Building Mobile Apps

Session 1



Introductions



Instructors

- Name
- Job / Company
- Industry Experience
- Something interesting

Volunteers

- Name
- Job / School
- Something interesting





Session Overview



Building Mobile Apps

- Intro to App Development
- App Inventor Tool
 - http://appinventor.mit.edu/explore/
 - Setup & Testing Prep





Session Overview



Building Mobile Apps

- App Inventor
 - Introduction to App Inventor
 - Designer & Blocks Editor
 - App Development
 - App Testing





App Development



Introduction

- Mobile Apps are a popular way to deliver content
 - Over 175 billion apps were downloaded in 2017.
 - Mobile apps generated over \$86 billion



App Development



Introduction

- Average Smartphone User
 - > 80 apps on phone
 - Uses about 40 apps each month
 - Time using apps about 3 hours a day



App Inventor



What is the App Inventor Tool?

MIT App Inventor is an intuitive, visual programming environment that allows everyone ... to build fully functional apps for smartphones and tablets.





Setup & Testing Prep



You Will Need:

- Google Account
- Computer
- Android Device (preferred)
 - MIT AI2 Companion App installed
 - Emulator is available in App Inventor testing, but is not addressed in the class



Setup & Testing Prep



- Access App Inventor
 - Using your Google Account
 - Login to: http://ai2.appinventor.mit.edu



MIT App Inventor



Designer

- Used for designing how the app will look to the user
- The app "user interface"

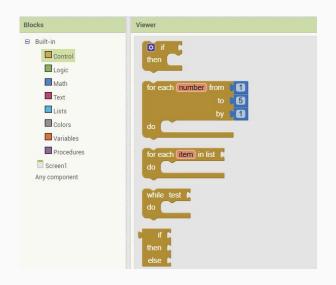


MIT App Inventor



Blocks Editor

- Used for designing the app behavior
- The app "programming"



Video



An introduction to App Inventor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nC_x9iOby0g



What's next...



End of session

- Time for break
- Snacks are served in the Cafeteria
- Remember to use restrooms



