



Laboratorio di programmazione di sistemi mobili e tablet

Prefazione

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Intro to the course

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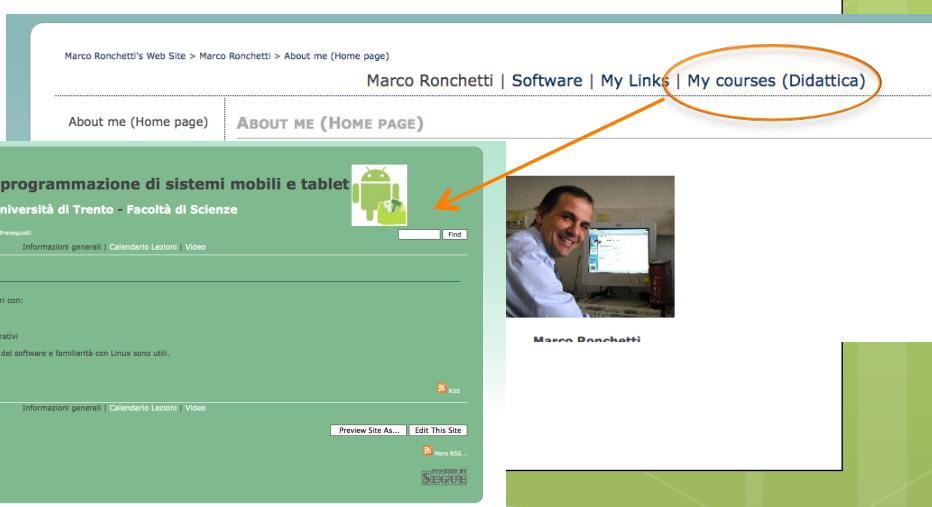
2 teaching assistants (Carlo Menapace - Arindam Ghosh)

Some guest teachers

Final project

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Videos are available



Marco Ronchetti's Web Site > Marco Ronchetti > About me (Home page)

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PREREQUISITI
Gli studenti devono essere familiari con:

- la programmazione in Java
- Bas di dati
- Notioni base di sistemi operativi

Nozioni base di reti, di Ingegneria del software e familiarità con Linux sono utili.

Informazioni generali | Calendario Lezioni | Video

Preview Site As... Edit This Site More RSS... DISPONIBILE ANCHE SU MOBILE



Why is mobile programming different?

- Screen: from small phones to large TV sets
- OS version (multiple APK)
- Scarce resources (memory, disk)
- Unreliable and mutable connectivity (GSM, WiFi)
- Data transfer: costly, slow, high latency
- Battery
- Priorities (what if a phone call comes in?)
- User interaction (no kbd, gestures...)
- Devices (accelerometer, GPS, camera, audio, mic)
- Speech APIs
- Inter-app communication
- Security threats
- Development model (cross compilation)
- Distribution model (store)



Design philosophy

Applications should be:

- – Fast
 - In spite of the constraints: < 200 MB RAM, slow processor
- – Responsive
 - Apps must respond to user actions within 5 seconds
- – Secure
 - Apps declare permissions in manifest
- – Seamless
 - Usability is key, persist data, suspend services
 - The OS may kill processes in background as needed





History and context

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Moore's law

The number of transistors that can be placed inexpensively on an integrated circuit doubles approximately every two years.

The period often quoted as "18 months" is due to David House, an Intel executive, who predicted that period for a doubling in chip performance (being a combination of the effect of more transistors and them being faster).



Moore's law

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law

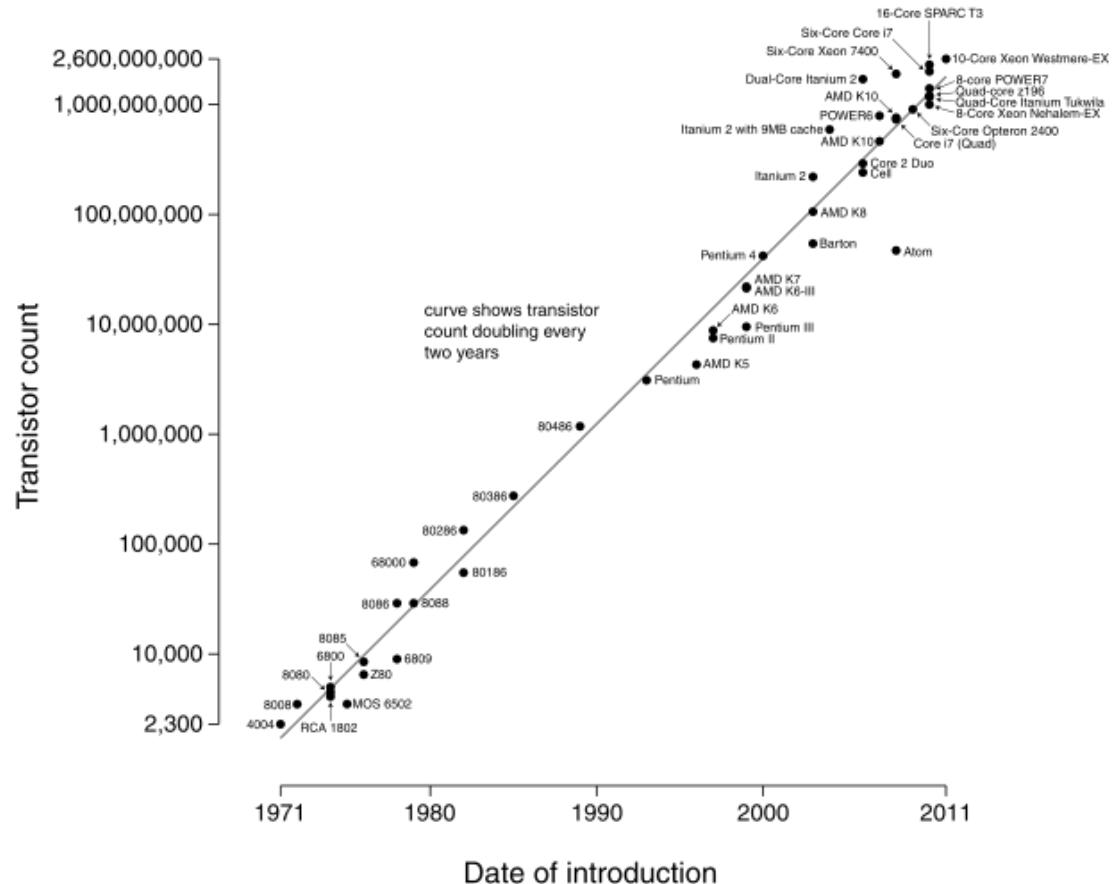


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NAND scaling timeline

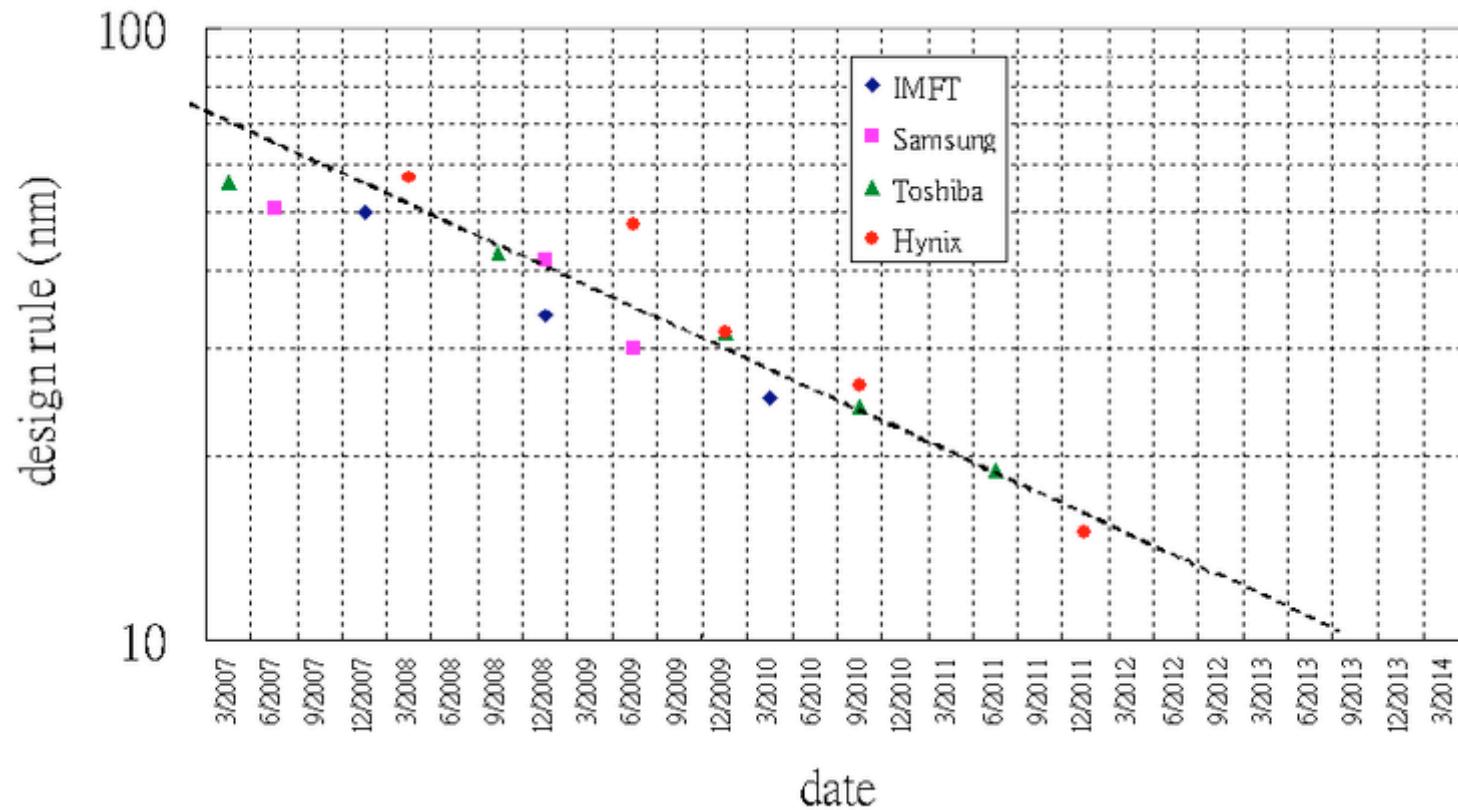


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Hard disk capacity

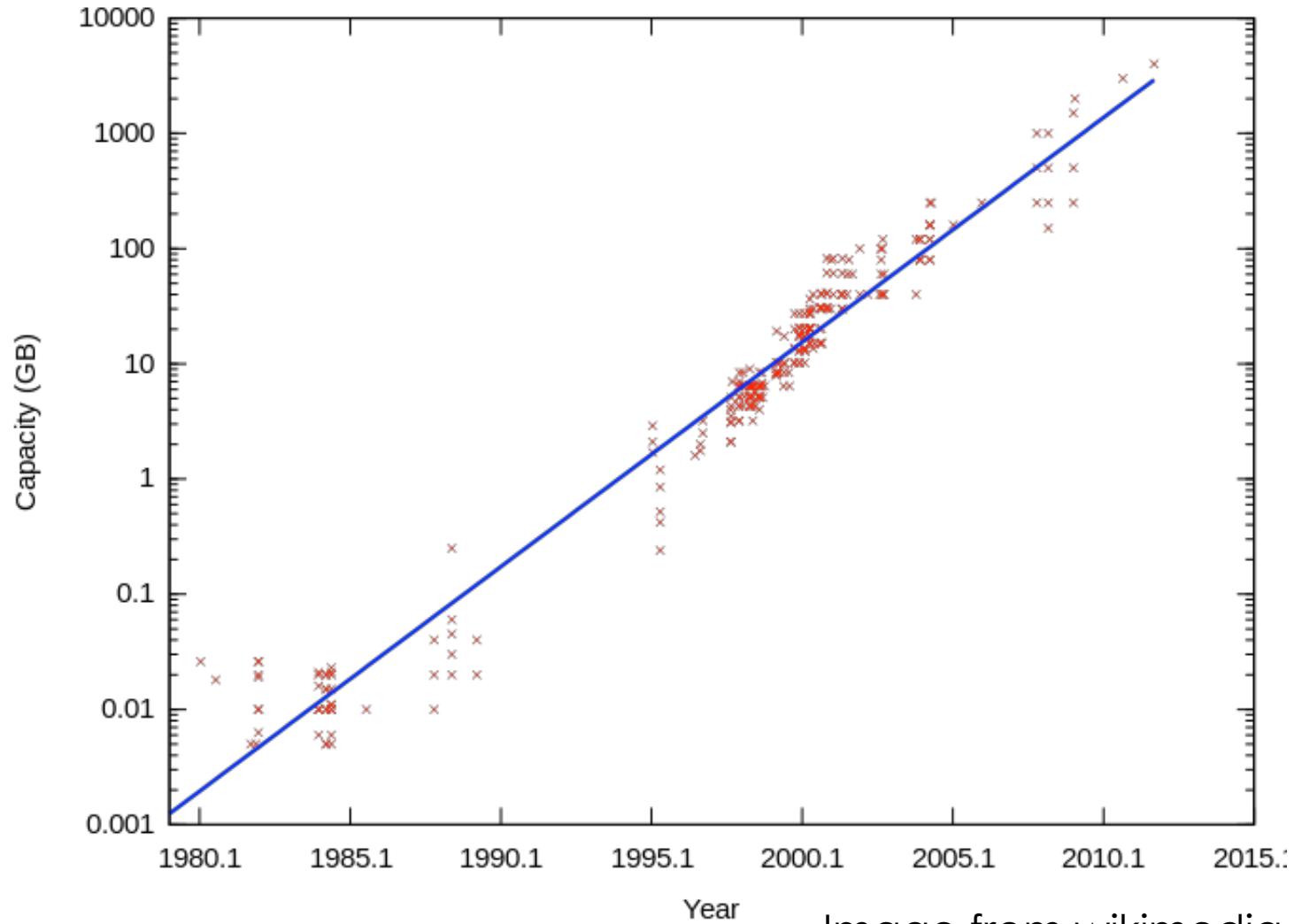
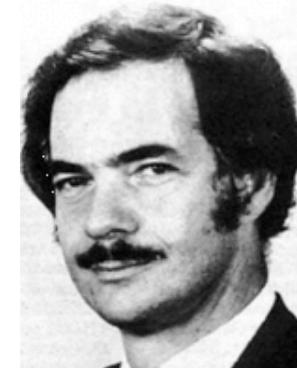


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The mobile computer



Adam
Osborn

An **Osborne Executive** (early 80s) and an **iPhone**.

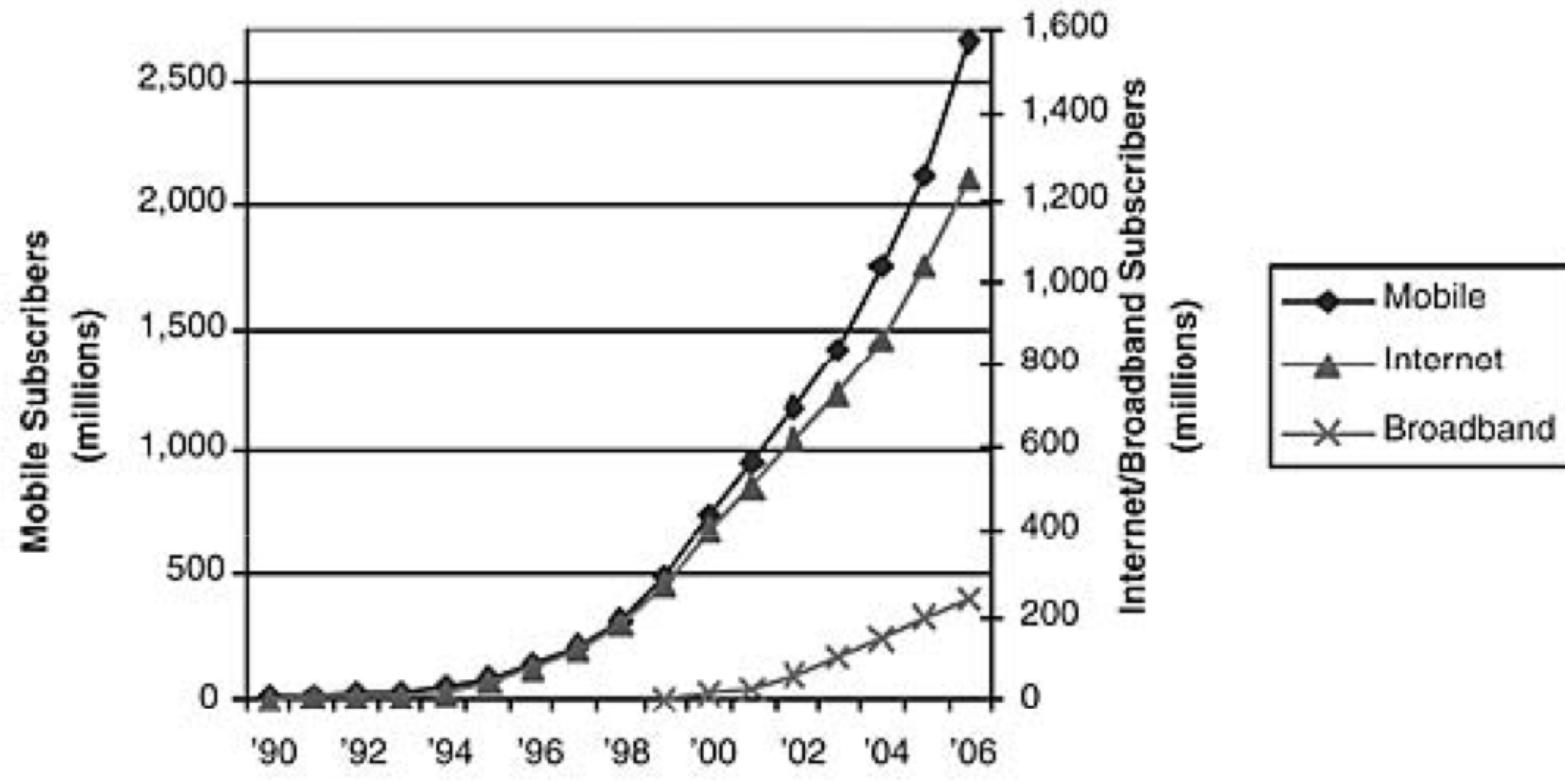
- 13,050 g / 135g = 100 times heavier [\[1\]](#)
- 4MHz / 412 Mhz = 100 times slower
- \$2500 / \$200-300 = 10 times more expensive
- $(52\text{cm} \times 23\text{cm} \times 33\text{cm}) / (115\text{mm} \times 61\text{mm} \times 11.6\text{mm})$
= 485 times as large (volume)



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Images from wikimedia

Growth of mobile device diffusion



Smartphones

IBM Simon: concept product (1992), sold 1993

- mobile phone
- calendar,
- address book
- world clock
- calculator,
- note pad
- e-mail client
- send and receive faxes
- games.

touchscreen



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Smartphones etc.

PDA (Personal digital assistant)

Psion, 1986 - Apple Newton, 1992 – Palm 1992

Portable Media Player

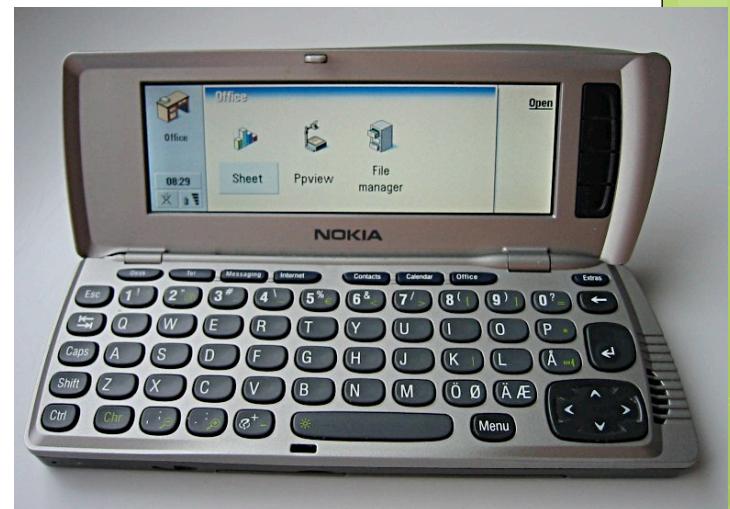
SaeHan/Eiger MPMan, 1997 - Apple iPod 2001

Smartphones

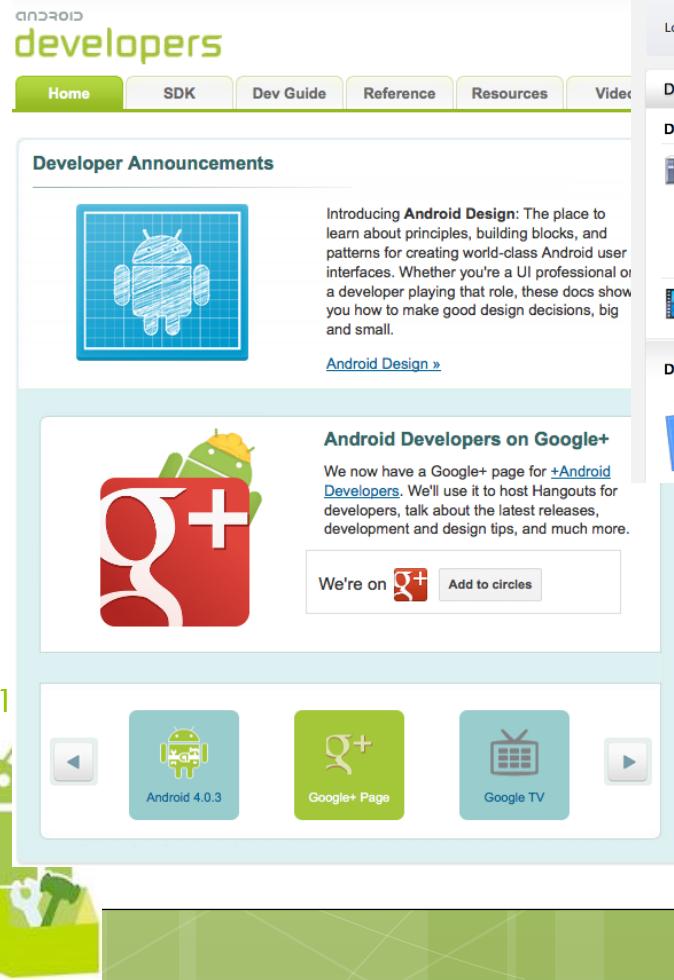
Nokia Communicator, 2000

Symbian OS 2000 => 2011

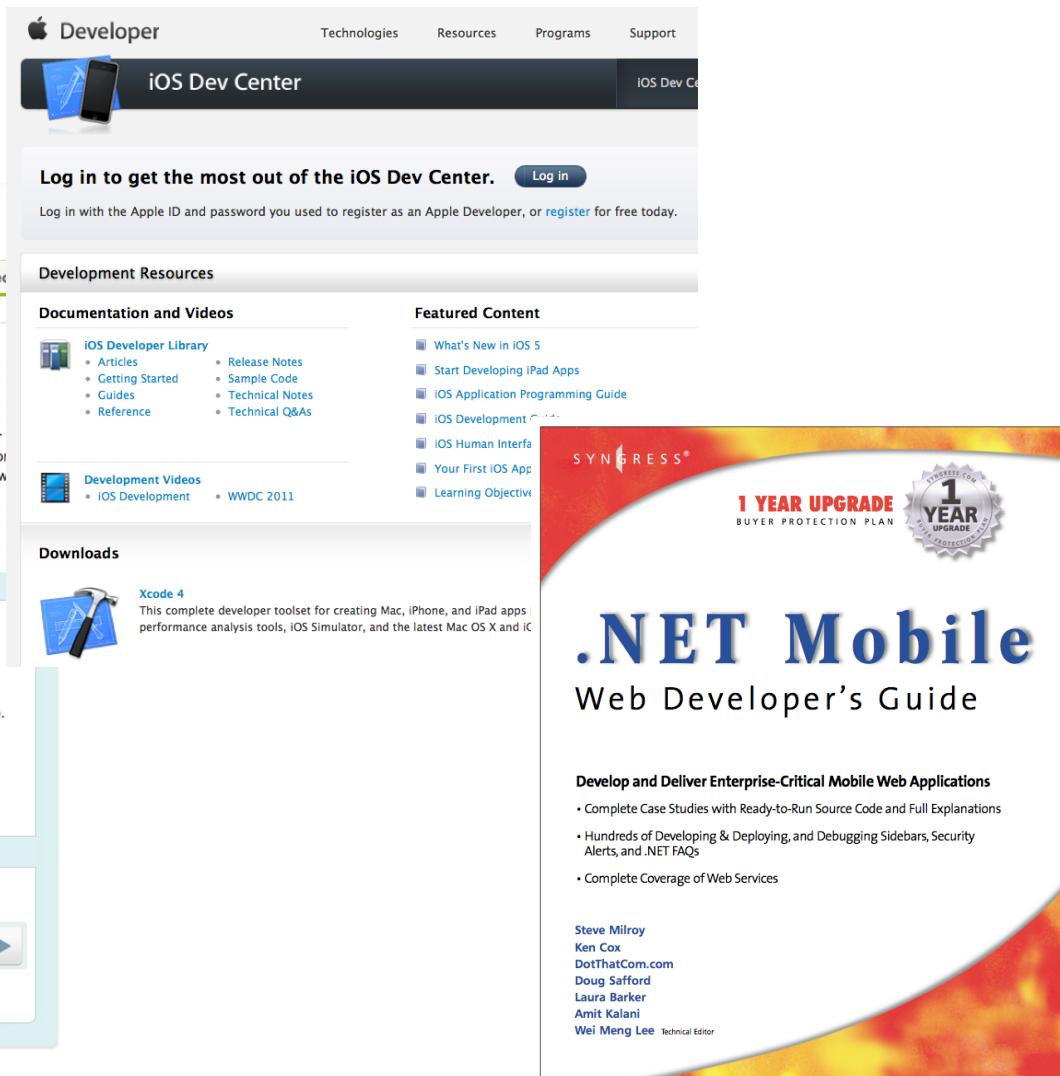
Blackberry, 2002 =>



Mobile: many worlds...



The screenshot shows the Android Developers website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, SDK, Dev Guide, Reference, Resources, and Video. Below this is a section titled "Developer Announcements" featuring a large image of the Android logo on a blueprint grid. To the right, text describes "Android Design" as a place to learn about principles, building blocks, and patterns for creating world-class Android user interfaces. A link "Android Design »" is provided. Below this is a "Google+ Page" section with a large Google+ icon, a "We're on Google+" button, and an "Add to circles" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Android 4.0.3", "Google+ Page", and "Google TV". A large green Android icon is partially visible on the left side of the page.



The screenshot displays two side-by-side web pages. On the left is the "iOS Dev Center" from Apple's Developer website. The header includes links for Technologies, Resources, Programs, and Support. Below the header is a "Log in" button and a message encouraging users to log in with their Apple ID. The main content area is titled "Development Resources" and includes sections for "Documentation and Videos" (with links to the iOS Developer Library, Development Videos, and WWDC 2011), "Downloads" (with a link to Xcode 4), and "Featured Content" (with links to various iOS development topics). On the right is the cover of the book ".NET Mobile: Web Developer's Guide" by Steve Milroy. The cover features a red and orange design with the title in large blue letters. Below the title, it says "Web Developer's Guide". At the bottom, it lists the authors: Steve Milroy, Ken Cox, DotThatCom.com, Doug Safford, Laura Barker, Amit Kalani, and Wei Meng Lee (Technical Editor). A "SYNTHESIS" logo is at the top, and a "1 YEAR UPGRADE BUYER PROTECTION PLAN" badge is on the right.

Mobile: many worlds...

The image is a collage of three mobile developer websites, each showcasing a different mobile platform's ecosystem and developer resources.

Left: Android Developers

The Android Developers website features a green header with the text "developers" and a "CLOUD" icon. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, SDK, Dev Guide, Reference, Resources, and Video. A section titled "Developer Announcements" includes a "Blueprint" icon and a link to "Android Design". Another section shows a "Google+" icon with the text "We're on Google+" and "Add to circles". At the bottom, there are links for "Android 4.0.3", "Google+ Page", and "Google TV".

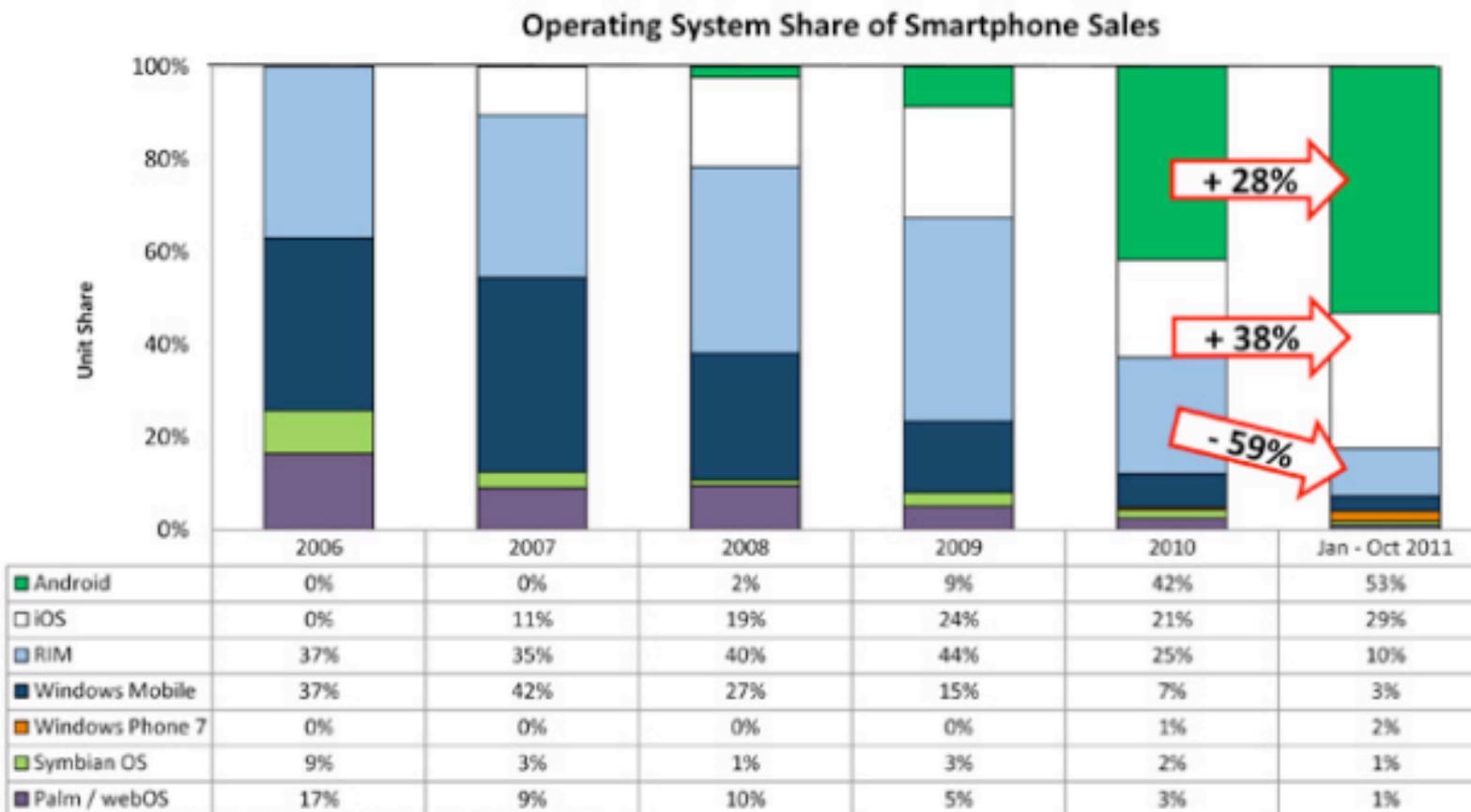
Middle: Apple iOS Dev Center

The Apple iOS Dev Center website has a white header with the "Developer" logo and links for Technologies, Resources, Programs, and Support. A "Log in" button is visible. The main content area features a "Log in to get the most out of the iOS Dev Center." message, a "Development Resources" section, and a "Documentation and Videos" section. The "Documentation and Videos" section includes links to the "iOS Developer Library" (Articles, Getting Started, Guides, Reference, Release Notes, Sample Code, Technical Notes, Technical Q&As) and "Development Videos" (iOS Development, WWDC 2011). A "Featured Content" sidebar lists links to "What's New in iOS 5", "Start Developing iPad Apps", "iOS Application Programming Guide", "iOS Development Guide", "iOS Human Interface Guidelines", "Your First iOS Application", and "Learning Objective-C: A Primer".

Right: Nokia Developer

The Nokia Developer website features a white header with the "NOKIA" logo. Below the header is a "Downloads" section with a "Xcode 4" icon and a "This completes the performance" message. The main content area displays three images of Nokia phones running the Windows Phone 8 operating system, showing various apps like ESPN, eBay, and social media feeds.

What the market says:



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Worldwide Smartphone Sales to End Users by Vendor in 3Q13 (Thousands of Units)

Company	3Q13 Units	3Q13 Market Share (%)	3Q12 Units	3Q12 Market Share (%)
Samsung	80,356.8	32.1	55,054.2	32.1
Apple	30,330.0	12.1	24,620.3	14.3
Lenovo	12,882.0	5.1	6,981.0	4.1
LG Electronics	12,055.4	4.8	6,986.1	4.1
Huawei	11,665.7	4.7	7,804.3	4.5
Others	102,941.8	41.1	70,206.8	40.9
Total	250,231.7	100.0	171,652.7	100.0

Source: Gartner (November 2013)

Gartner Says Smartphone Sales Accounted for 55 Percent of Overall Mobile Phone Sales in Third Quarter of 2013

- Western Europe Grew for the First Time this Year

- Lenovo Became the No. 3

Worldwide Smartphone Sales to End Users by Operating System in 3Q13 (Thousands of Units)

Operating System	3Q13 Units	3Q13 Market Share (%)	3Q12 Units	3Q12 Market Share (%)
Android	205,022.7	81.9	124,552.3	72.6
iOS	30,330.0	12.1	24,620.3	14.3
Microsoft	8,912.3	3.6	3,993.6	2.3
BlackBerry	4,400.7	1.8	8,946.8	5.2
Bada	633.3	0.3	4,454.7	2.6
Symbian	457.5	0.2	4,401.3	2.6
Others	475.2	0.2	683.7	0.4
Total	250,231.7	100.0	171,652.7	100.0

Source: Gartner (November 2013)

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Apple vs. Google

- Open Handset Alliance
 - Commitment to openness, shared vision, and concrete plans
- Compare with Mac/PC battles
 - Similar (many PC manufacturers, one Apple)
 - Different (Microsoft sells Windows, Google gives away Android)



Open Handset Alliance

Consortium founded by 34 companies (Google, Telecom Italia...) in 2007

Today it has 84 members

Includes:

- Mobile operators
- Software companies
- Commercialization companies
- Semiconductor companies
- Handset Manufacturers



Android or iOS ?

iOS:

- Develop in Objective-C
- Develop (only) on Macs (with emulator)

iPhone Open Development

- Jailbreak your iPhone or Touch
- Develop on any computer
 - Apps will not work with App Store
 - Device may not work with upgrades
- Need device! (iPhone or Touch)

Android:

- Develop in Java
- Develop on any platform (with emulator)

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Introduction to Android

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What Android is not

- A Java ME implementation
- Part of the Linux Phone Standard Forum
- “only” an application layer
- A mobile phone



What Android is

From: <http://source.android.com/>

Android is:

an **open-source software stack for mobile devices**,
and a corresponding open-source project led by Google.

“We created Android in response to our own experiences launching mobile apps. We wanted to make sure that there was **no central point of failure**, so that **no industry player can restrict or control the innovations of any other**.”

“That's why we created Android, and made its source code open.” (under Apache Software Licence, 2.0)

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The Android system tries to avoid incorporating GPL components



Why Android is not LGPL

LGPL requires either:

- shipping of source to the application;
- a written offer for source;
- linking the LGPL-ed library dynamically and allowing users to manually upgrade or replace the library.

Since Android software is typically shipped in the form of a static system image, complying with these requirements ends up restricting OEMs' designs. (For instance, it's difficult for a user to replace a library on read-only flash storage.)

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For more details: <http://source.android.com/source/licenses.html>

History

- Oct 2003 Android, Inc. founded in Palo Alto
- 2005 Google buys Android, Inc..
- 2007 Open Handset Alliance is announced. Android is officially open-sourced.
- 2008 Android SDK 1.0 is released. The G1 phone, manufactured by HTC, is sold by T-Mobile USA.
- 2009 sees a proliferation of Android-based devices (20+ devices run Android).
- 2010 Android is 2nd only to RIM as best-selling smart phone platform. 60+ devices run Android



Platform versions

Nov.2011

Feb 2011

Dic 2010

Mag 2010

Ott. 2009

Apr 2009

Sept. 2008

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Platform Version	API Level	VERSION_CODE
Android 4.2	17	JELLY_BEAN_MR1
Android 4.1, 4.1.1	16	JELLY_BEAN
Android 4.0.3, 4.0.4	15	ICE_CREAM SANDWICH_MR1
Android 4.0, 4.0.1, 4.0.2	14	ICE_CREAM SANDWICH
Android 3.2	13	HONEYCOMB_MR2
Android 3.1.x	12	HONEYCOMB_MR1
Android 3.0.x	11	HONEYCOMB
Android 2.3.4	10	GINGERBREAD_MR1
Android 2.3.3		
Android 2.3.2	9	GINGERBREAD
Android 2.3.1		
Android 2.3		
Android 2.2.x	8	FROYO
Android 2.1.x	7	ECLAIR_MR1
Android 2.0.1	6	ECLAIR_0_1
Android 2.0	5	ECLAIR
Android 1.6	4	DONUT
Android 1.5	3	CUPCAKE
Android 1.1	2	BASE_1_1
Android 1.0	1	BASE

<http://developer.android.com/guide/appendix/api-levels.html>

Functionalities by version

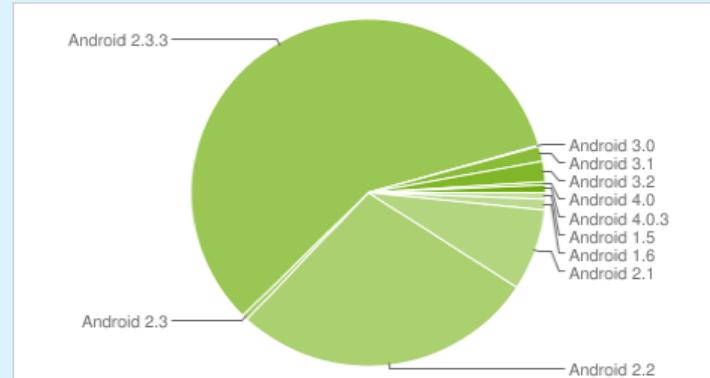
- 1.5 Integrazione con servizi Google
- 1.6 Sintesi vocale, ricerca vocale, gestures
- 2.0 Miglior supporto videocamera, multitouch
- 2.2 Migliori prestazioni. Open GL ES2.0, Javascript e Flash. Tethering. Installazione apps su SD
- 2.3 Video chat in GoogleTalk. UI migliorata, Download manager
- 3.0 Ottimizzata per tablet. Aggiunta la barra di sistema e Action Bar. Possibilità di criptare tutti i dati personali.
- 3.1 Supporto per le periferiche USB
- 4.0 UI completamente riprogettata. Prestazioni migliorate. Dettatura real time. Face Unlock. Fotocamera migliorata. "Contatti" con integrazione con i social network



Android version distribution Feb 2012

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

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



Platform	Codename	API Level	Distribution
Android 1.5	Cupcake	3	0.6%
Android 1.6	Donut	4	1.0%
Android 2.1	Eclair	7	7.6%
Android 2.2	Froyo	8	27.8%
Android 2.3 - Android 2.3.2	Gingerbread	9	0.5%
Android 2.3.3 - Android 2.3.7		10	58.1%
Android 3.0	Honeycomb	11	0.1%
Android 3.1		12	1.4%
Android 3.2		13	1.9%
Android 4.0 - Android 4.0.2	Ice Cream Sandwich	14	0.3%
Android 4.0.3		15	0.7%

Data collected during a 14-day period ending on February 1, 2012

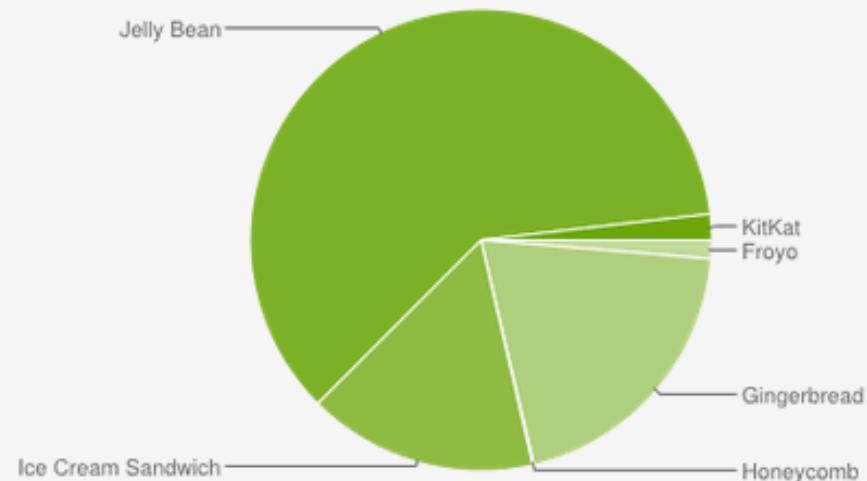
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Android version distribution – Feb 2014

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

Version	Codename	API	Distribution
2.2	Froyo	8	1.3%
2.3.3 - 2.3.7	Gingerbread	10	20.0%
3.2	Honeycomb	13	0.1%
4.0.3 - 4.0.4	Ice Cream Sandwich	15	16.1%
4.1.x	Jelly Bean	16	35.5%
4.2.x		17	16.3%
4.3		18	8.9%
4.4	KitKat	19	1.8%



Data collected during a 7-day period ending on February 4, 2014.

Any versions with less than 0.1% distribution are not shown.



Android and Linux

Android relies on **Linux version 2.6** for core system services such as **security, memory management, process management, network stack, and driver model**.

The kernel also acts as an **abstraction layer** between the hardware and the rest of the software stack.



Development and governance

- At any given moment, there is a **current latest release** of the Android platform
- **Device builders and Contributors** work with the **current latest release**, fixing bugs, launching new devices, experimenting with new features, and so on.
- In parallel, **Google works internally on the next version** of the Android platform and framework, working according to the product's needs and goals. We develop the next version of Android by working **with a device partner on a flagship device** whose specifications are chosen to push Android in the direction we believe it should go.
- **When the "n+1"th version is ready, it will be published** to the public source tree, and become the new latest release.



Three components

The **Android Compatibility Program** defines the technical details of Android platform and provides tools used by OEMs to ensure that developers' apps run on a variety of devices.

The **Android SDK** provides built-in tools that Developers use to clearly state the device features their apps require.

The **Android Market** shows apps only to those devices that can properly run them.

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Building compatible devices

A three-step process:

Obtain the Android software source code.

Comply with Android Compatibility Definition Document

(CDD). The CDD enumerates the software and hardware requirements of a compatible Android device.

Pass the Compatibility Test Suite (CTS). You can use the CTS (included in the Android source code) as an ongoing aid to compatibility during the development process.

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“For a variety of legal and business reasons, we aren't able to automatically license Android Market to all compatible devices.”



The main building blocks

Device Hardware: Android runs on a wide range of hardware configurations including smart phones, tablets, and set-top-boxes. Android is processor-agnostic, but it does take advantage of some hardware-specific security capabilities (e.g. on ARM).

Android Operating System: The core operating system is built on top of the Linux kernel. All device resources are accessed through the operating system.

Android Application Runtime: Android applications are most often written in **Java** and run in the **Dalvik V.M.**

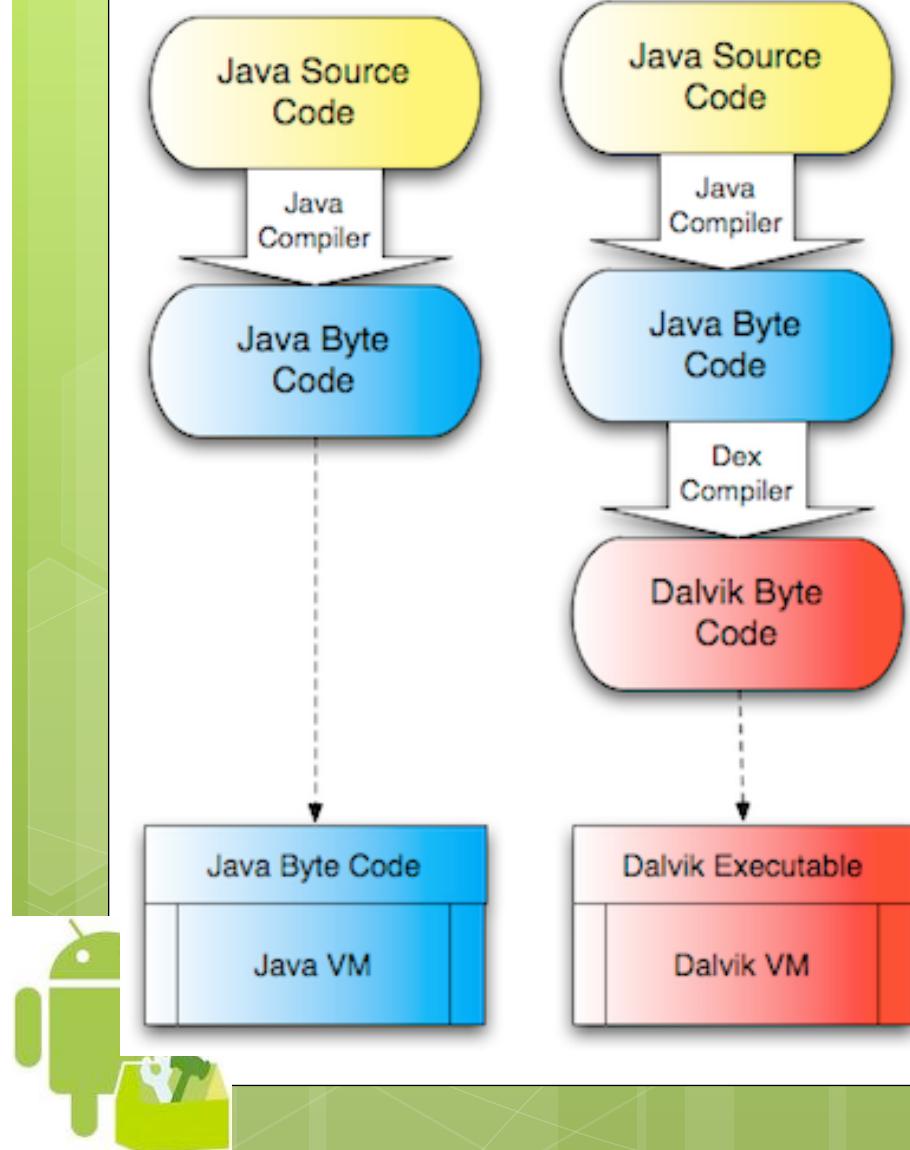
However, many applications, including core Android services and applications are native applications or include native libraries.

Both Dalvik and native applications run within the same security environment, in the Application Sandbox.

Applications get a dedicated part of the filesystem in which they can write private data, including databases and raw files.



Java vs. Dalvik



Dalvik is the managed runtime used by applications and some system services on Android. Dalvik was originally created specifically for the Android project.

Specification of the bytecode format, .dex (dalvik executable) and Dalvik VM Instruction Formats are available at

<http://source.android.com/tech/dalvik/index.html>

Dalvik

Every Android application runs in its own process, with its **own instance of the Dalvik virtual machine**.

Dalvik has been written so that a device can run multiple VMs efficiently. The Dalvik VM executes files in the Dalvik Executable (.dex) format which is optimized for minimal memory footprint.

The Dalvik VM **relies on the Linux kernel for underlying functionality** such as threading and low-level memory management.

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Android is non standard Java

Standard Java distributions:

1. Java Standard Edition: used for development on basic desktop-type applications.
2. Java Enterprise Edition (aka J2EE or JavaEE): used for development of enterprise applications.
3. Java Micro Edition (aka J2ME or JavaME): Java for mobile applications.

Android's Java set of libraries is closest to Java Standard Edition. The major difference is that Java libraries for user interface (AWT and Swing) have been taken out and replaced with Android-specific user interface libraries. Android also adds quite a few new features to standard Java while supporting most of Java's standard features.



What Android supports

- User Interface
 - IO widgets (buttons, textboxes, lists)
 - Images
 - 2D/3D drawing
- Database
- Integrated browser
- Media support (audio, video, images; camera)
- Application framework lifecycle
- Connectivity (bluetooth, wi-fi, **EDGE, 3G**)
- Sensors (GPS/Geo-location, accelerometer, compass)
- **GSM Telephony** (call - sms)
- **Google Maps**
- **Multiple processes**
 - Managed by Android Dalvik VM
 - Background Services
 - Interprocess communications (e.g. Intents)
- Rich development environment including a **device emulator**, debugging tools, memory and performance profiling, Eclipse plug in

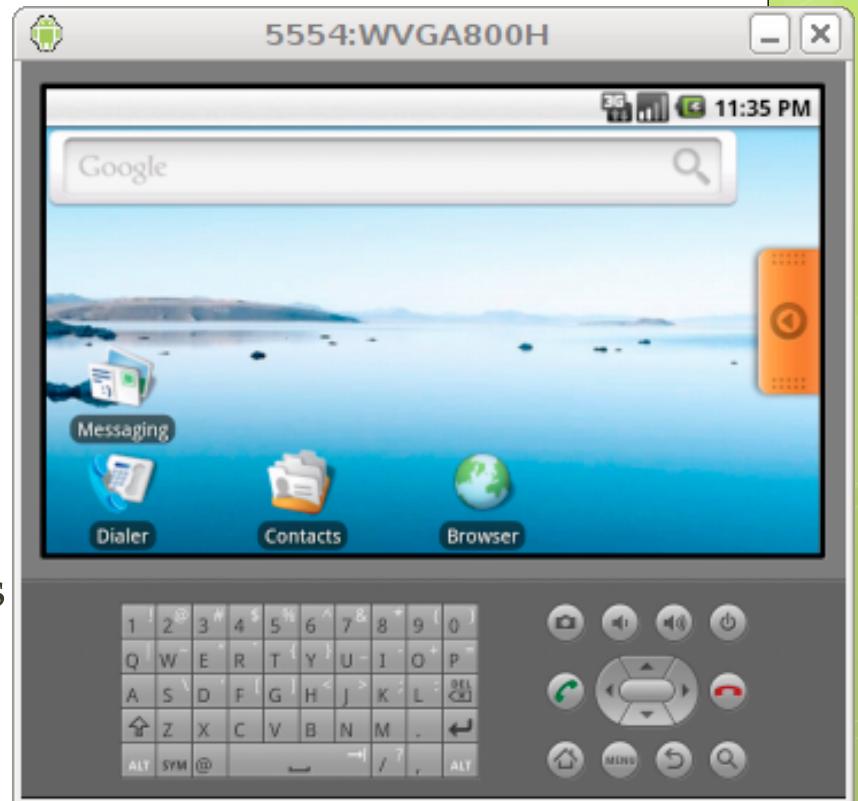


The emulator: can simulate...

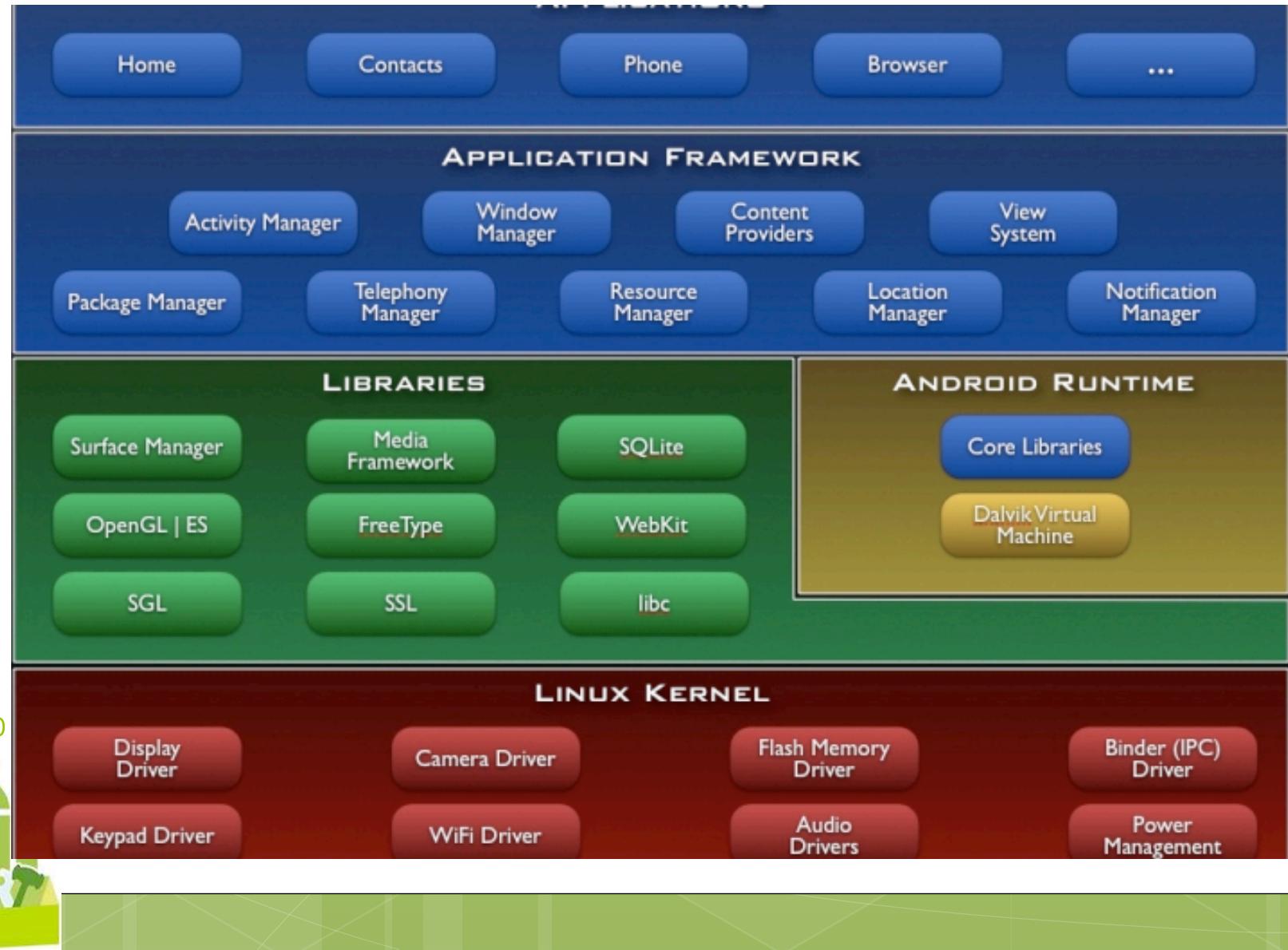
- Battery charge level/AC charging state
- GPS signal Connectivity:
- phone calls
- SMS
- Network speed/delay
- SD card

No support for:

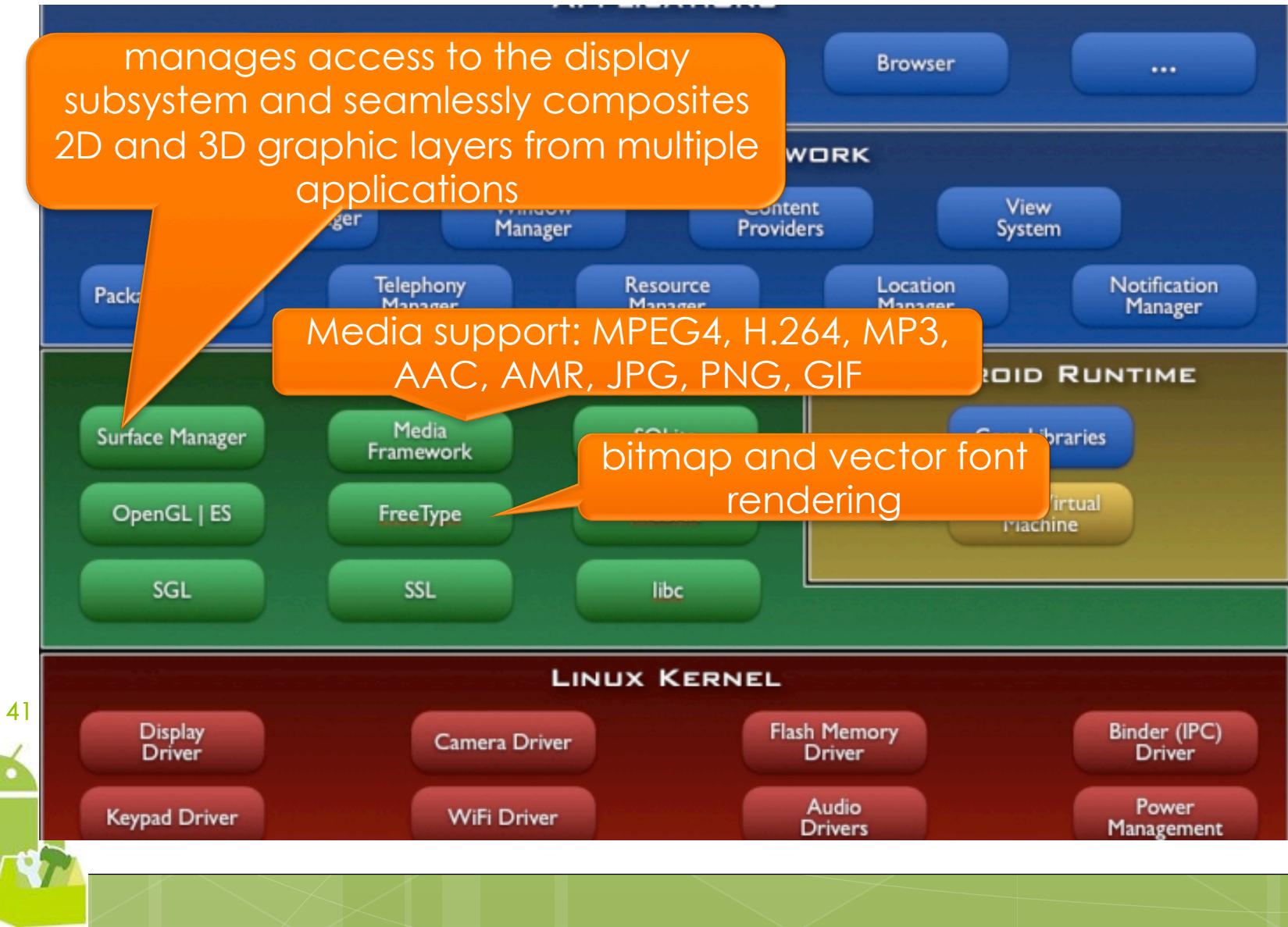
- USB connections
- Bluetooth
- Device-attached headphones
- SD insert/eject
- Camera/video input
- Determining connected state



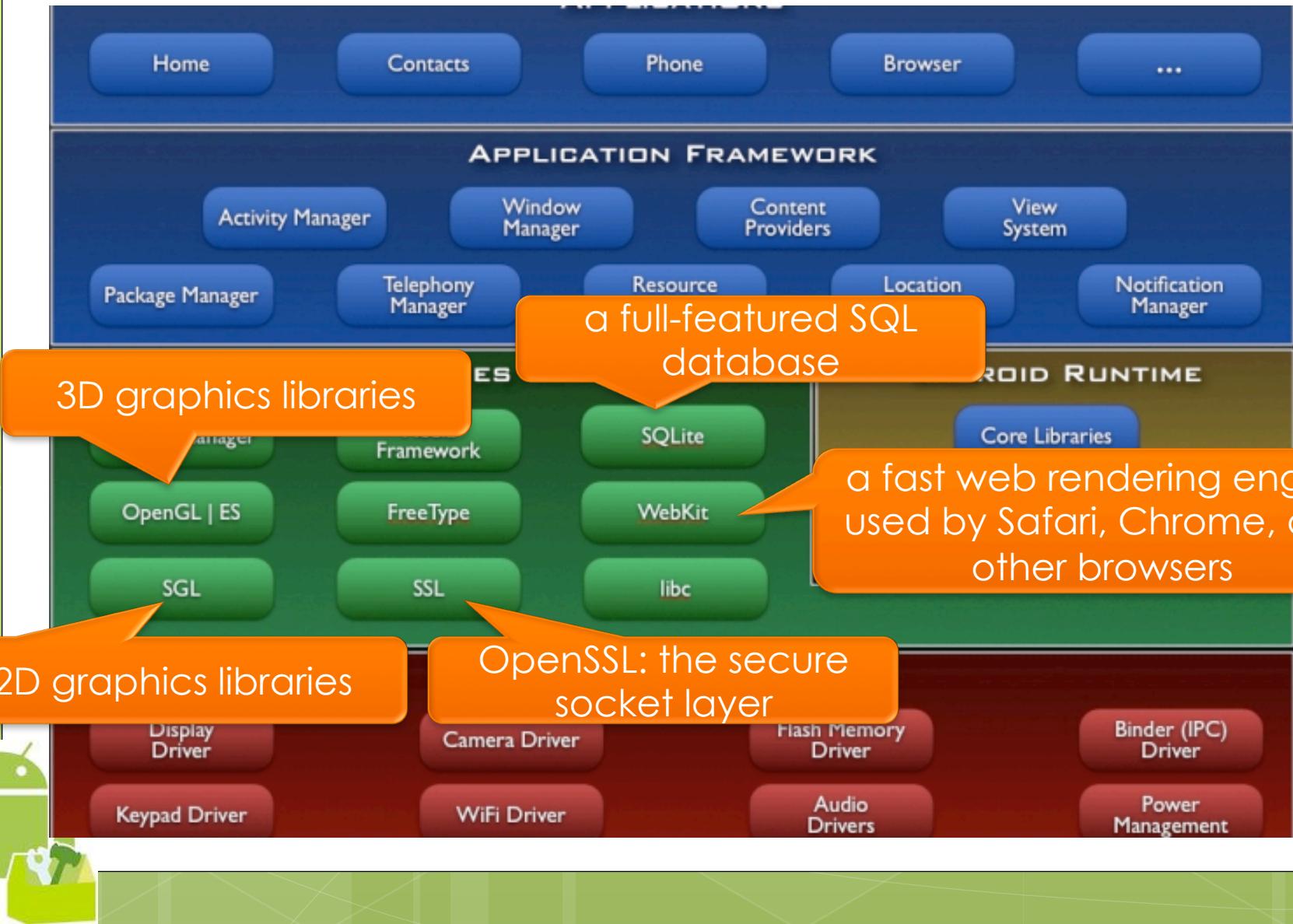
The Android stack



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Android NDK

The Android NDK is a toolset that lets you embed components that make use of native code in your Android applications.

Android applications run in the Dalvik virtual machine. The NDK allows you to implement parts of your applications using native-code languages such as C and C++. This can provide benefits to certain classes of applications, in the form of reuse of existing code and in some cases increased speed.



When to develop in NDK

“Using native code does not result in an automatic performance increase, but always increases application complexity.”

“In general, you should only use native code if it is essential to your application, not just because you prefer to program in C/C++.”



Android applications

Pre-Installed Applications:

phone, email, calendar, web browser, and contacts. These function both as user applications and to provide key device capabilities that can be accessed by other applications. Pre-installed applications may be part of the open source Android platform, or they may be developed by an OEM for a specific device.

User-Installed Applications:

Android provides an open development environment supporting any third-party application. The Android Market offers users hundreds of thousands of applications.



Cloud-based services

Android Market: a collection of services that allow users to discover, install, and purchase applications from their Android device or the web.

The Market also provides community review, application license verification, and other security services.

Android Update Service: delivers new capabilities and security updates to Android devices, including updates through the web or over the air (OTA).

Application Services: Frameworks that allow Android applications to use cloud capabilities such as

- (backing up) application data and settings
- cloud-to-device messaging (C2DM) for push messaging.

