

Software for Mobile Devices

Course Outline (Spring 2016)

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Objective

This course focuses on the development of software for mobile devices/smartphones. Students will learn how to develop software applications for current and emerging mobile device platforms. This will involve primarily following:

- Understanding the challenges of application development for mobile devices,
- Understanding the user experience issues associated with mobile application development,
- Designing, developing, testing and deploying mobile applications using various tools and technologies, and
- Discussion on selected articles about recent developments in mobile technologies.

Projects and assignments will ensure that students go through all phases of software development for mobile devices.

Prerequisites Object-Oriented Analysis & Design

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Topics	No of Lectures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Software Development for Mobile Devices—An Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Introduction to the Mobile Development◦ Types of Mobile Applications◦ Introduction to JAVA	2-3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Development on Google Android Platform<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Android Platform Architecture and Application Fundamentals◦ Activities◦ The Intent Class◦ Permissions◦ The Fragment Class◦ User Interface components◦ Alarms and User Notifications◦ Data Storage and Content Providers◦ Services and Broadcast Receivers◦ Threads, AsyncTask & Handlers◦ Graphics & Animation◦ Multi-touch & Gestures◦ Networking◦ Application Resources and other android structures◦ Application Testing Framework	21-23

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Introduction to the game development ◦ Introduction to cross-platform development tools and latest trends in mobile application development ◦ Research potential in the field of smart phones technologies 	2– 5 [Completion of this section is subject to the time availability]
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Evaluation

Assignments/Quiz(s)/Homeworks	20%
Projects	15%
Midterms	25%
Final Exam	40%

Books / References

- Android Developer Resources (<http://developer.android.com/index.html>)
- Pro Android 4 by Satya Komatineni etc.
- Professional Android 2 Application Development (2010) by Reto Meier
- Hello, Android: Introducing Google's Mobile Development Platform (2010) by Ed Burnette
- Beginning Android Games (2010) by Mario Zechner
- Designing the Mobile User Experience (2007) by Barbara Ballard