Lesson 2

Android App Development Using Eclipse + ADT + SDK

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2. Development Environment = Eclipse + ADT + SDK

- Android applications are usually created using the **Java** programming language[1]
- Your Java project must import various **Android Libraries** (such as android.jar, maps.jar, etc) to gain the functionality needed to work inside the Android OS.
- Even the simplest of Android apps is composed of several elements such as: user-defined classes, android jars, third-party libraries, XML files defining the UIs or views, multimedia resources, data assets such as disk files, external arrays and strings, databases, and finally a *Manifest* summarizing the 'anatomy' and permissions requested by the app.
- The package(s) holding the raw app components are given to the compiler to obtain a single signed and deployable **Android Package** (an **.apk** file).
- Like in Java, apk files are the **byte-code** version of the app that finally will be 'executed' by interpretation inside a **Dalvik Virtual Machine** (DVM).

[1] Visit http://xamarin.com/monoforandroid for a commercial iOS and Android IDE that works with C# and Windows .NET

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- Creating, organizing and managing the components of an Android app is better done using a 'friendly' workbench.

- The Android developer's workbench typically includes the following tools:
  1. Eclipse IDE
  2. Android Development Tools (ADT), and
  3. Android System Development Kit (SDK)

- **Eclipse IDE** allows you to create and debug your Java code, and manage the various resources that normally are used in the making of an Android app.

- The **ADT plugin** extends Eclipse so you can easily reach the tools of the SDK through the use of menus, perspectives and icons seamlessly integrated in the Eclipse's IDE.

- The **SDK** contains tools needed to transfer, profile, emulate, observe, and debug your applications which could run into any virtual or physical Android device.

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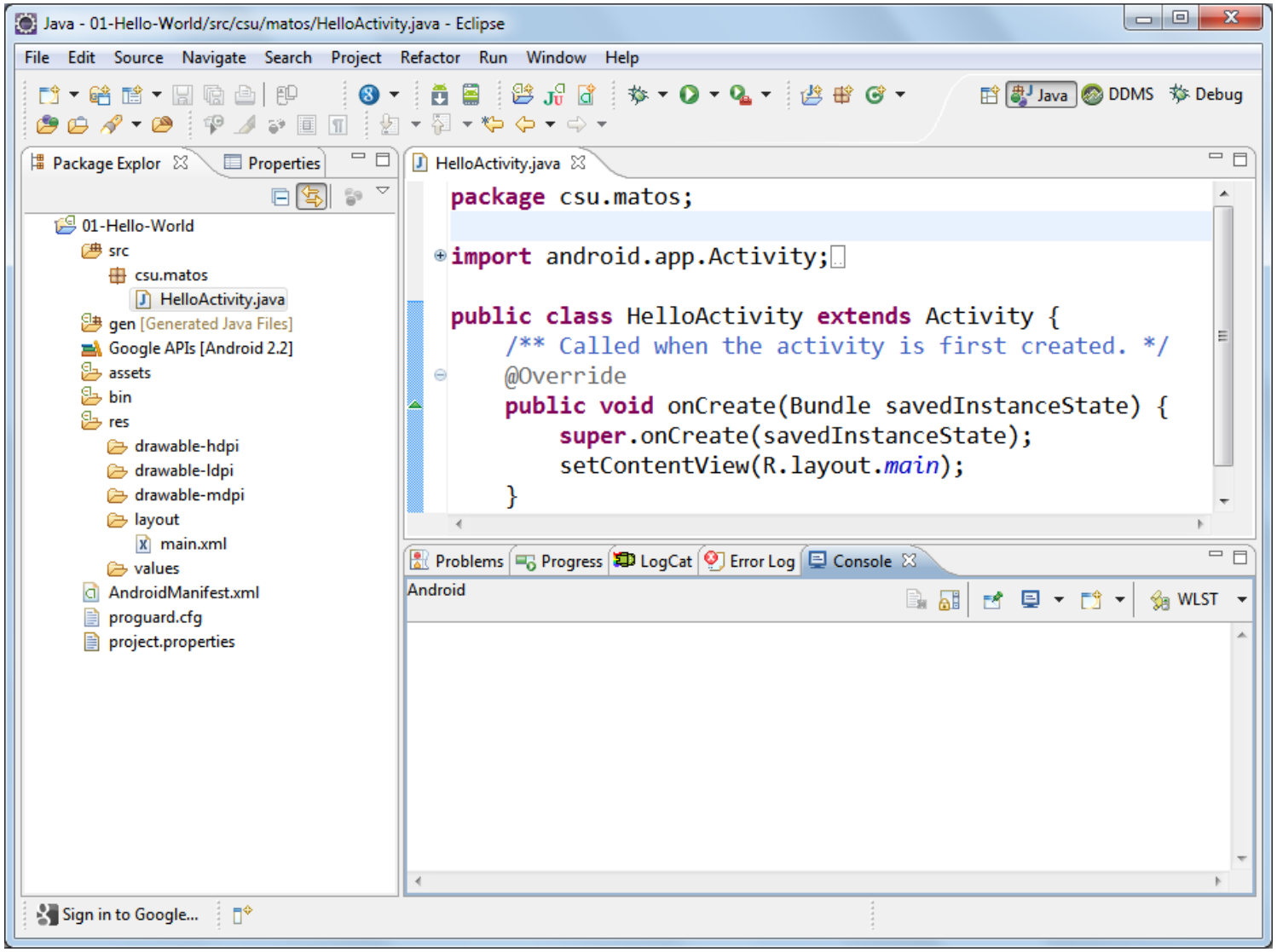
Typical Layout of the Eclipse IDE for Android Development



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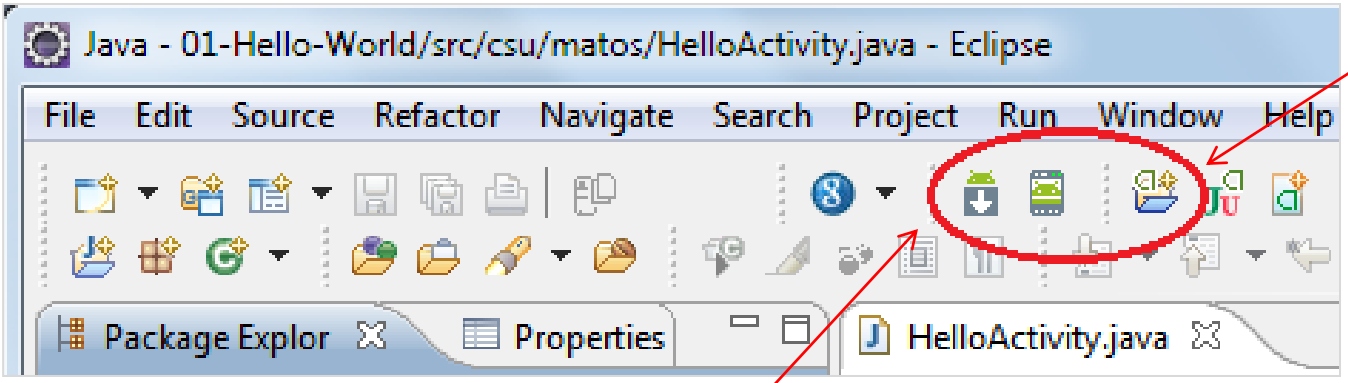

These icons are added to Eclipse by the ADT plugin

Opens Android SDK manager

Opens Android AVD Virtual Device Manager

Wizard creates a new Android Project

Opens DDMS Perspective
Dalvik Debugging Monitoring System

***Note**: The **DDMS** and **Hierarchy View** can be manually added by the user to Eclipse's tool bar*

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SETUP

Prepare your computer – Install SDK: Windows, Mac, Linux

We assume you have already installed the Java JDK and Eclipse IDE in your computer

- Java JDK is available at: 

http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html

- Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers is available at:
http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/

The next instructions are given to:

(a) User Wanting to Update their Older Android Workbench,

(b) First Time Users.

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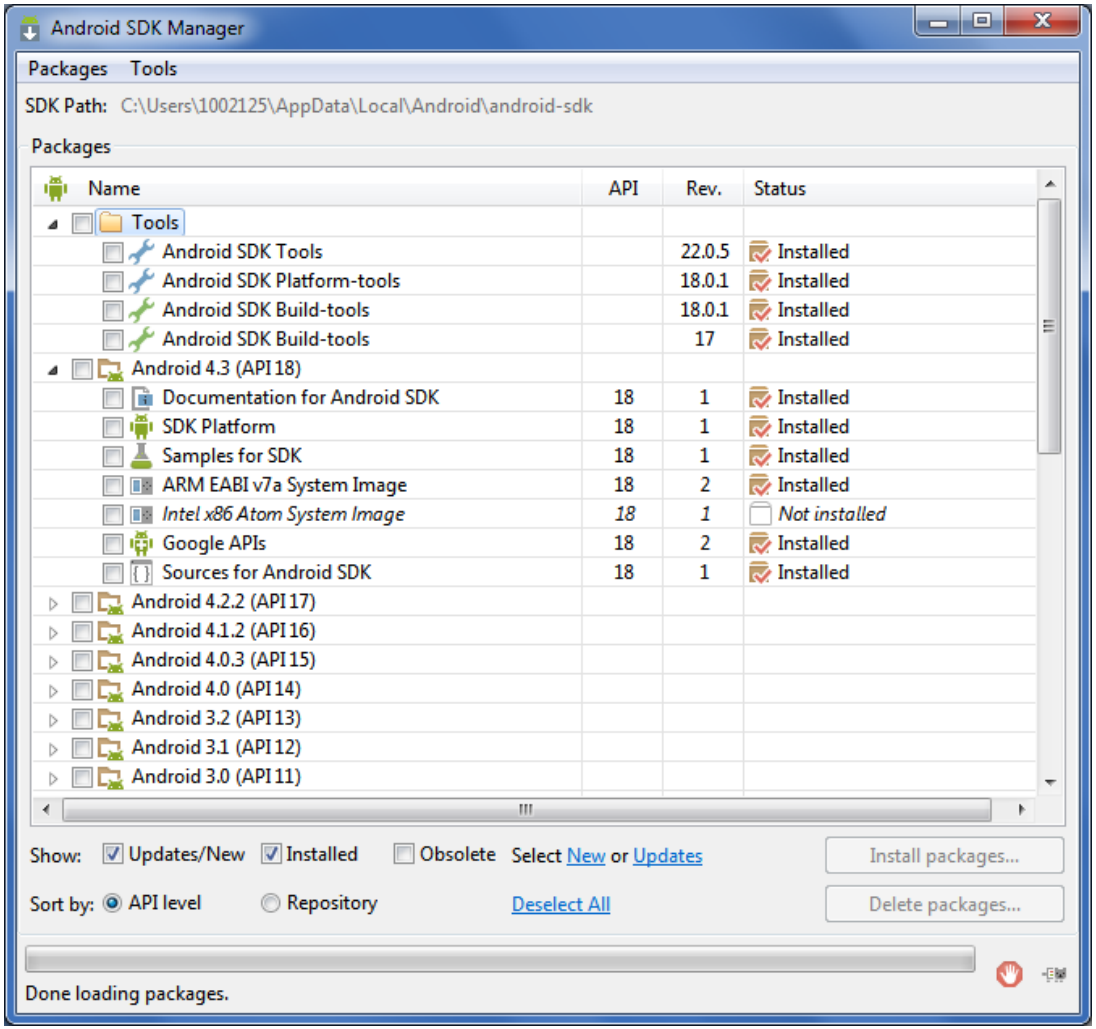
Aside Note:

SDKs are named after dessert items. Available versions at the time of writing are:

1.5 Cupcake,
1.6 Donut,
2.1 Eclair,
2.2 Froyo,
2.3 Gingerbread [1],
3.x Honeycomb,
4.x Ice Cream Sandwich
4.3 Jelly Bean



[1] By March 2012 Gingerbread accounted for approximately 66% of the Android market share.
See page: http://www.appbrain.com/stats/top-android-sdk-versions

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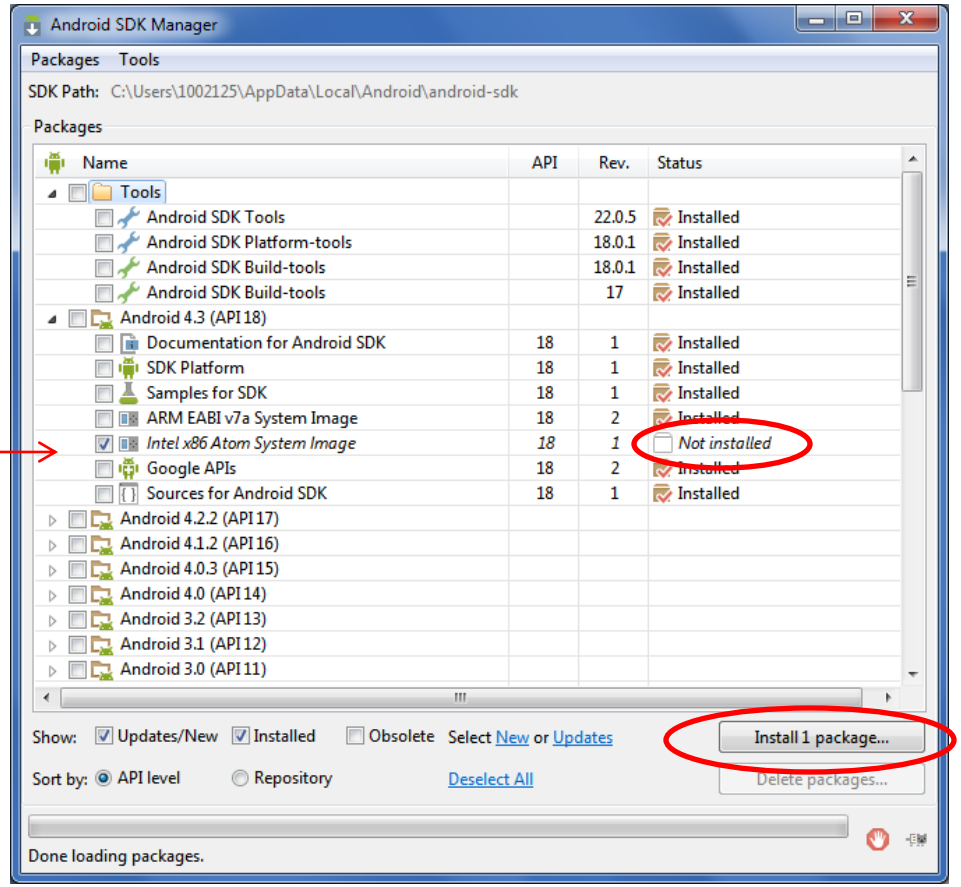
(a) Users Wanting to Update an Older Android Workbench

If you are currently using the Android SDK, you just need to *update* to the latest tools or platform using the already installed *Android SDK and AVD Manager.*

1. Click on the  *SDK Manager* icon.

2. You will see a form similar to the one on the right.

3. Select the Packages you want to install and wait until they are setup in your machine.



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(b) First Time Users (Windows, Mac, Linux)

1. Install the appropriate **SDK starter package** from the page http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html

2. Install the **ADT Plugin** for Eclipse
   1. Start Eclipse, then select **Help** > **Install New Software...**.
   2. Click **Add** button (top-right corner)
   3. In the next dialog-box enter "**ADT Plugin**" for the *Name* and the following URL for the *Location*: **https://dl-ssl.google.com/android/eclipse/**
   4. Click **OK**
   5. Select the checkbox next to Developer Tools and click **Next** > **Next**
   6. Accept the license agreements, then click **Finish**.
   7. After the installation end you need to restart Eclipse.

3. Add **Android platforms** and other components to your SDK (see previous option (a))

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Configuring the ADT Plugin

The next step is to modify your ADT preferences in Eclipse to point to the Android SDK directory:

1. Select **Window** > **Preferences...** to open the Preferences panel (Mac OS X: **Eclipse** > **Preferences**).
1. Select **Android** from the left panel.
2. To set the box *SDK Location* that appears in the main panel, click **Browse...** and locate your downloaded SDK directory (usually c:/Program Files (x86)/Android /android-sdk)
3. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

Done!

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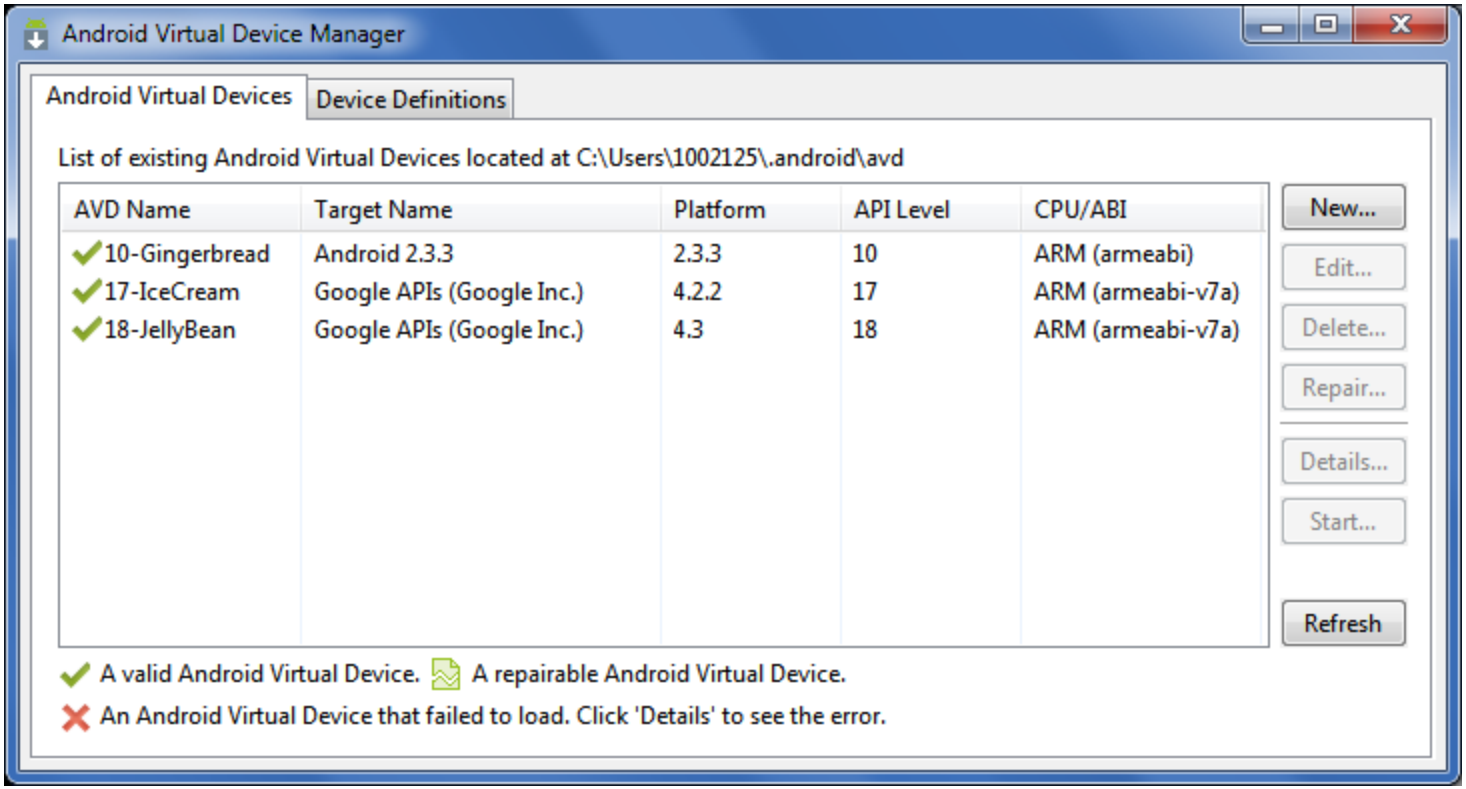
Selecting an Android Virtual Device (AVD)

You should test your applications on a real phone (or tablet). However, the SDK allows you to create realistic virtual devices on which your applications could be tested.



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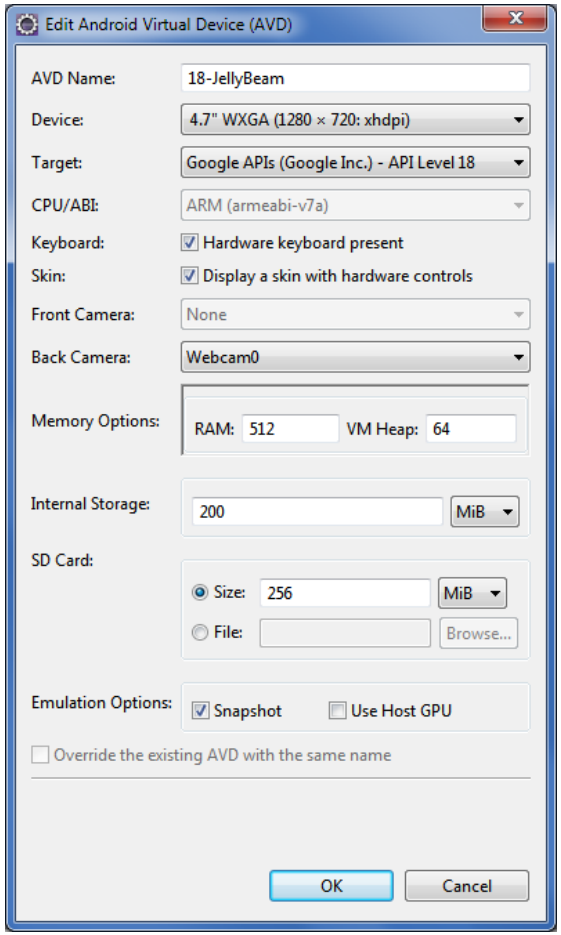
Creating an Android Virtual Device (AVD)

An AVD allows you to simulated devices and SDKs.
To create a virtual unit follow the next steps:

1. Click on the AVD Manager
2. Click **New**. The **Create New AVD** dialog appears.
3. Type the name of the AVD, such as "18-JellyBean"
4. Choose a target (such as "Google APIs… API Level18").
5. Indicate how much memory the simulator will use.
6. Tick option box "Snapshot" to load faster.
7. Indicate screen size (HVGA is sufficient in general)
8. Optionally specify any additional hardware components (such as SD-card, camera, …)
9. Click **Create AVD**.



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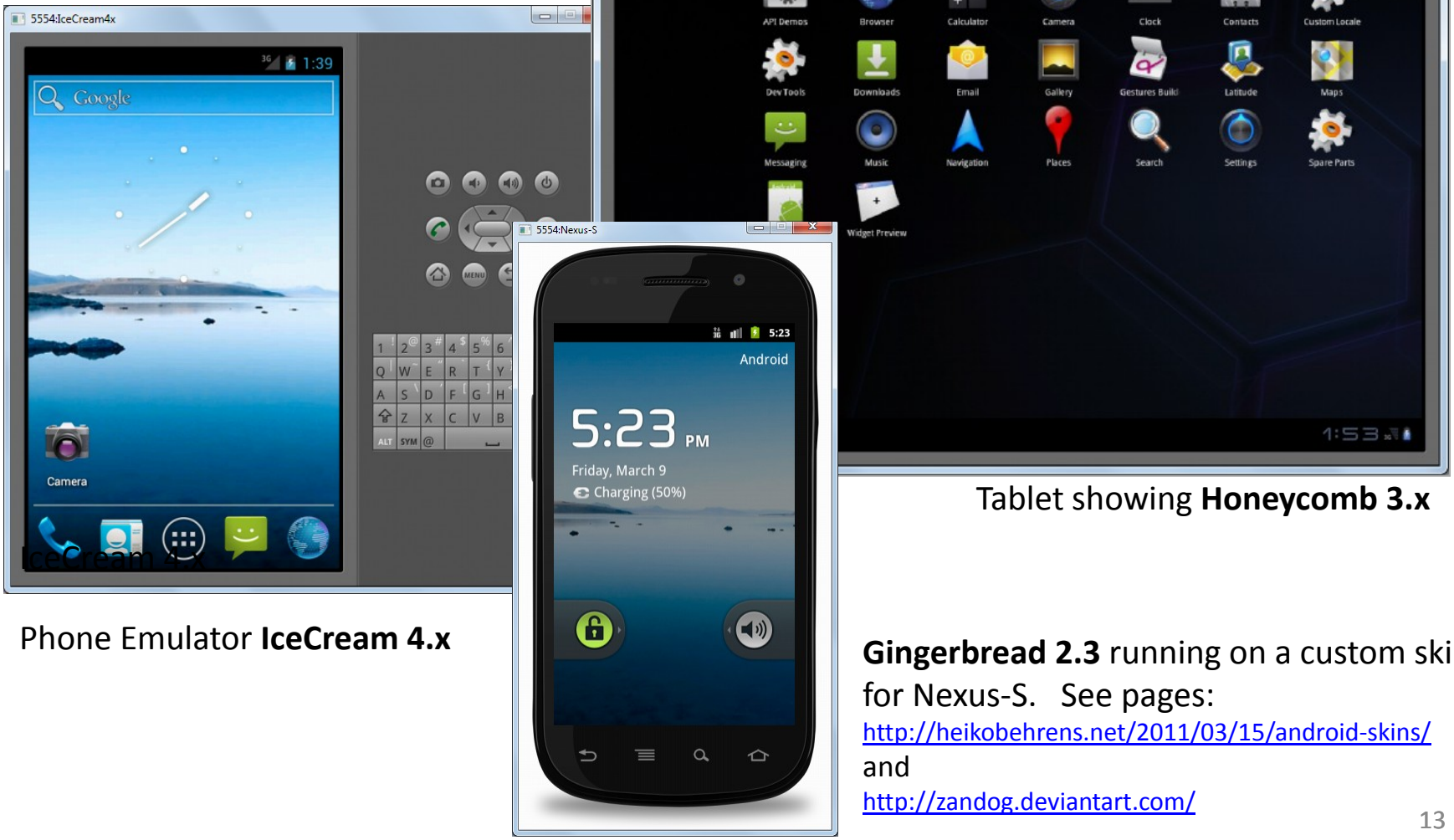
Creating Android Virtual Devices (AVD)

Some examples:



Phone Emulator **IceCream 4.x**

Tablet showing **Honeycomb 3.x**

Gingerbread 2.3 running on a custom skin for Nexus-S. See pages:
http://heikobehrens.net/2011/03/15/android-skins/
and
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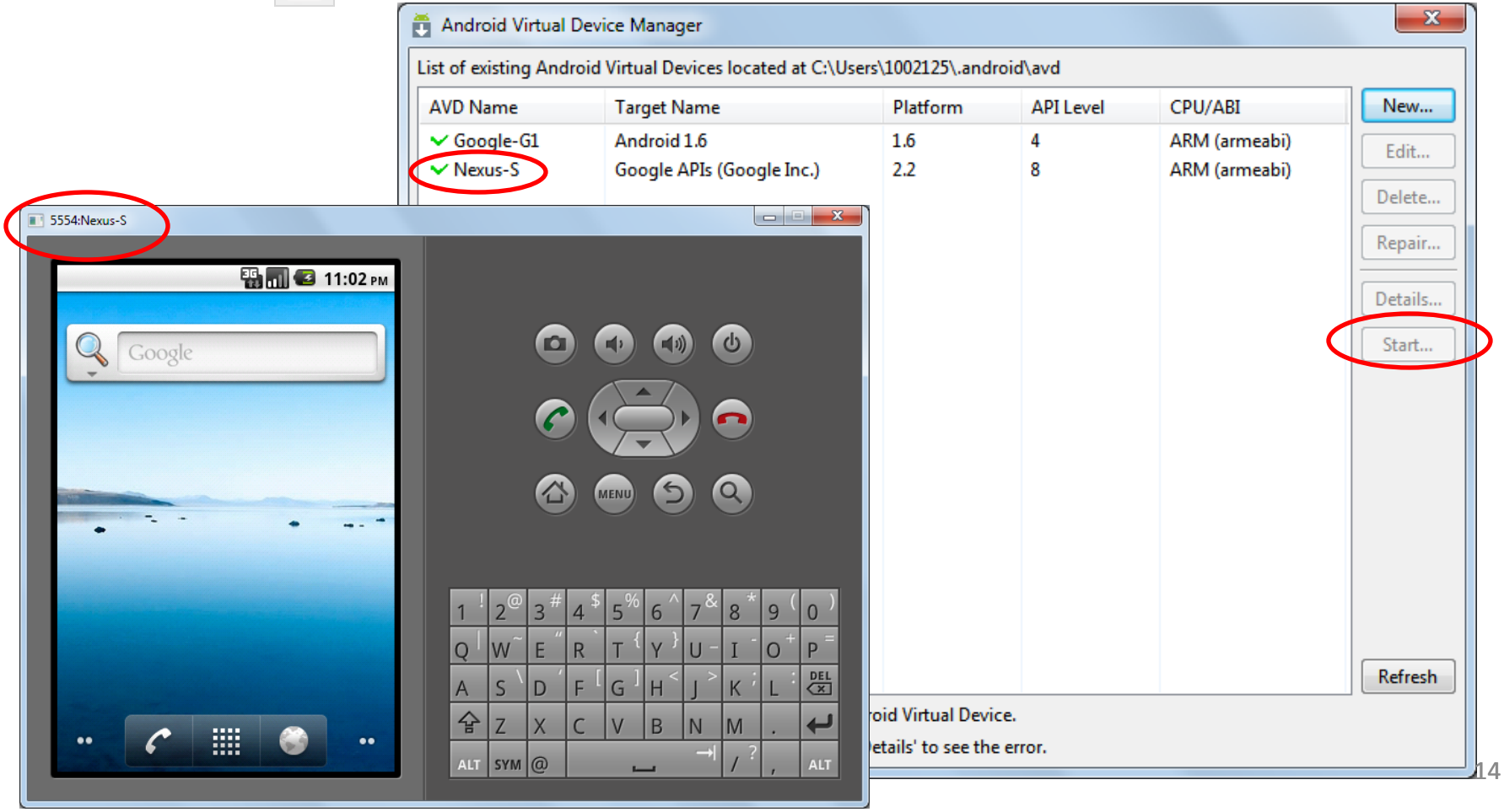
Testing the Emulator

Click on the  AVD Manager. Choose an emulator, click **Start.**



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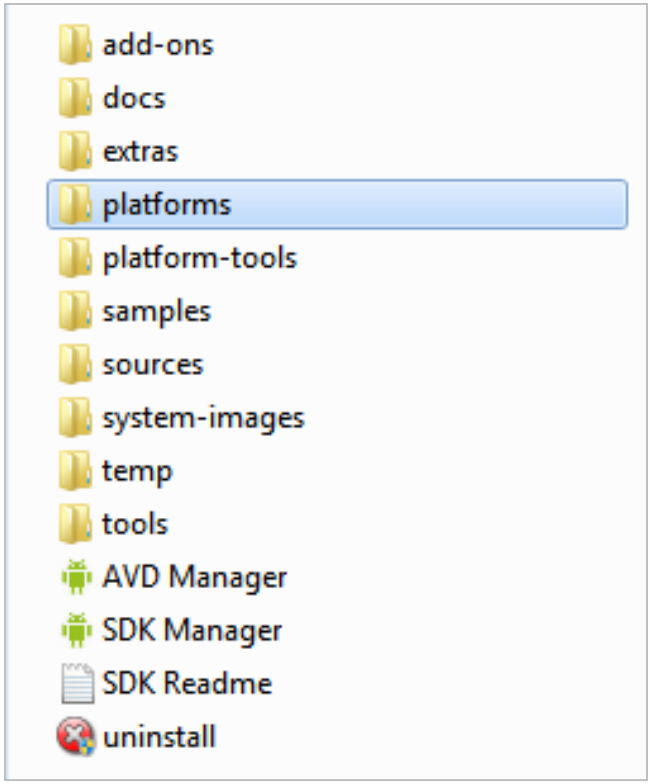
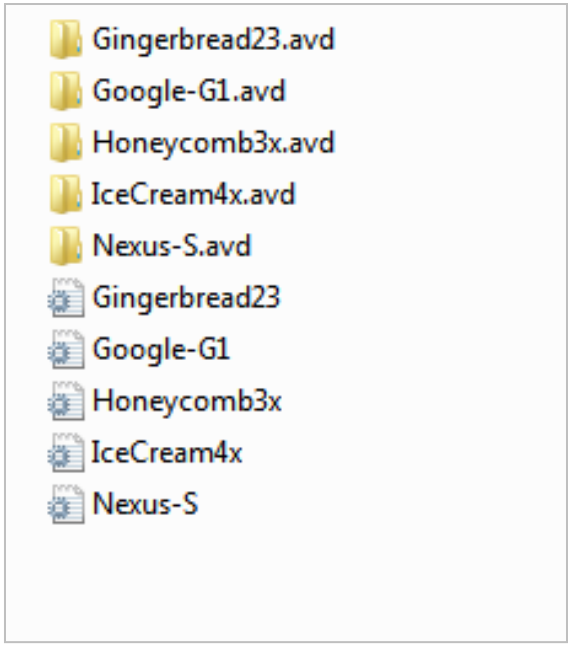
After you complete your setup look for the following two subdirectories in your file system

C:\Program Files (x86)\Android\android-sdk



This folder contains your Android SDK, tools, and platforms

C:\Users\1002125\.android\avd



This directory holds your Virtual Devices (AVDs)

Testing Setup - Example: Hello World

Appendix. Creating an Android Project (made for SDK2.2 - Froyo)

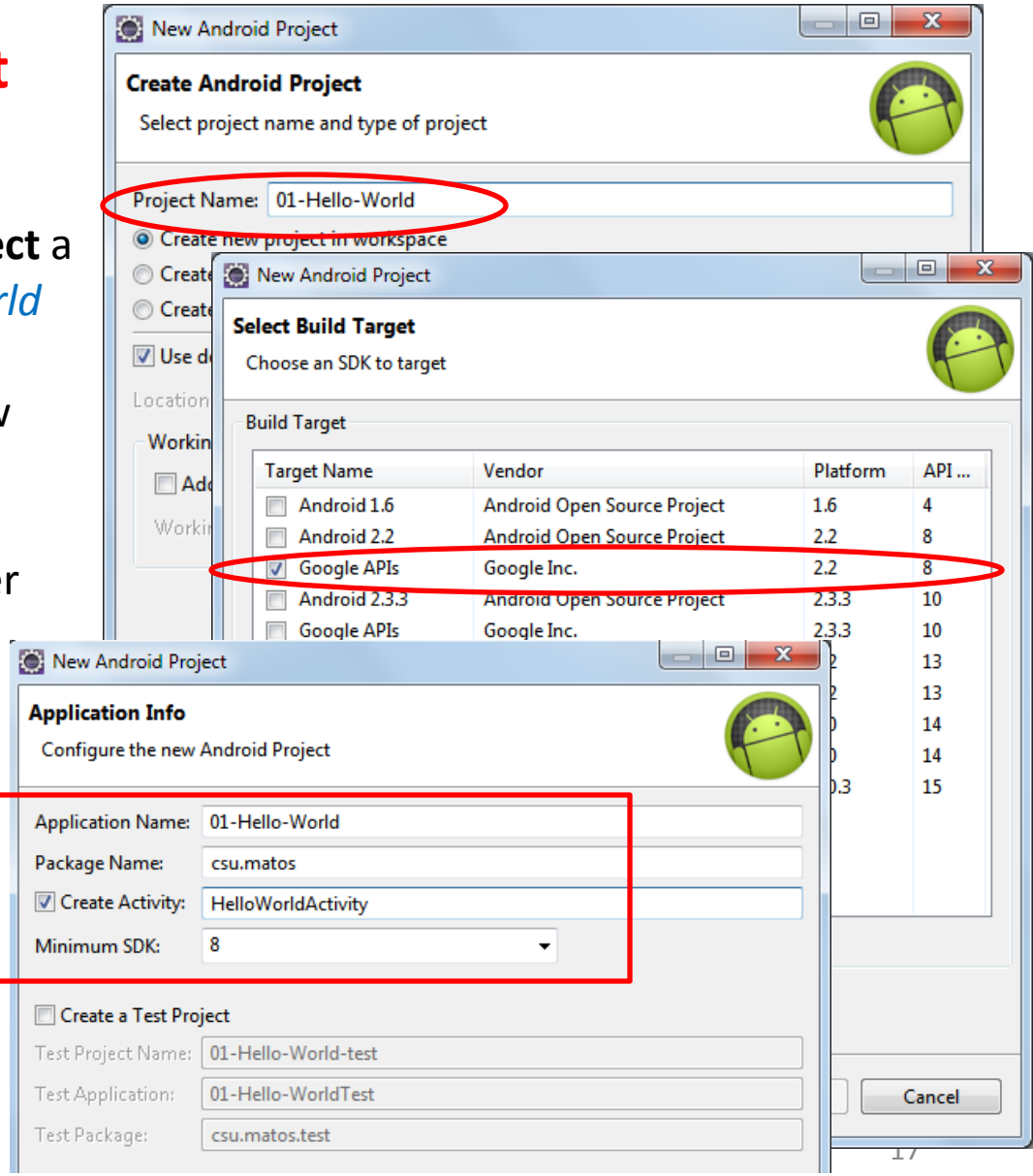
An unabridged version of “Hello World”

Testing Setup - Example: Hello World

Creating an Android Project

To create a new project:

1. Start **Eclipse**
2. Select **File** > **New** > **Android Project** a
3. Enter Project name: *01-Hello-World*
4. Click **Next**
5. On Select Build Target choose row
   Google APIs Google Inc. 2.2 8
6. Click **Next**
7. On the *Application Info* form enter
   Pacakage Name: *csu.matos*
   Check box *Create Activity*
   Activity name: *HelloActivity*.
   Min SDK Version: *8*.
   Click *Finish*.



Testing Setup - Example: Hello World

OBSERVATION: Creating an Android Project using Eclipse

The *New Android Project* Wizard creates the following folders and files in your new project space:

- **src/** Includes your skeleton Activity Java file. All other Java files for your application go here.
- ***<Android Version>/*** (e.g., Android 2.2/) Includes the android.jar file that your application will build against.
- **gen/** This contains the Java files generated by ADT, such as your R.java file
- **assets/** This is empty. You can use it to store raw asset files.
- **res/** This folder holds application resources such as *drawable* files, *layout* files, *string* values, etc.
- **bin/** The bytecode (.apk) version of your app is stored here
- **AndroidManifest.xml** The Android Manifest for your project.
- **default.properties** This file contains project settings, such as the build target.

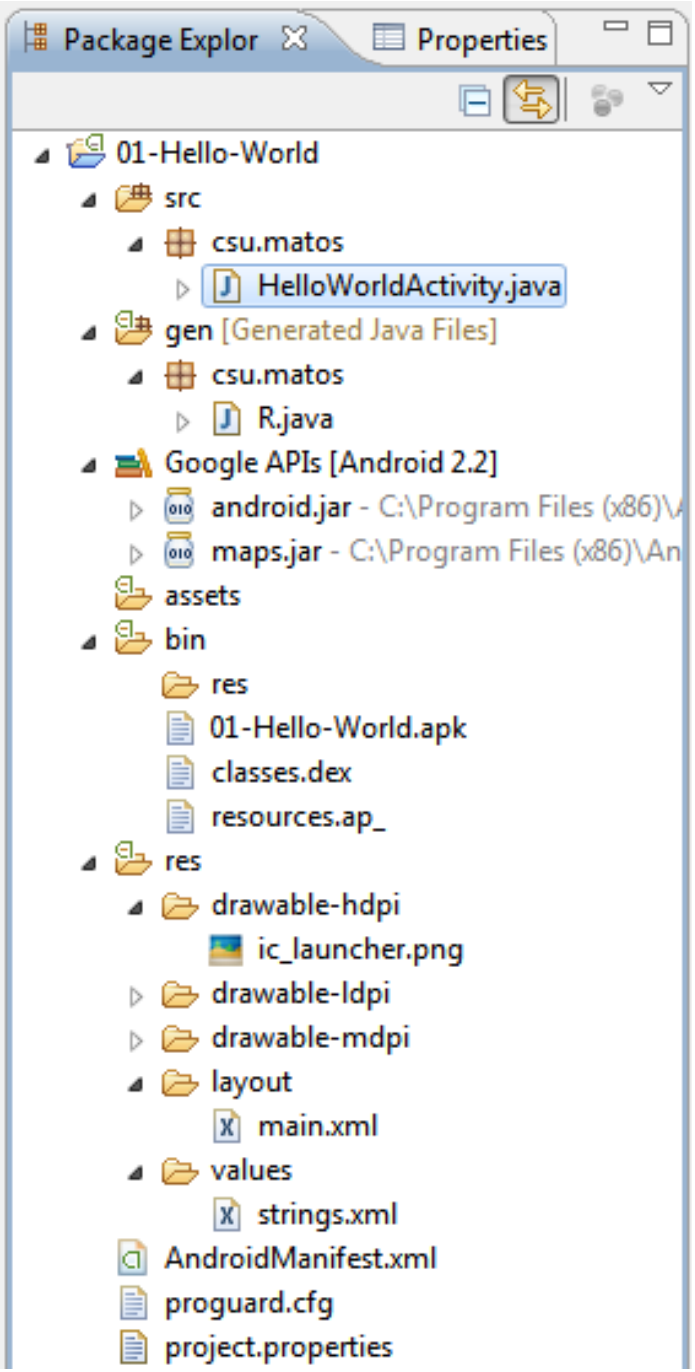
Testing Setup – Example: Hello World

Creating an Android Project

The following folders and files are created for the 01-Hello-World project.

To test the application, position the cursor on the code panel, and then click on the  *Run* menu button.

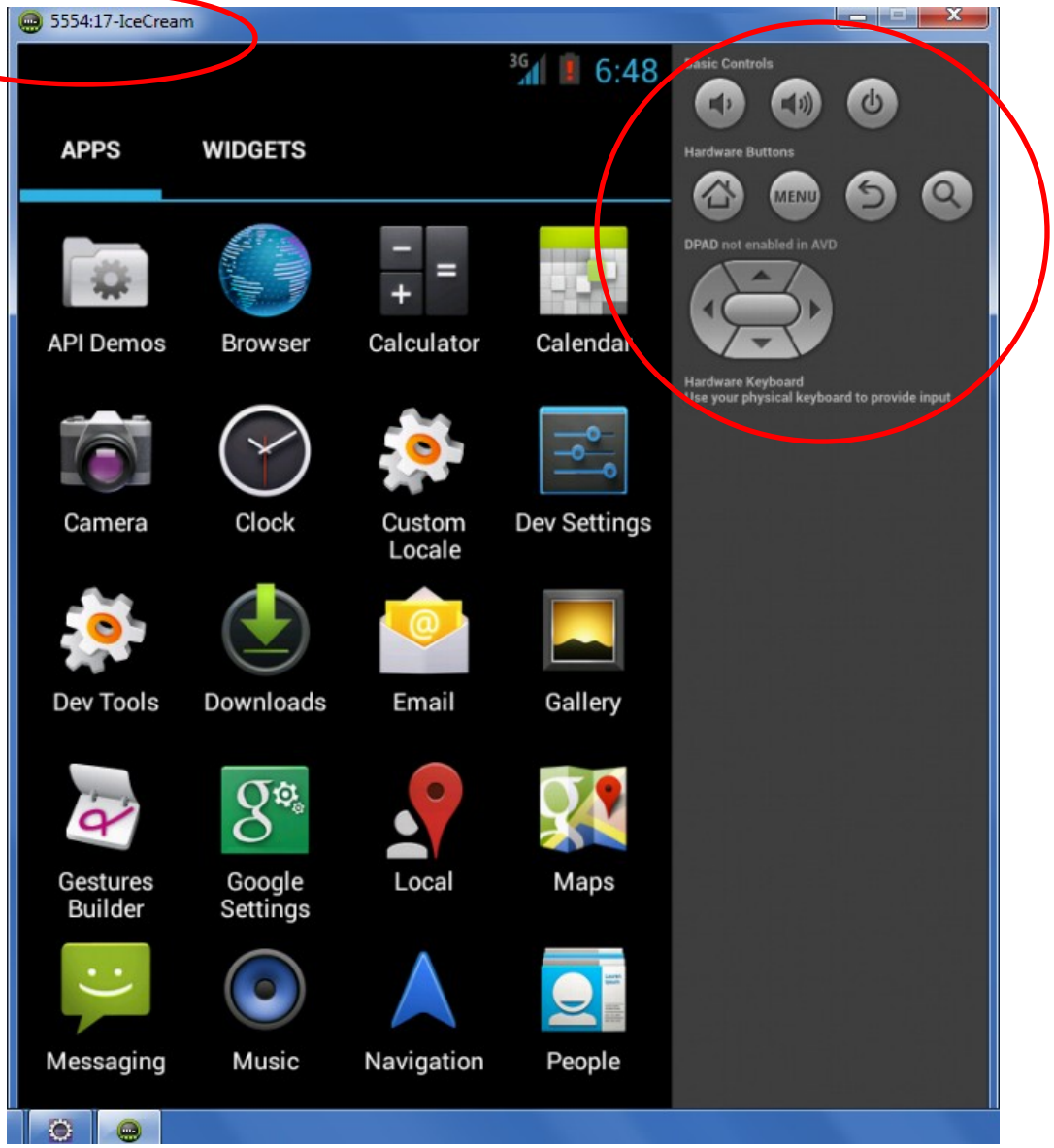
The fragment of code illustrated on page 4 is executed, and its effect on the emulator is shown on page 12.



Android Emulator (v2.3 skin)

Android Emulator (v4.3 JellyBean)

Numeric ID: 5554



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Keyboard	OS function
Escape	Back button
Home	Home button
F2, PageUp	Menu (Soft-Left) button
Shift-F2, PageDown	Start (Soft-Right) button
F3	Call/Dial button
F4	Hangup / EndCall button
F5	Search button
F7	Power button
Ctrl-F3, Ctrl-KEYPAD_5	Camera button
Ctrl-F5, KEYPAD_PLUS	Volume up button
Ctrl-F6, KEYPAD_MINUS	Volume down button
KEYPAD_5	DPad center
KEYPAD_4	DPad left
KEYPAD_6	DPad right
KEYPAD_8	DPad up
KEYPAD_2	DPad down
F8	toggle cell network on/off
F9	toggle code profiling (when -trace option set)
Alt-ENTER	toggle FullScreen mode
Ctrl-T	toggle trackball mode
Ctrl-F11, KEYPAD_7	switch to previous layout
Ctrl-F12, KEYPAD_9	switch to next layout

Controlling the Android Emulator through (*your computer's*) keyboard keys

Keypad keys only work when *NumLock* is deactivated.

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Working with Emulator Disk Images

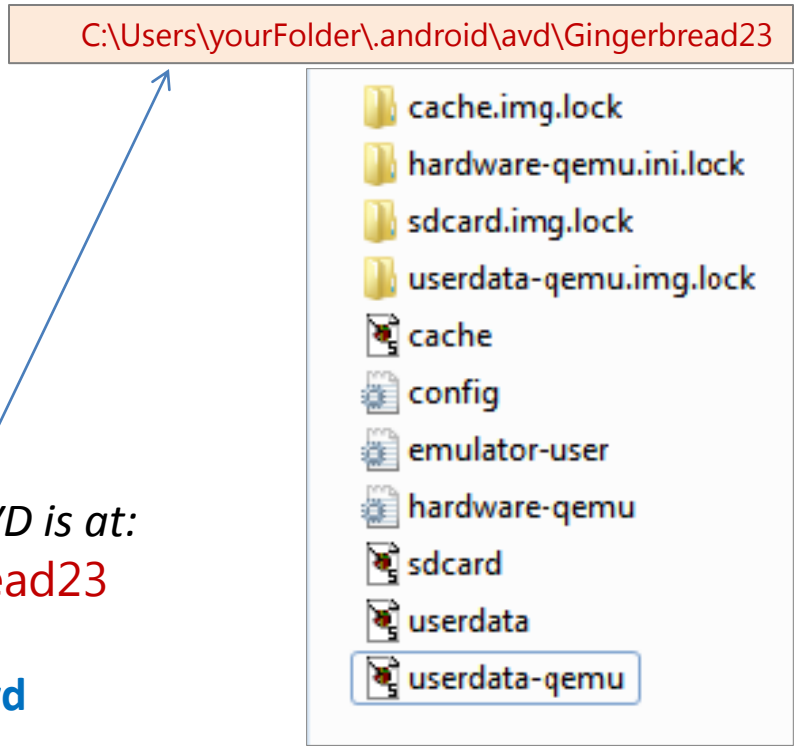
- *The Android simulator uses QEMU technology [Website: www.qemu.org]*
- *QEMU is an open source machine emulator which allows the operating system and programs made for one machine (e.g. an ARM CPU) run on a different machine (e.g. your own PC).*

When you create a Virtual Device, the SDK Makes several **disk images** containing among others:

(1) OS kernel,
(2) the Android system,
(3) user data (userdata-qemu.img)
(4) simulated SD card (sdcard.img).

By default, the Emulator searches for the disk images in the private storage area of the AVD in use, for instance the "Gingerbread23" AVD is at:
C:\Users\yourFolder\.android\avd\Gingerbread23

Mac OS users should look into **~/.android/avd**



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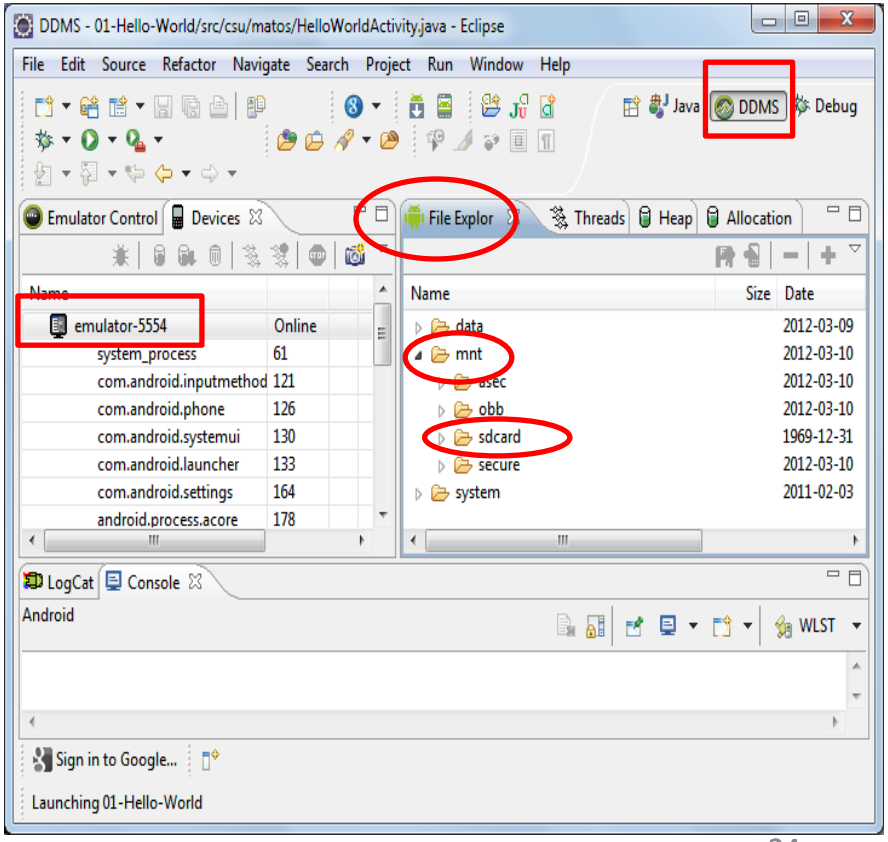
Moving Data, Music and Picture files to the Emulator's SDcard

1. You need to add the **DDMS** perspective to your Eclipse IDE.
2. Change to the DDMS perspective. Make sure your AVD has started (You will see a layout similar to the following)
3. Click on the **File Explorer** tab.
4. Expand the **mnt** (mounted devices) folder.
5. Expand the **sdcard** folder
6. Open your Window's **Explorer**.
7. Choose a file in your PC. Transfer a copy to the emulator by dragging and dropping it on top of the **sdcard** folder.



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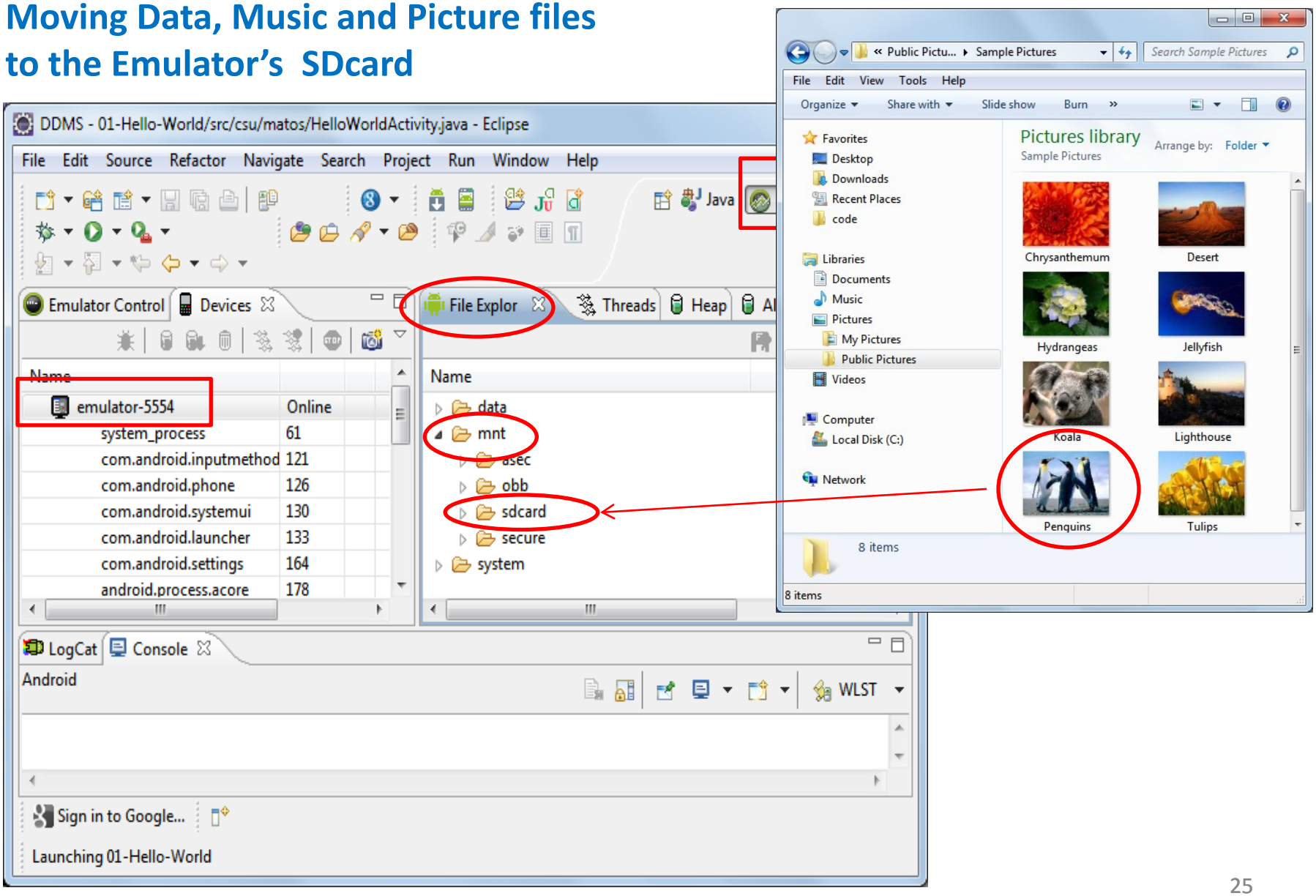

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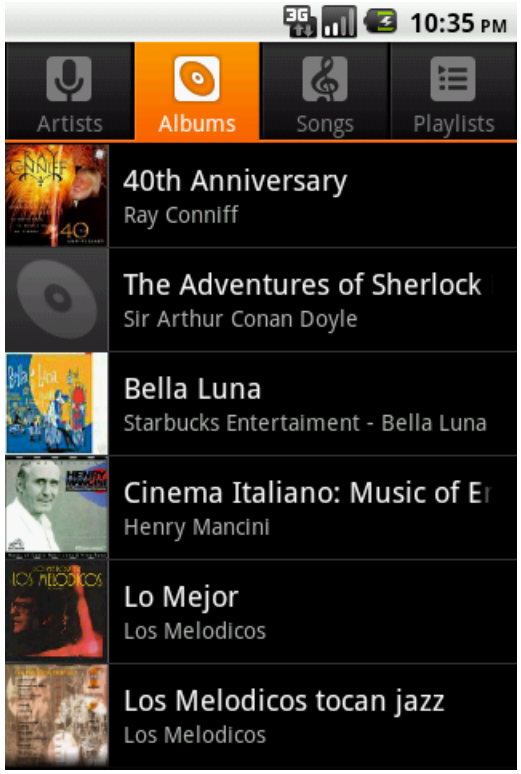
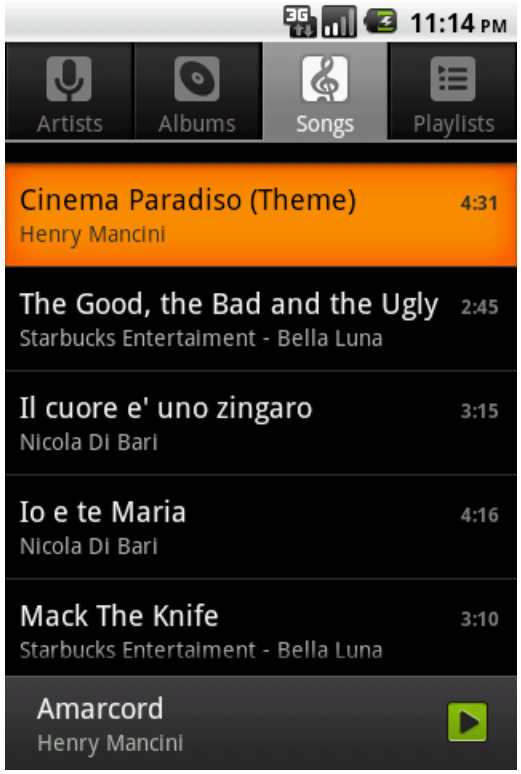
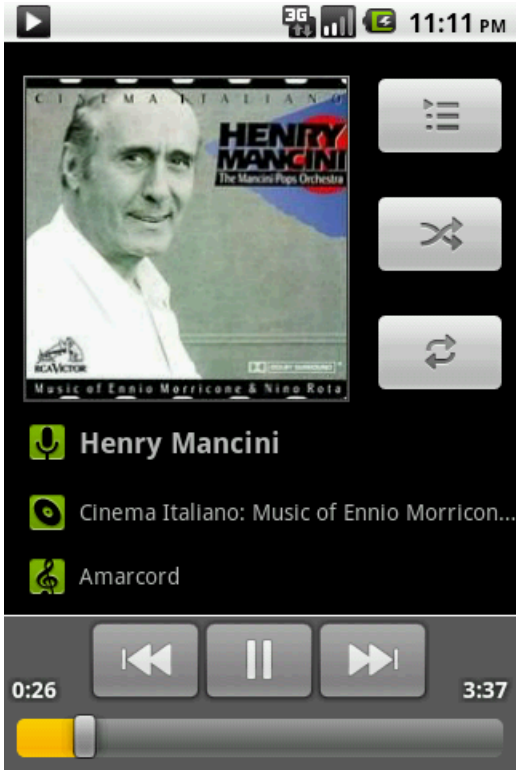
Moving Data, Music and Pictures to the SDcard

4. Return to the emulator. This time you will see your selected multimedia files in the SDcard. For instance…







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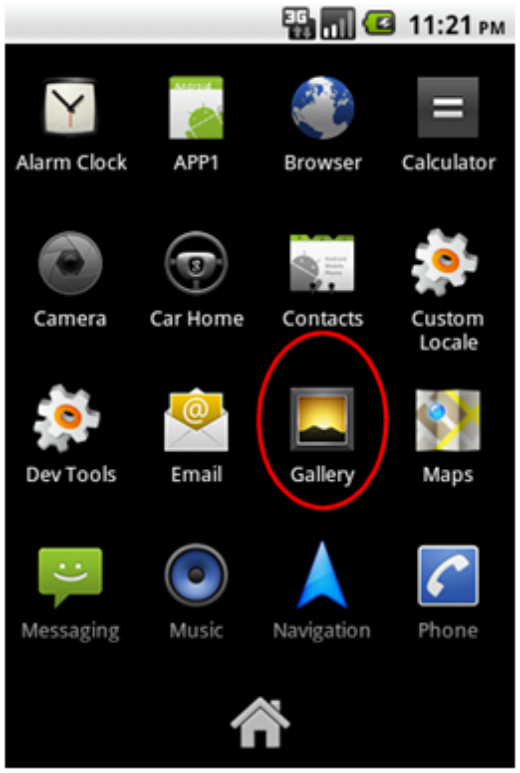
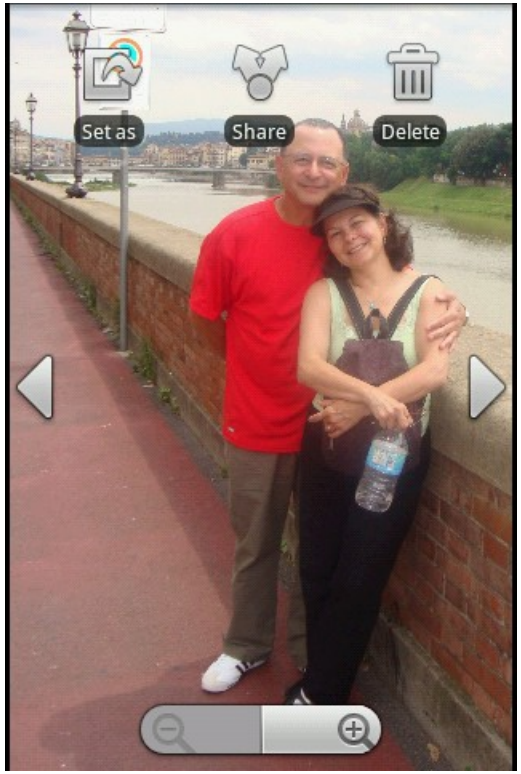
5. Pictures are displayed by clicking the *Application Pad* and invoking the **Gallery** application

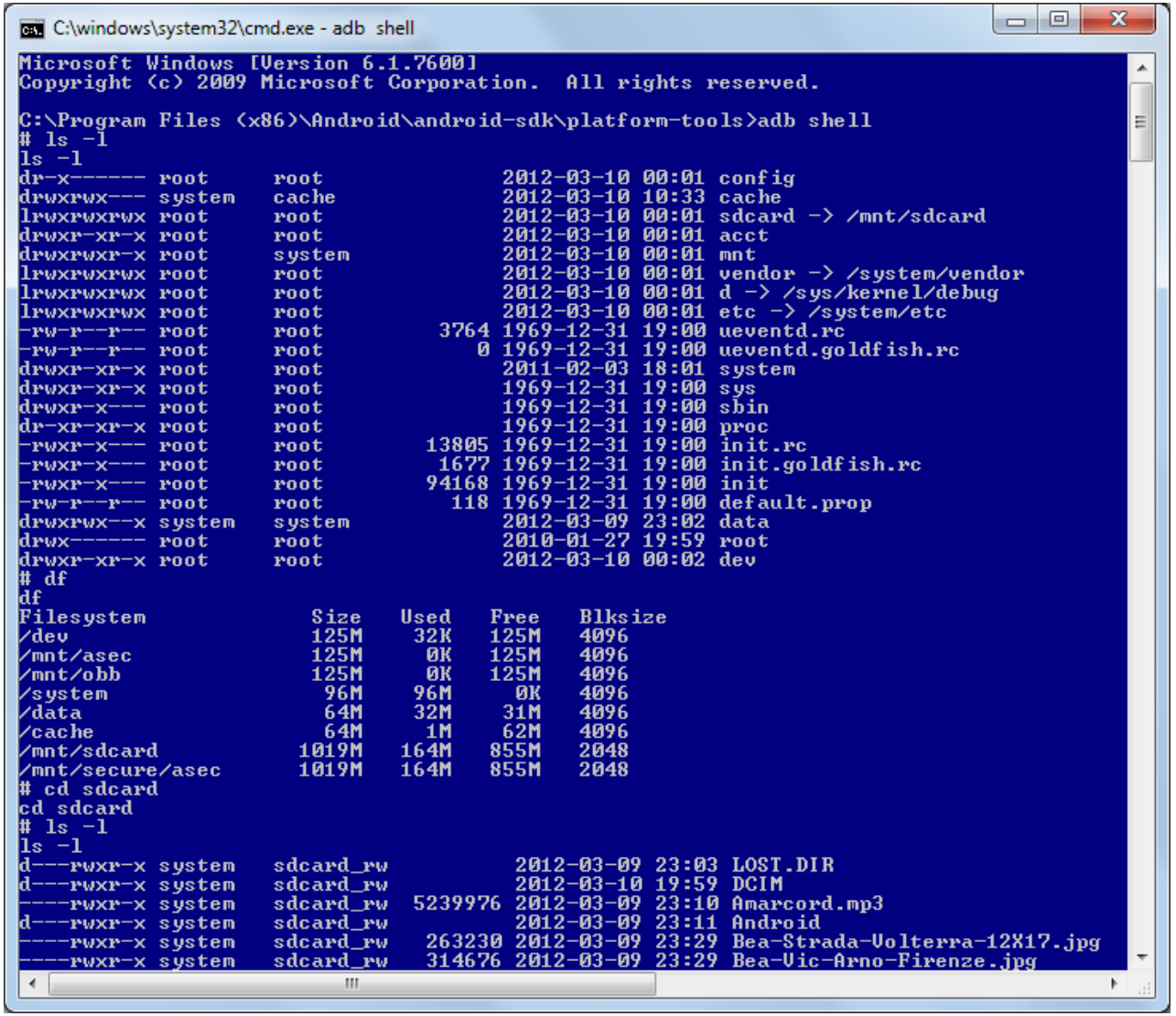




Android Emulator – Looking Under the Hood

Login into the Android OS shell

- Although it is not necessary, a developer may gain access to the innermost parts of the Android OS.
- For a Unix-like experience you can log into the system by executing the emulator and issuing selected shell commands.



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STEPS

1. Use the Eclipse **AVD Manager** to start a selected AVD (say Gingerbread23)

2. At the DOS command prompt level run the Android Debug Bridge (**adb)** application

   adb shell

C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe - adb shell

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation.  All rights reserved.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Android\android-sdk\platform-tools>adb shell
# ls -l
ls -l
dr-x------ root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 config
drwxrwx--- system   cache             2012-03-10 10:33 cache
lrwxrwxrwx root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 sdcard -> /mnt/sdcard
drwxr-xr-x root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 acct
drwxrwxr-x root     system            2012-03-10 00:01 mnt
lrwxrwxrwx root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 vendor -> /system/vendor
lrwxrwxrwx root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 d -> /sys/kernel/debug
lrwxrwxrwx root     root              2012-03-10 00:01 etc -> /system/etc
-rw-r--r-- root     root         3764 1969-12-31 19:00 ueventd.rc
-rw-r--r-- root     root            0 1969-12-31 19:00 ueventd.goldfish.rc
drwxr-xr-x root     root              2011-02-03 18:01 system
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-rw-r--r-- root     root          118 1969-12-31 19:00 default.prop
drwxrwx--x system   system            2012-03-09 23:02 data
drwx------ root     root              2010-01-27 19:59 root
drwxr-xr-x root     root              2012-03-10 00:02 dev
# df
df
Filesystem               Size   Used   Free   Blksize
/dev                     125M    32K   125M   4096
/mnt/asec                125M     0K   125M   4096
/mnt/obb                 125M     0K   125M   4096
/system                   96M    96M     0K   4096
/data                     64M    32M    31M   4096
/cache                    64M     1M    62M   4096
/mnt/sdcard             1019M   164M   855M   2048
/mnt/secure/asec        1019M   164M   855M   2048
# cd sdcard
cd sdcard
# ls -l
ls -l
d---rwxr-x system   sdcard_rw         2012-03-09 23:03 LOST.DIR
d---rwxr-x system   sdcard_rw         2012-03-10 19:59 DCIM
----rwxr-x system   sdcard_rw  5239976 2012-03-09 23:10 Amarcord.mp3
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adb is a tool located in the directory:
C:\Your-SDK-Folder\Android\android-sdk\platform-tools

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Android – Login into the OS shell

If more than one emulator is running (or your phone is physically connected to the computer using the USB cable) you need to identify the target.

Follow the next steps:

1. Get a list of attached devices

```
adb devices

List of devices attached
emulator-5554   device
emulator-5556   device
HT845GZ45737    device
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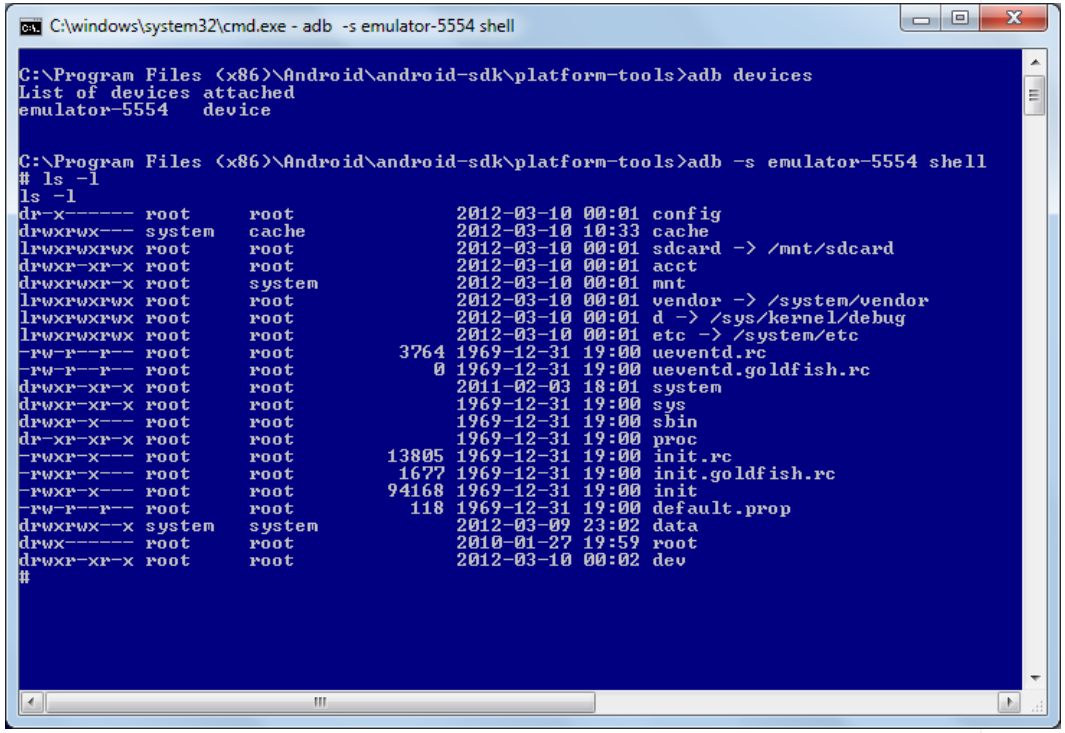

2. Run the **adb** application as follows:

```
adb  -s emulator-5554  shell
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Remember, the **adb** tool is located at **C:\Program Files (x86)\Android\android-sdk\platform-tools**

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Hacking: Moving an app from a Rooted Phone to the Emulator

If you want to transfer an app that is currently installed in your developer's phone to the emulator, follow the next steps:

1. Run command shell: > **adb devices** (find out your hardware's id, say **HT096P800176**)

2. Pull the file from the device to your computer's file system. Enter the command
   adb -s HT096P800176 pull data/app/theInstalledApp.apk c:/theInstalledApp.apk

3. Disconnect your Android phone

4. Run an instance of the Emulator

5. Now install the app on the emulator using the command
   adb -s emulator-5554 install c:\theInstalledApp.apk
   adb -s emulator-5554 uninstall data/app/theInstalledApp.apk ⟵ *to uninstall*

You should see a message indicating the size of the installed package, and finally: *Success*.

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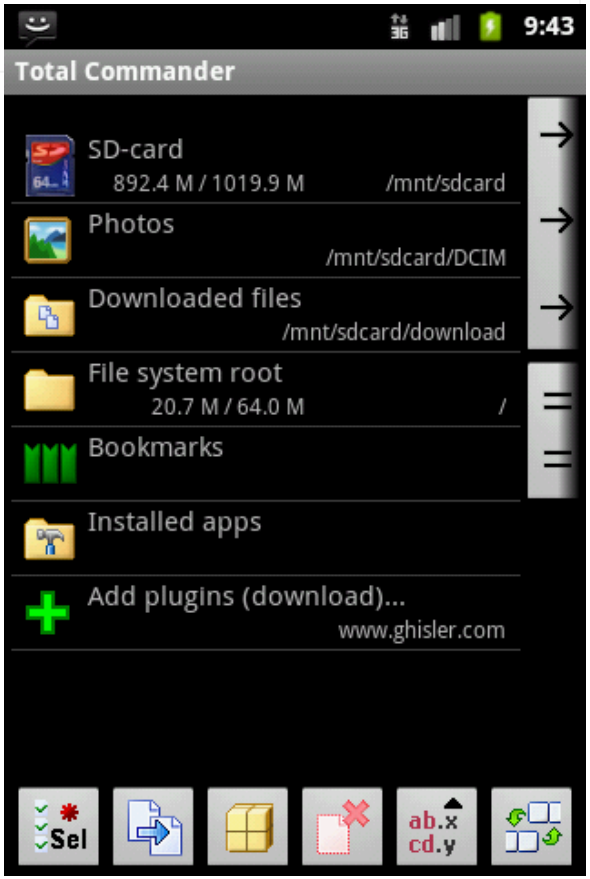
More Hacking: Install TotalCommander for Android

TotalCommander is a useful Windows file manager that has been ported to Android. You could use it to administer the folders and files in the system's flash memory and SD card of your emulator or device.

To install the app in your emulator follow the next steps

1. Start the emulator's web browser on the URL: http://www.ghisler.com/android.htm
2. Press **Ctrl + Click** on the "**direct download"** hyperlink to start the app's download.
3. Wait for completion (scroll down Notification line if necessary)
4. Follow setup instructions.



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Android accepts a number of Linux shell commands including the useful set below

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ls ................. show directory (alphabetical order)
mkdir .............. make a directory
rmdir .............. remove directory
rm -r .............. to delete folders with files
rm ................. remove files
mv ................. moving and renaming files
cat ................ displaying short files
cd ................. change current directory
pwd ................ find out what directory you are in
df ................. shows available disk space
chmod .............. changes permissions on a file
date ............... display date
exit ............... terminate session
```

There is no copy (**cp**) command in Android, but you could use **cat** instead.
For instance:

```
# cat data/app/theInstalledApp.apk > cache/theInstalledApp.apk
```

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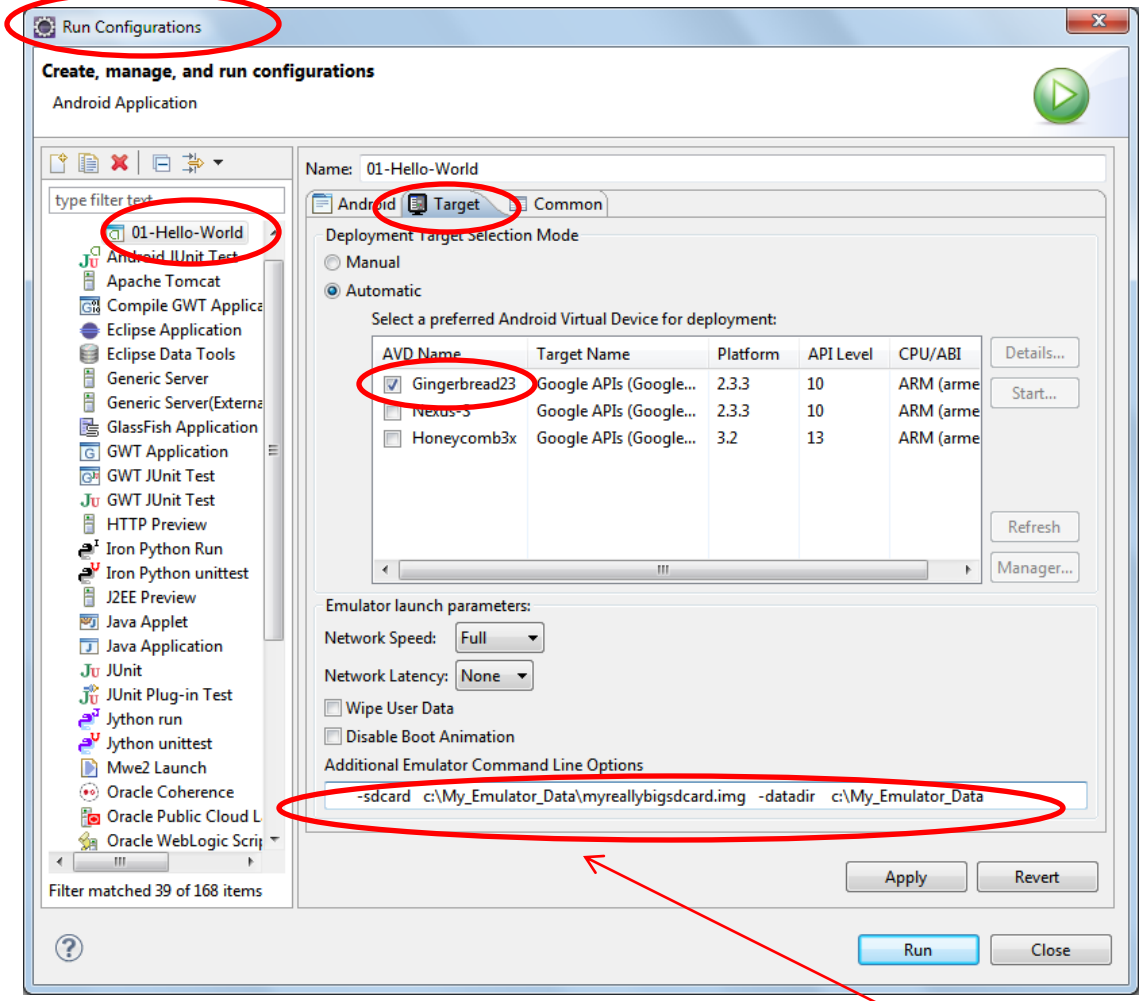
Using an alternate SD card & userData Image



From the Eclipse menu create a new launch configuration:

Run >
Run Configurations >
New icon

On the **Target** panel:

1. Select existing AVD (Gingerbread in this example)
2. Enter additional Command Line Options (see caption below)
3. Click on **Apply** > **Run**

Additional Emulator Command Line Options:
-sdcard c:\My_Emulator_Data\myreallybigsdcard.img **-datadir** c:\My_Emulator_Data

Android Emulator / SMS

Sending Text Messages from your Window's PC to the Emulator

1. Start the emulator.

2. Open a new DOS command shell and type :
   c:> adb devices
   this way you get to know the emulator's numeric port id (usually **5554**, **5556**, and so on)

3. Connect to the console using telnet command like:
   c:> telnet localhost 5554

4. After receiving the telnet prompt you can send a text message with the command (no quotes needed for the message)
   sms send <Sender's phone number> <text message>

Windows7 – temporarily install Telnet Client by using a command line

1. Open a command prompt window.
2. Click **Start**, type **cmd** in the **Start Search** box, and then press **ENTER**.
3. Type the following command: `pkgmgr /iu:"TelnetClient"`

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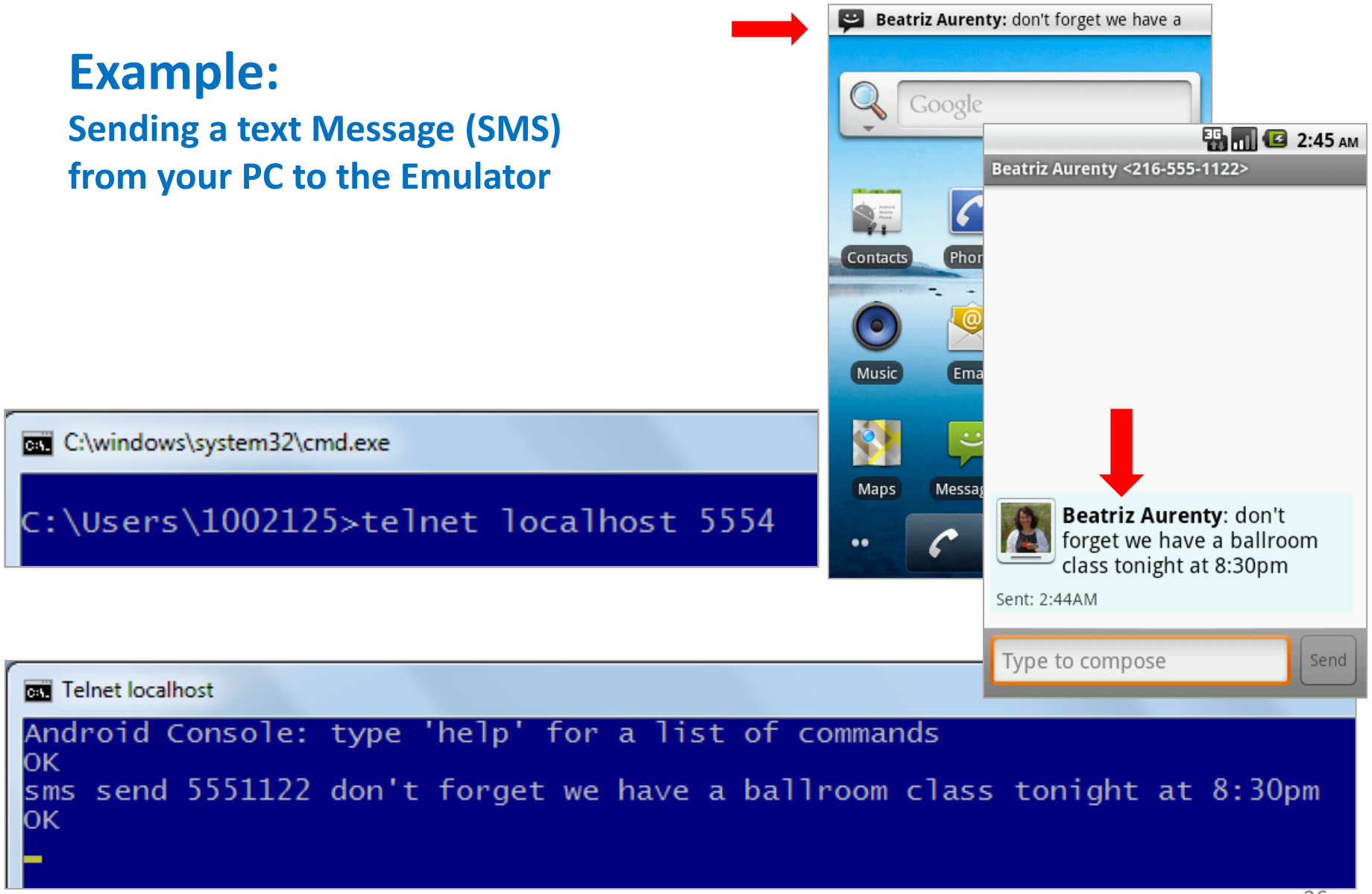
Example:

Sending a text Message (SMS) from your PC to the Emulator



Android Emulator / Voice

Making a Phone Call from your PC to the Emulator

1. Start the emulator.

2. Open a new shell and type :
   adb devices
   to know the emulator's numeric port id (usually **5554**, **5556**, and so on)

3. Connect to the console using telnet command like:
   telnet localhost 5554 (this is the 'number' to be called)

4. After receiving the telnet prompt you can place a call (voice) with the command
   gsm call <caller's phone number>

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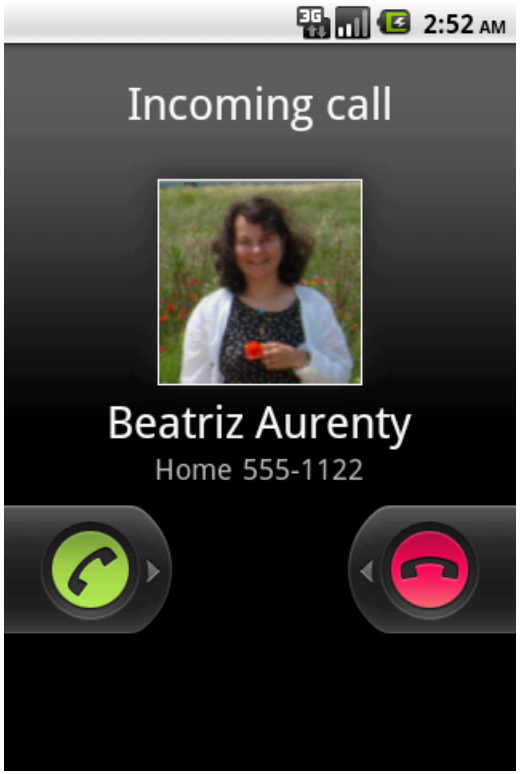
Example: Making a Phone Call to the Emulator




```
C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\1002125>telnet localhost 5554
```

```
Telnet localhost
Android Console: type 'help' for a list of commands
OK
gsm call 5551122
OK
```

Android Emulator
Using Eclipse's DDMS facility

DDMS Emulator Controls

It is *much simpler* to test telephony operations (SMS/Voice) as well as GPS services using the controls included in the Eclipse DDMS perspective

1. **Telephony Status** - change the state of the phone's Voice and Data plans (home, roaming, searching, etc.), and simulate different kinds of network Speed and Latency (GPRS, EDGE, UTMS, etc.).

2. **Telephony Actions** - perform simulated phone calls and SMS messages to the emulator.

3. **Location Controls** - send mock location data to the emulator so that you can perform location-aware operations like GPS mapping.
   - Manually send individual longitude/latitude coordinates to the device. Click **Manual**, select the coordinate format, fill in the fields and click **Send**.
   - Use a **GPX file** describing a route for playback to the device.
   - Use a **KML** file to place multiple *placemarker points* on a map

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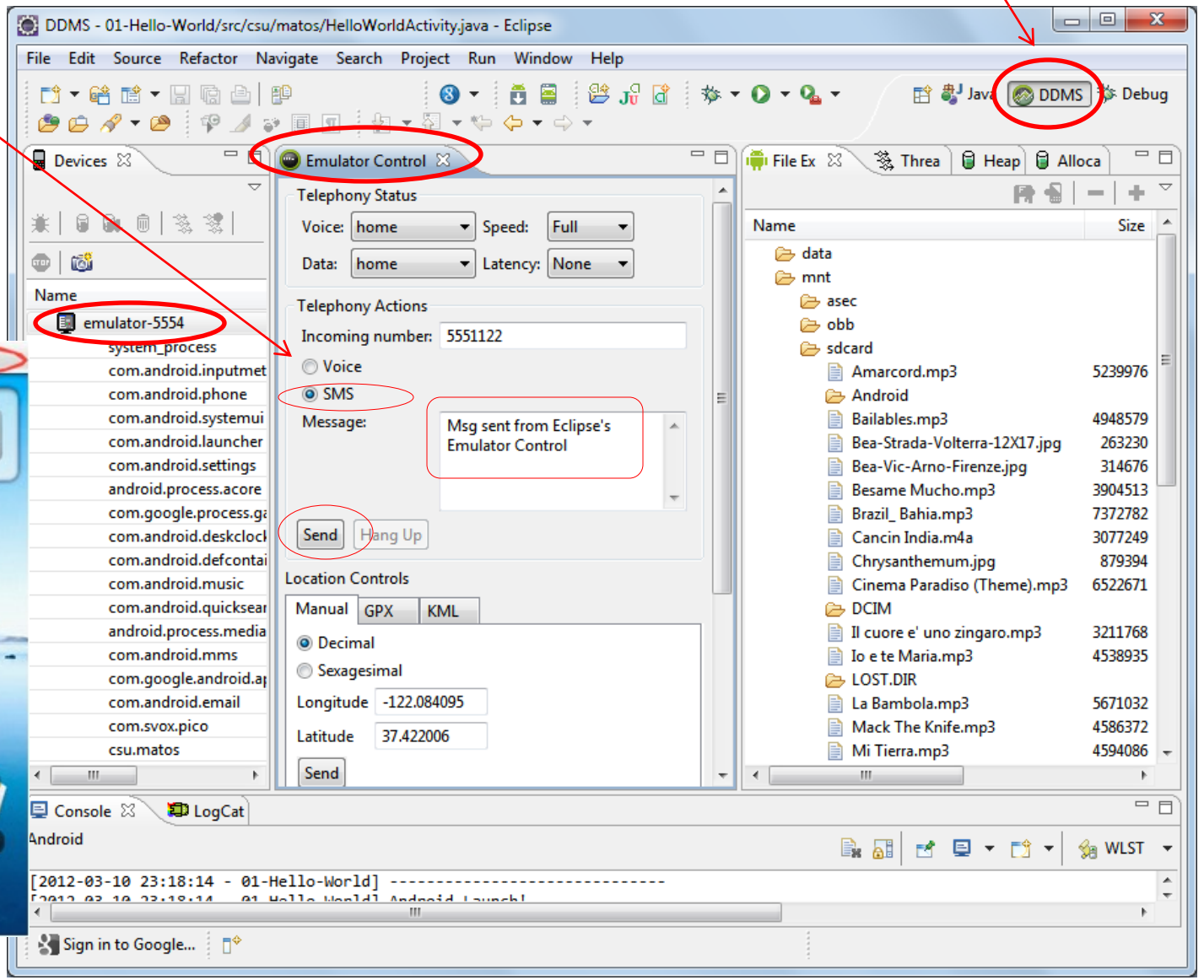
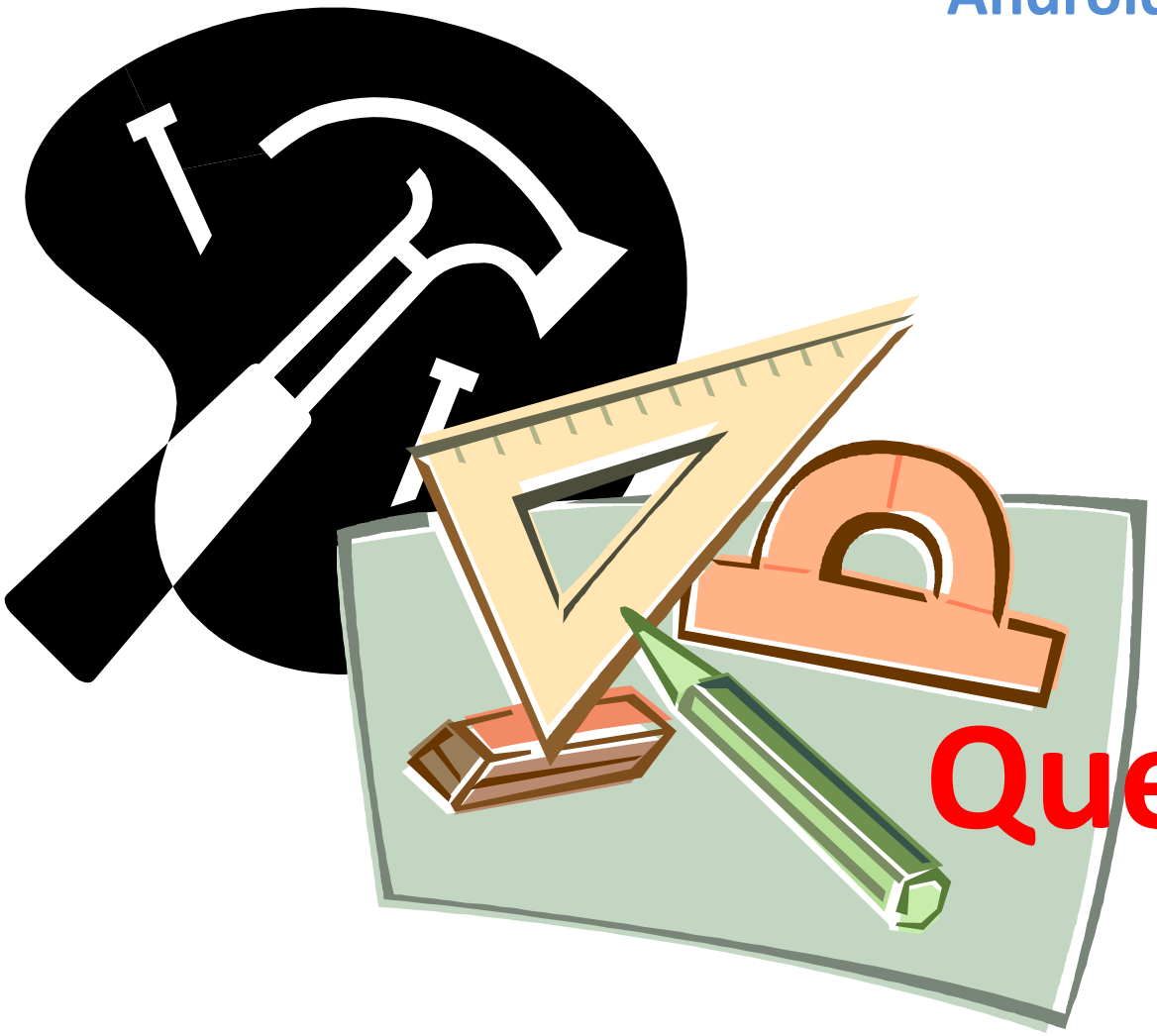
Using Eclipse to test Emulator's Telephony Actions

Send text-messages
Make a phone call





Questions ?

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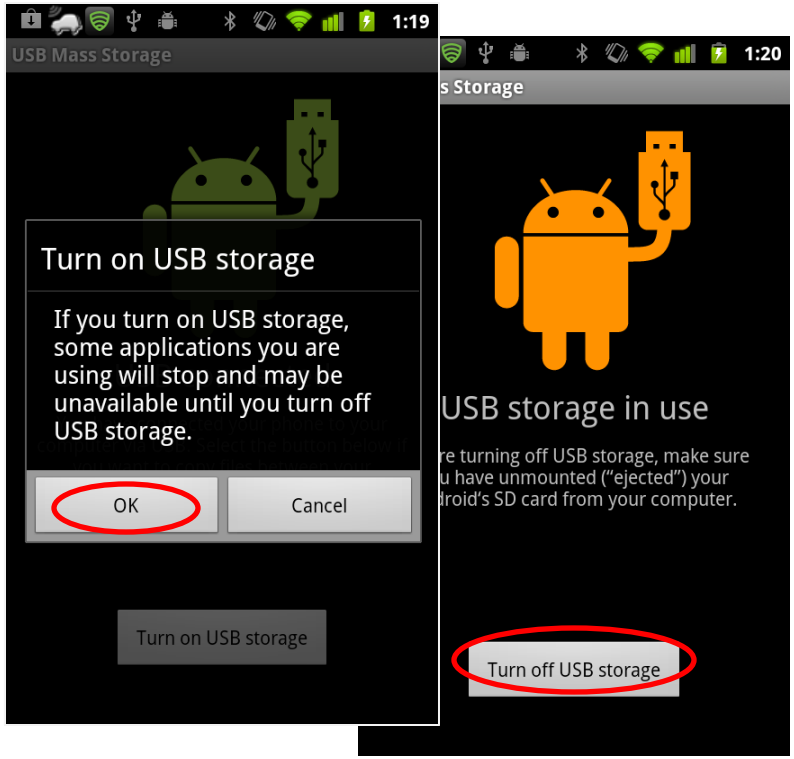
Appendix 1 – Connecting your Hardware Device to the Computer

1. Make sure the USB driver has been installed in your PC (click SDK Manager > Extras > check box [*Google USB driver package*] to install)
2. Use a mini-USB cable to connect the device to your computer.
3. Expand the Notification bar. Click on [*USB connected*] option.
4. Click on [*Turn on USB storage*] to mount the device.
5. Now you could now use the Eclipse-ADT-File Explorer and your Window's Explorer tool to pull/push/delete/rename files to the device.



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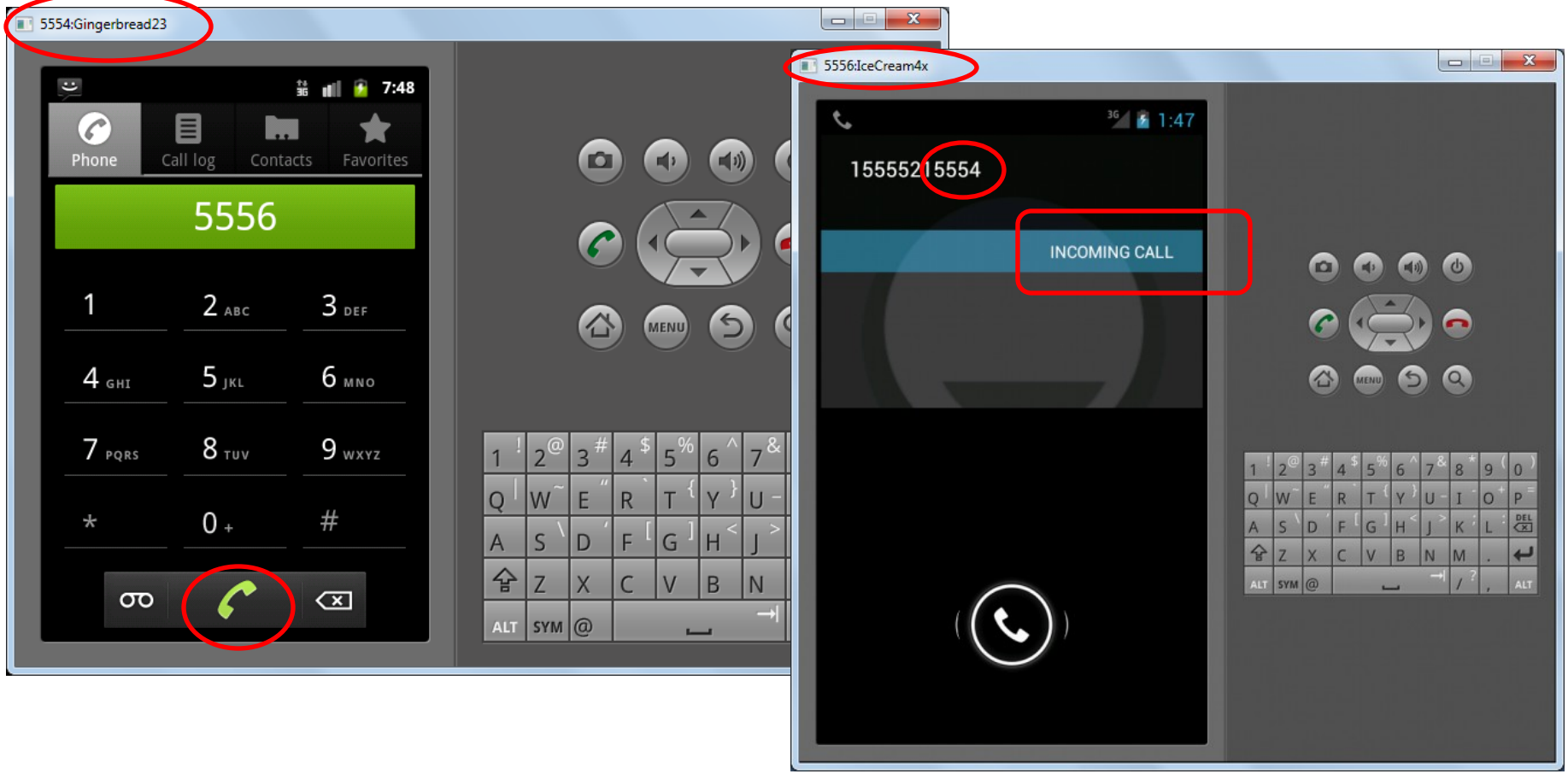
Appendix 2 – Emulator to Emulator Communication (SMS & Voice)

1. Run two instances of the emulator (typical IDs are: 5554, 5556, …)
2. Dial (or send SMS) from one of them (say 5554) to the other (5556)
3. Press the Green/Red call buttons to accept/terminate the call
4. Try sending SMS (use numbers 5554 and 5556)



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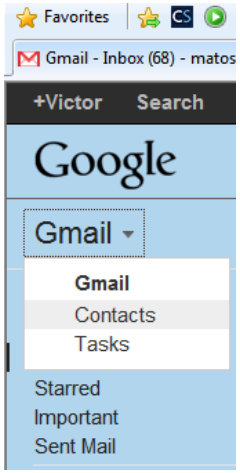
Appendix 3.
How to Transfer and Sync Your Google Contacts into the Emulator

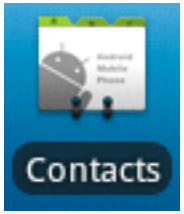
Taken from:
http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1114052/importing-gmail-contacts-on-android-emulator



1. Go to your Gmail account using a web browser, click on **Gmail** > **Contacts** on the left sidebar.

2. Select all the contacts you want on your emulator/phone. Then click on **More > Export** and select **vCard** format. Download the "contacs.vcf" file to your PC.

3. Push the contacs.vcf file from the PC to the emulator's **SD card**.



4. Open the emulator's **Contacts** app hit **Menu** > **Import**.

5. Choose the option *Import from SD card*.