

Dear journalists,

I would like to provide you with the latest conference updates. The journalists who weren't there in person have the possibility to hear the talks at [Voice Republic](#) and look at the presentation slides. The talks on the main stage will be video-recorded and uploaded on the droidcon [YouTube](#) channel soon after the conference. All the photos will be posted shortly after the conference on [Flickr](#).

Best regards,
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Press release: droidcon Berlin 2016



**+++ Germany's biggest Android conference droidcon Berlin demonstrates the continuing professionalization of Android developers +++
900+ participants +++ 60+ sessions +++ Today's kick off of the Hackday at DB Mindbox**

Berlin, June 17, 2016 – The 8th edition of the international developer conference [droidcon Berlin](#) once again demonstrates that the conference is the most important Android community event in German-speaking countries. The three-day conference closed with **900+ participants**, a successful **barcamp** day as well as the two-day conference with **60+ talks, keynotes** and **workshops** running on four parallel stages. The topics of the conference ranged from how Android can contribute to the improvement of user experience or the mobility of people with different disabilities to how the architecture of open source code can be improved by using Model-View-Presenter (MVP), and of course to which features are new in Android. After three successful days of droidcon Berlin the event continues with a **two-day Hackday** in the rooms of DB Mindbox. droidcon Berlin considers itself as an Android geek, community and expert conference, consisting of developers, fans of the operating system, hackers, managers and scientists.

Barcamp Day

This year **500+ participants** visited the **one-day barcamp** in the run-up to the conference. **Friedger Müffke**, co-founder of droidcon Berlin, observed: „The ambition of Android developers to professionalize increases every year; that's one of the lessons we learned at this year's barcamp. In comparison to last year the number of participants grew significantly, but at the same time fewer developers want to contribute a session. Among other factors this is a sign for a new trend that developers would like to have quick answers to questions they stumble across at work, as well the ambition to work efficiently in order to improve their daily tasks. In addition, companies such as Google are offering more APIs and Tools, however with the risk of a decrease of other initiatives and projects working on Android independently.“ The barcamp day furthermore continued the topic “**Automotive**” which was introduced last year: in cooperation with [Berlin Partner](#), [Bosch](#), [Fraunhofer FOKUS](#), [Volkswagen](#), [Embeddeers](#), [lesswire](#) and [High Mobility](#) droidcon Berlin set up a **mobility area**. Participants of the conference were able to discuss and discover challenges and the future of **connected cars** in this mobility area. The majority of the participants proved to be passionate LEGO tinkerers and fans of the Bosch demo car.

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Amongst other great talks, highlights of the conference included the **keynote of Joanna Smith**, who dealt with developments, improvements and features of Android. Joanna Smith stated: "I wanted to inspire people to not only build an Android app, but to feel like they are part of something when they do. I want developers to believe in Android, and to believe that their ideas can have a great impact. I think it's awesome how so many people of different backgrounds and opinions came together to share their knowledge. This conference feels super friendly and communal. I loved meeting so many enthusiastic developers. It makes me excited for what they are building, and what I'll see in the future."

Equally positively acclaimed by the audience was the Android architecture talk of **Hannes Dorfmann**, who dealt with the importance of a well thought out software architecture, which can be improved with the support of Model-View-Presenter (MVP). In the area User Interface / User Experience the senior designer **Leonie Brewin** encouraged the audience to design accessible apps and gave guidelines for developers to do so. Further highlights included the talk of **Jörg Belz** of the German Aerospace Center (DLR), who explained how Android smartphones can significantly improve the mobility of blind people.

Another highlights amongst many high quality talks included the session of **Chris Bane @style/Themes.And.Styles.Demystified**. Bane spoke about bedrock of your apps styling and gave great advice on how custom attributes improve the styling of apps. UI/UX was an important topic of this year's droidcon Berlin. The speaker and Android developer **Huyen Dao** emphasized the importance of **Lean Layouts**, and gave best practice examples for attendees.

Hackday

Today the two-day **Hackday** from June 17. -18., kicks off s at DB Mindbox statt. Attendees can tinker with train station clocks, various sensors and hardware like BOSCH XDKs, relayr workshop kits, raspberry pis and more. Furthermore, there will be mentors of Deutsche Bahn, relayr and OpenStreetMap for support. The Hackday starts with an introduction on Friday, June 17 at 5:30 pm in the rooms of DB Mindbox near station Jannowitzbrücke – only one train stop away from droidcon Berlin – and continues on Saturday.

With the friendly support of the droidcon Berlin media partner **Voice Republic** all conference tracks have been streamed live and audio-recorded. Video recording of the talks of stage 1 will be uploaded to [YouTube](#) in the next days.

About droidcon Berlin and droidcon

droidcon Berlin is part of the global droidcon community with around 20 droidcons worldwide in 2016. The idea behind droidcon is to support the Android platform and create a strong network for developers and companies. Last years droidcon Berlin attracted more than 800 participants under to discuss Android eco-systems. For more information about the upcoming conferences, please check www.droidcon.com.

The 8th edition of droidcon Berlin took place from June 15-17, 2015 at [Postbahnhof](#).

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