

CMPS 312 – Mobile Application Development

Syllabus and Course Admin



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Outline

- Course introduction
- Grading
- Policies

About the Instructor

- **Dr. Abdelkarim Erradi**
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Office hours:

- **Sunday 1pm to 2pm** for Male on MS Teams
- **Sunday 3:30pm to 4:30pm** for Female on MS Teams
- You can talk to me **after** class if you have quick issues/questions
- Best way to contact me is via **MS Teams chat**

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Design a mobile application based on established **design patterns** and **best practices**.
2. Design and implement an interactive and effective **user interface** for a mobile application.
3. Practice integrating **on-device sensors**, **local data stores** and **Cloud services**
4. **Design, implement and test** a mobile application using appropriate features, tools and application programming interfaces (APIs) of the mobile development platform.

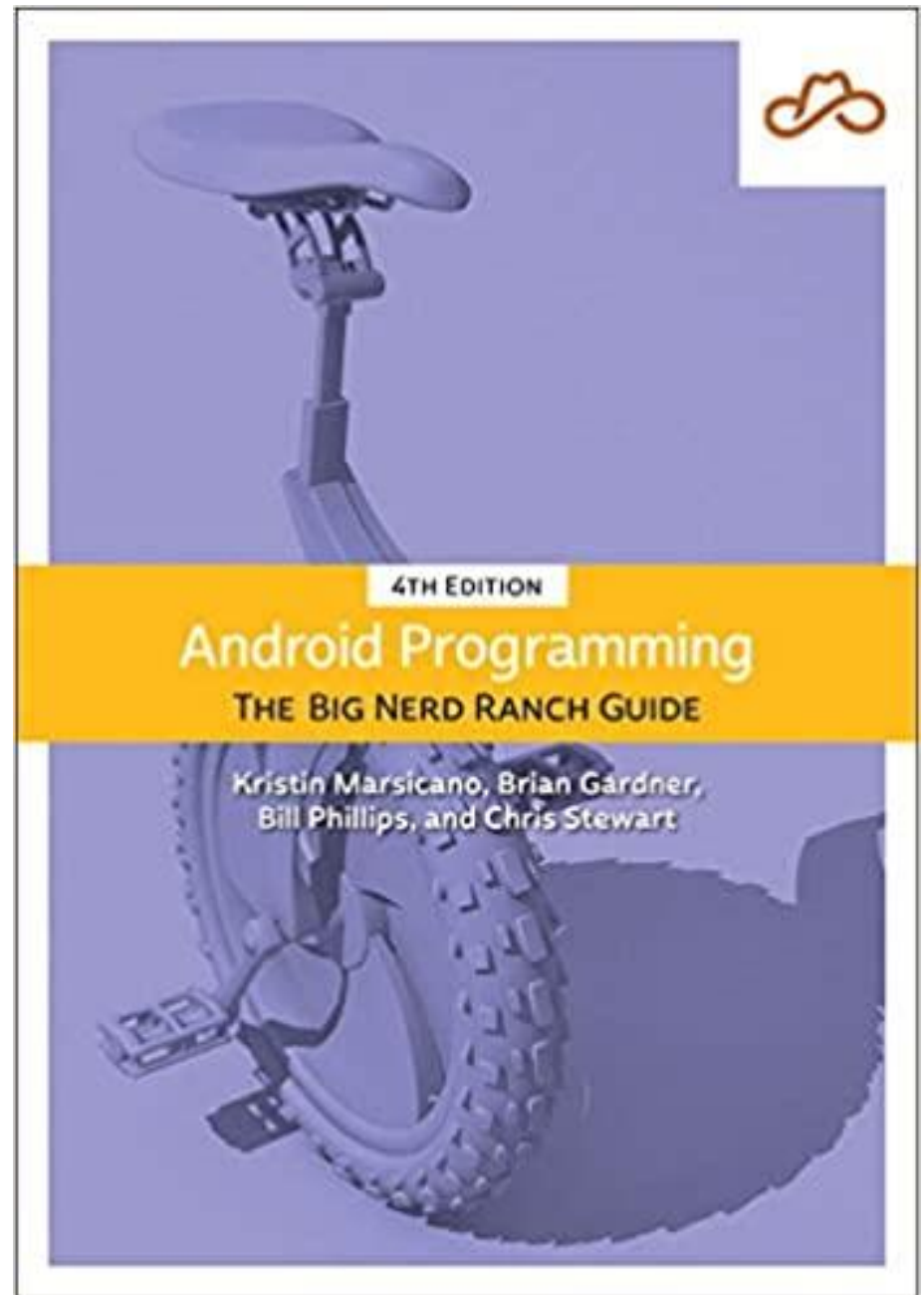
Schedule

| Topics | Weeks | Chapters |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| Kotlin programming language | 2 | Online readings |
| Android Fundamentals | 1 | 1 |
| Views and Layouts | 1 | 3, 6, 14, 22 |
| RecyclerView | 1 | 9 |
| Navigation | 1 | Online readings |
| Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM) Architecture | 1 | 4, 19 |
| Coroutines for asynchronous programming | 1 | Online readings |
| Using Web API | 1.5 | Online readings |
| Data management | 1.5 | 11 |
| Firebase Cloud Services: Firestore, Cloud Storage & Firebase Authentication | 1 | Online readings |
| Background processing | 1 | 27 |
| Camera, Google Maps, and Location-aware apps | 1 | 15, 16 |
| Review & Exams | 1 | |

Recommended Textbook

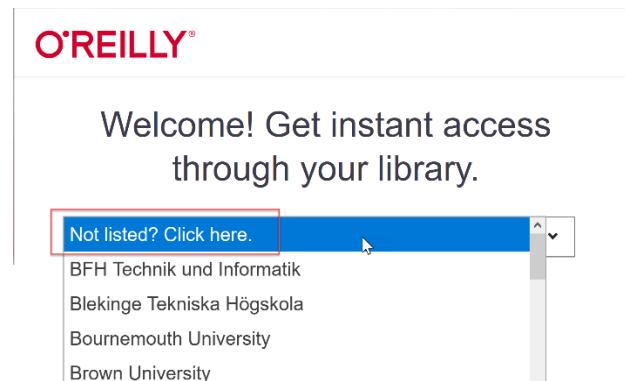
Bill Phillips, Chris
Stewart and
Kristin
Marsicano;
**Android
Programming:
The Big Nerd
Ranch Guide**, 4th
Edition, 2019

**Plenty of online
resources will
be providing**



How to get the textbook online

- Visit <https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/temporary-access>
- Select 'Not listed, click here'




- Enter your QU email address to gain access
 - You will also get an email to set a password for your account
- Access the book @
<https://learning.oreilly.com/library/view/android-programming-the/9780135257555/>

Your Grade is Based on:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|---|
| Lab assignments | 25% | Individual Lab assignments (5 out of 6) |
| Project Phase 1 | 15% | Group of 3 students |
| Project Phase 2 | 15% | |
| Midterm theory exam | 10% | During week 7 |
| Midterm lab exam | 12.5% | During week 7* |
| Final theory exam | 10% | Theory (10%) - Consult QU exams timetable |
| Final lab exam | 12.5% | During the last Lab* |

* Students **who get less than 50 pts** out of 100 in the Midterm/Final Lab exam we get their project's grade reduced to half of the group grade

How to succeed in this course....

- ❑ Do your weekly assigned readings
- ❑ **Read the slides before you come to the class**
- ❑ **Exercise a lot – study as many examples as possible**
 -  – Understand and enhance the examples I provide as well as the ones in the textbook and the ones in the provided resources
- ❑ **Attend and participate in class**
 - ❑ Many of the exam questions are from the class explanation
- ❑ Do all the assignments and project **yourself**. Actively contribute to your project.
- ❑ Seek help when needed and ask questions (and do it **EARLY**): During Lectures/Labs & Come to office hours

Learn to Swim!



"Gentlemen, I suggest we learn to swim."

We learn swimming by swimming and we learn design and programming by practicing it!

Software we will use

- Android Studio
<https://developer.android.com/studio>
- GitHub Desktop
- For modeling we will use **Visual Paradigm**
<https://ap.visual-paradigm.com/qatar-university/license.jsp>
- Other tools will be communicated to you as we go



**GitHub will be used to deliver content,
assignments and projects**

Check <https://github.com/cmeps312f21/cmeps312-content>
regularly!

**Lecture slides, Demos, Assignments and
Project are there!**

Communications will be via MS Teams

Communication

- Post your technical questions to <https://github.com/cmpps312f21/cmpps312-content/issues>

Do NOT send me by email

- To contact me do not send emails but use **Microsoft Teams** chat
- For **guidance** on technical issues come to office hours NOT by email

Important Notes

- **Attendance...** QU attendance policies will be enforced
 - Do not miss classes/labs
- **Start your assignments and project early!!!**
- Students are expected to learn independently as much as needed in order to complete the course requirements
 - Do not expect me to find/fix your code bugs
 - Do not expect me to find and fix your technical issues
 - I can only give you high level suggestions and guidance

No 'Free Riding' allowed

- 'free riders' (who do not contribute much) => not acceptable and not fair for hardworking students
 - You must actively contribute to your project and do your ultimate best to deliver the best possible results
 - Otherwise you will be asked to do the project alone



Plagiarism / Cheating

- “Getting an unfair academic advantage”
 - Using other people's work as your own
 - Not doing your assignments yourself
- All the code you submit has to be your own
 - Only exception: Code I have provided or explicitly authorized
 - **NO** code you have found on the web. **NO** sharing with others.
- **Do your homework and project yourself**
 - Do NOT copy from each other or from the Internet - **I will know it!**
 - You can be picked-up randomly to explain your implementation
 - Cheating will be treated very seriously
- Penalties START with a zero on the assignment, failing the course! and other disciplinary actions as per QU policy

To do before next class

- Install the required software: Android Studio & GitHub desktop (see announcement on Teams)
- Decide your team members and enter them in the spreadsheet on Teams
- Create your GitHub account



I wish you a fruitful and enjoyable journey!