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Application Development for Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

HandHirer Final Presentation

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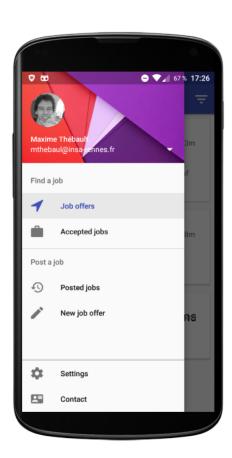
HandHirer

Idea

- quick way to offer job in current location
- look for jobs around you
- can also be used as a platform for classified ads

Scenario

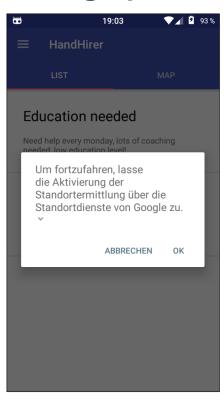
- create offer with selectable or tracked gps location
- look for offers created by others near current position or via map and show details



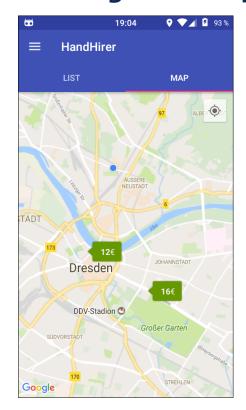


Demo

Starting up



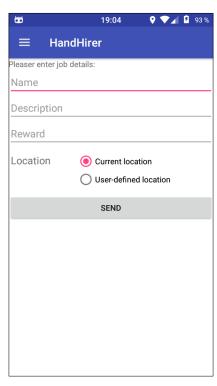
Browsing with map view





Demo

Creating offer (location fetched via GPS)

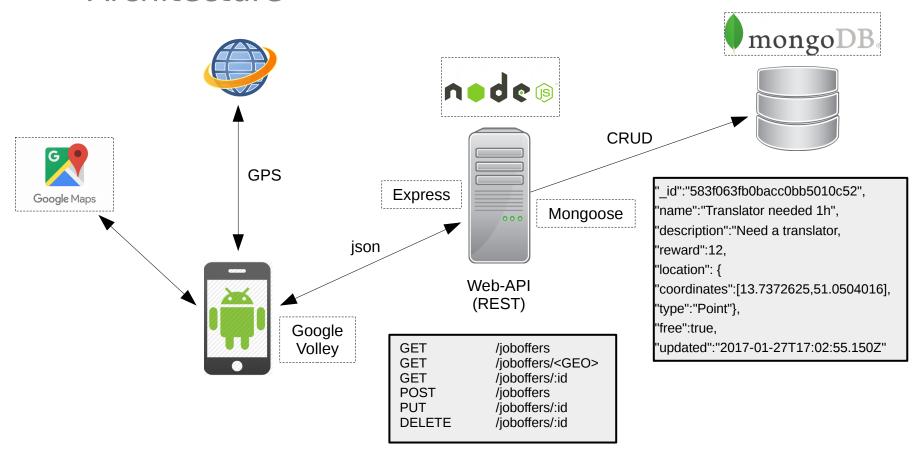


Creating offer (location selected manually)





Architecture





Context information

Physical

GPS location gets obtained (or can be set manually)

Technical

- Permissions (GPS + internet) are checked
- Internet access is detected
- Device size and orientation



Adaptation mechanisms

Location

- Map zooms to current location
- Created offers get GPS coordinates of device
- Documents in DB GeoJSON conform
 - → Use of MongoDB query operator "geoNear" possible
 - → Only offers near current position are shown

Permissions

 If GPS permission is denied, application displays prompt with possible activation



Adaptation mechanisms

Connectivity

- Reduced feature set if offline
 - → User gets notified
 - → Browsing functionality through cached data

Device properties

- Adapting to screen size
- Device orientation recognized and handled



Challenges of mobile computing tackled

Connectivity

Queuing through volley adds to reliability

Offline

Local storage enables basic functionality

Form factor

Adapting to layout + orientation

Usability

- Material design guidelines aimed at
- Generally expected behaviour



Open issues

User authentication

Login system not implemented

Managing offers

Web API offers more functionality than implemented in application (deleting, updating)



Lessons learned & pitfalls

Learned

- Dealing with network requests within the Android framework thanks to Google Volley
- Usage of coordinator layout
- How to deal with configuration changes (e.g. screen rotation)

Challenges

- Organizing the code into a clear structure
- Not putting everything in the same Activity decoupling concepts



Questions?

Thank you for your attention!