

IS 543 Section 1 Final Exam
Mobile Platform Development, Fall 2017
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Instructions: *This exam is open book, open notes, open internet, but “closed neighbor.” This means you can search and read anything you’d like, but you can’t post messages or communicate to anyone else (except Dr. Liddle) during this exam. The penalty for communicating with others is a score of 0 for the exam. You have three hours to complete this exam. You may not discuss the contents of the exam with anyone except Professor Liddle until after the semester is over. This exam is non-traditional. I have here a list of tasks that is too big for anyone (including me) to accomplish in three hours. Don’t be intimidated! Your job is NOT to finish the list of tasks, but rather to spend three hours working on this exam. I will grade your work along several dimensions: quality of tasks you accomplished (user experience, adherence to HIG, etc.), programming technique (code quality, use of good modularity, robustness to failures, use of patterns like MVC, etc.), how much you accomplished, and overall mastery of iOS programming that you demonstrate. I will also attempt to measure and factor in how much you have progressed over the semester as part of the grade. As you accomplish tasks on the list, please check the box next to the task so I’ll know to expect that your solution includes that element.*

Your task is to write an iOS app that does a small portion of what my LDS Scripture Citation Index app does. I have an SQLite database on my server that you can download and uncompress (you can also download an already-uncompressed version). This is a variation of the database file you used in Project 3, but more comprehensive. Then you can perform queries on the database to display the contents of various elements.

Download the Database Options

You may either download the database manually (and install it into the app bundle for your project) or automatically. If you download it automatically, you may either download the compressed .zip file and automatically uncompress it within the app, or you may download the uncompressed version.

Manual option:

☒ Download the database file using your web browser and install it into the app bundle.

Automatic option:

- ☐ In order to know what file to download, you need to first retrieve a JSON message from the server, at the following URL: `http://scriptures.byu.edu/is543/sci-core.json`
Its contents look something like this (but with updated contents):

```
{ "version": "22",  
  "download-name": "sci-core.22.zip",  
  "download-size": "12306144",  
  "download-md5": "98a5fb6b992609736d4a8590cbd448e3",  
  "content-name": "core.22.db",  
  "content-size": "39211008",  
  "content-md5": "f44ac4aa3ee1fe32c7cf7bd44687ee6f" }
```

Note that the contents of `sci-core.json` may change, so don’t hard-code the values. I’ll guarantee that the keys will remain the same, but the values may change.

- ☐ If after retrieving the `sci-core.json` message, you discover that the user has already downloaded the database file (and it matches the JSON message), then skip the next steps automatically. (So when the user starts your app the next time they don't have to download again.)
- ☐ The URL of the file to download is `http://scriptures.byu.edu/is543/` with the download-name field's value appended on the end (e.g., `http://scriptures.byu.edu/is543/sci-core.22.zip` in the example above). Write the downloaded file into the Document directory. Or you may choose instead to download the `core.22.db` file so you don't have to uncompress it.
- ☐ While downloading the large database, display a progress bar (`UIProgressView`) that shows the file transfer progress as it downloads. (**Warning:** this might be harder than it sounds at first.)

Uncompress Option:

- ☐ When the download is complete, extract the contents of the zip file to the Document directory. When the extraction is complete, delete the zip file, leaving only the content file in the Document directory. You might find this third-party library helpful:
 - o SSZipArchive (<https://github.com/soffes/ssziparchive>). There are others out there too.

Data Display Options

For this part, you are welcome (but not required) to use the GRDB SQLite wrapper we used in a couple of the projects this semester.

Simple option:

- ☒ Demonstrate that you can query the database by performing the following query and show its result somewhere in the app's UI:

```
SELECT last_updated FROM updated;
```

More intricate options:

- ☒ Display a list of general conferences in a table view controller. You can get the list of conferences as follows:

```
SELECT ID, Abbr FROM conference ORDER BY IssueDate DESC;
```

- ☒ When the user taps a conference in the list, display another table view controller MVC that displays the talks for that conference. This query finds talks for conference ID 145:

```
SELECT t.ID, t.Title, s.Description
FROM talk t JOIN conference_talk c JOIN conf_session s
WHERE t.ID=c.TalkID AND c.SessionID=s.ID AND s.ConferenceID=145
ORDER BY s.Sequence, c.Sequence;
```

I set up the segue and created the db helper to fetch the talks. I did not get the TalksVC table view configured

- ☐ Option: List the talks for each session in a separate section of the table view.
- ☐ Option: Display headers for each of the sections, describing the session (this information comes from the `conf_session` table referenced above, in the `s.Description` field).
- ☐ Option: instead of just displaying a talk title in the table view, also display the speaker's name (you'll need to join the query above to the speaker table where you can look up `GivenNames` and `LastNames`).
- ☐ When the user taps a talk in the list, display another MVC that shows the contents of the talk. You should display content in a web view. The URL for loading a conference talk from `scriptures.byu.edu` is `http://scriptures.byu.edu/content/talks_ajax/NNNN` where `NNNN`

is the talk ID from the database. The URL for loading it from LDS.org is found in the `talk` table's `URL` field.

- ☐ Give the user the option of listening to a conference talk. The URL for the audio version is in the `talk` table's `ListenURL` field (it could be null).
- ☐ Give the user the option of watching a conference talk. The URL for the video version is in the `talk` table's `watchURL` field (it could be null).

User Interface Options

- ☐ Implement your interface on the iPhone (only).
- ☐ Implement your interface on the iPad (only).
- ☒ Write a universal app that supports iPhone and iPad.
- ☒ Support autorotation for all MVCs.
- ☐ Place the data-display MVCs into a split view controller. Put most of the MVCs into the master view controller. But when the user asks to display a conference talk, show it in the detail view controller.
- ☐ Add an app icon to your app (you can copy it from the web if you want, but if so, tell me where it came from).
- ☐ Design a *custom* app icon and install it in your app. It should be thematically related to the functionality of the app and should be original artwork, not something copied from the web.
- ☐ Ignore all the specifications I've given you and *design* the ultimate general conference app from the ground up. On paper, sketch the UI clearly enough for a programmer to work from your sketches to prototype the app.
- ☐ In Xcode, implement the storyboard you created in the previous step.

Other Options

- ☐ Maybe you will think of something else I didn't list that you feel would be a good addition to your final exam project. If so, tell me what you did.

When you're done, rename your top-level folder "Final Exam Lastname Firstname", then zip up your final-exam folder and upload the zip to Learning Suite. If you have the large `sci-core.NN.db` database installed in your project, please delete it before zipping the project so you don't have to send such a big file to me.

Grade Survey

(this is not part of the timed exam)

Circle the most accurate answers.

How hard did you work in IS 543?	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-	B+	B	B- or lower
How much did you learn in IS 543?	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-	B+	B	B- or lower
What was your iOS/Swift skill level before taking IS 543?	A	A-	B+	B	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B- or lower
What is your iOS/Swift skill level after taking IS 543?	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-	B+	B	B- or lower
How helpful have you been to other students in IS 543?	A	A-	B+	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	B- or lower
How do you feel you rank compared to your peers?	A	A-	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B+	B	B- or lower
How do you feel you did on homework and projects?	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-	B+	B	B- or lower
How do you feel you did on the midterm?	A	A-	B+	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	B- or lower
How do you feel you did on the final exam?	A	A-	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B+	B	B- or lower
Overall , what letter grade do you feel you've earned in the class?	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B+	B	B- or lower

If you think there is additional evidence I need to consider as I calculate your grade for the class, please share that information with me:

Final

The final was a bit overwhelming at first. I know you said we aren't expected to do everything in 3 hours but I still couldn't fight that feeling at first. It was slow moving in the beginning. Even by the end when I was moving quicker, I am still frustrated with how slow I code. While taking the final I decided to keep a rough track of time to show what I worked on and how long it took.

12	read instructions, download db, fiddle with sqlite to view tables
12:30	look how to install grdb, watch project 3 youtube video
1:10	last updated query written. Db.dequeue is nil
1:22	got last updated to show in view
1:41	all conferences query working
1:55	setting up tableview controller
2:09	got last updated in table view
2:18	got all conferences into tableview
2:25	implementing talks view controller, prepare for segue
2:45	created models for Talk and Conference, refactoring helper and creating another helper
3	finish

I am really glad that I worked on the scripture citation index in preparation for the final. I think it helped me tremendously and boosted my self-confidence in my programming abilities.

Overall, what letter grade do you feel you've earned in the class?

This course was extremely challenging for me. It was by far the hardest class this semester. I was really close to dropping or even withdrawing this class at several points in the semester but I am really glad that I stuck it out and finished. As a senior not doing the MISM, I don't have nearly as much programming experience as others in the class but I know that for me the best way to learn programming is to just throw myself in there and do it as best as I can. It is hard for me to approximate the grade that I should receive in the class. After attending the midterm review, I was a little disappointed with a lot of my answers. I feel like now I could answer many of those questions a lot better. So I don't believe I did very well on the midterm. I did complete all the homework though and the projects and attended almost every class. The projects were the most stressful for me but ultimately where I learned the most. Overall, I would say that my effort in the class was closer to an A and my performance in the class was closer to a B.