



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**NETWORKED COMPUTING
PLATFORMS**

Coordination: SENDÍN VELOSO, MONTSERRAT

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Subject's general information

Subject name	NETWORKED COMPUTING PLATFORMS			
Code	102030			
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering	4	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRALAB	TEORIA	
	Number of credits	3	3	
	Number of groups	1	1	
Coordination	SENDÍN VELOSO, MONTSERRAT			
Department	COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	– Independent student work (70%) = 105h – Presential work (30%) = 45h			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Preferably Catalan (Spanish if any student shows difficulties with Catalan).			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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Subject's extra information

This subject is located in the 2nd semester of the fourth course. Belongs to the specialization module 'Information Technologies'. It can be considered as a continuation of the subject 'Applications for Mobile Devices'.

So, to follow this subject properly some previous knowledge in Android programming is recommended (essential aspects covered in the previous subject).

Learning objectives

- Being able to conceive, design your own development and adequately describe the functionality of a certain app, exploiting their possibilities of mobile computing
- Deepen the Android platform and elements that comprise it
- Consider diverse cost and quality parameters (battery consumption and other resources)
- Managing the data provided by sensors of a device
- Knowing some of the most used API related to location
- Knowing the most used options for connecting to the network
- Solve the user management (authentication) against a backend based on *Cloud Computing*
- Synchronize simple data with based on *Cloud Computing*
- Solve functionality related with simple data changes (listeners) on a backend based on *Cloud Computing*
- Organize structured data and solve queries more complex in an effective manner
- Implement the necessary infrastructure for sending push notifications from a backend based on *Cloud Computing*
- Combine and communicate correctly the frontend of an app with Synchronize simple data with based on *Cloud Computing*

Competences

Strategic Competitions of the UDL

CT2. Mastering a foreign language, especially English.

CT3. Training Experience in the use of the new technologies and the information and communication technologies.

Specific Competitions

GII-TI4. Capacity to choose, design, deploy, integrate and manage networks and infrastructures of communications in an organisation.

GII-TI5. Capacity to select, deploy, integrate and manage systems of information that satisfy the needs of the organisation, within the cost and quality requirements.

GII-TI6. Capacity to conceive systems, applications and services based in network technologies, including Internet, web, e-commerce, multimedia, interactive services and mobile computation.

GII-TI7. Capacity to comprise, apply and manage the computer systems guarantee and security.

Cross-disciplinary competitions

EPS11. Capacidad de comprender las necesidades del usuario expresadas en un lenguaje no técnico

Subject contents

1. Sensor management
 - 1.1. Introduction
 - 1.2. The Android Sensor Framework
 - 1.3. Good practices for accessing and using sensors
 - 1.4. Particularities for specific sensors
 - 1.5. Special considerations on Location
 - 1.6. The Mapping API
 - 1.7. Google Places API
 - 1.8. Geofences
 - 1.9. Activity Recognition
2. Basic networking in Android
 - 2.1. Available APIs
 - 2.2. Networking basics
 - 2.3. Good practices
 - 2.4. Working with *Handler*
 - 2.5. Socket Programming
3. *Firebase*: a specific platform for mobile development based on *Cloud Computing*
 - 3.1. Preliminar notions on *Cloud Computing* and *Firebase*
 - 3.2. Preparing and configuring *Firebase* on Android apps
 - 3.3. Introduction to *Firebase Authentication*
 - 3.4. Introduction to *Firebase Realtime DDBB*
 - 3.5. Introduction to *Firebase Firestore*
 - 3.6. Introduction to *Firebase Cloud Storage*
 - 3.7. Preparing the infrastructure for enabling Push notifications: *Firebase Cloud Messaging*
 - 3.8. Responding to events and invoking functionality in the backend: *Firebase Cloud Functions*

Methodology

SYNCHRONOUS PART

- Theoretical-Practical Classes
- Project-Based learning and Active Learning
- Participatory and dynamic sessions
- It is worked with examples and small projects (*mini-activities*), to be proposed and solved weekly

ASYNCHRONOUS PART

- The *Course project* will be developed on your own.
- **The student will have to** deepen the study of the various topics on their own, as well as the exploration of the various options that are presented.
- In developing the **course project**, students must develop **critical thinking** in order to select and reasonably justify their decision making.

The **evaluation system** (detailed in the corresponding section) is composed of: 1) practices (to develop in groups of two people); and 2) one written validation test at the end of the course.

Development plan

Week	Laboratory addressed session - Theoretical part (BsG)	Laboratory addressed session - Practical part (BsG)	Autonomous work
1	Subject presentation T1: Sensor management	<i>Course project</i> conception and gestation	Autonomous learning and <i>Course project</i> gestation
2	T1: Sensor management	Delivery 1 <i>Course project</i> development <i>MiniActiv-1</i> : Good practices in sensors usage	Autonomous learning, <i>Course project</i> gestation and <i>MiniActiv-1</i> completion
3	T1: Sensor management	Delivery 1 <i>Course project</i> development <i>MiniActiv-2</i> : Receiving periodic updates from Location	Autonomous learning and <i>MiniActiv-2</i> completion
4	T1: Sensor management	Delivery 1 <i>Course project</i> completion <i>MiniActiv-3</i> : Preparing and extending <i>HelloMap</i>	Autonomous learning, <i>MiniActiv-3</i> completion and app. eskeleton starting Delivery 1 <i>Course project</i>
5	T1: Sensor management	<i>MiniActiv-4</i> : Experiencing with Location related additional libraries	Autonomous learning, <i>MiniActiv-4</i> completion and app skeleton development
6	T2: Basic networking in Android.	<i>MiniActiv-5</i> : Verifying network state and downloading resources	Autonomous learning, <i>MiniActiv-5</i> completion and app skeleton development.

7	T2: Basic networking in Android.	<i>MiniActiv-6</i> : Socket programming	Autonomous learning, <i>MiniActiv-6</i> completion and app. skeleton development
8	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>		Autonomous learning and app. skeleton development
9	Midterm exam week		App. skeleton completion
10	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>	Delivery 2 <i>Course project</i> development	Autonomous learning and app muscle starting Delivery 2 <i>Course project</i>
11	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>		Autonomous learning and app muscle development
12	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>		Autonomous learning and app muscle development
13	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>		Autonomous learning and app muscle development
14	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>		Autonomous learning and Delivery 3 <i>Course project</i> development
15	T3: Specific platform for mobile development based on <i>Cloud Computing</i>	Delivery 3 <i>Course project</i> development	Delivery 3 <i>Course project</i>
16	2nd midterm week. Validation exam		<i>Course project</i> presentacion preparation
17	2nd midterm week		<i>Course project</i> presentation
18	Tutories		
19	Recovery		
20	Personalized interview (if Delivery 3 <i>Course project</i> is below the minimum mark required)		

Evaluation

Activt.	Description	Weight	Minimum Grade	In group	Presential	Mandatory	Recoverable
MiniActivs	Pack of Mini-activities	20%	No	Yes	Yes (50%)	Yes	No
Proj	Course project	80%	4,0	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ValidEx	Validation Exam	Apt/Non Apt	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

Final grade = 0,20 * MiniActivs + 0,80 * Proj

- Subject is passed if **final grade** is greater or equal than **5,0** as well as 1) each one of the deliveries of the *Course project* is above the minimum required; and 2) the validation exam is passed.

Other considerations and criteria

- Validation exam: questions related to the *Course project*. To be realized at the end of the course.
- Pack of mini-activities (MiniActivs):
 - Continuous work during 1st midterm class sessions. Contents of the 2nd midterm are applied directly to the *Course project*.
 - *Objective*: put into practice *in-situ* each new topic introduced in class.
 - *Delivery*: online and synchronously. It is a requirement for passing the subject.
 - Preferibly during the class (weekly from the 2nd week)
 - In other cas: by the CV and videoconference
 - *Evaluation*: up to 2 points (until 2,5 points -0,5 points over the mark- if also solved the optional parts)
- Course project (Proj):
 - Conception, design and development of an Android app in which to put in practical the contents studied in the subject (sensors management, Cloud connection)
 - Articulated in 3 deliveries
 - *Weight and calendar of each delivery*:
 - *1st Delivery*. App gestation: 4rt week (10% of the final mark)
 - *2nd Delivery*. App central core (eskeleton): 9th week (25%)
 - *3th Delivery*. Additional functionality (muscle) with cloud synchronization: 14th week (30%)
 - *Final project oral presentation*: 15%
 - To be realized the 2nd midterm exam day
 - *Evaluation and recovery system*: continuous avaluation
 - There will be required:
 - Correction criteria and minimal requirements to be developed in code, established in advance.
 - Criteria set in the **Manual of good programming practices** will be required, specified as minimum requirements to fulfill.
 - Also additional requirements, which will be considered as extra points in the grade.
 - Students receive feedback according to the fulfillment of the established requirements.
 - *2nd delivery*: Possibility to improve throught 3rd delivery. Application of a **correction factor of 0,75**.
 - *3rd delivery*: personalized interview during the 18th week, in order to bring improvements
- For all activities: programmed deliveries, unmovable dates

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