Android Programming



This intensive, hands-on five-day course teaches programmers how to develop activities, services, content providers, and broadcast receivers for the Android platform. Students will first learn how to create activities using views, layouts, fragments, dialogs, and menus. Next, they will learn about intents, broadcast receivers, and services. Coverage of data storage is next with chapters on preferences, files, SQLite, data adapters, and content providers. Finally, the course ends with coverage of location-based services and application publishing. This course is focused on Android 4.2 – Jelly Bean.

Course Objectives:

- Create an Android application.
- Create an activity and manage its lifecycle.
- Access resources programmatically to optimize maintenance and localization.
- Create full-featured graphical user interfaces with widgets, dialogs, menus, and event handlers.
- Contrl the organization of your screen with layouts.
- Design flexible user interfaces for multiple form factors using fragments.
- Communicate between applications in a loosely-coupled way with intents.
- Create a service to handle background tasks and use notifications to indicate the status of those tasks.
- Persist application state using preferences, files, and SQLLite.
- Use both ArrayAdapter and CursorAdapter to bind data to widgets.
- Share data with other applications with content providers.
- Use the LoaderManager and CursorLoaders to display provider data.
- Access Contacts and other built-in Android providers.
- Determine the current location and leverage Google Maps.
- Publish an application to an Android device.

Audience: Programmers who are new to developing applications for the Android platform.

Prerequisites: Introduction to Java or equivalent experience is required. Basic understanding of XML

is required.

Number of Days: 5 days

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