



# Automation of mobile testing: basic tools

- Basic tools
  - Physical devices, emulators and cloud solutions
  - Appium
- How to write auto-tests
- Basics of Mobile Cloud Services
- Tips and tricks



# **Physical devices, emulators and cloud solutions**

## Physical device

### Pros:

- **Expected user experience**

### Contras:

- Expensive
- You need a lot of physical items
- Power and space consumption

## Emulator

### Pros:

- Cheap
- A lot of parameters can be adjusted: dimensions, RAM, disk space, set of sensors, ...
- No power and space consumption

### Contras:

- **Not realistic behaviour**
- Computing consumption
- Performance issues
- Additional software

## Emulator:

- Prototyping (GUI, layouts, ...)
- Early stage of auto-tests development

## Device:

- Auto-tests finalising and debugging
- Auto-tests run

Mobile cloud services (mobile farms) are the modern approach

They provide developers and testers with **remote access to sets of physical devices** *for fixed prices*

Remote access to set of emulators can be provided as well for less prices

- IOS
  - You have to be a registered Android developer
  - You have to use Apple/Mac environment (Xcode)
- Android
  - You can use free open-source tools on Win/Mac/Linux
  - Occupied most of mobile market at the moment



# **General environment settings for Android platform**



You need JDK to work with Android development tools. Please use [8th release](#) (9th has some problems yet.)

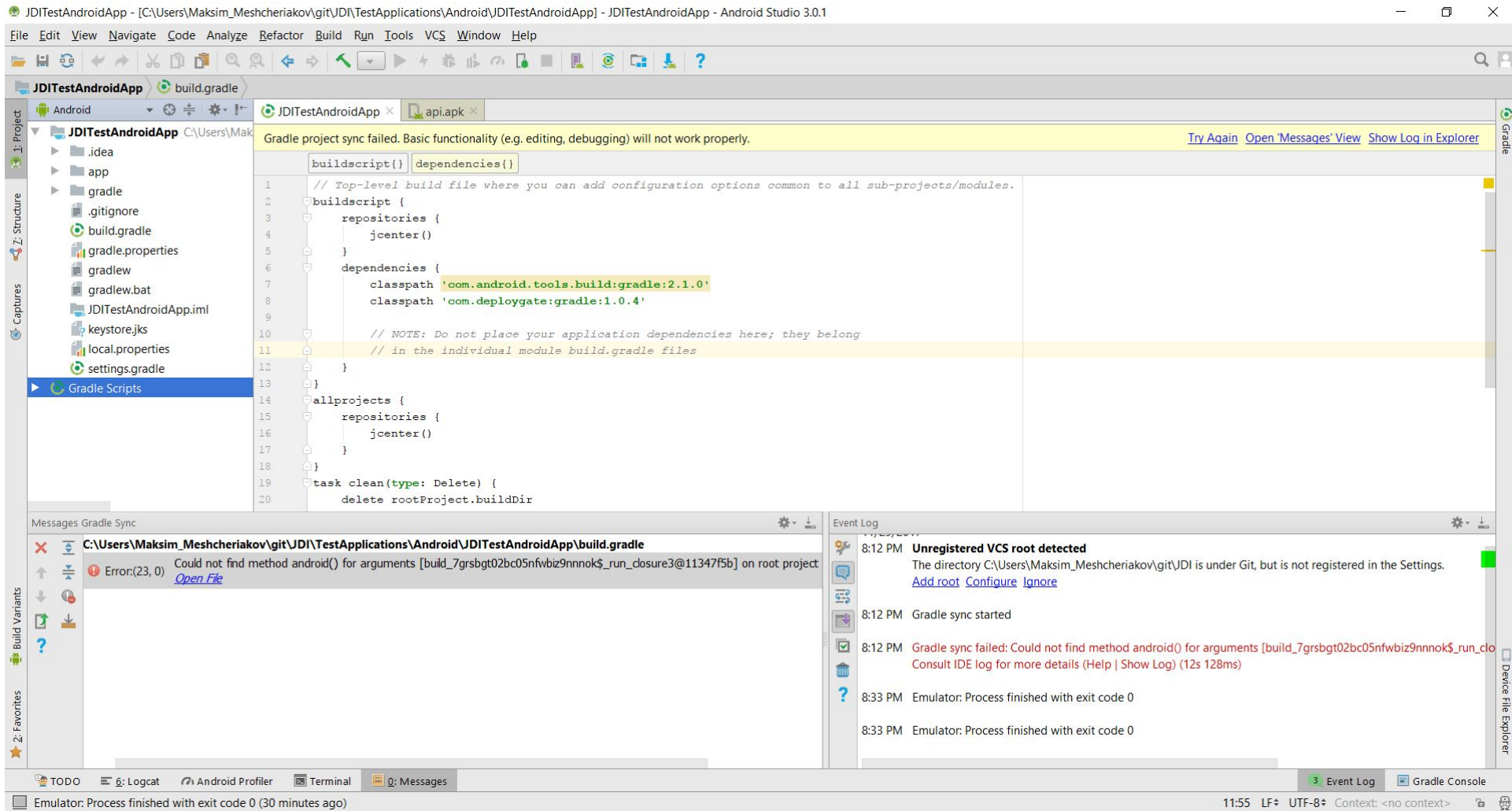
With the Java SDK ver.8, please install [Android Studio Bundle](#).

Bundle includes the complete set of all required tools, including **Android SDK**.

Otherwise, you will have to install and configure several packages by himself.

- [Android Studio](#) is the common toolset
- Android SDK (includes some CLI tools)
- Android Debug Bridge - ADB
- Android Virtual Device - AVD, and AVD Manager
- Android Device Monitor

Currently,  
Android Studio  
is used for  
most tasks to  
develop,  
debug  
and test  
Android  
applications



<https://developer.android.com/studio/intro/index.html>

- `JAVA_HOME = Program Files\Java\jdkXX.YY` (actual JDK location)
- `ANDROID_HOME = ~\AppData\Local\Android\sdk`  
(actual path to Android SDK)
- `PATH = %PATH%, %ANDROID_HOME%\tools,  
%ANDROID_HOME%\platform-tools`



# **Android emulators setting up**

This is emulator of a certain Android device.

**NOTE:** AVD emulates mobile *hardware* (instead of iOS *simulator*)- first of all, ARM-based processor.

You can create a set of emulator that have different capabilities:

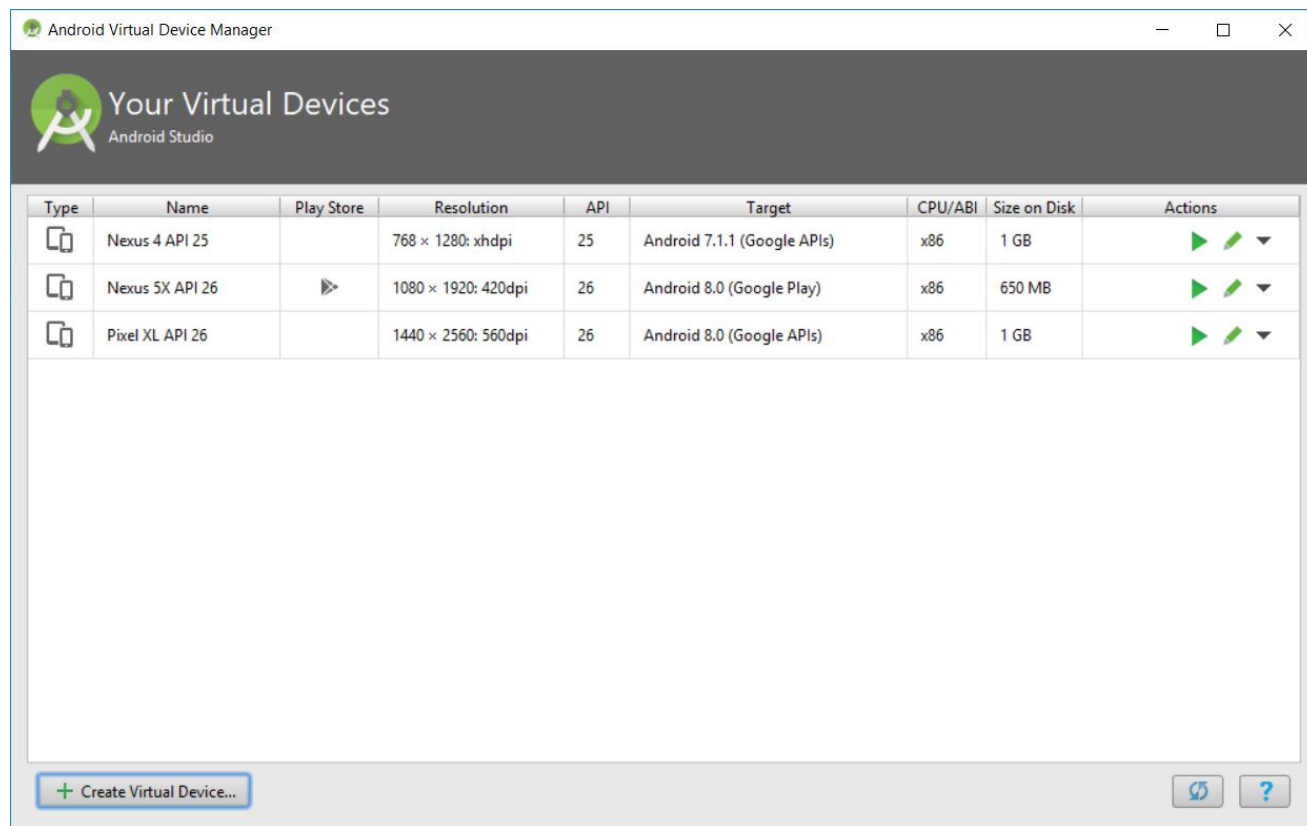
- Dimensions and form-factor
- Display parameters
- API level (Android version)
- RAM and disk space size
- Set of sensors

- **Hardware profile:** pre-sets of characteristics of a (real) devices. Some profiles include Play Store (indicated). Could be created and/or imported as well
- **System image:** set of software options - certain API version, set of applications
- **Storage area:** dedicated storage area on host computer. It stores the device user data (apps and settings), emulated SD card
- **Skin:** the appearance of a device. The AVD Manager provides some predefined skins. User can define his own skins or use 3d-party ones

# Access to AVD manager

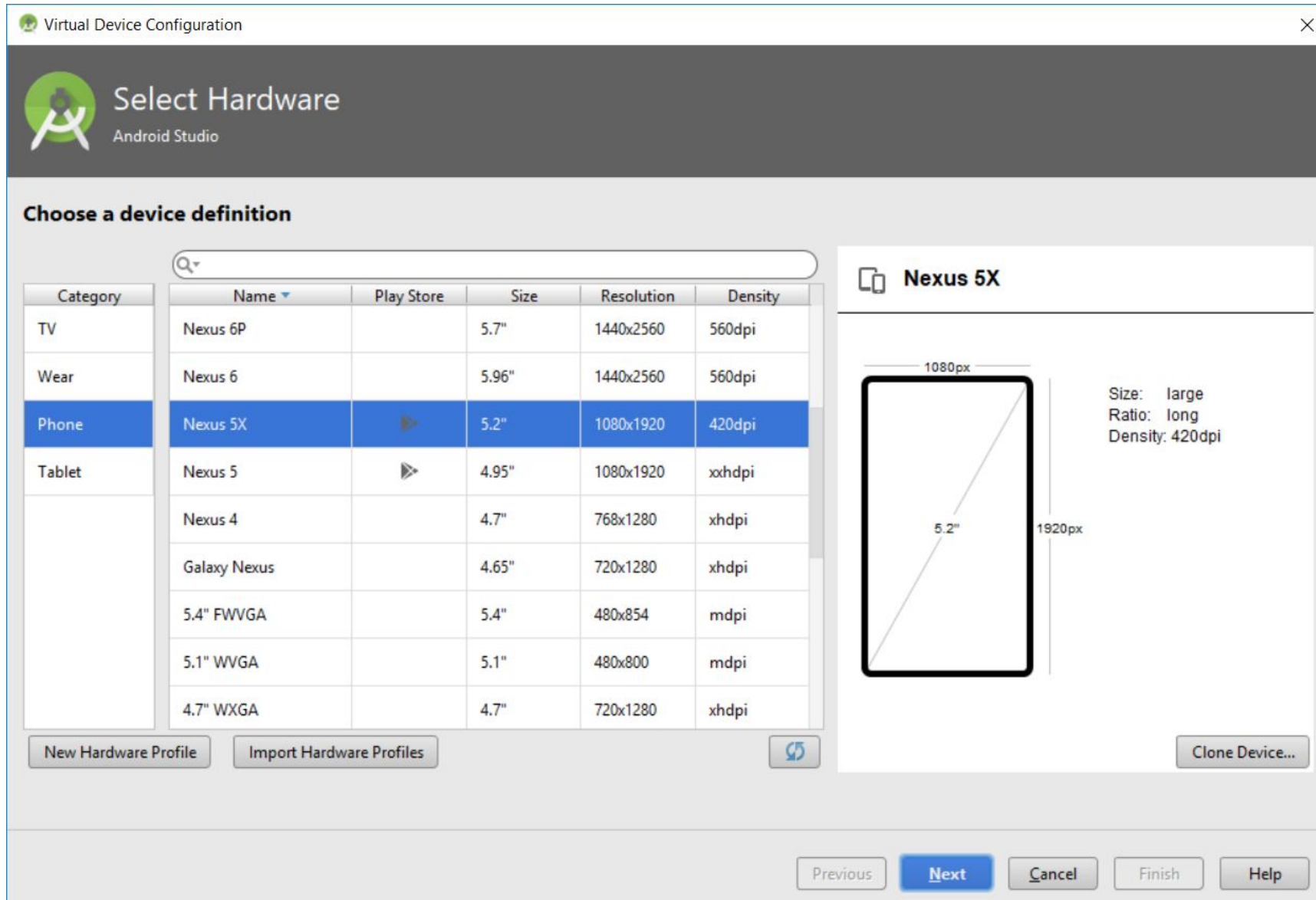
To open the AVD Manager in Android Studio, do one of the following:

- Select Tools > Android > AVD Manager
- Click AVD Manager icon in the toolbar





# Start to create an AVD



Click Create Virtual Device at the bottom of the AVD Manager dialog

The Select Hardware page appears.

# Select hardware profile

Virtual Device Configuration


System Image  
Android Studio

Select a system image

Recommended x86 Images Other Images

Release Name	API Level	ABI	Target
API 27 <a href="#">Download</a>	27	x86	Android API 27 (Google Play)
Oreo <a href="#">Download</a>	26	x86	Android 8.0 (Google Play)
Nougat <a href="#">Download</a>	25	x86	Android 7.1.1 (Google Play)
Nougat <a href="#">Download</a>	24	x86	Android 7.0 (Google Play)

**Nougat**



API Level  
**27**

Android  
**Google Inc.**

System Image  
**x86**

We recommend these Google Play images because this device is compatible with Google Play.

Questions on API level?  
See the [API level distribution chart](#)

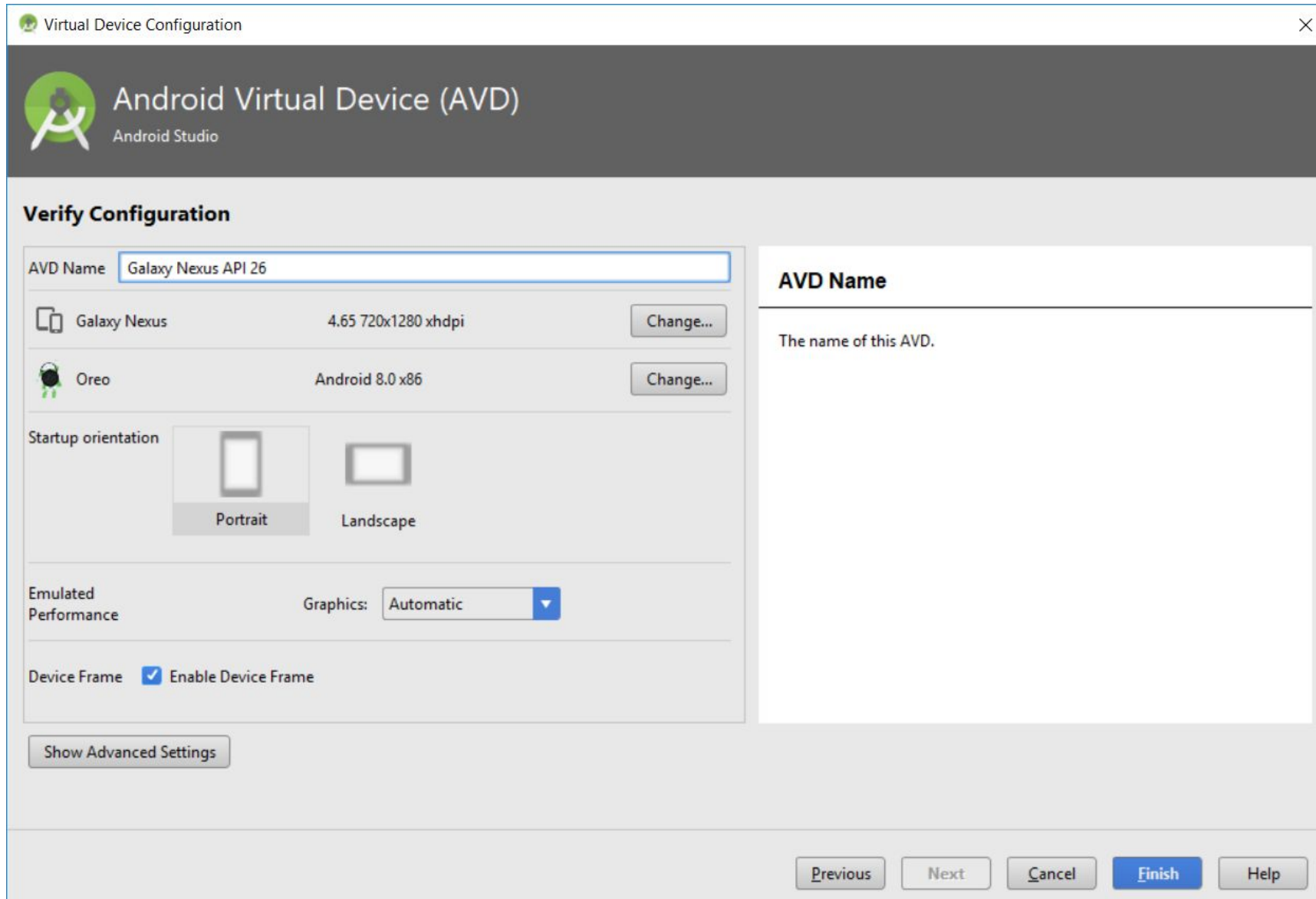
A system image must be selected to continue.

Previous Next Cancel Finish Help

- Select a hardware profile
- Click Next

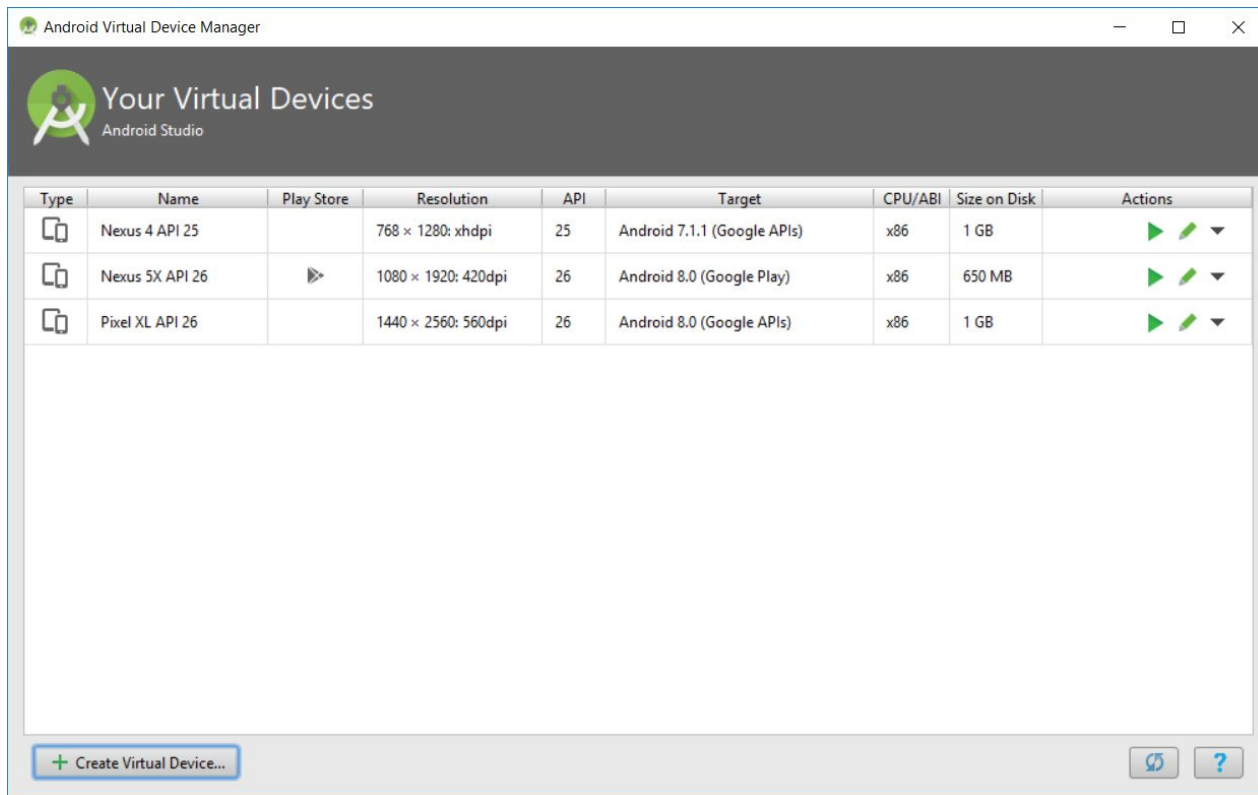
The System Image page appears.

# Verify AVD



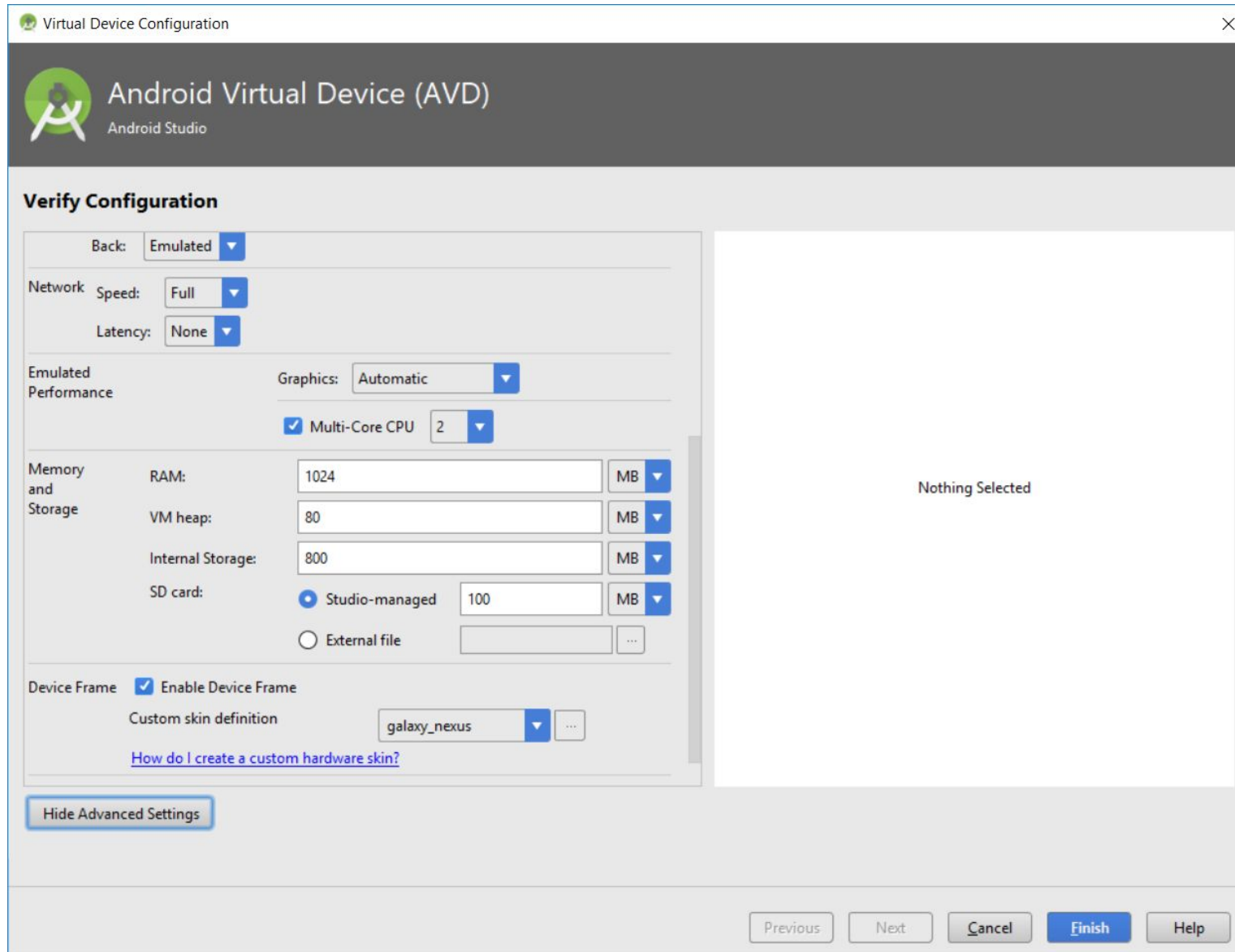
Verify new AVD and accept (Finish) or adjust its parameters (Previous, Change, Show Advanced Settings)

- Each existing AVD parameter or feature can be changed and saved for future using
- New changes overwrite default ones of hardware profile and other AVD parts



- Use “Edit” icon  of certain AVD to change required parameters

# Advanced settings of AVD



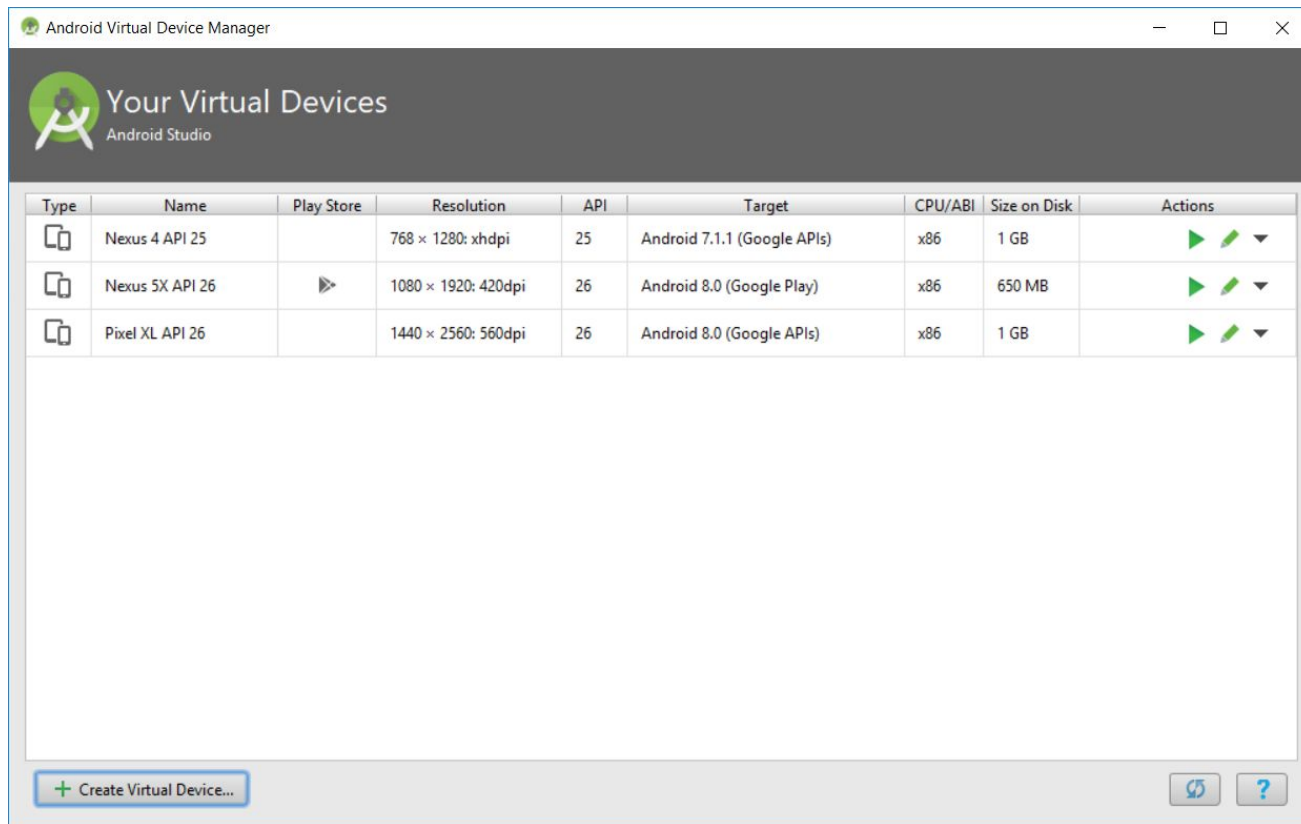
Click

“Show Advanced Settings”

button to get access to more editable settings.

Scroll down to see full list of ones.

# Run, stop and wipe an AVD



- Double-click the required AVD or click Launch **to run an emulator**
- Right-click an AVD and select Stop, or click Menu and select Stop **to stop a running emulator**
- Right-click an AVD and select Wipe Data, or click Menu and select Wipe Data **to clear the data for an emulator**, and return it to the same state as when it was first defined

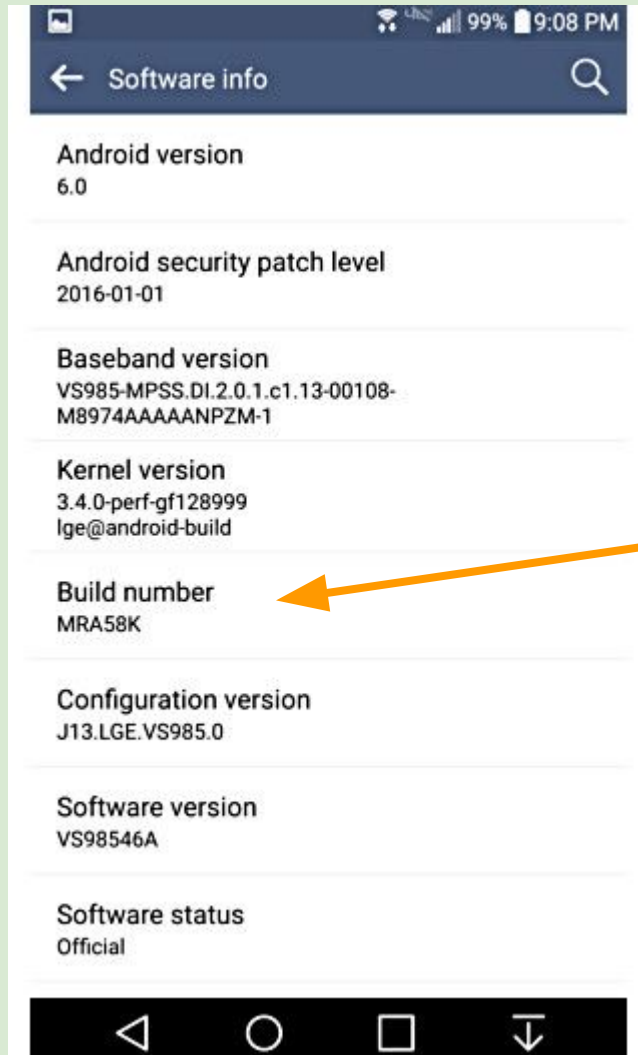


- Set up the environment for ADB as described before (if not yet)
- Run AVD instance from Android Studio AVD Manager



# **Android physical devices setting up**

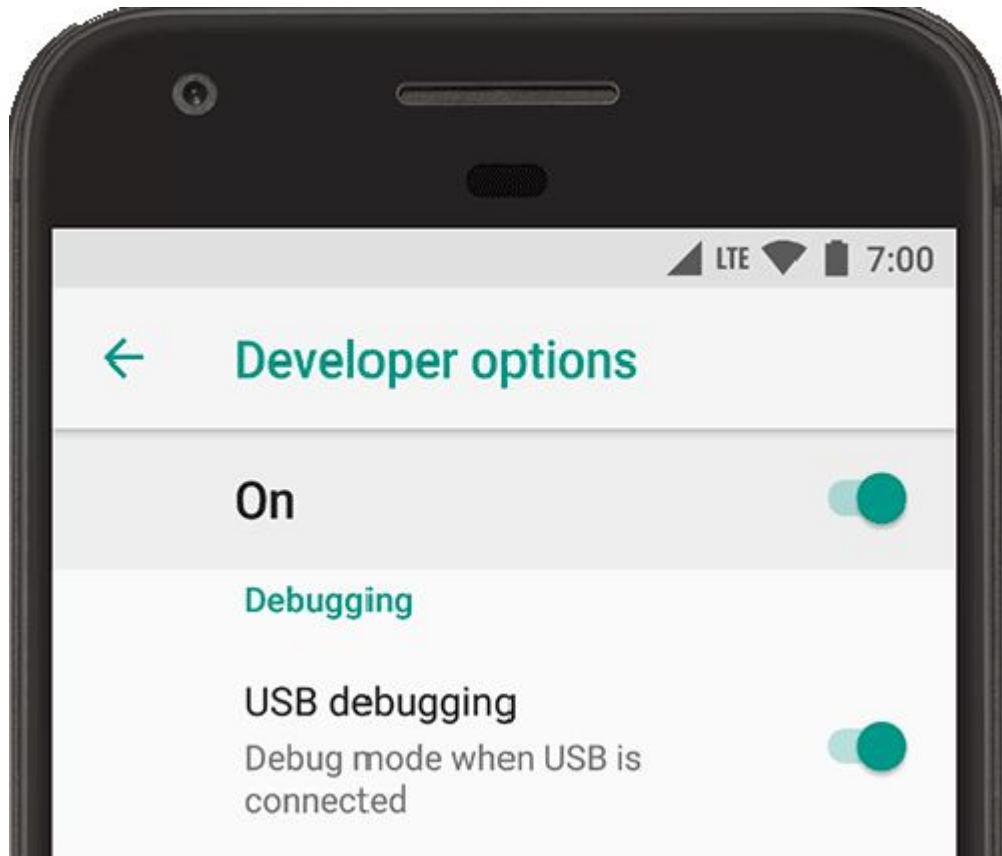




If not yet

(starting from ver. 4.2):

- Settings > About device > Software Info
- Press Build Number 7 times



- “Developer options” item appears
- Enable “On”
- Enable “USB debugging” (scroll down a little)
- Set “USB configuration” to MTP
- [Full options guide](#)



# Check connection

Use ADB to get access to Android device under testing via USB or WiFi (TCP/IP)

- Install and delete applications
- Add and remove files
- Get logs and dumps
- Get information about state of device and processes

If you have properly configured environment:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
(c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
* daemon not running. starting it now at tcp:5037 *
* daemon started successfully *
e4da6adc          device

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

- Connect Android device to computer by USB
- Open command-line terminal
- Use **adb devices** command to verify connection

```
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C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
* daemon not running. starting it now at tcp:5037 *
* daemon started successfully *
e4da6adc      device
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

## Device status:

- **Device** - device connected
- **Offline** - device is not connected

Serial number: A string created by adb to uniquely identify the device

```
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C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
* daemon not running. starting it now at tcp:5037 *
* daemon started successfully *
e4daba0c          device

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

- Daemon **adbd** on the device
- Command-line client

- **adb kill-server**: for re-initialization of adb if something goes wrong
- **adb start-server**: the adb server start automatically on typing of some adb command

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

```
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```

```
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
```

```
List of devices attached
```

```
* daemon not running. starting it now at tcp:5037 *
```

```
* daemon started successfully *
```

```
emulator-5554    device
```

```
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

Type “adb devices” in console



# Get another one AVD



Run another one  
AVD instance from  
Android Studio  
AVD Manager

## 2 AVDs listed by ADB

Type “adb devices” in console once again

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
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C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
* daemon not running. starting it now at tcp:5037 *
* daemon started successfully *
emulator-5554    device

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
emulator-5556    device
emulator-5554    device

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

## 2 emulators and real device

```
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb devices
List of devices attached
emulator-5556    device
emulator-5554    device
e4da6adc        device

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>
```

- Connect physical device to USB (do not stop running AVDs)
- Type “adb devices” in console once again

# Run AVD via CLI

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - emulator -avd Galaxy_nexus_API_26

Directory of C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov\AppData\Local\Android\sdk\emulator

02/09/2018 12:43 PM <DIR>      .
02/09/2018 12:43 PM <DIR>      ..
02/09/2018 12:41 PM <DIR>      bin
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      23,932,416 emulator-arm.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      4,014,080 emulator-check.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      4,935,680 emulator-crash-service.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      24,051,200 emulator-mips.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      24,164,864 emulator-x86.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      906,752 emulator.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      5,151,232 emulator64-crash-service.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM <DIR>      lib
02/09/2018 12:41 PM <DIR>      lib64
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      239,821 mksdcard.exe
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      39,347 NOTICE.txt
02/09/2018 12:43 PM      17,513 package.xml
02/09/2018 12:41 PM <DIR>      qemu
02/09/2018 12:41 PM <DIR>      resources
02/09/2018 12:41 PM      168 source.properties
          11 File(s)      87,453,073 bytes
          7 Dir(s)      126,557,286,400 bytes free

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov\AppData\Local\Android\sdk\emulator>emulator.exe -list-avds
3.4_WQVGA_Android_4.0.3_API_15
Galaxy_Nexus_API_26
Nexus_4_API_25
Nexus_5X_API_26
Pixel_Android_4.1_API_16
Pixel_XL_API_26
Tablet_Nexus_10_API_25

C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov\AppData\Local\Android\sdk\emulator>
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov\AppData\Local\Android\sdk\emulator>emulator -avd Galaxy_nexus_API_26
HAX is working and emulator runs in fast virt mode.
Your emulator is out of date, please update by launching Android Studio:
- Start Android Studio
- Select menu "Tools > Android > SDK Manager"
- Click "SDK Tools" tab
- Check "Android Emulator" checkbox
- Click "OK"
```

You can use CLI AVD tools as well:

- tools/bin/avdmanager.bat  
to create and maintain AVD instances
- ANDROID\_HOME/emulator  
to run certain AVD instance

<https://developer.android.com/studio/run/emulator-commandline.html>

# Install and remove application



```
$ adb install path_to_apk
```

```
$ adb uninstall package
```

In case of uninstallation you have to use Java package name instead of .apk filename.

```
$ adb shell pm list packages -f
```

```
C:\Users\Maksim_Meshcheriakov>adb shell pm list packages -f
package:/system/app/FilterProvider/FilterProvider.apk=com.samsung.android.provider.filterprovider
package:/data/app/com.skype.raider-1/base.apk=com.skype.raider
package:/data/app/com.samsung.android.gearoplugin-1/base.apk=com.samsung.android.gearoplugin
package:/system/app/RootPA/RootPA.apk=com.gd.mobicore.pa
package:/system/app/GalaxyAppsWidget_Phone_EssentialsOnly/GalaxyAppsWidget_Phone_EssentialsOnly.apk=com.sec.android.widgetap
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package:/data/app/com.google.android.youtube-1/base.apk=com.google.android.youtube
package:/system/priv-app/SFinder_v4/SFinder_v4.apk=com.samsung.android.app.galaxyfinder
```

- Push a file to device

```
$ adb push path2local_file path2remote_file
```

- Pull a file from device

```
$ adb pull path2remote_file path2local_file
```

- Example:

```
$ adb push foo.txt /sdcard/foo.txt
```

Logcat is a command-line tool that dumps a log of system messages, including stack traces when the device throws an error and messages that you have written from your app with the 'Log' class.

```
$ adb logcat
```

```
$ adb logcat --help
```

or

```
$ adb shell
```

```
> logcat
```



- Default output is 'stdout', but you can write output down to required file with `-f <filename>` option
- output filtering:  
Verbose (lowest) / Debug / Info / Warning / Error / Fatal / Silent (highest))
- output formatting with `-v <format>` option

The full syntax description:

<https://developer.android.com/studio/command-line/logcat.html>  
[\\$Syntax](#)

The root of information about Android-related command line tools:

<https://developer.android.com/studio/command-line/index.html>

# Update platforms

Tools >  
Android >  
SDK Manager >  
SDK Platforms

Default Settings

Appearance & Behavior > System Settings > Android SDK

Manager for the Android SDK and Tools used by Android Studio

Android SDK Location:  [Edit](#)

SDK Platforms | SDK Tools | SDK Update Sites

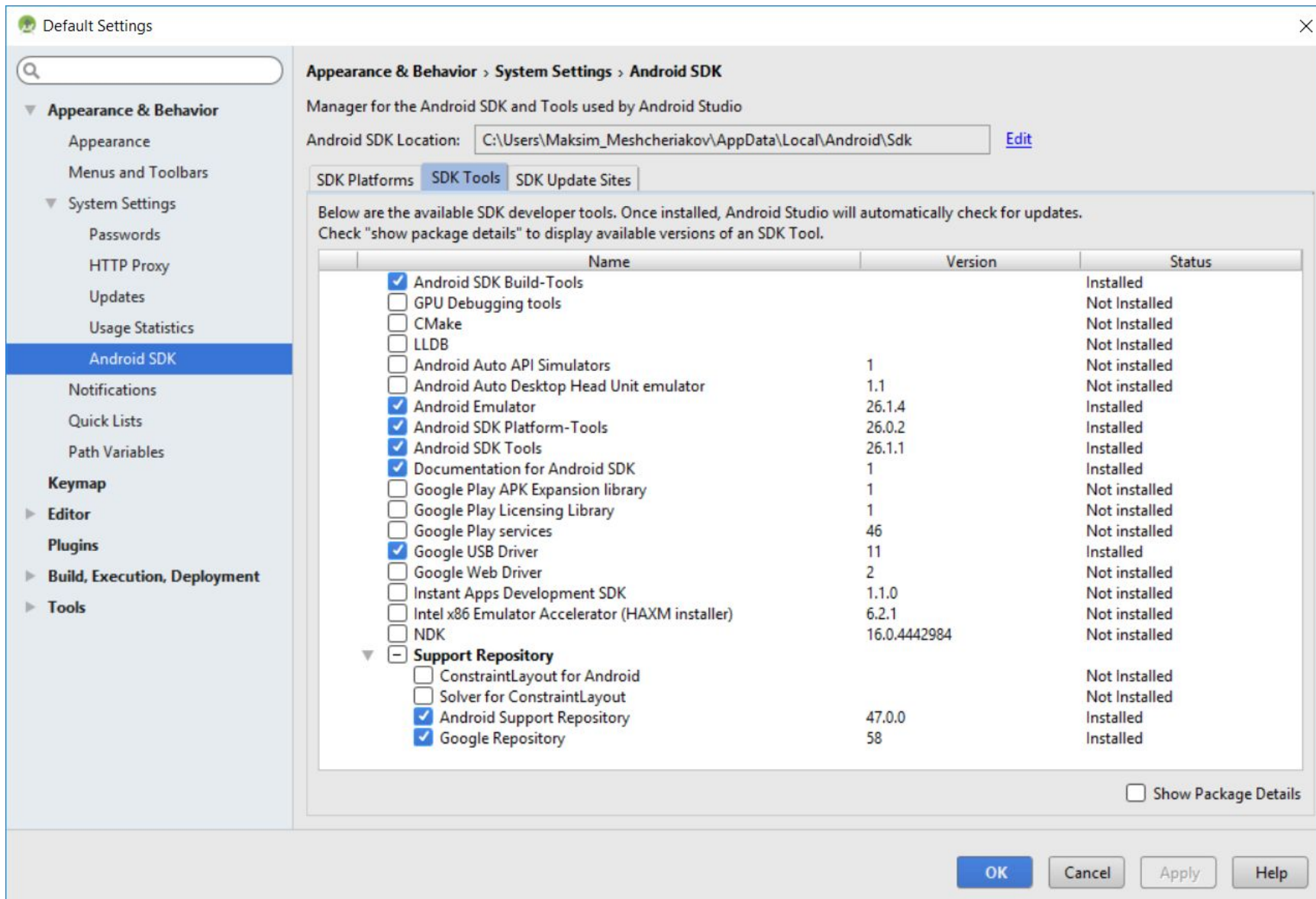
Each Android SDK Platform package includes the Android platform and sources pertaining to an API level by default. Once installed, Android Studio will automatically check for updates. Check "show package details" to display individual SDK components.

	Name	API Level	Revision	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android API 27	27	1	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 8.0 (Oreo)	26	2	Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Android 7.1.1 (Nougat)	25	3	Installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Android 7.0 (Nougat)	24	2	Installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Android 6.0 (Marshmallow)	23	3	Installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 5.1 (Lollipop)	22	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 5.0 (Lollipop)	21	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.4W (KitKat Wear)	20	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.4 (KitKat)	19	4	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.3 (Jelly Bean)	18	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.2 (Jelly Bean)	17	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean)	16	5	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.0.3 (IceCreamSandwich)	15	5	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 4.0 (IceCreamSandwich)	14	4	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 3.2 (Honeycomb)	13	1	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 3.1 (Honeycomb)	12	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 3.0 (Honeycomb)	11	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 2.3.3 (Gingerbread)	10	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 2.3 (Gingerbread)	9	2	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 2.2 (Froyo)	8	3	Not installed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Android 2.1 (Eclair)	7	3	Not installed

Show Package Details

OK Cancel Apply Help

Tools >  
Android >  
SDK Manager >  
SDK Tools









# Appium

- EPAM as a global IT service company needs in **clear and easy to learn and implement procedure(s)** of mobile test automation that will be applicable worldwide
- These procedures should be based on a limited set of tools. These tools should be easy to learn and implement as well
- Engineers can't learn cute new tools again and again: it's OK for personal professional development, not to meet business needs

**Important:** we are talking about **corporate-wide** tool for **hundreds engineers** who are working on **hundreds projects** with their own peculiarities


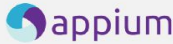



- **Covers main target mobile platforms**  
Android, iOS
- **Use the investments made**  
knowledge, expertise, processes, infrastructure, software, hardware
- **Not expensive**  
free open source is preferable
- **Easy to learn**

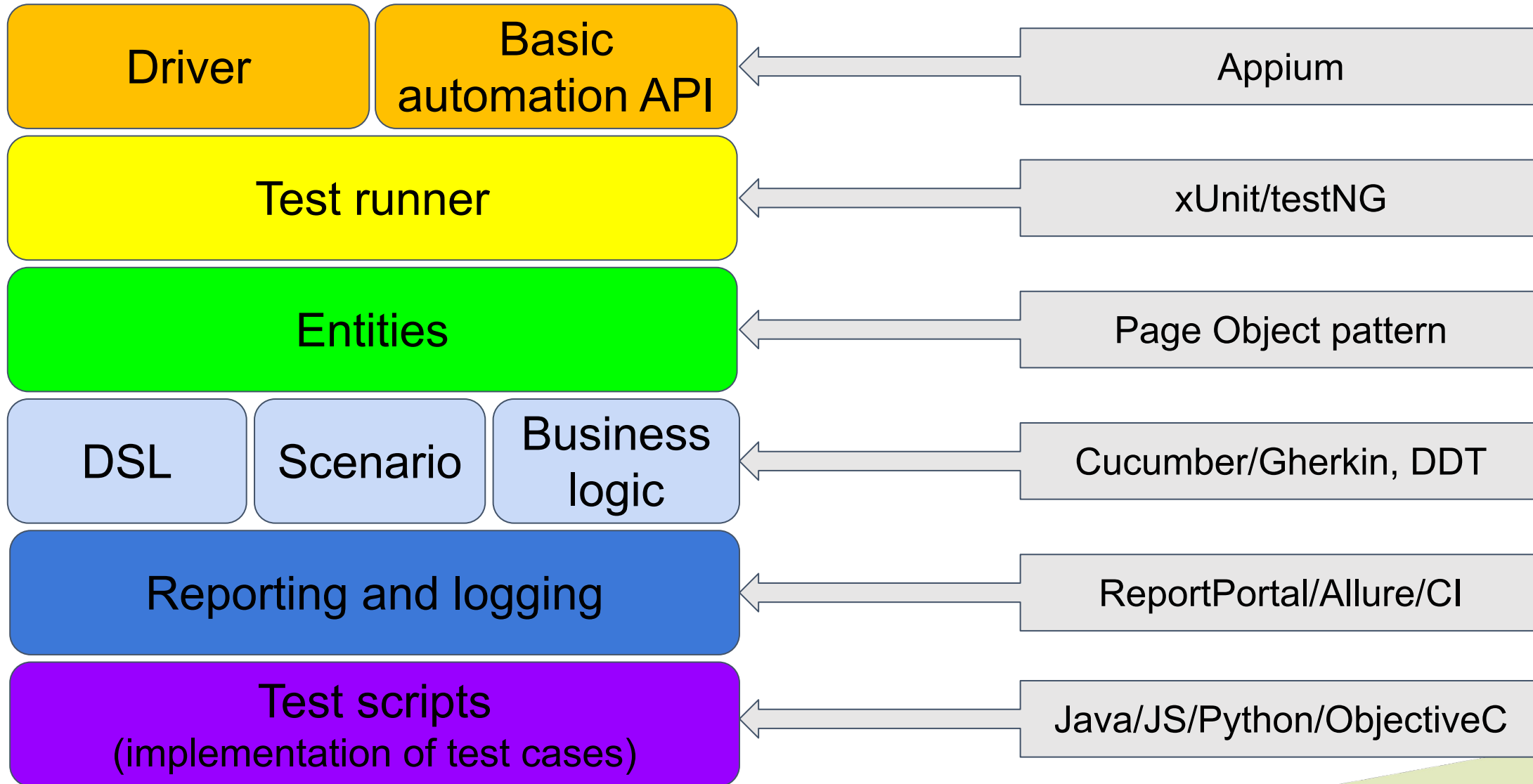
						<i>Calaba.sh</i>
Capabilities		Selenium	Appium	Espresso	XCTest UI	Calabash
Application Type Support	Mobile Web	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	Native	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Hybrid	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Desktop Web	Yes	No	No	No	No
Supported Mobile Platforms	Android	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	iOS	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Supported Context	App Context	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Device Context	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No
Scripting Development Language	Java	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Python	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	C#	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
	Ruby	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
	Java Script	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	Perl	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	ObjectiveC/Swift	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



# Appium advantages

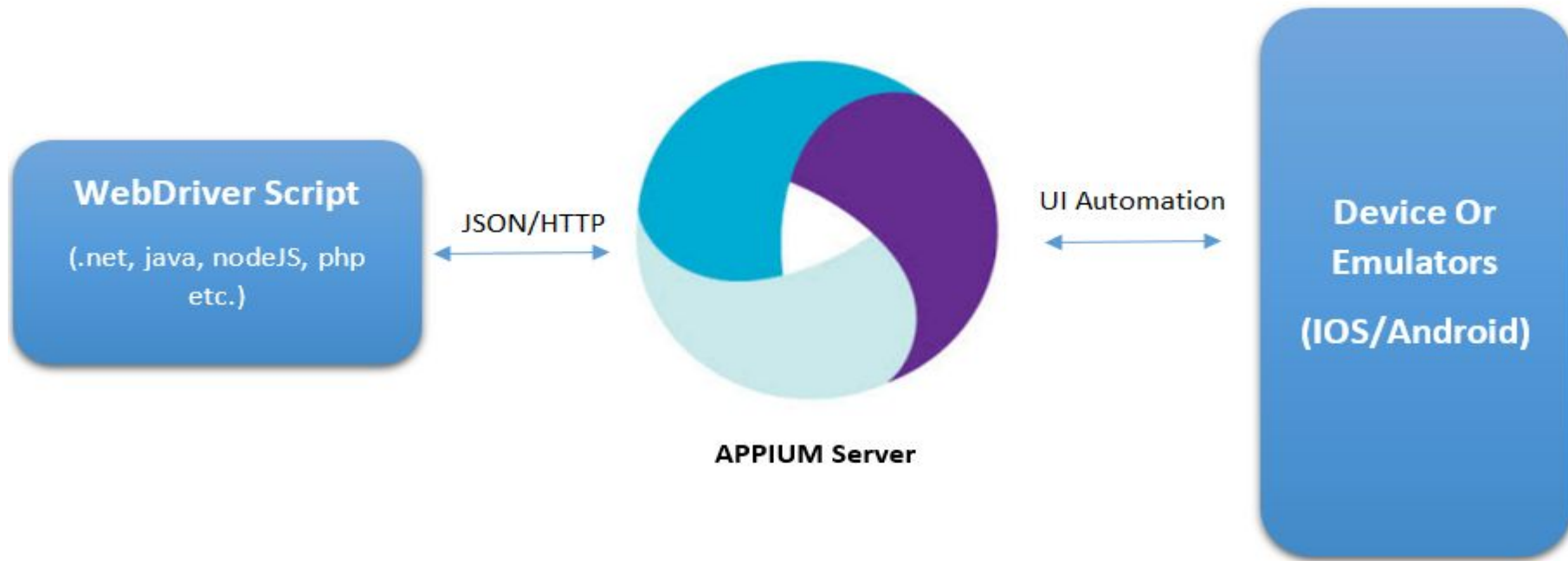


Capabilities		 Selenium	 Appium	 Espresso	 XCTest UI	 Calabash
Supported Visual Object	N/A	N/A	Yes (with extension)	No	No	No
Integrated with IDEs	Eclipse	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Android Studio	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Xcode	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	Visual Studio	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
	IntelliJ IDEA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Supported by Mobile OS Vendors (no gaps)	N/A	No	No	Yes (Google)	Yes (Apple)	No
Real devices	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simulators/Emulators	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Automatic sync between test actions and App UI	N/A	No	No	Yes	No	No
Test Recorder	N/A	No	No	Yes (Version 2.2+)	Yes	No
Community Support	N/A	Active	Very Active	Google	Apple	Average
GitHub Rankings	N/A	787 Stars	2444 Stars	NA	NA (*KIF 3017 Stars)	1930 Stars

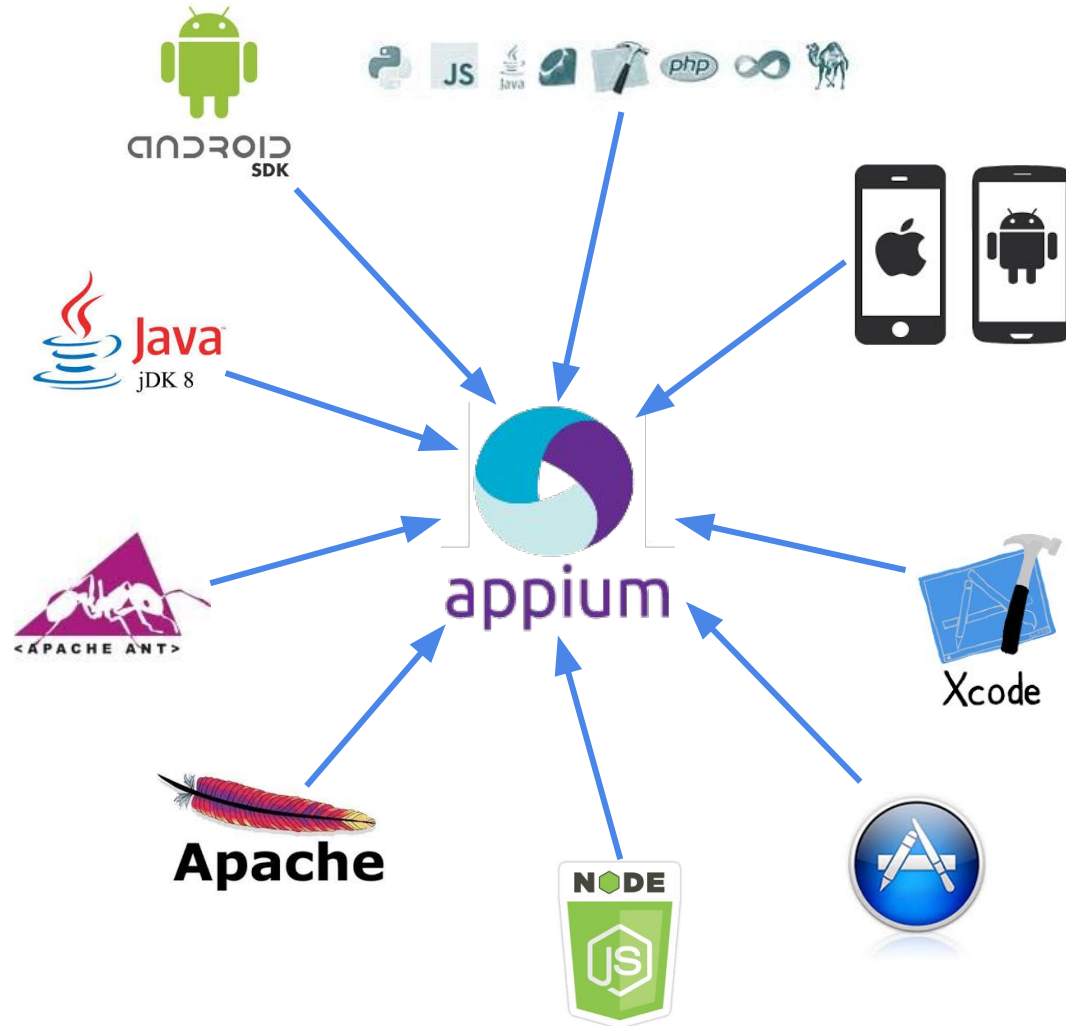


# The essence of Appium

## Appium server



**Appium client:** libraries (in Java, Ruby, Python, PHP, JavaScript, and C#) which support Appium's extensions to the WebDriver protocol



About installation of JDK-8, Android SDK, mobile devices and emulators please refer to module

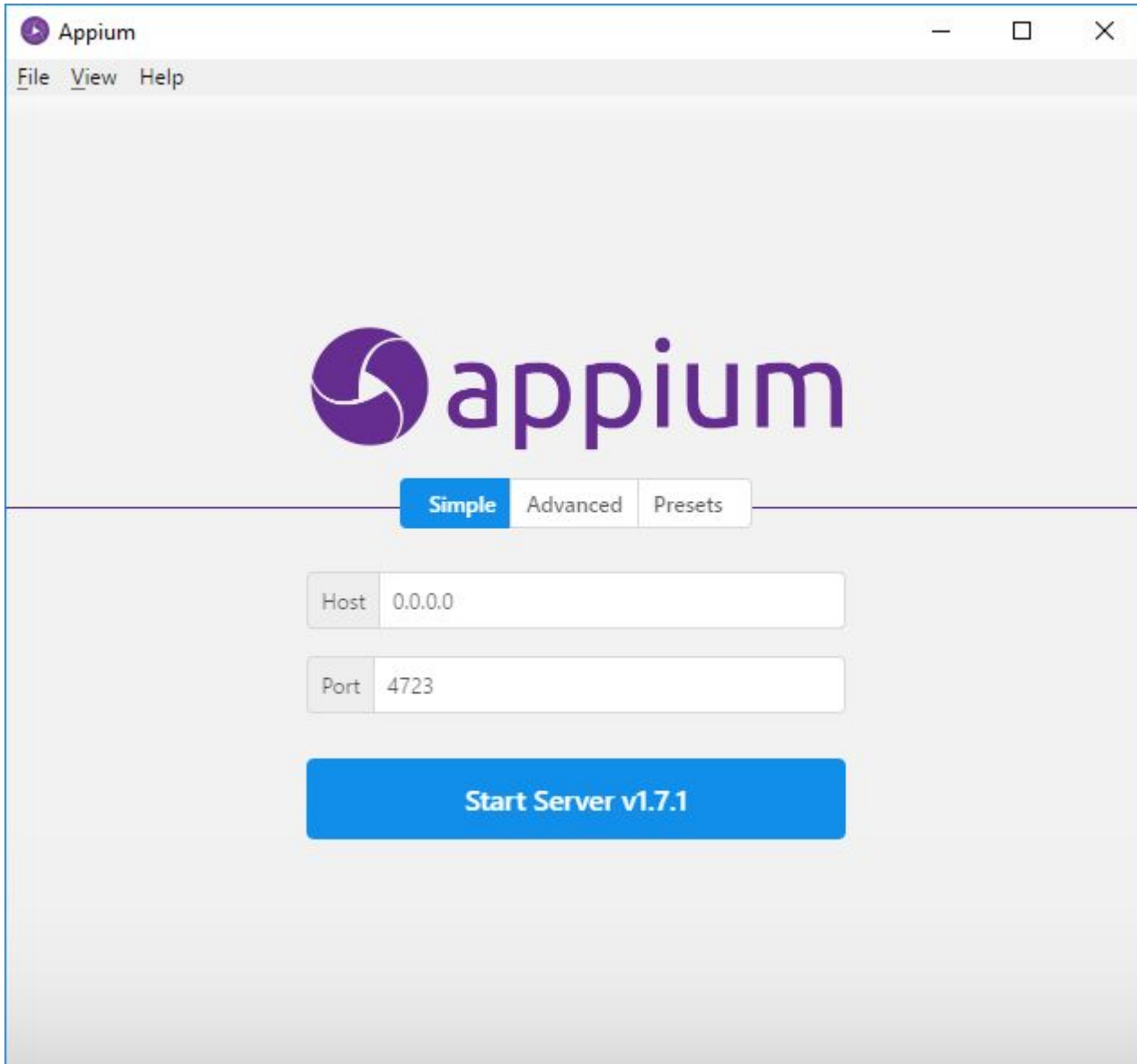
“General environment settings for Android platform”


The most efficient, cross-platform way to use Appium as a node module.

1. Download *Node.js* package suitable for your computer: <https://nodejs.org/en/download/>, and install it.
2. Use *appium-doctor* to check Appium preconditions:
  - a. Install: > npm install -g appium-doctor
  - b. Check: > appium-doctor

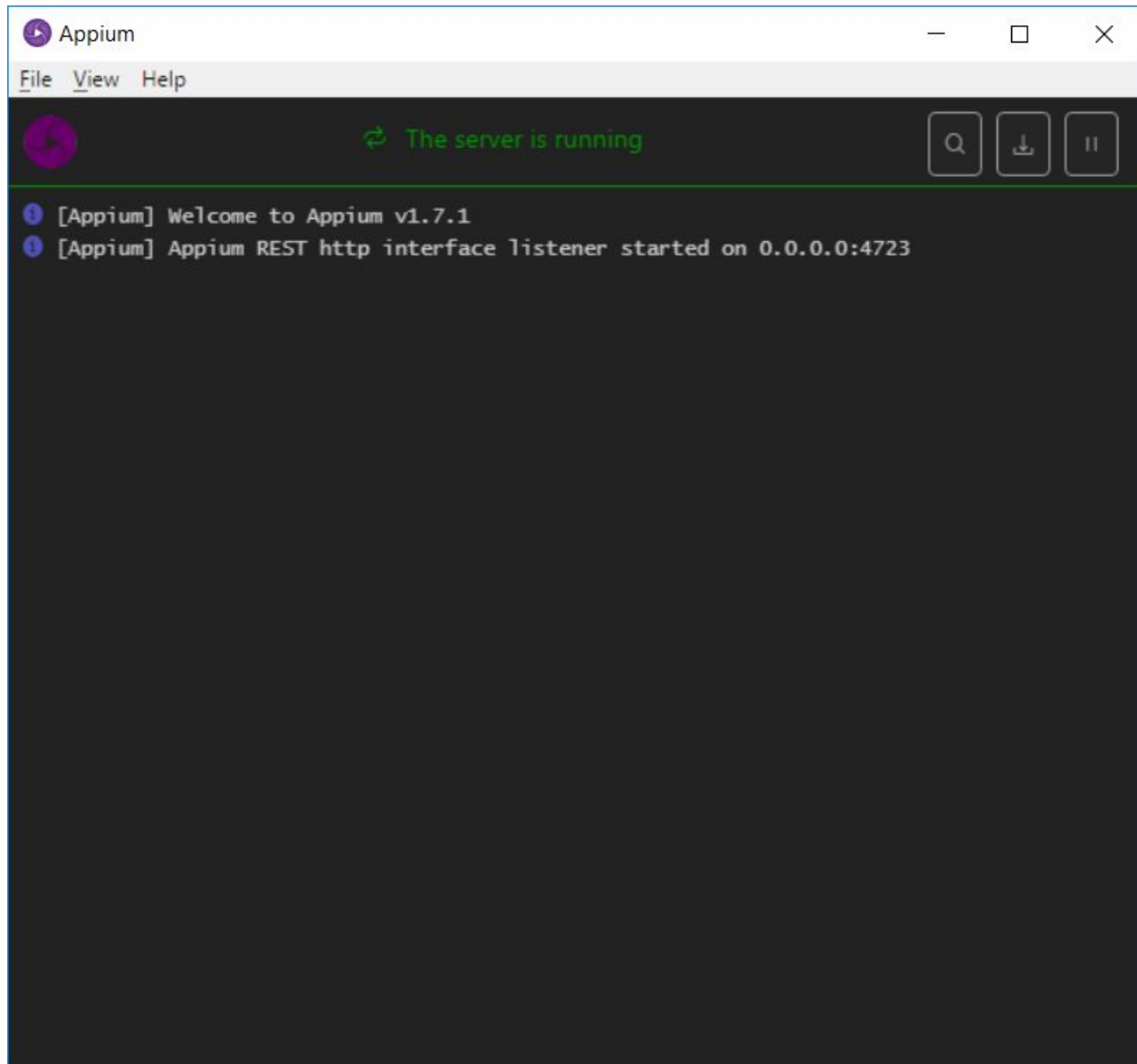
Appium *Server* and *Inspector* in desktop GUIs for Mac, Windows, and Linux

1. **Download** Appium Desktop from here:  
<https://github.com/appium/appium-desktop/releases>
2. Short **usage** instructions (scroll down to text):  
<https://github.com/appium/appium-desktop>
3. **Install** Appium desktop according your system rules
4. Find **other** Appium-related software packages here:  
<https://github.com/appium>
5. Visit **appium.io** to get more information



1. Start an emulator or attach a device
2. Run Appium DT by clicking  on desktop
3. Use default “simple” settings: Appium server will run locally (0.0.0.0:4723)
4. Press “Start Server x.x.x”

# Start Appium Inspector



Click  to start an Inspector session



# Default capabilities screen

Appium

Automatic Server Custom Server SAUCELABS TestObject

Will use currently-running Appium Desktop server at <http://localhost:4723>

Desired Capabilities Saved Capability Sets (3) Attach to Session...

Name	text	Value
------	------	-------

JSON Representation

```
{}
```

[Desired Capabilities Documentation](#) Save As... Start Session

# Set of required capabilities



The screenshot shows the Appium web interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Automatic Server' and 'Custom Server'. The 'Automatic Server' tab is selected, and it displays the message: 'Will use currently-running Appium Desktop server at http://localhost:4723'. Below this, there are three tabs: 'Desired Capabilities', 'Saved Capability Sets (3)', and 'Attach to Session...'. The 'Saved Capability Sets (3)' tab is active, showing a table of saved sets:

Capability Set	Created	Actions
contactManagerTest	2017-11-02	
Appium Tutorial	2017-11-03	
Contacts 5554	2017-12-08	

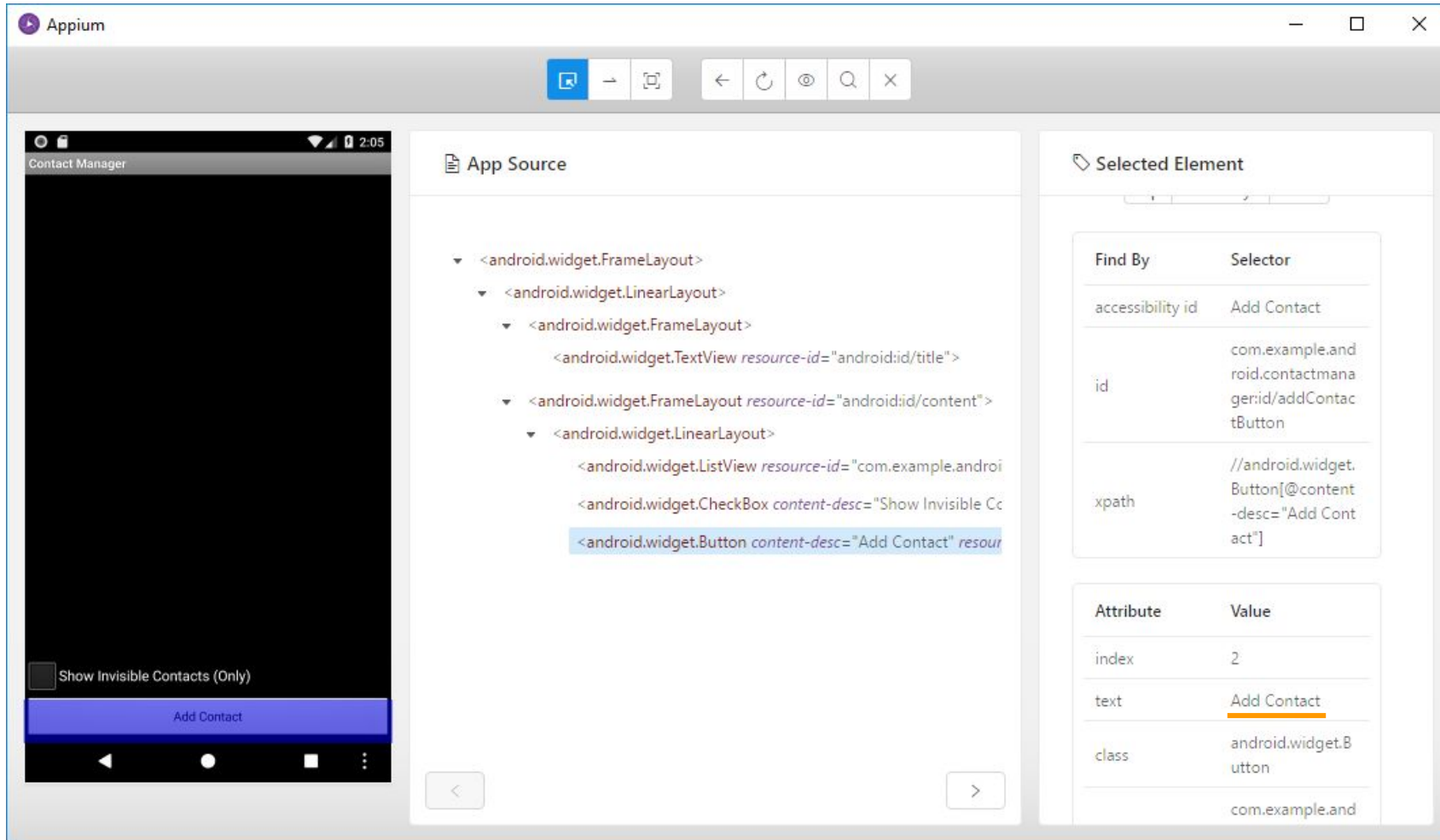
To the right of the table, the details for the 'contactManagerTest' set are shown in a code editor:

```
{
  "platformName": "Android",
  "deviceName": "emulator-5554",
  "app":
  "C:\\Users\\Maksim_Meshcheriakov\\IdeaProjects\\JDI\\Java
  \\Tests\\jdi-uitest-mobiletests\\target\\test-
  classes\\ContactManager.apk"
}
```

At the bottom of the interface, there are three buttons: 'Save', 'Save As...', and 'Start Session'.

- Use “Save As” button to store capability set for further usage
- Saved sets will be available
- Click “Start Session” button to run Inspector session

# Select desired element



Appium Inspector tool more convenient than Device Monitor one

## Recorder tool:

- not for production code
- help explore Appium API
- demonstration

It is a learning tool, not a robust code generation feature

The screenshot displays the Appium Recorder tool interface. The top toolbar includes a blue Recorder icon, a back arrow, a refresh icon, a camera icon, and a close icon. The main interface is split into three panels:

- Mobile App Preview:** Shows a 'Contact Manager' app with a blue 'Add Contact' button.
- App Source:** A tree view of the app's XML structure. The selected element is highlighted in blue: `<android.widget.Button content-desc="Add Contact" resource-id="com.example.android.contactmanager:id/add_contact_button" />`.
- Selected Element:** A panel showing the 'Find By' and 'Attribute' information for the selected element. The 'Find By' section shows: 

Find By	Selector
accessibility id	Add Contact
id	com.example.android.contactmanager:id/add_contact_button
xpath	//android.widget.Button[@content-desc="Add Contact"]

 The 'Attribute' section shows: 

Attribute	Value
index	2
text	Add Contact
class	android.widget.Button

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