

AND-101 Android programming

Duration: 5 days

Course Objectives

Android™ programming is a hands-on training for designing and building mobile applications using Android™ open-source platform. Android™ Bootcamp course explains the philosophy of developing for Android™ through its main application development building blocks and their interaction with one another.

This complete hands-on course encourages students to learn by building increasingly more sophisticated and meaningful mobile applications for Android™.

By the end of the course, each participant will build their own complete Android application incorporating most of the key aspects of the platform. Typically, we build a Twitter app for Android, but there are other choices depending on participants' interests.

Who Can Benefit

This course is designed for software developers interested in designing, creating, deploying, and testing applications for the Android™ mobile phone platform. It is valuable to both novices and gurus, who already have experience in developing mobile applications for other platforms.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Build your own Android apps
- Understand how Android™ applications work, their life cycle, manifest, Intents, and using external resources
- Design and develop useful Android™ applications with compelling user interfaces by using, extending, and creating your own layouts and Views and using Menus.
- Take advantage of Android's Application Framework API to build complex applications.
- Utilize the power of background services, threads, and notifications.
- Use Android's communication APIs for SMS, telephony, network management, and internet resources (HTTP).
- Secure, tune, package, and deploy Android™ applications

Prerequisites

Java experience is required to get the most benefit from this training.

Course Outline

Android Overview

- Android Overview
- History
- Android Versions

The Stack

- Stack Overview
- Linux
- Native Libraries
- Dalvik
- App Framework
- Applications

Quick Start

- Installing SDK
- Hello, World!
- The Emulator

Main Building Blocks

- Main Building Blocks Overview
- A Real World Example
- Activities
- Intents
- Services
- Content Providers
- Broadcast Receivers
- Application Context

Yamba Project Overview

- The Yamba Application
- Project Design
- Part 1: Android User Interface
- Part 2: Preferences, File System, Menus
- Part 3: Android Services
- Part 4: Working with Databases
- Part 5: Lists and Adapters
- Part 6: Broadcast Receivers
- Part 7: Content Providers
- Part 8: System Services

Android User Interface

- Two Ways to Create User Interface
- Views and Layouts
- Starting Yamba Project
- StatusActivity Layout
- StatusActivity Java Class
- Logging in Android
- Threading in Android
- Other UI Events
- Adding Color and Graphics
- Alternative Resources
- Optimizing User Interface

Preferences, File System, Options Menu

- Preferences
- Options Menu
- Shared Preferences
- File System, Explained

Services

- Yamba Application Object
- UpdaterService
- Looping In The Service
- Pulling Data From Twitter

Databases

- About SQLite
- DbHelper
- First Example
- Update UpdaterService
- Refactoring Status Data

Lists and Adapters

- TimelineActivity
- Basic TimelineActivity Layout
- About Adapters
- Timeline Adapter
- ViewHolder: A Better Alternative
- Updating Manifest File
- Base Activity

Broadcast Receivers

- About Broadcast Receivers
- BootReceiver
- The TimelineReceiver
- Broadcasting Intents
- The Network Receiver
- Adding Custom Permissions

Content Providers

- Creating Content Provider
- Using Content Providers Through Widgets

System Services

- Compass Demo
- Location Service
- Updating Yamba to User the Location Service
- Intent Service

- Sending Notifications