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Android Mobile Programming



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Android Major Components

- There are four main Android app components:
 - **Activities:** entry point for interacting with the user (Ex. To start Camera, read Email, etc.),
 - **Services:** general-purpose entry point for keeping an app running in the background (Ex. Play music, notification listeners, screen savers, etc.),
 - Content **providers:** share app data that can be stored on file, database, web, or on any storage location (Ex. contact information, SQLite database, etc.), and
 - Broadcast **receivers:** enables the system to deliver events to the app outside of a regular user flow (Ex. alarm to post a notification, alert, etc.).
- Whenever you create or use any of them, you must include elements in the project manifest .



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- Components are declared in the manifest, namely in the file name “AndroidManifest.xml”
- The main components that are required for the created App will be generated by default using the Android Studio
- each components has its own syntax to be followed

```
<manifest ... >
...
<application ... >
  <activity android:name="name_of_activity">
    .....
  </activity>
  <receiver android:name="name_of_the_receiver">
    .....
  </receiver>
  <service android:name="name_of_the_service">
    .....
  </service>
  <provider android:name="name_of_the_provider">
    .....
  </provider>
</application>
</manifest>
```



Android Mobile Programming

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Android Execution Environment

– Set Up Android Environment

- need an android SDK and Java Development Kit (JDK)
- Java syntax is used for writing code,
- run on Dalvik Virtual Machine,

– Android Development Tools,

- Android SDK (<https://developer.android.com/studio>)
- Android Virtual Device (AVD), once installed,

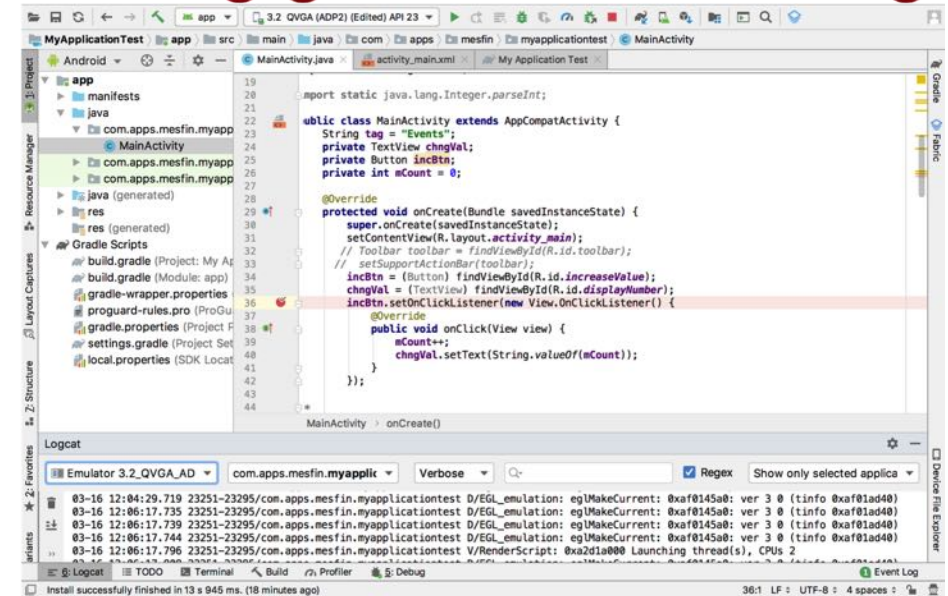
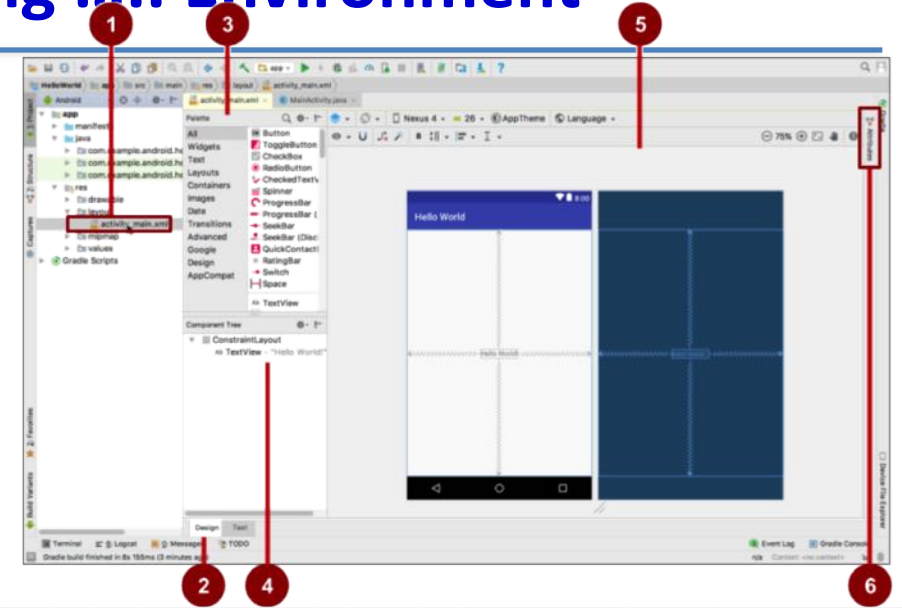
– HelloWorld: First Android Application,





Android Mobile Programming Environment

- Android Studio Layout Editor (intro)
- First window after an app is created/opened using the studio,
- 1 – Folder section, to select one item,
- 2- to switch between design & text (xml form) mode
- 3- Palette – drag & drop elements,
- 4- component tree to see the hierarchy of the components,
- 5 – view window to display xml, java, design view
- 6- Preview button to show some preview, if applicable

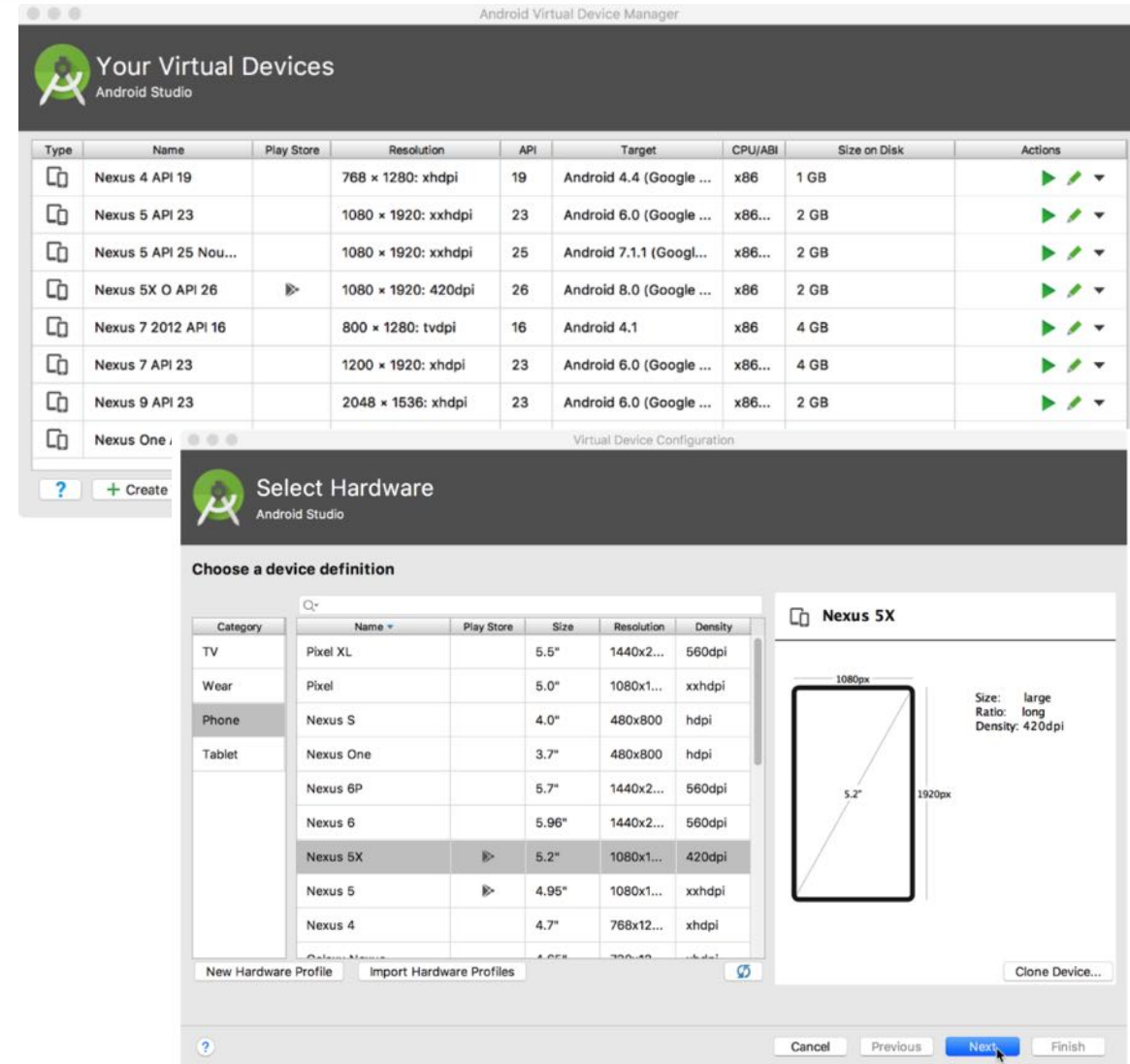




Android Mobile Programming Environment

- Create Virtual Device (Emulator)
- In Android Studio, select Tools > Android > AVD Manager,
- then +Create Virtual Device,
- Set display size (Size), API, pixels (Resolution & Density), choose a device, etc.
- Once it is completed, new emulator will listed and ready for use,
- While running the App, you need to select emulator

You can also use your own physical device, to be connected through USB cable, set the developer options in settings app





Android Mobile Programming Environment

- Gradle configuration
- Is used to adjust some settings about your mobile App, like version, libraries,
- Located in the build.gradle(Module:app),
- Used to define some dependencies to be used,
- Version will be set here when some major updates are happening

```
android {
    defaultConfig {
        applicationId "com.example.android.helloworld"
        minSdkVersion 17
        targetSdkVersion 26
        versionCode 1
        versionName "1.0"
        testInstrumentationRunner "android.support.test.runner.AndroidJUnitRunner"
    }
}
```

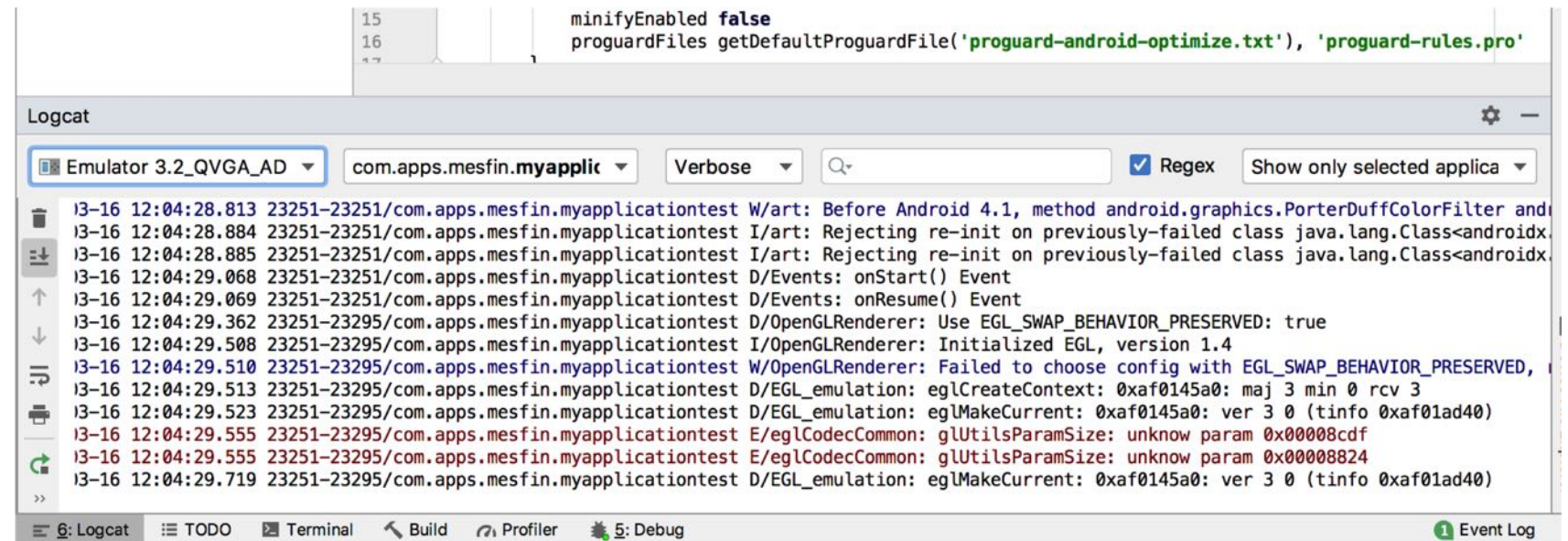
```
release {
    minifyEnabled false
    proguardFiles getDefaultProguardFile('proguard-android-optimize.t
}

dependencies {
    implementation fileTree(dir: 'libs', include: ['*.jar'])
    implementation 'androidx.appcompat:appcompat:1.0.2'
    implementation 'androidx.constraintlayout:constraintlayout:1.1.3'
    implementation 'com.google.android.material:material:1.0.0'
    testImplementation 'junit:junit:4.12'
    androidTestImplementation 'androidx.test.ext:junit:1.1.0'
    androidTestImplementation 'androidx.test.espresso:espresso-core:3.1.1'
}
```




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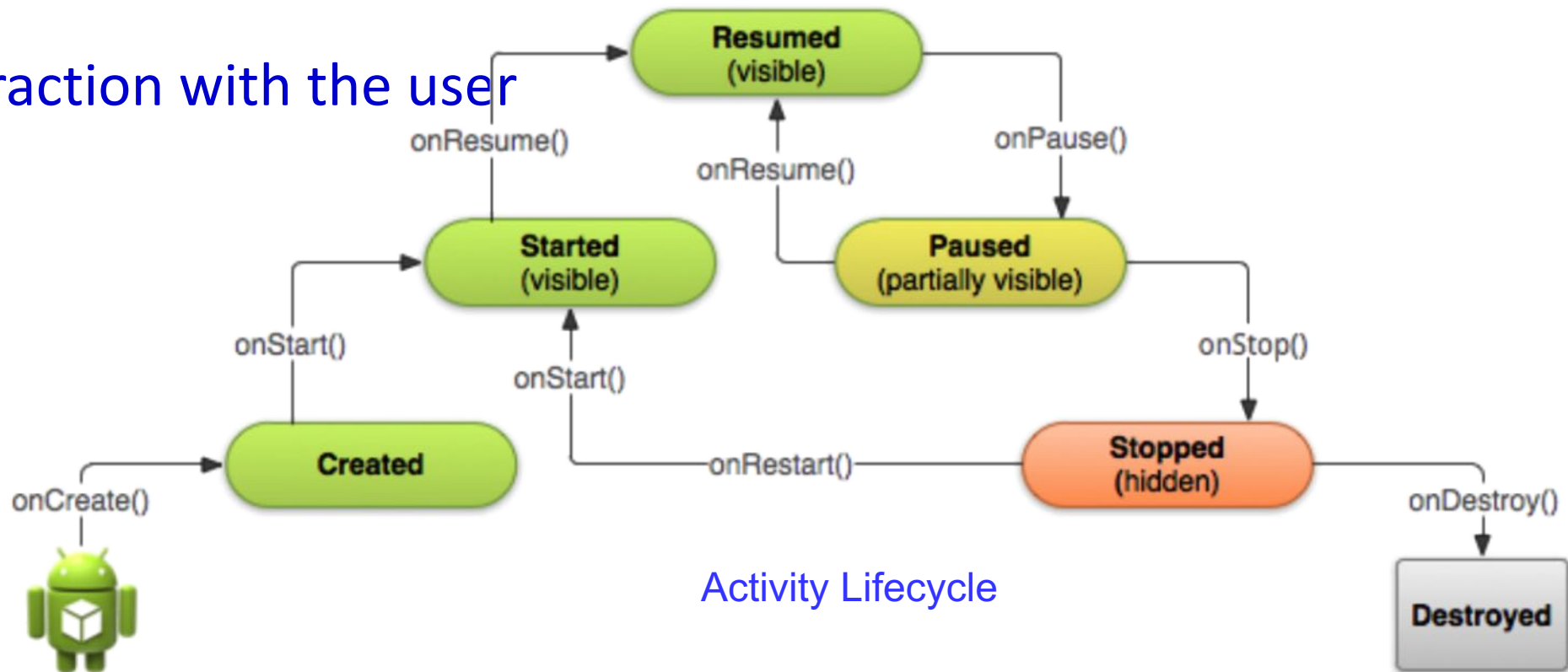
- Log Statements
- Logcat pan is used to display messages, errors, warnings, etc. while compiling, debugging and running the App,
- The window/pan has different options to display variety of information about the running App,





3 Android Activities

- Activity Lifecycle indicate the path of activity from it's creation up to it's destroyed
- Shows the interaction with the user
 - onCreate():
 - onStart():
 - onResume():
 - onRestart():
 - onPause()
 - onStop()
 - onDestroy(),





Android Mobile Programming Activities

- Android Activities

```
package com.Debosmita.Activitytest;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.app.Activity;
import android.util.Log;

public class MainActivity extends Activity {
    String tag = "Events";
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle
        savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
        Log.d(tag, "onCreate() Event");
    }
}
```

```
@Override
public void onStart() {
    super.onStart();
    Log.d(tag, "onStart() Event");
}
```

```
@Override
public void onRestart() {
    super.onRestart();
    Log.d(tag, "onRestart() Event");
}
```

```
@Override
public void onResume() {
    super.onResume();
    Log.d(tag, "onResume() Event");
}
```

```
@Override
public void onPause() {
    super.onPause();
    Log.d(tag, "onPause() Event");
}
```

```
@Override
public void onStop() {
    super.onStop();
    Log.d(tag, "onStop() Event");
}
```

```
@Override
public void onDestroy() {
    super.onDestroy();
    Log.d(tag, "onDestroy() Event");
}
```



Android Mobile Programming Activities

- Android Activities, when you run the App, you will see how the different activities are executed, who is following whom



Figure onCreate() followed by onStart()

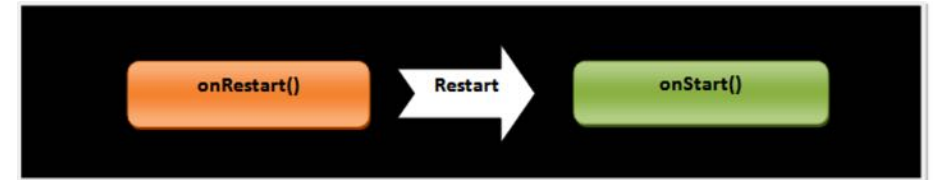


Figure onRestart() is followed by onStart()

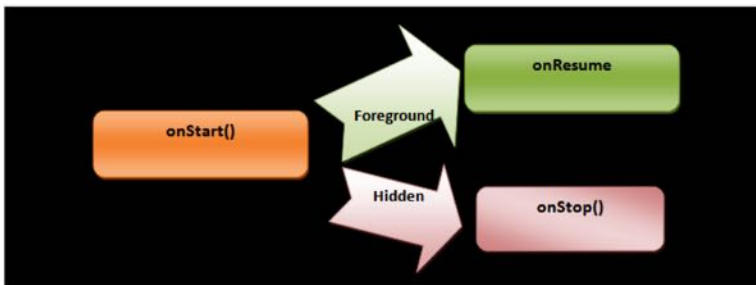


Figure onStart() may be followed by onResume() or onStop()

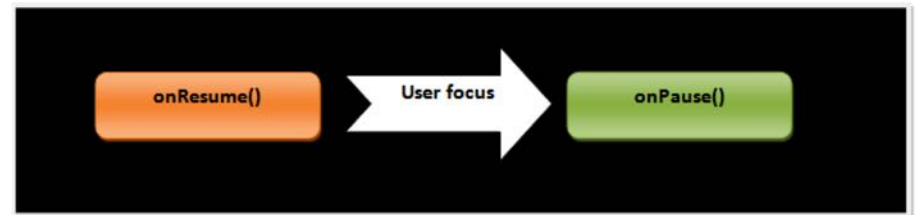


Figure onResume() is followed by onPause()

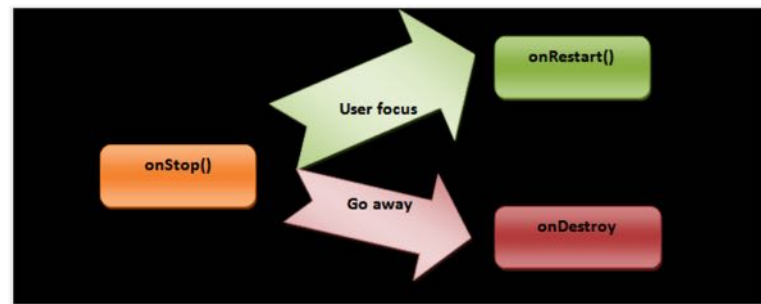


Figure onStop() may be followed by onRestart() or onDestroy().

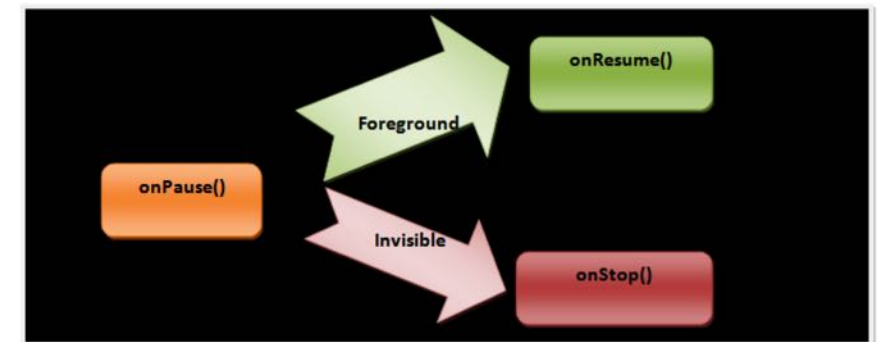


Figure onPause() may be followed by onResume() or onStop().





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Android View/Layout Editor

- is responsible for the user interface of the Android application,
- is a widget which appears on screen, in XML file
- many view objects in Android, like buttons, text, text edit, image view, check/radio/toggle button, switch, etc.
- There are also view groups to show multiple view objects in specific order/fashion, like Linear, Table, Relative, Frame, Grid and Absolute Layout

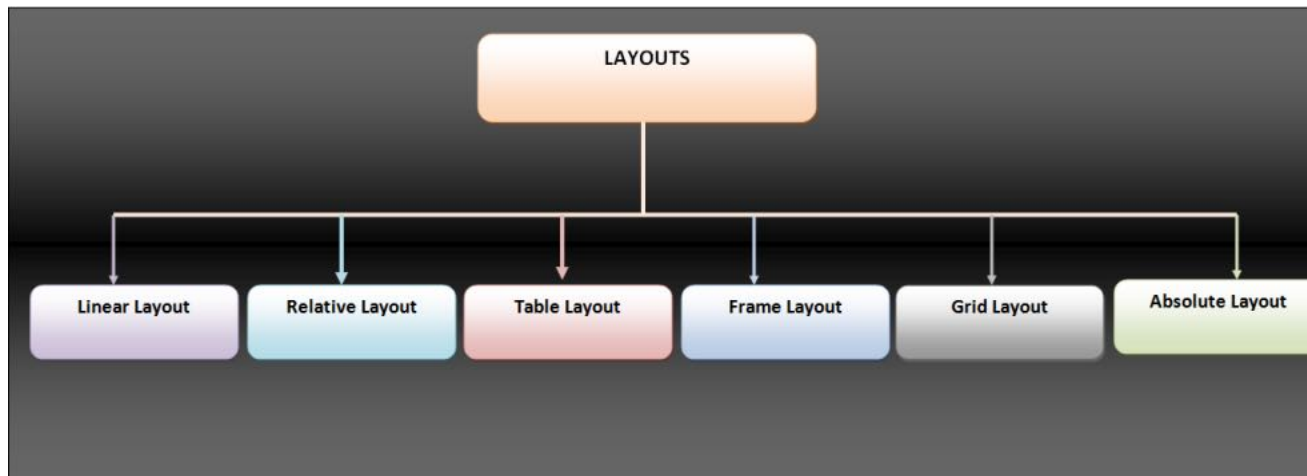
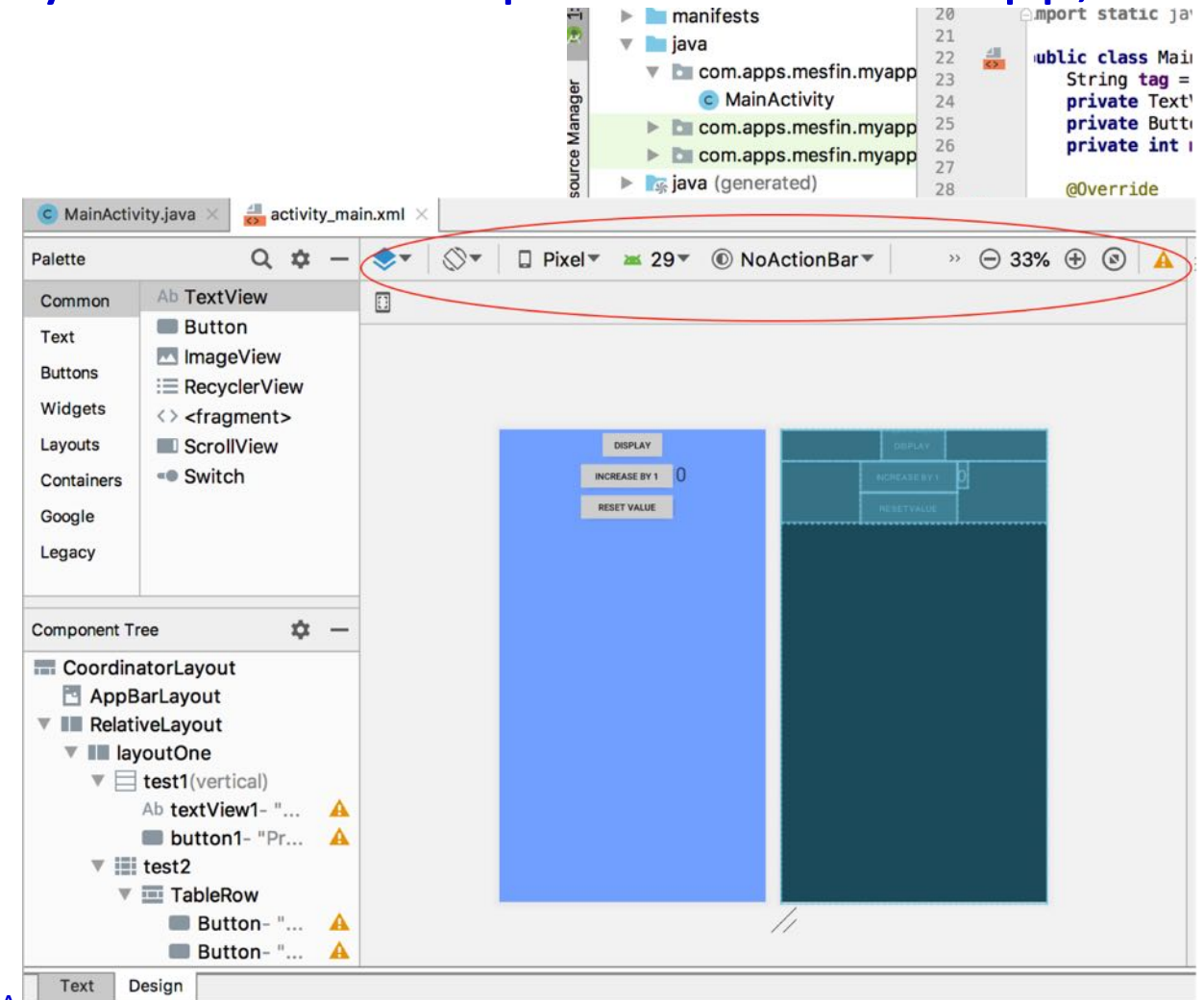


Figure Layouts supported by Android System



Android Mobile Programming View

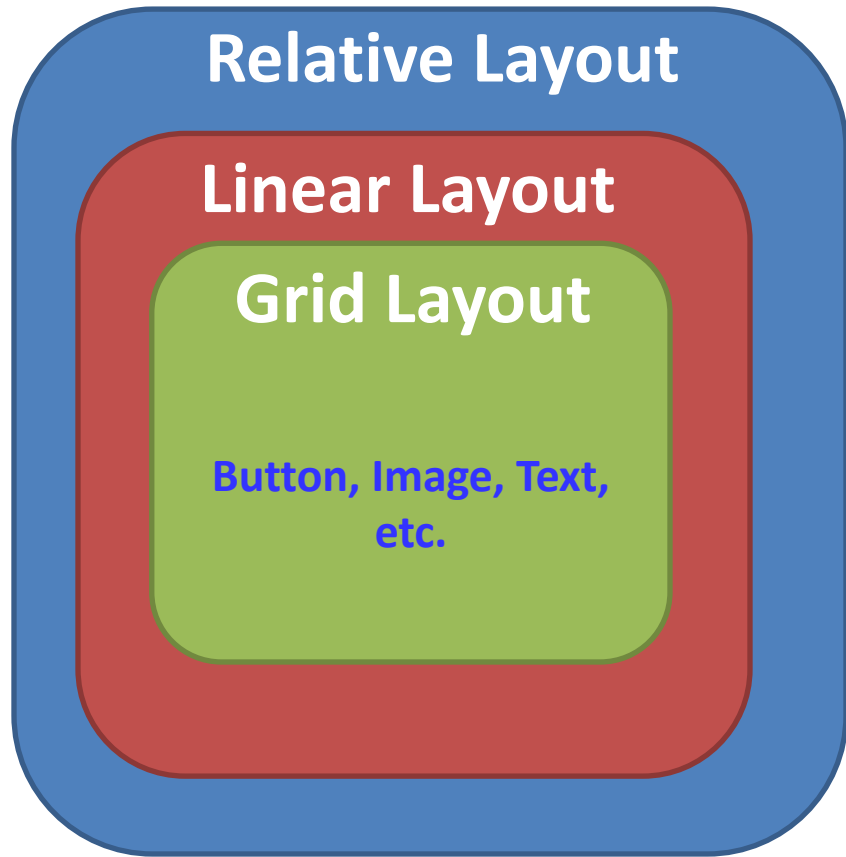
- Layout Editor is used to edit the layout of the components on the App,
 - Contains all layout xml files
 - To select design surface, design + blueprint, orientation, phone pixel, API version, action bar type, size of the preview, etc.,
 - Move, position, resize, etc. components in the editor
 - All the above can also be done using xml code,





Android Mobile Programming View

– View Groups can be also concatenated (linked in chain)



```
<RelativeLayout
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content">
  <LinearLayout
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
    <GridLayout
      android:layout_width="wrap_content"
      android:layout_height="wrap_content">
      <!-- view objects, like buttons, text, text edit,
      image view, -->
    </GridLayout>
  </LinearLayout>
</RelativeLayout>
```



Android Mobile Programming View

– Example, Linear Layout

```
<LinearLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:orientation="vertical" >
  <TextView
    android:id="@+id/textView1"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="How are you doing ?"
    android:textAppearance="?android:attr/textAppearanceLarge" />
  <Button
    android:id="@+id/button1"
    android:layout_width="152dp"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:text="Press Here" />
</LinearLayout>
```

How are you doing ?

PRESS HERE





Android Mobile Programming View

– For your practice, try to design the screen shot shown below.

A screenshot of a mobile application login screen. It features a yellow header bar. Below the header, the text "No User" is displayed in red. The form contains three input fields: "User Id" with the placeholder text "User Id", "Password" with "*****" as a placeholder, and a "Description" field with a light green background. A blue "Login" button is positioned at the bottom center of the form.



Hint: RelativeLayout is best

A screenshot of a mobile application registration screen. It features a yellow header bar. Below the header, the text "No User" is displayed in red. The form contains several input fields: "Reader Name" with the placeholder "Reader's Name", "Shop Owner" with "Room Owner", "Shop No" with "000" and a dropdown arrow, "Reading Date" with "yyyy/mm/dd" and a calendar icon, a "Description" field with a light green background, "New Reading" with "000", and a "Note" field. A blue "Submit" button is positioned at the bottom center of the form.



Android Mobile Programming View

– Table Layout

```
<TableLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content">
  <TableRow>
    <!-- view objects, like buttons, text, text edit,
         image view, -->
  </TableRow>
  <TableRow>
    <!-- view objects, like buttons, text, text edit,
         image view, -->
  </TableRow>
</TableLayout>
```

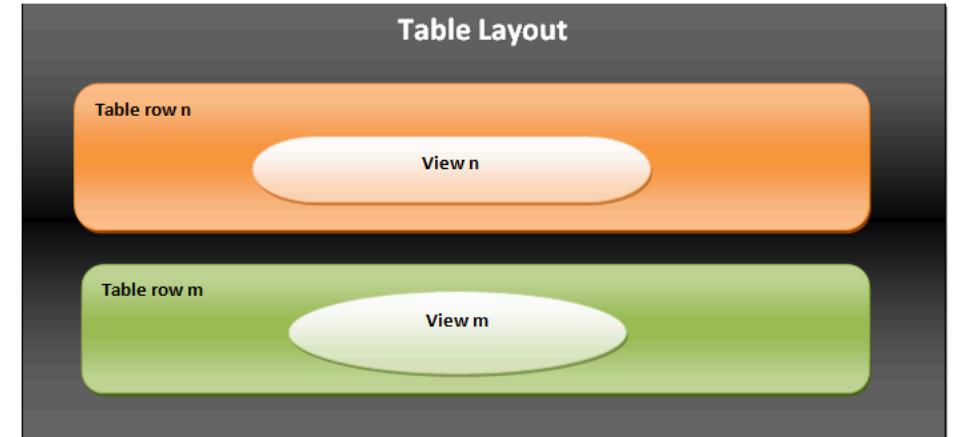


Figure Table Layout

Row 1 Column 1	Row 1 Column 2	Row 1 Column 3
Row 2 Column 1		Row 2 Column 2
Row 3 Column 1		

Hint: use `layout_span` in the table layout



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Interactive User Interface

- invoked action when the user clicks or taps on a clickable UI element,
- Called a click handler,
- It can be defined in two ways, in the XML editor or in the main activity using java code (both have the same effect)
- Procedure:-
 - Create the UI component, it can be Button, Image, etc.
 - Assign ID for the UI, make the it Clickable, usually in XML ,
 - Add a method in the main activity to react to the action of the interaction,



Android Mobile Programming Interactive UI

- Simple Exercise (defining the UI interaction in XML)



```
.....  
@Override  
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
}  
public void showToast(View view)  
{  
    Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(), "Display  
    Button is Clicked !", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();  
}  
.....
```

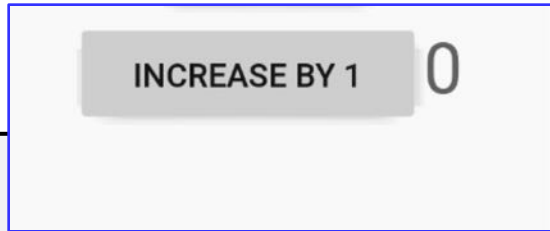
```
<RelativeLayout  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:gravity="center">  
    <Button  
        android:id="@+id/displayText"  
        android:layout_width="100dp"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:text="Display"  
        android:onClick="showToast"/>  
</RelativeLayout>
```





Android Mobile Programming Interactive UI

- Simple Exercise (defining the UI interaction in the main activity)



```
.....  
<Button  
    android:id="@+id/increaseValue"  
    android:layout_width="150dp"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="Increase by 1" />  
<TextView  
    android:id="@+id/displayNumber"  
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:layout_toRightOf="@id/increaseValue"  
    android:textSize="30sp"  
    android:text="0"/>  
.....
```

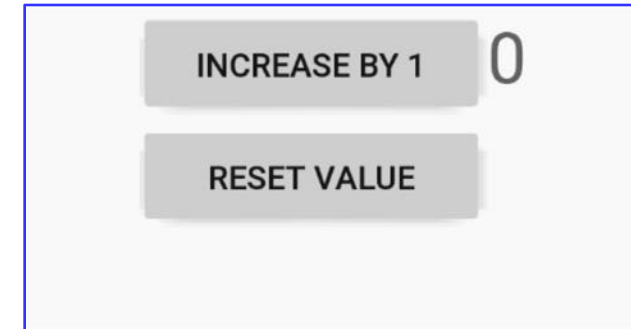
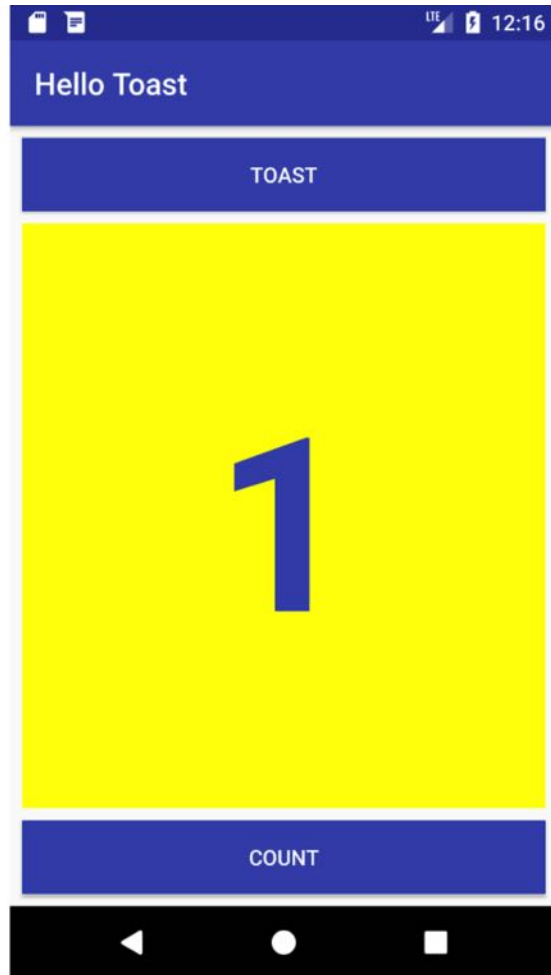
```
.....  
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
    private int mCount = 0;  
    private TextView chngVal;  
    private Button incBtn;  
.....
```

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
    .....  
    incBtn = (Button) findViewById(R.id.increaseValue);  
    chngVal = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.displayNumber);  
    incBtn.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {  
        @Override  
        public void onClick(View view) {  
            mCount++;  
            chngVal.setText(String.valueOf(mCount));  
        }  
    });  
}  
.....
```



Android Mobile Programming Interactive UI

- For your exercise





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Text and Scrolling Views

- TextView – one of widely used component,
- TextView and Scrolling View classes are a subclass of the View class
- Text view - to display single/multiple lines of text
- Scrolling view –to scroll content if the size doesn't fit to the device display,
- Scrolling view – can be applied on single components or even a group of components in specific layout



Android Mobile Programming Layout Editor

• TextView & Scrolling View – Explanations

```

<RelativeLayout
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content">
  <TextView >
    android:id="@+id/article_heading"
    ...../>
  <TextView >
    android:id="@+id/article_subheading"
    ...../>
  <ScrollView
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
    <TextView >
      android:id="@+id/article"
      ...../>
  </ScrollView>
</ RelativeLayout >

```

TextView 1

TextView 2

TextView 3

Scroll View

Text and Scrolling Views

Description of Text and Scrolling Views

You will make all these changes in the **XML** code and in the strings.xml file. You will edit the XML code for the layout in the **Text** pane, which you show by clicking the Text tab, rather than clicking the Design tab for the Design pane. Some changes to UI elements and attributes are easier to make directly in the Text pane using **XML** source code.

In a vault deep inside Abbey Road Studios in **London** – protected by an unmarked, triple-locked, police-alarmed door – are something like 400 hours of unreleased Beatles recordings, starting from June 2, 1962 and ending with the very last tracks recorded for the *Let It Be* album. The best of the best were released by Apple Records in the form of the 3-volume Anthology series. For more information, see the Beatles Time Capsule at www.rockument.com.

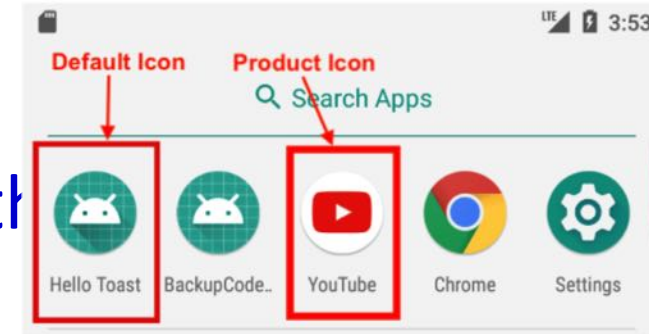


Android Mobile Programming Launcher Icon

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Launcher Icon

- Each app you create with Android Studio starts with a default launcher icon,
- Launcher icons are also called app icons or product icons,
- You can change the default icon either with image, clipart or text,
- Change also the foreground and background part of icon
- Image- you need to design them with .png format, clipart- are built in symbols to select,

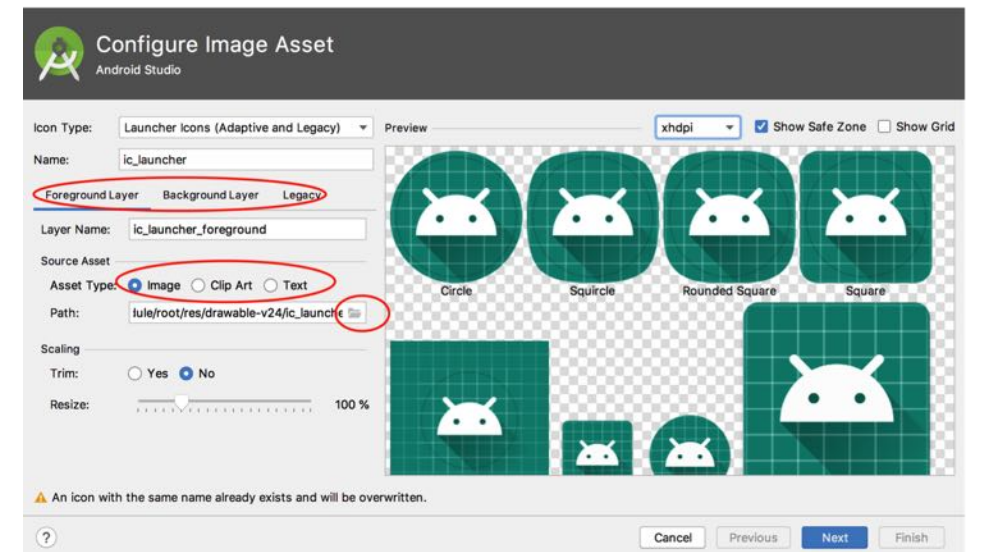
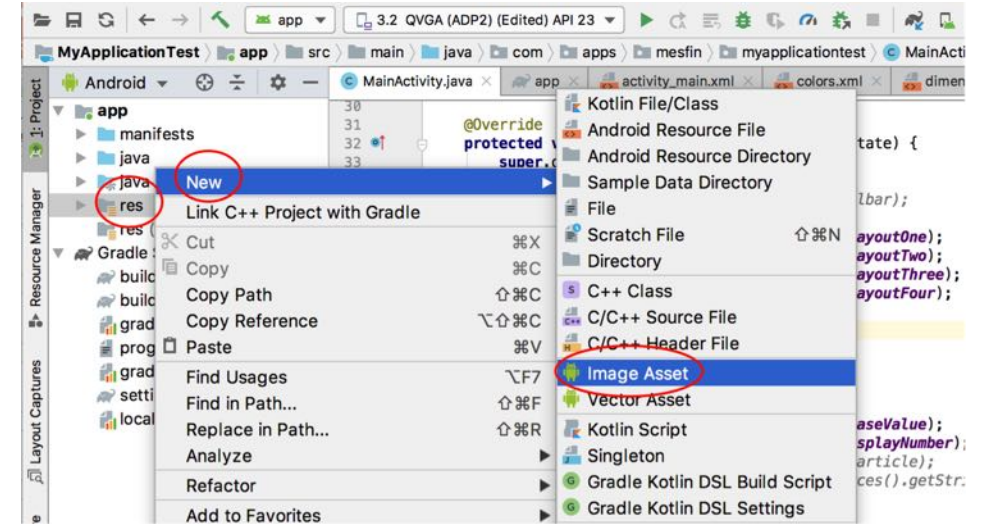


ClipArt



Android Mobile Programming Launcher Icon

- Select res folder from folder section, then select new then image asset, the configure image asset dialog will appear,
- Once the image asset dialog is opened change the different options exist, like rename the icon, select from image or from clipart, resize the icon, change the background color/image, etc.
- Once parameter set, you click next and finalize the icon creation





Android Mobile Programming Launcher Icon

- Change the Launcher Icon (exercise)
 - Design your own .png image for your App,
 - Make the size 512x512 pixel,
 - Follow the procedure how to change launcher icon, and
 - Display the final result

