

Android Advanced Dev Using Mono Android 4

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that you are comfortable developing applications using Visual Studio 2010 and C#. Mono Android requires Visual Studio 2010 Professional or higher (and will not work with Visual Studio Express editions).

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Course description: This course is about how to use Mono for Android with Tablets and the new Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich release. The course introduces Android Tablets and Fragments, new controls that are available through Android 4.0, and new application programming interfaces in Android 4.0, and in new features available in the Google Android SDK Release 17 that can improve their development experience. This course also contains a module on the Android Design Experience, what developers can use to improve the user experiences, design suggestions from Googles Android team, and some thoughts on how to improve the design experience via software code.

Course outline:

Introduction

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- Android Operating System
- Android Tablets
- What Is/Is not a Tablet
- Supporting Multiple Screens
- Declaring Screen Size Support
- Demo: Additional Screen Layout
- Summary

Tablets and Fragments

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- Fragments
- Fragment Design Philosophy
- Fragment Design in a Phone
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- Classes you can inherit from
- Fragment Lifecycle
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Action Bars

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- Adding ActionBar
- Removing the Action Bar
- Adding Action Items
- Choosing Action Items
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- Split Action Bar Display
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PopupMenu and Switch

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- Calendar Event Activity
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Share Action Provider

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Pictures and Video

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