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Android Design for UI Developers



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Android Design in Action

The image shows a screenshot of the YouTube channel 'Android Design in Action' on the left and a promotional graphic for the XYZ Reader app on the right.

YouTube Channel Screenshot:

- Channel name: Android Design in Action by Android Developers
- Video list:
 - Android Design in Action: Podcast Creators and Design Tools (4,742 views, 30:11)
 - Android Design in Action: News Readers and Units of Measure (6,517 views, 37:53)
 - Android Design in Action: Home Screen Widgets (5,707 views, 37:08)
 - Android Design in Action: Notifications and Design Process with Alex Faaborg (13,945 views, 35:37)
 - Android Design in Action: Action Bar (12,456 views, 31:25)
- Channel stats: 264 likes, 1 dislikes
- Featured Playlists:
 - This Week in Android Development (13 videos)
 - Google I/O 12 - The Android Sessions (28 videos)
 - (23 videos)

Promotional Graphic:

- Shows a tablet and two smartphones displaying the XYZ Reader app interface.
- The app displays a news article titled "Bacon ipsum dolor sit amet".
- Text below the devices: "Previously on ADiA ITERATIVE IMPROVEMENTS - XYZ READER"
- Includes a QR code and a "Subscribe" button.
- Background features a video of two people in a discussion and a portrait of a man.



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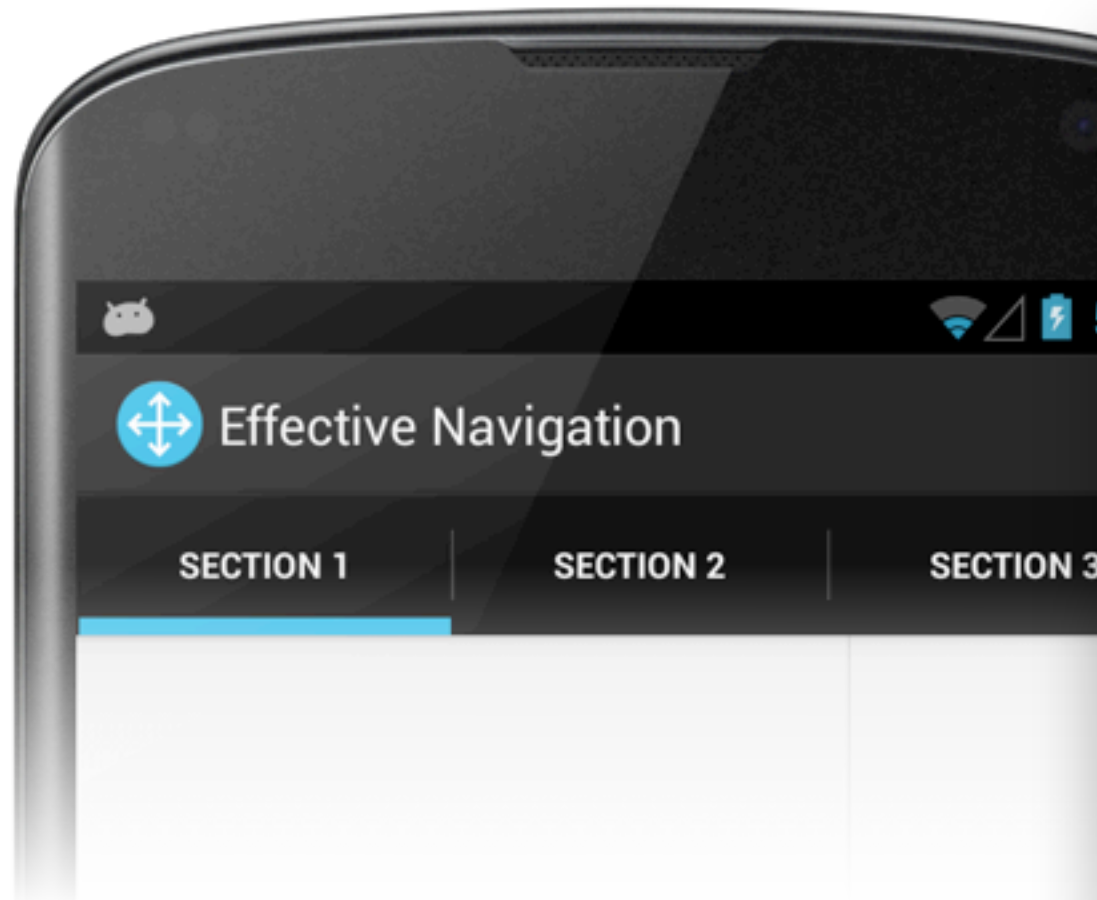
Generating assets





App Navigation

Action bar tabs and spinner



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Implementing Lateral Navigation

Lateral navigation is navigation between sibling screens in the application's screen hierarchy (sometimes referred to as a screen map). The most prominent lateral navigation patterns are tabs and horizontal paging (also known as swipe views). This pattern and others are described in [Designing Effective Navigation](#). This lesson covers how to implement several of the primary lateral navigation patterns in Android.

Implement Tabs

Tabs allow the user to navigate between sibling screens by selecting the appropriate tab indicator available at the top of the display. In Android 3.0 and later, tabs are implemented using the `ActionBar` class, and are generally set up in `Activity.onCreate()`. In some cases, such as when horizontal space is limited and/or the number of tabs is large, an appropriate alternate presentation for tabs is a dropdown list (sometimes implemented using a `Spinner`).

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THIS LESSON TEACHES YOU TO

1. [Implement Tabs](#)
2. [Implement Horizontal Paging \(Swipe Views\)](#)
3. [Implement Swiping Between Tabs](#)

YOU SHOULD ALSO READ

- [Providing Descendant and Lateral Navigation](#)
- [Android Design: Tabs](#)
- [Android Design: Swipe Views](#)

TRY IT OUT

Download the sample app

EffectiveNavigation.zip



COMING SOON

ActionBarCompat

Native API

ActionBarCompat

Activity Or FragmentActivity

ActionBarActivity

getActionBar()

get**Support**ActionBar()

Theme.Holo
Widget.Holo...

Theme.**AppCompat**
Widget.**AppCompat**...

android:actionBarStyle
android:displayOptions

actionBarStyle *(no prefix)*
displayOptions *(no prefix)*

android:showAsAction

yourAppNamespace:showAsAction

Android 2.1+

(99.9% of devices)

Alternatively, continue using
Jake Wharton's incredible
[ActionBarSherlock](#) library



ViewPager

Implement Horizontal Paging (Swipe Views)

Horizontal paging, or swipe views, allow users to [swipe](#) horizontally on the current screen to navigate to adjacent screens. This pattern can be implemented using the [ViewPager](#) widget, currently available as part of the [Android Support Package](#). For navigating between sibling screens representing a fixed number of sections, it's best to provide the [ViewPager](#) with a [FragmentPagerAdapter](#). For horizontal paging across collections of objects, it's best to use a [FragmentStatePagerAdapter](#), which destroys fragments as the user navigates to other pages, minimizing memory usage.

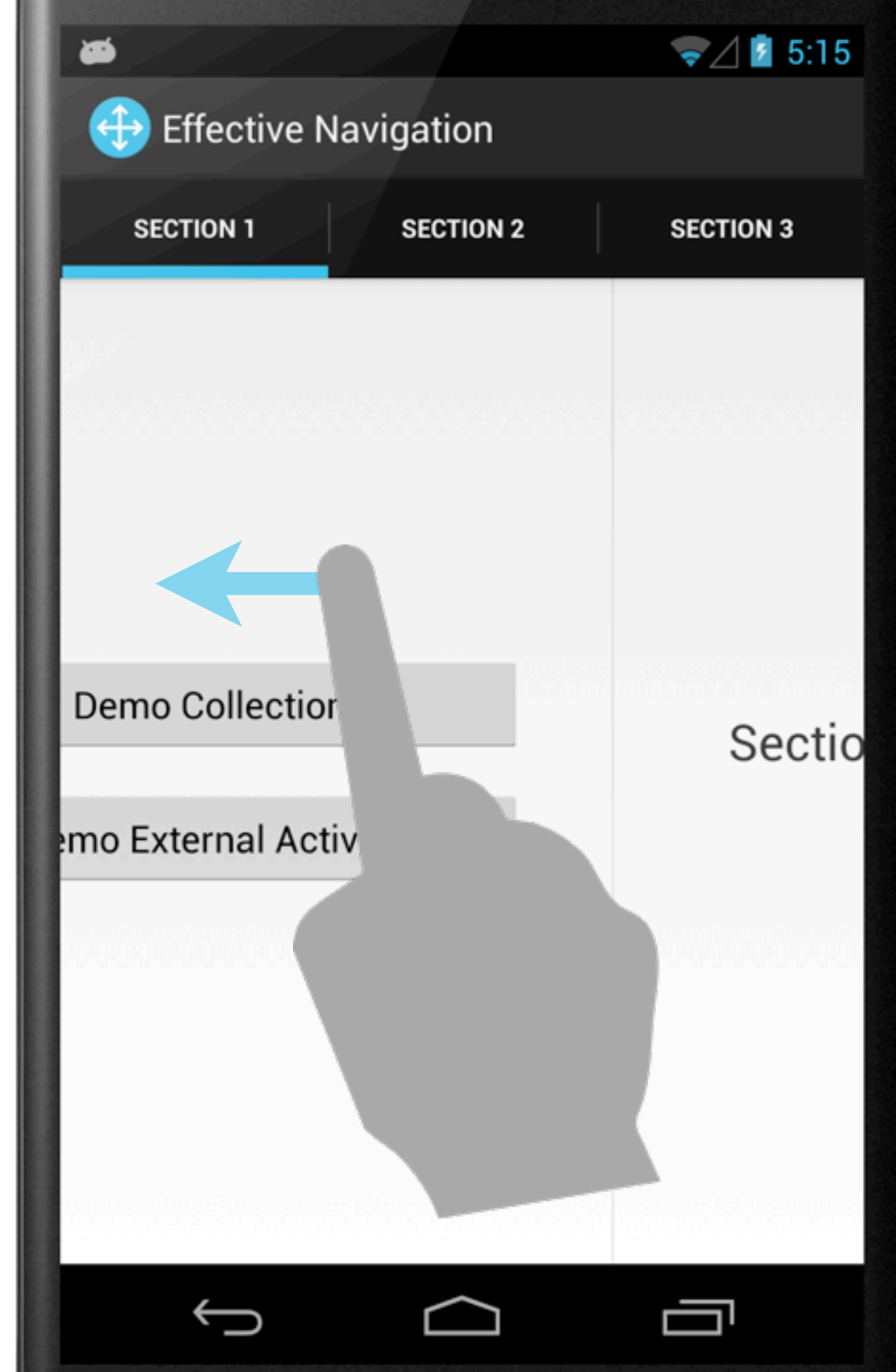
Below is an example of using a [ViewPager](#) to swipe across a collection of objects.

```
public class CollectionDemoActivity extends FragmentActivity {
    // When requested, this adapter returns a DemoObjectFragment,
    // representing an object in the collection.
    DemoCollectionPagerAdapter mDemoCollectionPagerAdapter;
    ViewPager mViewPager;

    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_collection_demo);

        // ViewPager and its adapters use support library
        // fragments, so use getSupportFragmentManager.
        mDemoCollectionPagerAdapter =
            new DemoCollectionPagerAdapter(
                getSupportFragmentManager());
        mViewPager = (ViewPager) findViewById(R.id.pager);
        mViewPager.setAdapter(mDemoCollectionPagerAdapter);
    }

    // Since this is an object collection, use a FragmentStatePagerAdapter,
    // and NOT a FragmentPagerAdapter.
    public class DemoCollectionPagerAdapter extends
```

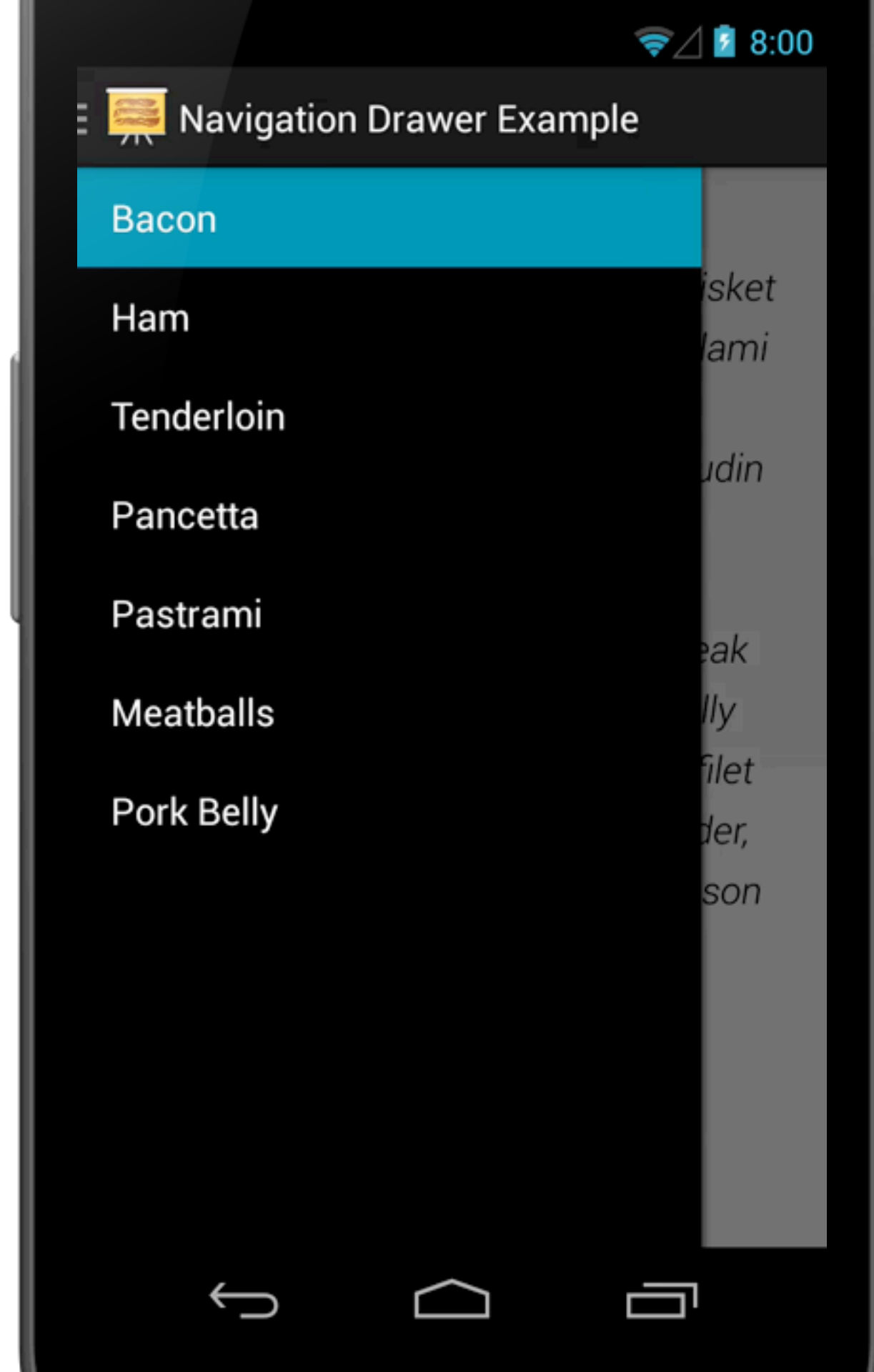


Navigation drawers

Primarily for main app navigation

Only for 3+ top level views of
disparate, mutually exclusive content

More at d.android.com/design



Navigation drawers

```
<android.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:id="@+id/drawer_layout"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <!-- The main content view -->
  <FrameLayout
    android:id="@+id/content_frame"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />

  <!-- The navigation drawer -->
  <ListView android:id="@+id/nav_drawer"
    android:layout_gravity="start"
    android:layout_width="@dimen/drawer_width"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:background="#ffCCCCCC" />

</android.support.v4.widget.DrawerLayout>
```



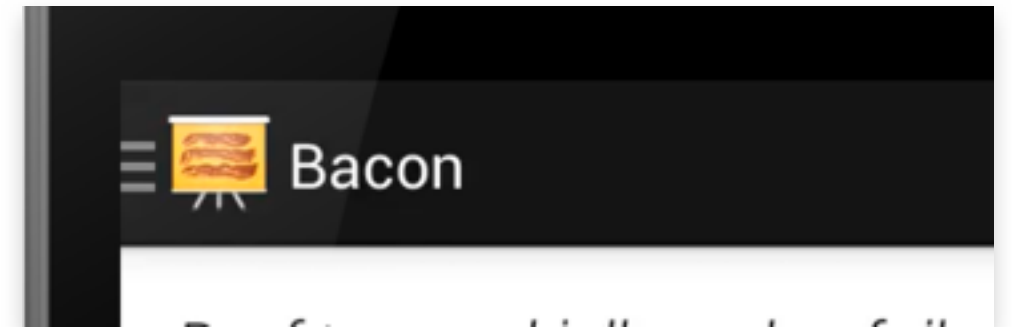
ActionBarDrawerToggle and DrawerListener

```
// ActionBarDrawerToggle provides convenient helpers
// for tying together the prescribed interactions
// between a top-level sliding drawer and the action bar.
mDrawerToggle = new ActionBarDrawerToggle(
    this, /* activity */
    mDrawerLayout,
    R.drawable.ic_drawer, /* download available */
    R.string.drawer_open, /* content descriptions */
    R.string.drawer_close) {

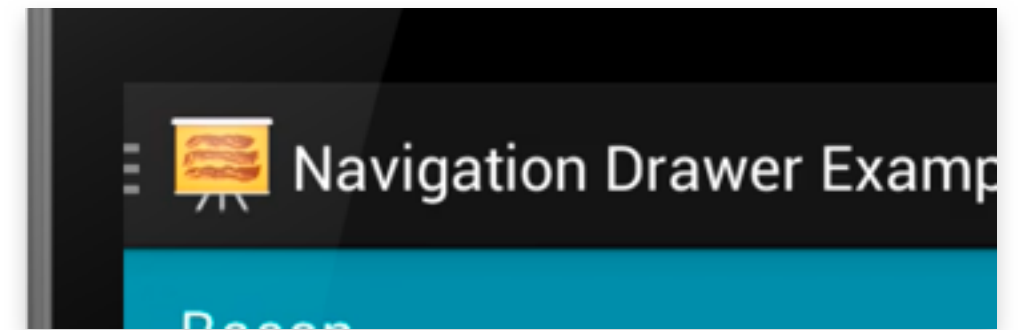
    public void onDrawerClosed(View view) {
        // Set the action bar title to the content title.
        getActionBar().setTitle(mTitle);
    }

    public void onDrawerOpened(View drawerView) {
        getActionBar().setTitle("Navigation Drawer Example");
    }

};
mDrawerLayout.setDrawerListener(mDrawerToggle);
```



DRAWER CLOSED

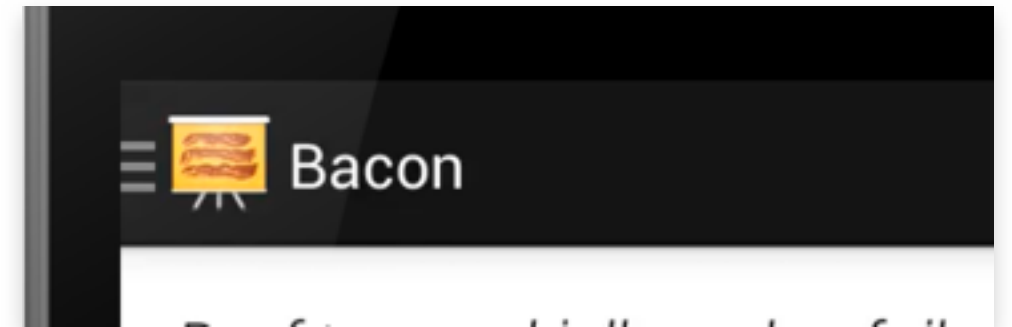


DRAWER OPEN

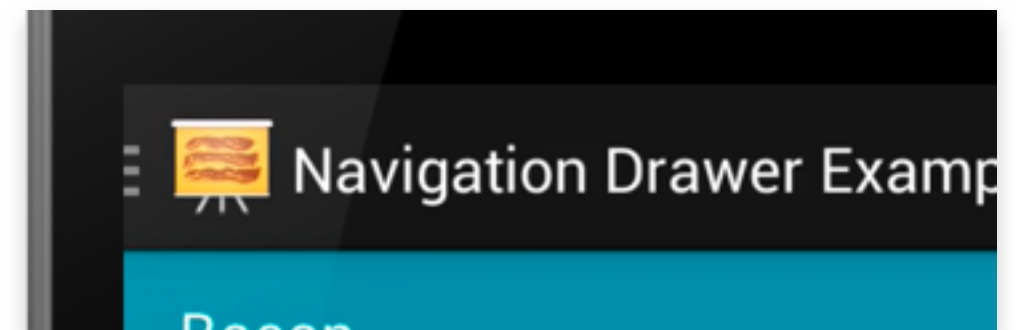


ActionBarDrawerToggle

```
@Override
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
    /*
     * The action bar home/up action should open or
     * close the drawer.
     * ActionBarDrawerToggle will take care of this.
     */
    if (mDrawerToggle.onOptionsItemSelected(item)) {
        return true;
    }
    return super.onOptionsItemSelected(item);
}
```



DRAWER CLOSED



DRAWER OPEN



Up navigation

```
<style name="ActionBar" parent="android:Widget.Holo.ActionBar">  
    <item name="android:displayOptions">showHome | homeAsUp | showTitle</item>  
</style>
```

```
<activity  
    android:name=".MyChildActivity"  
    android:parentActivityName=".MyParentActivity">  
  
    <meta-data android:name="android.support.PARENT_ACTIVITY"  
        android:value=".MyParentActivity" />  
  
</activity>
```



Custom Up navigation

```
@Override
public Intent getParentActivityIntent() {
    // Used when navigating within the same task.
    return new Intent(this, MyParentActivity.class)
        .putExtra(START_TAB, 2);
}
```

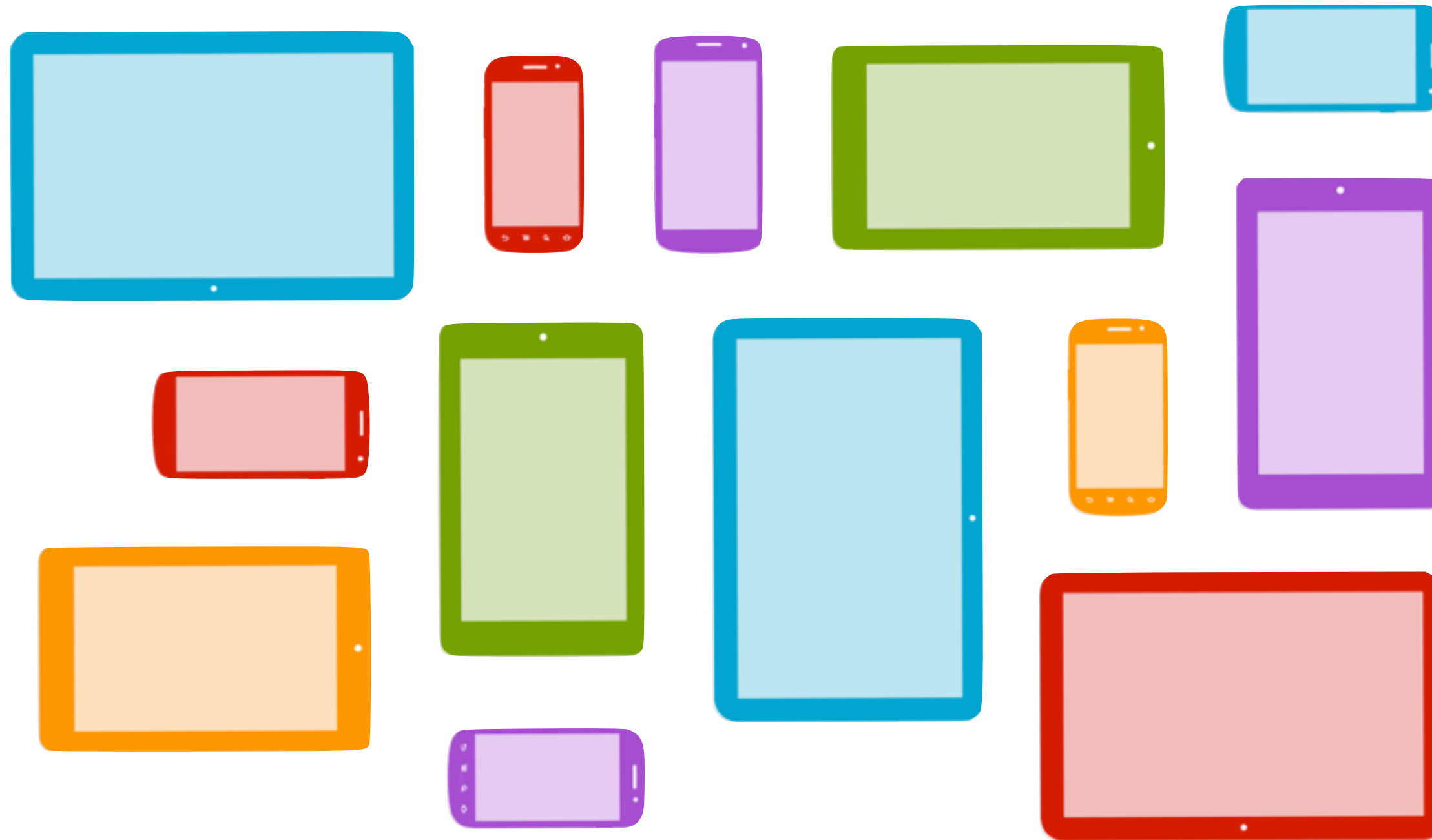
```
@Override
public void onCreateNavigateUpTaskStack(TaskStackBuilder builder) {
    // Used when synthesizing the stack in a new task.
    builder.addNextIntent(new Intent(this, HomeActivity.class))
        .addNextIntent(getParentActivityIntent());
}
```



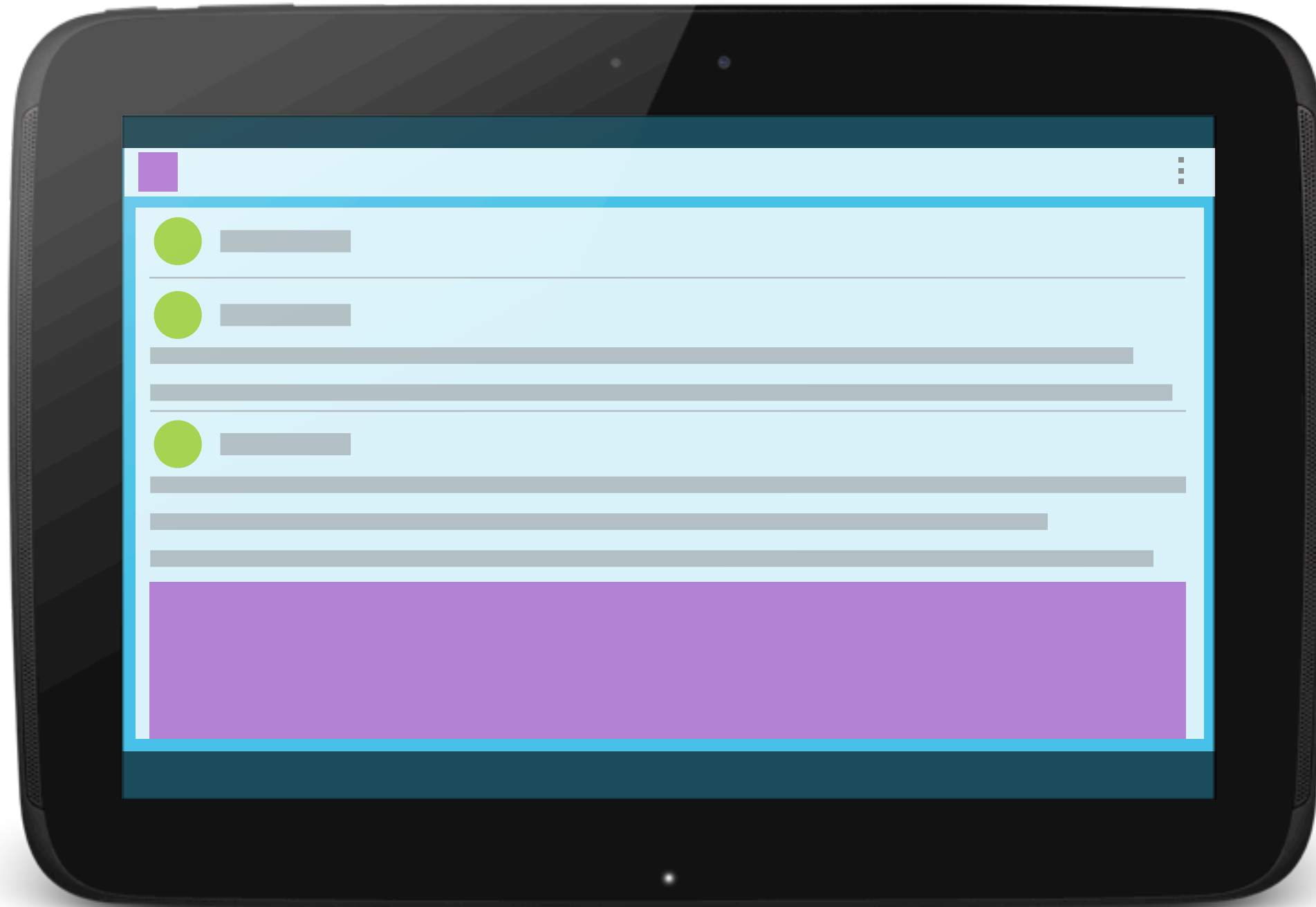


Responsive Design

Device variety



Why responsive?



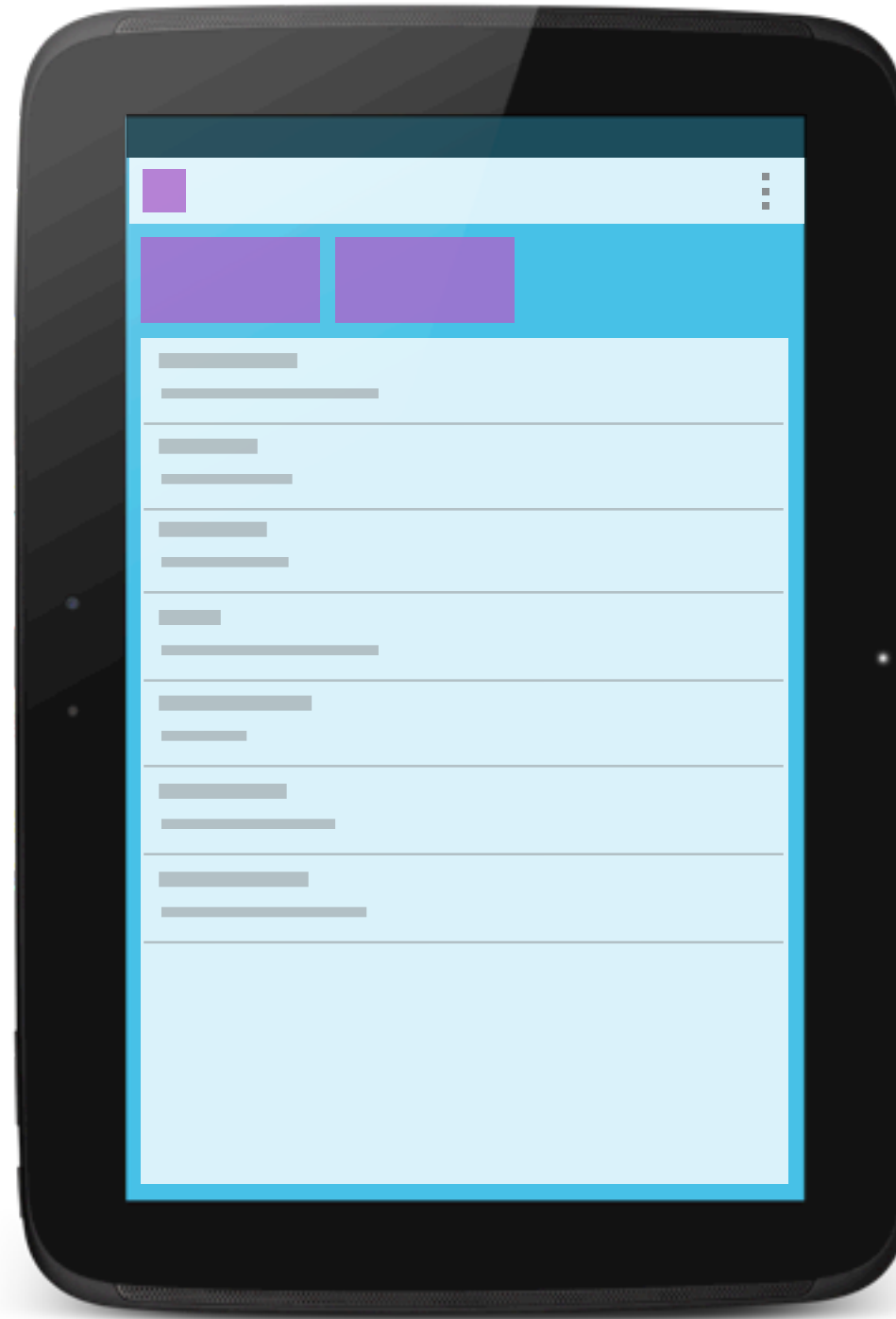
Why responsive?

`android:layout_width="match_parent"`

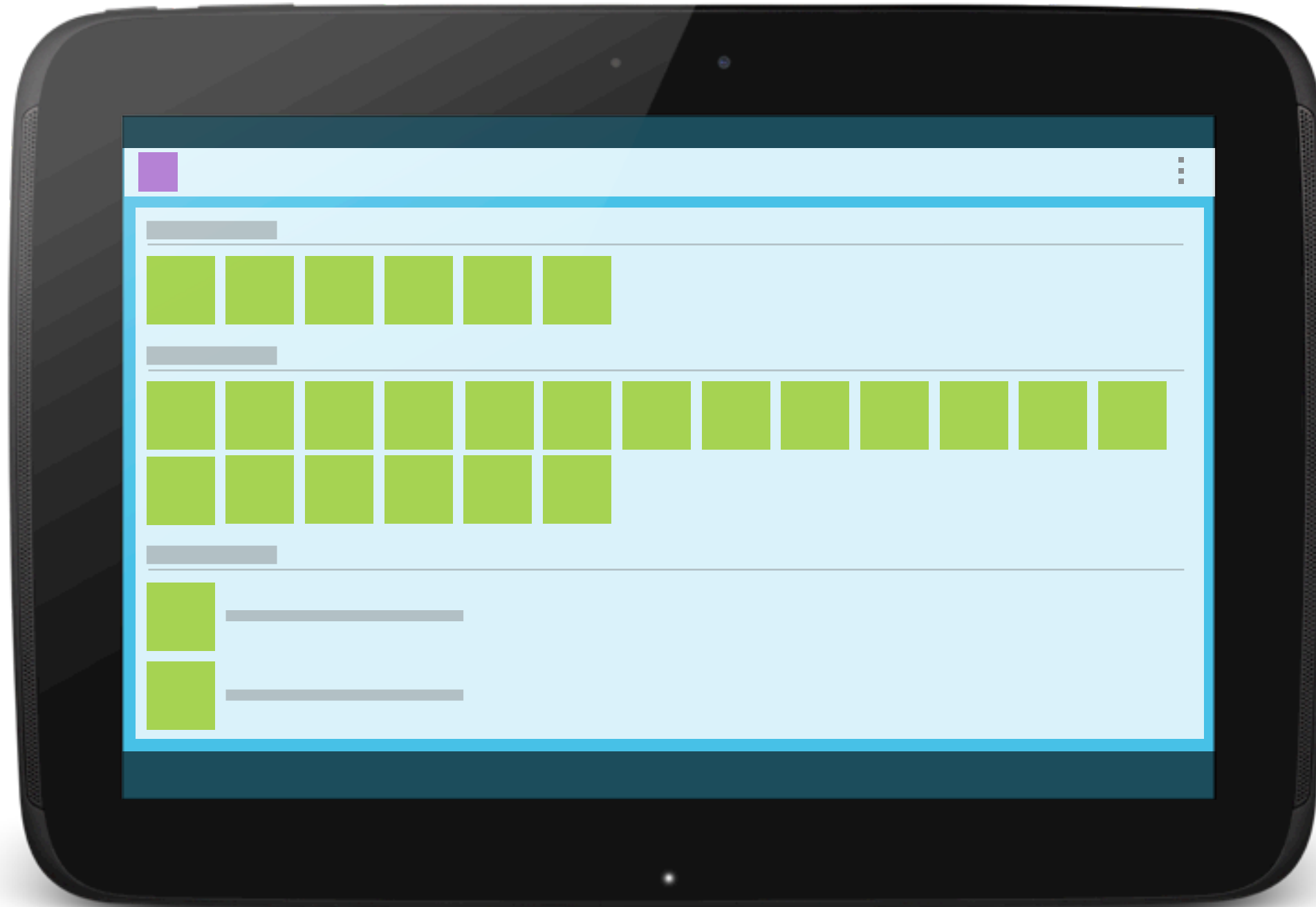
WARNING



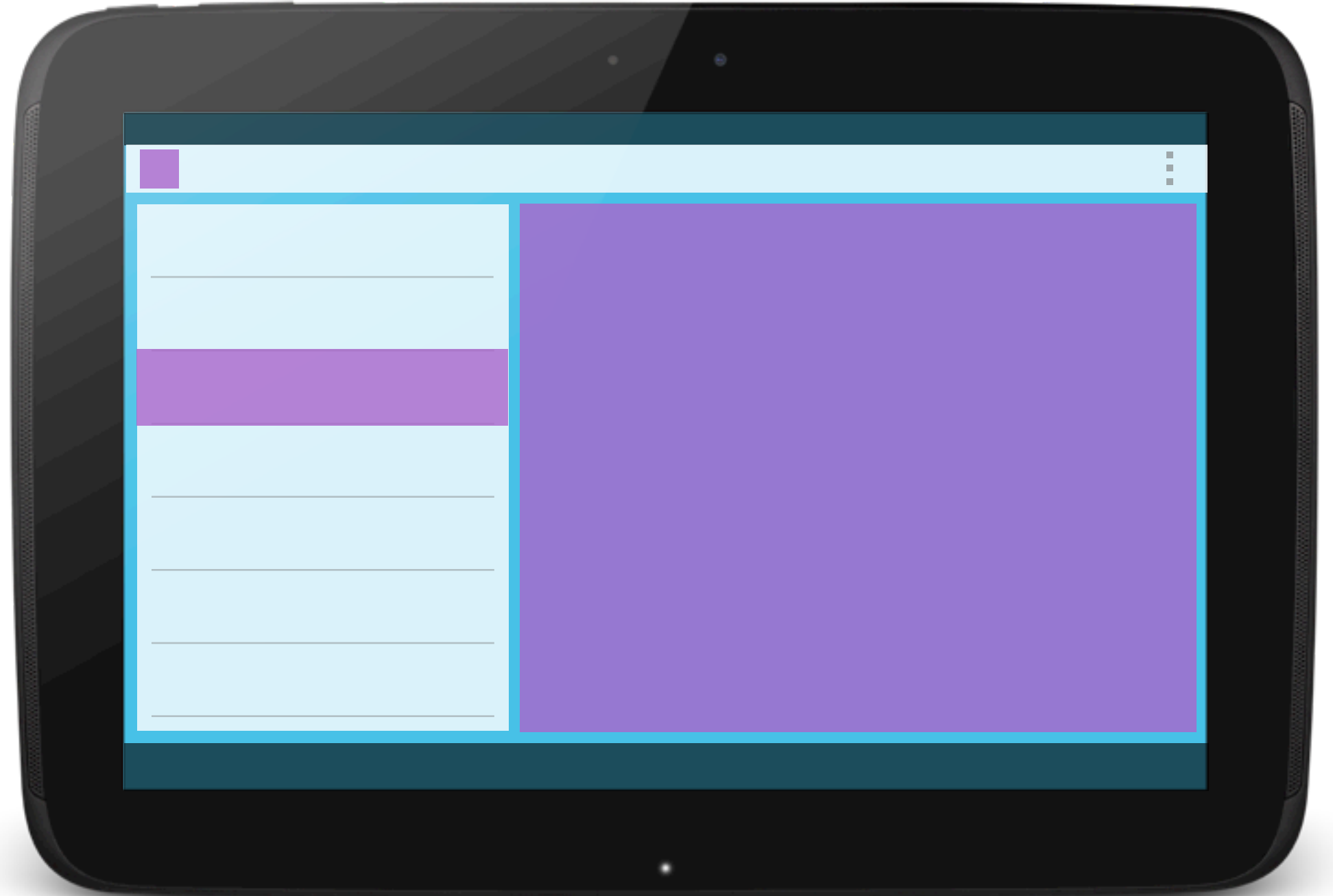
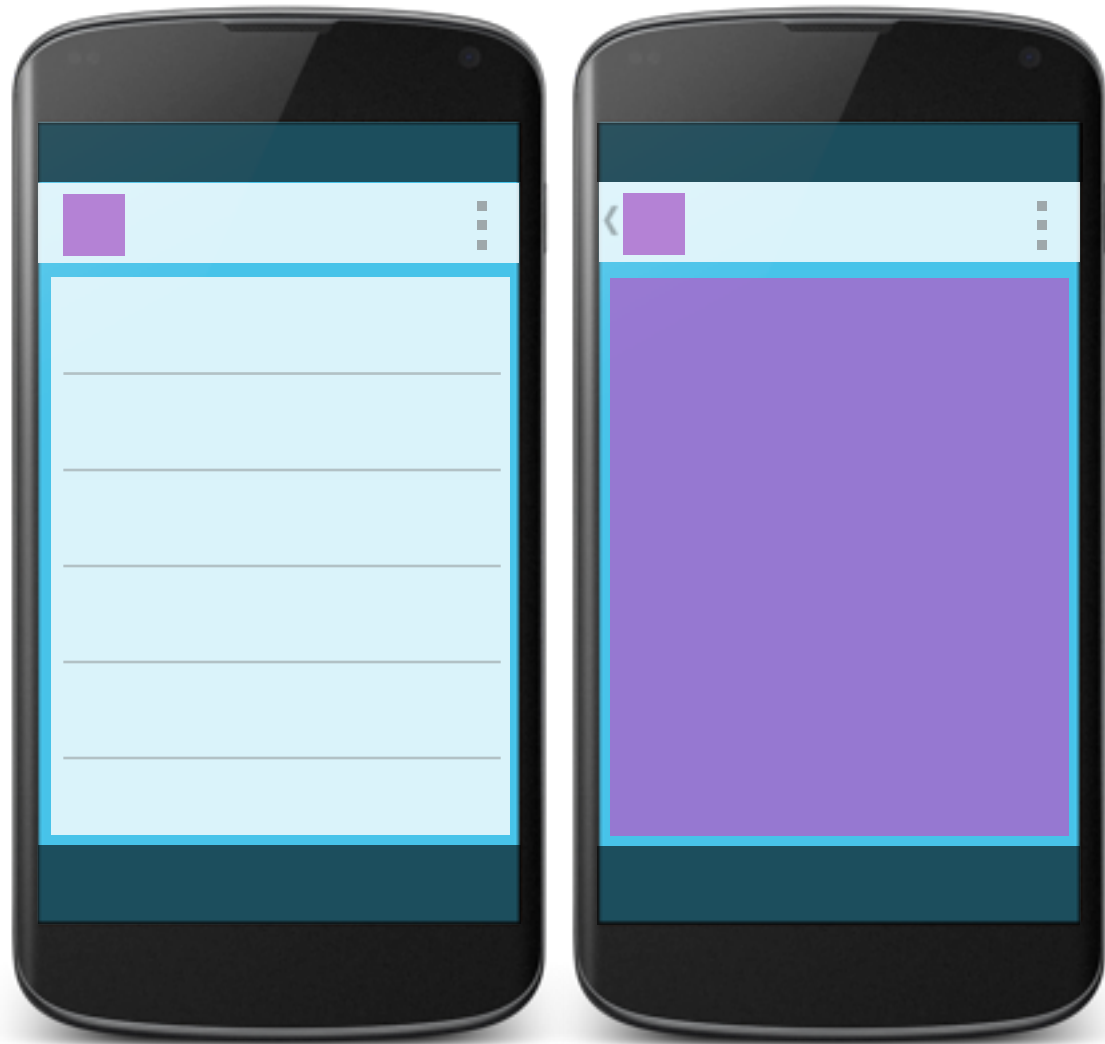
Why responsive?



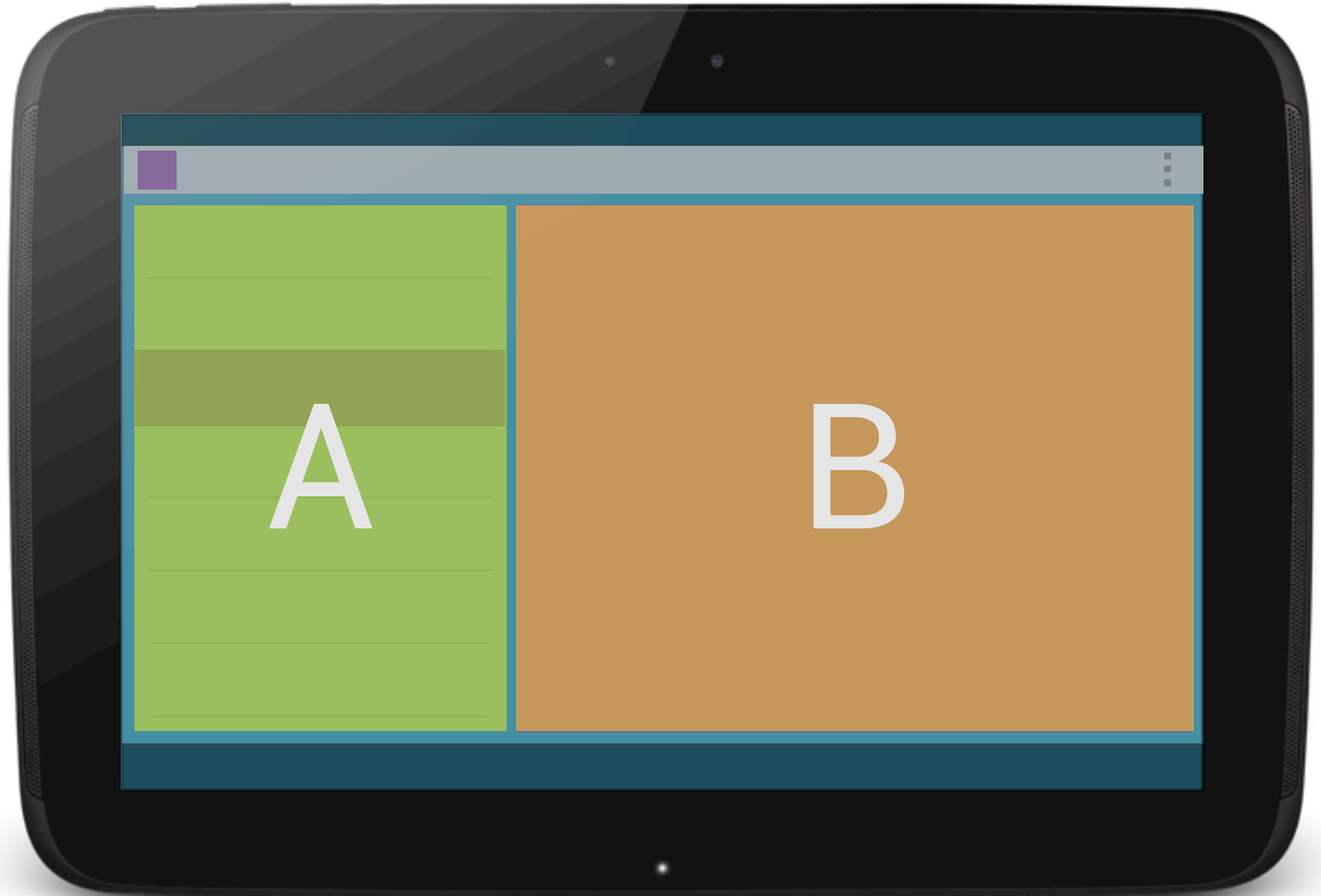
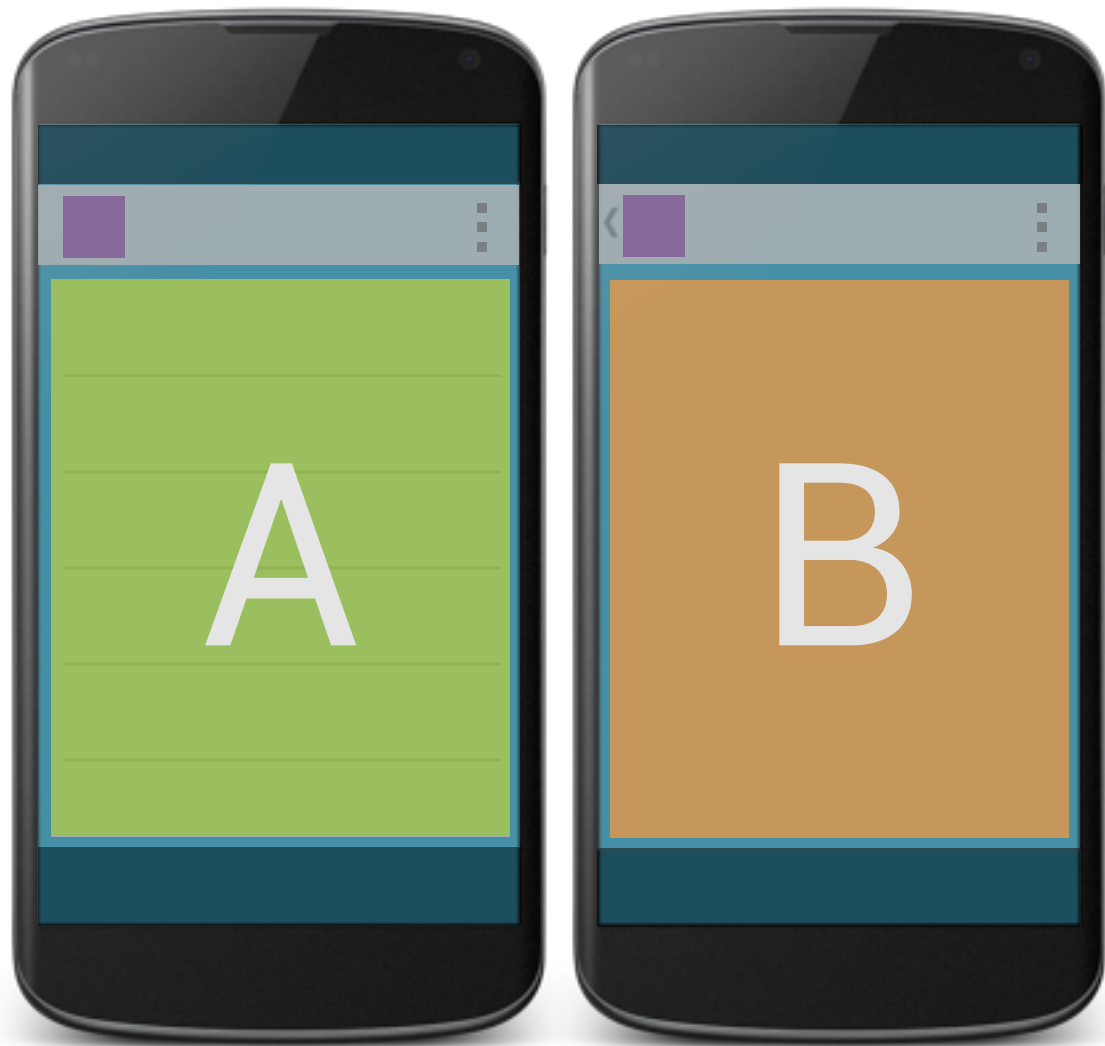
Why responsive?



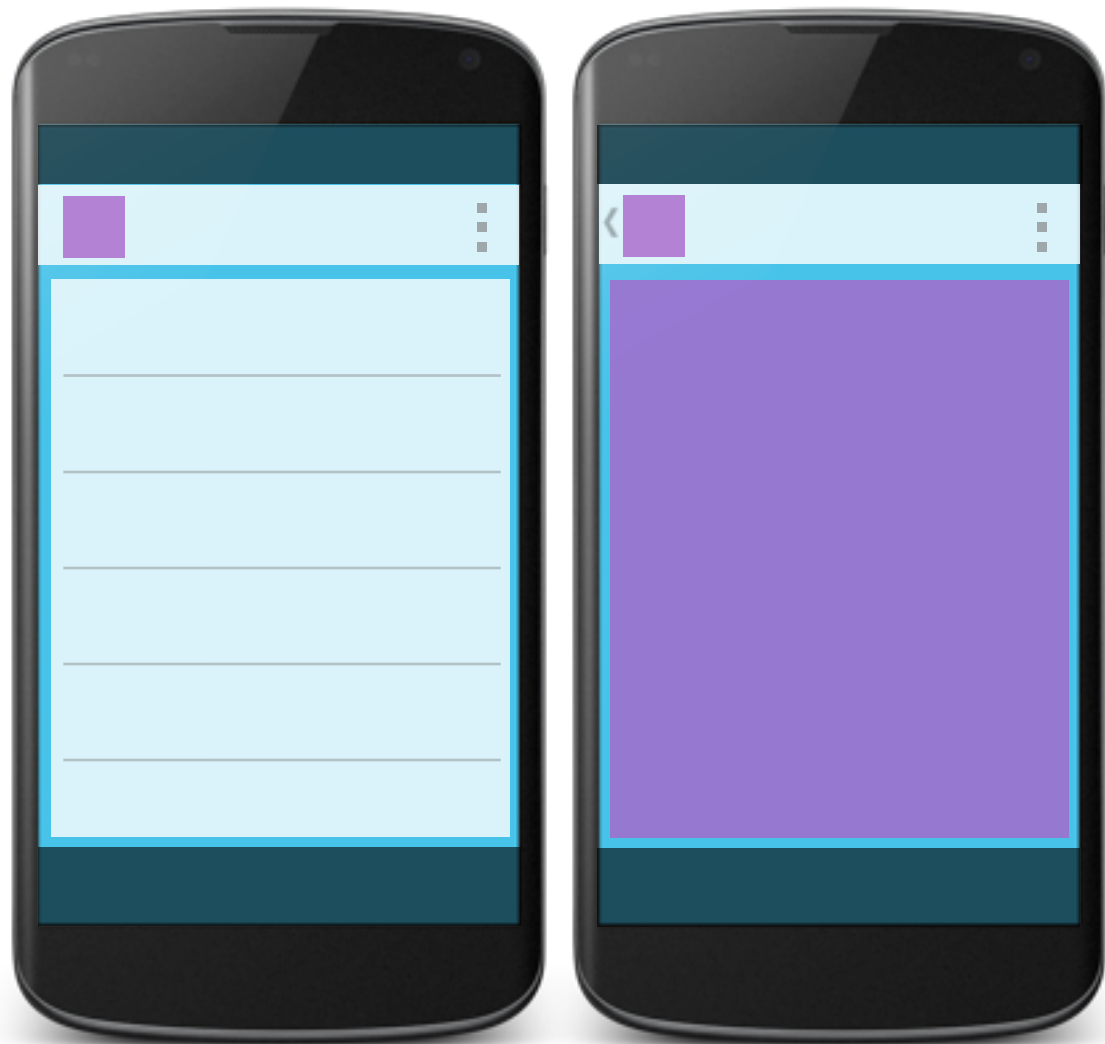
Combination



Fragments



Alternate layouts



res/layout/activity_home.xml

```
<LinearLayout ...>  
  <fragment android:name="com.example.ListFragment" />  
</LinearLayout>
```

res/layout/activity_detail.xml

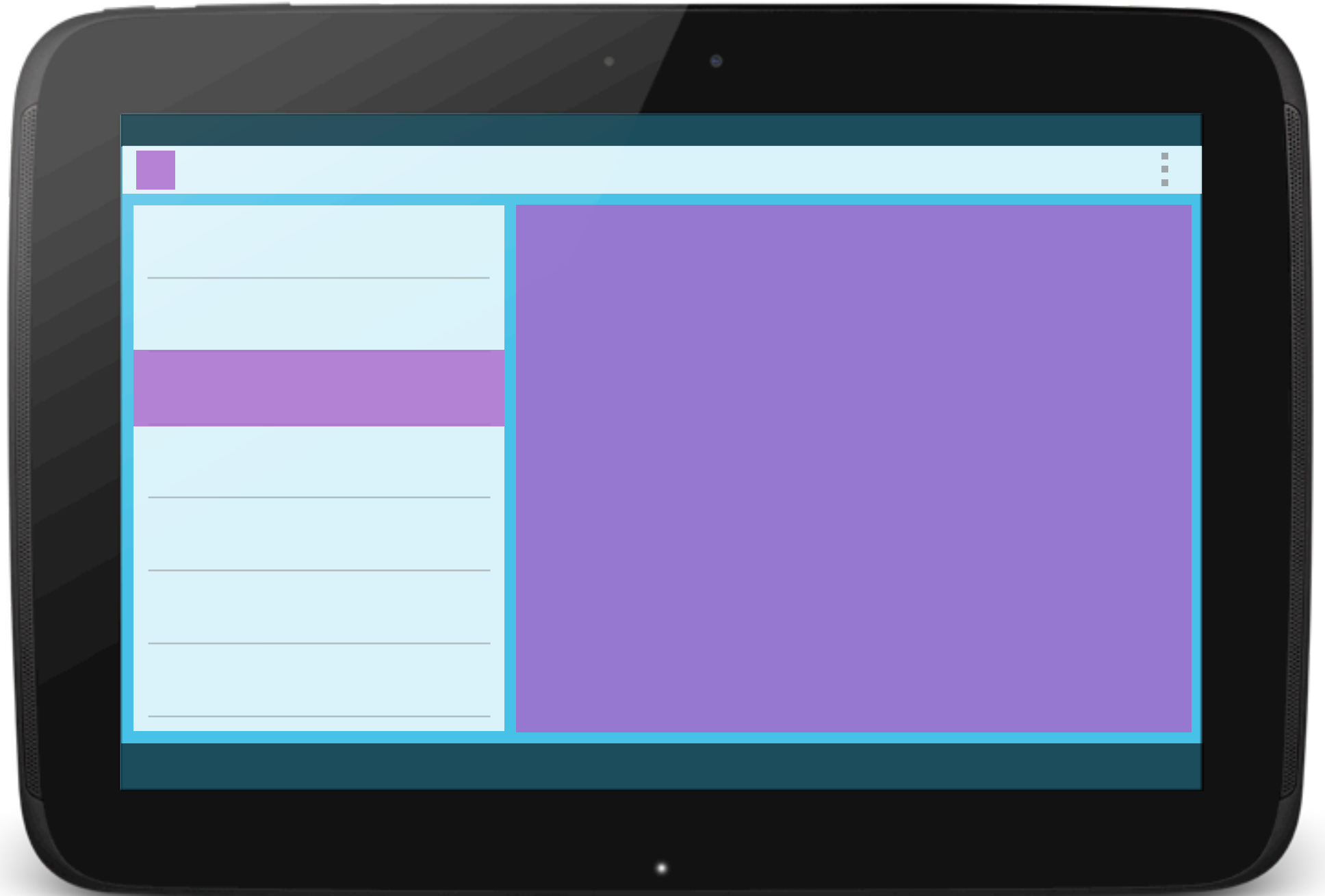
```
<LinearLayout ...>  
  <fragment android:name="com.example.DetailFragment" />  
</LinearLayout>
```



Alternate layouts

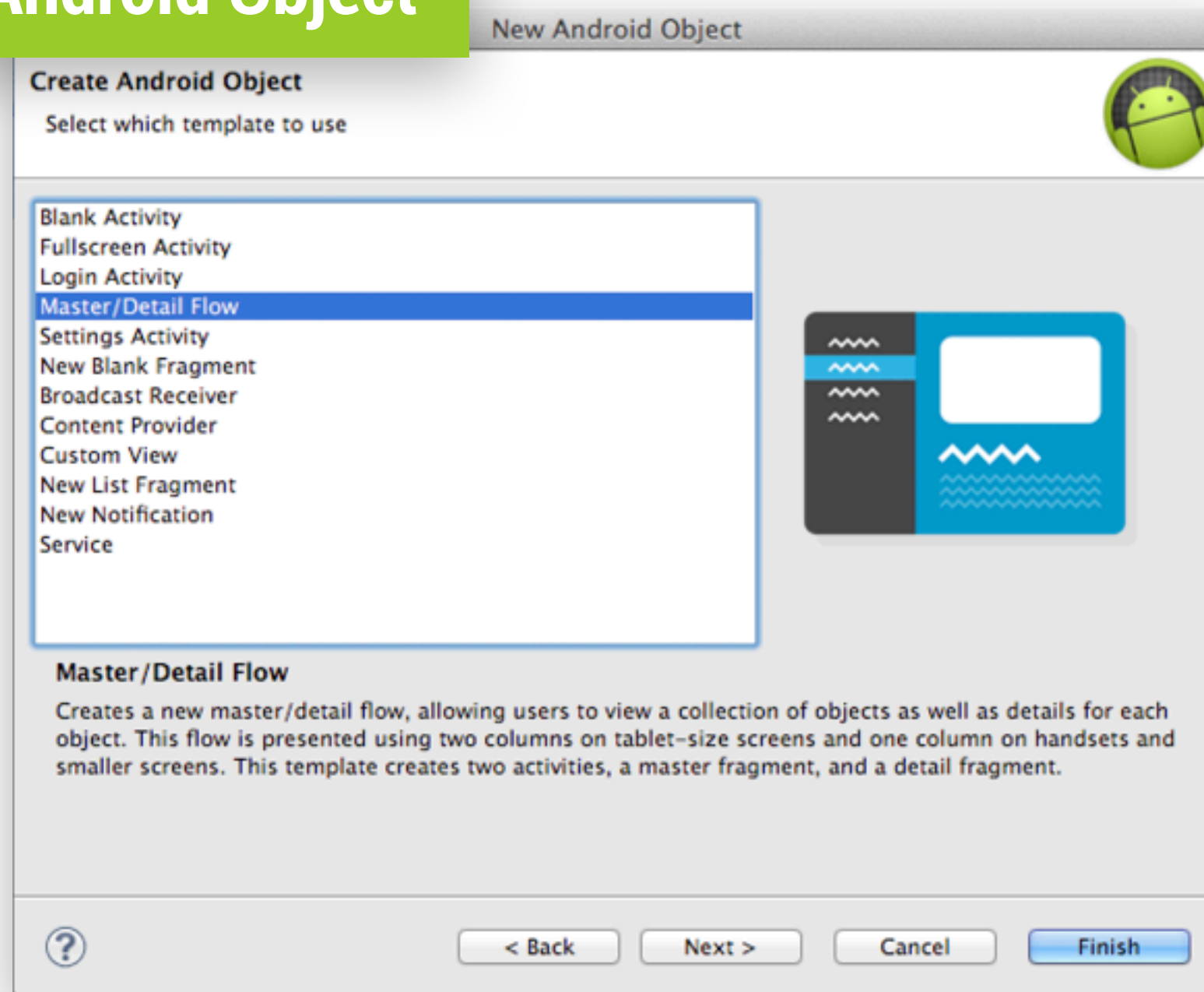
res/layout-w600dp/activity_home.xml

```
<LinearLayout ...>  
  <fragment android:name=  
    "com.example.ListFragment" />  
  <fragment android:name=  
    "com.example.DetailFragment" />  
</LinearLayout>
```



Master/Detail Flow template

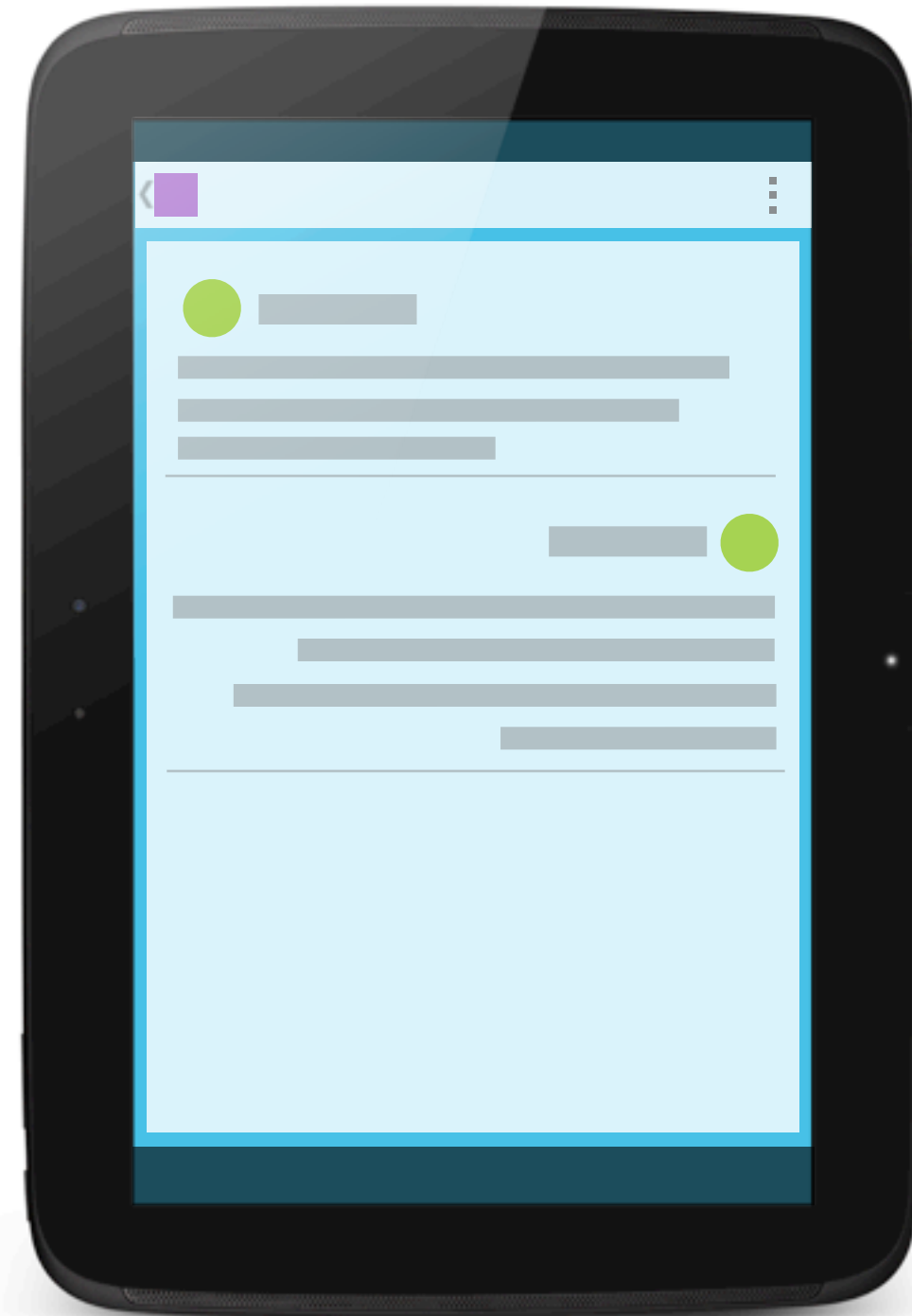
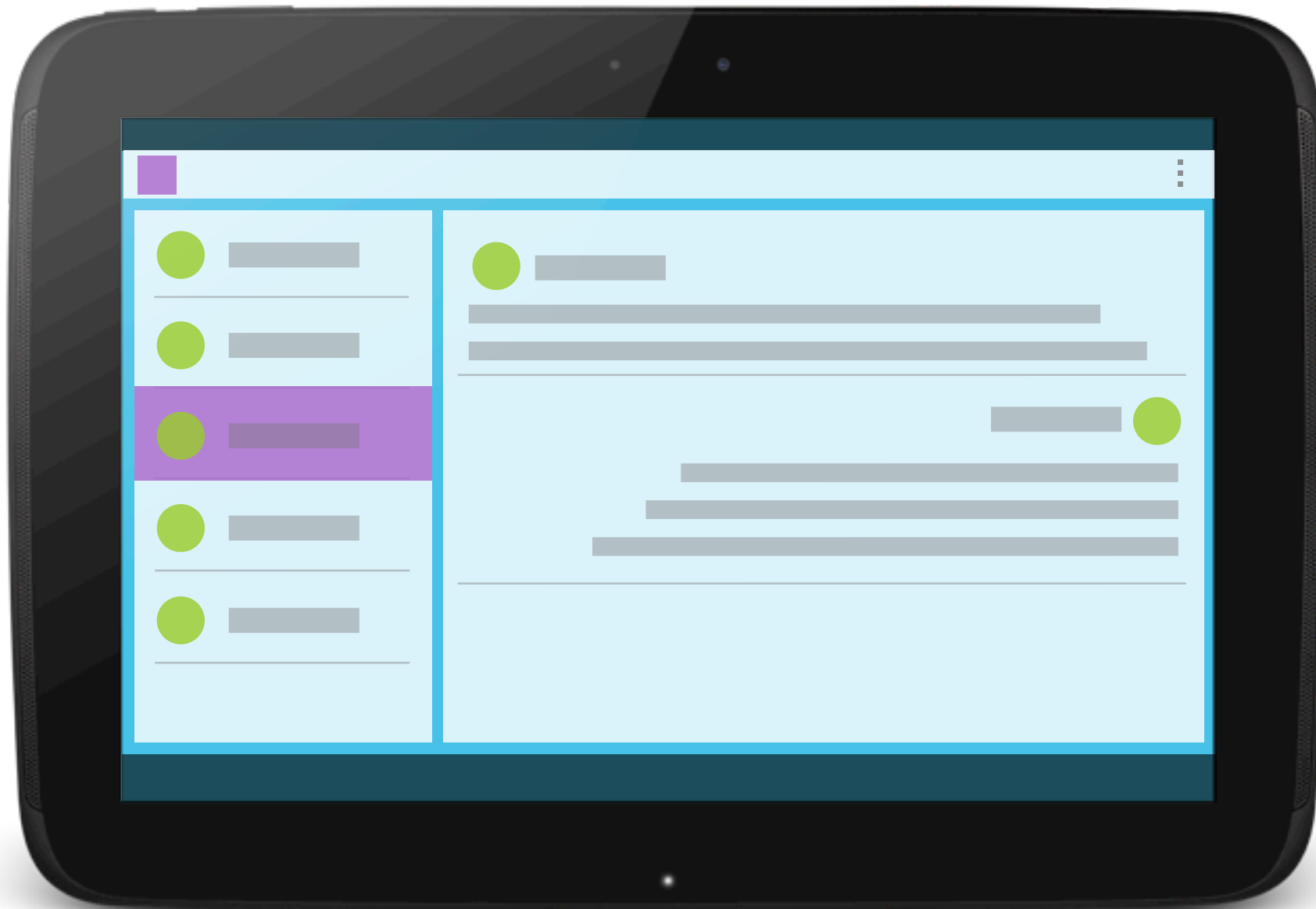
File > New > Android Object



- res
 - drawable-hdpi
 - drawable-ldpi
 - drawable-mdpi
 - drawable-xhdpi
 - drawable-xxhdpi
 - layout
 - activity_episode_detail.xml
 - activity_episode_list.xml
 - activity_episode_twopane.xml
 - fragment_episode_detail.xml
 - values
 - strings.xml
 - styles.xml
 - values-large
 - refs.xml
 - values-sw600dp
 - refs.xml
 - values-v11
 - styles.xml
 - values-v14
 - styles.xml
- src
 - com.example.masterdetail
 - dummy
 - DummyContent
 - EpisodeDetailActivity
 - EpisodeDetailFragment
 - EpisodeListActivity
 - EpisodeListFragment



SlidingPaneLayout



SlidingPaneLayout

```
<android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:id="@+id/sliding_pane"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <!-- First child is the left pane -->
  <fragment android:name="com.example.ListFragment"
    android:id="@+id/left_pane"
    android:layout_width="280dp"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:layout_gravity="start" />

  <!-- Second child is the right (content) pane -->
  <fragment android:name="com.example.DetailFragment"
    android:id="@+id/content_pane"
    android:layout_width="600dp"
    android:layout_weight="1"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />

</android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout>
```



SlidingPaneLayout

```
<android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:id="@+id/sliding_pane"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <!-- First child is the left pane -->
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    android:layout_width="280dp"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:layout_gravity="start" />

  <!-- Second child is the right (content) pane -->
  <fragment android:name="com.example.DetailFragment"
    android:id="@+id/content_pane"
    android:layout_width="600dp"
    android:layout_weight="1"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />

</android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout>
```

If combined pane widths exceed screen width then right pane overlaps



SlidingPaneLayout

```
<android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
  android:id="@+id/sliding_pane"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <!-- First child is the left pane -->
  <fragment android:name="com.example.ListFragment"
    android:id="@+id/left_pane"
    android:layout_width="280dp"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:layout_gravity="start" />

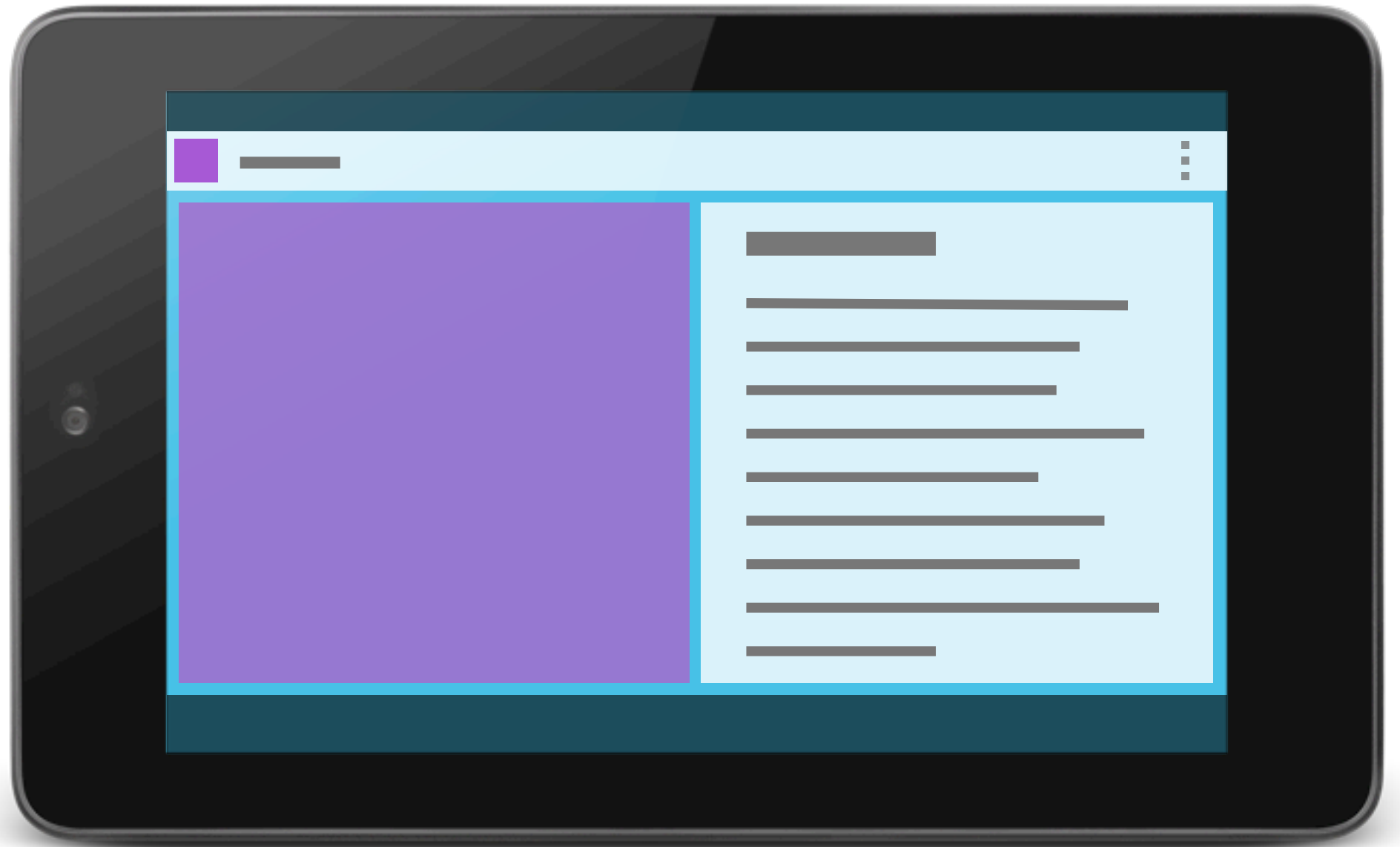
  <!-- Second child is the right (content) pane -->
  <fragment android:name="com.example.DetailFragment"
    android:id="@+id/content_pane"
    android:layout_width="600dp"
    android:layout_weight="1"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />

</android.support.v4.widget.SlidingPaneLayout>
```

Grow to consume
available space



Macro reflow



Alternate layouts

res/layout/activity_home.xml

```
<LinearLayout
  xmlns:android="..."
  android:orientation="vertical"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <fragment ... />

  <fragment ... />

</LinearLayout>
```



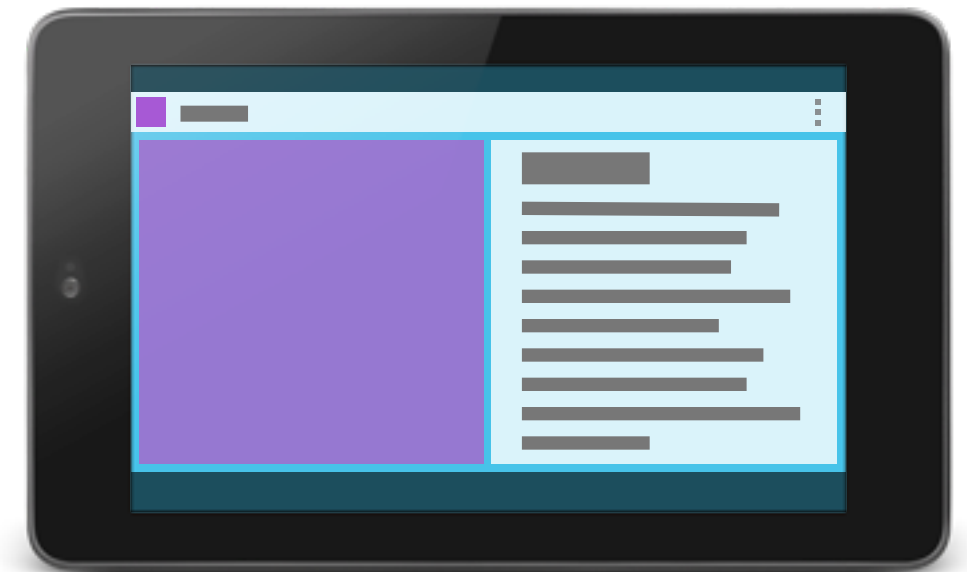
res/layout-land/activity_home.xml

```
<LinearLayout
  xmlns:android="..."
  android:orientation="horizontal"
  android:baselineAligned="false"
  android:layout_width="match_parent"
  android:layout_height="match_parent">

  <fragment ... />

  <fragment ... />

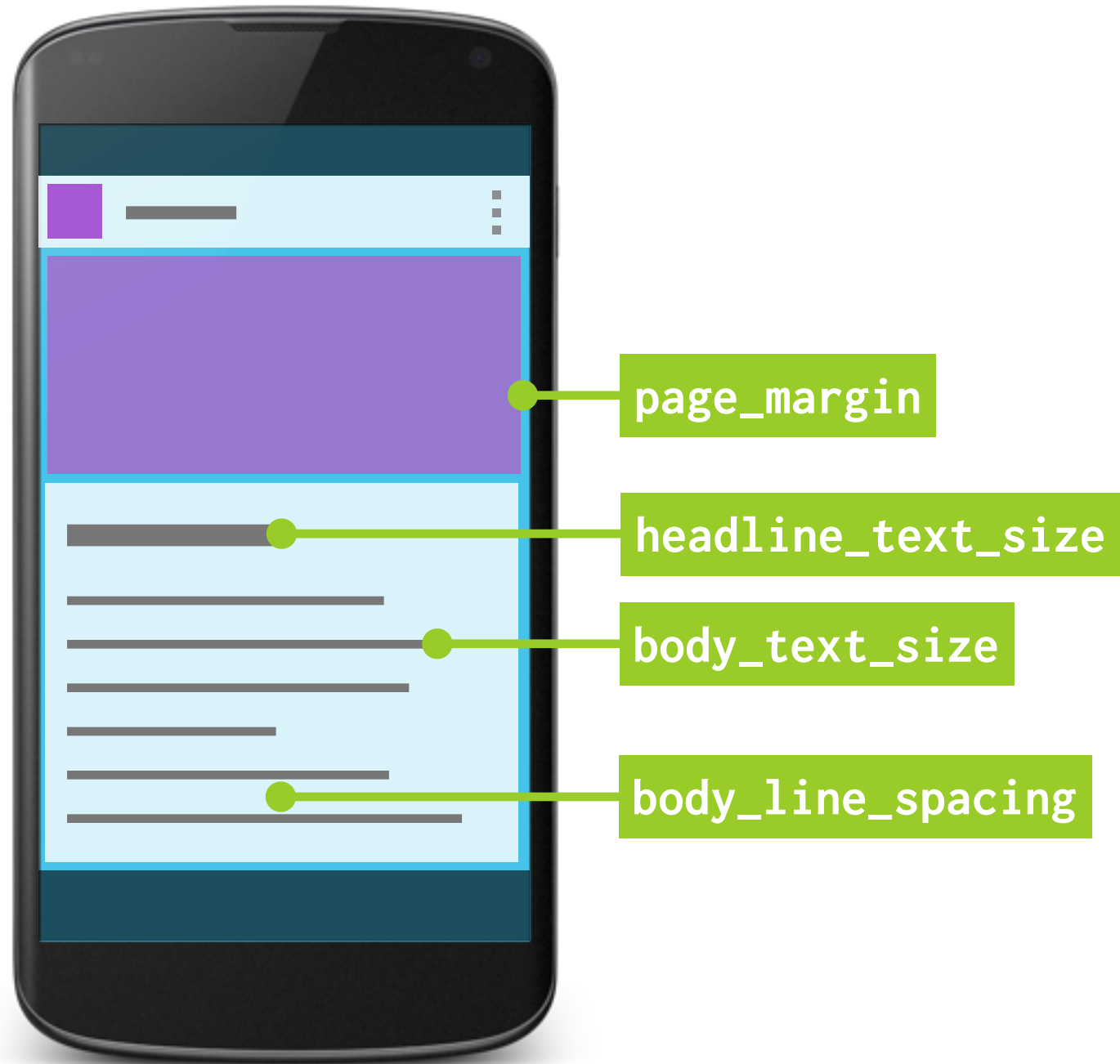
</LinearLayout>
```



Micro reflow



Dimension files



res/values/dimens.xml

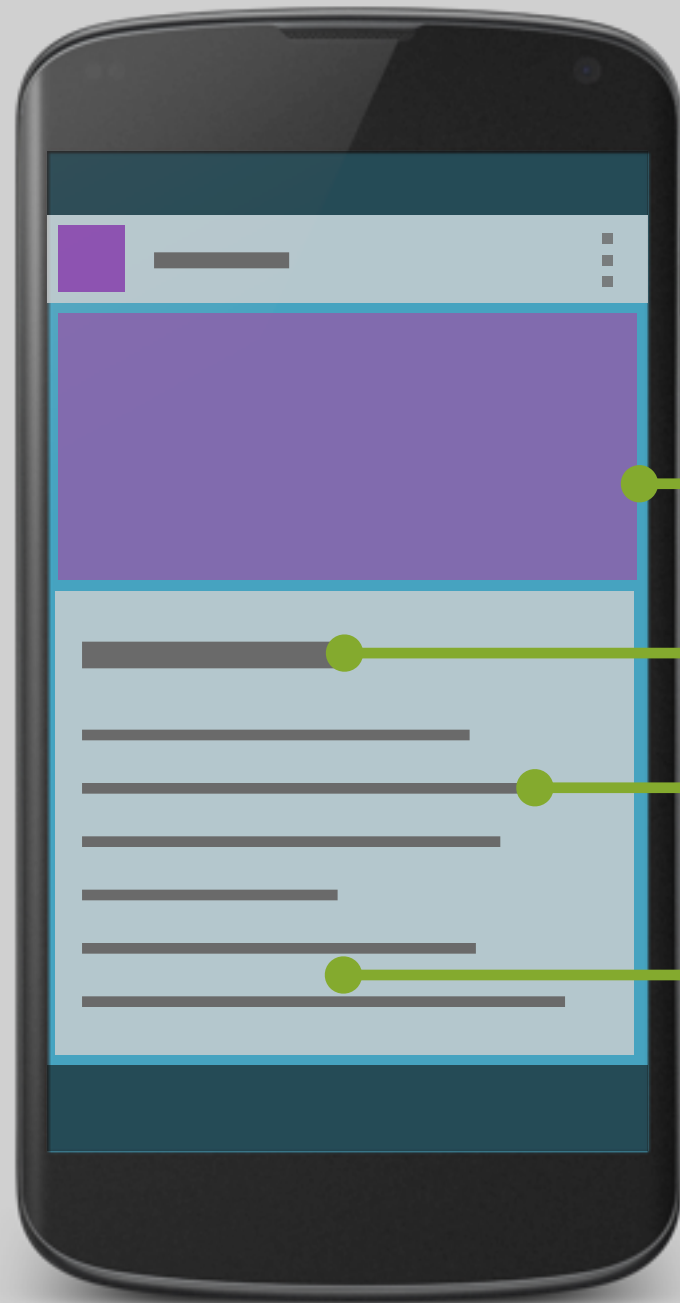
```
<resources>
...
<dimen name="page_margin">16dp</dimen>
<dimen name="body_text_size">18sp</dimen>
...
</resources>
```

res/values-sw720dp/dimens.xml

```
<resources>
...
<dimen name="page_margin">32dp</dimen>
<dimen name="body_text_size">22sp</dimen>
...
</resources>
```



Dimension files



page_margin

headline_text_size

body_text_size

body_line_spacing

res/values/dimens.xml

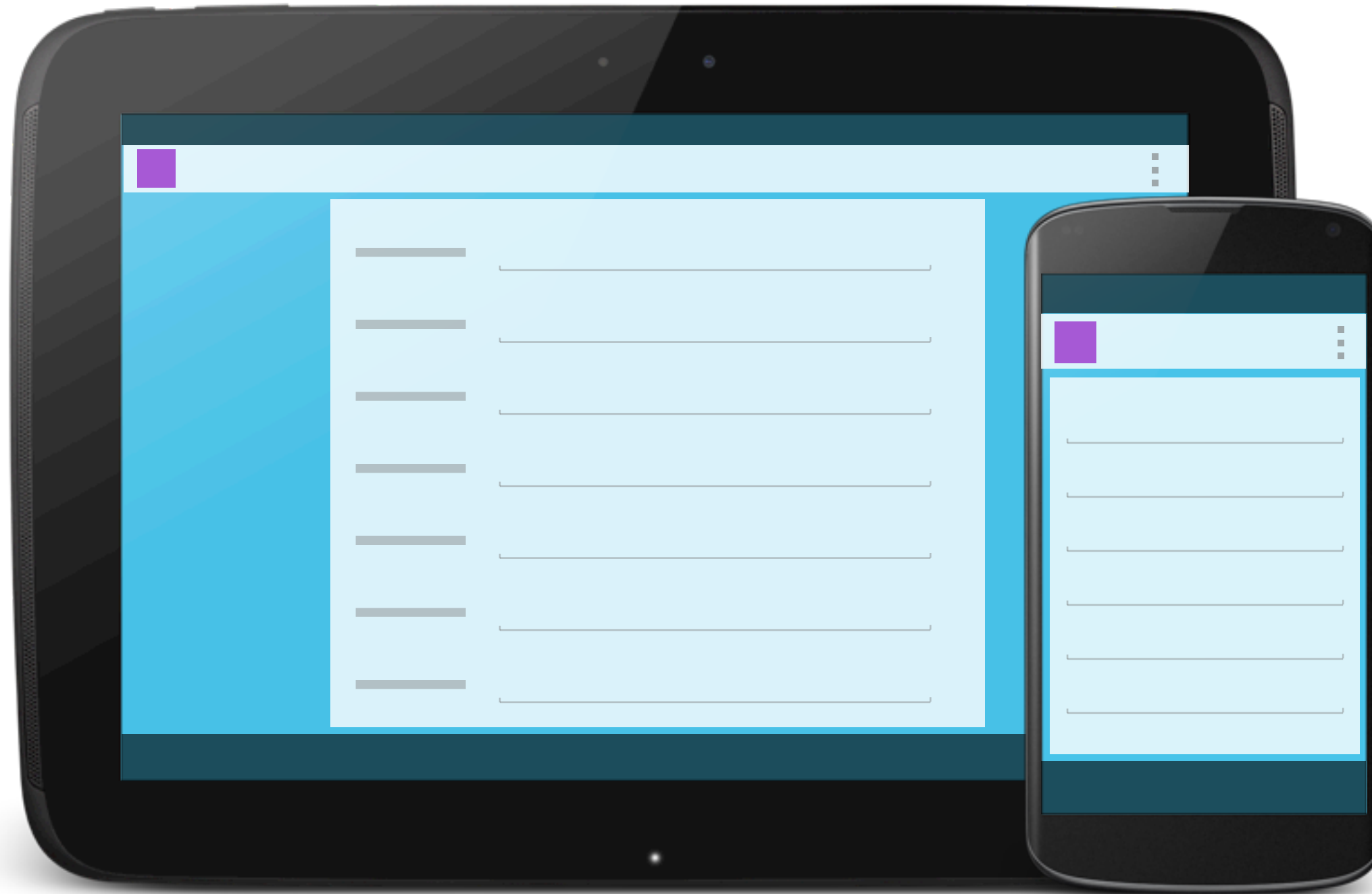
```
<resources>
...
<dimen name="page_margin">16dp</dimen>
<dimen name="body_text_size">18sp</dimen>
...
</resources>
```

res/values-sw720dp/dimens.xml

```
<resources>
...
<dimen name="page_margin">32dp</dimen>
<dimen name="body_text_size">22sp</dimen>
...
</resources>
```



Margin point



Margin point

res/layout/activity_home.xml

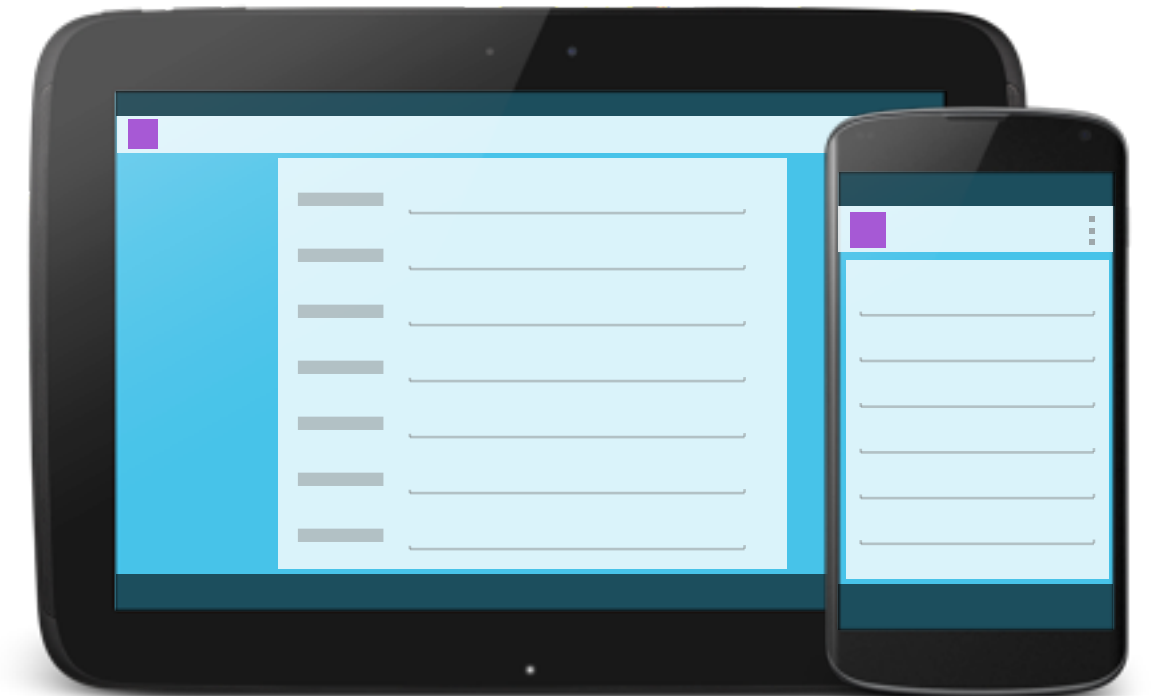
```
<FrameLayout xmlns:android="..."
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent">
    <ScrollView style="@style/MarginPoint"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:scrollbarStyle="outsideOverlay">
```

res/values/styles.xml

```
<style name="MarginPoint">
    <item name="android:layout_width">match_parent</item>
</style>
```

res/values-w600dp/styles.xml

```
<style name="MarginPoint">
    <item name="android:layout_width">600dp</item>
    <item name="android:layout_gravity">center_horizontal</item>
</style>
```



Lists to grids



Lists to grids

res/layout/activity_home.xml

```
<GridView ...  
    android:numColumns="@integer/num_columns" />
```

res/values/integers.xml

```
<resources>  
    <integer name="num_columns">1</integer>  
</resources>
```

res/values-w500dp/integers.xml

```
<resources>  
    <integer name="num_columns">2</integer>  
</resources>
```



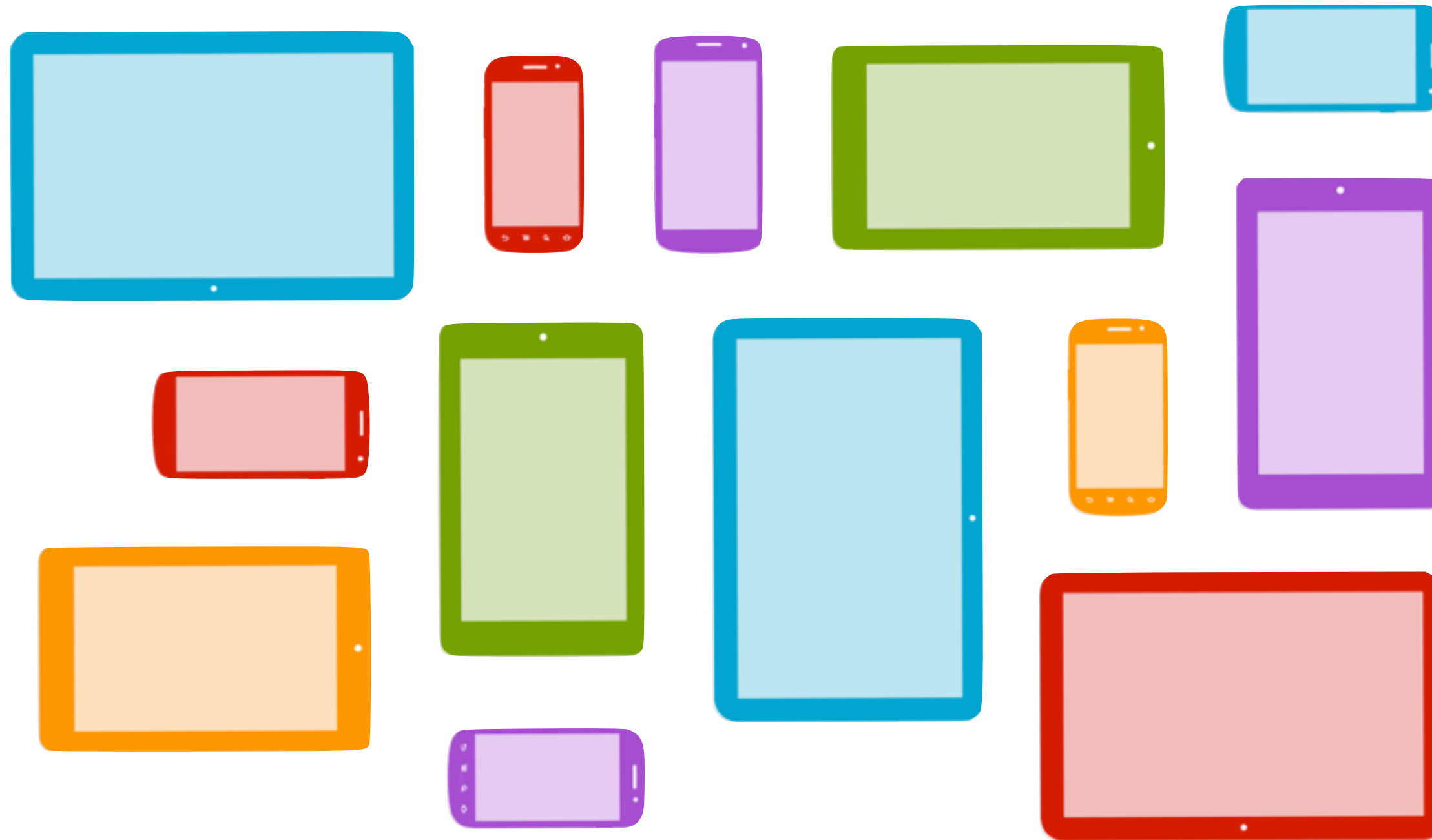
Lists to grids

MyAdapter#getView

```
if (convertView == null) {  
    int numColumns =  
        getResources().getInteger(R.integer.num_columns);  
    if (numColumns == 1) {  
        convertView =  
            inflater.inflate(R.layout.list_item_layout,  
                parent, false);  
    } else {  
        convertView =  
            inflater.inflate(R.layout.grid_item_layout,  
                parent, false);  
    }  
}
```



Responsive design





Holo Visual Language

Style Hierarchy

res/values/styles.xml

```
<style name="Theme.Base" parent="Theme.Light" />  
<style name="Theme.MyTheme" parent="Theme.Base" />
```

res/values-v11/styles.xml

```
<style name="Theme.Base" parent="Theme.Holo.Light" />
```



Style Hierarchy

res/values/styles.xml

```
<style name="Theme.Base" parent="Theme.Light" />  
<style name="Theme.MyTheme" parent="Theme.Base" />
```

res/values-v11/styles.xml

```
<style name="Theme.Base" parent="Theme.Holo.Light" />
```

res/values/styles.xml

```
<style name="Theme.MyTheme" parent="Theme.AppCompat.Light" />
```

COMING SOON



Built-in framework resources

Java: `android.R.attr.foo`

XML: `?android:foo` or `?android:attr/foo`

Example style resources:

`?android:progressBarStyleLarge`

`?android:borderlessButtonStyle`

`?android:listSeparatorTextViewStyle`

`?android:textAppearanceListItemSmall`

Example dimension resources:

`?android:actionBarSize`

`?android:listPreferredItemHeight(Small)`

`?android:listPreferredItemPaddingLeft`

Example drawable resources:


`?android:listChoiceIndicatorSingle`

`?android:dividerHorizontal`

`?android:selectableItemBackground`

`?android:textSelectHandleLeft`



 Holo Visual Language Examples

Sample item 1



Sample item 2



Discard

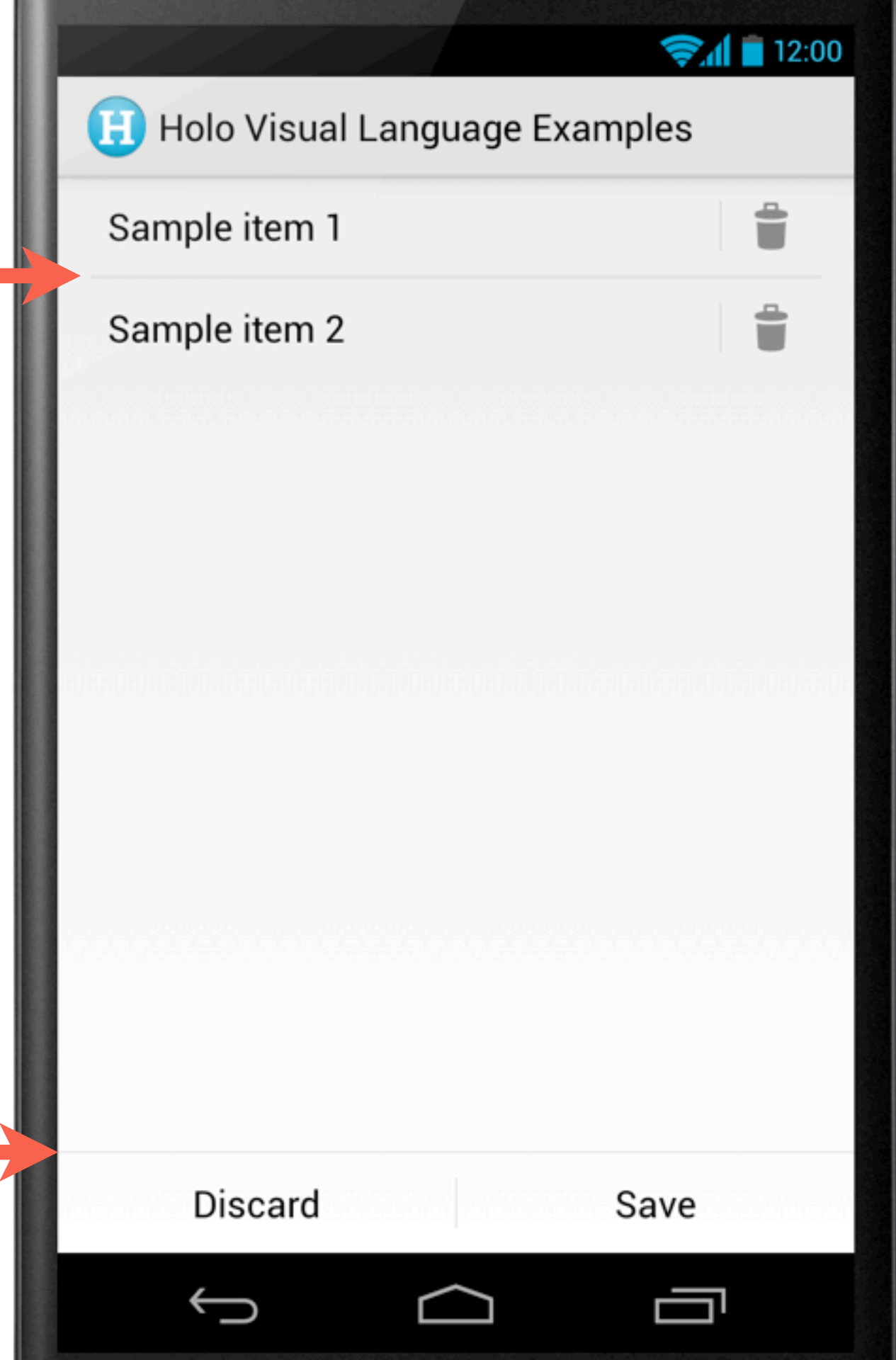
Save



Dividers

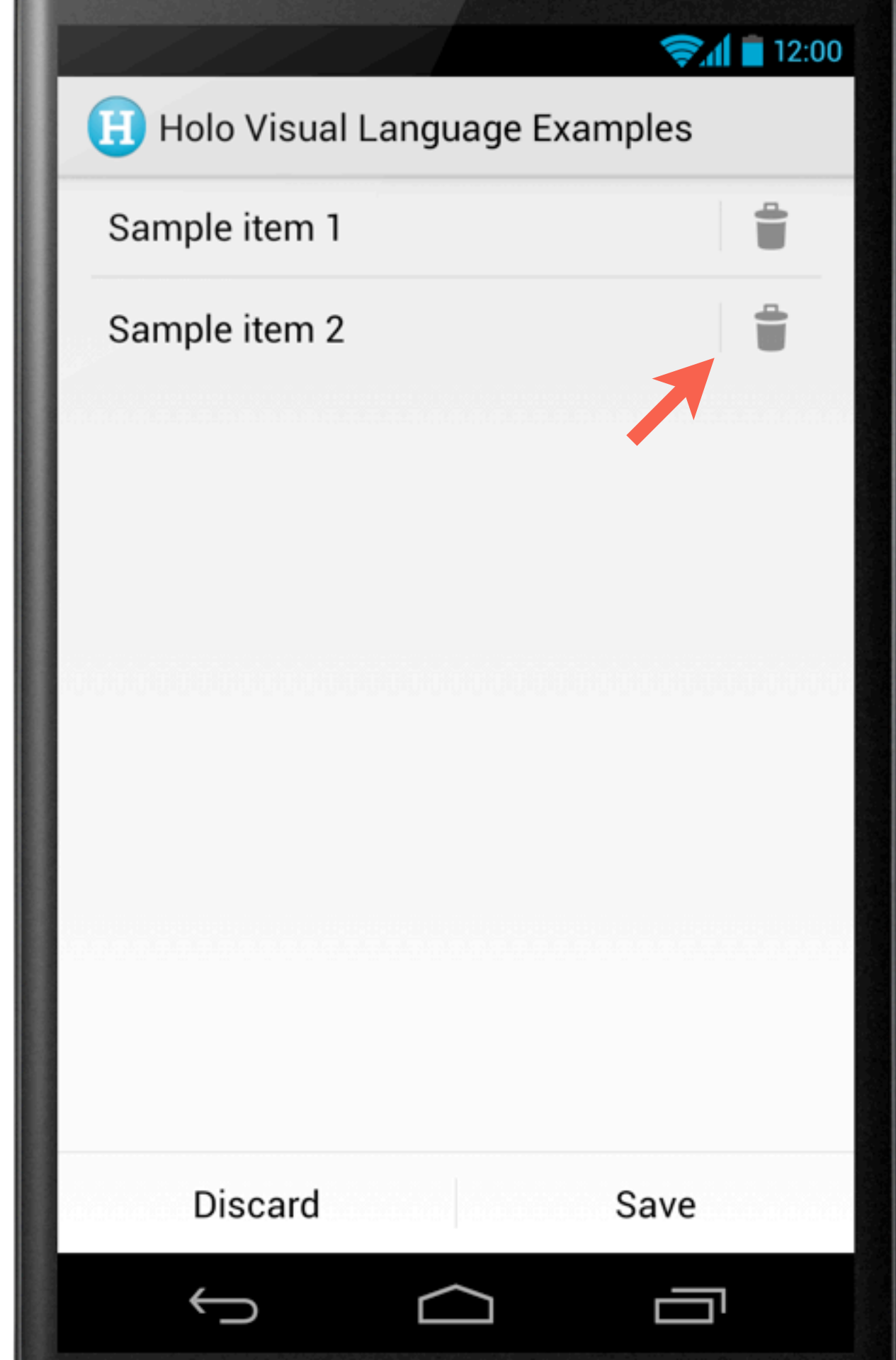
```
<LinearLayout  
  android:orientation="vertical"  
  ...  
  android:showDividers="middle"  
  android:divider="?android:dividerHorizontal">
```

*Dividers and spacing (e.g. margins)
establish hierarchy*



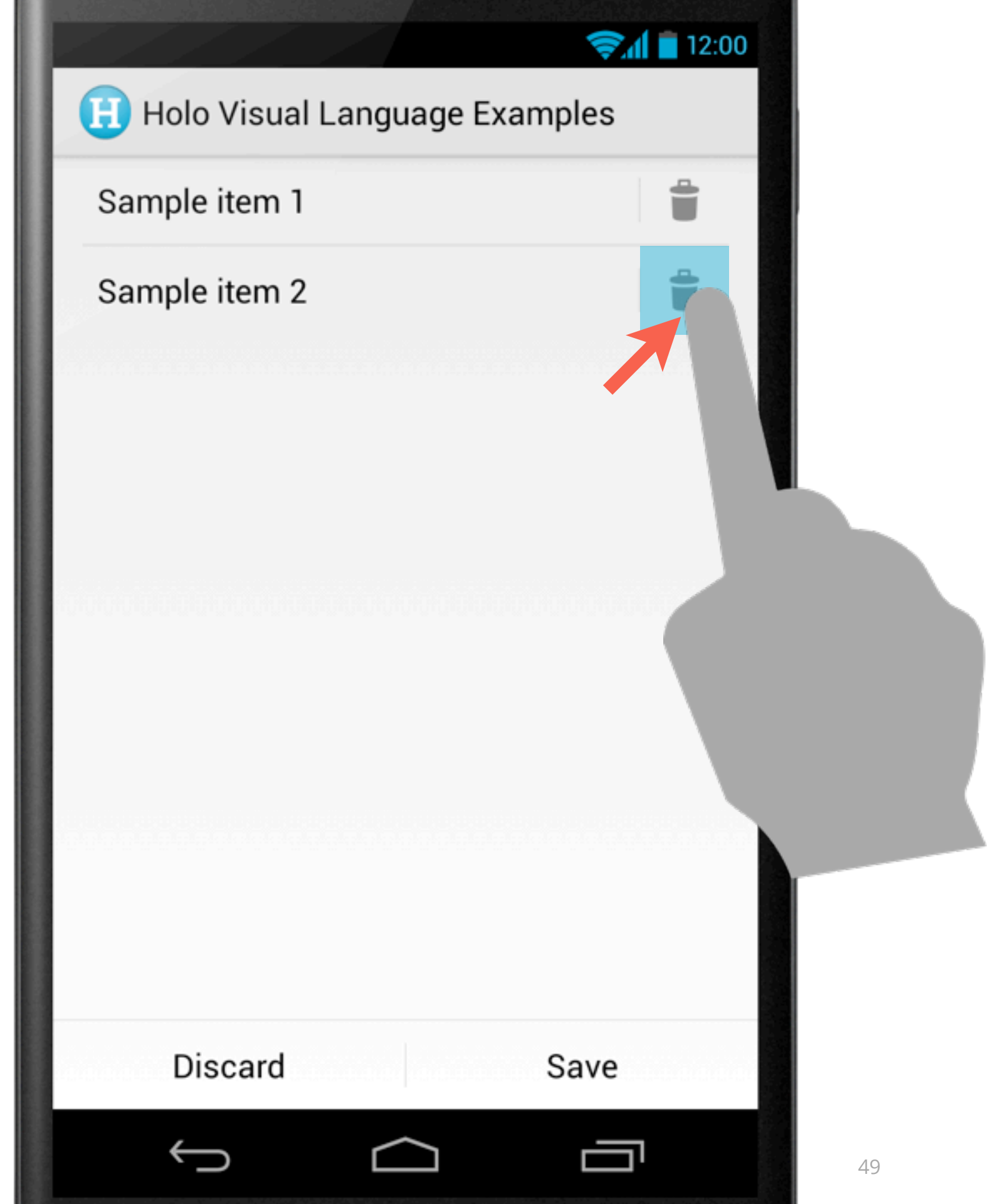
Dividers

```
<LinearLayout  
    android:orientation="horizontal"  
    ...  
    android:showDividers="middle"  
    android:divider="?android:dividerVertical"  
    android:dividerPadding="8dp"  
    android:baselineAligned="false">
```



Borderless buttons

```
<ImageButton  
  style="?android:borderlessButtonStyle"  
  android:layout_width="48dp"  
  android:layout_height="match_parent"  
  android:src="@drawable/ic_action_delete"  
  android:contentDescription="@string/delete" />
```

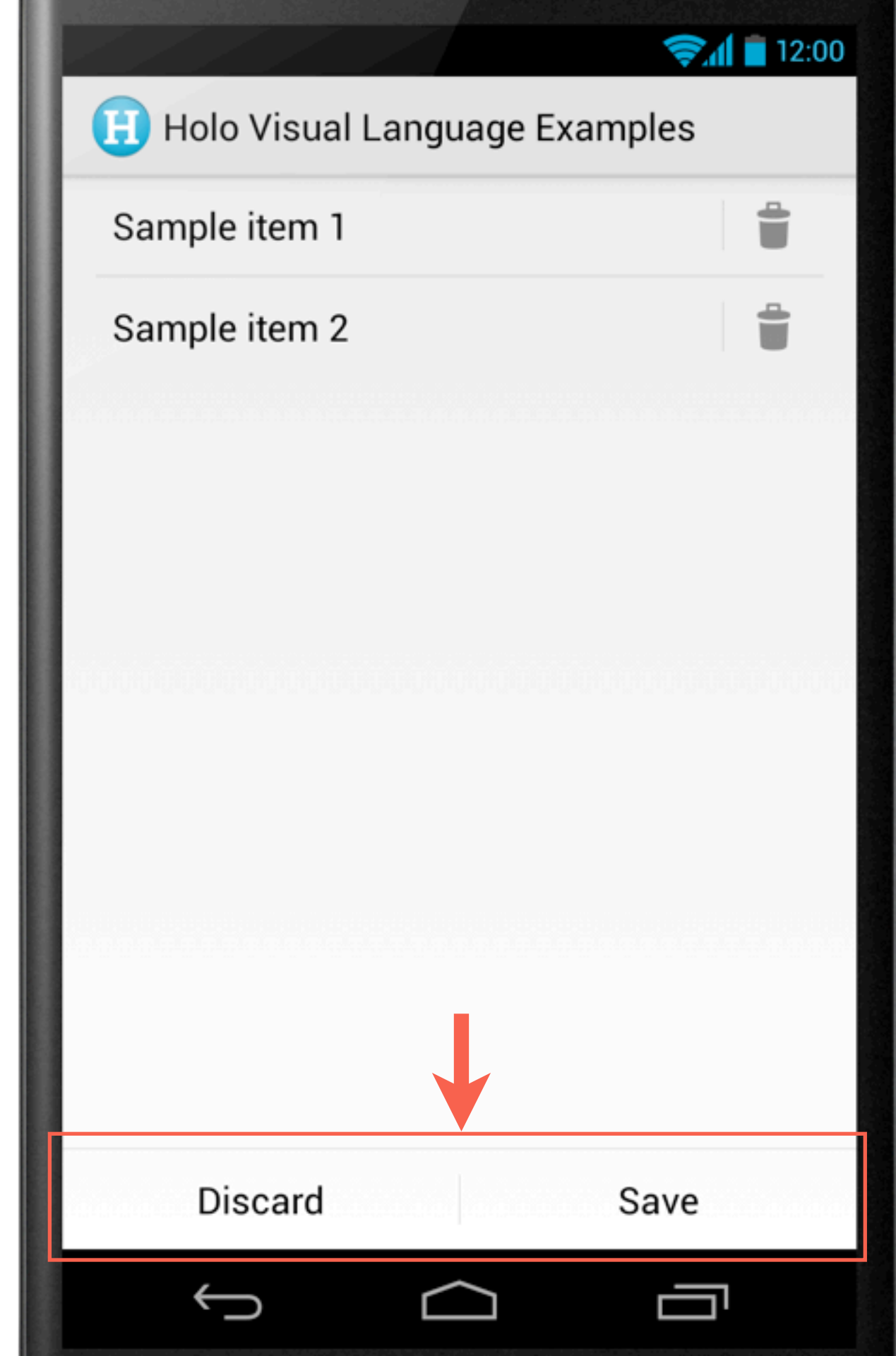


Button bars

```
<LinearLayout style="?android:buttonBarStyle"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content">
```

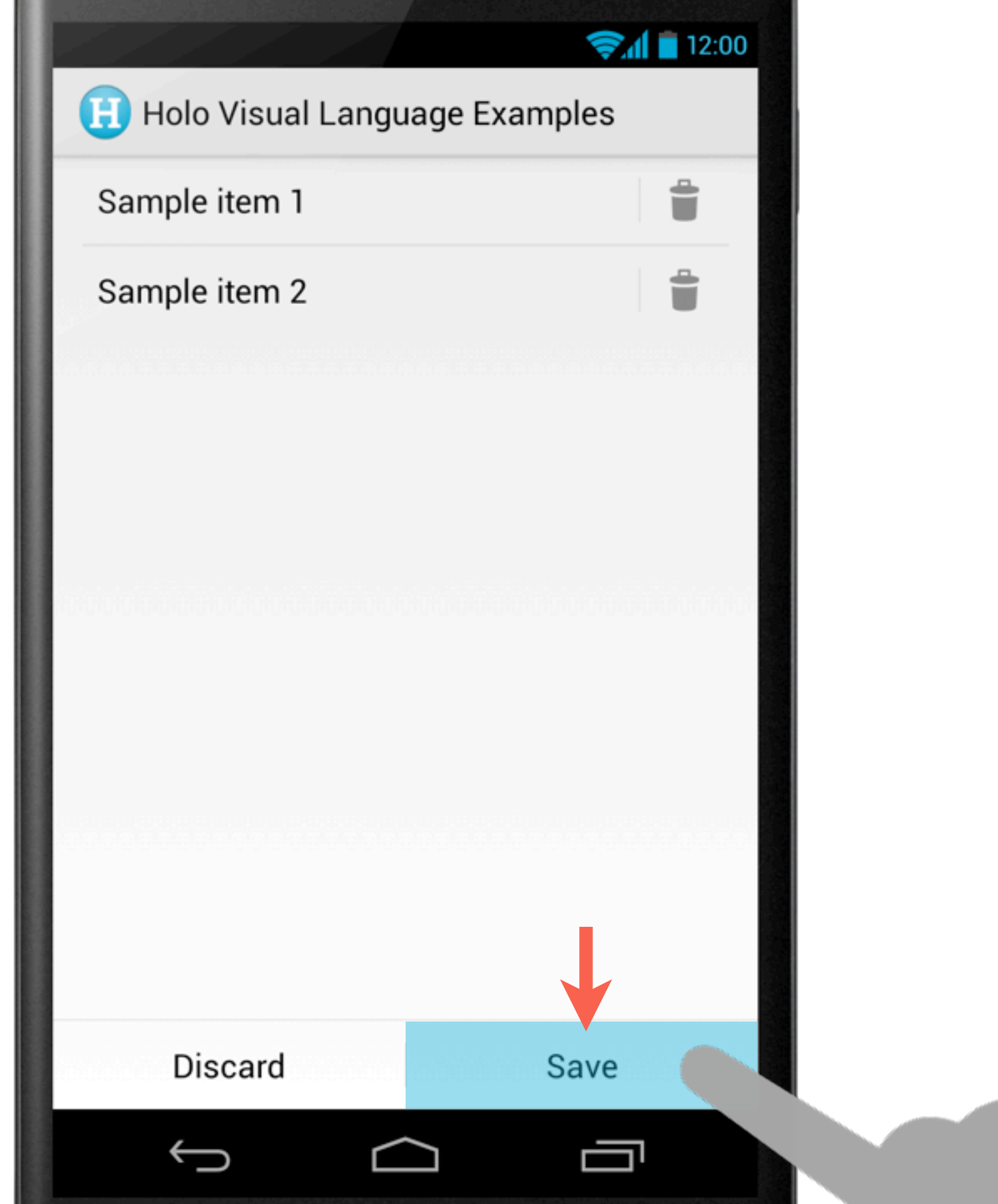
*Button bar style automatically adds
dividers between buttons*

*Remember, preferred action on the
right!*



Button bars

```
<Button style="?android:buttonBarButtonStyle"  
    android:layout_width="0dp"  
    android:layout_weight="1"  
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
    android:text="@string/save" />
```



Touch feedback

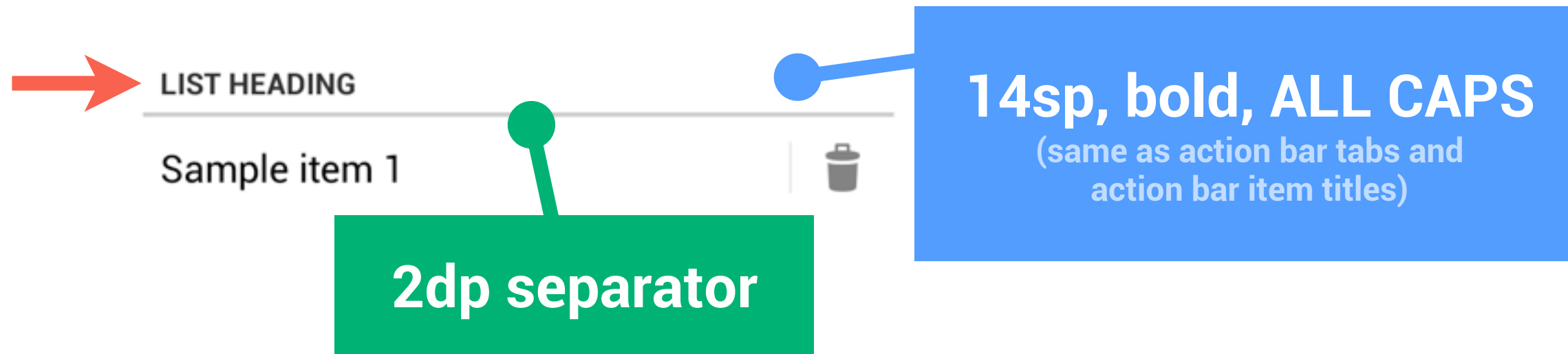
```
<FrameLayout android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="200dp"  
    android:clickable="true"  
    android:focusable="true"  
    android:foreground="?android:selectableItemBackground"  
    android:contentDescription="Item title here">  
    ...
```

Or **android:background** on any view type

android:listSelector for lists and grids



List headings



<TextView

style="?android:listSeparatorTextViewStyle"

android:layout_width="match_parent"

android:layout_height="wrap_content"

android:text="List heading" />



Sophisticated typography with `TextView`

`android:fontFamily="sans-serif-thin"`

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Thin *+Italic*

`android:fontFamily="sans-serif-light"`

Light *+Italic*

(default)

Regular *+Italic* **+Bold**

`android:fontFamily="sans-serif-condensed"`

Condensed *+Italic* **+Bold**

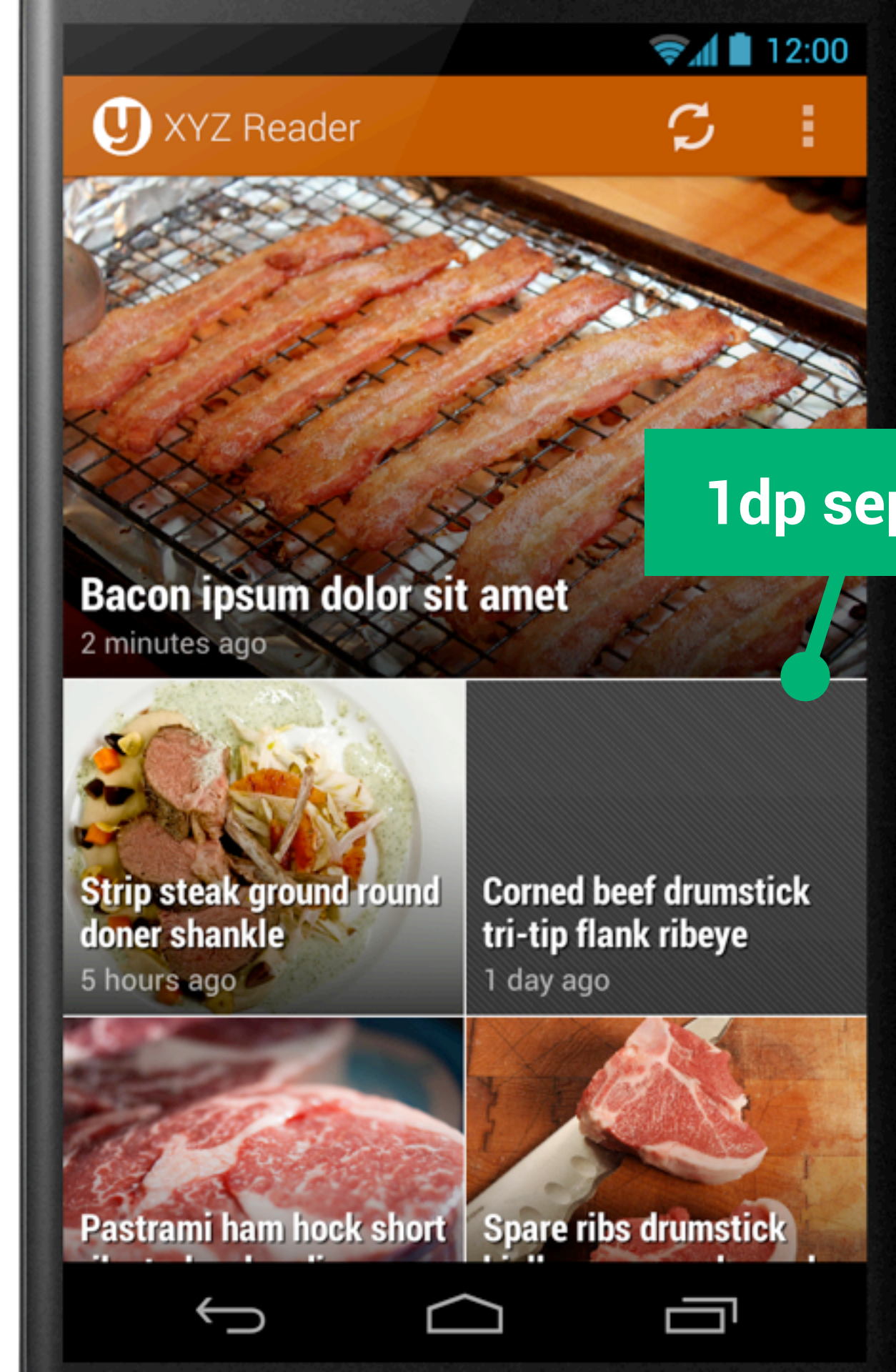
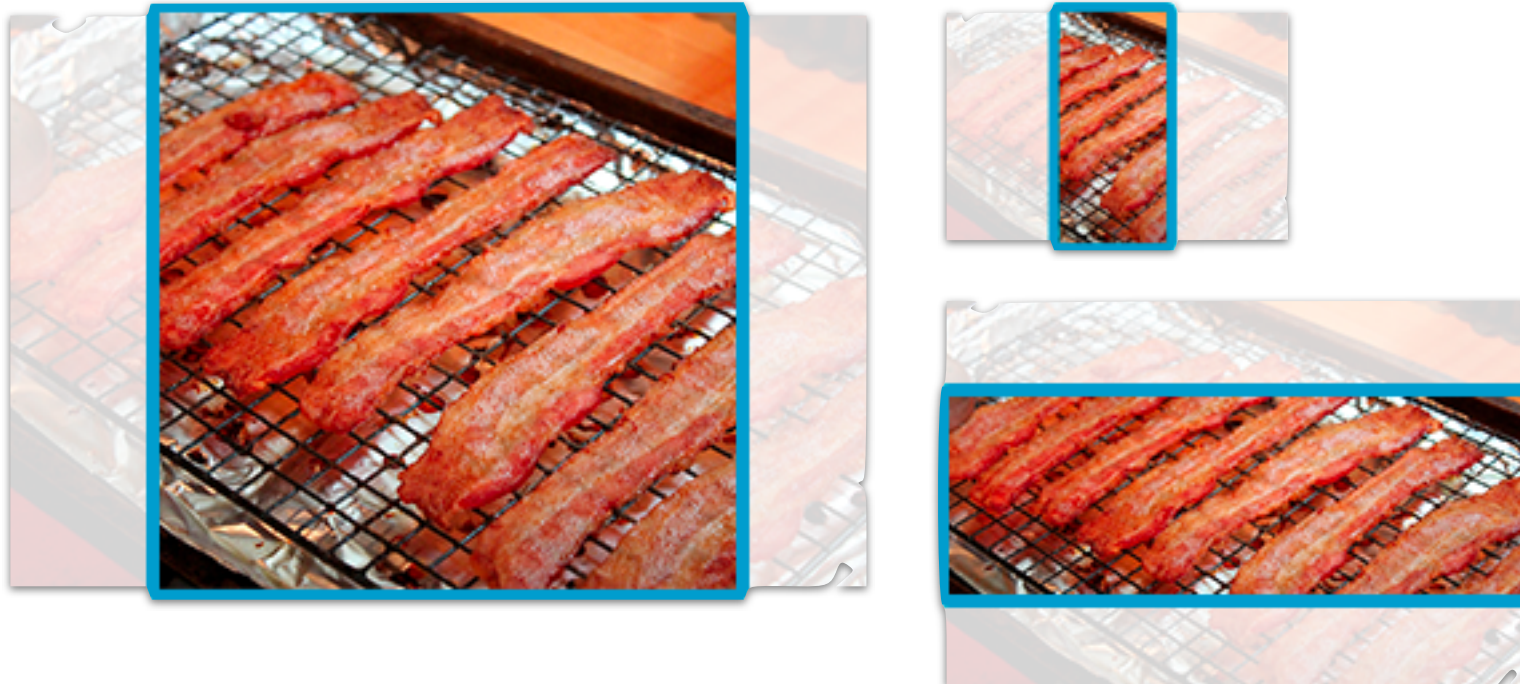
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Full-bleed images with consistent aspect ratios

```
<ImageView android:scaleType="centerCrop"  
    android:src="@drawable/p1"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent" />
```

centerCrop:



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Android Asset Studio

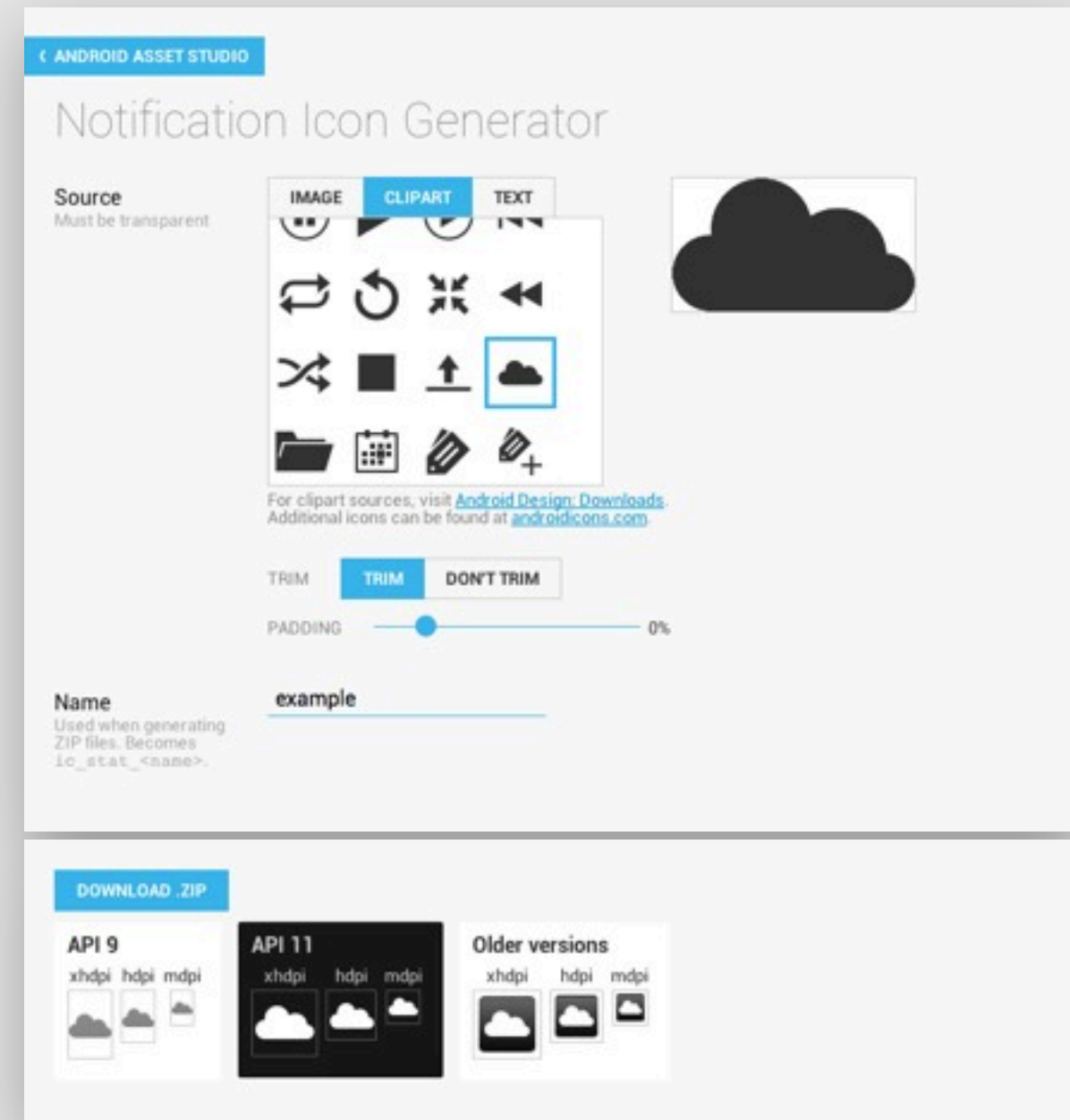
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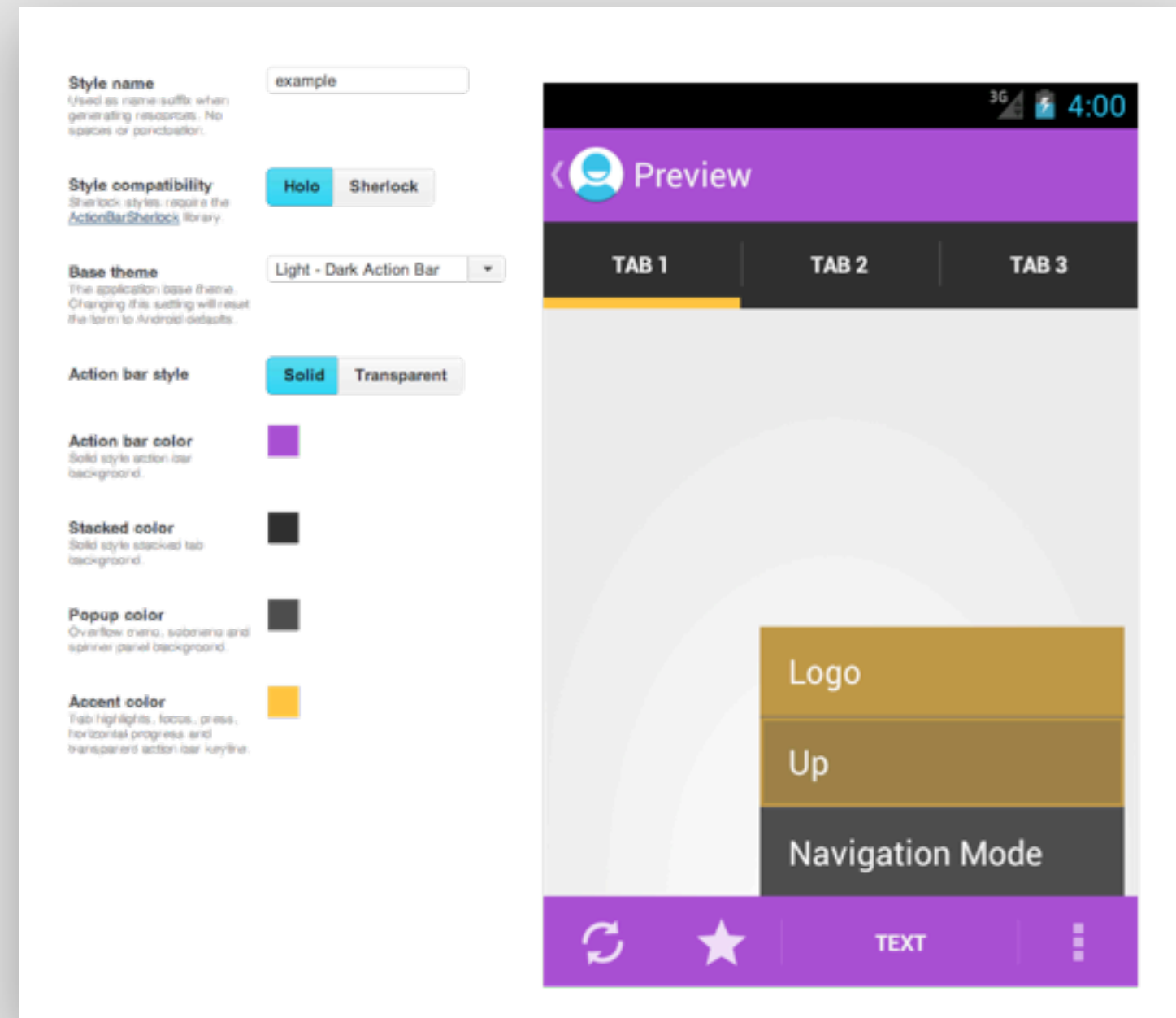
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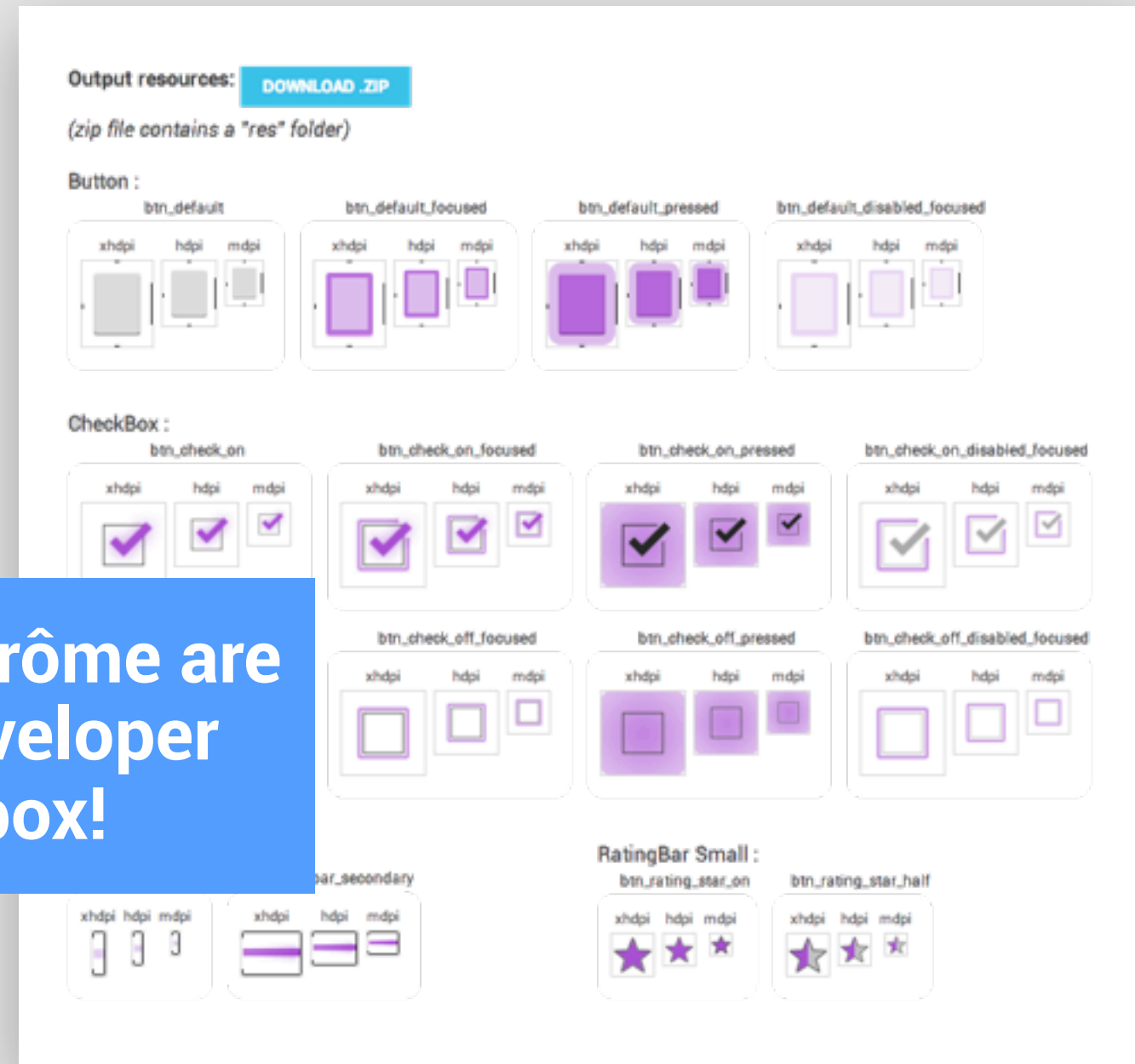
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