#### CS378 - Mobile Computing

Android Overview and Android Development Environment

# What is Android?

- A software stack for mobile devices that includes
  - An operating system
  - Middleware
  - Key Applications
- Uses Linux to provide core system services
  - Security
  - Memory management
  - Process management
  - Power management
  - Hardware drivers



http://developer.android.com/guide/basics/what-is-android.html

# Android Features

- Application framework enabling reuse and replacement of components
- Dalvik virtual machine optimized for mobile devices
- Integrated browser based on the open source WebKit engine
- **Optimized graphics** powered by a custom 2D graphics library; 3D graphics based on the OpenGL ES 1.0 specification (hardware acceleration optional)
- **SQLite** for structured data storage
- **Media support** for common audio, video, and still image formats (MPEG4, H.264, MP3, AAC, AMR, JPG, PNG, GIF)
- **GSM Telephony** (hardware dependent)
- Bluetooth, EDGE, 3G, and WiFi (hardware dependent)
- Camera, GPS, compass, and accelerometer (hardware dependent)
- **Rich development environment** including a device emulator, tools for debugging, memory and performance profiling, and a plugin for the Eclipse IDE

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# A Short History Of Android

- 2001 Palm Kyocera 6035, combing PDA and phone
- 2003 Blackberry smartphone released
- 2005
  - Google acquires startup Android Inc. to start Android platform.
  - Work on Dalvik VM begins
- 2007
  - Open Handset Alliance announced
  - Early look at SDK
  - June, iPhone released
- 2008
  - Google sponsors 1<sup>st</sup> Android Developer Challenge
  - T-Mobile G1 announced, released fall
  - SDK 1.0 released
  - Android released open source (Apache License)
  - Android Dev Phone 1 released

Pro Android by Hashimi & Komatineni (2009)

# Short History cont.

- 2009
  - SDK 1.5 (Cupcake)
    - New soft keyboard with "autocomplete" feature
  - SDK 1.6 (Donut)
    - Support Wide VGA
  - SDK 2.0/2.0.1/2.1 (Eclair)
    - Revamped UI, browser
- 2010
  - Nexus One released to the public
  - SDK 2.2 (Froyo)
    - Flash support, tethering
  - SDK 2.3 (Gingerbread)
    - UI update, system-wide copy-paste



# Short History cont.

- 2011
  - -SDK 3.0 (Honeycomb) for tablets only
    - New UI for tablets, support multi-core processors, fragments
  - -SDK 3.1 and 3.2
    - Hardware support and UI improvements
  - -SDK 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich)
    - For Q4, combination of Gingerbread Honeycomb



# Short History cont.

- 2012
  - Android 4.1, "Jelly Bean" announced late June 2012

Top Smartphone Platforms 3 Month Avg. Ending May 2012 vs. 3 Month Avg. Ending Feb. 2012 Total U.S. Smartphone Subscribers Ages 13+ Source: comScore MobiLens

	Share (%) of Smartphone Subscribers							
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Google	50.1%	50.9%	0.8					
Apple	30.2%	31.9%	1.7					
RIM	13.4%	11.4%	-2.0					
Microsoft	3.9%	4.0%	0.1					
Symbian	1.5%	1.1%	-0.4					



http://developer.android.com/resources/dashboard/platform-versions.html

# **Device Distribution July 2012**

#### **Current Distribution**

The following pie chart and table is based on the number of Android devices that have accessed Google Play within a 14-day period ending on the data collection date noted below.

Version	Codename	API Level	Distribution				
1.5	Cupcake	3	0.2%				
1.6	Donut	4	0.5%				
2.1	Eclair	7	4.7%				
2.2	Froyo	8	17.3%				
2.3 - 2.3.2	Gingerbread	9	0.4%				
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3.1	Honeycomb	12	0.5%				
3.2		13	1.9%				
4.0 - 4.0.2	Ice Cream Sandwich	14	0.2%				
4.0.3 - 4.0.4		15	10.7%				



# **Devices and Apps**

- Estimated 400M activated devices (100M a year ago)
- 1M new activations per day
- Google Play (formerly Android Market)
  - -~600,000 apps, June 2012
  - -2/3 free, 1/3 paid
  - -Apple App Store, ~650,000 apps June 2012
- What's old is new Mac vs. PC iPhone vs. Android???

#### iPhone vs. Android



## **Developer Revenues**



 Business Strategy: attract developers with comparison of revenue generated by applications, average revenue per user, which platform first

### Search Trends



# Setup Development Environment

- Install JDK 5, 6, or 7
- Install Eclipse IDE (version 3.7 Indigo)
   recommended "Eclipse Classic"
- Download and unpack the Android SDK
- Install Android Development Tools (ADT) plugin for Eclipse
- Detailed install instructions available on Android site

http://developer.android.com/sdk/installing.html

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# Android Emulator or AVD

- Emulator is essential to testing app but is not a substitute for a real device
- Emulators are called Android Virtual Devices (AVDs)
- Android SDK and AVD Manager allows you to create AVDs that target any Android API level
- AVD have configurable resolutions, RAM, SD cards, skins, and other hardware

#### **Android Emulator: 1.6**



#### Android Emulator: 2.2



#### Android Emulator: 3.0



#### Android Emulator: 4.0



# **Emulator Basics**

- Host computer's keyboard works
- Host's mouse works like finger
- Uses host's Internet connection
- Other buttons work: Home, Menu, Back, Search, volume up and down, etc.
- Ctrl-F11 toggle landscape → portrait
- Alt-Enter toggle full-screen mode
- More info at <a href="http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/devices/emulator.html">http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/devices/emulator.html</a>

# **Emulator Limitations**

- No support for placing or receiving actual phone calls
  - Simulate phone calls (placed and received) through the emulator console
- No support for USB connections
- No support for camera/video capture (input)
- No support for device-attached headphones
- No support for determining connected state
- No support for determining battery charge level and AC charging state
- No support for determining SD card insert/eject
- No support for Bluetooth
- No support for simulating the accelerometer
  - Use OpenIntents's Sensor Simulator

That's why we need the dev phone!

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or use the command line

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# Android Runtime: Dalvik VM

- Subset of Java developed by Google
- Optimized for mobile devices (better memory management, battery utilization, etc.)
- Dalvik runs .dex files that are compiled from .class files
- Introduces new libraries
- Does not support some Java libraries like AWT, Swing
- <a href="http://developer.android.com/reference/packages.html">http://developer.android.com/reference/packages.html</a>

# Or From the Command Line

C:\android-sdk-windows\tools>**android create avd -n MyDevice -t android-8** Android 2.2 is a basic Android platform. Do you wish to create a custom hardware profile [no] Created AVD 'MyDevice2' based on Android 2.2, with the following hardware config: hw.lcd.density=240 vm.heapSize=24

C:\android-sdk-windows\tools>**emulator -avd MyDevice** 

Launch device

More info:

http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/devices/managing-avds-cmdline.html

# **Applications Are Boxed**

- By default, each app is run in its own Linux process
  - Process started when app's code needs to be executed
  - Threads can be started to handle timeconsuming operations
- Each process has its own Dalvik VM
- By default, each app is assigned unique Linux ID
  - Permissions are set so app's files are only visible to that app

# Producing an Android App



# **Other Dev Tools**

- Android Debug Bridge
- Part of SDK
- command line tool to communicate with an emulator or connected Android device
  - check devices attached / running
  - install apk's, Android PacKage files,
     "executables", can find samples on places
     besides Android Market (security?)
  - and more!

http://developer.android.com/guide/developing/tools/adb.html

# **Dalvik Debug Monitor Server**

- DDMS
- debugging tool
- "provides, screen capture on the device, thread and heap information on the device, logcat, process, and radio state information, incoming call and SMS spoofing, location data spoofing, and more."
- can interact with DDMS via Eclipse plugin, another view in Eclipse

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