Chapter 14.





Testing & Publication

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COMP7506 Smart Phone Apps Development

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Agenda

- Types of Testing
- Testing and Publication of Android Apps
- Testing and Publication of iOS Apps

Performance Metrics

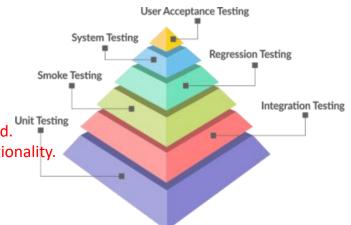
Front-end Performance Metrics	Back-end Performance Metrics
 Application Loading Time Application Response Time Screen Rendering Background Tasks Interaction with Other Apps Rate of App Crashes Battery Usage Memory Consumption Compatibility with Various Hardware / Software 	 Server-side Load API Latency (e.g., Cloud, AI) Time to First Byte (TTFB) HTTP Requests DNS Lookups Throughput

Client-side Testing

Smoke Testing: Check if a build of the software is stable enough for it to be tested. Regression Testing: Verify if any recent changes have impacted the existing functionality.



- Ensures that the functions and features of the application work properly
- Focuses on the functionality of the application
- Input-Output Testing (IO Tests)
 - Part of functional testing
 - A test in which you specify an input and an expected output. If the application returns the same output as expected, the test passes.
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
 - Part of functional testing
 - Also known as beta testing or end-user testing
 - The application is tested in the "real world" by the intended audience or business representative.



Client-side Testing

- Non-functional Testing
 - Examines other aspects of how well the application works
 - Tests the performance of different functions in the application
- Compatibility Testing
 - Checks whether your application is capable of running on different hardware, operating systems, applications, network environments or mobile devices

Server-side Testing

- The following 4 types of testing are closely related.
- Stress Testing
 - Tests the performance under extreme conditions. For example, will the server program and the backend database be overloaded when handling a huge number of users at once?
- Capacity Testing
 - Tests how many users the system can handle before performance drops below the permissible levels.
- Volume Testing / Flood Testing
 - Evaluates an application's ability to handle and process large amounts of data without slowing or breaking down or losing any information.
- Spike Testing
 - Measures an application's ability to performance under sudden jumps in workload or volume increase.

Security Testing

- Penetration testing
 - Common Vulnerabilities in Mobile Apps:
 - Many mobile applications contain vulnerable open-source components that open the door to cyberattacks.
 - Excessive device permissions and a failure to follow secure coding practices also create blind spots that allow malicious adversaries to inject applications with harmful malware and exfiltrate sensitive data.
 - Weak server-side controls, security misconfigurations, and inadequate logging also create vulnerabilities in mobile apps.
 - Penetration testing is also known as pen test
 - A simulated cyber attack against your application to check for exploitable vulnerabilities
 - May involve application protocol interfaces (APIs), frontend and backend servers

Security Testing

Sample penetration test results by MobSF:





⋮ APPLICATION PERMISSIONS

FINDINGS SEVERITY

∰ HIGH	▲ MEDIUM	i INFO	✓ SECURE	ℚ HOTSPOT
0	11	1		0

PERMISSION	STATUS	INFO	DESCRIPTION
android.permission.INTERNET		full Internet access	Allows an application to create network sockets.
android.permission.WAKE_LOCK	normal	prevent phone from sleeping	Allows an application to prevent the phone from going to sleep.
android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE	normal	view network status	Allows an application to view the status of all networks.
com.google.android.c2dm.permission.RECEIVE		C2DM permissions	Permission for cloud to device messaging.
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</> CODE ANALYSIS

NO	ISSUE	SEVERITY
1	Files may contain hardcoded sensitive information like usernames, passwords, keys etc.	warning

EXAMPLICATION PERMISSIONS

PERMISSIONS	STATUS	INFO	REASON IN MANIFEST
NSLocationWhenInUseUsageDescription	dangerous	Access location information when app is in the foreground.	
NSPhotoLibraryUsageDescription	dangerous	Access the user's photo library.	此應用需要訪問圖庫



Testing and Publication of Android Apps

Input Testing for Android Apps – UI / Application Exerciser Monkey

- The Monkey is a program that runs on your emulator or device and generates pseudo-random streams of user events such as clicks, touches, or gestures, as well as a number of system-level events.
- You can use the Monkey to test applications that you are developing, in a random yet repeatable manner.
- The Monkey includes a number of options, but they break down into four primary categories:
 - Basic configuration options, such as setting the number of events to attempt.
 - Operational constraints, such as restricting the test to a single package.
 - Event types and frequencies.
 - Debugging options.

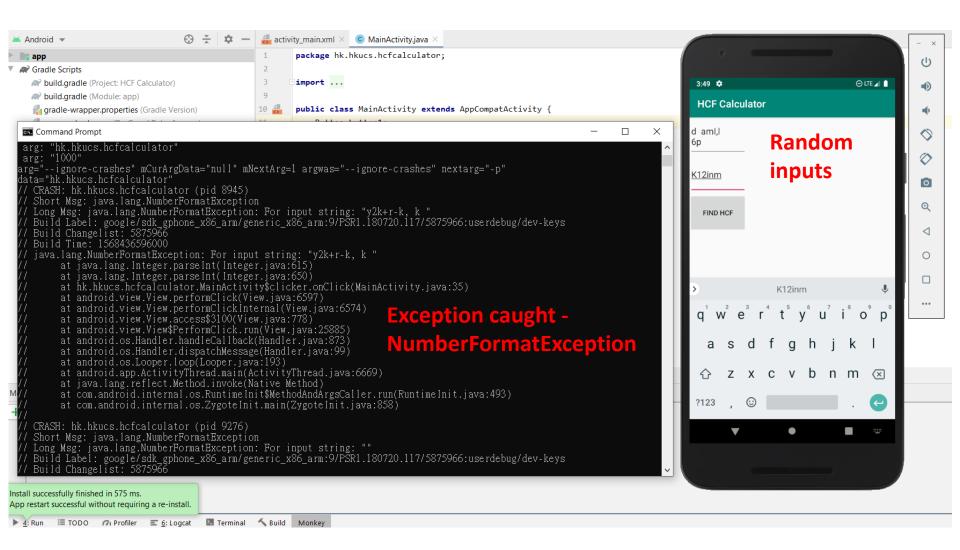
Input Testing for Android Apps – UI / Application Exerciser Monkey

- When the Monkey runs, it generates events and sends them to the system. It also watches the system under test and looks for three conditions, which it treats specially:
 - If you have constrained the Monkey to run in one or more specific packages, it watches for attempts to navigate to any other packages, and blocks them.
 - If your application crashes or receives any sort of unhandled exception, the Monkey will stop and report the error.
 - If your application generates an application not responding error, the Monkey will stop and report the error.

Input Testing for Android Apps – Basic use of the Monkey

- Step 1: Run your application in Android Studio
- Step 2: Open command prompt and move to Android SDK folder, "platform-tools" sub-folder which contains "adb" command tool (i.e. "adb.exe") (e.g. the path is "C:\Users\twchim\AppData\Local\Android\Sdk\platform-tools" on my Windows computer and the path is \(\text{Users/twchim/Library/Android/sdk/platform-tools"} \) on my Mac computer)
- Step 3: Execute the following command (with ./ for Mac):
 - adb -e shell monkey --ignore-crashes -p <package name of your project> <number of events count> > <file name of log>
 - E.g. adb -e shell monkey --ignore-crashes -p hk.hkucs.hcfcalculator 1000 > test_logs.txt
 - Parameters:
 - -e: to run on emulator / -d: to run on device
 - --ignore-crashes: If you specify this option, the Monkey will continue to send events to the system, until the specified count is completed.
 - -p: the package name is defined afterwards
 - 1000: number of events count
 - > test_logs.txt: file name for storing logs

Input Testing for Android Apps – Sample output with the HCF Calculator example



Input Testing for Android Apps – Sample output with the HCF Calculator example

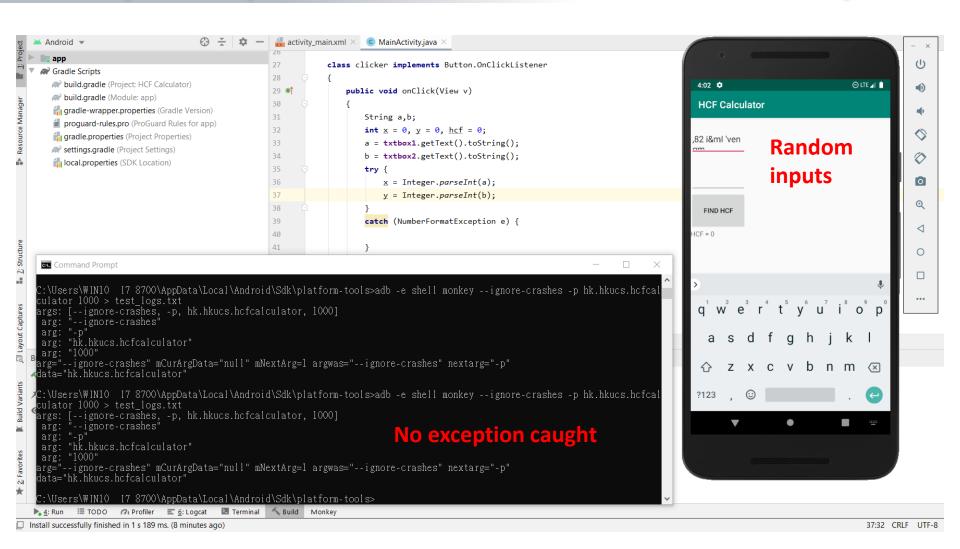
The NumberFormatException is due to the following lines, where we did not catch possible exceptions:

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x = Integer.parseInt(a);
y = Integer.parseInt(b);
```

In fact, we should handle improper inputs like the following (though we do nothing in the handling routine):

We use try-catch-finally in Java / Kotlin to handle risky operations. If the risky operation cannot be done, exceptions will be caught.

Input Testing for Android Apps – Sample output with the HCF Calculator example



Testing of Android Apps on Real Device

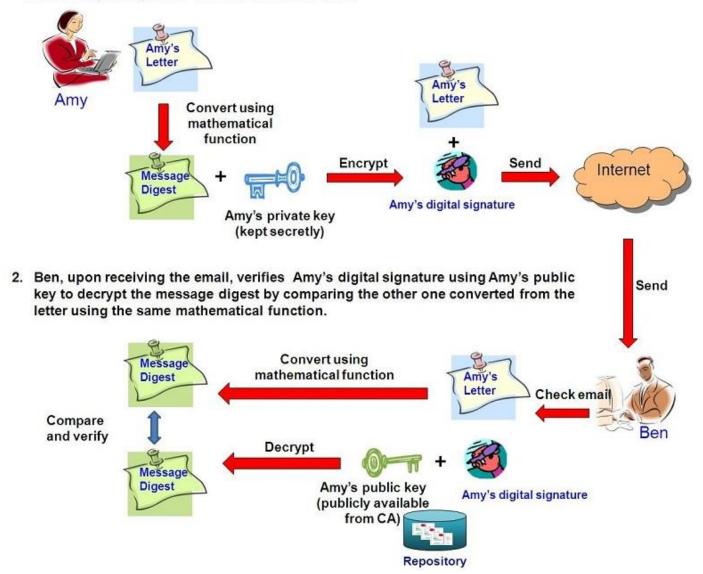
- To test your Android app on a real Android device, you can connect your computer and Android device using a USB cable.
- For some brands of Android devices, you need to first open the "Developer Option". For example in Samsung devices, you need to follow procedures here: https://www.samsung.com/tw/support/mobile-devices/how-to-open-close-developer-options/.
- After that, you should see your real Android device in addition of the created AVDs in Android Studio.
- When you run your app, the APK file will be transferred to your real Android device for installation.

Digital Signature & Certificate

- In public key cryptography, each user has a pair of keys:
 - public key widely distributed and used by other users
 - private key kept secret
- The keys are related mathematically, but the user's private key cannot be easily derived from the widely used public key.
- Incoming messages are encrypted with the recipient's public key and can only be decrypted with the recipient's private key.
- In digital signature scheme, the digest (e.g., hash) of a message will be signed by the *sender's private key*. The signature can then be verified by anyone with the *sender's public key*.
 - → Authenticity: no one can alter or pretend to be the sender
- Certification authority (CA): a trusted entity that creates, signs and revokes digital certificates that bind public keys to user identities.

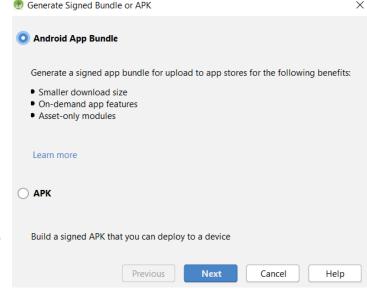
Digital Signature

Amy converts her letter into a message digest by using a mathematical function. She then creates
her digital signature by encrypting the message digest using her private key. Her letter, together
with her digital signature are sent to Ben via email.

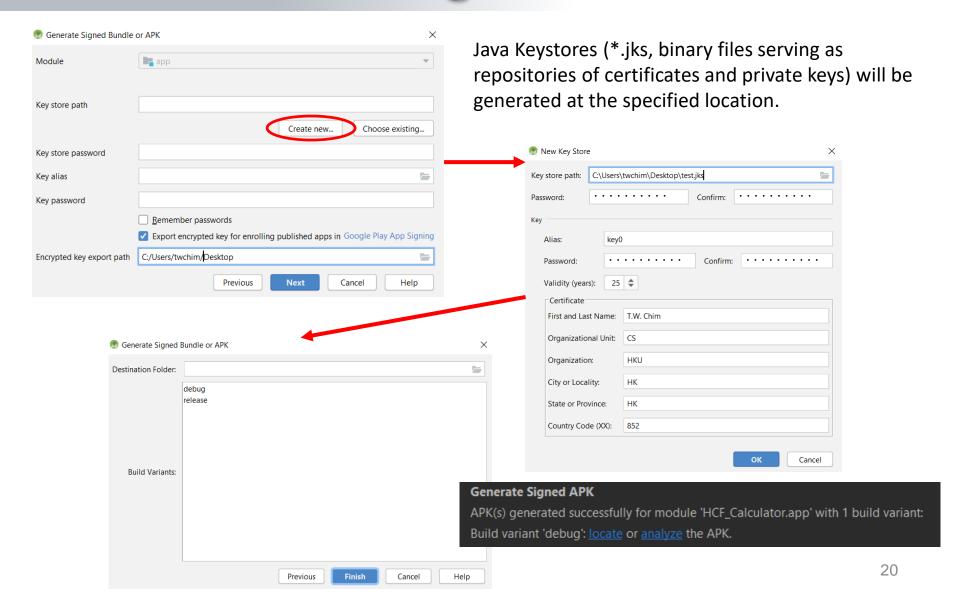


Generation of Signed APK

- Note that the APK of your project can be found in the "app/build/outputs/apk/debug" folder of the project.
- However, this APK cannot be installed on other Android devices because it is not signed.
- To generate a signed app, you should follow the procedures at this link: https://developer.android.com/studio/publish/a pp-signing.
- In brief, you can invoke "Build > Generate Signed Bundle/APK" in Android Studio. You will then be asked to pick the following. You need them to sign new versions of the app in the future.
 - a key alias
 - a key password
 - a store password
- A key file will also be generated. You should keep it properly.



Generation of Signed APK

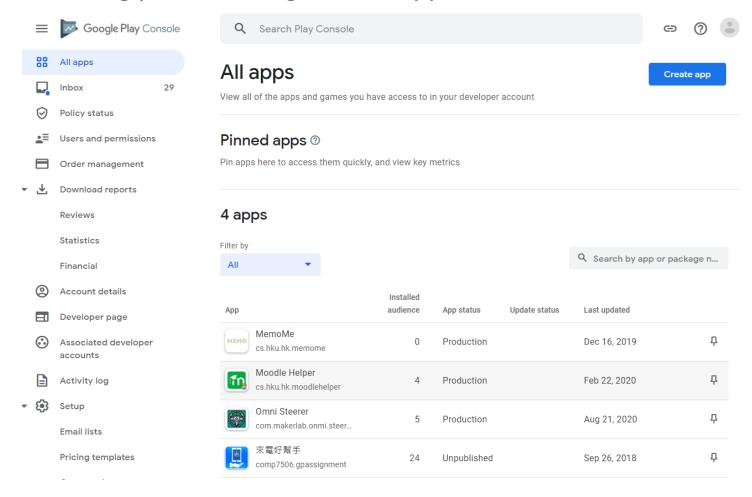


- You need to provide the following information:
 - Minimum SDK version: Users using devices older than this version cannot install your app.
 - Target SDK version: The SDK version that you think under which your app can perform best.
 - Maximum SDK version: Users using devices newer than this version cannot install your app.
- All these information will be stored in "build.gradle":

- The publication site is: https://developer.android.com/distribute/console/
- For the first time, you need to sign up and pay \$25 USD (life membership).
- One thing to pay attention is that every time you upload to Google Play, you have to update the versionCode and versionName in "build.gradle".
 - versionCode must be an integer and you should increase it by 1 for each new version.
 - versionName can be a double value. The initial value should be 1.0. For minor updates, increase it by 0.1 (e.g., 1.1, 1.2). For major updates, increase it by 1 (e.g., 2.0).

```
defaultConfig {
...
versionCode 6
versionName "1.5"
...
}
```

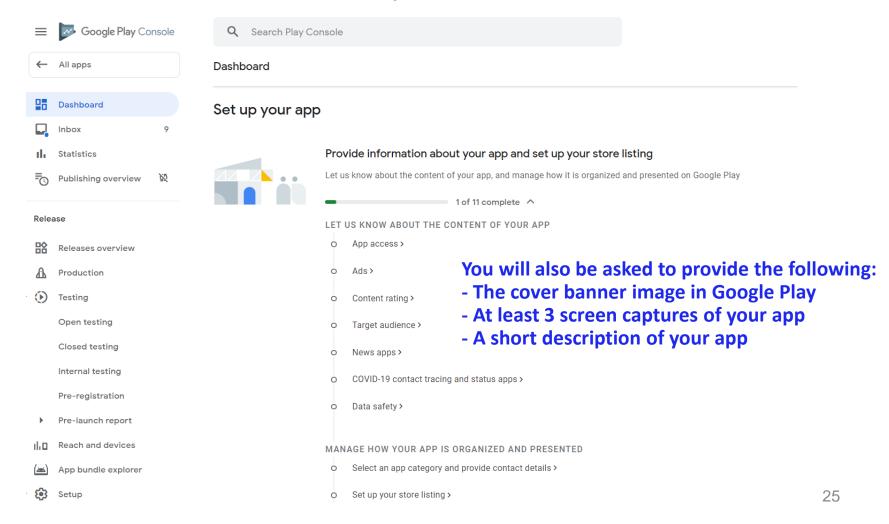
• After login, sign in "Google Play Console" again. you should see the following panel. Then go to "All apps" and then click "Create app".



For the initial publication, you will be asked to complete the form below:

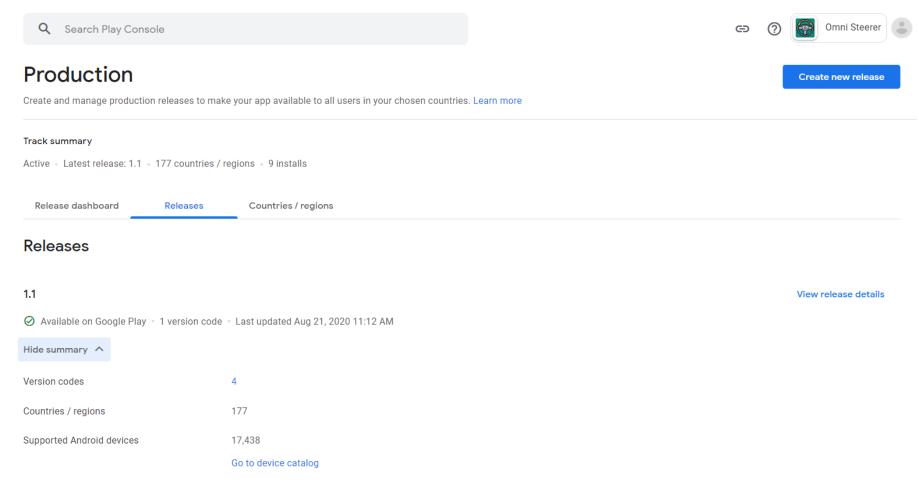
Create app		Create app		
App details		Declarations		
App name		Developer Program Policies		Confirm app meets the Developer Program Policies The application meets Developer Program Policies. Please check out these tips on how to create
	This is how your app will appear on Google Play			policy compliant app descriptions to avoid some common reasons for app suspension. If your app or store listing is eligible for advance notice to the Google Play App Review team, contact us prior to publishing.
Default language	English (United States) – en-US			
		Play App Signing		Accept the Play App Signing Terms of Service To publish Android App Bundles on Google Play you need to accept the Play App Signing Terms of Service. You will be able to choose your app signing key when creating a release. Learn more
App or game	You can change this later in Store settings			
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You will then be asked to provide further information.

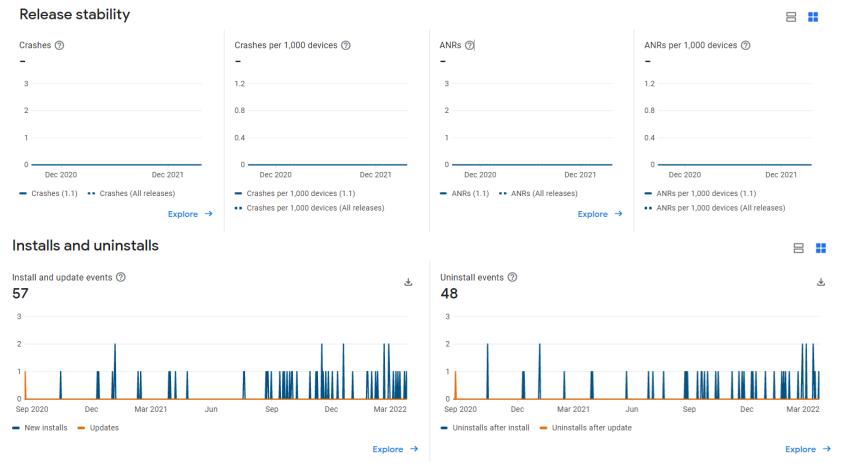


- Note that you can publish testing versions using this site:
 - Open testing: Create and manage open testing releases to make your app available to testers. Anyone can join your tests on Google Play.
 - Closed testing: Test pre-release versions of your app with your own groups of testers.
 - Internal testing: Create and manage internal testing releases to make your app available to up to 100 internal testers.

You can then make formal releases.



The site also shows information like release stability, installs and uninstalls, etc.





Testing and Publication of iOS Apps

Testing of iOS Apps on Real Device

- Unlike Android and Windows Phone, Apple has strict security regarding who can distribute apps
- Each app that is compiled to run on a device must be "code-signed"
 - Your app is built and signed by you or a trusted team member.
 - Apps signed by you or your team run only on designated development devices.
 - Apps run only on the test devices you specify.
 - Your app isn't using app services you didn't add to your app.
 - Only you can upload builds of your app to iTunes Connect.
 - If you choose to distribute outside of the store (Mac only), the app can't be modified and distributed by someone else.
- So you need to do two things:
 - Obtain Developer Certificate to "sign" the app
 - Obtain Provisioning Profile which identifies your certificate, device, and app on that device
- Reference:
 - https://developer.apple.com/library/ios/documentation/IDEs/Conceptual/A ppDistributionGuide/MaintainingCertificates/MaintainingCertificates.html
 - http://developer.xojo.com/userguide/device-deployment

Certificate Types and Names Revisited

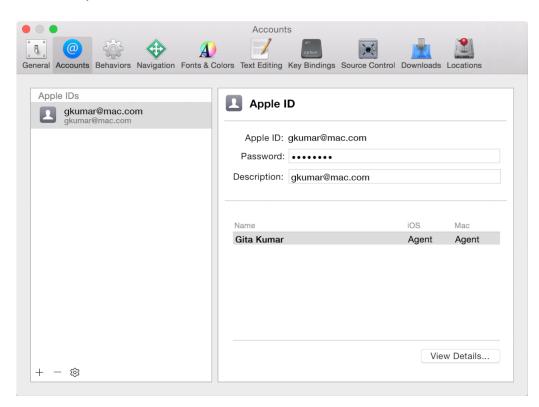
Certificate type	Certificate name	Description
iOS Development	iPhone Developer: Team Member Name	Used to run an iOS, tvOS, or watchOS app on devices and use certain app services during development.
iOS Distribution	iPhone Distribution: Team Name	Used to distribute your iOS, tvOS, or watchOS app on designated devices for testing or to submit it to the store.
Mac Development	Mac Developer: Team Member Name	Used to enable certain app services during development and testing.
Mac App Distribution	3rd Party Mac Developer Application: Team Name	Used to sign a Mac app before submitting it to the Mac App Store.
Mac Installer Distribution	3rd Party Mac Developer Installer: Team Name	Used to sign and submit a Mac Installer Package, containing your signed app, to the Mac App Store.
Developer ID Application	Developer ID Application: Team Name	Used to sign a Mac app before distributing it outside the Mac App Store.
Developer ID Installer	Developer ID Installer: Team Name	Used to sign and distribute a Mac Installer Package, containing your signed app, outside the Mac App Store.

Recall Our iOS Development Team

- Our CS Department has joined the iOS Developer University Program.
 All our staff and students can apply for an iOS Development certificate for free. This certificate will expire when you leave our Department.
- You can fill in the online application form at: https://intranet.cs.hku.hk/iosdev/ and our technical support will send invitation to you to join the Apple Development Team.
- Details of iOS Developer University Program:
 https://developer.apple.com/programs/ios/university/
- If you want to publish your app to Apple App Store, you need to subscribe the iOS Distribution Certificate by paying US\$99 per year or publish under the name of HKU for free (but the contents of your app will be checked by our computer centre).

View Certificates in Xcode

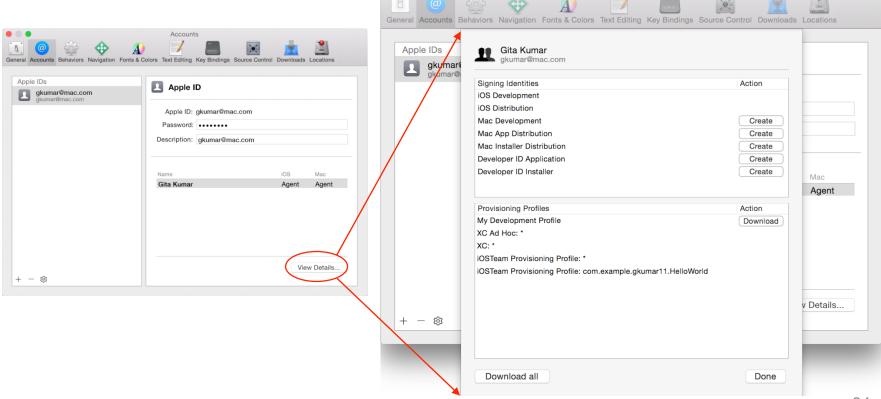
- To view account details
 - Choose Xcode > Settings.
 - Click Accounts at the top of the window.
 - Click "+" to add your accounts. After that, you can select the account you want to view, and click View Details.



Create and Download Certificates

If a *Create* button appears next to a certificate, it hasn't been created yet. If a *Download* button appears next to a provisioning profile, it's not on your Mac.

Accounts

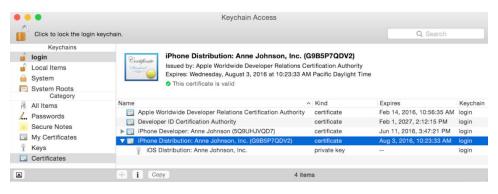


Verifying Your Certificates

- Via Member Center
 - http://developer.apple.com/membercenter

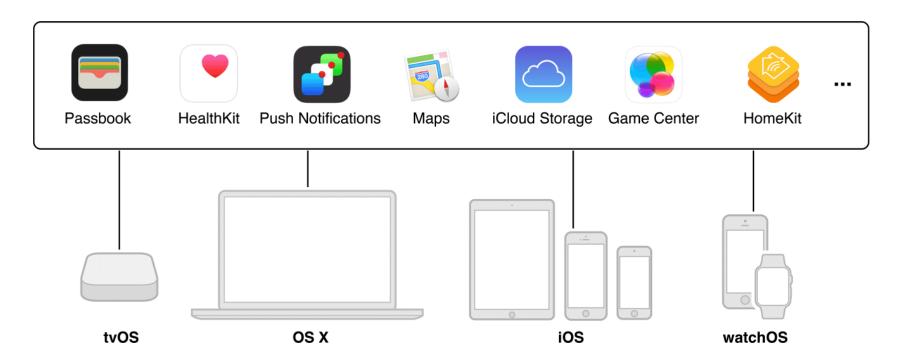


- Or via Keychain Access
 - Keychain Access located in /Applications/Utilities.



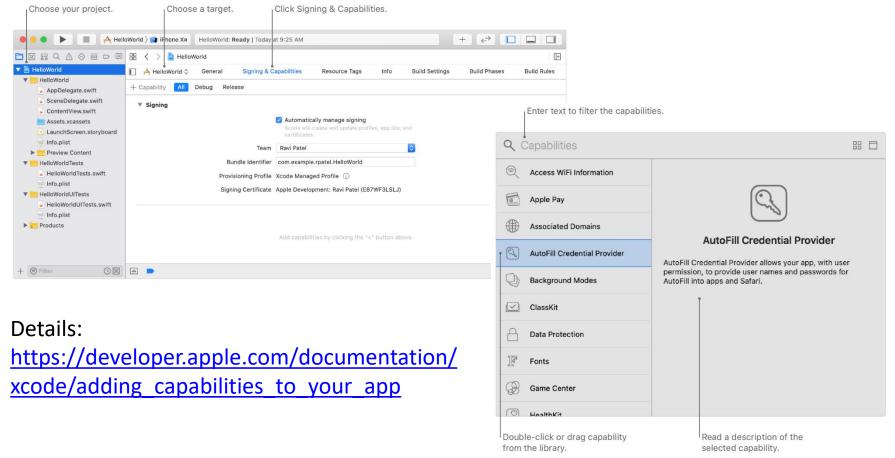
Adding Capabilities

Certain app services require additional configuration in your
 Xcode project, Member Center, and sometimes iTunes Connect



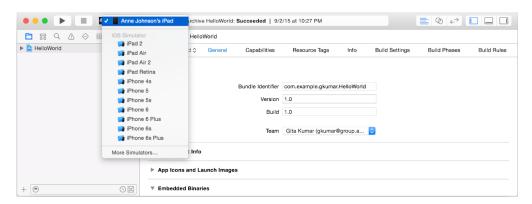
Adding Capabilities (Cont'd)

The settings for capabilities are located in the Capabilities pane in the project editor for your target.



Launching App on Your Devices

- Make sure that you have created your code signing identity and team provisioning profile
 - 1. Connect your device to your Mac
 - 2. In the project navigator, choose your device from the Scheme toolbar menu.
 - Xcode assumes you intend to use the selected device for development and automatically registers it for you.



- 3. Click the Run button. Xcode installs the app on the device before launching the app.
- 4. If a prompt appears asking whether codesign can sign the app using a key in your keychain, click Always Allow.

iOS Review Guidelines

- iOS app submission has to go through a comparatively strict review process
 - iOS App Submission Review Guidelines
 - <u>https://developer.apple.com/app-store/review/guidelines/</u>

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