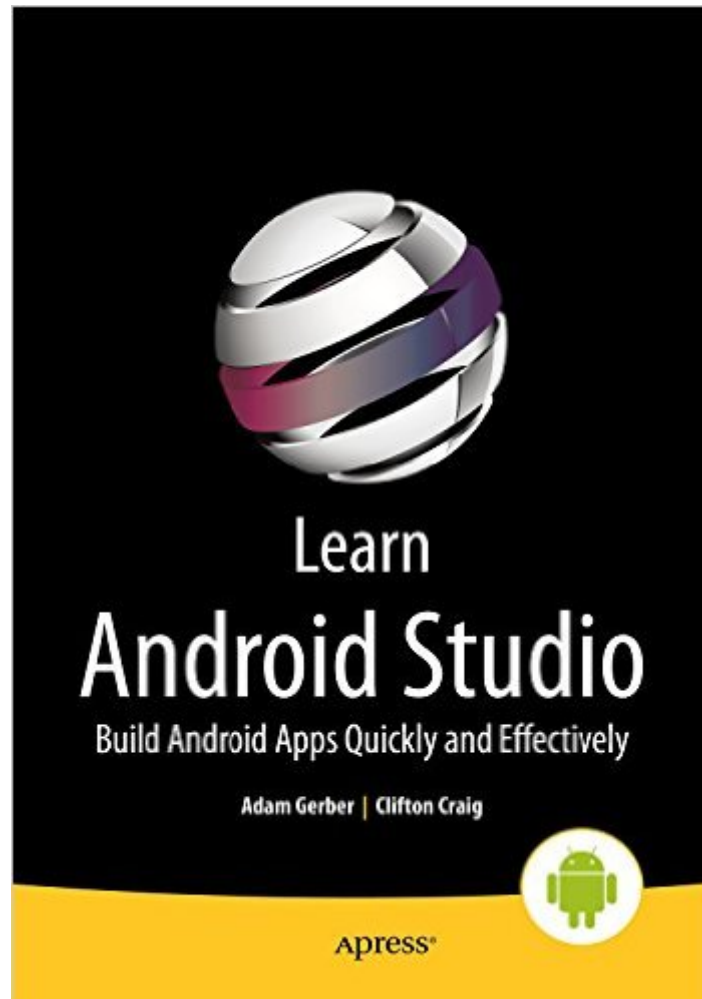


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Learn Android Studio: Build Android Apps Quickly And Effectively



Synopsis

Learn Android Studio covers Android Studio and its rich tools ecosystem, including Git and Gradle: this book covers how Android Studio works seamlessly with Git, for source control, and Gradle, a build and test tool. In addition, this book demonstrates how to develop/collaborate with remote Git web-hosting services such as GitHub and Bitbucket. Four complete Android projects accompany this volume and are available for download from a public Git repository. With this book, you learn the latest and most productive tools in the Android tools ecosystem, and the best practices for Android app development. You will be able to take away the labs' code as templates or frameworks to re-use and customize for your own similar apps. Android Studio is an intuitive, feature-rich, and extremely forgiving Integrated Development Environment (IDE). This IDE is more productive and easier to use for your Android app creations than Eclipse. With this book you will quickly master Android Studio and maximize your Android development time. Source code on the remote web-hosting service is targeted to the latest Android Studio release, version 1.2. What you'll learn: How to get started with the Android Studio IDE How to navigate and use Android Studio How to do version control with Git How to use Gradle How to use the new Android Wear framework How to debug your code using Android Studio How to manage your app projects How to test your apps How to analyze and refactor your code How to customize Android Studio Who this book is for: This book is for Android app developers new to this IDE tool.

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Customer Reviews

Pros: Lots of explanations Some descriptions beforehand Small examples of many Android Studio features Many images Instructions are usually very clear
Cons: Not all chapters seem to be in order Examples can go on and on Some instruction gotchas are explained afterward (instead of warning ahead of time)

I purchased the book from the manufacturer's website . It was \$35 - a \$15 coupon, and \$20 is a decent price for this book. The first chapters go through setting up the environment and introducing many of the tabs and menus in Android Studio. Small examples of each are provided, such as automatically creating a constructor or moving lines of code up and down, and the shortcuts are given for each, both on Windows and the Mac. This is a lot of information to remember, but the cheatsheet is introduced and also ctrl-shift-a (Windows) which helps find commands. If you know what Android Studio will do and have a good idea what it is called, ctrl-shift-a will find it for you.

These chapters introduce those features. Very nice. Chapters 5, 6, and 7 are the book's sore point. 5 and 6 is a lab, where code is written and tried. Chapter 7 introduces git and how to download the source code with it (which can be used to follow, or compared to what you yourself type in.)

Unfortunately, git is referred to earlier, and you end up having to read part of chapter 7, then back to 5 and 6, then 7 again. It gets confusing. This should be much clearer both instruction-wise and progression-wise. The code in chapters 5 and 6 is interesting. It's a working app, and you can download the code. Some things are explained ahead of time. But the nitty-gritty details are, "do this, now do that."

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