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Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch Guide is an introductory Android book for programmers with Java experience.

Based on Big Nerd Ranch's popular Android bootcamps, this guide will lead you through the wilderness using hands-on example apps combined with clear explanations of key concepts and APIs. This book focuses on practical techniques for developing apps compatible with Android 4.4 (KitKat) through Android 7.0 (Nougat) and beyond.

Write and run code every step of the way, using Android Studio to create apps that integrate with other apps, download and display pictures from the web, play sounds, and more. Each chapter and app has been designed and tested to provide the knowledge and experience you need to get started in Android development."

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Lars Ole Christoffersen says

Very good introduction to Android Programming. I have a background in JAVA programming and found this book an excellent introduction to android programming

Hendro Chen says

Systematic and easy to understand good practices.

César Díez Sánchez says

Having in consideration that I read the 2nd edition published in August 2015 I have to say the content is good. I was able to review some important internals of Android like Processes and Tasks and interesting Intent related stuff. At least 1/3 of the book is outdated but it might have been fixed with the third edition of the book. Really good book for beginners :-)

Hakan Yorganc? says

It was precise and effective for beginners. With online tutorials if you also follow this book at the same time you will have very stable basics for application development in Android environment.

Sanmi says

A brilliant introduction to android app development.

Utsav Parashar says

Nice book with lots of practical examples. Perfect beginner to advance material.

Kirill Chernikov says

My first Android Development book I've read so far. Thanks to concisely content, I found out diverse ways of handling development problems. Not to mention the author's sense of humor which is absolutely tremendous. Definitely must-read book for anyone who wants to make first steps in Android Development journey.

Juris says

This is good book for starting Android development journey.

I can't find better books instead of this.

Before You start, You need experience with Java and OOP.

I wish this book have more explanations and references to Android programming resources, sites, videos, developer documentation e.t.c.

I hope the next edition will be in Kotlin.

Roland Askew says

always make sure you have the latest edition to keep up with Android's changes.

Hosein says

A great book to start programming, I look at it as a reference. nearly all the stuff you need to write an application is discussed in this book. I also enjoyed reading it because an application is simultaneously completing as you are reading it through. I finally recommend it to all the IT students who want to Start making Android App.

Yoly says

Excellent book to either use to learn Android development or just to use as a refresher. Recently updated in their 3rd edition, so the content is very fresh.

Abbas says

One of the best technical books I have read, teaching you android development by employing best practices in an step-by-step and simple fashion; the only things missing were Unit testing and Android UX.

Xanan says

The book introduces and explains basic Android concepts through a series of example applications that are each built and improved across a series of consecutive chapters. Each chapter provides step-by-step instructions that guide you through improving the current application.

When interaction with Android Studio is required snapshots are often provided. Code snippets show incremental modifications to apply in the form of additions and removals to the current code.

The book is quite readable and easy to follow but you are supposed to write down the examples in Android Studio as you read; otherwise it can be difficult to follow since you never have a full still view of the current application.

While reading the book I often felt like I was told to do something some way without being explained the existing alternatives or given suitable explanations.

Basic Android application development is covered in sufficient detail.

The first part of the book, covering basic presentation aspects of Android applications, is very detailed. More advanced topics, discussed in later chapters, are covered in much less detail.

The amount of space devoted to Android Studio snapshots and incremental code snippets makes the book huge in size but all that space could have been devoted to provide better treatment of the more advanced topics.

Basic Java knowledge is required.

The book is consistently error-free and accurate when introducing modifications to previous code.

The chapters are heavily interdependent and the book cannot be used as a reference. Looking back for a specific topic may be a bit troublesome because in order to follow the sample code where the topic is introduced you may have to go back several other chapters.

Alexander Yakushev says

Great for learning the current best practices of Android development. It's very well written, full of important details and useful tasks.
