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- Script your game with Qt Script
- Program resolution-independent and fluid UI using QML and Qt Quick
- Control your game flow as per the sensors of a mobile device
- See how to test and debug your game easily with Qt Creator and Qt Test

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