## Announcements

### Safari Audio Issue in Lectures [RESOLVED]

Between the time this course launched at approximately 10:00 AM CST until about 4:30 PM CST, the audio track for the lecture videos was not available for users of the Safari browser. These files have been re-encoded by Coursera and now play properly in all major browsers. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for notifying us quickly so that we could bring this to Coursera's attention.

*Mon 2 Dec 2013 9:31 AM PST*

### Welcome to the course!

Dear Students,

As your instructor, I welcome all of you to Creative, Serious and Playful Science of Android Apps. I'm looking forward to engaging in this topic with you over the coming weeks. Because of the compressed nature of our 8-week course, it is especially important that you stay on top of things. Please check your Coursera course site daily for new announcements, keep careful track of deadlines, and follow the course schedule closely as you conduct your work in this course. If you have any questions about how this course is run, please post them to the [class forums](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/forum/index) as I will not be able to respond to direct emails. I, or more often the Community TAs or your classmates, will respond to you in the forums.

To help you prepare for this course, you will need to complete the following orientation work as soon as possible:

* Read carefully through the entire [Syllabus](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/wiki/view?page=HomePage).
* Review the [Course Orientation](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/wiki/view?page=CourseOrientation) section of the course.
* Update your [Coursera Profile](https://www.coursera.org/account/profile) and check out the [Social Media](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/wiki/view?page=socialmedia) page.
* Complete the [Getting to Know Your Classmates](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/wiki/view?page=GettingtoKnowYourClassmatesinstructions) discussion assignment, found within the Orientation.
* Take the [Orientation Quiz](https://class.coursera.org/androidapps101-001/quiz/start?quiz_id=15), found within the Orientation.

The orientation work is based on information in your course syllabus and is designed to improve your overall success in this course by helping you gain a solid understanding of the course goals and expectations. It will also give you a basic familiarity with the Coursera learning management system.

I not only wish you personal success in this course but also welcome you into 100,000-strong worldwide community as we discover Android and Computer Science together. Let the adventure begin!

Sincerely,

Lawrence Angrave and the Android Apps Adventurers!

*Mon 2 Dec 2013 7:58 AM PST*

### Creative, Serious and Playful Science of Android Apps Launches Monday!

Thank you for registering for Creative, Serious and Playful Science of Android Apps! We have had about 25,000 people register for the course in the last 8 days, which is amazing, so we are recapping some of key details of an earlier announcement and adding one new one.

* We thank you for your patience as it has taken a lot of legal and technical effort to pull this course together. With over 105,000 people registered for the class, we couldn’t be more excited about it and your involvement in this great adventure!
* The course site will be available on Monday, December 2 at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time. We are looking forward to an amazing class and hope to see you there. It isn't too late to encourage your friends to join you in the class from the Android Apps page [liking the Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Android-Apps-MOOC/433701930086214), [joining the Google+ community](https://plus.google.com/communities/101287357850402145276), using the [#ILLINOISandroidapps](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ILLINOISandroidapps&src=hash&f=realtime) hashtag on Twitter, and [pinning your location on Google Maps](https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=212890511384529508170.0004d98af5dec5225786a&hl=en&ie=UTF8&t=m&ll=52.908902,-90.703125&spn=86.478783,280.898438&z=2&iwloc=0004d3e7cab18fc4fe14f&source=embed).
* Also note, this course will run December 2 through February 16 with a 3-week break from December 23-January 12. For those who join the course late, all deadlines for the first 3 weeks of the course before the break will be extended until January 12.

See you in class soon!

Lawrence Angrave and the Android Apps 101 Adventurers

*Sun 1 Dec 2013 6:05 AM PST*

### Creative, Serious and Playful Science of Android Apps Launches December 2!

Thank you for registering for Creative, Serious and Playful Science of Android Apps! In case it has been a while since you registered, I wanted to remind you that the course will be starting in 10 days.

We thank you for your patience as it has taken a lot of legal and technical effort to pull this course together. With over 80,000 people registered for the class, we couldn’t be more excited about it and your involvement in this great adventure!

The course site will be available on Monday, December 2 at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time. We're looking forward to an amazing class and hope to see you there. It isn't too late to encourage your friends to join you in the class from the [Android Apps page](https://www.coursera.org/course/androidapps101). You can also get a head start on connecting with your classmates by joining the [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Android-Apps-MOOC/433701930086214) created specifically for this class.

We also encourage you to check out this [Google Map](https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=212890511384529508170.0004d98af5dec5225786a&hl=en&ie=UTF8&t=m&ll=52.908902,-90.703125&spn=86.478783,280.898438&z=2&iwloc=0004d3e7cab18fc4fe14f) and consider adding a pushpin indicating where you live. No need to be too specific, but put a pin on your town or even country, and find out where everyone else taking this course lives.

See you in class soon!  
Lawrence Angrave

*Fri 22 Nov 2013 7:24 AM PST*