

## ASSESSMENT AND INTERNAL VERIFICATION FRONT SHEET (Individual Criteria)

(Note : This version is to be used for an assignment brief issued to students via Classter)

Course Title	B Sc (hons) Software Development			Lecturer Name & Surname	James Decelis		
Unit Number & Title		ITSFT-506-2010-Interactive Mobile Development					
Assignment Number, Title / Type		2. Creating Interactive Applications					
Date Set			Deadline Date	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2020			
Student Name			ID Number		Class / Group		

Assessment Criteria	Maximum Mark
<i>KU3 – Extend the functionality of Mobile Application to the home screen</i>	5
<i>KU4 – Identify and explain different types of services</i>	5
<i>KU6 – Describe a complete test plan for a Mobile Application</i>	5
<i>KU7 – Describe a mobile application use-case requiring the use of a web-based services</i>	5
<i>AA2 – Use the lifecycle of a background service</i>	7
<i>AA3 – Relate a mobile application's functionality to an occurring OS event</i>	7
<i>AA5 – Construct application logic to make use of a device's built-in hardware</i>	7
<i>SE1 – Establish an Interaction between events, services and a mobile application</i>	10
<i>SE2 – Develop a better user engagement with Push Notifications</i>	10
<i>SE3 – Evaluate an implement functionality for short distance communication between devices</i>	10
Total Mark	71

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## Instructions to Students

- This is a Home Assignment. The deadline for this assignment is 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (23:59)
- Upload the assignment on Moodle
- Upload Task 1 as a pdf or Word Document
- Upload Task 2 and 3 (zip or rar ) in a single Android studio project

## Task 1 – Written Questions

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1. KU4 – Identify and explain different types of Services

- Mention 3 different types

**5 Marks**

2. KU7 – Describe a mobile application use-case requiring the use of a web-based Services
- a. Why web based services are important to Mobile Applications
  - b. Describe a mobile application (case – study) where web-base services (APIs) might be required
  - c. Identify a real online service which can be used in the scenario described in question 2b

**5 Marks**

3. AA2 – Use the Lifecycle of a background Service (part1)
- a. List and describe the Main call back method in Services
  - b. Due to recent restrictions on Android to improve battery life, all Background work including periodic tasks should now be scheduled through the Job Scheduler
    - i. Describe JobScheduler
    - ii. Describe JobService

**4 Marks**

## Task 1 – Marking Sheet

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### KU4 – Identify and explain different types of Services

a. List 3 different types of Services	3 Marks	
b. Correct description of each	2 Marks	

### KU7 – Describe a mobile application use-case requiring the use of a web-based Services

a. Importance of web based services	2 Mark	
b. Case study	2 Marks	
c. Identification of web services	1 Marks	

### AA2 – Use the Lifecycle of a background Service (part1 – 4 Marks)

a. List and Describe Main Call backs	2 Mark	
b. Describe JobScheduler	1 Mark	
c. Describe JobService	1 Mark	

## Task 2 – Implementation

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### Task 2.1 – Widgets

**KU3** - Extend the functionality of mobile application to the home screen

**AA3** – Relate a Mobile applications functionality to an occurring OS event

**SE1** – Establish an Interaction between events, services and a mobile application

**SE2** – Develop a better user engagement with Push Notifications (part 1)

- i. You are required to create a widget which displays 3 crypto currency rates – Make use of a third party (free) crypto service to get the required information.
- ii. The widget should self updated every hour.
- iii. If the widget is clicked go to Main activity with the downloaded currency's details
- iv. Once an instance of the widget is added to the home screen, set a phone number and a desired rate for each currency within the configuration.
- v. Notify the user (with a notification) once a rate is reached or exceeded.
- vi. Add an action to the Notification calling and a Broadcast receiver should answer

**27 Marks**

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### Task 2.2 – Notifications

**SE3** – Evaluate and Implement functionality for short distance communication between devices

- i. The action (Task 2.2 vi) should send an sms with the 3 crypto rates to the SMS number set within the widget's configuration activity (Task 2.1 iii)

**10 Marks**

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### Task 2.3 – GPS

**AA5** – Make use of the GPS functionality

- i. Load the longitude and latitude (GPS coordinates)
- ii. With the help of a web service (such as <https://geocode.xyz/api>) display the country Name on the widget.

**7 Marks**

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### Task 2.4 – Cloud Messaging

**AA2** – Use the Lifecycle of a background Service (part 2)



**SE2** – Develop a better user engagement with Push Notifications (part2)

By implement a service the application should receive a notification from an online service (such as the firebase Cloud Messaging). Once received update widget with the latest rates.

**8 Marks**

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## Task 2 – Marking Sheet

**KU3 - Extend the functionality of mobile application to the home screen**

**AA3 – Relate a Mobile applications functionality to an occurring OS event**

**SE1 – Establish an Interaction between events, services and a mobile application**

**SE2 – Develop a better user engagement with Push Notifications (part 1 – 5 Marks)**

a. Create Widget Correctly	5 Marks	
b. Configuration Activity	5 Marks	
c. On Widget click go to Main Activity	2 Marks	
d. Broadcast answering the notification's action	10 Marks	
e. Create Notification with action	5 Marks	

**SE3 – Evaluate and Implement functionality for short distance communication between devices**

a. Load mobile Number	2 Mark	
b. Create SMS with info (crypto rates	2 Marks	
c. Send SMS	6 Marks	

**AA5 – Make use of the GPS functionality**

a. Load Longitude and Latitude	4 Marks	
b. Get Country Name	2 Marks	
c. Display Country	1 Mark	

**AA2 – Use the Lifecycle of a background Service (part 2)**

**SE2 – Develop a better user engagement with Push Notifications (part2)**

a. Implement service to receive notifications	3 Marks	
b. Update Widget once notification received	5 Marks	

## Task 3 – Testing

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**KU6** – Describe a complete test plan for a mobile Application

Come up with a test plan and then implement how to test the widgets update and notifications without waiting the 1 hour interval – (Random data can be generated. Document tests including screenshots

**5 Marks**

## Task 3 – Marking Sheet

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**KU6 - Describe a complete test plan for a mobile Application**

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a. Plan (write up including justification and final screenshots)	2 Marks	
b. Implementations	3 Marks	

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