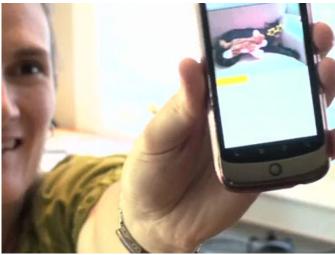
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Android fans and amateur coders rejoice-- App Inventor for Android is now open to the public.

In very typical Google fashion, it's still tagged as "Beta" (of course) and is available on Google Labs' site. Before one had to ask for an invite to make use of the system.

The App inventor does not require any programming knowledge to play around with-- users build apps by connecting "blocks" of code and behaviours with each other. A bit like building a puzzle, if you will.

What one does require is an Android phone connected to their PC while inventing. As it's being built, the app appears on the connected phone.

Google handily provides a number of tutorials as well. Examples include building an app where a cat photo meows when touched.

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