

# Application Development for Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

Seminar Task Final Presentation

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# **Application Scenario**

Help needed for a task

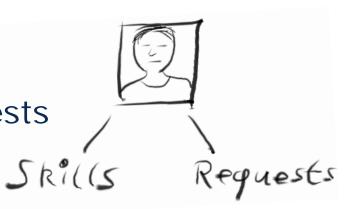






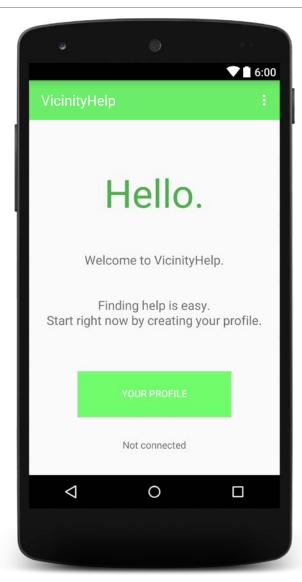
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- Scan for users nearby
- Exchange user profiles
- Match skills with requests



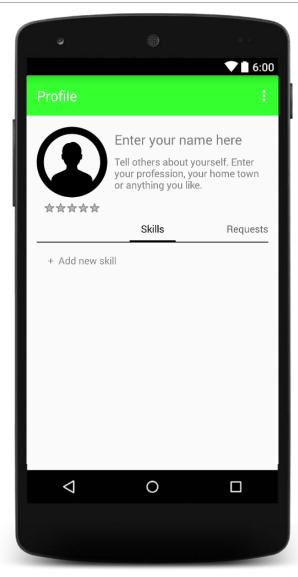






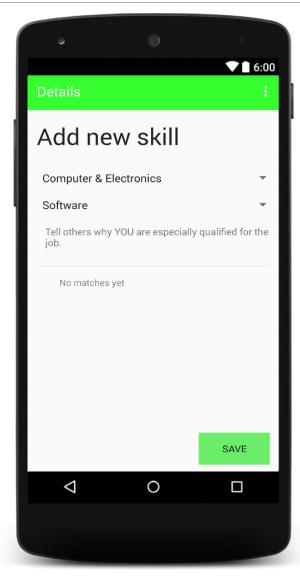


# Creating a profile



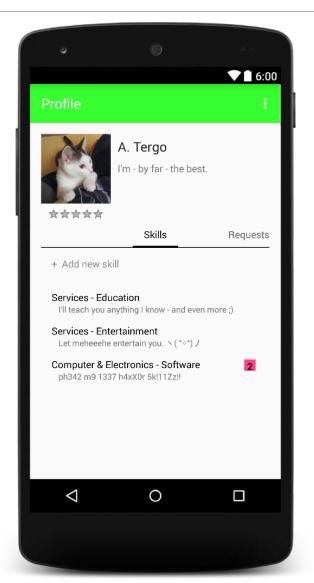


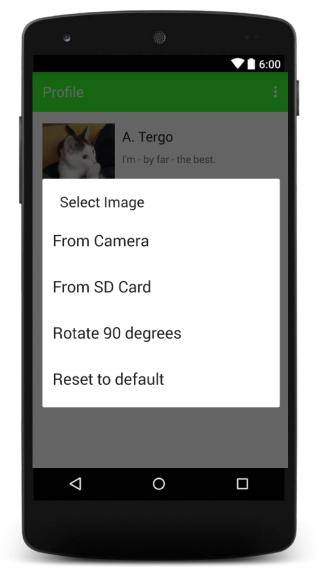
# Adding skills & requests





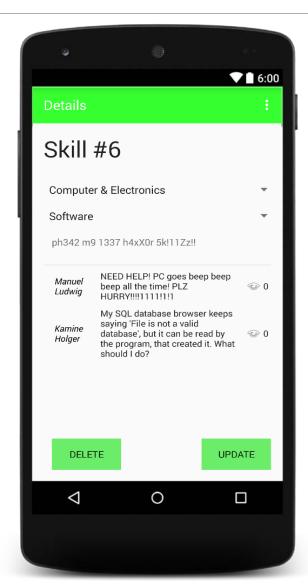
# Own profile





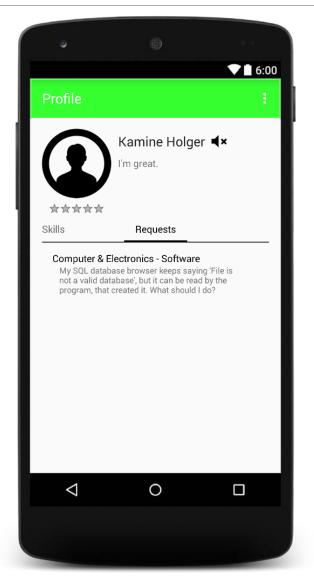


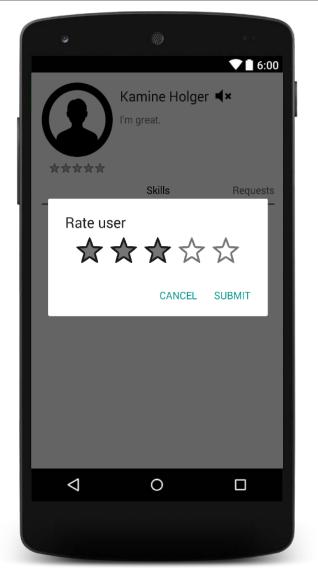






# Matched profile







## Architecture and Technologies













## Connectivity/Offline challenge

- Profile/request/skill data split into multiple requests to avoid data corruption on connection abort
- ProfileID now is only Nearby message
- MessagePack for server communication
- Avatars saved in WebP format for best compression
- View/modify profile/skills/requests locally, sync later
- Other people's profile data updated only on access, search for skills/requests regularly and on start (server timestamp comparision, once a day)

### **Transmission**

Caching: profiles stored in local database



```
private void processProfileID(String pid) {
Helper.Cout("Processing received profile ID " + pid);
List<Profile> profiles = Profile.find(Profile.class, "pid = ?", pid);
final Profile profile;
 if (profiles.size() > 0) {
    Helper.Cout("Profile in local DB, searching for update");
     profile = profiles.get(0);
       '****************Core Feature***********\\
                  profile.increment();
    DataManager.needsUpdate(profile, getActivity(), new ItemUpdateHandler() { ...
     });
else {
    Helper.Cout("Profile not in DB");
     profile = new Profile(pid);
     profile.save();
    DataManager.getUpdate(profile, getActivity(), new ItemUpdateHandler() { ...
     });
Helper.Cout(profile);
```



## **Energy**

- Disable scanning on action.BATTERY\_LOW callback
- Only scan if location changed, only send if location changed or time-to-live expired
- Increase scanning interval while position remains unchanged, stop after ~1 hour

## **Usability**

- Option: contact matches via sound on next meeting
- Profile picture to recognize match
- Trustworthyness of match rate users
- Category-based request and ability comparision



### Limitations

- Nearby visability distance and functions fairly limited
- GPS accuracy sometimes to low, onLocationChanged called even if no movement at all
- Advanced settings not implemented, e.g. scan interval
- GPS needed, but only used for location change detection, app could work without this requirement

## **Possible improvements**

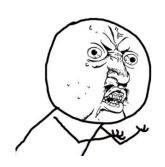
- Custom categories, anti-abuse system
- Advanced rating functionality (per match; text rating)
- Replace Nearby, rely on server side position matching



### **Problems**

- Nearby: documentation (again), guidelines, missing functions
- Android: documentation, backwards compatibility (deprecation leads to frustration), API changes need special cases
- The logic of team Android development:

Android Studio  $\land$  TeamViewer  $\land$  RAM < 32 GB  $\Rightarrow$  Bluescreen



Android, Y U NO HAVE DOCUMENTATION



# Task experience

### **Problems**

#### **GitHub**Status

UPDATED LESS THAN A MINUTE AGO

#### **Status Messages**

« Dashboard

#### January 28, 2016

2:04 UTC	We're working to address a widespread issue affecting all github.com services.
1:50 UTC	We're working to address a widespread issue affecting all github.com services.
1:36 UTC	We're working to address a widespread issue affecting all github.com services.
1:02 UTC	We're continuing to investigate a significant network disruption affecting all github.com services.
0:47 UTC	We're investigating a significant network disruption affecting all github.com services.
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