

# **Building Magic 8 Ball**

Day 2: Session 3

### **App Development**



#### **Blocks Editor**

• The brown blocks are "event handlers" that are used to determine how the phone responds to user input (e.g. click, shake)



### **App Development**



#### **Blocks Editor**

- The purple blocks are "command" blocks that fit within "event handlers". The "command" blocks indicate the action that happens in response to the user input.
- When fit together, the blocks can be read to describe the user and phone action



### Setup



#### **Access App Inventor**

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



### Video



### Magic 8-Ball Tutorial

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EiBEFUU-xk



# **App Development**



#### Mobile 8 Ball 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 8 Ball App
- Use the resources provided to build your own version
  - Customize your App
  - Make it Speak
  - Update App Name, Icon Image



# **Student Activity**



#### Try It & Test

 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
  - Creating Lists Selecting Random Items
  - Sensor Controls
- How to package and test an app



### What's next...



#### **End of session**

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



