Lab 2 - Care Corner Product Description

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1 Introduction

Sexual violence prevention is an issue women face on a regular basis. Nearly half of all women in the United States have been victims of sexual violence at some point during their lives (Smith et al, 2015). An annual survey conducted since 1973 has consistently held that women are twice as likely to feel unsafe walking at night alone as men (T. Smith et al, 2018). Six in ten women regularly take steps to avoid being sexually assaulted (YouGov, 2019). Some ways that women prepare to prevent sexual violence are: 73% report maintaining awareness of surroundings, 68% have a phone prepared, and 64% avoid certain areas (YouGov, 2019).

Care Corner is a mobile application that provides a toolkit to help deter sexual attacks, take action in the midst of sexual violence, and report a sexual violence incident. By incorporating a reliable and comprehensive feature set, Care Corner provides cohesive functionality for a reliable experience in handling sexual attacks. By helping to deter an attack, handle situations of an attack, and assist in processing an attack after it happens, Care Corner provides tools to help women handle sexual violence.

1.1 Purpose

Care Corner is a mobile application with software features addressing different aspects of sexual violence. Functionality focuses on helping to deter sexual violence, deal with a sexual attack incident, and resources to report a sexual attack. The Care Corner mobile application has two main features to help deter sexual violence: enabling a user to make a fake phone call and providing contextualized safety tips before going on a walk. If a sexual assault occurs, a panic button is available to record and notify close contacts about the incident.

1.1 Scope

Goals of the Care Corner prototype are to demonstrate the main product features, evaluate parts of the product that are unique or risky, and to provide a technical foundation to build the final product from. The main set of features are trimmed to their minimal form in order to demonstrate and ensure there is a need for the product. Features of the application that do not provide core functionality are removed from the prototype so that user feedback can better inform and determine the most useful features for the next version.

The Care Corner prototype demonstrates the main functional elements of the solution.

While the mobile application could easily capture and demonstrate the main features without the Care Corner API, a stated goal of the prototype is to prove architectural risks with using an API.

The server side API provides needed resilience if someone's mobile phone was lost or stolen.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Agile: Set of frameworks and practices where solutions evolve through collaboration between self-organizing cross-functional teams

Amazon Web Services (AWS): Cloud computing platform provided by Amazon

AWS AppGateway: a fully managed service that makes it easy for developers to create, publish, maintain, monitor, and secure APIs at any scale

AWS AppSync: A fully managed service that makes it easy to develop GraphQL APIs **AWS Cloudfront**: a fast content delivery network (CDN) service that securely delivers data, videos, applications, and APIs to customers globally

AWS Lambda: a serverless compute service that lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers

AWS RDS: easy to set up, operate, and scale a relational database in the cloud

AWS S3: an object storage service that offers industry-leading scalability, data availability, security, and performance

Android: Mobile operating system primarily developed by Google

API: Application Programming Interface

CDN: Content delivery network

Client-server: Computer system where a central server provides data to a number of networked workstations

Cloud Based Database Server: Virtual infrastructure that performs application and information-processing storage

Data Retention: Storage of an organization's data for compliance or business reasons

Database: Structured data held in a computer

DBA: Database administrator

File Server: Controls access to separately stored files

Geofencing: Using GPS to create a virtual geographic boundary

GitHub: Web-based collaboration platform for software developers

GPS: Global positioning system

Gradle: Build automation tool for multi-language software development

GUI: Graphical user interface

HTML: Standard markup language for documents designed to be displayed in a web browser

iOS: Mobile operating system developed by Apple

JavaScript: Object-oriented computer programming language commonly used to create interactive effects within web browsers

Kotlin: Object-oriented programming language initially designed for Android and Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

Linux: Unix-like, open source operating system for computers, servers, mainframes, etc.

MySQL: A freely available open source relational database management system that uses structured query language (SQL)

Scrum: A process framework used to manage product development and other knowledge work

Stakeholder(direct): Those involved in the company's day-to-day activities

Stakeholder(indirect): Those more interested in the result of the production

Twilio: A developer platform for communications

UI / UX: User Interface / User Experience

Web Scraping: Extracting/scraping data from websites

Web Server: server software, or a system of one or more computers dedicated to running this software, that can satisfy client HTTP requests

Windows: Series of operating systems developed by Microsoft

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1.5 Overview

The remaining part of the product specification provides a more detailed description of various aspects of the Care Corner prototype. An overall description of the Architecture is covered, a functional description, external interafaces, hardware and software interfaces, user interfaces, and communication protocols.

2 General Description

The Care Corner prototype is a mobile application

2.1 Prototype Architecture Description

The main architectural components of the Care Corner prototype are a mobile application and an application programmer interface (API). As illustrated in Figure 3, the user interacts with the Care Corner mobile client. The mobile client is primarily responsible for the user interface for Care Corner and for communicating with the Care Corner API. The Care Corner API is responsible for the centralized logic that is used by all users of Care Corner and persisting data, such as the audio and video recordings.

Figure 1.

Care Corner mobile client and API

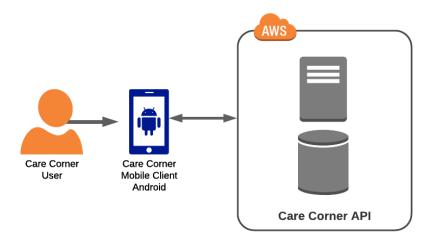
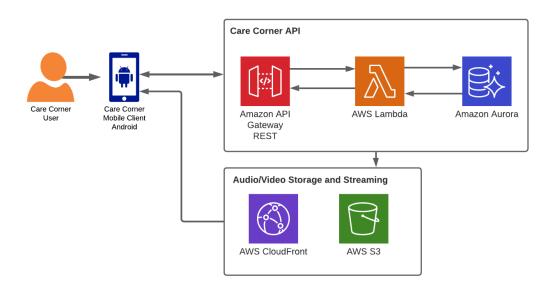


Figure 2.

Care Corner API Architecture



2.2 Prototype Functional Description

Table 1

Care Corner RWP Features Verse Prototype Features

	RWP	Prototype
Safe Walk (armed) mode		
Notify contacts via	Fully	
MMS	Functional	Fully Functional
Customize MMS	Fully	
messaging	Functional	Eliminated
Send	Fully	
location/destination to contacts	Functional	Fully Functional
Audio Recording &	Fully	
Storage on Server	Functional	Fully Functional
Video Recording &	Fully	
Storage on Server	Functional	Fully Functional
GPS data Recording &	Fully	
Storage on Server	Functional	Fully Functional

If Location/Destination	Fully	
is sent	Functional	Eliminated
Panic Button		
	Fully	
Send location	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Send preset message	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Start recording audio	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Start recording video	Functional	Fully Functional
Dial out to pre-set	Fully	
contacts	Functional	Eliminated
Timestamp location and	Fully	
time of panic	Functional	Fully Functional
Fake Phone call		
	Fully	
Start recording audio	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Start recording video	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Activate Panic	Functional	Fully Functional
User can say key phrase	Fully	
to activate panic button	Functional	Eliminated

	Fully	
Include fake voice	Functional	Fully Functional
Pre-program what name	Fully	
the call appears to come from	Functional	Fully Functional
Mombot		
Write plans and receive	Fully	
advice in response	Functional	Partially Functional
Verbalize plans and		
receive verbalized advice in	Fully	
response	Functional	Partially Functional
Journal		
Can record in/ view	Fully	
Journal	Functional	Partially Functional
Journal will be	Fully	
encrypted	Functional	Eliminated
	Fully	
Password Protected	Functional	Fully Functional
Educational Readings		
Govt/Official		
documents (just main sites like	Fully	
RAINN)	Functional	Partially Functional
	Fully	
Trusted blogs	Functional	Partially Functional
	Fully	
National hotlines	Functional	Partially Functional

Geofenced Resources		
	Fully	
Shelters	Functional	Partially Functional
	Fully	
Non-Profits	Functional	Partially Functional
	Fully	
Counselors	Functional	Partially Functional
	Fully	
Campus Police	Functional	Partially Functional
Websites		
	Fully	
Govt Official Sites	Functional	Partially Functional
Trusted non-profits/	Fully	
other	Functional	Partially Functional
Depression/PTSD		
Counselor		
Reach a counselor via	Fully	
MMS	Functional	Eliminated
Reporting Assistance		
(Partial)		
Time/location stamp at	Fully	
any time	Functional	Fully Functional
Assistance reporting via	Fully	
preset questions	Functional	Partially Functional

General		
	Fully	
Cross-Platform Support	Functional	Partially Functional
Authentication		
User account creation/	Fully	
authentication	Functional	Partially Functional
User Credential	Fully	
Authentication	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Password Recovery	Functional	Fully Functional
File Server		
Audio/Video/GPS data	Fully	
stored	Functional	Fully Functional
Database		
	Fully	
User/Contacts	Functional	Fully Functional
Incident/Audio/Video/Jo	Fully	
urney	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
School/Resources	Functional	Fully Functional
	Fully	
Mombot Advice	Functional	Fully Functional

2.3 External Interfaces

2.3.1 Hardware Interfaces

The Care Corner prototype is hosted on Amazon Web Services (AWS) interfacing with various serverless services that provide access to virtualized hardware and databases.

2.3.2 Software Interfaces

The Care Corner prototype interfaces with the several software interfaces to provide functionality. The Andriod SDK is used to enable standard application features. The Andriod Media Recorder is used to record audio and video. The Android GPS API is used to manage the user's geographical location. Twilio is used to provide SMS functionality. The Localstack and Serverless Framework containerized with Docker are used to emulate an AWS development environment.

2.3.3 User Interfaces

A touch screen mobile phone is the user interface to the Care Corner prototype. The prototype supports the Andriod operating system, following recommended user experience and usability for mobile application interfaces.

2.3.4 Communications Protocols and Interfaces

The Care Corner prototype uses the REST application level protool to communicate between the amobilepplication and API. All traffic is served over HTTP/1.1 and SSL/TLS 1.2.

The data format is in JSON requiring the Content-Type HTTP header to be set. An API key is used to provide access in a HTTP header.