



Programming with Android: The Google Maps Library

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Android: Gmaps Important Dates ...

- **2004** → Google Inc bought the Australian company *Where 2 Technologies*, that developed a prototype WebMap system.
- **2005** (February) → Google Maps was announced
- **2006** → Google Maps updated to use the same satellite image database as Google Earth
- **2007** → Google Street View launched
- **2010** → On Christmas and New Year's day, mobile usage of Google Maps surpassed desktop usage for the first time
- **NOW**: Google Maps, Google Sky, Google Moon, Google Mars, Google Transit, Google Aerial View, etc



Android: Gmaps Stats and Information

- Maps are based on a variant of *Mercator* projections.
- Frequency of updates for satellite images ~ 3 years

SERVICE COVERAGE

Map Tiles: 209 countries over 218 → ~96%

Street View: 23 countries over 218 → ~10%

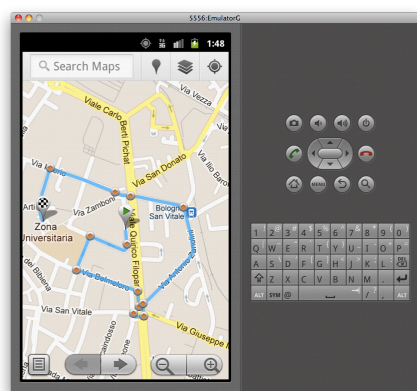
Traffic View: 22 countries over 218 → ~10%

Business info: 37 countries over 218 → ~17%



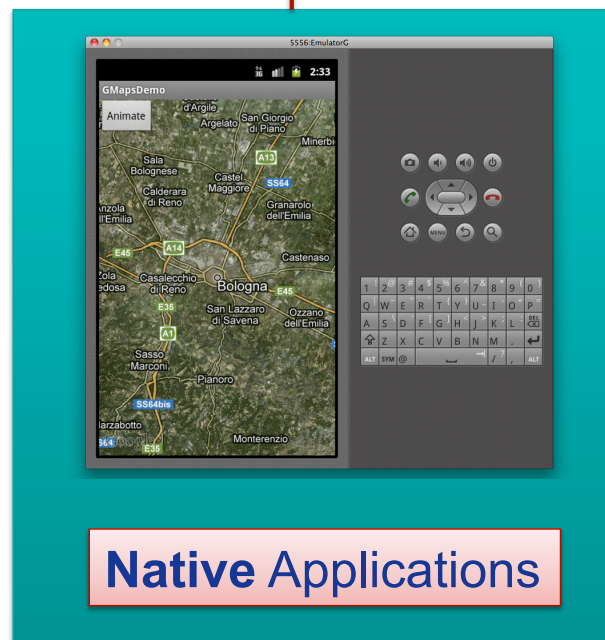
Android: Deploying Map-based Apps

Deploying Map-based Applications in Android



Hybrid Applications

WebView +
Google Maps +
Web technologies



Native Applications



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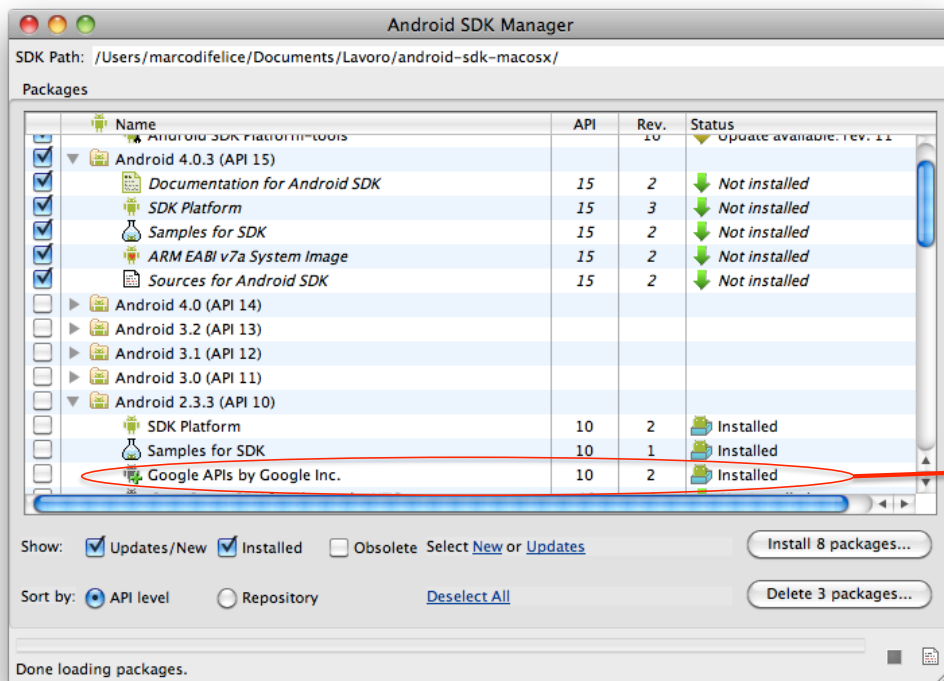
API v2

- Different installation procedures.
- Novel methods to insert a Map inside an Android app.
- Improved caching and visualization capabilities.



Android: Installing Google APIs

STEP -1: Install Google APIs to use the Maps in a native application.



Window → Android SDK Manager
→ Installed packages

Check Google APIs is installed,
or install it otherwise



Android: Getting a Google Maps API Key

STEP 0: <http://code.google.com/intl/it-IT/android/maps-api-signup.html>

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Sign Up for the Android Maps API - Android Maps API - Google Code

The Android Maps API lets you embed [Google Maps](#) in your own Android applications. A single Maps API key is valid for all applications signed by a single certificate. See this [documentation page](#) for more information about application signing. To get a Maps API key for your certificate, you will need to provide its the certificate's fingerprint. This can be obtained using Keytool. For example, on Linux or Mac OSX, you would examine your debug keystore like this:

```
$ keytool -list -keystore ~/.android/debug.keystore
...
Certificate fingerprint (MD5): 94:1E:43:49:87:73:BB:E6:A6:88:D7:20:F1:8E:B5:98
```

If you use different keys for signing development builds and release builds, you will need to obtain a separate Maps API key for each certificate. Each key will only work in applications signed by the corresponding certificate.

You also need a [Google Account](#) to get a Maps API key, and your API key will be connected to your Google Account.

1.3. If you use the Maps APIs in conjunction with any other Google products or services, including any other Google API, (collectively, the "Services"), your agreement with Google will also include the terms applicable to those Services. All of these are referred to as the "Additional Terms." If Additional Terms apply, they will be accessible to you either within or through your use of that Service. If there is any contradiction between what any Additional Terms say and what the Maps APIs Terms say, then the Maps APIs Terms will take precedence only as it relates to the Maps APIs, and not to any other Services.

1.4. Google reserves the right to make changes to the Terms from time to time. When these changes are made, Google will make a new copy of the Terms available at <http://code.google.com/android/maps-api-tos.pdf>. You understand and agree that if you use the Service after the date on which the Terms have changed, Google will treat your use as acceptance of the updated Terms. If a modification is unacceptable to you, you may terminate the agreement by ceasing use of the Maps APIs as well distribution of any applications that use the Maps APIs.

1.5. Definitions

I have read and agree with the [terms and conditions \(printable version\)](#)

My certificate's MD5 fingerprint:

Paste here your fingerprint MD5 code

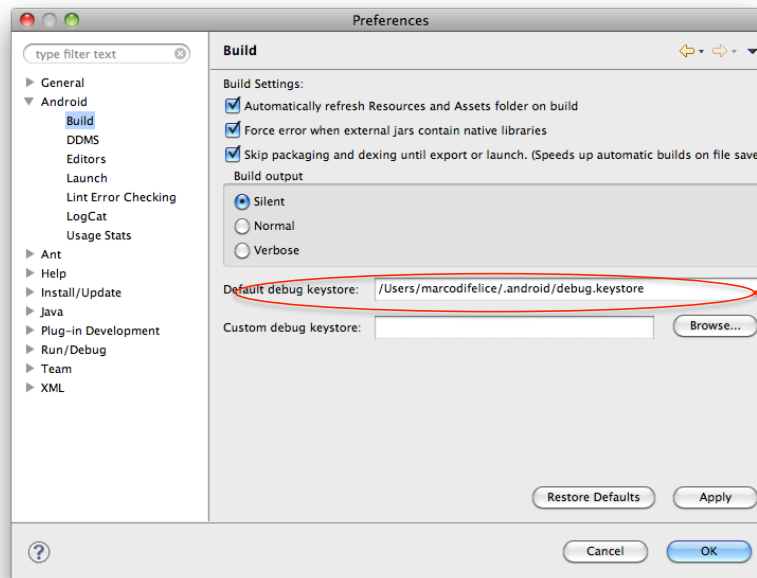
... and get the API Key



Android: Getting a Google Maps API Key

STEP 0: Get a valid **Maps API Key** to utilize the Google Maps library.

0.1: Retrieve the fingerprint MD5 of the certificate used to sign the apps.



Window → Preferences → Android
→ Build

Get the debug keystore path



Android: Getting a Google Maps API Key

STEP 0: Get a valid **Maps API Key** to utilize the Google Maps library.

0.1: Retrieve the fingerprint MD5 of the certificate used to sign the apps.

```
mylaptop:~ marco$ keytool -list -keystore /Users/  
marcodifelice/.android/debug.keystore -storepass  
android -keypass android  
...  
androiddebugkey, Feb 1, 2011, PrivateKeyEntry,  
Certificate fingerprint (MD5): A2:34:B1:A3:A5:BB:  
11:21:21:B3:20:56:92:12:AB:DB
```



Android: **Google MAPs library overview**

What can I do with **Google MAPs library** in Android?

- 1. Integrate** a Google Map into an Android application
- 2. Control** the Map visualization **options**
- 3. Customize** the Map
- 4. Integrate** the Map with GPS data



Android: Google MAPs library overview

Instantiate these objects to integrate a Google Map

1. **MapView** (com.google.android.maps.MapView)

- A **View** that displays a Map

2. **MapActivity** (com.google.android.maps.MapActivity)

- Extension of the **Activity** class
- Base class with code to manage the necessities of any Activity that displays a MapView ...



Android: Google Maps library overview

Define a **MapView** in the layout file (main.xml)

```
<LinearLayout>
...
< com.google.android.maps.MapView
    android:layout_width="fill_parent"
    android:layout_height="fill_parent"
    android:id="@+id/map"
    android:apiKey="*****"
/>
...
</LinearLayout>
```

Paste your **Google API Key** here



Android: Google Maps library overview

Define a **MapActivity** in the Java code ..

```
public class MapDemoActivity extends MapActivity {  
    .....  
}
```

Implement the method **isRouteDisplayed()**:

```
protected boolean isRouteDisplayed() {  
    return false;  
}
```

Is my app giving routing information?



Android: Google Maps library overview

Set the permissions in the **AndroidManifest.xml**

```
<uses-permission  
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION" />  
<uses-permission  
android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
```

Set the libraries in the **AndroidManifest.xml**

```
<application  
    ... ..  
    <uses-library  
android:name="com.google.android.maps" />
```



Android: **Google Maps library overview**

Some **methods** of a **MapView** ...

MapView options:

- public void **setSatellite**(boolean enable)
- public void **setTraffic**(boolean enable)
- public void **setStreetView**(boolean enable)

MapView interaction modes:

- public void **setClickable**(boolean enable)
- public void **setBuiltInZoomControls** (boolean enable)



Android: Google Maps library overview

➤ How to **control** the Google Map **visualization**?

... Through the **MapController** object!

- **Center** the Map at a given location
- **Zoom** in/out operations
- **Enable** animations on the map

How to get a MapController from a MapView?

```
public MapController getController()
```



Android: Google Maps library overview

Some methods of a MapController ...

Center the map at a given location:

➤ public void **setCenter(Geopoint p)**

A **GeoPoint** defines a location on the Map ...

```
GeoPoint BOLOGNA=new GeoPoint(44494290,11346526);
```

*<latitude, longitude> in microgrades, i.e. grade*10⁶*



Android: Google Maps library overview

Some methods of a MapController ...

Control the **Zoom IN/OUT** operations

- public void **zoomIn()**
- public void **zoomOut()**

Enable animations on the map

- public void **animateTo(GeoPoint gp)**
- public void **animateTo(Geopoint gp, Message msg)**
- public void **animateTo(Geopoint gp, Runnable runnable)**



Android: Google Maps library overview

Overlays → Map customizations, markers with icon, title, snippet and associated events (e.g. touch, tap, etc).

- **Overlay** (Base class representing an Overlay on the map)
- **ItemizedOverlay** (Extension of Overlay, List of **OverlayItems**)
- **MyLocationOverlay** (Extension of Overlay for drawing user's **current location** on the map, and/or a **compass-rose** inset)

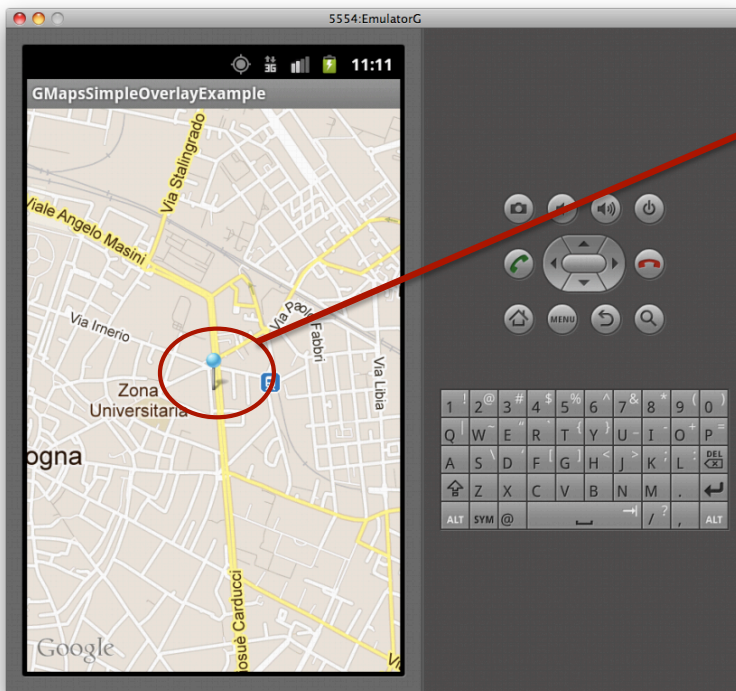
ADDING an OVERLAY to a MAPVIEW

```
mapView.getOverlays().add(newOverlay);
```



Android: Google Maps library overview

Overlay → Basic class to add a Marker to the Map ...



➤ **Extend** the Overlay class

➤ **Override** the method:

`draw(Canvas c, MapView m, boolean b)`

➤ **Add** the Overlay to the Map:

```
mapView.getOverlay.add  
(mySimpleOverlay)
```



Android: Google Maps library overview

```
class SimpleOverlay extends Overlay {
    private GeoPoint gp;
    private Bitmap marker;

    public SimpleOverlay(GeoPoint p, Bitmap d) {
        gp=p;
        marker=d;
    }

    public void draw(Canvas canvas, MapView mapView, boolean
shadow) {
        super.draw(canvas, mapView, shadow);
        Point point=new Point();
        mapView.getProjection().toPixels(gp, point);
        canvas.drawBitmap(marker, point.x-24, point.y-48, null);
    }
}
```



Android: Google Maps library overview

ItemizedOverlay → Overlay Extension, Collection of OverlayItem

OVERLAYITEM Constructor

```
OverlayItem(Geopoint gp, String title, String snippet)
```

ITEMIZEDITEM Constructor

```
ItemizedOverlay(Drawable defaultMarker)
```

Extend the ItemizedOverlay and **Override** the following methods:

- public int **size**()
- protected OverlayItem **createItem**(int i)



Android: Google Maps library overview

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Other methods:

- protected void **populate()**
- protected boolean **onTap(int index)**



Android: Google Maps library overview

MyLocationOverlay → Overlay Extension, Draw user's position

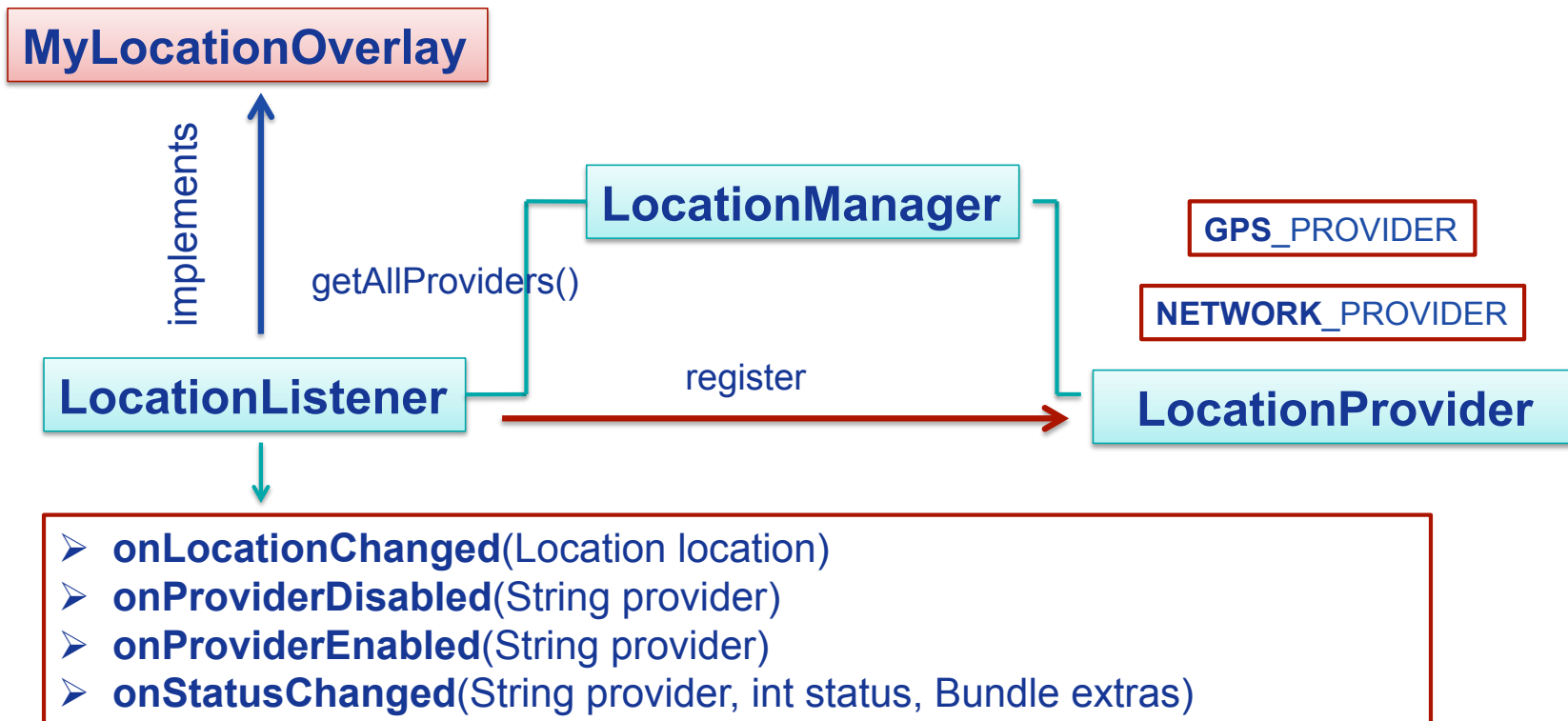
MYLOCATIONOVERLAY Constructor

```
MyLocationOverlay(Context context, MapView mapView)
```

- public boolean **enableMyLocation()**
- public boolean **disableMyLocation()**
- public GeoPoint **getMyLocation()**
- public Location **getLastFix()**
- public boolean **runOnFirstFix(Runnable)**



Android: Google Maps library overview





Android: Google Maps library overview

GeoCoding → Technique to convert an Address into a GeoPoint, or viceversa ...

Implemented by the Geocoder class

```
public Geocoder(Context contex)
```

Main methods:

- `public List<Address> getFromLocation(double latitude, double longitude, int maxResults)`
- `public List<Address> getFromLocationName(String locationName, int maxResults)`



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API v2

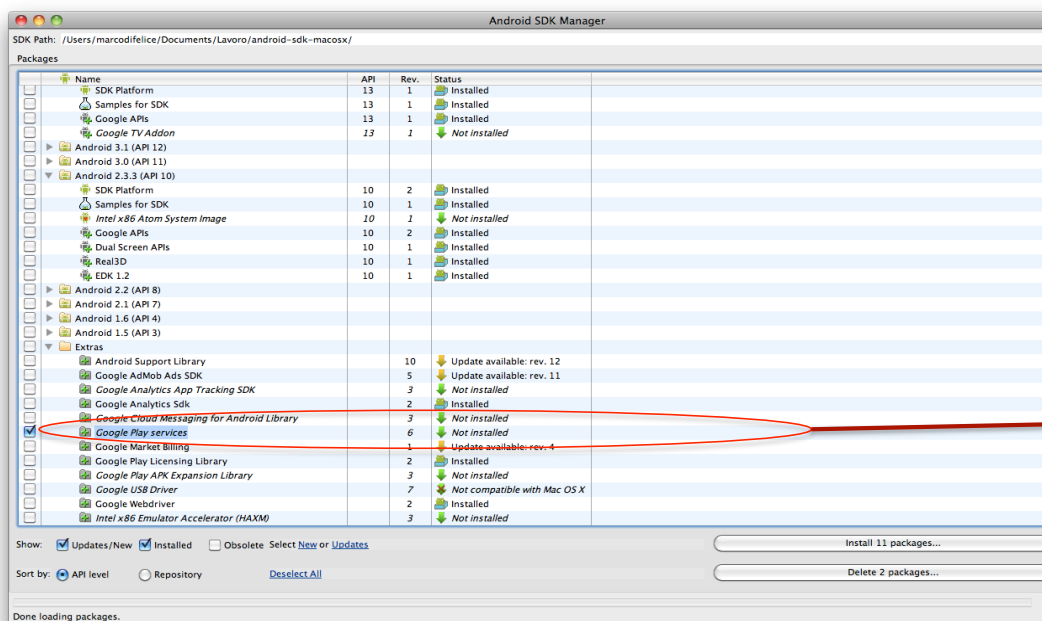


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Android: Installing Google APIs

STEP -1: Install and Setup Google Play Service SDK



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Check Google Play is installed,
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<http://developer.android.com/google/play-services/setup.html>



Android: Getting a Google Play API Key

STEP 0: Get a valid Google Play **API Key** to utilize the Google Maps library.

0.1: Retrieve the fingerprint SHA1 of the certificate used to sign the apps.

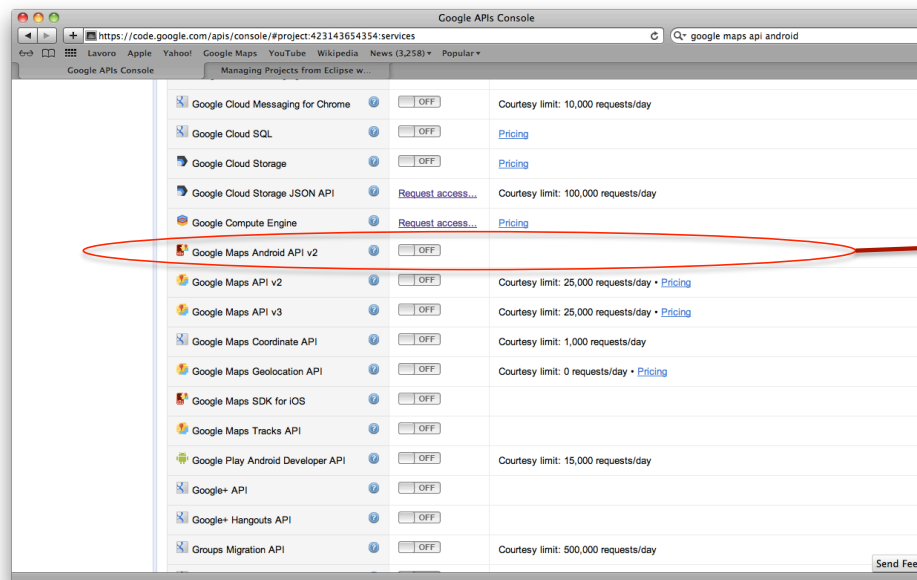
```
mylaptop:~ marco$ keytool -list -keystore /Users/  
marcodifelice/.android/debug.keystore -storepass  
android -keypass android  
...  
androiddebugkey, Feb 1, 2011, PrivateKeyEntry,  
Certificate fingerprint (SHA1): A2:34:B1:A3:A5:BB:  
11:21:21:B3:20:56:92:12:AB:DB
```



Android: Getting a Google Play API Key

STEP 1: Navigate with a browser to <https://accounts.google.com/>

1.1: Select the Google service you intend to use for your apps.



Enable Google Maps
Android v2 API



Android: Getting a Google Play API Key

STEP 1: Navigate with a browser to <https://accounts.google.com/>

1.2: Get an Google Play API Activation Key

- Select the API Access
- Insert the SHA1 Key, followed by the package's name:

BB:0D:AC:74:D3:21:E1:43:67:71:9B:62:91:AF:A1:66:6E:44:5D:75;
com.example.android.mapexample

- Generate and save the obtained Activation Key
- **For each application/package → get a new Activation Key.**



Android: Google MAPs library overview

What can I do with Google MAPs v2 library in Android?

1. **Integrate** a Google Map into an Android application
2. **Manage** the camera
3. **Add** information layers to the Map
4. **Manage** user events



Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

Permissions should be added to the AndroidManifest.xml, and the Activation Key must be specified in the meta-data.

- Internet Access
- Localization capabilities
- Access to Google Web services
- OpenGL ES version 2 libraries
- Access to network state



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```
<meta-data
  android:name="com.google.android.maps.v2.API_KEY"
  android:value="API_activation_key"/>
```

```
<permission
  android:name="com.example.mapdemo.permission.MAPS_RECEIVE"
  android:protectionLevel="signature"/>
<uses-permission
  android:name="com.example.mapdemo.permission.MAPS_RECEIVE"/>
<uses-feature
  android:glEsVersion="0x00020000"
  android:required="true"/>
```



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<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="com.google.android.providers.gsf.permission.READ_GSERVICES"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION"/>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION"/>
```



Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

In order to insert a Google Map into a mobile Application:

- Add a **MapFragment** to the current Activity:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<fragment
    android:id="@+id/map"

    android:name="com.google.android.gms.maps.MapFragment"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />
```



Android: **Fragments**

Fragment → A portion of the user interface in an Activity.

Introduced from **Android 3.0** (API Level 11)

Practically, a Fragment is a modular section of an Activity.

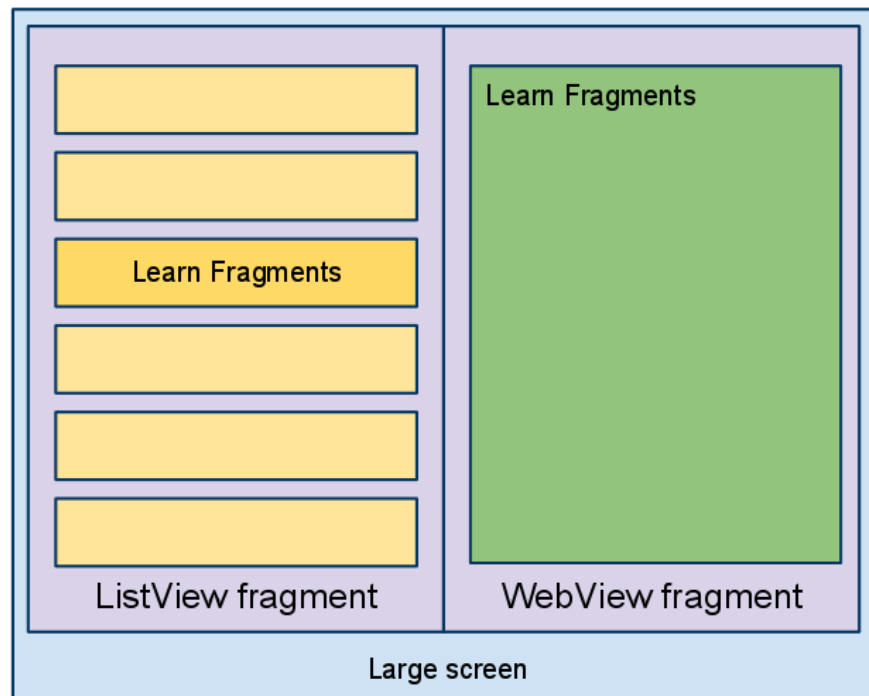
DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

- **Structure** an Activity as a collection of Fragments.
- **Reuse** a Fragment on different Activities ...



Android: Fragments Design Philosophy

EXAMPLE: Structuring an Application using 1 Activity and 2 Fragments.





Android: Inserting a Map inside the App

A MapFragment is a container of the **GoogleMap** object, which is a View containing the map and managing the events.

```
private GoogleMap mMap;  
...  
mMap = ((MapFragment) getSupportFragmentManager  
( ).findFragmentById(R.id.map) ).getMap( );
```

Differences with **Android Maps v1 libs**:

- No need to use a MapActivity, use a regular Activity instead.
- Improved caching and drawing functionalities.



Android: **Customize** the Map

How to customize the Google Map?

- Define the **Map type**, governing the overall representation of the map

```
nMap.setMapType(GoogleMap.MAP_TYPE_HYBRID);
```

Normal → Typical road map.

Hybrid → Satellite photograph data with road maps added.

Satellite → Satellite photograph data. Road and feature labels are not visible.

Terrain → Topographic data. The map includes colors, contour lines and labels, and perspective shading.

None → no tiles, empty grid.



Android: **Customize** the Map

The **LatLng** class allows to define a point on the map, expressed through the latitude/longitude coordinates.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
LatLng(44.496781, 11.356387);
```

```
private static final LatLng FLORENCE_POINT = new  
LatLng(43.771373, 11.248069);
```

LatLng class (API v2) → **Geopoint** class (API v1)



Android: **Customize** the Map

Developers can handle the **events** on the Google Map.

Events are managed through the **listener mechanism** seen so far ...

CLICK events → Implement the `OnMapClickListener` interface and the `onMapLongClick` method.

CAMERA events → Implement the `OnCameraChangeListener` interface and the `onCameraChange(CameraPosition)` method.



Android: **Customize** the Map

Developers can handle the **events** on the Google Map.

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity
    implements OnMapClickListener {
    private GoogleMap mMap;

    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    ...
    mMap.setOnMapClickListener(this);
    ...
    }

    public void onMapClick(LatLng position) {
        // Handle the click events here ...
    }
}
```



Android: **Customize** the Map

How to customize the Google Map?

- Define the **properties of the Camera** applied to the Map.

Location → expressed in forms of latitude/longitude coordinates.

Zoom → defines the scale levels of the map.

Bearing → defines the map orientation, i.e. the direction in which a vertical line on the map points, measured in degrees clockwise from north.

Tilt → viewing angle, measured as degrees from the nadir.



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Android: **Customize** the Map

Camera properties can be set individually, or collectively through the **CameraPosition** object.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
LatLng(44.496781, 11.356387);
```

```
CameraPosition cameraPosition = new CameraPosition.  
Builder()  
.target(BOLOGNA_POINT)  
.zoom(17)  
.bearing(90)  
.tilt(30)  
.build();
```



Android: **Customize** the Map

Two methods to modify the position of the camera:

```
mMap.moveCamera(cameraPosition);
```

- Update the camera properties immediately.

```
mMap.animateCamera(cameraPosition);
```

```
mMap.animateCamera(cameraPosition, duration, call);
```

- Update the camera properties through an animation, eventually adding a delay and a callback to be invoked when the animation stops.



Android: **Customize** the Map

Markers can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

Markers can be customized in terms of:

- **Icon** to be displayed
- **Position** of the marker on the map
- **Title** and text to be displayed
- **Events** to be managed



Android: **Customize** the Map

Markers can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

```
private static final LatLng BOLOGNA_POINT = new  
    LatLng(44.496781, 11.356387);
```

```
Marker bologna = myMap.addMarker(newMarkerOptions  
    ().position(BOLOGNA_POINT));
```

```
Marker bologna= mMap.addMarker(new MarkerOptions()  
    .position(Bologna)  
    .title("Bologna downtown")  
    .snippet("Visit the city centre"));
```



Android: **Customize** the Map

Markers can be used to identify locations on the GoogleMap.

EVENTS associated to a Marker:

ClickEvents → implement the `OnMarkerClickListener` interface, and the `onMarkerClick(Marker)` method.

DragEvents → implement the `OnMarkerDragListener` interface, and the `onMarkerDragEnd(Marker)` method.

InfoWindow Click Events → implement the `onInfoWindowClickListener` interface, and the `onInfoWindowClick(Marker)` method.



Android: **Customize** the Map

Shapes can be used to identify sections of the GoogleMap.

Polylines → define a set of LatLong objects, and connect them through a set of lines. Possible to define the stroke and colors of the lines.

Polygons → define a set of LatLong objects, and connect them through a closed polygon. Possible to define the stroke and colors of the lines.

Circles → define a LatLong object and a radius, and draw a circle centered at the point. Define pen color/stroke as above.



Android: **Customize** the Map

Shapes can be used to identify sections of the GoogleMap.

```
PolygonOptions rectOptions = new PolygonOptions()
    .add(BOLOGNA_P1)
    .add(BOLOGNA_P2)
    .add(BOLOGNA_P3);
Polygon polyline = mMap.addPolygon(rectOptions);

CircleOptions circleOptions = new CircleOptions()
    .center(BOLOGNA_P1)
    .radius(1000)
    .strokeColor(Color.RED);

Circle circle = mMap.addCircle(circleOptions);
```