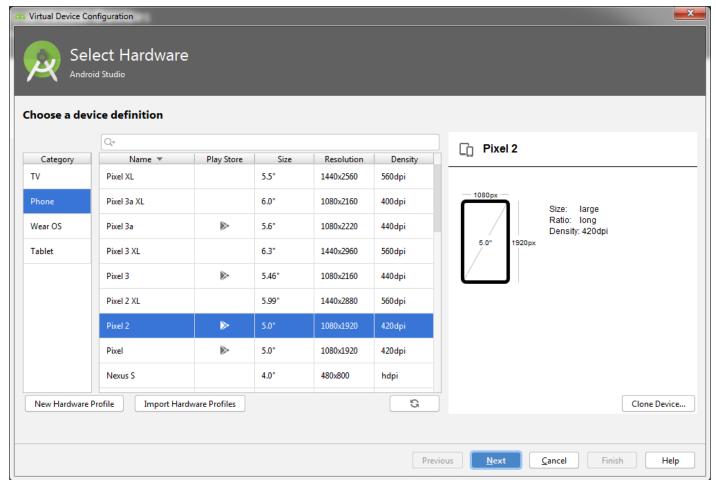
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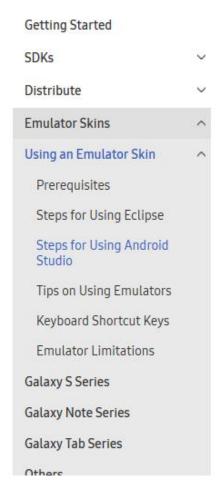
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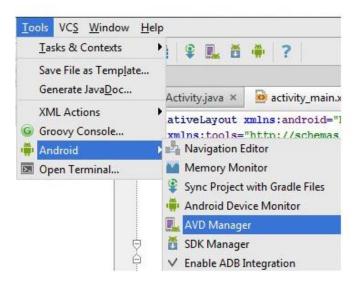


We go to developer.samsung.com



Steps for Using Samsung Emulator Skins Using Android Studio

- 1. Download Samsung Emulator Skins, You can download from here.
- After downloading, extract the zip file and copy it in the path Android Studio > plugins > android > lib > device-art-resources. (where x is the platform version number)
- Launch Android Studio.
- In Android Studio, go to Tools > Android > AVD Manager.

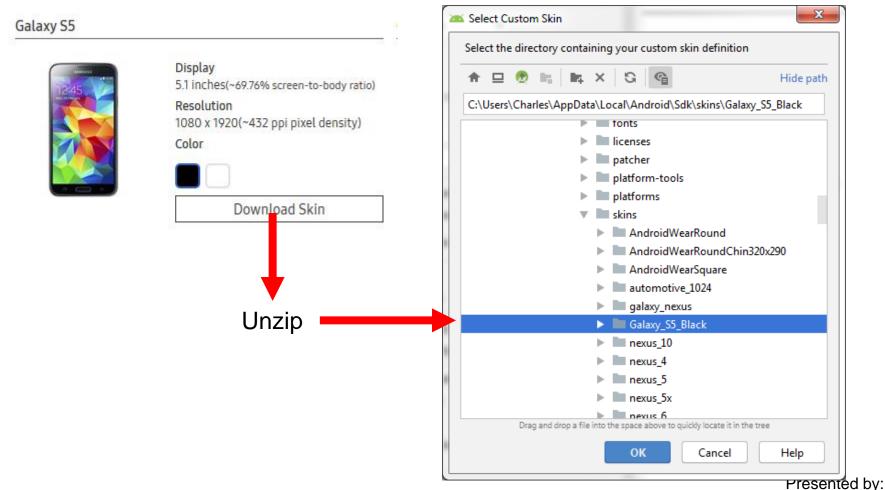








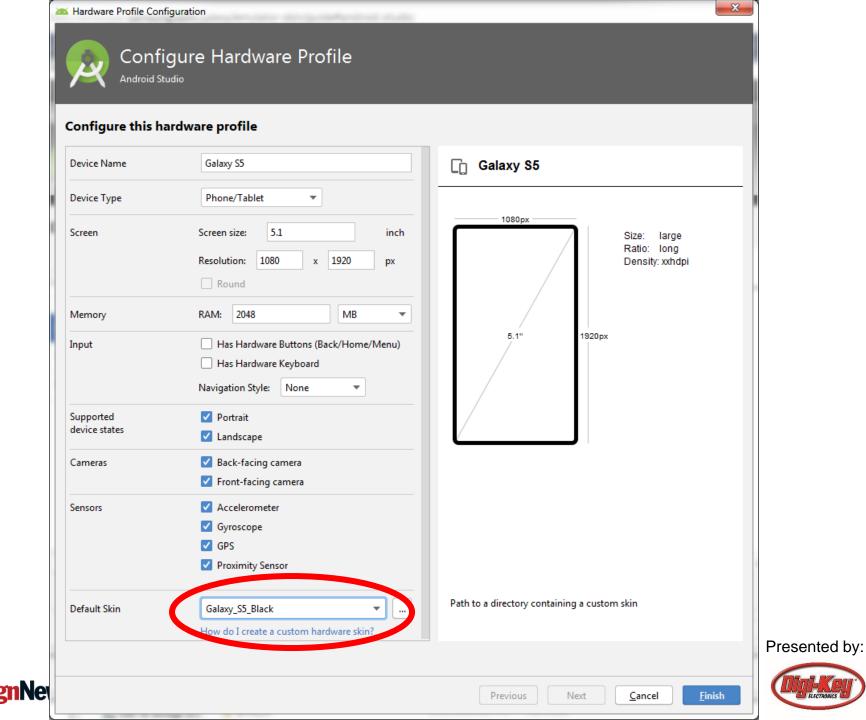
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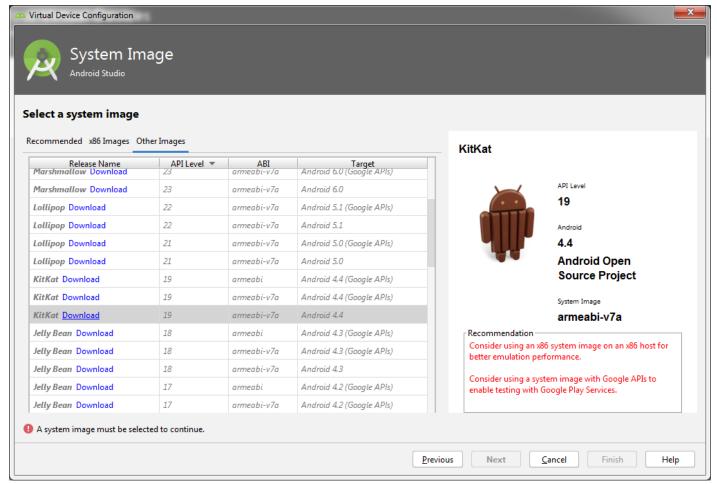


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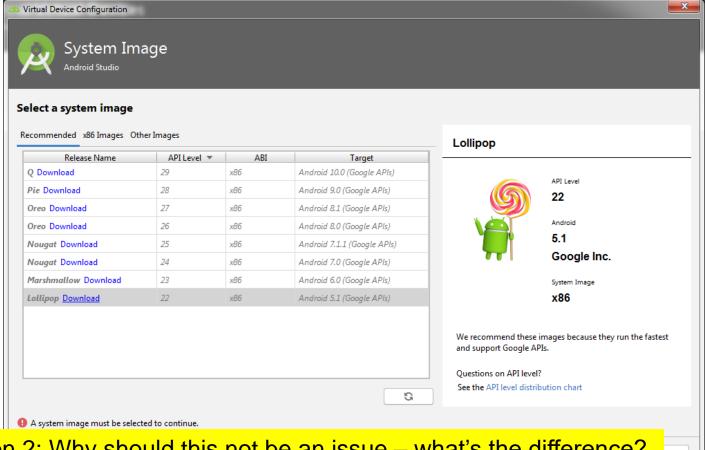
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We will use Lollypop – still 85% coverage

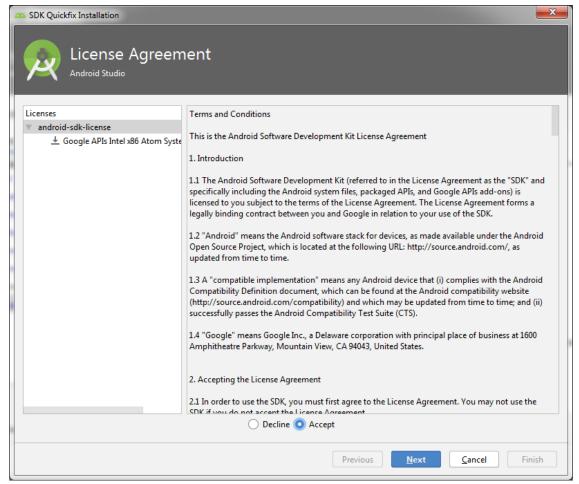


Question 2: Why should this not be an issue – what's the difference?





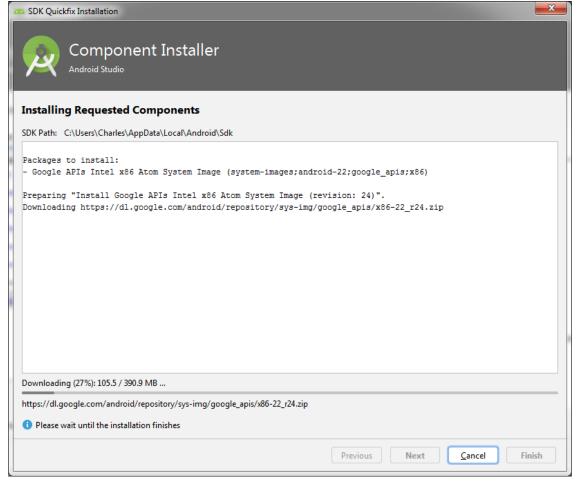
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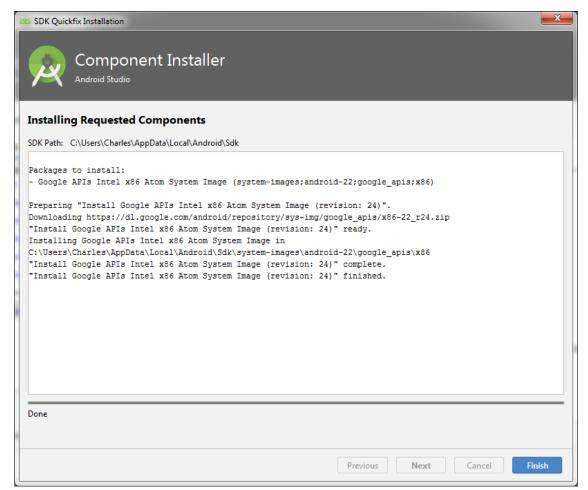
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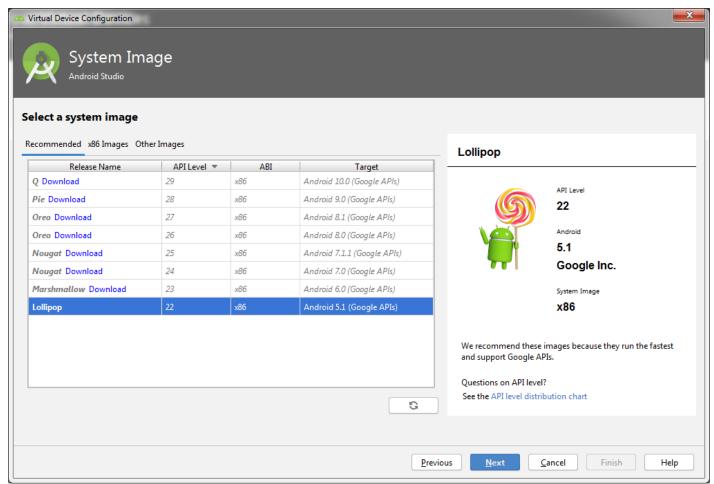
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Note it no longer says "download"

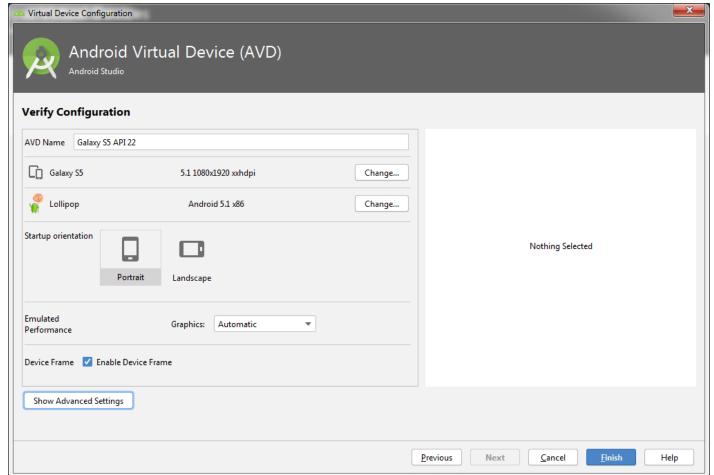


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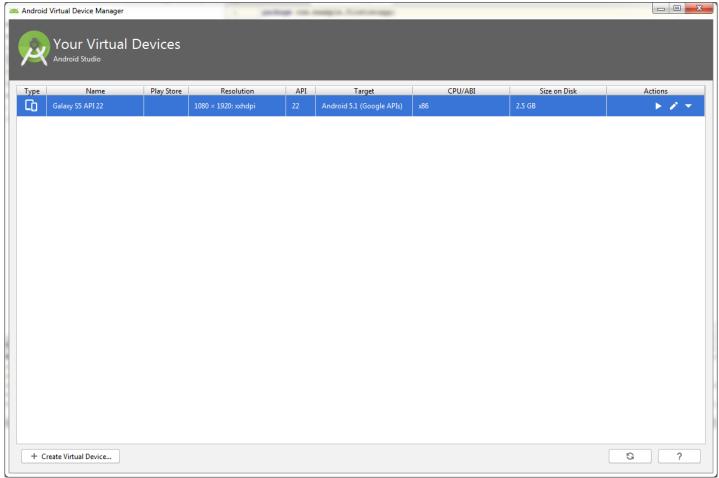


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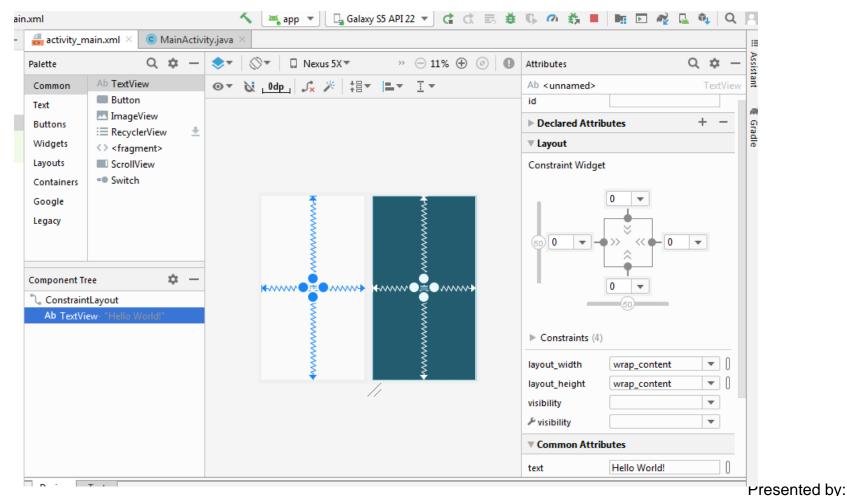
Now We have a virtual S5



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We can select our AVD and run

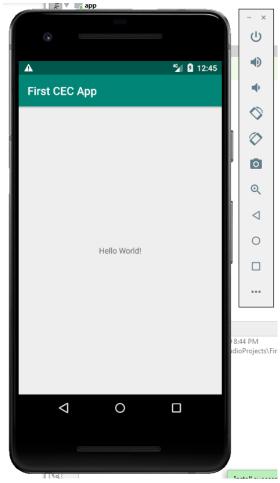


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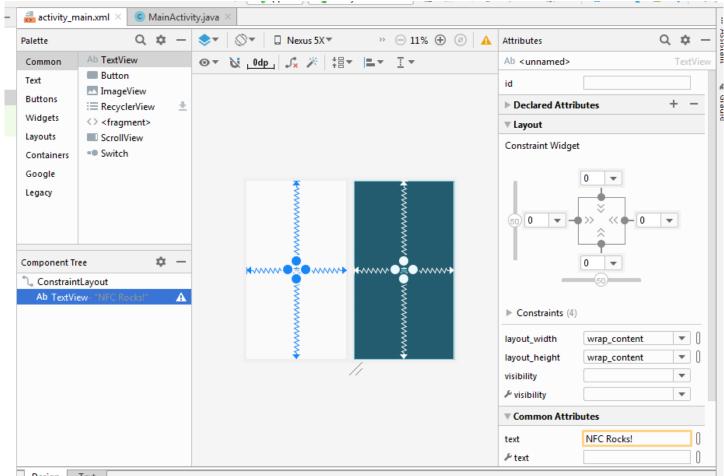
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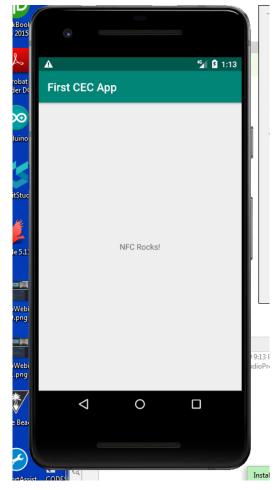
Change Text – Warning!







But it works







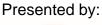


Run on a real device

- Set up your device as follows:
- Connect your device to your development machine with a USB cable. If you developed on Windows, you might need to install the appropriate USB driver for your device.
- Perform the following steps to enable USB debugging in the Developer options window:
 - Open the Settings app.
 - If your device uses Android v8.0 or higher, select System. Otherwise, proceed to the next step.
 - Scroll to the bottom and select About phone.
 - Scroll to the bottom and tap Build number seven times.
 - Return to the previous screen, scroll to the bottom, and tap Developer options.
 - In the Developer options window, scroll down to find and enable USB debugging.
- Unplug then reconnect the USB approve the computer's GUID
- Choose the device instead of the virtual device
- Run (Play protect will pop up)



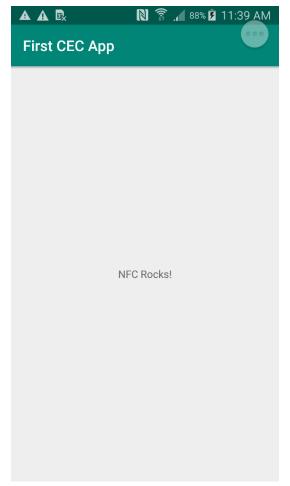
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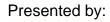
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Screenshot from phone









MainActivity is the typical entry

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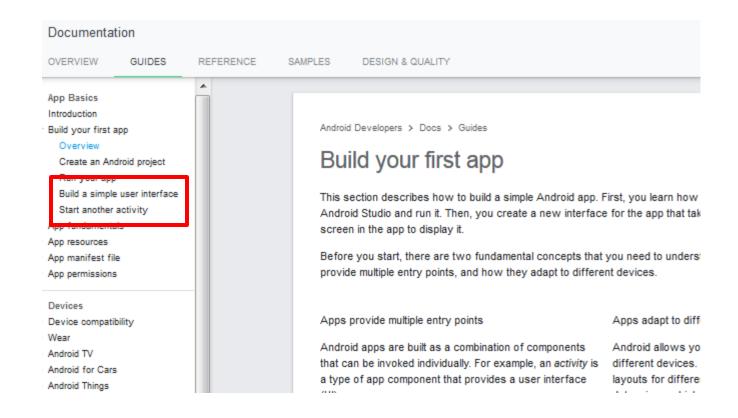
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Homework

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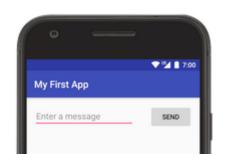


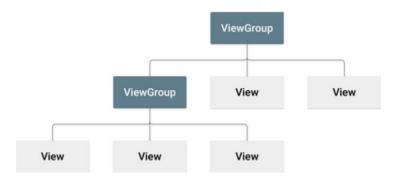






Preview of Homework





- You will learn to build a hierarchy of viewgroups
- Using the layout editor, you will build the XML tables to define these views without writing a line of code
- You will also learn about string resources (remember our warning?)

Question 3: Why would we not want to use string literals?







In Part 2 ("Start another activity):



- You will learn about 'intents' ways of sharing data between activities
- You will build a new activity for the "SEND" button and a new view for the resultant screen.
- We will review this tomorrow and then add NFC!







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