

CSC207.01 2013F, Class 17: Building Your First App (1)

Overview

- Admin.
- Reflections from your first encounters with Android development.
- Lab.

Admin

- *Welcome to any visiting parents!*
- Reading for Monday: Adding Activities to Your Android App
- Reminder: The Android Development kit is at `/glimmer/android/adt/eclipse/eclipse`
- EC Opportunities
 - CS Extras Thursday @ 4:30: Adam, Jordan, and Sean on SysAdmin stuff
 - No Learning from Alumni next Thursday
 - CS Table Today (The Story of Mel, A Real Programmer)
 - CS Table next Friday (Coding the Law)
 - G-Tones, Saturday, 3:30 at Herrick Chapel
 - Baseball Scrimmage Sunday (11 am)
 - Water Polo Saturday 10:40 and some afternoon time or Sunday same times
 - Today at 12:45 is Caulkins class with Dwolla person
 - Hilary Mason is visiting the Caulkins class on Nov. 15
 - Others?
- Other things
 - Prevent getting sick GET YOUR FLU SHOT
 - Swipe your P-Card at the Football or Soccer games (or ...)
 - Poweshiek CARES March Thursday, Oct. 3. Meet at Drake at 5 p.m.
 - GHS Homecoming Parade Thursday, Oct. 3. If you've never seen a small-town homecoming parade, it's worth it.
- I'll do a quick demo on configuring your Eclipse to use jar files and picking the right IDE.

Reflections from your first encounters with Android development

- Issues
 - You can design interfaces graphically or with XML, and the two interact well.
 - Large project development requires dealing with *lots* of files that interact.
 - You've started to see that in your Java development, more extreme in Android

development.

- To use strings, you *should* put the string in a separate file
 - Permits reuse
 - Might help conceal it from the user
 - Can edit things separately
 - Makes it easy to do i18n
- When you have a good IDE, making a small app is pretty easy.
 - And a great library helps even more
- Problems
 - Android devices do not connect easily, unless you know the trick of "hit the version number 23.5 times"
 - Folks who were relying on AP/IB CS are in as deep dooodoo as everyone else

Lab

- It will be essential to have the reading available while doing today's lab.

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