



iPhone Conference App Guide

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Introduction

Catch.com makes it easy to capture your ideas and experiences into activity streams in those areas where you want to learn and grow. Capturing notes during a conference is an ideal use case for Catch.

After the release of several successful apps for TED and TEDx conferences that integrated the Catch functionality, it was decided to open source the app and make it available to any conference organizer for free. The functionality was further improved and syncing now uses Google Fusion Table to avoid relying on private databases. Any event organizer who wants to have an android app for their conference can simply follow this guide. The app is open sourced under the terms of the MIT license and Apache License and can be found at <https://github.com/catch/TED-iPhone-App>. Contributions are welcome.

The conference app currently supports single-track conferences. Conferences with multiple tracks are supported by having several single-track buttons on the dashboard. This portion will be improved in the future.

Requirements

- Mac
- XCode installed
- Google Fusion Table Account
- 30 minutes of your time

The Guide

Step 1: Download the following .csv files

- Events.csv: a table that contains all your events with all the sample data given,
- Speakers.csv: a table that contains all your speakers, each speaker needs an EventId that comes from Events.csv. Sample data is given,
- EventSessions.csv: a table that contains all your sessions for that event, which can be displayed when users are searching for session.

Step 2: Import your data into Google Fusion Table

New Table -> Import table

Search tables

[Request a feature](#)

New table ▾
Import table
New empty table
Shared with me
Trash
Public tables

Owned by me

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Click on Choose File and import all three .csv as follows:

Import new table
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From this computer

Choose File
Events.csv

Google Spreadsheets

Create empty table

Types of files that you can upload [Learn more](#)
Comma-separated files (.csv) - Up to 100 MB ?
Microsoft Excel files (.xls, .xlsx) - Up to 1 MB ?
OpenDocument Spreadsheet (.ods) - Up to 1 MB ?
Keyhole Markup Language (.kml) - Up to 100 MB ?
For spreadsheets larger than 1 MB, export to a CSV file and then upload.

Cancel
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Next »

Import new table

Table name

Events.csv

Allow export

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Attribute data to

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Attribution page link

Description

Imported at Mon May 09 12:22:42 PDT 2011 from Events.csv.

For example, what would you like to remember about this table in a year?

Cancel

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Finish

Import new table

Specify the columns to import.

Column names are in row

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Import	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	EventId	EventName	EventVersion	EventThemeId	EventDate	Description
2	1	TEDxTransmedia	1	2	9/30/2010	TEDx
3	3	TEDxAsheville	3	1	8/29/2010	TEDx
4	4	TEDxNextGenerationAsheville	1	1	8/28/2010	TEDx
5	5	TEDxOrlando	1	1	11/13/2010	TEDx
6	6	TEDxHolyLand	1	1	10/28/2010	TEDx

Rows before the header row will be ignored.

Cancel

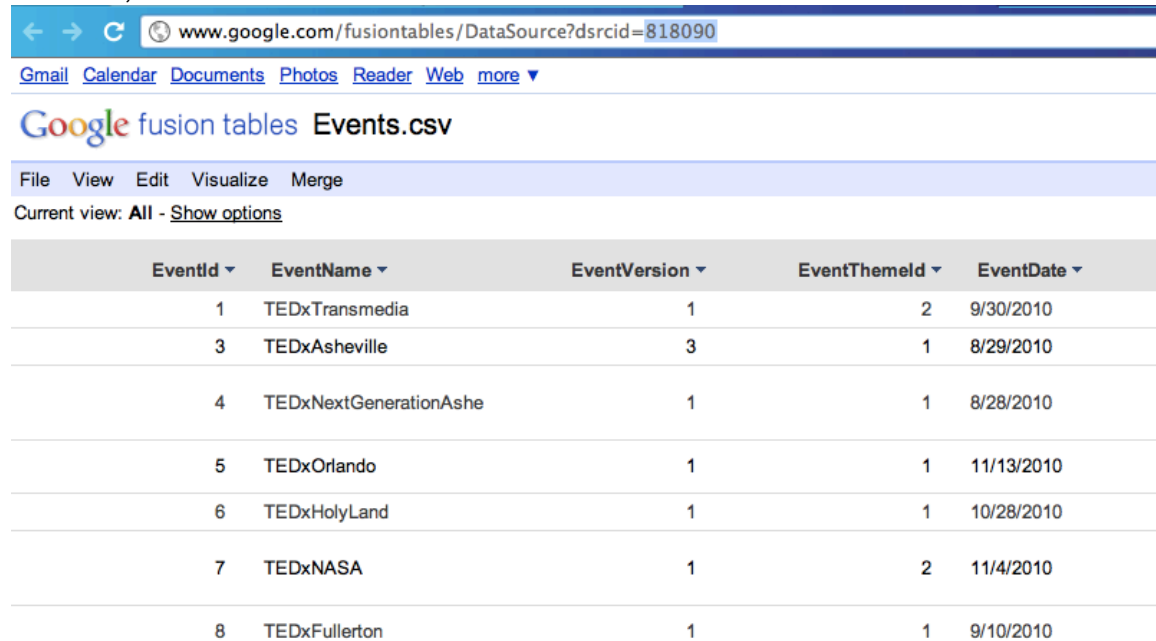
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After importing Events.csv, import EventSessions and Speakers.csv using the same method.

Step 3: Getting table numbers

Each of the Google Fusion Table will give you a table number located on top of the URL, write down all three table numbers.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?dsrclid=818090`. Below the browser, there's a navigation bar with links like Gmail, Calendar, Documents, Photos, Reader, Web, and more. The main heading is "Google fusion tables Events.csv". Below this is a menu bar with "File", "View", "Edit", "Visualize", and "Merge". The current view is set to "All" with a link to "Show options". The main content is a table with the following data:

EventId ▾	EventName ▾	EventVersion ▾	EventThemeld ▾	EventDate ▾
1	TEDxTransmedia	1	2	9/30/2010
3	TEDxAsheville	3	1	8/29/2010
4	TEDxNextGenerationAshe	1	1	8/28/2010
5	TEDxOrlando	1	1	11/13/2010
6	TEDxHolyLand	1	1	10/28/2010
7	TEDxNASA	1	2	11/4/2010
8	TEDxFullerton	1	1	9/10/2010

Events Table Id: XXXXXX (you have your own table Id)

Speakers Table Id: XXXXXX

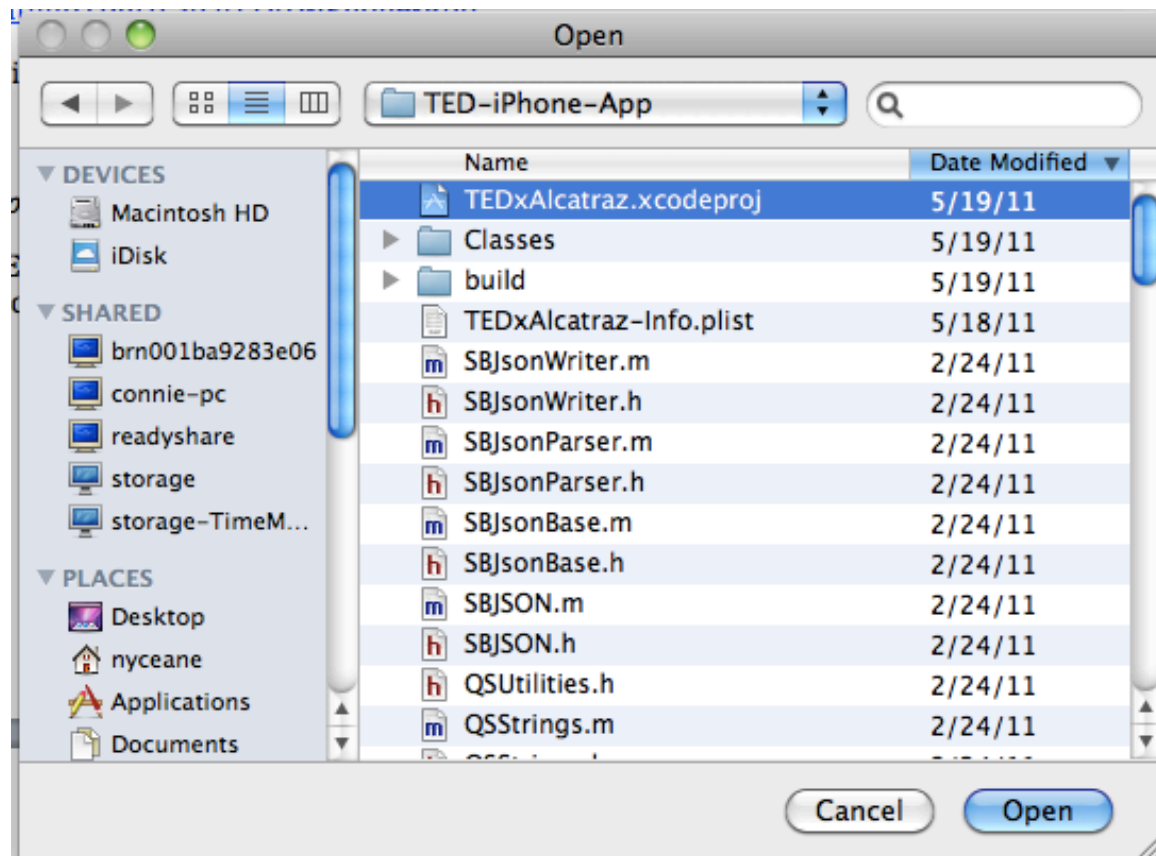
EventSessions Table Id: XXXXXX

Step 4: Download iPhone Source code from Github

This open source project is hosted on Github and can be found at <https://github.com/catch/TED-iPhone-App>. You can either branch it or just download straight into your hard drive.

Step 5: Open project in Xcode

Open Xcode, Select File -> New -> iPhone Project and select Create project from existing Source.



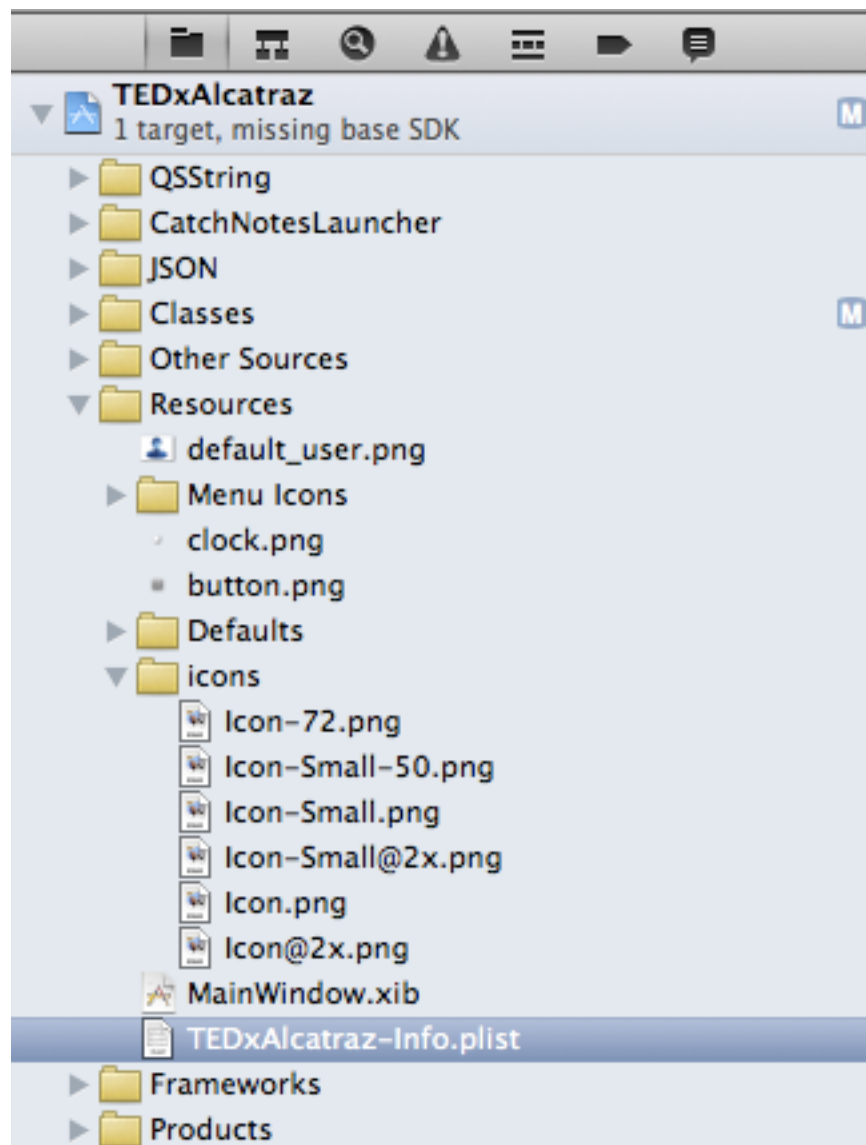
Step 6: Fill your Events.csv Table with your Events Information

EventId	EventName	EventVersion	EventThemeId	EventDate	Description	Address	Website
1	Test Conference	1	2	9/30/2011	My Conference	(37.7756,-122.416534)	http://www.google.com

Make sure you put down EventId for your event, if there are other tracks just put down a separate EventId.

About and Schedule table cells can accept HTML so that you can style your page the way you like.

Step 7: Change your basic information in TEDxAlcatraz-Info.plist



▼ TEDVenue	⬆ ⬇ ⬆	Diction...	⬆ (7 items)
Address		String	300 E. Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802
EmailAddress		String	peter@catch.com
EventId		Number	19
Latitude		Number	33.765003
Longitude		String	-118.189523
Name		String	Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center
SubEventId		String	18

The plist file contains basic information about your app:
[Bundle display name](#)

This is your event name, or whatever you want your app to be called

TEDVenue -> Email

Your Email, so that people can contact you right away

TEDVenue -> EventId

The primary EventId that you set up in Step 6.

TEDVenue -> Name

Name of your location for the app

TEDVenue -> Address

The location of your conference so that users can get there from their google map on the phone

TEDVenue -> Latitude, Longitude

The Latitude and Longitude of your conference so that users can get there from the phone

TEDVenue -> SubEventId



This is a temporary solution when you have multiple tracks, you can set up a different event on that table

<!--Google Fusion Url-->

▼ FusionTableCalls	Diction...	(8 items)
GetEventAbout	String	https://www.google.com/fusiontables/api/query?sql=SELECT+About+FROM+561503+WHERE+EventId=%d&jsonCallback=
GetEventAboutCallBack	String	about
GetEventSessions	String	https://www.google.com/fusiontables/api/query?sql=SELECT+SessionId,+SessionTime,+SessionName+FROM+560983+WHERE+EventId=%d&jsonCallback=
GetEventSessionsCallBack	String	sessions
GetEventSpeakers	String	tr,+FirstName,+LastName,+Title,+Topic,+Facebook,+Email,+Website,+Twitter,+Description,+PhotoUrl,+ScheduleDate,+Session+FROM+561408+WHERE+EventId=%d&jsonCallback=
GetEventSpeakersCallBack	String	speakers
GetEventVersion	String	https://www.google.com/fusiontables/api/query?sql=SELECT+EventVersion+FROM+561503+WHERE+EventId=%d&jsonCallback=
GetEventVersionCallBack	String	version

This is the query where it gets your Events data, change [EventsTableId] into your own Speaker Table ID from Step 3.

Step 8: Change your app's class

Bundle identifier   **String** **com.catchnotes.tedapp**

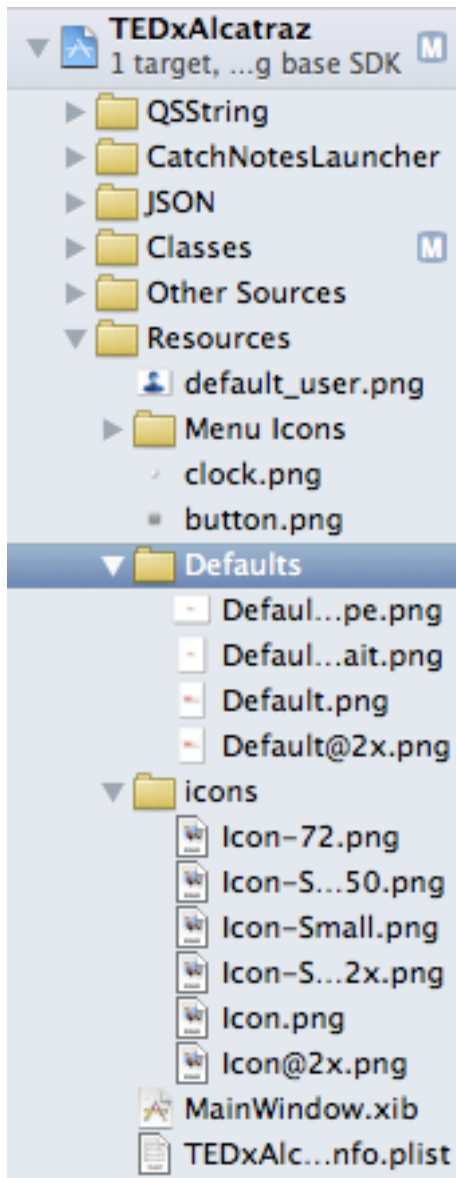
In the TEDxAlcatraz-Info.plist file, change the Bundle identifier to your own package name (example: com.tedx.alcatraz).

Step 9: Fill rest of the table information

Fill up information from Speakers and EventSessions on your google fusion Table.

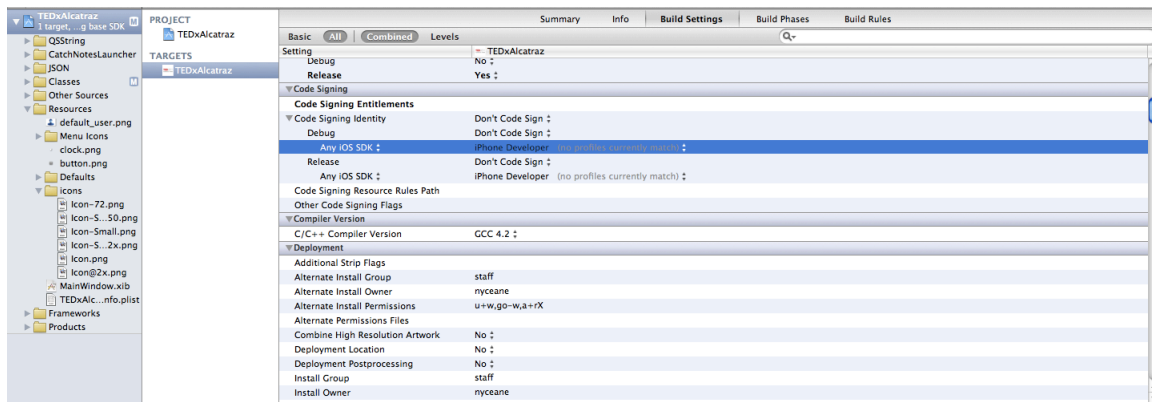
Step 10: Changing Graphics

Change following graphics with .png of the same size. All the graphics under Defaults are splash screen graphics. All the graphics under Icons are Icons for the application.



Step 11: Code Signing

Make sure the code signing is your own.



Step 12: Publish your app

Follow Apple's guide from this point on:

http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/#documentation/Xcode/Conceptual/iphone_development/128-Managing_Devices_and_Digital_Identities/devices_and_identities.html#//apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40007959-CH4-SW9

You can email us at developer@catch.com if you have question or feedback.

Have a great conference!