So you decided to work on Email Helper…

Email Helper is unique project. Let me quick introduce myself. My name is donaldrshade. I worked on the project during my summer internship with LightSys the summer of 2018. It was my baby. I worked on it for 10.5 weeks bringing it to where I could. There was a lot that I added and there was that I didn’t get to. I want to help guide you to getting started.

1. Learn the basics of android - This is obvious but I wanted to say it and add in this helpful link to Udacity <https://classroom.udacity.com/courses/ud851> This was super helpful for everything I was working on and learning how to interact with android. StackOverflow is also super helpful when looking at something specific.
2. Use Github often… push when you think it works so when it doesn’t you can revert to a previous version.
3. One of the first things you probably will have to do is update the gradle. Its a long boring process but you shouldn’t have to worry for a long time after that.
4. If you have a question about what is there, please don’t hesitate to ask. Like I said, it is my baby and I want to help in any way that I can. Please feel free to email me at [donaldrshade@gmail.com](mailto:donaldrshade@gmail.com).

Other Comments

* There is a variety of different things that you can begin to work on. Please get them done. I would love to see the app go to market. That was my goal, but more and more got put on to do.
* One thing I found very helpful is to use multiple email accounts. That was not hard for me since I have a personal, a student and professional account.(During this time I also created other emails for testing purposes.)
* If you have an android use your phone for testing. It makes it so much easier. If you don’t, get an extra screen from Greg to display the emulator on. (Thats what I had to do.)
* If you are confused on how to get data from point A to point B the answer is most likely a bundle or intent.
* Ask Greg questions often about UI. Build the project and send him the .apk file. I would name it emailHelper.apk before I send it to him in an email for him to review on his time and get back to me when he could.
* PLAN! This was so important and I skipped it. At one point I had to re design the whole database so it could be the way I wanted it.
* Know what your looking at before changing it.