‘Hands Off’ Application

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Introduction

Hands Off is a cooking application with a main emphasis on an easy to use step-by-step presentation for how to create the recipe. It can also be used to search for recipes, favourite recipes, and create your own recipes.

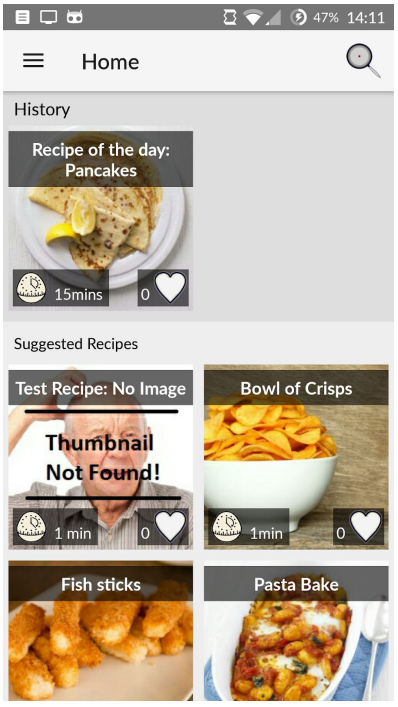
Downloading and Installing HANDS OFF

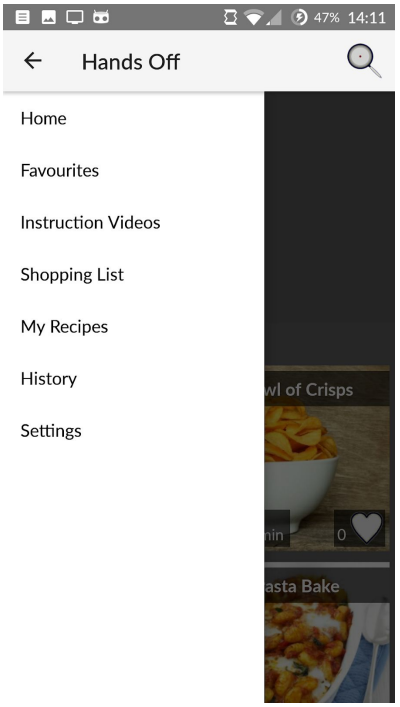
The app will be available on the Google Play Store. Download/Installation instructions will be provided by Google.

How to use the HANDS OFF Application

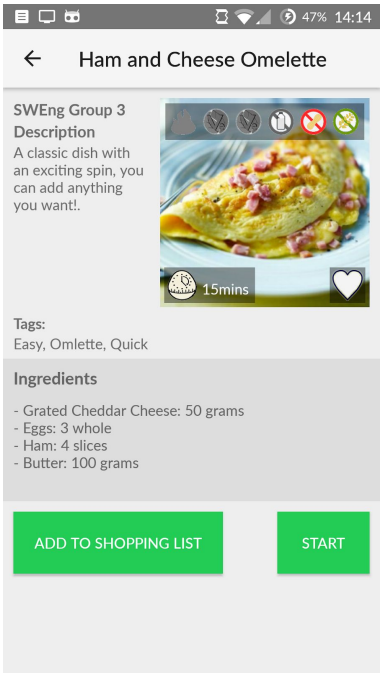
Navigating the app

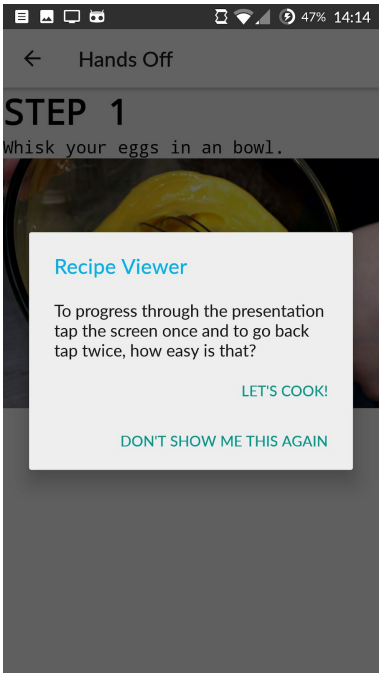
Navigating throughout the Hands Off application is simple, within the home page of the app a menu can be accessed and a list of all pages can be seen. A user can also simply access a recipe by clicking on it within the home page.
The android back button on the taskbar can be used to navigate backwards from any page within the app, the app's integrated back button will also allow the user to do this.

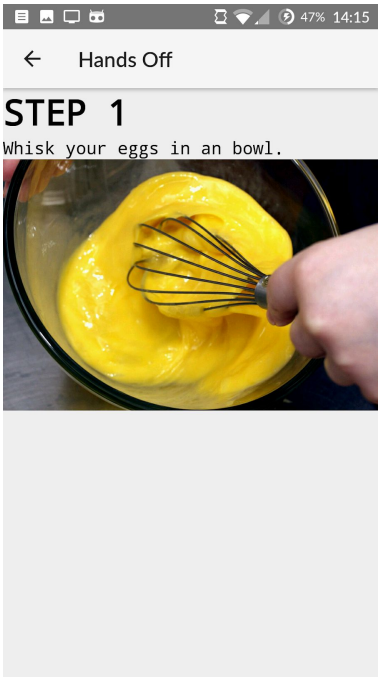




Selecting a recipe and starting the step by step process

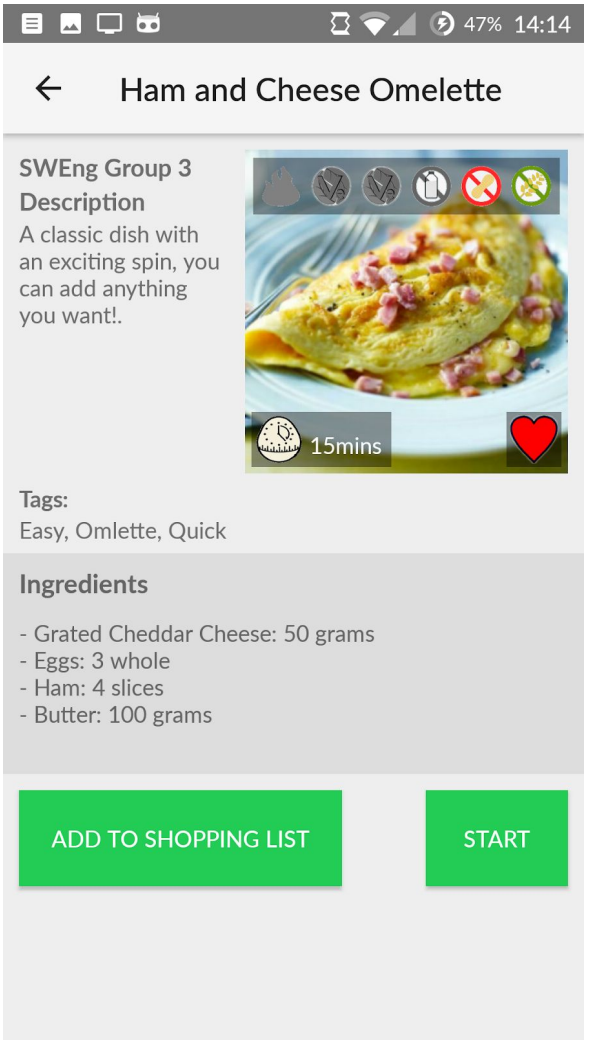


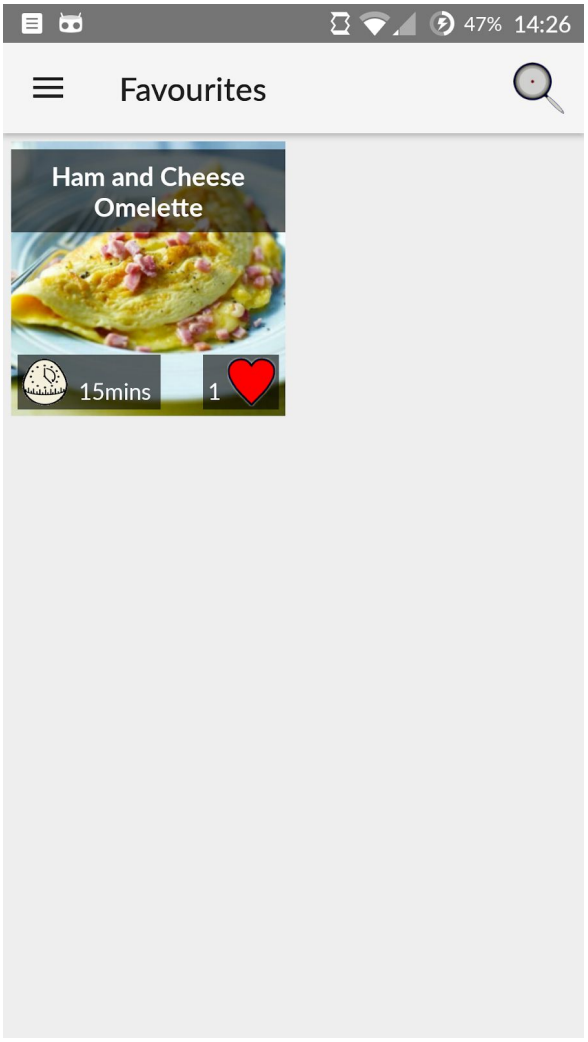




Starting the recipe is a simple process, once the user has decided on a recipe then can initiate the presentation by simply tapping the “Start” button within the relevant recipe page. An instructional prompt on how to use the presentation is then shown, the user can choose to turn this prompt off.

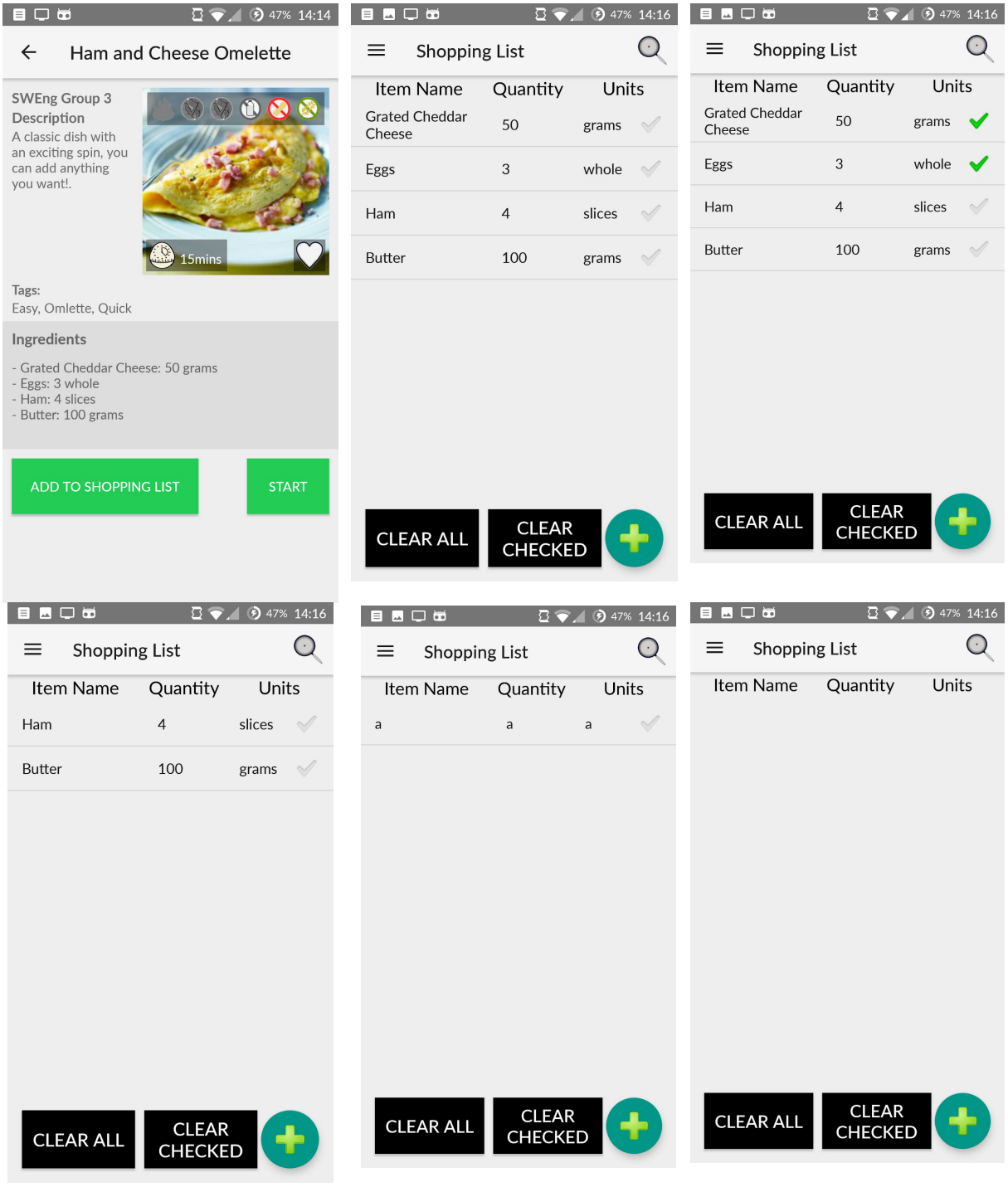
Adding a recipe to favourites





A user can add any recipe to their favourites by simply tapping the love heart icon on any Recipe's image, this can be done within the Home/Favourites/History/Recipe/My Recipes page. Any favourited recipes will appear with a red heart icon, as well as appearing within the Favourites page. To unfavourite a recipe the user can simply tap on the icon again. The total number of favourites a recipe has will also be displayed.

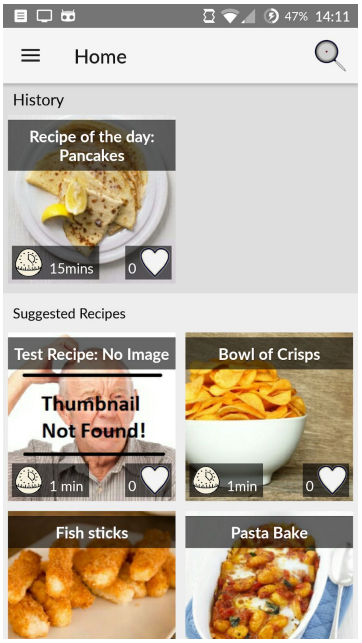
Adding Ingredients to the Shopping List

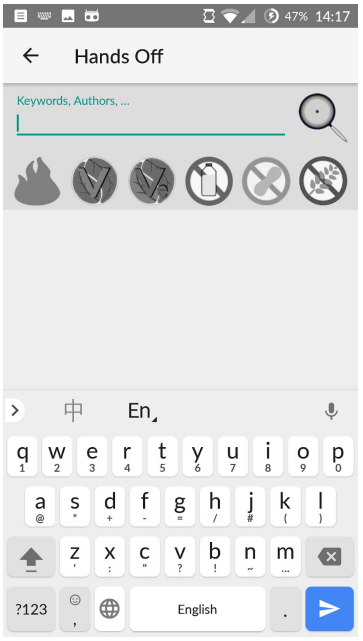


Adding ingredients to the shopping list can be done in two ways. From the shopping list page the add items button can be used and the relevant information can be entered into the text boxes. Within any recipe page all ingredients for the recipe can be added to the shopping list by simply pressing the *add* button.

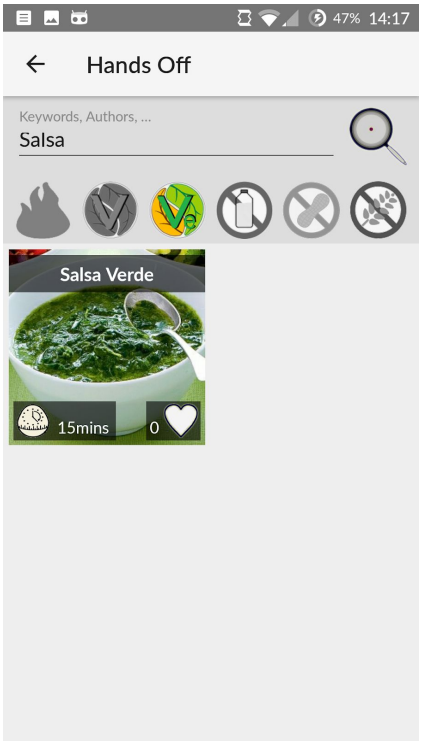
Searching for a recipe

The search feature allows users to find any recipe contained in the app. Navigate to it by click the pan icon in the top-right corner of the homescreen. Search for a recipe by typing, keywords or the desired recipe name must be entered into the search bar; the relevant recipes will then be displayed to the user.



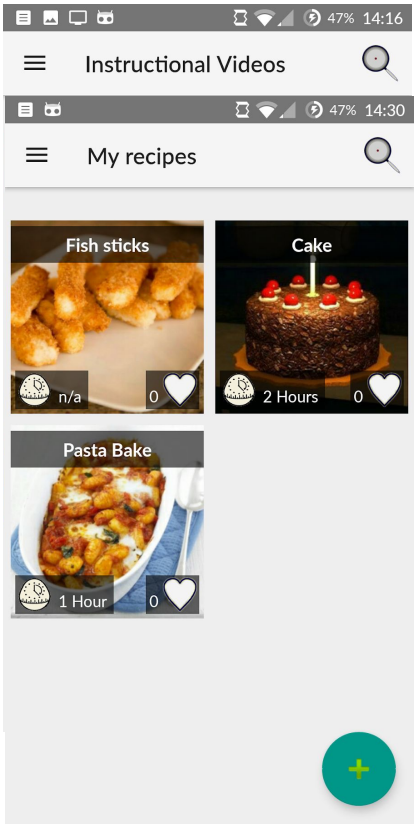


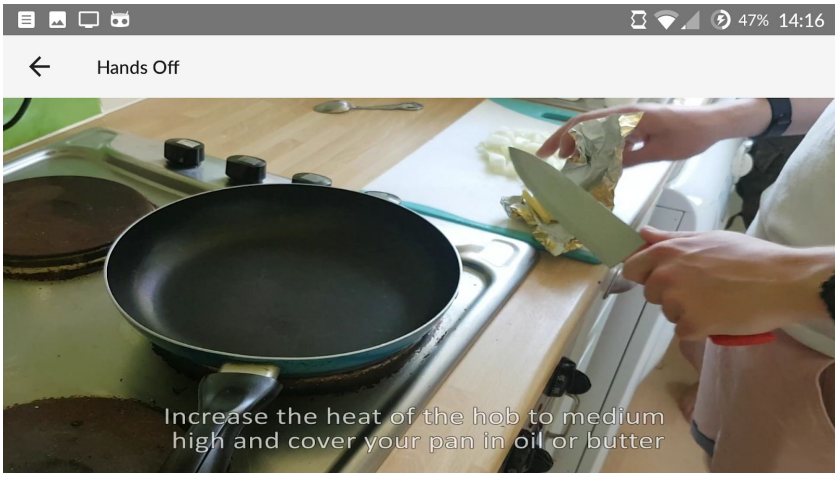
6 Filters can also be easily applied to the search by the user, these include Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free/Lactose Free/Spicy/Nut Free - to select any filter the relevant icon must be pressed; it will then become highlighted.

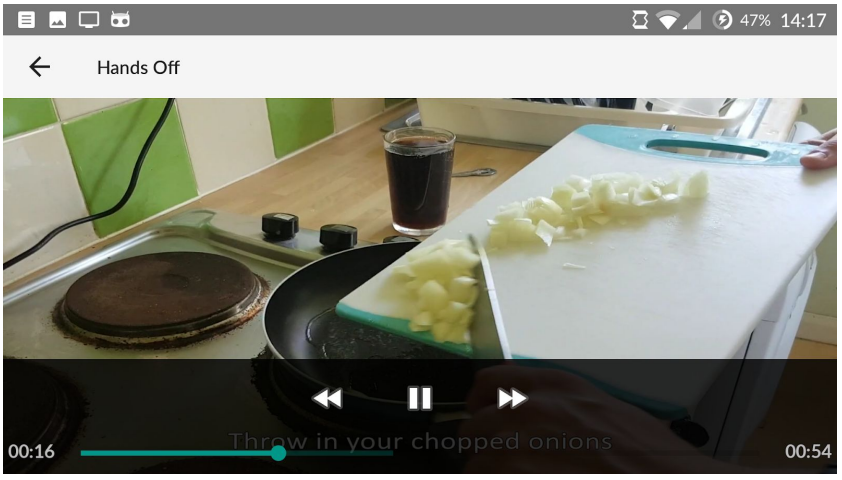


Viewing Instructional Videos

The instructional video page of HANDS OFF contains videos that can be viewed to learn new and innovative cooking techniques; viewing them is done by simply pressing on the desired video and allowing it to load. All instructional videos are viewed in landscape mode. A user could

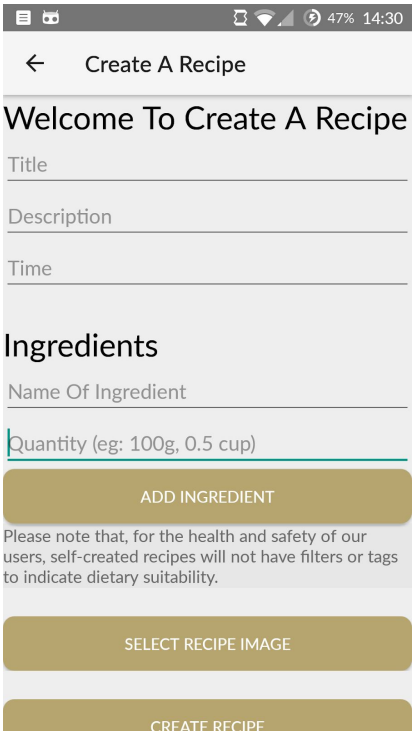


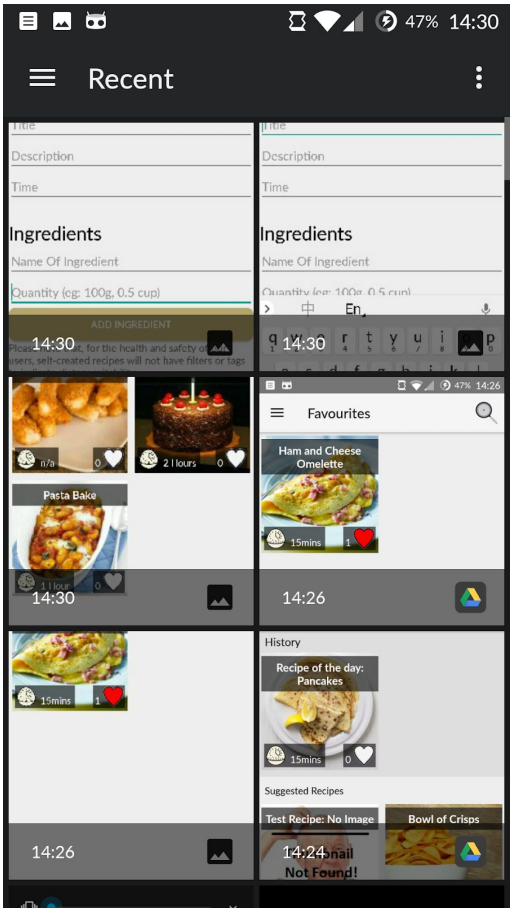


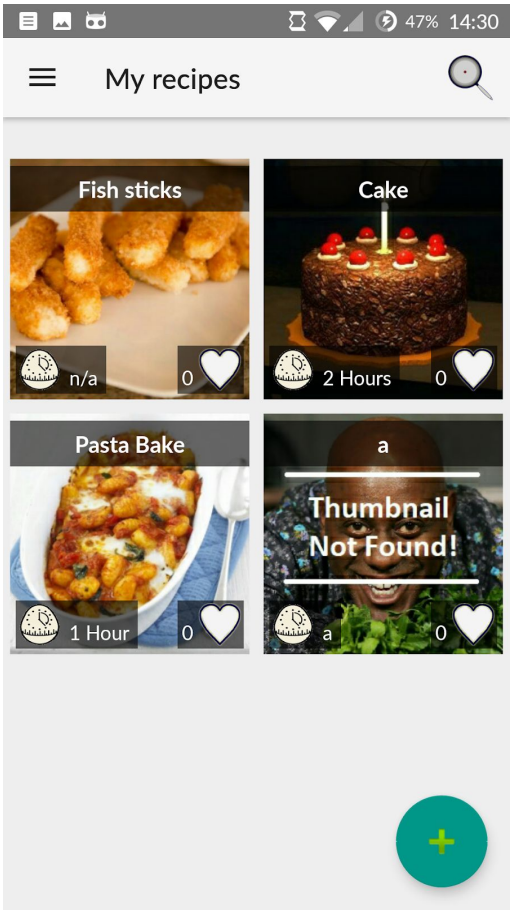


Creating a recipe

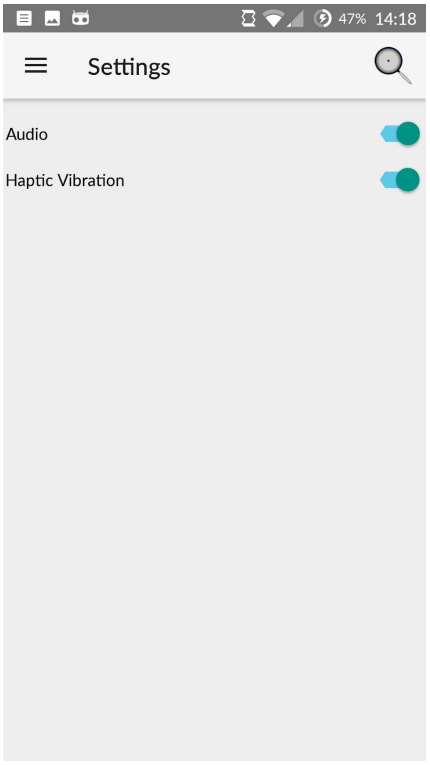
Creating a recipe in HANDS OFF is a simple process. Navigate to the ‘Create A Recipe’ page and fill in the empty text boxes with the required information. You can also select a thumbnail from your photo gallery. Once you finished filling out the fields, pressing the Create Recipe button will take you back to the My Recipes screen displaying the created recipe. It will also appear in your home screen and acts as a normal recipe that you can favourite and search for.







Settings for the app



Within the settings menu a user can decide as to whether the app will play any sound or provide any haptic feedback (vibration).

FAQ & Troubleshooting

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1. App doesn’t load on startup. The screen shows an error when trying to connect to the server.
    a. *Check that your device has an internet connection.*
    b. *Restart the app if it isn’t a connection issue.*
2. The recipe step by step screen doesn’t show anything. What do I do?
    a. *Check that your device has an internet connection.*
    b. *Restart the app if it isn’t a connection issue.*
    c. *If it is a user created recipe, the step by step screen will be blank because there isn’t a way to create a step by step instruction screen yet. It will be coming very soon!*
3. The list of recipes hasn’t updated on the home screen to match the updated list.
    a. *Do a pull down motion on the home screen to refresh the connection to the server.*
    b. *Check that your device has an internet connection.*
    c. *Restart the app if it isn’t a connection issue.*