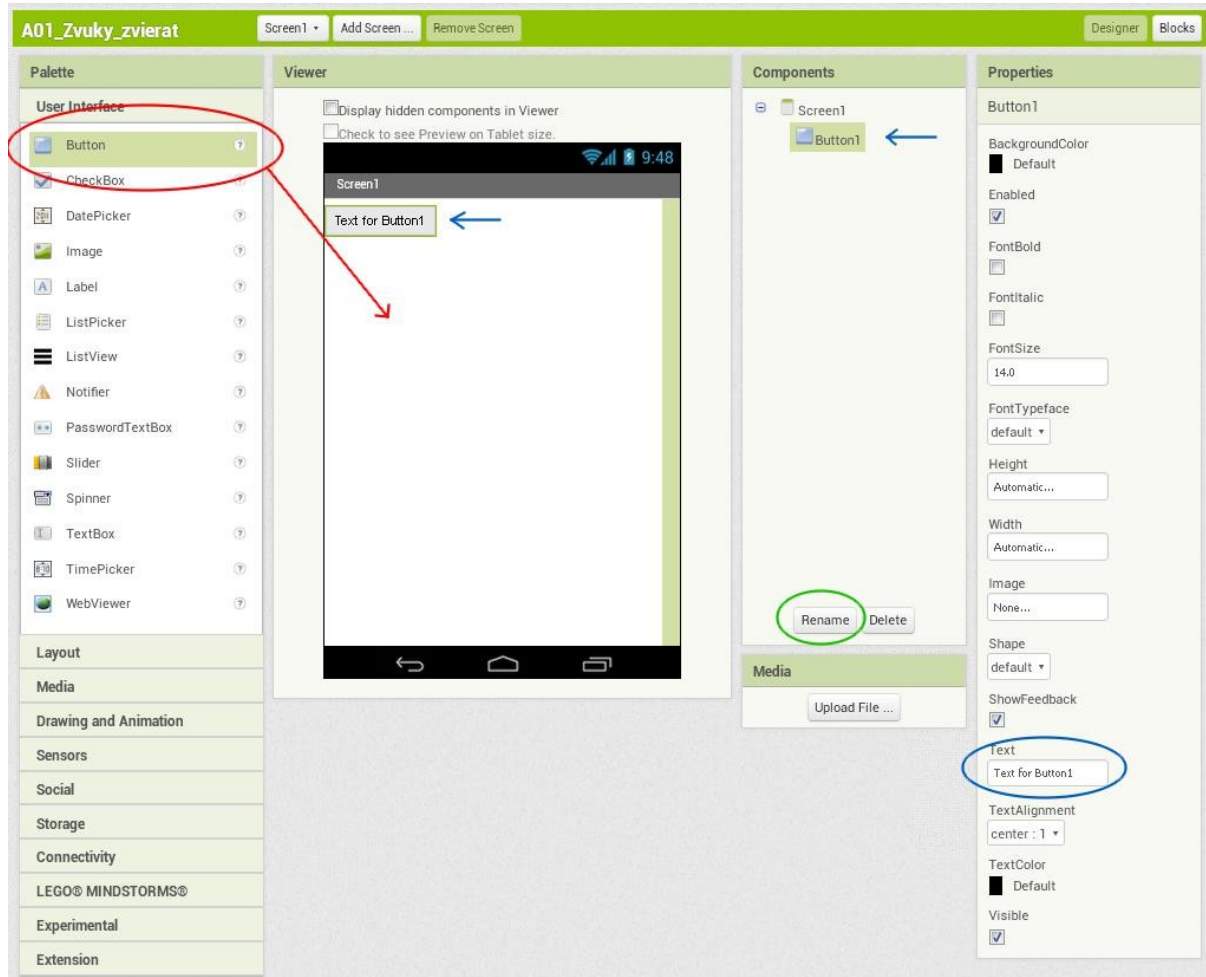


01 ANIMAL SOUNDS - WORKSHEET

- At the beginning of the lesson you tried to run the **App Inventor** environment on computers, connect to the it with your Google account and connect it to your mobile device. In the process, you have created your first project, which has only one button so far. On the computer screen, the project looks like this:



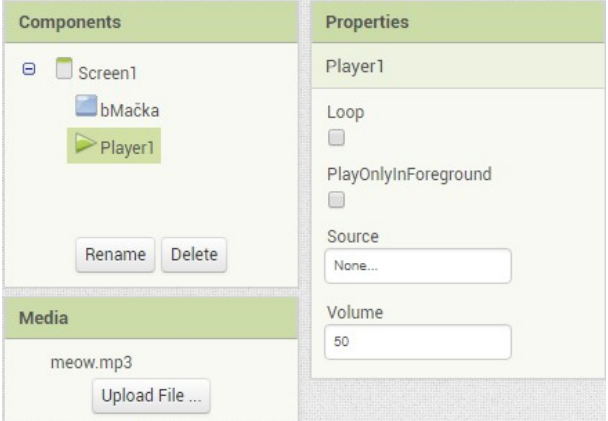
A button is displayed on the mobile screen with the text **for Button1**.

Continue exploring the App Inventor environment in the development of your first project and answer

Questions:

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| <p>In the right Properties section, examine the Text property for the Button1 component. What changes if you change the Text property? Write the text Meow on the button.</p> <p>Note that when we change the text on the button, it is immediately shown on the display of the connected mobile phone (if this does not happen, the connection is broken and the mobile phone needs to be</p> | |

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| <p>reconnected to the computer according to the instructions in point 4 from the beginning of the lesson).</p> | |
| <p>Try pressing the button on your mobile. What happens? Does the button respond when pressed?</p> | |
| <p>In the Components area, explore the Rename option (see the green circled button in the image at the beginning of this worksheet). Rename Button1 to bCat. What has been renamed by this?</p> | |
| <p>From the Components palette (Palette area) of the Media group, find the Player component and drag it with the mouse to the Viewer area. Where is the component located? What is his name?</p> | |
| <p>Try the project. Is it doing anything yet? Try to explain why.</p> | |
| <p>Press the Blocks button in the upper right corner of the window. The program will switch to another screen (the Blocks screen). Explore the Blocks screen. Write down what two areas the screen has Blocks? What is in the windows that open when I click on the list items on the left side of the screen?</p> | |

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| <p>Explore the blocks for the bCat component. Locate the event (yellow-brown block) that occurs when the user presses this button on their mobile.</p> <p>Which is the event?</p> <p>Drag it from the list to the Viewer area.</p> | |
| <p>Review the blocks for the Player1 component.</p> <p>Note the event call Player1.Start and paste it into the bCat button event (the one you put in the Viewer area in the previous step).</p> <p>Try the project. Is he playing anything?</p> <p>Formulate a hypothesis as to why this is so.</p> | |
| <p>Switch to the Designer screen.</p> <p>In the Components area, select Player1 and at the bottom of Media explore Upload File...</p> <p>Use it to add the audio file meow.mp3ⁱ to the project.</p> <p>Explore Properties for Player1.</p> <p>In the picture on the right, mark (circle) the section where the audio file can be selected.</p> <p>Insert meow.mp3 audio file and try out the project.</p> <p>When will the sound be played?</p> |  |
| <p>Add a picture of a cat to the Media section kitty.pngⁱⁱ.</p> <p>Explore Properties of the bCat button.</p> <p>Which property seems to allow you to add an image to the button?</p> <p>Use that property so that the button has a picture of a cat from the kitty.png file.</p> <p>Then, apparently, there's no need for a Meow headline!</p> <p>Delete this headline.</p> <p>Try the project.</p> | |

2. Add a second button to the project with a picture and sound of another animal.

Tips:

- For example, use a picture of a dog from the file **beky.png** and a brechot from <http://soundbible.com/1476-Dog-Growl-Then-Bark.html> (download mp3 file)
- If the second button no longer fits on the screen, then explore the properties of the **bCat** button, find and use the properties that will make the button smaller. Do the same with the new button so that both buttons fit on the mobile screen.

After today's lesson, I know

- start the **App Inventor** environment
- navigate the **App Inventor** environment, switch between **Design** and **Blocks** screens and use them
- connect your mobile (tablet) to **App Inventor**
- transfer multimedia files (image and audio) from your computer to **App Inventor** and use their
- use the **Player** component to play the audio

Source: <http://appinventor.mit.edu/explore/sites/all/files/ai2tutorials/helloPurr/meow.mp3>

Source: <http://appinventor.mit.edu/explore/sites/all/files/ai2tutorials/helloPurr/kitty.png>