[Tutorial #1] Environment setup: My First Android Project

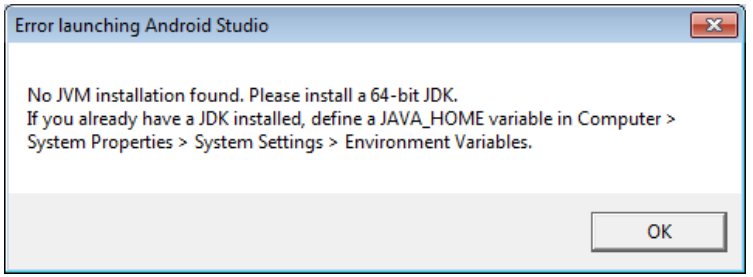
Android Developing - Environment Setup

Android Studio

- Download: http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html
- Requirement:
  - Java JDK 7 or higher version
  - 2 GB memory
  - Windows / Mac OS X (10.8.5)

Error – Environment Variable

- Find the path of the installed Java JDK and add it as a system environment variable



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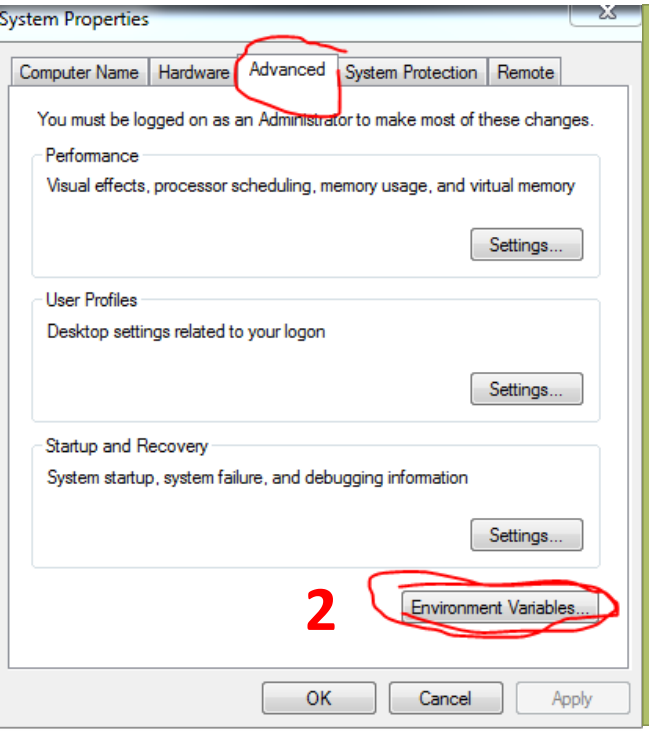

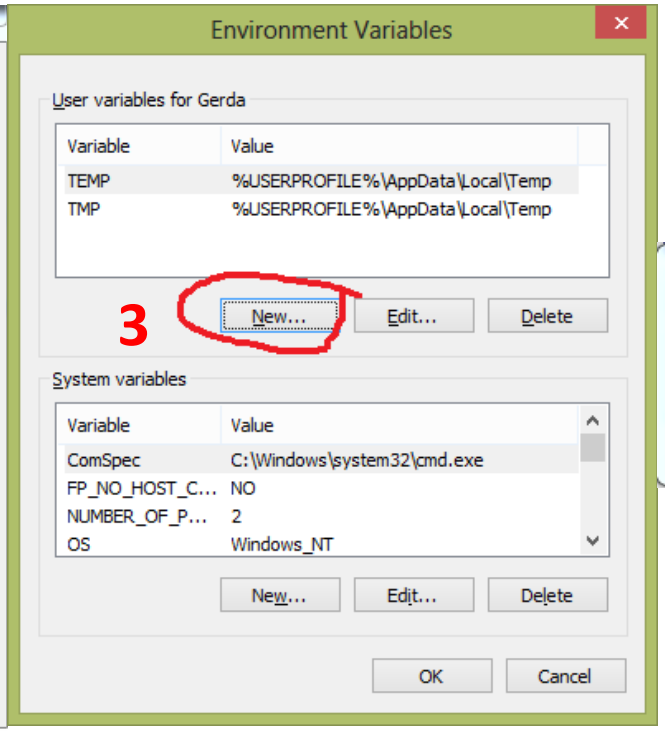

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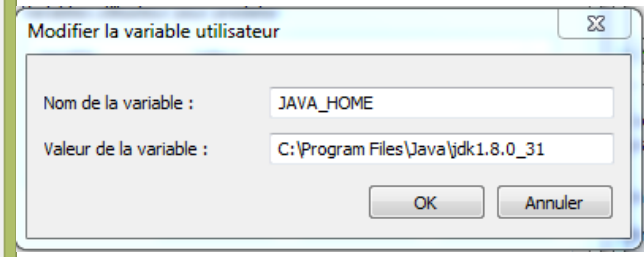
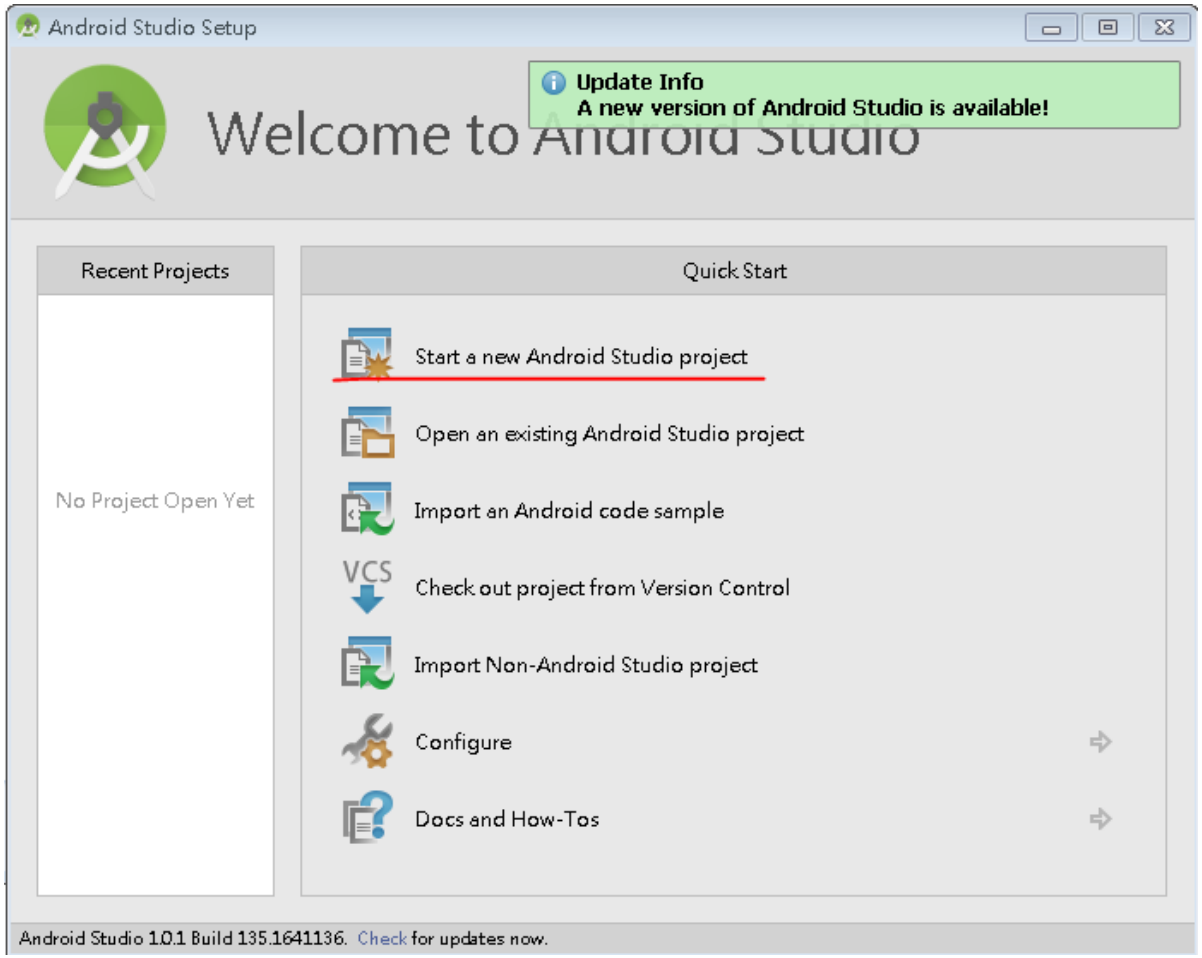


Create Your First Android Project



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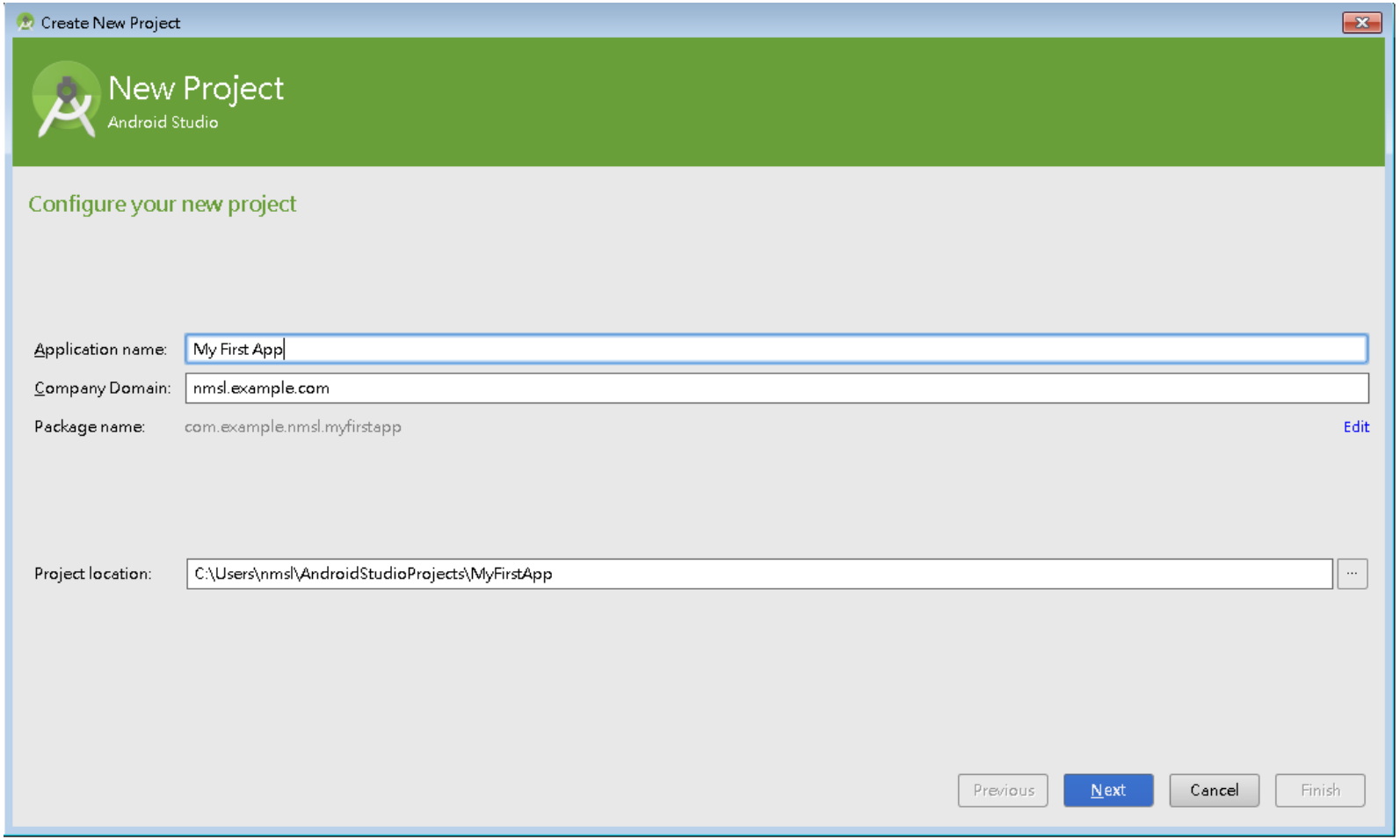

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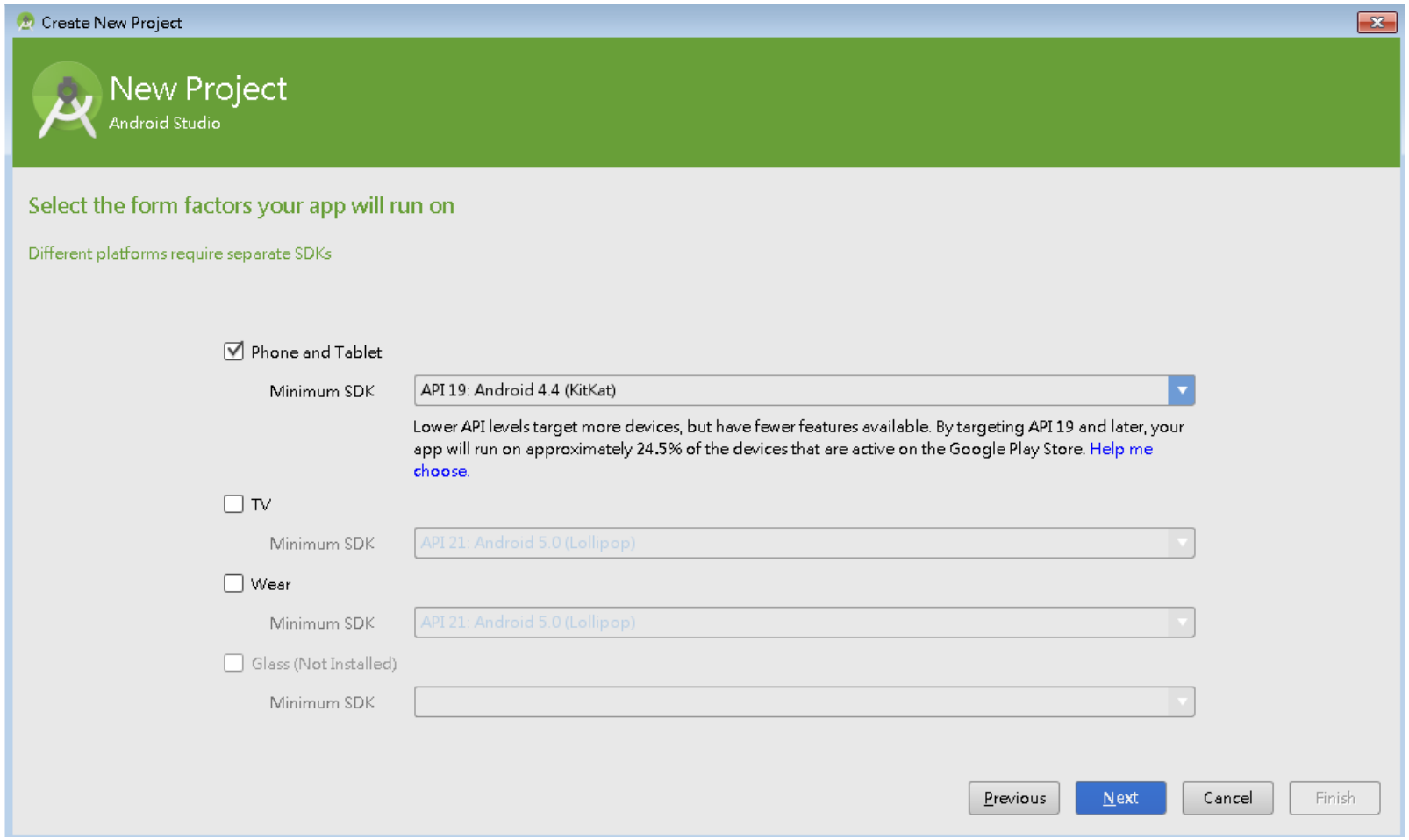
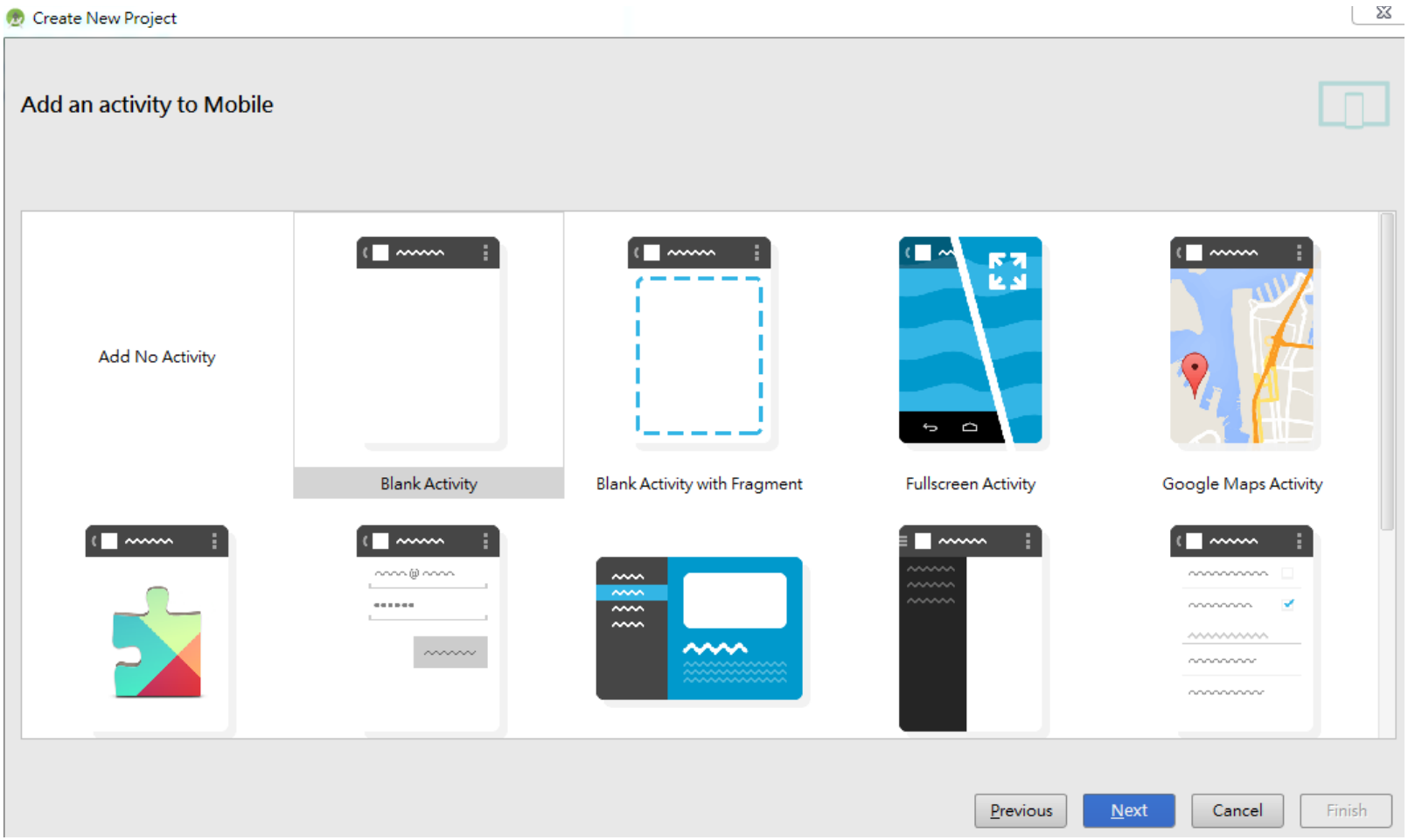


Blank Activity



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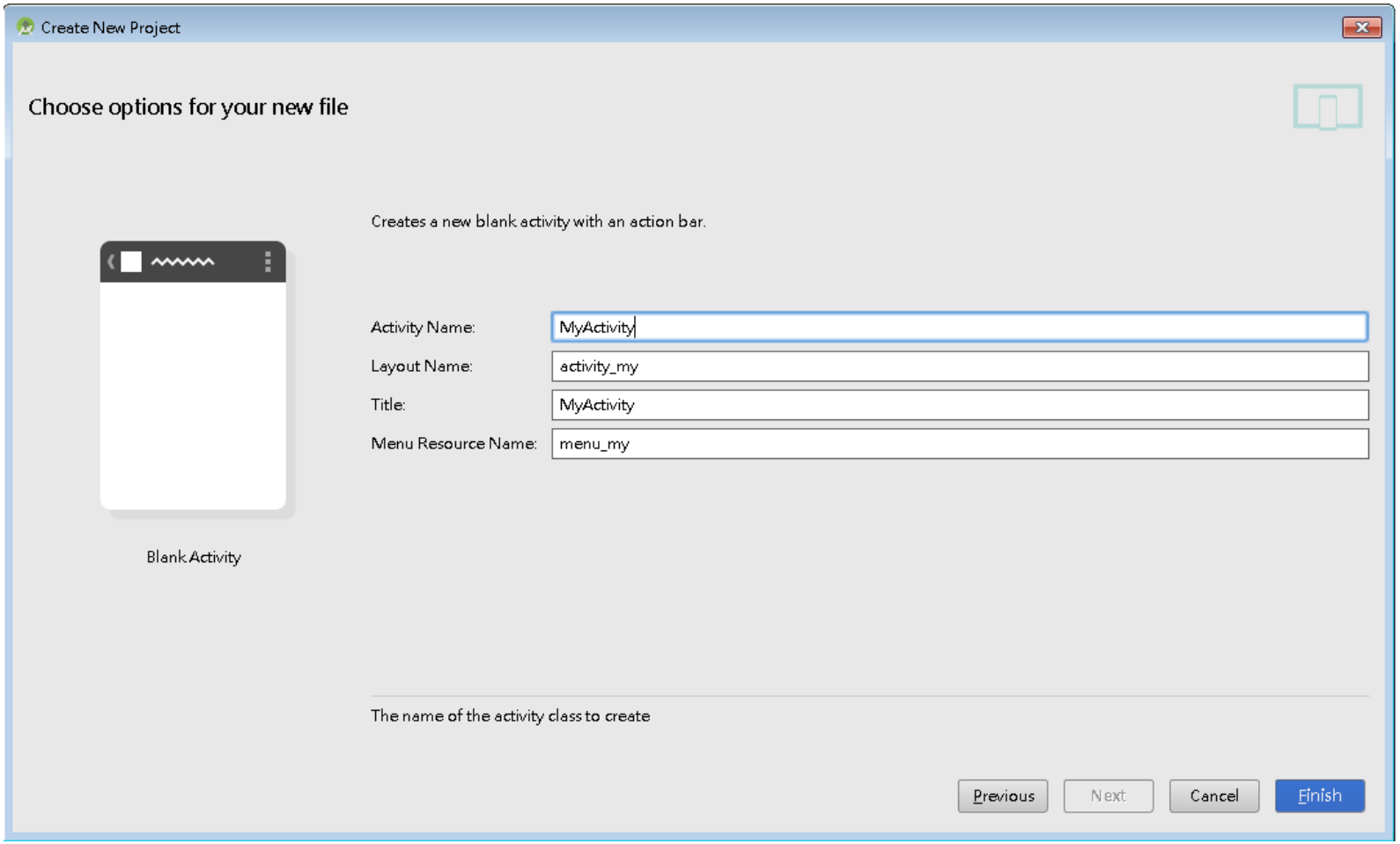
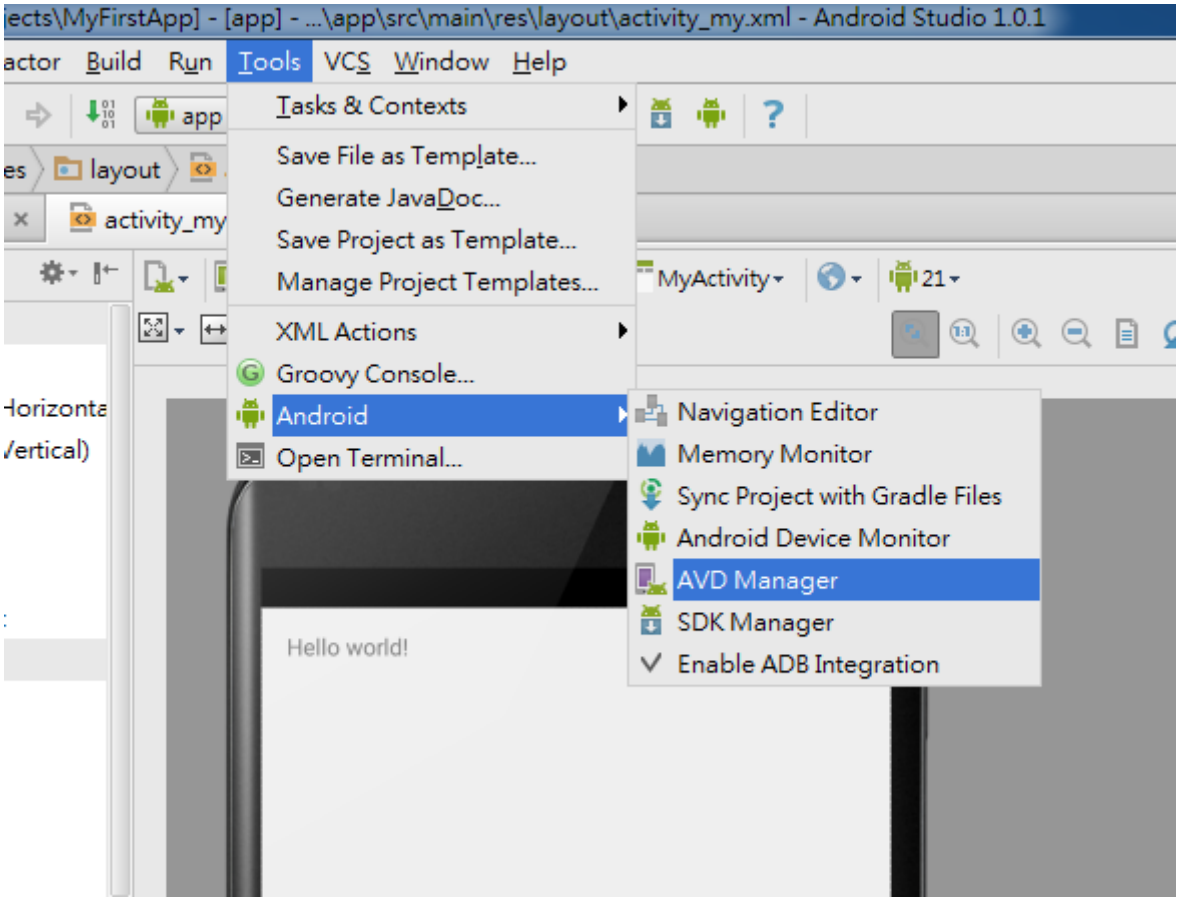


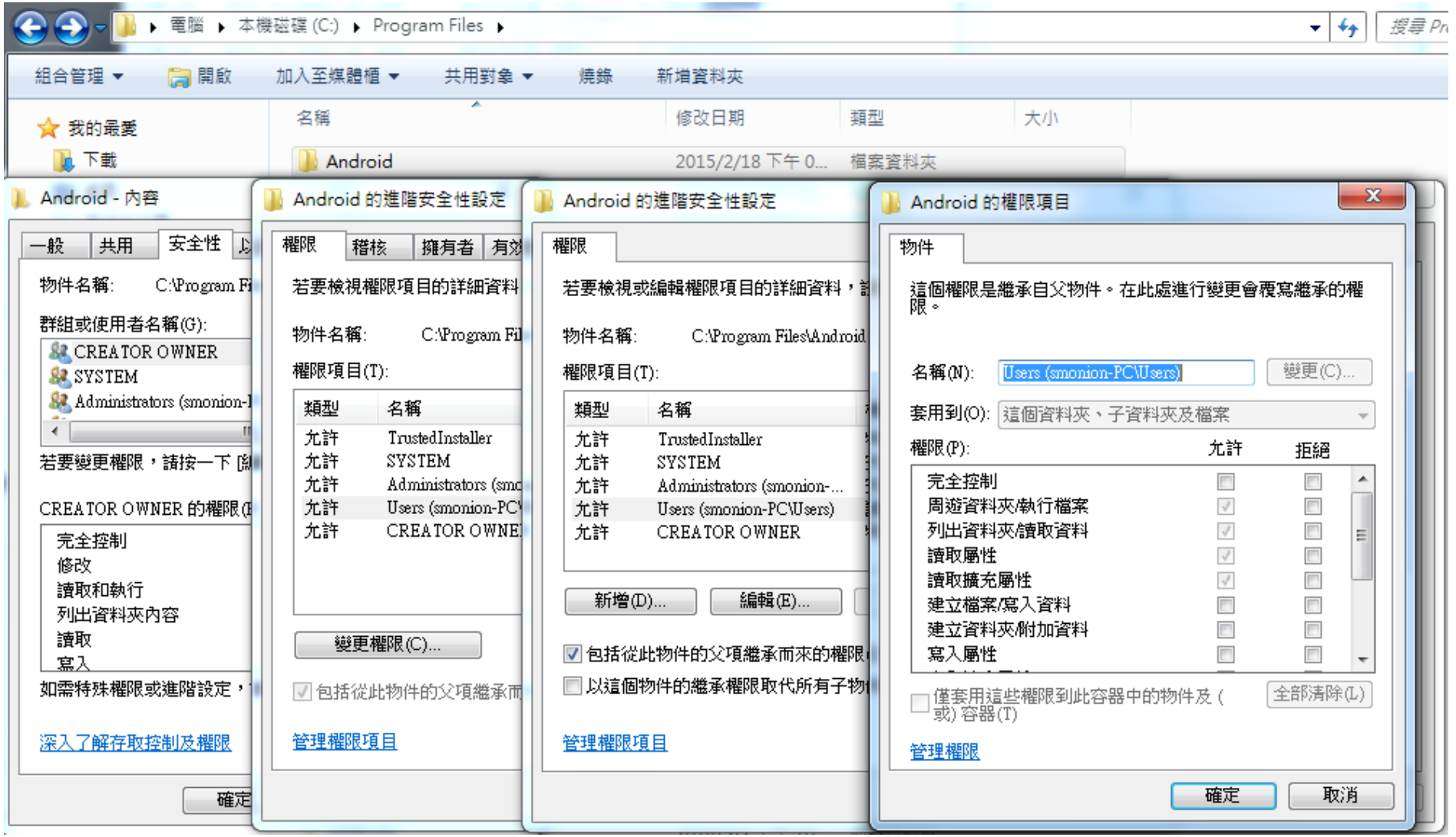
Create Your Emulator



Cannot See AVD Manager?

- If you cannot see the option of AVD Manager, please change the permission of your android studio folder

Modify Your Permission to Launch AVD Manager

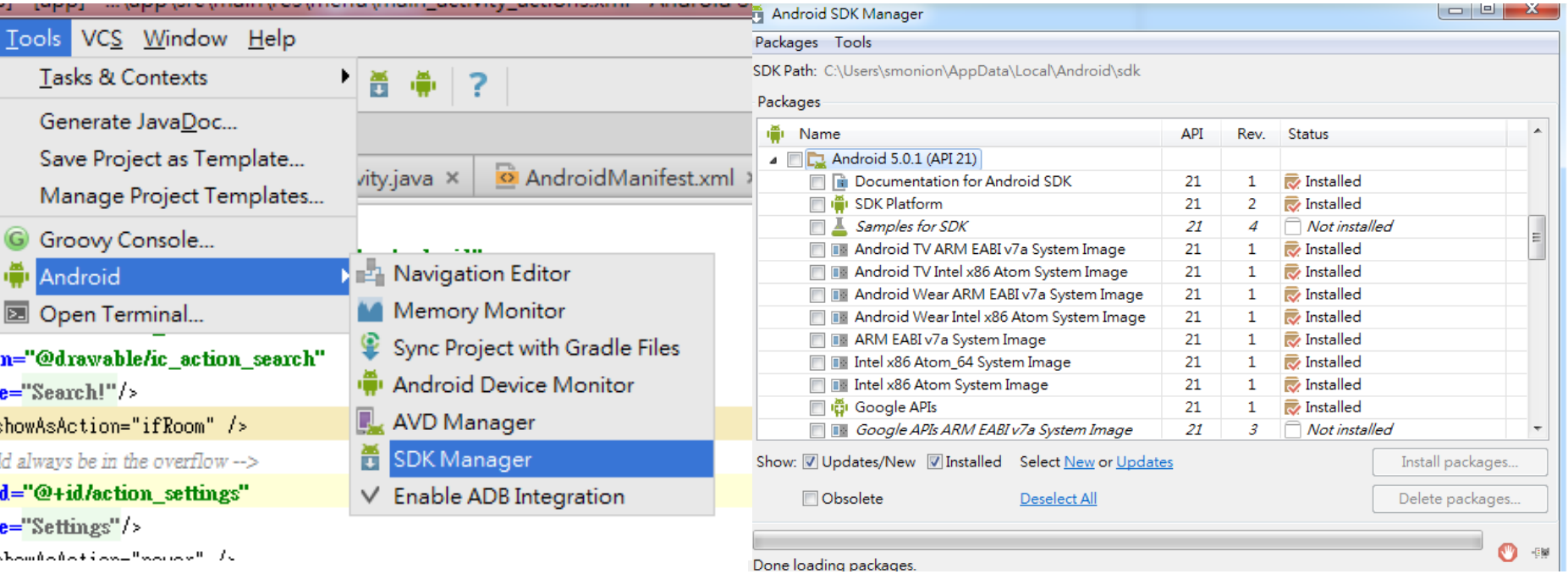


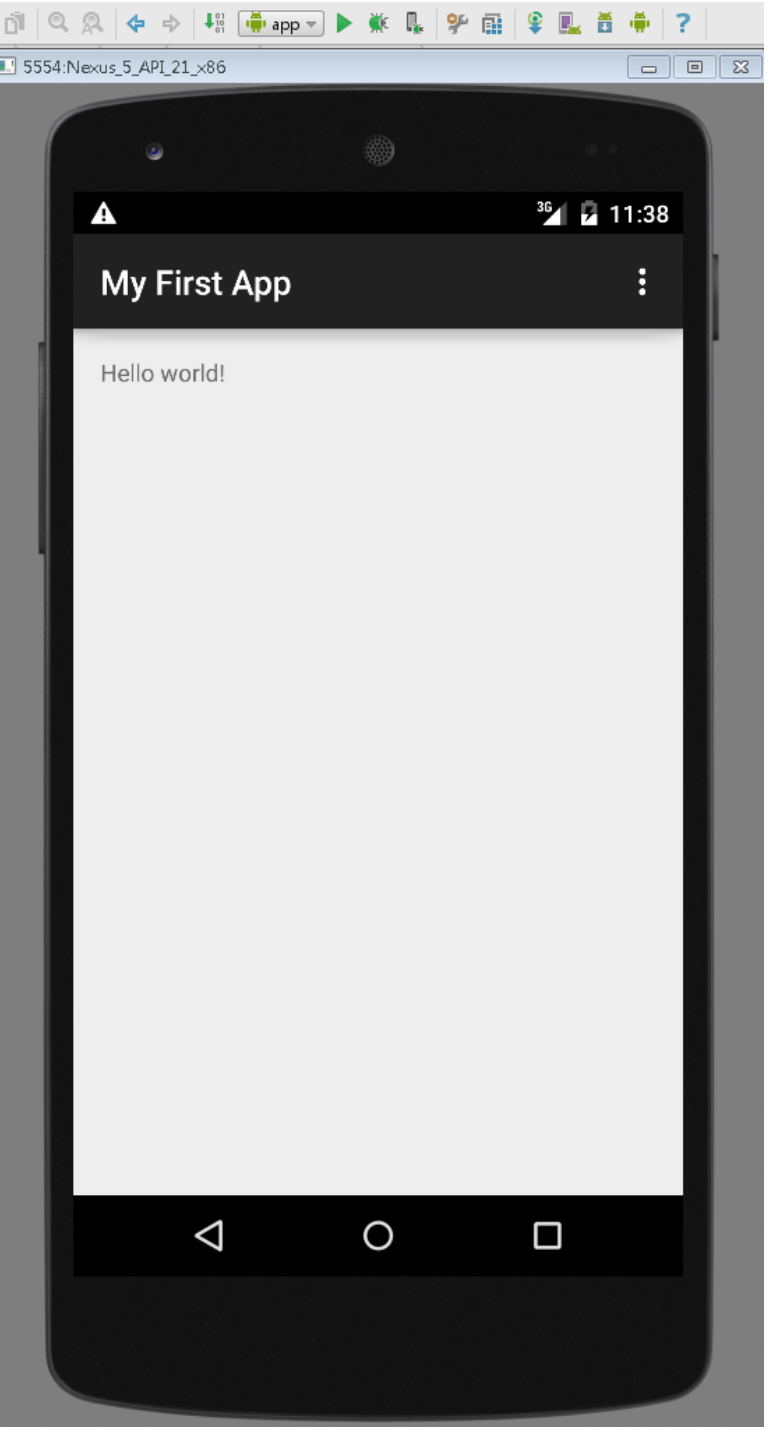
Launch the Default Emulator

- Please run the default Nexus 5 Emulator using AVD Manager
- If you would like to create your own emulator, you need to update your SDK packages first.

SDK Manager

- Update your SDK package using SDK Manager





- Compile and run your project and you can see the message on your virtual Nexus 5!

Your First App

Android Activity

- Interact with users
- Visual User interface
- Hierarchy of views
- One or several activities in an application

Activity Life Cycle

- Activities are managed as an activity stack. When a new activity is started, it is placed on the top of the stack and becomes the running activity
- States:
  - Active / running: activity in the foreground
  - Pause: An activity has lost focus but is still visible
  - Stopped: It's no longer visible but still retains all state member information
  - Finish / Kill

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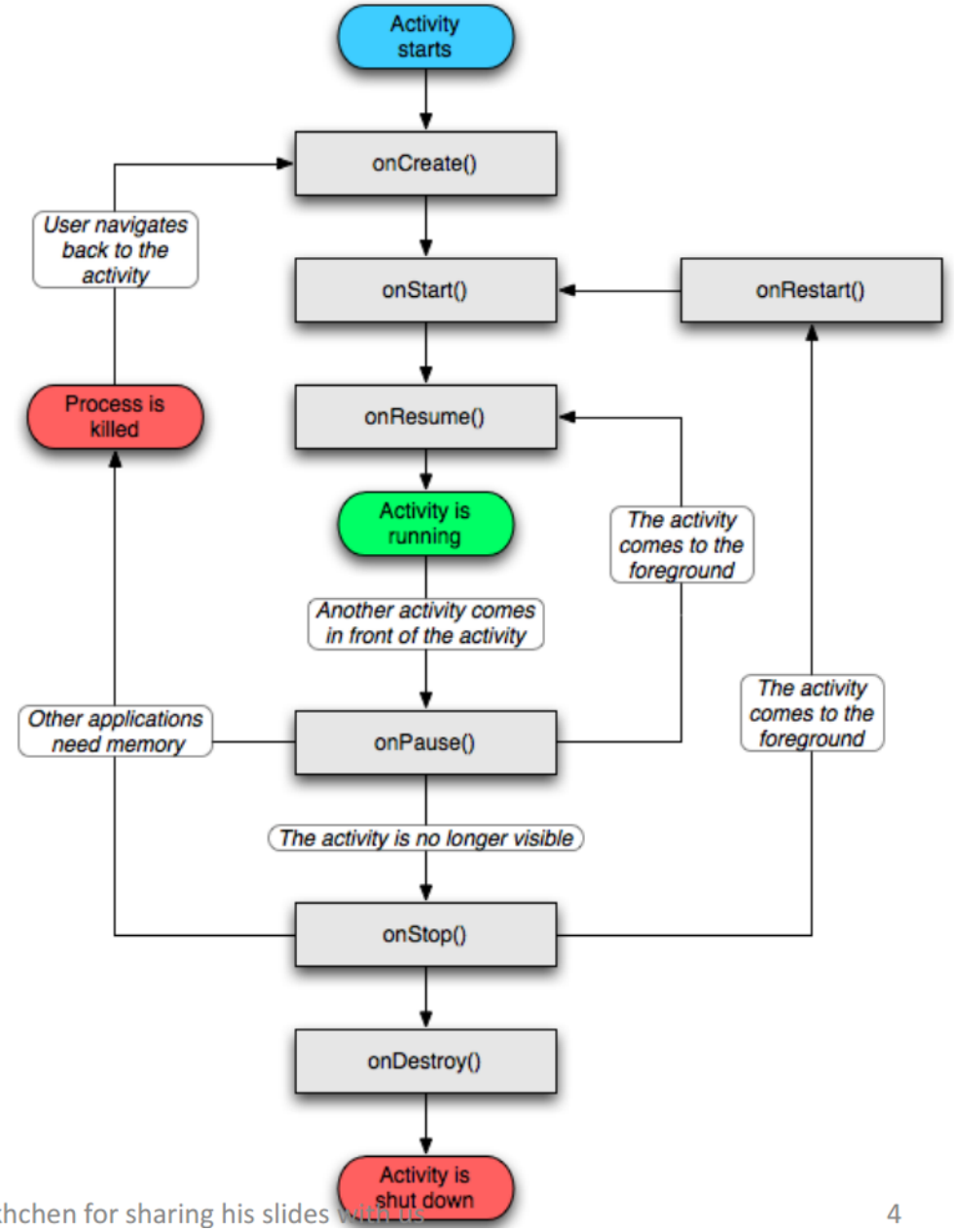
Android Life Cycle

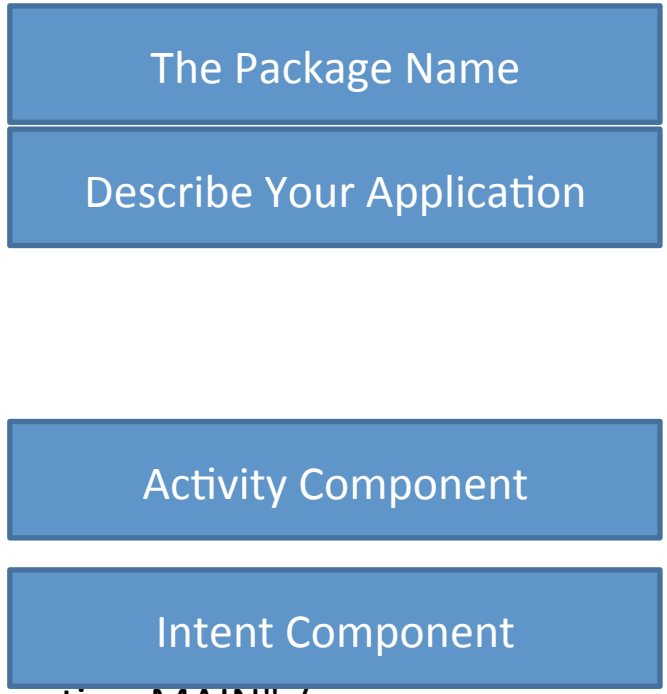


Android Manifest

- The components used in an android application should be declared
  - Activity
  - Intent
  - …

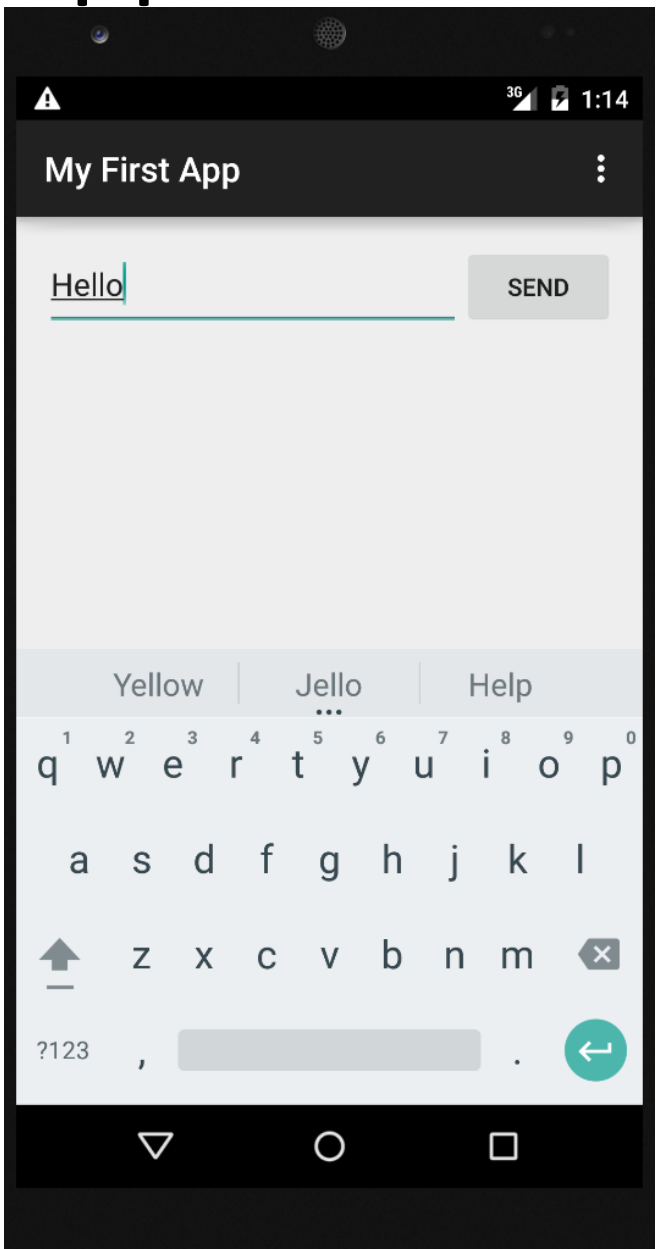
Manifest Example

```
<manifest xmlns:android=http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android

   package="com.example.nmsl.myfirstapp" >

   <application
      android:allowBackup="true"
      android:icon="@drawable/ic_launcher"
      android:label="@string/app_name"
      android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
      <activity
         android:name=".MainActivity"
         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>
```



Your First App

- Edit Text
- Button
  - Listener
  - Send Message
  - Create Second Activity



Steps

- Create a linear layout
- Add your view objects into the layout
- Create the resources used in the view objects
- Create the function to do interaction while we push the button

Linear Layout

- Edit your activity_main.xml

```
<LinearLayout 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" android:paddingLeft="@dimen/activity_horizontal_ma
   android:paddingRight="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
   android:paddingTop="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
   android:paddingBottom="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin" tools:context=".MainActivity"
   android:orientation="horizontal">

   <EditText android:id="@+id/edit_message"
      android:layout_weight="1"
      android:layout_width="0dp"
      android:layout_height="wrap_content"
      android:hint="@string/edit_message" />
   <Button
      android:layout_width="wrap_content"
      android:layout_height="wrap_content"
      android:text="@string/button_send“
</LinearLayout>
```

The default value of weight of each view is 0

Missing the String

The width and height can just contain the view

Missing the String

Add String Resources

- Edit string.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">My First App</string>
    <string name="edit_message">Enter a message</string>
    <string name="button_send">Send</string>
    <string name="action_settings">Settings</string>
    <string name="title_activity_main">MainActivity</string>
</resources>
```

Starting Another Activity

- Link your button with a function to do something
- Edit activity_main.xml

```
<Button
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:text="@string/button_send"
   android:onClick="sendMessage" />
```

The name of your function

- Edit MyActivity.java to add the function

Create the function

```
import android.content.Intent;
…
public void sendMessage(View view) {
        // Do something in response to button
        Intent intent = new Intent(this, DisplayMessageActivity.class);
        EditText editText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.edit_message);
        String message = editText.getText().toString();
        intent.putExtra(EXTRA_MESSAGE, message);
        startActivity(intent);
    }
```

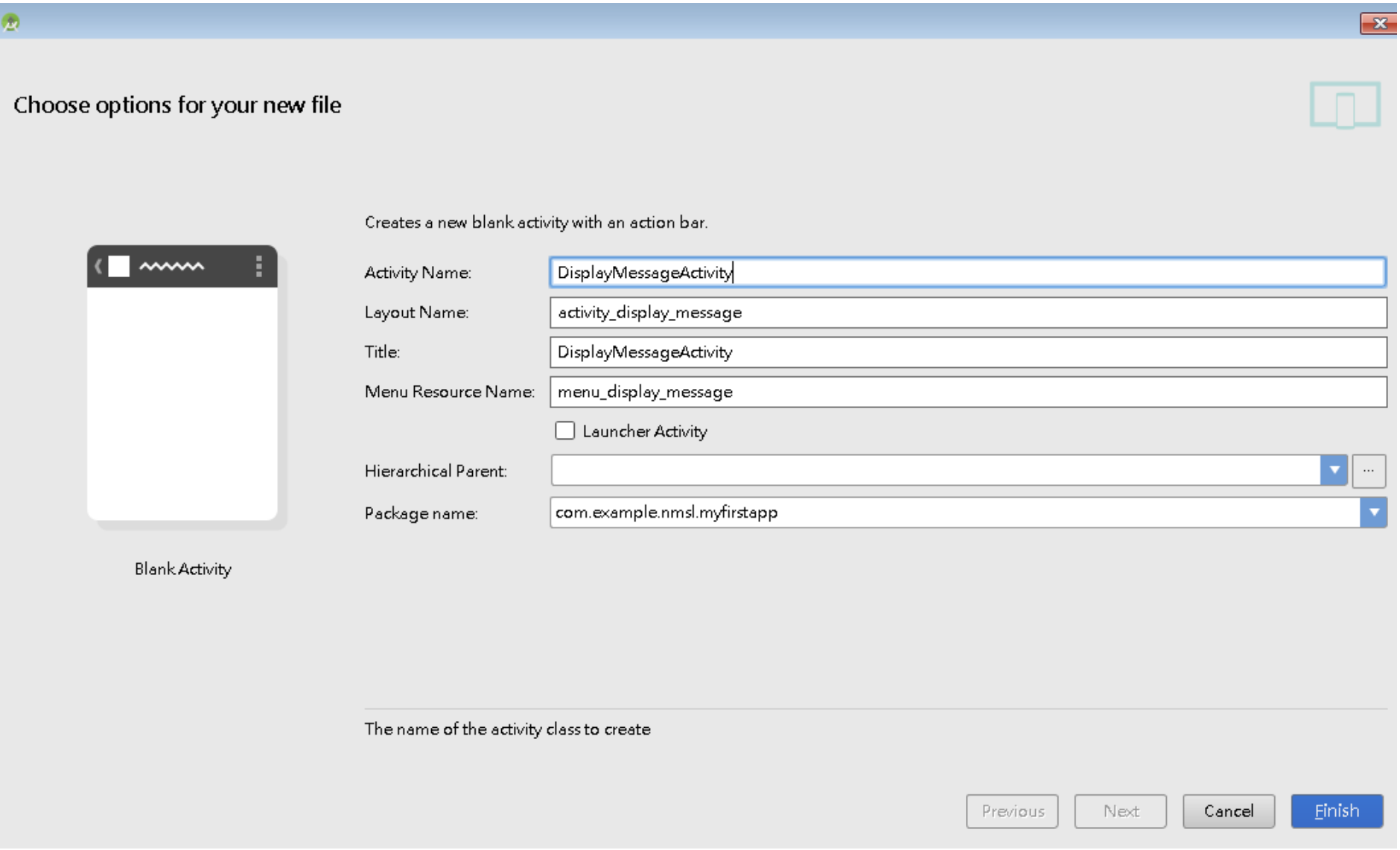
Create a Unique Key

```
public void sendMessage(View view) {
    // Do something in response to button
    Intent intent = new Intent(this, DisplayMessageActivity.class);
    EditText editText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.edit_message);
    String message = editText.getText().toString();
    intent.putExtra(EXTRA_MESSAGE, message);
    startActivity(intent);
}
```

```
public class MyActivity extends ActionBarActivity {
    public final static String EXTRA_MESSAGE = "com.mycompany.myfirstapp.MESSAGE";
    ...
}
```

Create a unique key for the message put by the intent. We then get the message by this key in the second activity (next page)

Create the Second Activity



Add String Resources

- Check you manifest. You can see a new activity and it needs one more string resource

```
<resources>
    <string name="app_name">My First App</string>
    <string name="edit_message">Enter a message</string>
    <string name="action_settings">Settings</string>
    <string name="button_send">Send</string>
    <string name="title_activity_display_message">My Message</string>
    <string name="hello_world">Hello world!</string>
    <string name="action_search">Search!</string>
</resources>
```

Delete Unused View Object

```
<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" android:paddingLeft="@dimen/activity_horizontal_ma
   android:paddingRight="@dimen/activity_horizontal_margin"
   android:paddingTop="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
   android:paddingBottom="@dimen/activity_vertical_margin"
   tools:context="com.example.nmsl.myfirstapp.DisplayMessageActivity">

   <TextView android:text="@string/hello_world" android:layout_width="wrap_content"
      android:layout_height="wrap_content" />

</RelativeLayout>
```

Delete it
We do not need default
text view in second activity

Receive the Intent

- Edit DisplayMessageActivity.java
  - Get the message from the intent
  - Create a textview to show the message

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    Intent intent = getIntent();
    String message = intent.getStringExtra(MyActivity.EXTRA_MESSAGE);
    TextView textView = new TextView(this);
    textView.setTextSize(40);
    textView.setText(message);
    setContentView(textView);
}
```