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👤 Parth Chawla · 20 hours ago ⚲

I have created a small but useful app for Android phones and it's available on the Amazon Appstore (I don't want to spend $25 for Google Play as yet). It basically let's you change your phone's profile by sending a text message. Here is the description and link:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00IKH242M

"How many times have you lost your phone somewhere and called it using some other phone only to realize that it was on Silent? A LOT of times, I am guessing. Don't worry! Using this app, you can turn off Silent mode just by sending a text to your phone using any other phone with the message "SILENT OFF". You can also turn on Silent mode by sending a "SILENT ON" message."

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Anonymous · 18 hours ago ⚲

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it sounds like anyone can turn on/off your silent mode just by sending a text and that means your app will be used for pranking 90% of the time.

I know you probably didn't want to waste your time on UX/UI design because you wanted to show it to the world as soon as possible, but that's not how things are done when you're making a mobile app (or any other app). UX/UI design matters and it should be done before coding. Also, Amazon / Google Play are not to be used as a sandbox for hello world apps.

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👤 Parth Chawla · 9 hours ago ⚲

What kind of 'pranks' can people play by just turning off/on the silent mode? I don't think anything can be worse than making your friends phone go off in class probably. Even if you can play some, the owner of the app will know who did it! Also, this is not a 'hello world' app because it has a specific function. Nobody cares how the UI looks! You're not even supposed to launch the app for it to work! If only people like you could stop spewing their negativity and pathetic attitude towards people with new ideas, we'd have a lot more visionaries today.

PS- If this was a sandbox app, the Amazon appstore wouldn't have approved it, I think they know a lot more than you do.

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Anonymous · 5 hours ago ✑

I'm sorry if my comment sounded rude or if it hurt you. That was not my intention. I've met a lot of developers who claim that UI/UX design doesn't matter. Few years ago I've even worked for a company whose motto was to ship fast and waste no time on UI. At some point we started getting lots of complaints and questions (users were asking how to get to a certain screen, etc.) so the company decided to hire a designer and to make all the screens more appealing and user friendly. It took us a year and a half to sort everything out and that's a lot of time. So, would you rather have 20 developers spending one year rearranging something or working on something new?

Again, I was not spewing negativity or trying to discourage you. You'll see lots of different comments as you continue with development but the only important thing is to learn something from each of them. You can simply ignore a complaint/suggestion or you can use it in order to improve the app and have more users.

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Anonymous · 18 hours ago ✑

While the app stores might not be best place for hello world apps, i really dont think its up to you to judge this that way, also Anon.

Partha put together an app that does something simple and it could be useful, so go Partha!

That said, I do hope Partha took into account some basic level security check (a personal password or key or some such) but if Partha did or didn't, you'd still need the phone number of the device the app was on or aome identifier.. security through obdcurity isnt the best way to go but.. there it is.

The app has a legit thing it does and a use. If people download and use whether because of or despite concerns raised, it is for the end-user to judge.. and the market will bear that out.

In the final analysis, Partha shipped an app and I applaud that.

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Parth Chawla · 9 hours ago ⅃

Thank you good sir!

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Anonymous · 9 hours ago ⅃

Ma'am, but your welcome, Partha :) Keep working and make every app better than the one before :)

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Parth Chawla · 9 hours ago ⅃

Haha sorry, and it's Parth, not Partha. Thank you!

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Anonymous · 9 hours ago ⅃

Noted, Parth :) Can't figure where I found the extra A from... unless maybe I added it subconciously.. A for Awesome :)

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M. Tarun Prasad · 4 hours ago ⅃

An awesome app, way to go! Just one suggestion - perhaps you could add the facility of setting up certain phone numbers in the app and allow text messages that only come from them to change the silent mode of the phone. This would prevent other people from misusing your phone.

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Parth Chawla · 21 minutes ago ⅃

Thanks a lot for the suggestion Tarun! Actually, I have done something very similar. I have included an option where people can save any custom message instead of "SILENT ON/OFF" which can be used to toggle the Silent mode :D So only you know what message to send, can't be used to prank anymore!

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