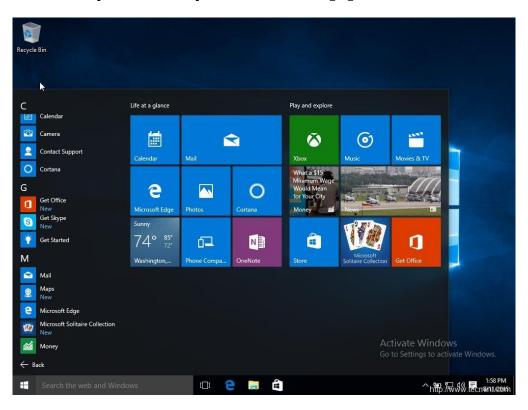
SIT32004 ICT Application Development

Lecture 01

Introduction

Application

- What is computer application?
 - Definition
 - » Application is any material, product or a program which is designed for endgame-user to use. Application may refer to computer software designed to help the user to perform specific tasks [1]

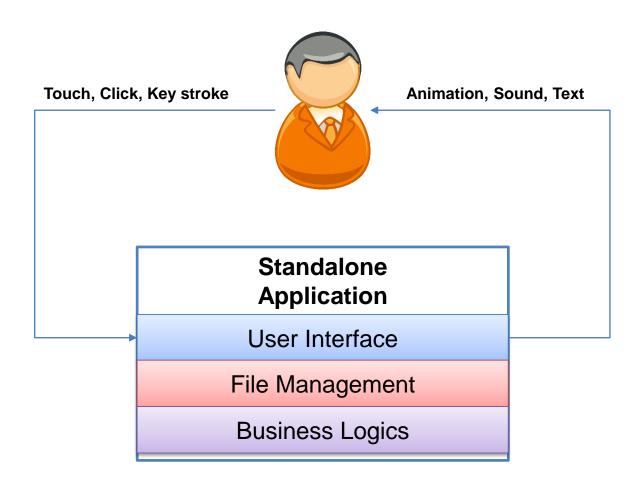




List of Windows Application

Types of Application: Application's Perspective (1/2)

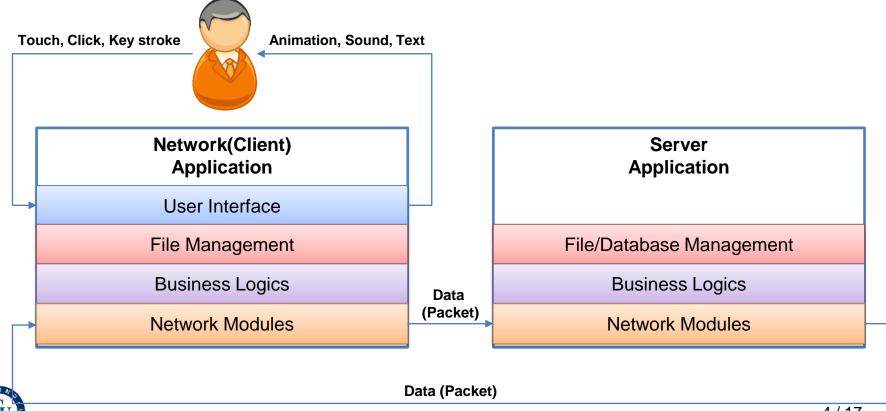
- Standalone Application
 - The application does not interact with other application
 - The application handles users action by itself





Types of Application: Application's Perspective (2/2)

- Network(Client) Application
 - The application may handle users' actions by itself and may send the users' to the server
 - The Client may not have great computation power, but the Sever has great computation power to cover several clients' requests



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Types of Application: Hardware's Perspective

- Desktop Application vs Mobile Application
 - Characteristics of Desktop Application
 - » High computation power
 - » May not use the network features
 - » Usage: Office work, Games
 - » Input Device: Keyboard, Mouse, Mic.
 - » Output Device: Monitor, Speaker
 - Characteristics of Mobile Application
 - » Low computation power
 - » Network enabled
 - » Usage: SNS, Casual Games, etc.
 - » Input Device: Camera, Touch Screen, Pen, Mic.
 - » Output Device: Screen, Speaker, Motor



Desktop Application



Mobile Application



Users

- Types of users
 - Customers [2]
 - » A customer (sometimes known as a client, buyer, or purchaser) is the recipient of a good, service, product
 - Developer [3]
 - » One who programs computers or designs the system to match the requirements of a user





What is good application – Customer's Perspective (1/3)

- Good Performance
 - User does not want to wait
 - If your application terminates a task in a few second, you can make application to finish the task in minutes easily

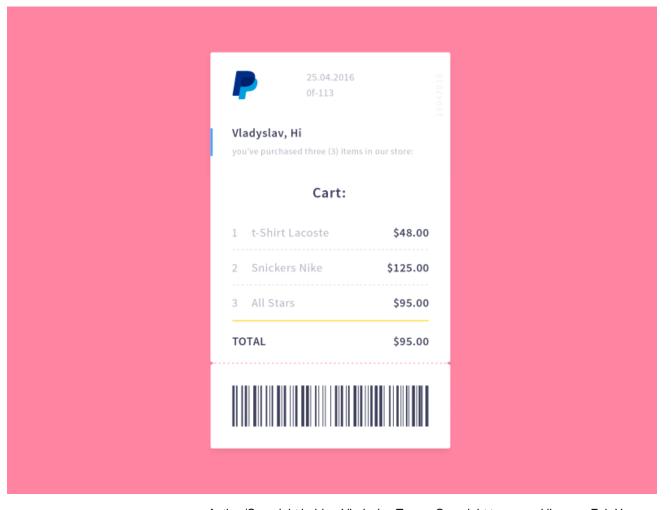
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Factorial.py
# calculate 10!
import time
def factorial(num):
  if num == 1:
     return 1
  else:
     return factorial(num -1) * num
value = 10
start = time.clock()
print("10!= " + str(factorial(value)))
end = time.clock()
print("Elapsed Time:" + str(end - start) + " seconds")
        10!= 3628800
       Elapsed Time:0.0001524 seconds
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Factorial2.py
# calculate 10!
import time
def factorial(num):
  if num == 1:
     return 1
  else:
     print("Caluating " + str(num) + "!")
     return factorial(num -1) * num
value = 10
start = time.clock()
print("10!= " + str(factorial(value)))
end = time.clock()
print("Elapsed Time:" + str(end - start) + " seconds")
                    Time:0.0014502 seconds
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What is good application – Customer's Perspective (2/3)

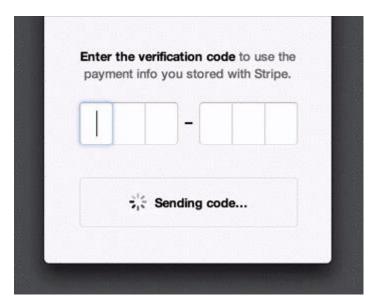
Consider design and user experience at the same time





What is good application – Customer's Perspective (3/3)

- Consider design and user experience at the same time
 - Do animation purposefully,



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Best Practice

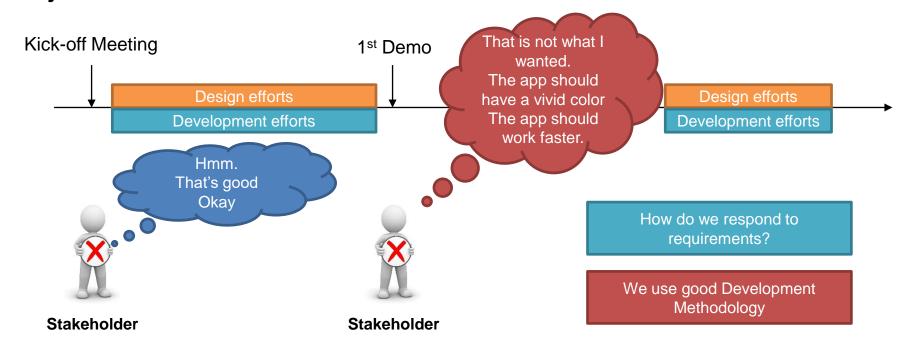
- Understand what your users need
 - Deliver that information
- If you've got lots of information to convey, try using visuals instead of text
- Always label your links
 - User does not like mystery links
- Avoid adding any kind of friction to user action
 - Unless they're meant to dissuade the action
- Animation is like cursing
 - If you overuse it, it loses all its impact



What is good application – Developer's perspective

- Development Methodology
 - Not to re-do your efforts
 - People don't know what they want until you show it to them

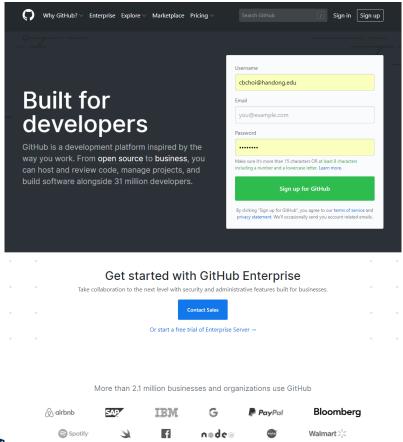
Project Timeline

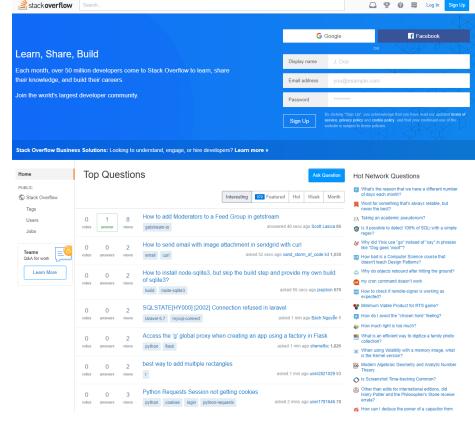




What is good application – Developer's perspective

- How to collaborate with others
 - You cannot develop an application by yourself in general
 - There are several tools to help collaboration with others



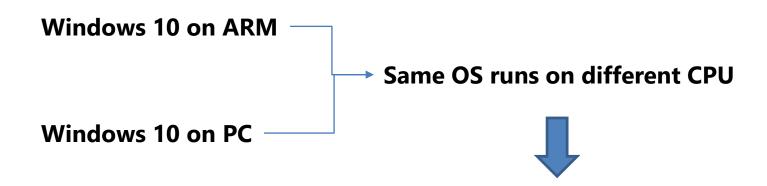




Considerations for developing an application

Considerations

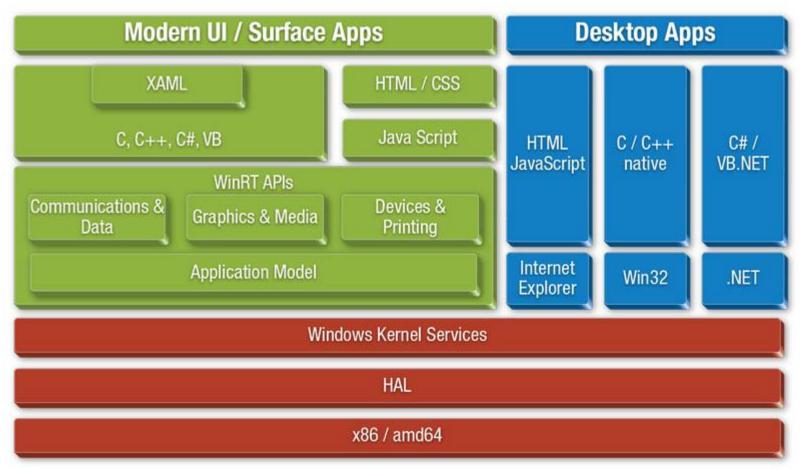
- You should analyze the user's requirements
- You should choose the hardware
- You should choose the operating system
- You should choose the programming language
- You should choose the types of the application
- You should consider about the design and the user's experience



If CPU changes, you cannot run existing programs



Architecture of an application



Windows 8 architecture



Python

- General-purpose, high-level programming language
- Object-oriented programming language
- Supports event
- Easy-to-learn with clear and expressive syntax





Kivy: A Cross-Platform Python UI Library

- Open source Python library for rapid development of applications that make use of user interfaces, such as multi-touch apps.
 - Cross platform
 - » Linux, Windows, OS X, Android, iOS, and Raspberry Pi
 - You can run the same code on all supported platforms
 - Business Friendly
 - » Kivy is 100% free to use
 - » You can use it in a commercial product
 - GPU Accelerated
 - » Graphics engine is built over OpenGL ES 2, using a modern and fast graphics pipeline



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