Building Apps with PhoneGap

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This course is entirely based around hands-on exercises, building at least one complete app each day. No coding experience is required, and this content is especially good for people wanting a minimum amount of coding. Content break down along these lines

The course runs from 9.30 am to approximately 4.30 pm.

Duration 5 days

Day 1

What's involved in App creation

- Computer requirements
- Free tools
- developer accounts (free and otherwise)
- specific issues for iPad/iPhone apps

Understanding App design

- Basics of good App interface design
- Using freely available designs
- Making it obvious how to use an app

Scary code stuff

- Just enough html, css and JavaScript to know whats going on
- The work-flow from design to app
- Putting together a sample app

Day 2

App Configuration

- Deciding what permissions an app will need
- Providing the bits and bobs needed for app stores Cross-Platform apps
- How apps work on small, medium and big screens
- Making an adaptive app (responsive design)
- Free ways to test that the app works across devices
- testing on real devices
- the design assets needed for platforms and screen sizes

Building a Sample App

- put together a non-trivial app
- a bit more scary code (made less scary)
- Ways to make the workflow smoother

Day 3

Testing

- Getting user feedback
- Testing to check things work as expected
- Automating the tests

App Architecture

- making it easier to adapt and modify the app
- re-using bits of the app in several places
- Getting the right design assets to make things easy Building a serious app
- this time, we build an app which could have a life

Day 4

Data

- Getting information from the user
- Getting information from your own data set
- Passing data into and out of the app Research
- implementing research needs into an app
- structuring the research data to fit the app
- dealing with online/offline issues

A Research app

- This app should be close to what you'll actually be building
- designing a logical flow through an app



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Day 5

Unavoidable Code

- There's some coding we just can't ignore.... here it is
- ... but always with an eye on simplicity and re-useability

Reporting

- how the app can feed back to the user
- how the research data could be displayed

Security and privacy

- making sure basic security is in place
- security requirements for app stores

Roll-out and ongoing updates

- publishing and launching an app
- how to roll out fixes and updates

A polished app

- bringing together all the ideas above
- incorporating design best practice

