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CMSC436: Programming Handheld Systems
Course Goals

Introduce programming technologies & design approaches for handheld systems

Study relevant applications to better understand these technologies & design approaches

Construct our own applications using the Android Platform
General Topics

Basic Android platform
  APIs & underlying patterns

Higher-level services
  Maps, sensors, graphics, networking

Special topics & projects
  Cloud connectivity, testing, security, AI, etc.
Part 1 - Basic Platform

Overview

Android development tools

Application building blocks

As we go along, I’ll point out the patterns and approaches that underlie many mobile platforms
Part 2 - Higher-Level Services

Graphics and Animation
Maps
Sensors
Networking
Many others
Special Topics

Security
AI/ML
Programming patterns
Others? Let’s hear from you
Semester Project

Students will work individually on a semester project. I will post some project suggestions and allow students to provide some of their own. Students will bid on specific projects. Students will present their projects during the last week of class. The goal is to create something you would be proud to show to a potential employer!
Class Style

This course will involve a lot of hands-on work
Will often have lecture on Tuesday (and some of Thursday) and leave time for hands-on assignments on Thursday
Expected Benefits

The one who does the work, is the one who learns

Valuable class time is available for hands-on activities that cement learning

Instructors are available when students are experimenting
Additional Reference Materials

Lots of resources
  Many on-line and free
I’ll point some out during the semester
Find your own & share
  If you copy code from any resource, acknowledge it
Work Submission

Each week begins on Monday
Each week’s work due at 23:59 pm ET the following Monday
Work Submission

You must submit a good-faith effort (i.e., you submitted at least some part of the assignment)

Can be failed for the course if you do not

Late submission up to 9am the next morning

Score is multiplied by 0.8 (it’s not in your best interest to submit late)

Only last submission will be graded!
Work Grading and Class Accounts

Will use a git repo for submitting assignments
More details to come in a later lecture
Work Grading and Class Accounts

You should bring your own laptop to class for coursework.

Programming assignments will generally be done in an emulator.
Work Grading and Class Accounts

Course grades and accounts will be managed using https://grades.cs.umd.edu
Linked from course web page resources
Software & Hardware

I will be using

Kotlin – programming language
AndroidStudio – IDE
Assessments

Will have traditional exams

Midterm: Th., October 19, 2023 during regular class time
Final: Th., Dec. 14, 2023, 8:00am–10:00am
## Grading

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Discussion and Questions

Piazza web-based forum
Can post questions to forum
Linked from course web page
Discussion and Questions

Post questions, comments, pointers to resources, test cases, etc.

Will be monitored by Professor and TAs

It’s your forum, though. Speak up, but be professional
Discussion and Questions

Use good judgment

Collaboration is highly encouraged

   Except for tasks designated as “Individual Effort”

Posting code or pseudocode that gives away exact solution approaches, robs other students of their chance to figure things out. Please don’t do this.
Class Website

https://www.cs.umd.edu/class/fall2022/cmsc436

Class website contains:

- Announcements
- Lecture notes
- Project assignments
- Resources
- And more!
Personnel

Professor: Adam Porter,
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TA – see class webpage
All office hours be posted on course web page
   https://www.cs.umd.edu/class/fall2023/cmsc436
Or set up an appointment
Excused Absences

Religious holidays or other personal conflicts
  Let us know as soon as you can

Medical and other emergencies
  Must provide documentation stating what dates/times you were incapacitated
  Self reporting is not always sufficient