Interfaces

Server Messaging Service

The interface between the server and client is via HTTP requests as part of the REST interface.

The JSON format for data transfer is detailed below.

```
[] : list
{} : dictionary
Message : {
  timestamp: int,
  from_user: int,
  to_user: int,
  message: string,
  lat: float,
  lon: float
}
POST upload
                       Send a message to another user.
Return
Body
                       Message
Example Request:
POST http://api.emergencyalarm.com/1/messages/send
{
      "timestamp": 1376298387,
      "from_user": 12,
      "to_user": 14,
      "message": "I'm OK."
      "lat": 37.7833,
      "lon": 144.9667
}
Example Reply:
ACCEPTED 202
```

Client Messaging Component

The interface to send messages from the client is via a Java API.

The Java API is detailed below.

```
/**
  * API to access message services provided by a remote server.
  */
public class MessageService

/**
  * Send a message to specific user, who is using another device.
  *
  * @param String message The text message to be sent.
  * @param UserIdentifier user The identifier for the recipient
  * of the message.
  */
public static void sendMessageToUser(String messsage, UserIdentifier user)

Example Java API usage:

String messageText = textField.contents();
```

UserIdentifier carerId = currentUser().primaryCarer().id();

MessageServer.sendMessageToUser(messageText, carerId);