

## How to get the most out of this course...

We've had this course on a Udemy for a few months now, and we've learned quite a lot about how students are getting the most out of it.

Here's what we know works:

### **1. Approach this course as a beginner.**

This course is completely engineered for beginners. My co-instructor and I spent over a year researching and developing the most efficient ways for total beginners to become Android Developers and this is it. If you're a software developer migrating from another platform, I would recommend John Purcell's course: [Learn Android 4.0 Programming in Java](#)

If you're more interested in a deep dive on the Java programming language I would recommend: David Janzen's course: [Java Essentials for Android](#). These are both good courses taught by very attentive and helpful instructors, and I recommend them either as alternatives or in addition to ours depending on your goals and background.

If on the other hand you want to start from scratch and build your skills from total beginner to Android Developer, this course is going to be your best bet. Take a look at some of the reviews, and you'll see what I mean.

### **2. Don't use this course for videos you can find for free on Youtube.**

We've heard from a lot of happy students and a few unhappy ones. The unhappy students seem to be expecting "Hello World" or "monkey see, monkey do" coding exercises. That's not what this course is about. It's about getting you professional level skills in the fundamentals of Android App Development as quickly as possible. I personally don't condone exercises like "hello world," and I'm not going to bore you with a walkthrough of every nook and cranny of Android Studio. All of that is already available for free on the web in various locations, and from all the research I've done, does not appear to lead to effective retention or deep learning.

### **3. Use this course as a launch pad.**

This course should just be the beginning of your journey, not the end. Becoming an Android Developer is the start of a long and fulfilling journey into mobile software engineering. We've built this course to be the best first step you could take, but you can't just stop there. At the end of the course we have lots of suggestions for how you can apply your skills and build the apps you want to build, or go after jobs in the industry. Think of this course as a booster rocket, we'll help you overcome the gravity of such a hefty profession, you still need to pilot your shuttle to the stars.

With those three keys to success in mind, please enjoy the course. We welcome your feedback, and we look forward to seeing you inside!