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Application Development for Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

Location based ATM search Final Presentation

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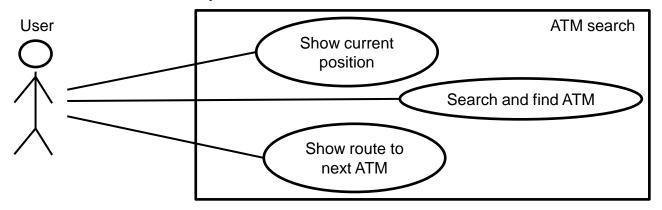


Problem:

- Customer wants to draw out money
 - without handling charges, if possible
- Customer has no idea where the next ATM is located
- → Find the next ATM near your current position

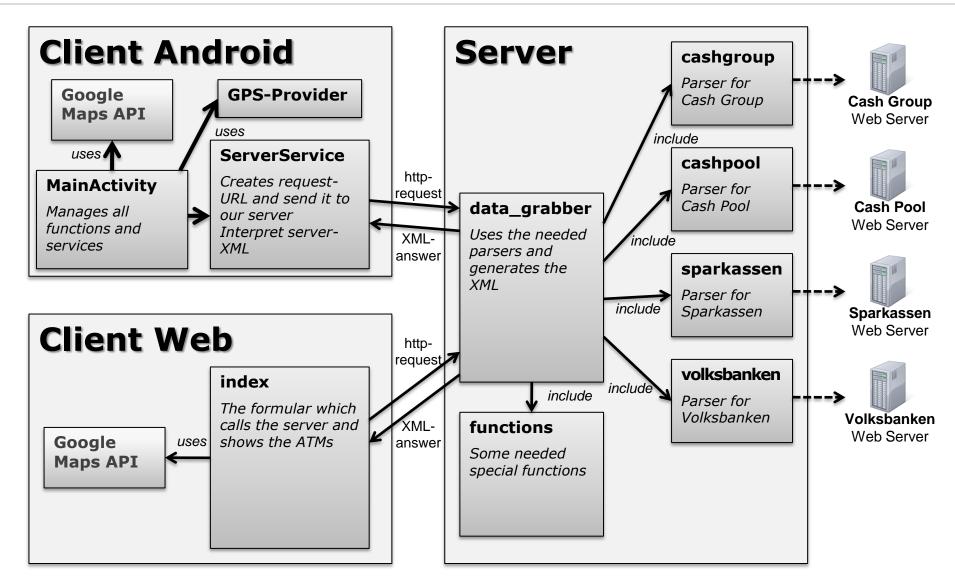
Solution:

Creating a mobile application which searches the next ATM based on the current user position









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Implementation details

- Server-Side
 - PHP 5.3
 - simpleXML
 - Bin-Co load() version 3.00.A
- Web-Formular
 - PHP 5.3
 - o HTML Output optimized for mobile clients
 - Google Maps API static maps
 - For wide device compatibility
- Android-Client
 - Android 1.6 / Java
 - Use of Android 1.6 as minimum version for wide device compatibility
 - GPS for location based information
 - Geocoding on device (due Google API limitations)
 - Google Maps API / Google Geocoding API





- Web-Client
 - Browser based
 - Optimized for mobile clients
- Usage
 - Surf to ATM-Search website
 - Enter address
 - Choose ATM-Network
 - Search for ATMs









Results

- List with addresses and distances to ATMs
- Static google map with own position and ATM position
 - o Static for wide compatibility

Optimization

- Shows only important and relevant information
- Small webpage size to lower bandwith usage









Android Client

- Simple to use interface
- Client does everything important
- Usage of GPS to locate user

Usage

- User must only select ATM-Network
- After that he will see a map with
 - o Own position
 - o ATM positions









Results

- Touch on ATM:
 - o Shows ATMs address
 - o Calculates route to ATM
- After clicking ATM icon a route is shown to the ATM
- Own position: green marker
- ATM position: blue marker









- Location-based limits
 - You need GPS to use the Android-client
- Response time limits
 - It took some time till the server responds (about 2 to 5 seconds)
- Data connection required
 - You need a data connection to use the clients, no data is stored on the device





- Customer Satisfaction Challenge
 - Usability
 - o Small Screen Size
 - Always find a ATM
- Device Challenge
 - Heterogenity of software because we use client-server-architecture with defined communication rules:
 - o Android client and
 - o platform-independent web client
- Energy Consumption
 - GPS and data connection are only used for a few seconds



- Geocoding on server not possible
 - Google geocoding api limited to a small amount of requests per 24 hours
- Problems with Android-SDK and SVN
 - After every checkout client had to be reconfigured to run in the simulator
- Android GUI-Programming is powerful and fast
- Emulator helps debugging