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A Technical Overview of “Calculot”

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*Abstract*— This document focuses on the software development of Group 14’s application, “Calculot.” In retrospective, this document will focus on the techniques, software packages used, constraints and limitations of the development of Calculot. As this is a simple application consisting of a game with simple learning topics, the technicality involved in the document will be considered as a document that concerns a high-level understanding of software development and implementation techniques.

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# Constraints and limitations

## Preface

Due to the simplicity of the application and the unfamiliarity of android and java development of the team, “Calculot” as an example of a standardized application proved to be constrained and limited to simple design and implementation techniques. The issue can be generalized as an issue of understandability vs. performance gains of the games. In short, the games had to be as understandable as possible while also providing a playable experience to the user. As such, the following points of the development of “Calculot” was constrained:

1. The limited range generated by the question generation function
2. The notation provided in “Calculot” was done using a simpler, but more effective alternative,
3. Varying systems can differ in entertainment experience and difficulty.
4. Simplicity in design prevents complexity in development.
5. Error-prone due to repetitive branches.

## The random question generation

Since “Calculot” is based on low-level university courses, the topics must be simple enough to provide entertainment to the user along with providing an effective learning schema to help the user understand the topics involved. Because of this, the question generation for the games implemented in “Calculot” had to be limited in design to prevent unreasonable questions and to create a fair experience for the user. The generation of the questions limited in the format and the range of constants to provide a solution to this issue.

Table I

Formatting of differentiation question set of “Calculot” in easy difficulty

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Question | Answer 1 | Answer 2 | Answer 3 | Answer 4 |
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As shown in Table 1, the formatting of Calculot had to be limited to simpler questions based on the topics. However, the answer set provided extra difficulty through making the questions somewhat similar to the solution string. This formatting is designed to punish the user from being unaware and unfocused on the question while also providing a fast-paced and interactive experience.

/\* TALK ABOUT INTEGER RANGE \*/

## Notation

The notation in calculot is an issue of android compatibility. Mathematical notation techniques have not yet been implemented and is currently a brute-force approach for mathematical applications. A workaround this issue would be to incorporate WebViews and HTML math notation using MathJax or KateX to the application. However, the drawback is a significant decrease in responsiveness and performance in the “Calculot” games. As such, the implementation of mathematical notation is to use a classical notation, while using constants. The implementation of calculot used common ASCII symbols, such as “/” and “^” to incorporate the mathematical functions, such as

= x^n

= (k/l)

The decision to use a classical notation is motivated by prioritizing performance over understandability. While the understandability of the mathematical functions is severely affected by the notation, the performance drawback caused by WebViews caused both games in “Calculot” to be near-unplayable.

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| *B* | magnetic flux density,  magnetic induction | 1 G → 10−4 T = 10−4 Wb/m2 |
| *H* | magnetic field strength | 1 Oe → 103/(4π) A/m |
| *m* | magnetic moment | 1 erg/G = 1 emu  → 10−3 A·m2 = 10−3 J/T |
| *M* | magnetization | 1 erg/(G·cm3) = 1 emu/cm3  → 103 A/m |
| 4π*M* | magnetization | 1 G → 103/(4π) A/m |
| σ | specific magnetization | 1 erg/(G·g) = 1 emu/g → 1 A·m2/kg |
| *j* | magnetic dipole  moment | 1 erg/G = 1 emu  → 4π × 10−10 Wb·m |
| *J* | magnetic polarization | 1 erg/(G·cm3) = 1 emu/cm3  → 4π × 10−4 T |
| χ*,* κ | susceptibility | 1 → 4π |
| χρ | mass susceptibility | 1 cm3/g → 4π × 10−3 m3/kg |
| μ | permeability | 1 → 4π × 10−7 H/m  = 4π × 10−7 Wb/(A·m) |
| μr | relative permeability | μ → μr |
| *w, W* | energy density | 1 erg/cm3 → 10−1 J/m3 |
| *N, D* | demagnetizing factor | 1 → 1/(4π) |

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