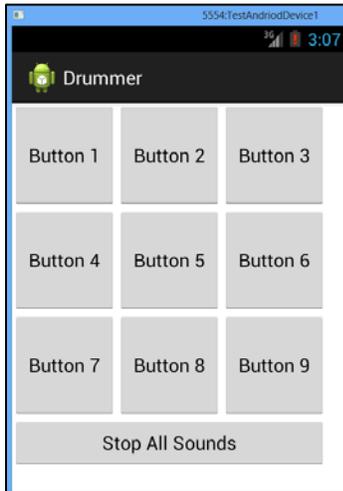


## Mobile App Design Project Drum Machine App



### Description:

This App will take 9 Music samples and have buttons for each music sample on the User Interface. When the user touches a button, the corresponding music sample will play. We will use XML to design the user interface. The user interface will have nine Button objects in a table layout. The code for this App will consist of one Class called <name> which will hold the data and functions for the User Interactions with the Screen. We will also use arrays to store the Media Resources and Sound Objects.

### User Interface Objects and instance names.

1. Button – button01
2. Button – button02
3. Button – button03
4. Button – button04
5. Button – button05
6. Button – button06
7. Button – button07
8. Button – button08
9. Button – button09
10. Button – stopSounds

### User Interactions:

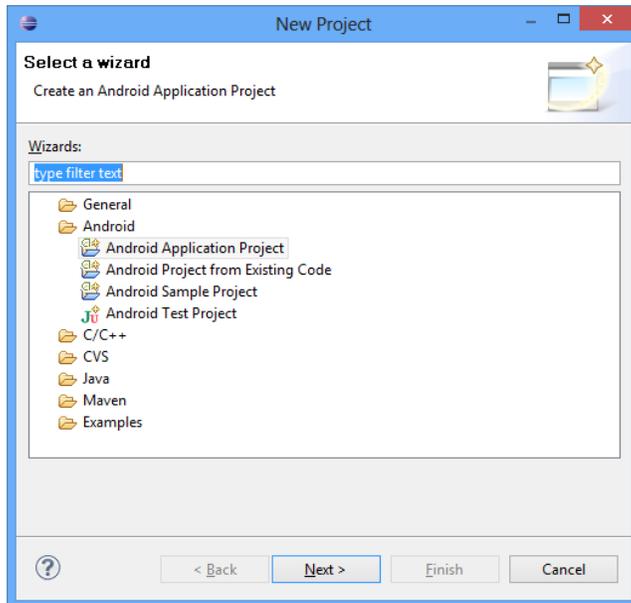
1. User touches a button and the corresponding sound plays.

### App Resources:

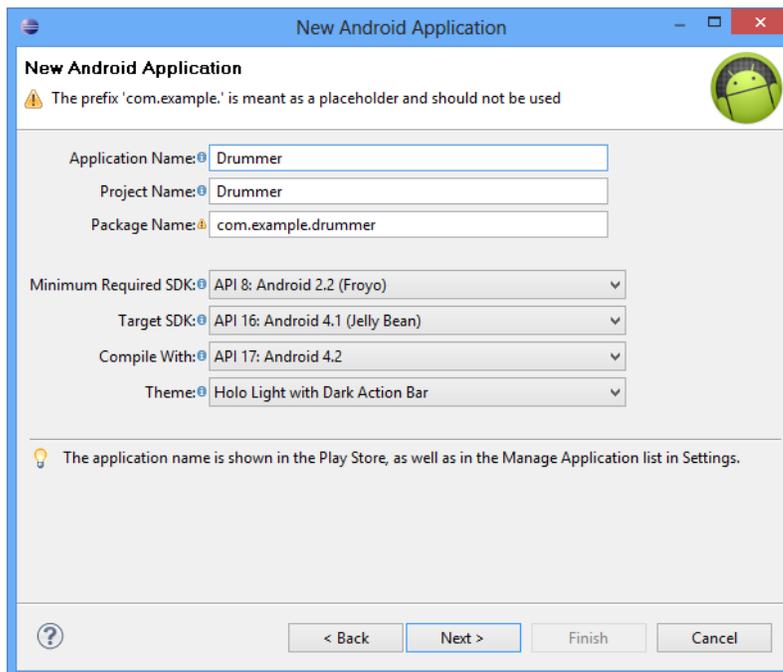
This App will use .wav files of various sounds. Apps and Applications store resources (Data, Sound, Images, Movies, and Other Data Objects) in folders within a directory called 'res'. The 'res' stands for resources and in this project we will practice adding data to the 'res' folder and then calling this data using the 'R.raw' references.

## Phase 1: Create the App Project

1. Start Eclipse and select New Project -> “Android Application Project”

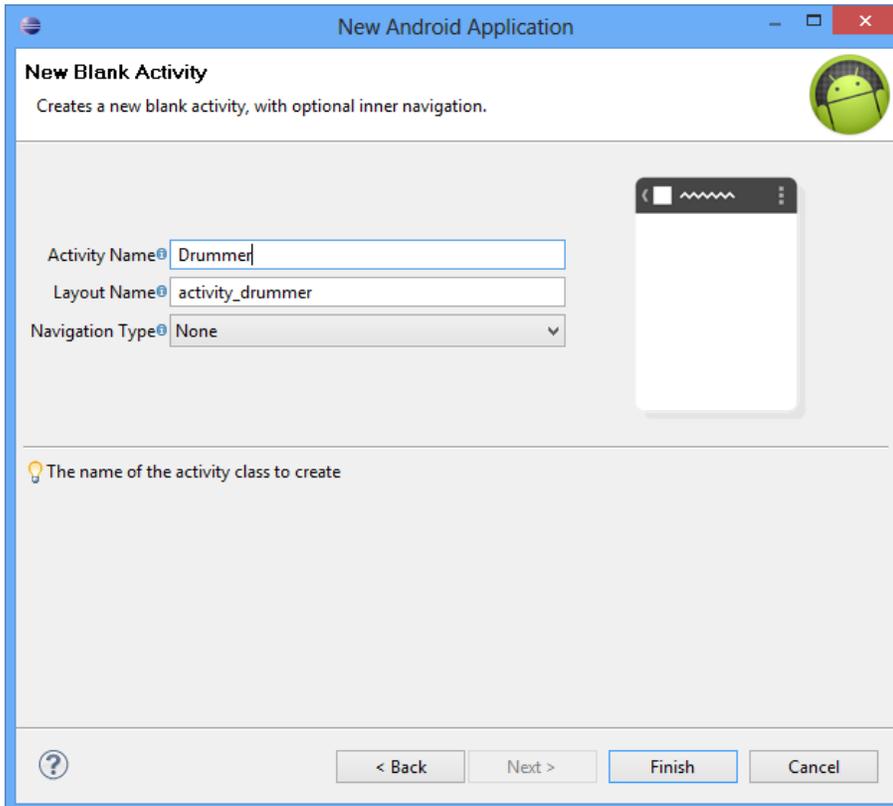


2. Fill out the fields with the following:
  - a. Application Name: Drummer
  - b. Project Name: Drummer
  - c. Package Name: com.example.drummer



3. Click Next

4. Click Next at the Configure Project Screen
5. Click Next at the Configure Launcher Icon Screen.
6. Click Next at the Create Activity Screen.
7. Fill out the following fields on the New Blank Activity Screen
  - a. Activity Name: Drummer
  - b. Layout Name: activity\_drummer
  - c. Navigation Type: None



8. Click "Finish"

## Phase 2: User Interface and XML Design:

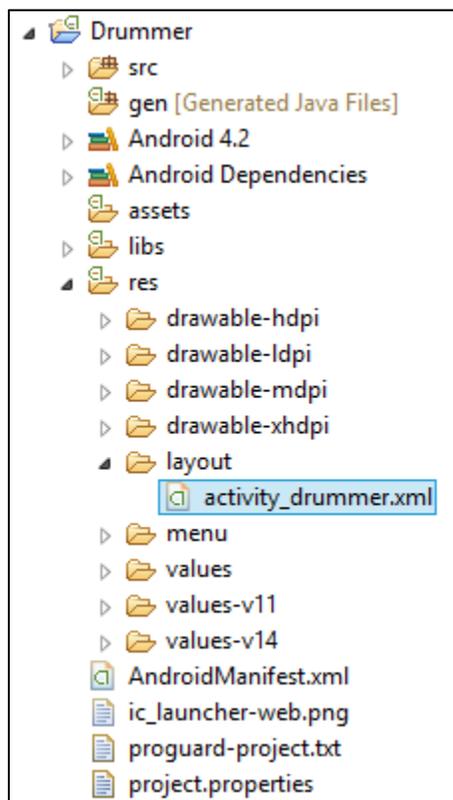
In Android Apps, we will 'create' objects three times:

1. In the XML User Interface View or XML Code.
2. In the Fields we define in the Activity Classes
3. In the Constructor or Functions within the Code (This is where we 'bind' them to the XML user interface).

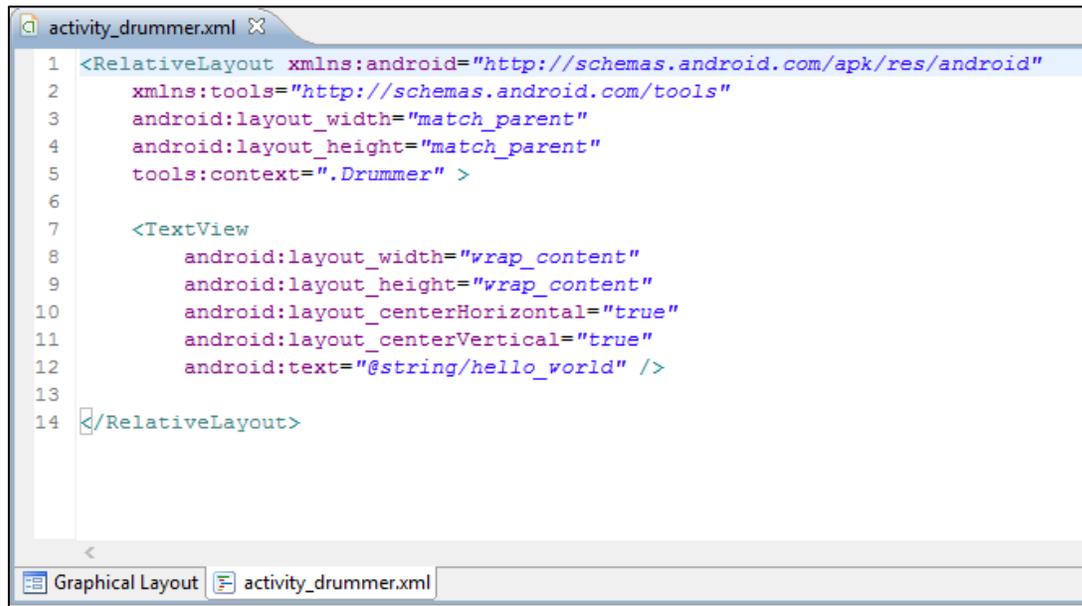
Any errors in these steps will cause the App to crash. (And sometimes you will not see in the stack trace the specific error message describing the nature of the crash.) If an App does not run, double check that you have done the "Big Three" definitions. (XML, Fields, Functions/Binding).

### Process:

1. Go to the res/layout/activity\_drummer.xml file:

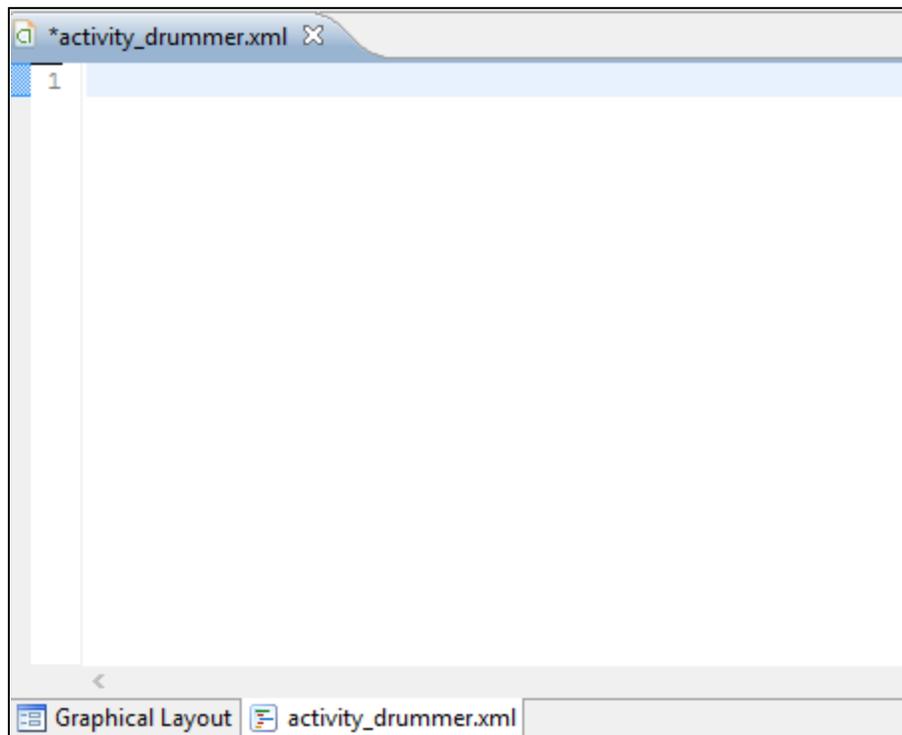


2. Click the activity\_drummer.xml tab to view the xml code.



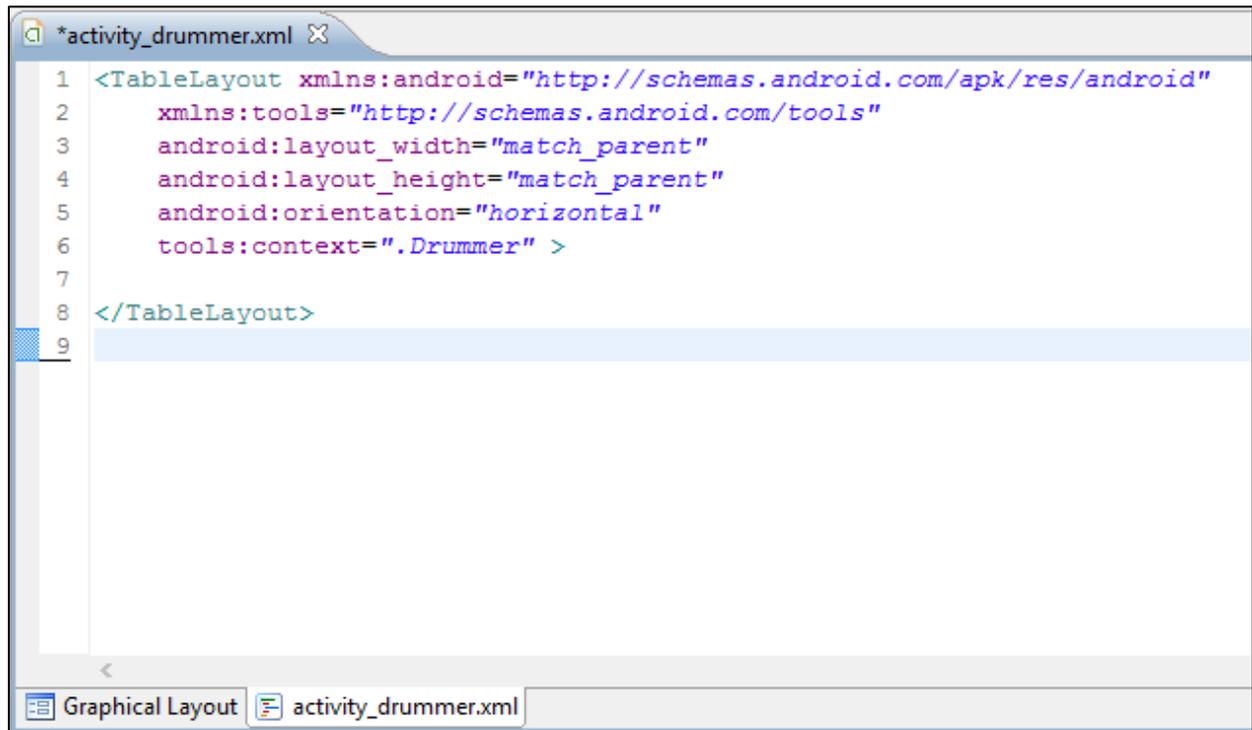
```
1 <RelativeLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
2   xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
3   android:layout_width="match_parent"
4   android:layout_height="match_parent"
5   tools:context=".Drummer" >
6
7   <TextView
8     android:layout_width="wrap_content"
9     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
10    android:layout_centerHorizontal="true"
11    android:layout_centerVertical="true"
12    android:text="@string/hello_world" />
13
14 </RelativeLayout>
```

3. Delete all the existing xml code:



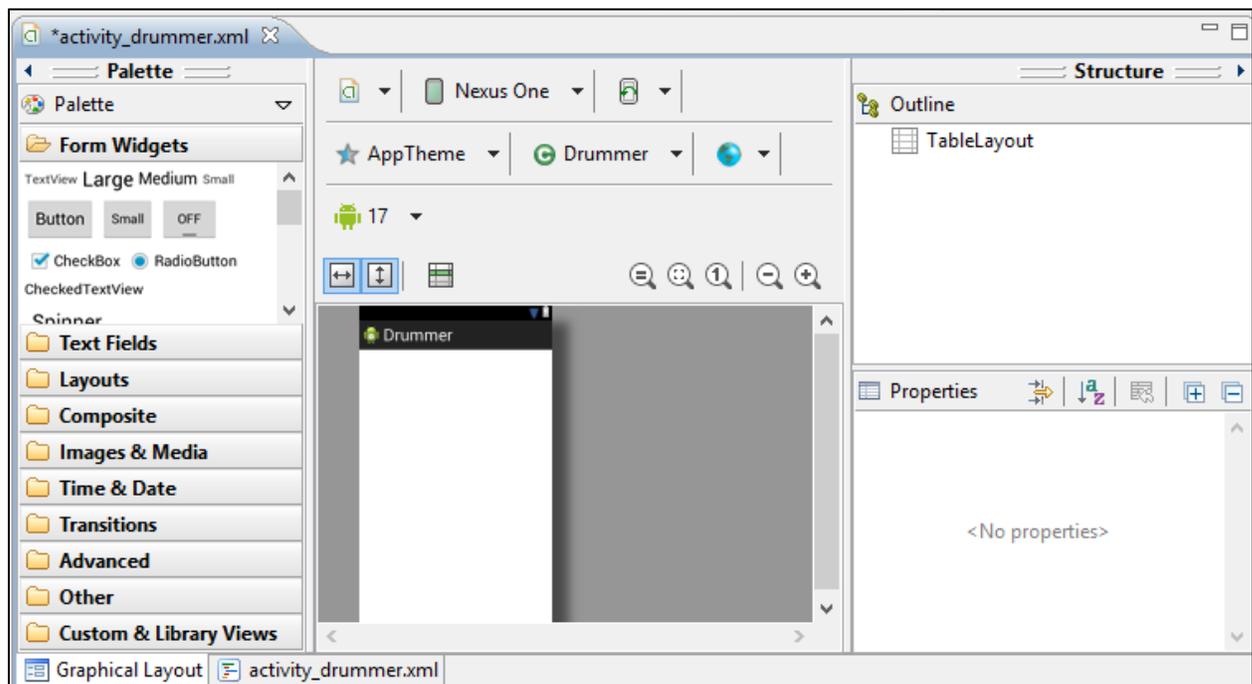
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```

4. We will now begin to build the Table Layout. Type the following into the first 8 lines

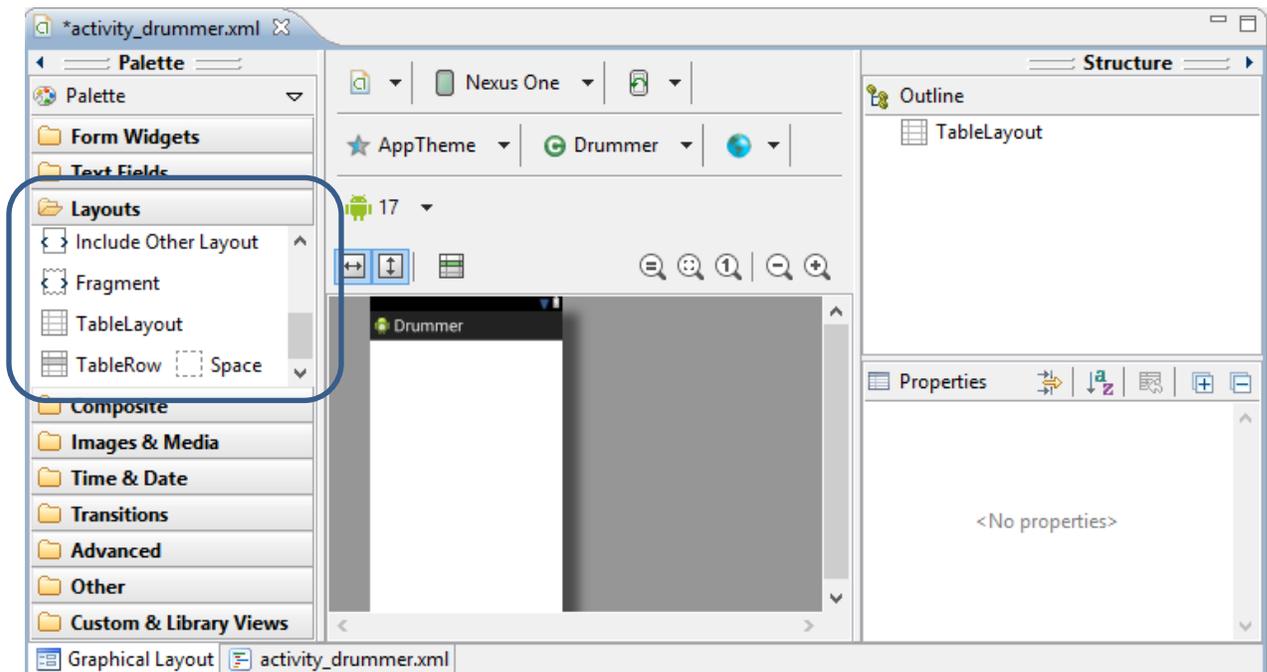


```
1 <TableLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
2     xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
3     android:layout_width="match_parent"
4     android:layout_height="match_parent"
5     android:orientation="horizontal"
6     tools:context=".Drummer" >
7
8 </TableLayout>
9
```

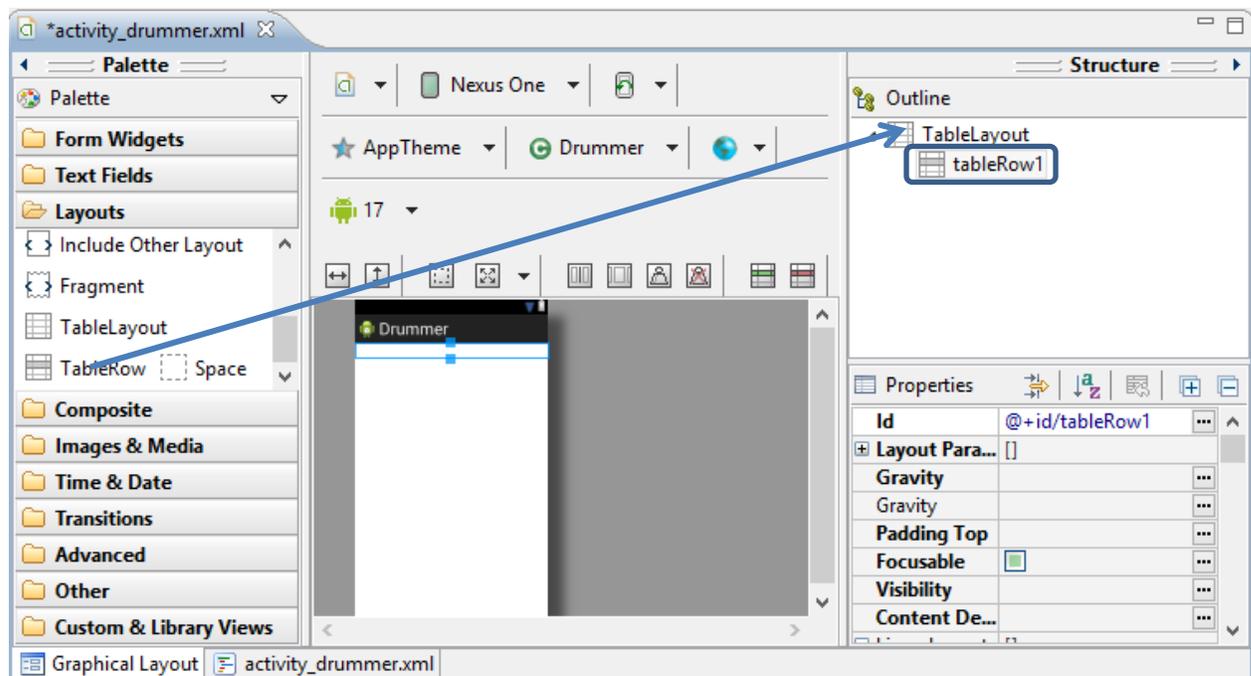
5. Switch to Graphical Layout in Eclipse by clicking on the Graphical Layout tab.



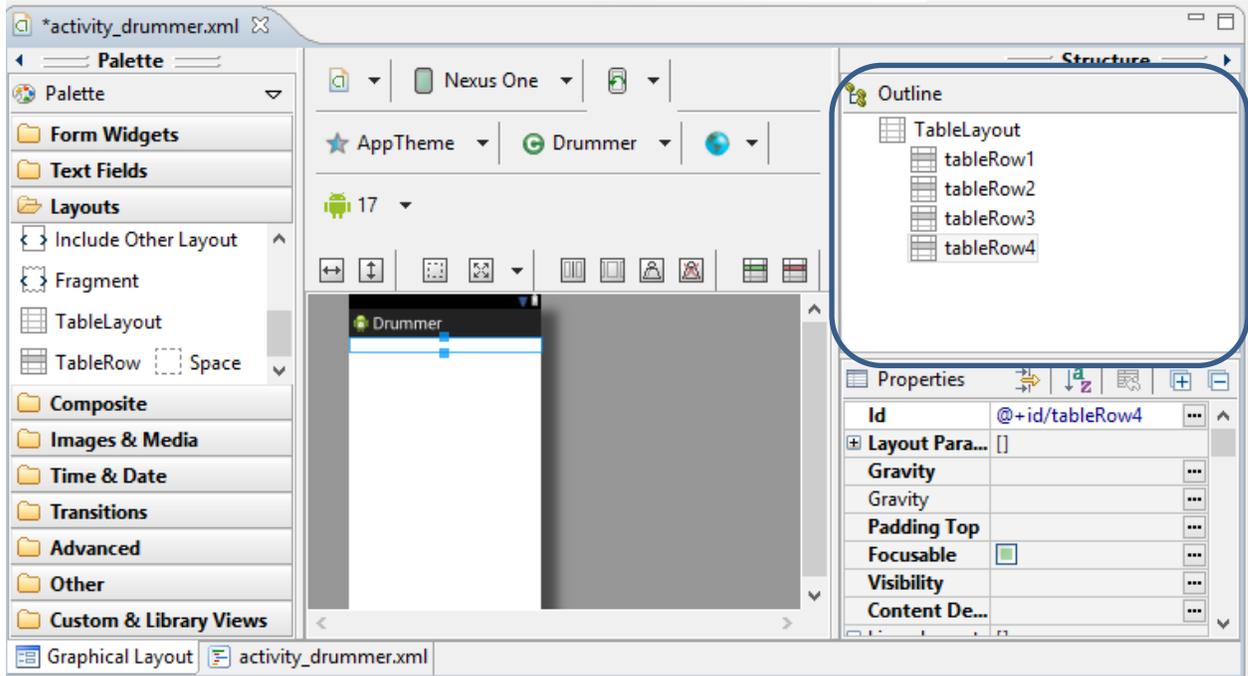
6. Click on the Layouts Area of the Palette on the Left hand side.



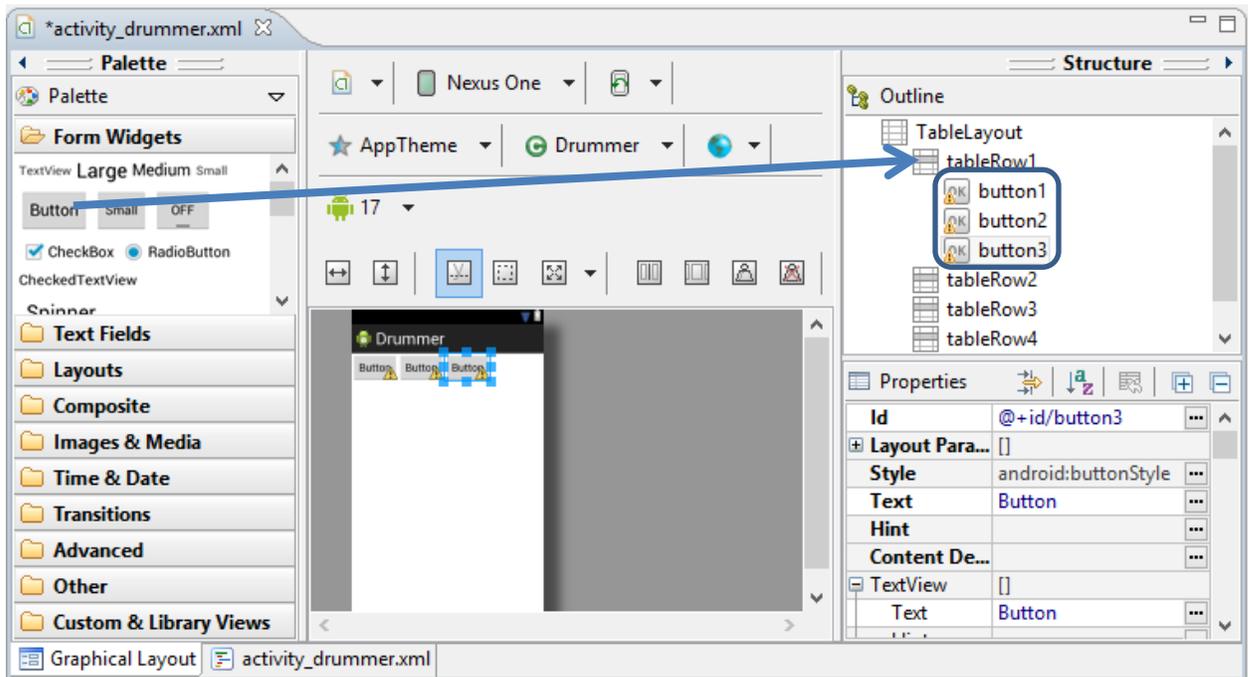
7. Drag a TableRow object and place it on top of the TableLayout Icon on the Outline Section. A tableRow1 instance should appear in the Outline underneath the TableLayout.



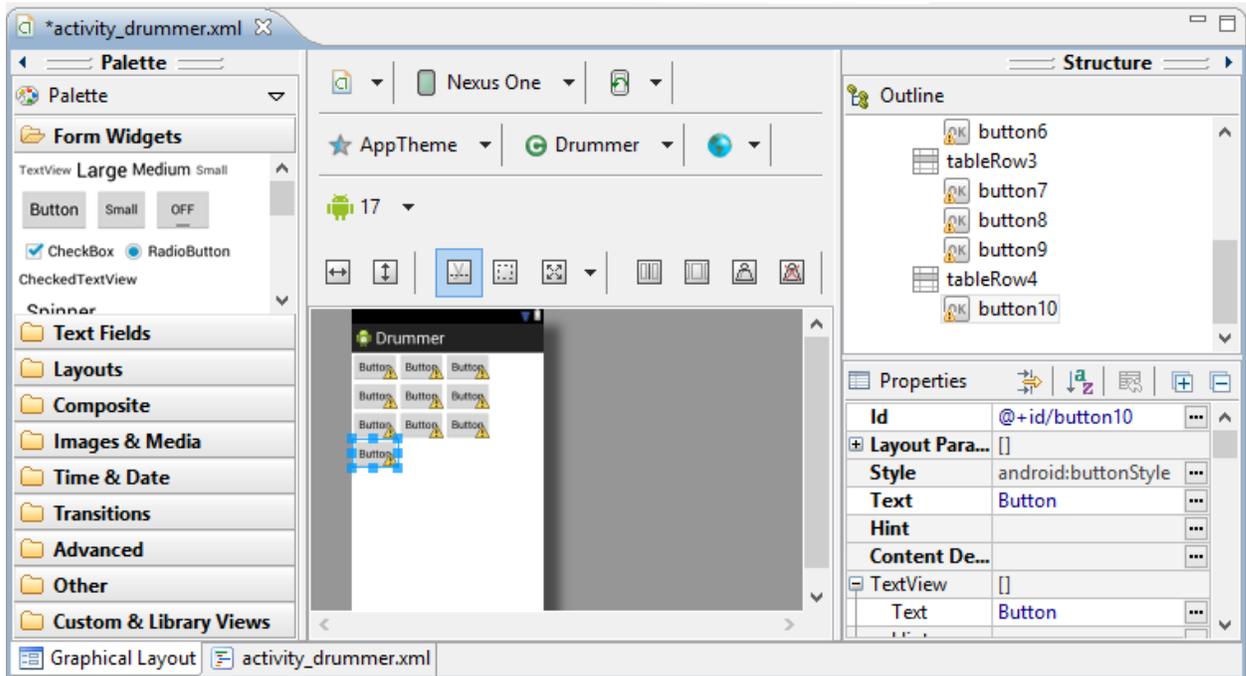
8. Drag three more TableRow Objects to the TableLayout in the Outline.



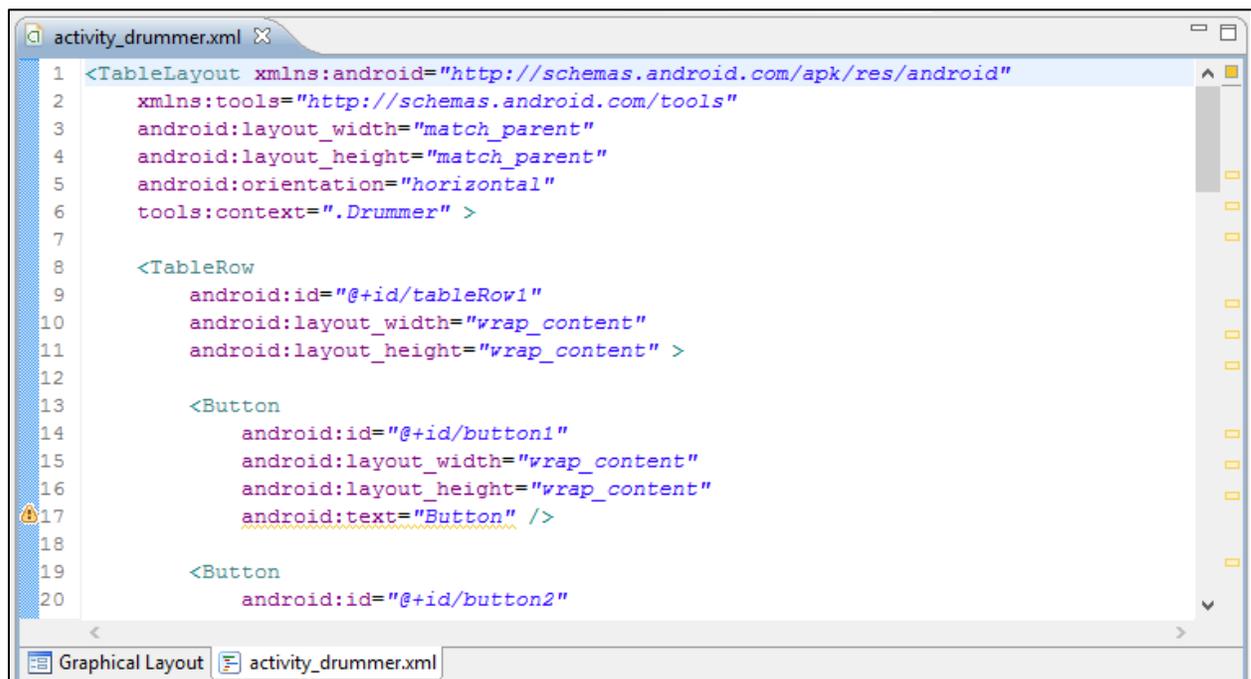
9. We now need to add the Button Objects. Each Table Row will get three Button Objects. Click on form Widgets on the Palette. Drag three Buttons to the tableView1. Note the names of the Buttons (button1, button2, button3)



10. Place three Buttons in tableRow2, three Buttons in tableRow3, and one Button in tableRow4:



11. We have finished the framework for the User Interface. We will now go back to the XML code and refine the properties. Click on the `activity_drummer.xml` tab. Notice that the XML has automatically changed to reflect the new objects.



12. The standard properties are:

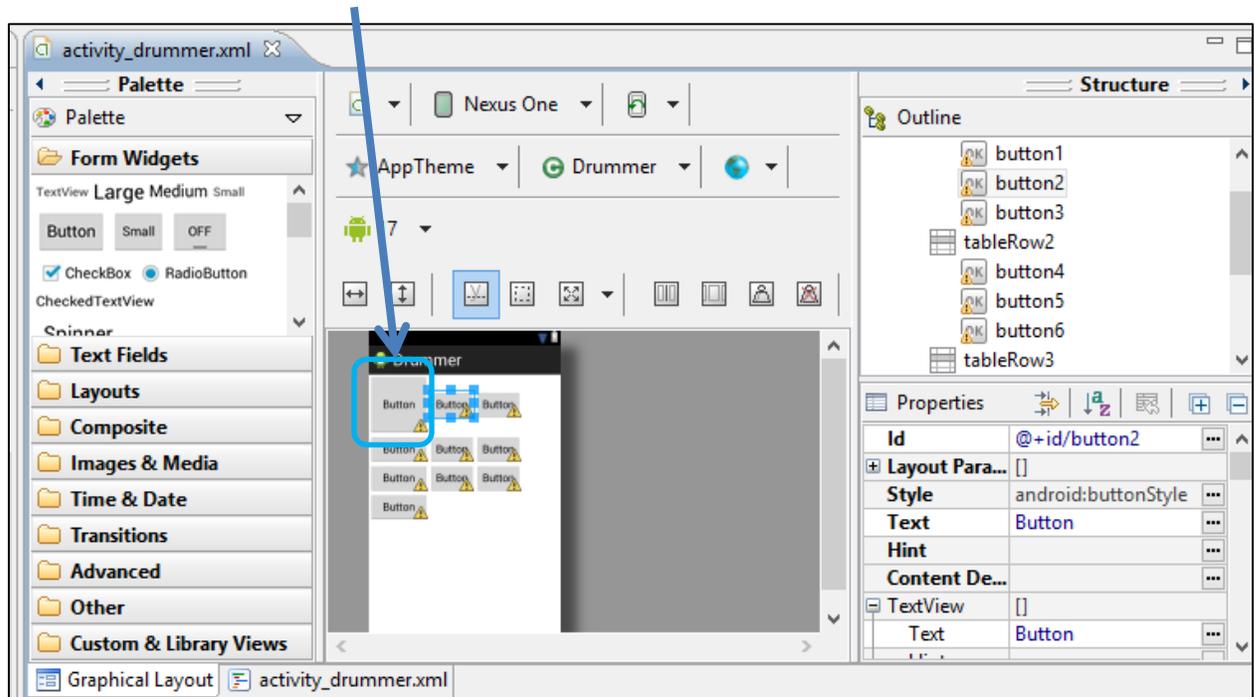
- a. `android:id` -> This is the name of the object within the Resources (R.) system.
- b. `android:layout_width` -> Defines the width of the object
- c. `android:layout_height` -> Defines the height of the object
  - i. `wrap_content` will match what is typed or contained within the object
  - ii. `match_parent` will match what container holds the object
- d. `android:text` -> The printed text that will show to the user

There are many other properties that can be set within an Android object in XML. For this App, we will change the height and the width of the Buttons to 100dp (100 pixels).

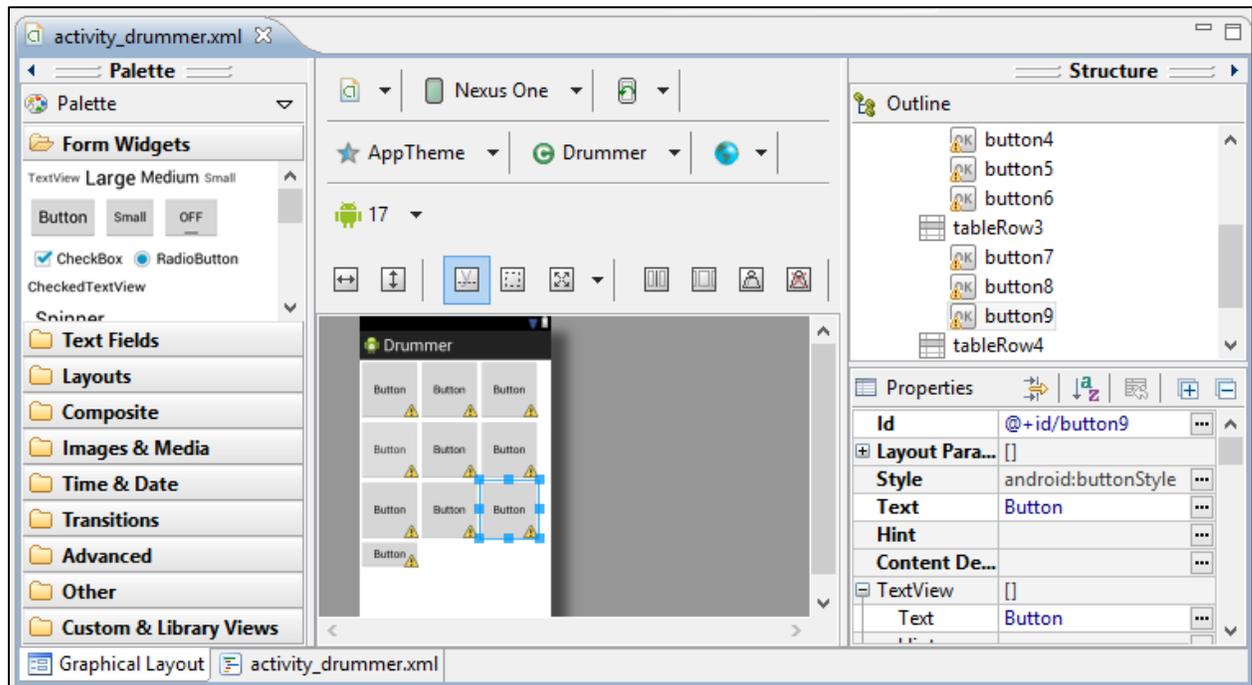
13. Go to line 15 and 16 and make these changes to the button1 objects width and height:

```
12
13
14     <Button
15         android:id="@+id/button1"
16         android:layout_width="100dp"
17         android:layout_height="100dp"
18         android:text="Button" />
```

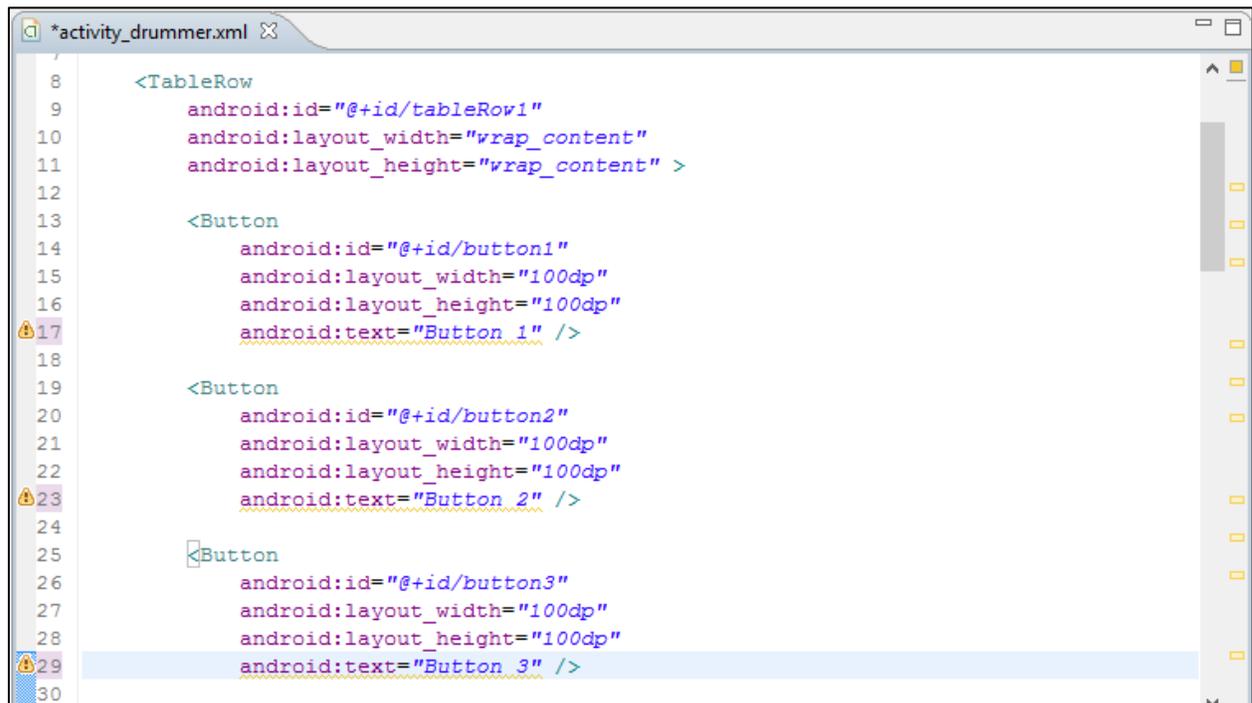
14. Click on the Graphical Layout Tab and note how the button1 changed size:



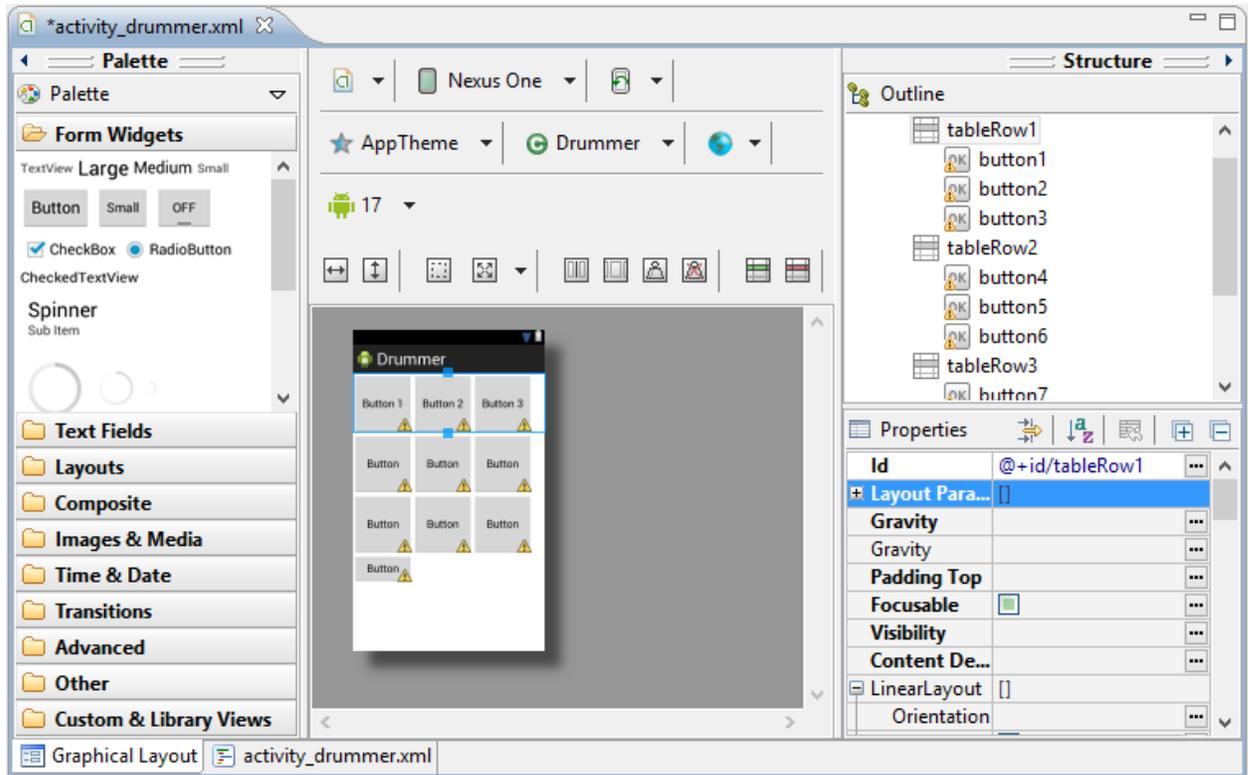
15. Go back to the XML tab and edit the code for buttons 1 through 9 so the width and height are set to "100dp" (Copy and Paste are very useful with XML)



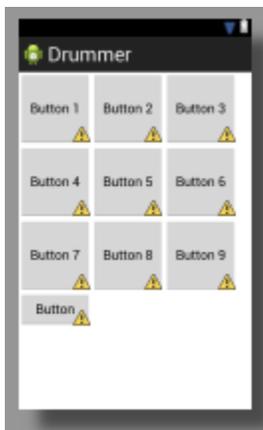
16. In the XML code, change the android:text="Button" to reflect the name of the Button. ("Button 1", "Button 2", "Button 3") (Lines 17, 23, and 29).



Note the yellow ! point warnings. Usually strings in XML and Android are coded as @string references in a separate file. (These eases tasks such as translation or locality as changes in the @string XML file will reflect across the objects in the App.) For the purposes of this lesson, we will hard code the strings into XML.



17. Change Buttons 4 through 9 android:text fields to reflect their button name:

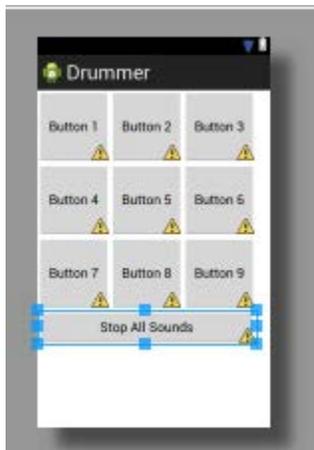


18. Change the android:text property in button10 to the string "Stop All Sounds" (Line 92).

```
87
88     <Button
89         android:id="@+id/button10"
90         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
91         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
92         android:text="Stop All Sounds" />
93
```

19. Add a line of code android:layout\_span = "3" after line 91 to button10's properties to have the button span three columns.

```
87
88     <Button
89         android:id="@+id/button10"
90         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
91         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
92         android:layout_span = "3"
93         android:text="Stop All Sounds" />
94
```



20. To bind a button to a specific function, we will use the `android:onClick` property. After line 16 in `button1`, add the following code `android:onClick = "playSound01"`

```
12
13     <Button
14         android:id="@+id/button1"
15         android:layout_width="100dp"
16         android:layout_height="100dp"
17         android:onClick = "playSound01"
18         android:text="Button 1" />
19
```

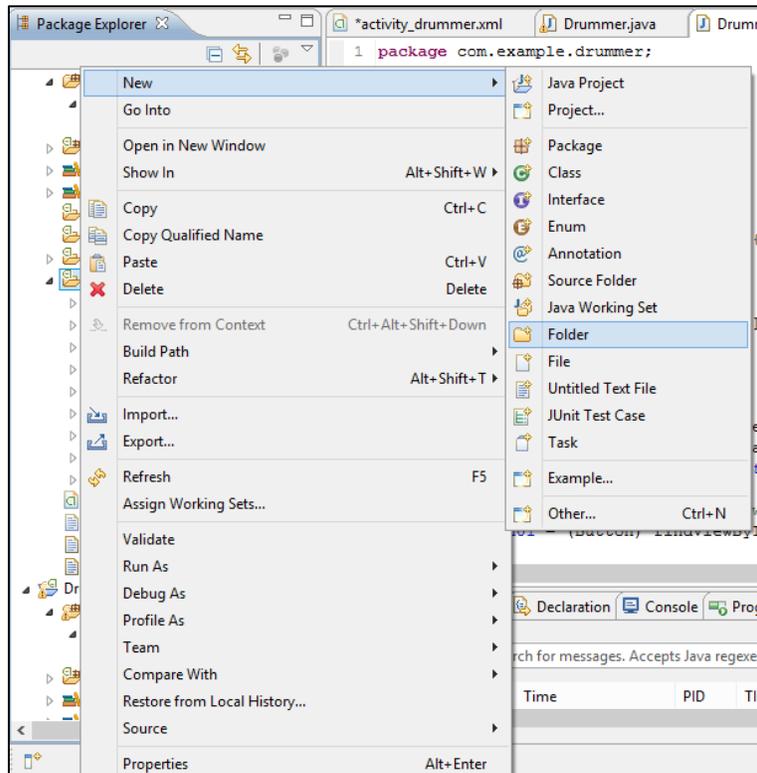
`playSound01()` will be a public void function we will create in the Drummer Activity. We will add the other `android:onClick` properties later.

### Phase 3: Importing sound files

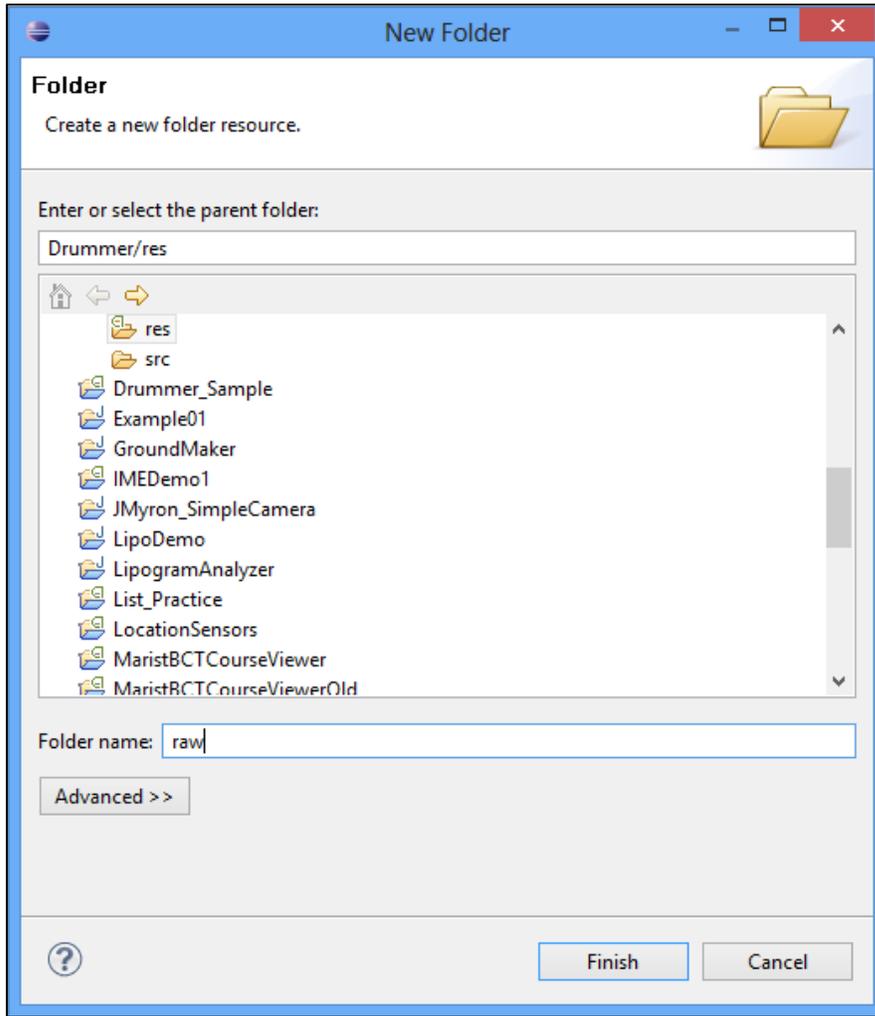
This App needs sound files to function. Images, Sounds, and other Data are stored in the res in folders. Images are stored in a folder named 'drawable.' Sounds are stored in a folder named 'raw'.

#### Process:

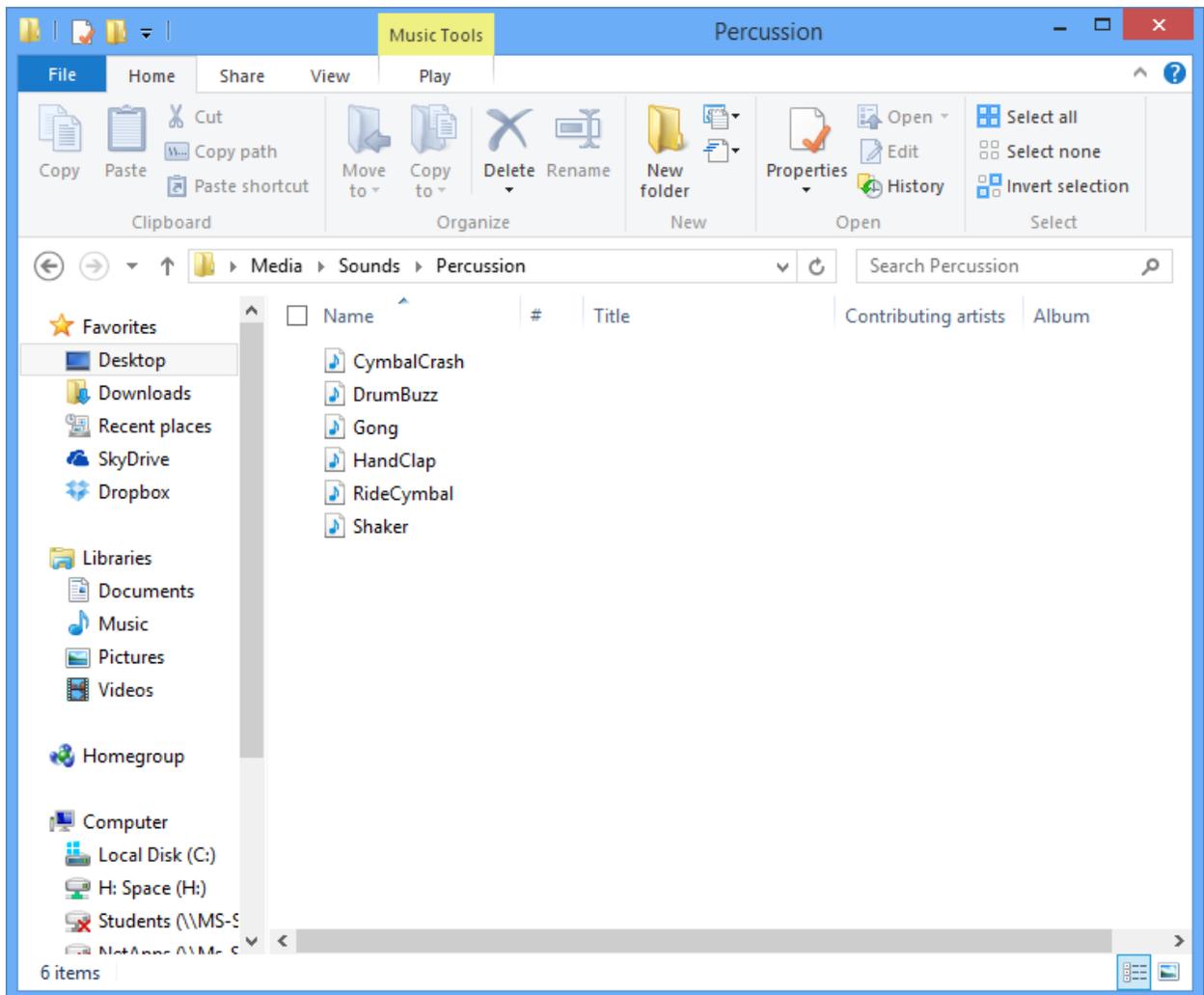
1. Right click on the res folder and select New -> Folder



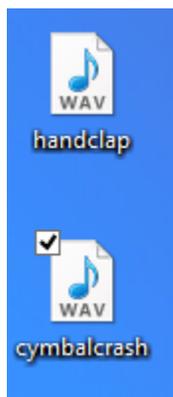
2. Name the Folder 'raw' and click Finish.



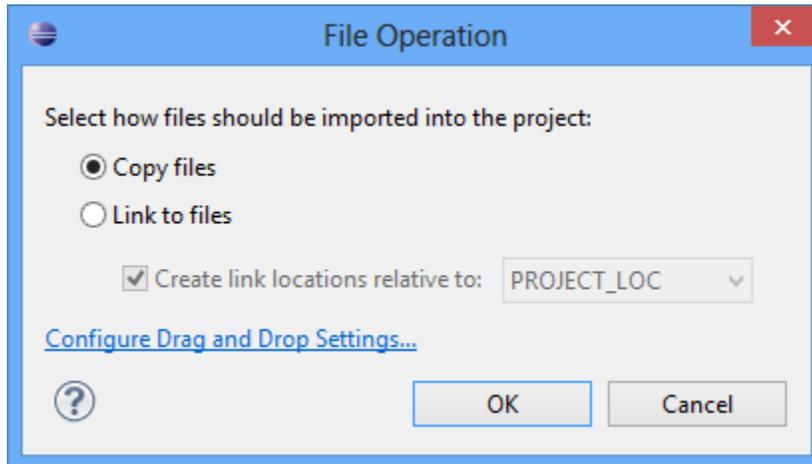
3. On the desktop of your computer, you have a folder called Media. Minimize the Eclipse IDE and find the Media/Sounds/Percussion folder.



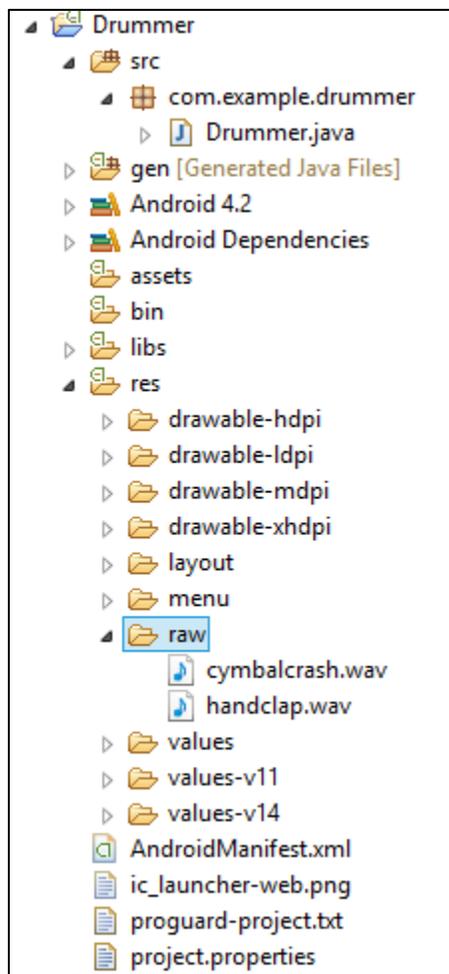
4. Copy the HandClap.wav and the CymbalCrash.wav folder to the desktop. Rename the files so they are 'handclap.wav' and 'cymbalcrash.wav'. (No upper case letters or spaces.)



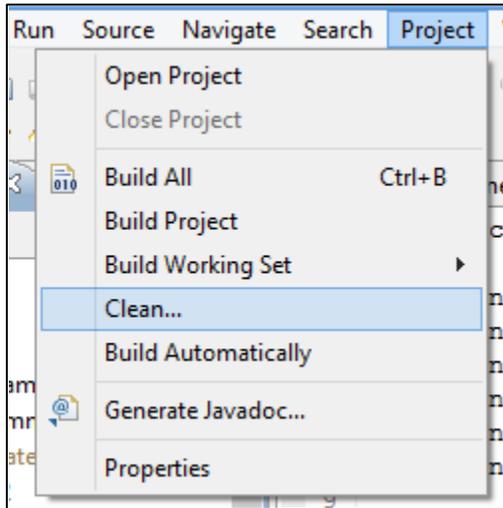
5. Drag these files to the res/raw folder and select 'Copy Files' at the dialog window.



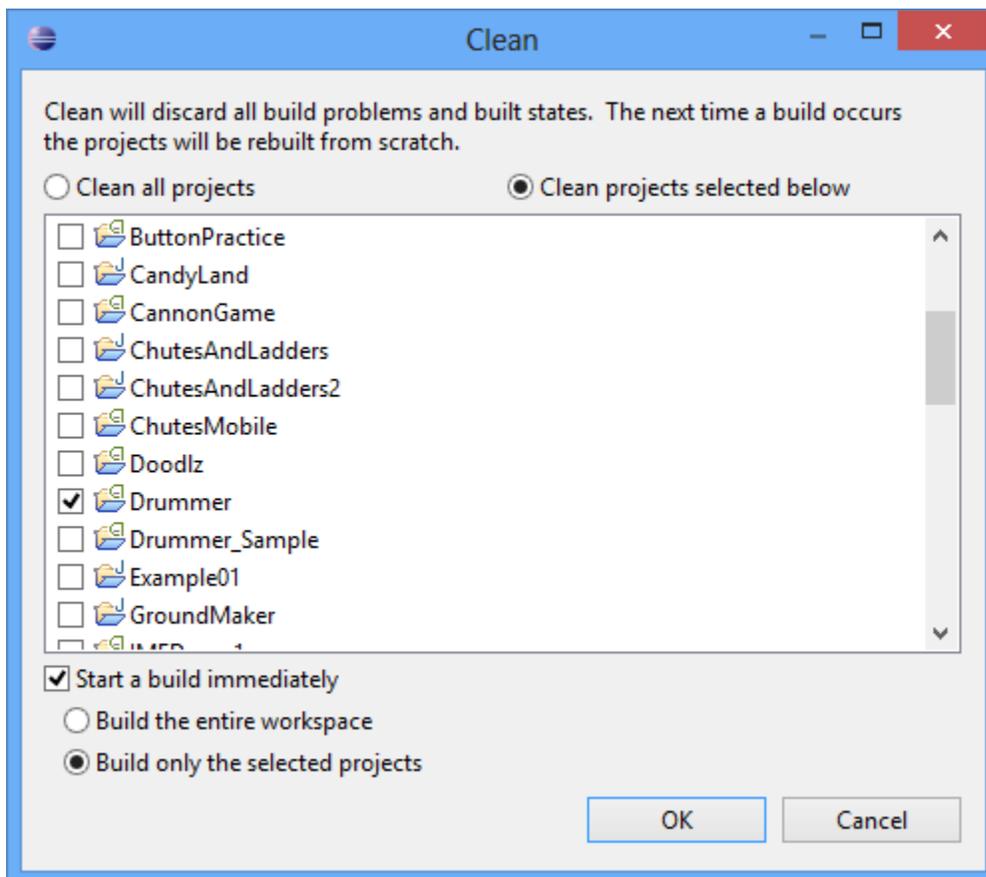
6. The Object tree should look like this:



7. After adding resources to the project, you need to 'Clean' the project to make sure all the R. references are set. Select Project -> Clean from the menu bar.



8. Make sure your project, Start build immediately, and Build only the selected projects are checked. Click OK.



9. You are now ready to proceed to writing the Code for the Drummer.java class.



#### Phase 4: Writing the Java for the Drummer Activity

The Drummer.java class will extend the Android Activity Class and have three types of fields:

**private Buttons** -> One for each Button in the XML User Interface  
**private array of MediaPlayer** objects to hold and play the sounds  
**private array of integers** of mediaReferences to hold the R. resources pointing to the sound files.

The Drummer.java class will have the following functions:

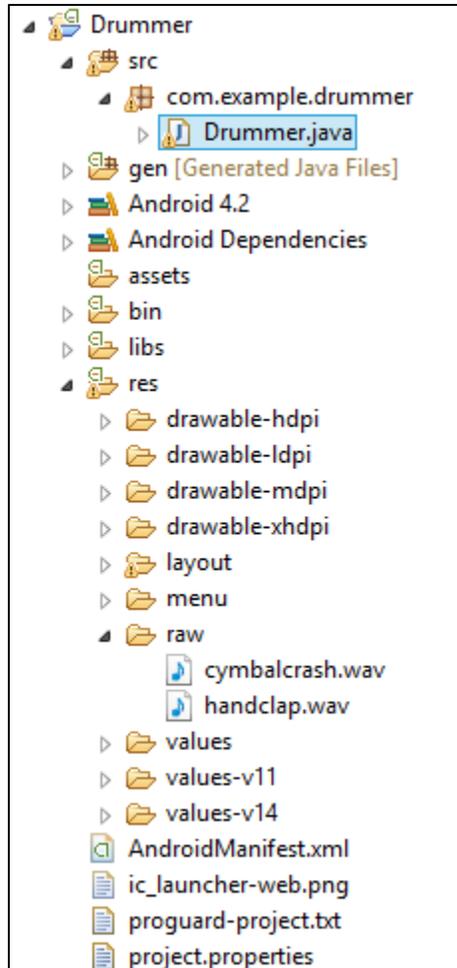
`playSound01(View v)` -> This function will set the index and then call the `playSound()` function  
(and functions for the other 9 buttons)

`playSound(int i)`

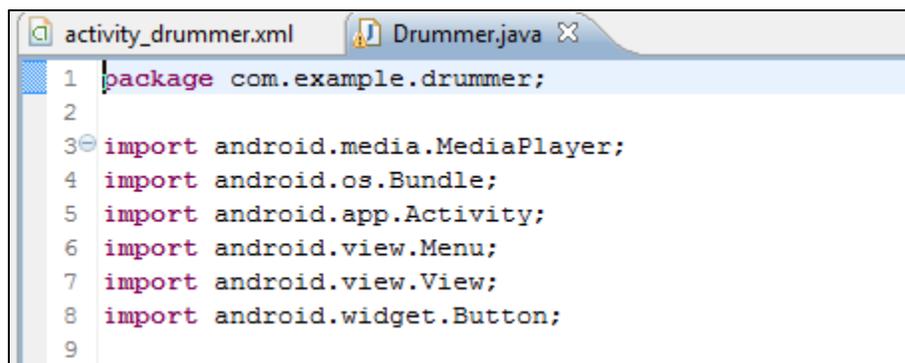
`stopAllSounds(View v)`

## Process:

1. Go to the src/com.example.drummer/Drummer.java file.



2. There will already be code set by Eclipse. We will modify the code for our activity, adding our fields, constructors, and functions. In lines 1 through 9, add the import resources needed for this App.



```
1 package com.example.drummer;
2
3 import android.media.MediaPlayer;
4 import android.os.Bundle;
5 import android.app.Activity;
6 import android.view.Menu;
7 import android.view.View;
8 import android.widget.Button;
9
```

- Under the class declaration in line 10, add the fields for this class: (Note for now, we are only adding two Button fields)

```
9
10 public class Drummer extends Activity {
11
12     // Button Fields
13     private Button button01;
14     private Button button02;
15
16     // Create Media Player Array for Sounds
17     private MediaPlayer mediaSources [] = new MediaPlayer[12];
18
19     // Will hold the name references for sounds
20     private static int mediaReferences [] = {R.raw.handclap, R.raw.cymbalcrash};
21
```

- Android Activities do not have traditional Java constructors. Instead, they have the “onCreate” function that defines the fields and initializes the class when the activity is called within the App. Modify the onCreate() class to assign the Fields the XML objects. (This is the binding process where we connect the XML interface to the model of the Java Activity.

```
21
22     @Override
23     protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
24         super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
25         setContentView(R.layout.activity_drummer);
26
27         // Assign Model Objects to View Objects
28         button01 = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button1);
29
30         // Set mediaSources to mediaReferences
31         mediaSources[0] = MediaPlayer.create(this, mediaReferences[0]);
32         mediaSources[1] = MediaPlayer.create(this, mediaReferences[1]);
33     } // end function onCreate()
34
```

- The boolean onCreateOptionsMenu() function exists to call up a ‘settings’ screen to modify App parameters. Leave this function as written.

```
34
35     @Override
36     public boolean onCreateOptionsMenu(Menu menu) {
37         // Inflate the menu; this adds items to the action bar if it is present.
38         getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.activity_drummer, menu);
39         return true;
40     }
```

6. The next function is called with Button 01 is pressed. The `playsound(View v)` function sets an integer to correspond to the index of the desired sound. The function then calls the `playSound(int i)` function with `index` as the parameter.

```
41
42 // Called with button01 is pressed
43 public void playSound01(View v) {
44     int index = 0;
45     playSound(index);
46 } // end function playSound01()
47
```

7. Write the function for `playSound02()`. It follows a similar format:

```
47
48 // Called with button02 is pressed
49 public void playSound02(View v) {
50     int index = 1;
51     playSound(index);
52 } // end function playSound02()
53
```

8. Write the `playSound()` function to have the `mediaSources[]` objects start their sounds.

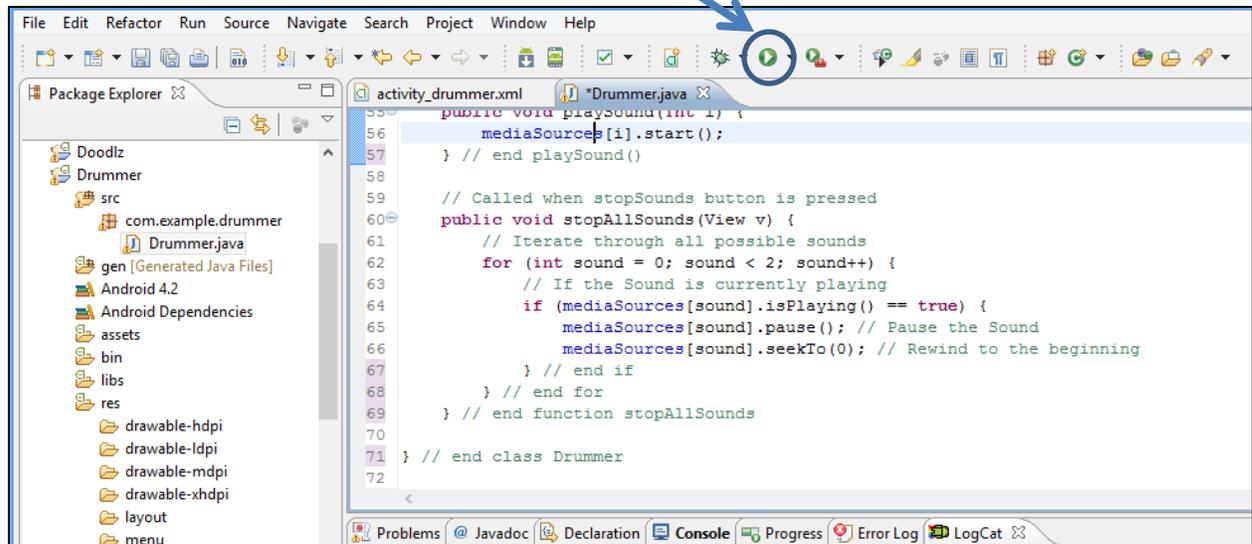
```
53
54 // Called from button functions
55 public void playSound(int i) {
56     mediaSources[i].start();
57 } // end playSound()
58
```

9. Write the function to stop the sounds when the `stopButton` pressed. Line 71 closes the `Drummer` class.

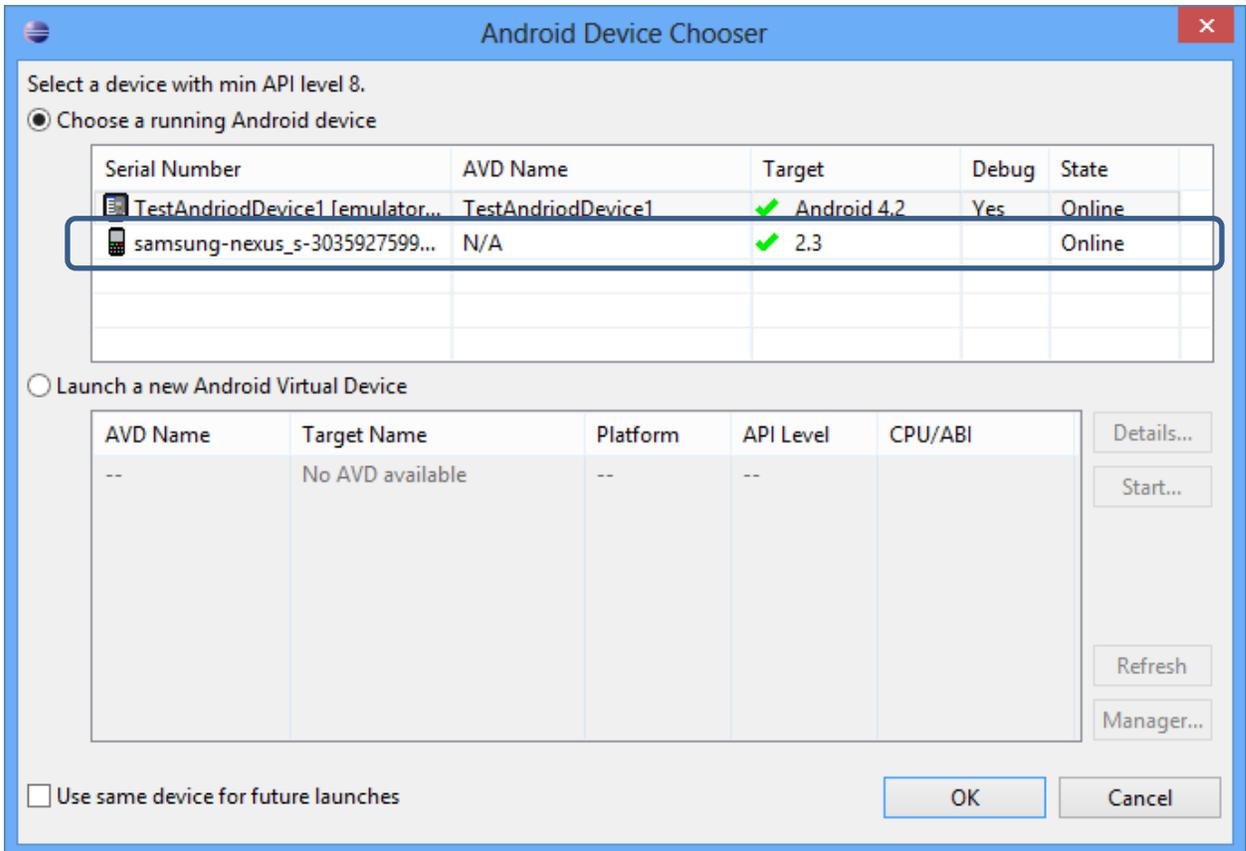
```
58
59 // Called when stopSounds button is pressed
60 public void stopAllSounds(View v) {
61     // Iterate through all possible sounds
62     for (int sound = 0; sound < 2; sound++) {
63         // If the Sound is currently playing
64         if (mediaSources[sound].isPlaying() == true) {
65             mediaSources[sound].pause(); // Pause the Sound
66             mediaSources[sound].seekTo(0); // Rewind to the beginning
67         } // end if
68     } // end for
69 } // end function stopAllSounds
70
71 } // end class Drummer
72
```

10. Plug in your Android Phone and turn it on.

11. Save and Run the App by clicking on the play icon.



12. Select your Android device from the available connected devices (Mine is the Samsung-nexus).  
Click OK.



## **Phase 5: Finish the App**

**Maximum Points: 100**

**This provides a framework for you to finish the App. You will need to do the following to earn an 85.**

1. Select 9 Sounds. They must be in .wav, .mp3, or .ogg format. Place these sounds in your `res/raw` folder. Make sure they are named with only lowercase letters, numbers, and no spaces.
2. Modify the XML code for the buttons to call their corresponding functions with the `android:onClick` setting.
3. Clean and Build the Project.
4. Add the references to the sound files in the `mediaReferences[]` integer array. (All the references need to be located in that array.)
5. Set the `mediaSources[]` to the references. See lines 31 and 32 in `Drummer.java` for examples. (A For Loop would be an elegant way to accomplish this)
6. Write the functions for each button in the `Drummer.java` class.
7. Finish Binding the `stopButton` to the `stop sounds` function.

### **Extensions (Up to 15 points)**

1. Modify the Properties of the buttons, text, and background to make the App look more interesting or appealing.
2. Note – There is an `ImageButton` Object. You could put pictures on Buttons instead of text – research this usage in XML and make changes with picture files.
3. There are several assistive technology Apps or sound effect Apps. You could change your Drum Machine into a Sound Effect Player. Research, search, or record your own sounds for use in the App.