



Application Development for Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

GliderMate A paragliding tracking app



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Application scenario Use cases





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A native Android-Application to support paraglide pilots during and after their flights.

Core features:

- During the flight:
 - Map view with current position marked
 - Compass
 - Track and store flights
 - Show current flight information (speed, distance, ...)
- After the flight:
 - Show flight route
 - Display flight summary (average speed, time, ...)
- Settings:
 - Allow customization (speed unit, map zoom, ...)





Stop tracking







Application scenario User story

A paraglide pilot wants to know during a flight:

- Location

The higher the pilot is over ground, the harder he can estimate his location. (There are no references in the sky)

- Speed, Time, Distance

Additional flight information can support the pilot to make better decisions during the flight (estimate remaining time/distance, find good landing spots).

 \rightarrow With this App the pilot can fly longer and safer.

After the flight:

- Flight route

The pilot can analyse the flight, compare it with other flights, and learn or improve his flight skills.







Challenges & adaption



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Energy vs precision

Depending on the battery status caluates the App the gps sampling rate. The lower the battery the less accurate the tracking will be.

 \rightarrow Self-Adaption

Offline challenge

If the phone loses internet connection, the tracking should still work. Even if the map can not be loaded the gps-Tracker can store the locations and add them to the map later.

Usability challenge

Simplify navigation:

View that are used during the flight should be reachable within three clicks.

Standart UI-Components:

App uses Material Desgin components







Architecture and technologies Use cases



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MVVM-Pattern (special form of MVC)

Model: represents the data (Flight, GPS-Point, ...)

View: Cares about the UI and user interaction (basically the front-end, see mockups)

ViewModel: The buisness logic and binder between data (Model) and View

Room Database: Persistence of the model data.

SharedPrefeneces: Setting that the user can configure.









- native Android-App (Android Studio)
- Java
- Versioning with Git
- agile, ticket-based Workflow (Github Issue- & Bugtracker)
- Unittests and UI-Integrationtest with JUnit4 & Espresso
- Continous Integration with Travis CI









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