

Building Mobile Kitty App

Day 2: Session 2

Setup



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



Access App Inventor

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

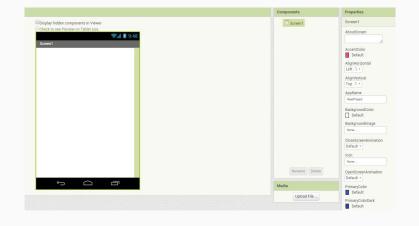


App Inventor



Designer

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

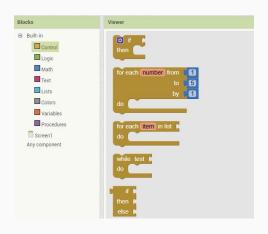


App Inventor



Blocks Editor

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



App Development



Mobile Kitty App

• Follow along with Instructor screen share

App Testing



On your phone/tablet:

Open the MIT AI2 Companion App

On your computer:

- Select **Connect** (1) dropdown
- Select AI Companion (2) wait while system compiles and packages the code (progress bar may be displayed)
- When packaging is complete, QR code will be displayed.



App Testing



On your phone/tablet:

- Select scan QR code (1) and scan.
- Test all functions and when done, use the back arrow to exit.

On your computer:

 Click cancel to clear QR code window popup.



Student Activity



Try it & customize

- Build your own Mobile Kitty App
- Use the resources provided to build your own version of Mobile Kitty App
 - Customize your App with colors, fonts, and other features to make it unique
 - Update App Name, Icon Image

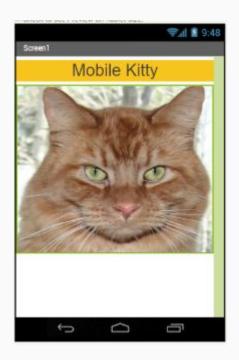


Student Activity



Try it & customize

 Test and confirm that your app works as expected



Closing / Wrap-up



What we learned...

- How To use App Inventor Designer to build the user interface
 - Some elements are visible and some are not



Closing / Wrap-up



What we learned...

- How to use App Inventor Blocks Editor to build the application behaviors that respond to user inputs
 - Event Handlers "when something happens do an action"
 - Command Controls "say what action to do"



Closing / Wrap-up



What else we learned...

How to package and test an app



What's next...



End of session

- Time for break
- Lunch is served in the Cafeteria
- Remember to use restrooms



