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Main Report

Introduction

Billculator is a basic bill calculation app that serves to simplify bill calculations by providing a sleek and user-friendly interface that improves user efficiency and preferability. Though simple and lightweight, it provides numerous functionalities that will make calculating bills easier and quicker, shifting user's focus to other things that really matter and boosting productivity. Balancing between design and functionality, Billculator looks to be the next big utility app that is worth investing time and energy for.

Emulators/Virtual devices used

The device used to capture the following diagrams will be indicated in their respective labels using the format *(Device: deviceName)* when necessary.

Devices:

- **Nexus** (1440x2560; 560dpi)
- Pixel (1080x1920; 420dpi)
- Galaxy Nexus (720x1280; xhdpi)

Functionalities of the application

As a bill calculation app, Billculator provides the following functionalities. As a disclaimer, **Nexus** is the device used for all emulator diagrams shown in this section.

• Bill splitting calculation

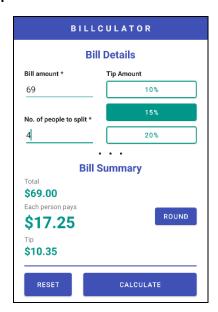


Diagram 1.1.0: Billculator example view

Billculator allows users to perform basic bill splitting calculations. Inputs for both bill amount and number of people to split the bill with must be determined and entered by the user before calculating, otherwise a toast error message will appear and prompts the user to fill up any required inputs, which are indicated by a '*' symbol in their labels.

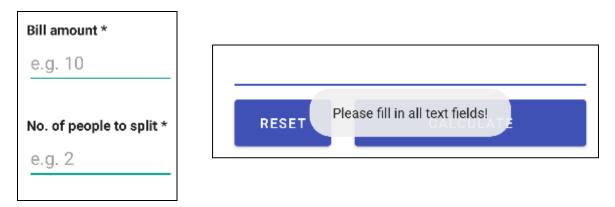


Diagram 1.1.1: Toast error message that appears when inputs are empty

Billculator also restricts users from calculating bill amounts that are less than 2 to avoid granularized calculation results. A toast error message will appear and notify the user that the minimum bill amount is 2 (depends on the minimum value set in code) if the user inputs incorrectly. Besides that, Billculator also refrains users from entering values less than 2 in the "Number of people to split" field to avoid logical errors. Another toast error message will appear and notify the user that the minimum number of people that can be entered is 2 if the user inputs incorrectly.

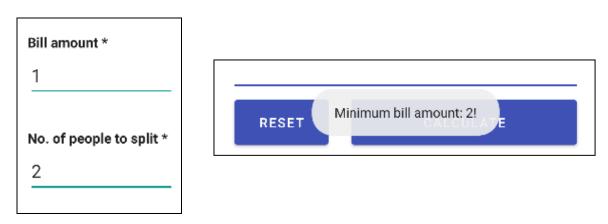


Diagram 1.1.2: Toast error message that appears when bill amount is less than 2



Diagram 1.1.3: Toast error message that appears when number of people to split is less than 2

Upon pressing the "Calculate" button, input field values undergoes validation before performing bill calculations. If there are invalid inputs in the input fields provided, the problematic input fields will be highlighted in red and focused to aid users in error detection

and recovery. This feature ultimately improves usability and reduces the user's time to resolve unexpected calculation issues.

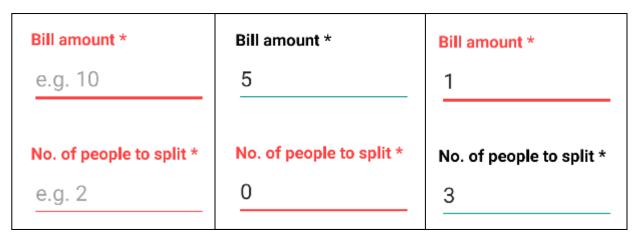


Diagram 1.1.4: Inputs are highlighted in red if they are invalid

If all inputs are valid, a bill summary about the bill total, the amount of cash each person needs to pay for, and the amount of tip will be displayed accordingly.



Diagram 1.1.5: Bill summary view

• Tip calculation

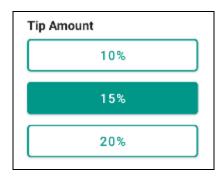


Diagram 1.2.0: Tip buttons

Aside from bill splitting calculations, Billculator also allows users to calculate tips based on their bill amount. There are 3 tip percentages to choose from: 10%, 15% and 20%. Once selected, the tip amount is calculated based on the chosen tip percentage and the bill amount that was inputted by the user when the user presses the "Calculate" button.

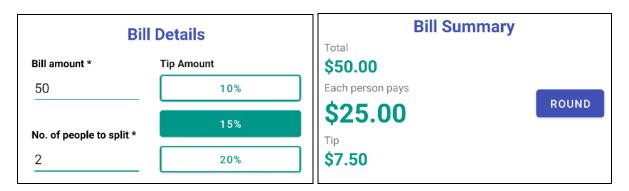


Diagram 1.2.1: Choosing a tip percentage and the result in the bill summary

If the user had chosen a tip percentage previously and wants to deselect it, the user simply has to click on the same button that they have chosen again. This deselects the button and excludes the tip calculation process when the user presses the "Calculate" button.

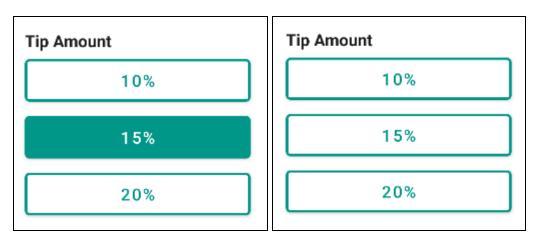


Diagram 1.2.2: Deselecting a tip button

Reset function

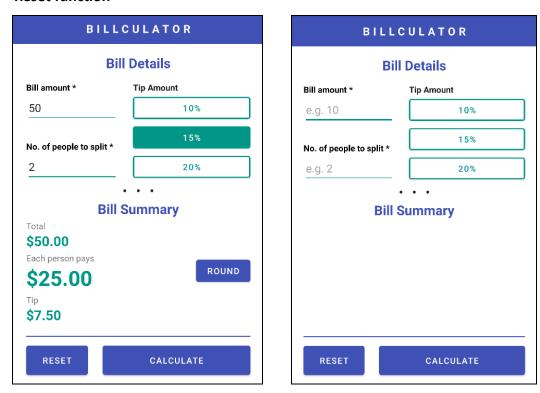


Diagram 1.3.0: Reset function in action

Regardless of the view, the "Reset" button reverts the app back to its default view with all design components reverting back to holding their default attributes and values. This function is useful for users when they lost their sense of direction and flow of the app and wants to restart from the beginning, improving user satisfaction with the app.

Round function

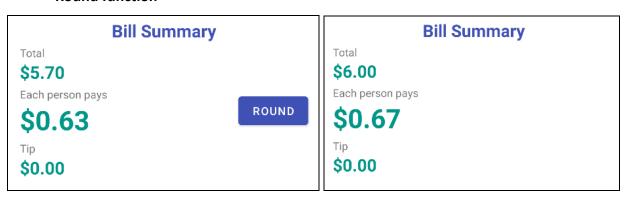


Diagram 1.4.0: Round function in action

The "Round" button is used to round the total bill amount in the bill summary up or down and determine the shared pay amount and tip based on the new bill total. It is displayed in the bill summary only when the user performs a successful bill calculation. Upon clicking the "Round" button, it disappears and the new total, shared pay amount, and tip are determined instantaneously. This feature is useful when users uses the app to calculate floating bill amounts.

Double orientation modes

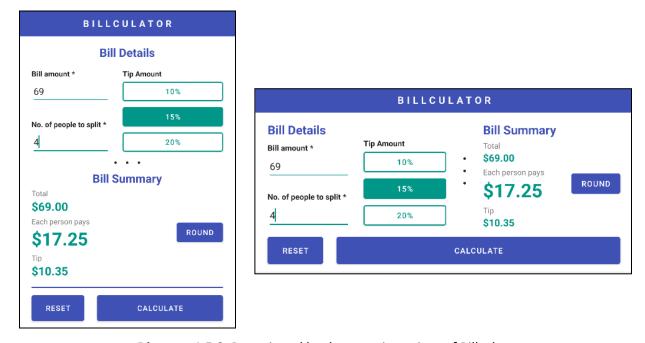


Diagram 1.5.0: Portrait and landscape orientations of Billculator

Additionally, Billcalculator enables users to work on the app from both portrait and landscape orientations. So, users do not need to worry about the availability of the app if they need to set their phones in different orientation modes because of different circumstances.

Strengths of the application

The following points are some strengths that the application boasts:

One-screen display

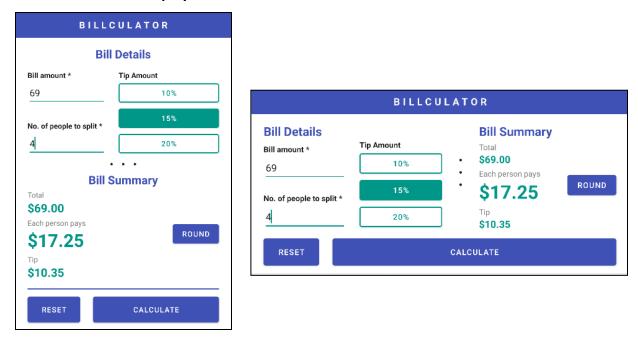


Diagram 2.1.0: Single-screen view of Billculator in both orientations (**Device: Nexus**)

Billculator serves to reduce workloads of calculating bills. Therefore, only a single, simple screen is used for both portrait and landscape orientations to display all the necessary information that is needed for users to organize and plan their shares of the bill by appropriately utilizing the spaces of a single screen. Compared to using a normal calculator, users do not need look at their calculator history and remember the formulas and values that are needed to determine the answer; They only need to provide the required inputs for them to get the same correct result, reducing mathematical mistakes made from manual calculations.

Hints to inputs



Diagram 2.2.0: Input field hints (Device: Nexus)

Hints are provided in each input fields to guide users into entering valid data values that are expected from them. It helps users draw logical conclusions as to what they should enter in the input fields when they are learning the user interface initially.

• Feasible tip controls

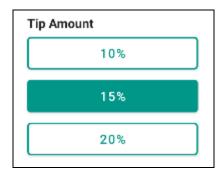


Diagram 2.3.0: Tip buttons (**Device: Nexus**)

Although in the form of buttons, tip percentage controls can be used easily because they behave like radio buttons. Not only do they look aesthetically pleasing, but they also respond to user selections by displaying the responses clearly without any latency. It helps users recognize currently selected tip buttons even when they are using their peripheral vision.

Moderately large action button touch areas

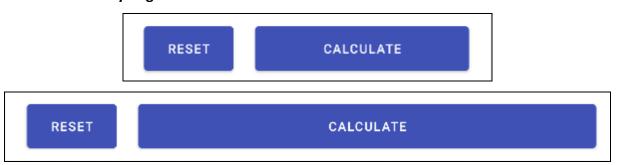


Diagram 2.4.0: Action buttons in portrait (top) and landscape (bottom) orientation (Device: Nexus)

Action buttons like the "Reset" and "Calculate" buttons are intentionally enlarged in both portrait and landscape orientations to enable easier registration of button clicks. It is designed to increase accessibility of the action buttons to the user due to the fact that action buttons are more frequently used. The "Calculate" button is also intended to be larger than the "Reset" button to prevent users from accidentally pressing the "Reset" button which erases working input values.

Flaws of the application

Presently, there are still flaws that can be found from the app, the following are some of the flaws that are pending to be fixed:

Small touch area for controls

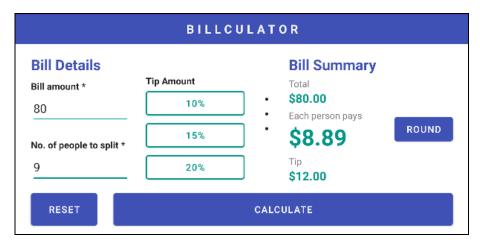


Diagram 3.1.0: Small touch area for input controls and "Round" button (Device: Nexus)

Due to displaying every element in one screen, control sizes in the app may be too small for users who have larger fingers to interact with the controls and may pose as a problem when working with the app. They would need to pay more attention to their finger positions to precisely land them onto the intended target, which would possibly cause frustrations because of higher rates of failing to interact with the app components.

Views may abruptly cut

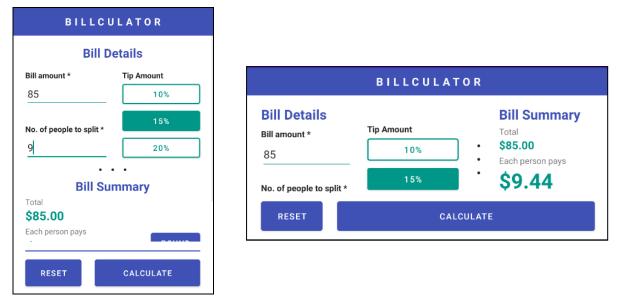


Diagram 3.2.0: Bill summary is partially hidden is both orientations (Device: Galaxy Nexus)

Depending on the device used by the user, the app view may abruptly cut because of the device's insufficient screen height. Although this does not pose any major problems because of having the ability to scroll down, users can no longer see full details of the bill summary at a glance and will need to scroll down to view hidden contents. This is an issue for users who wants to get instant computed results from the app but interacts with the app to a bare minimum.

Scroll still appears with little overflow

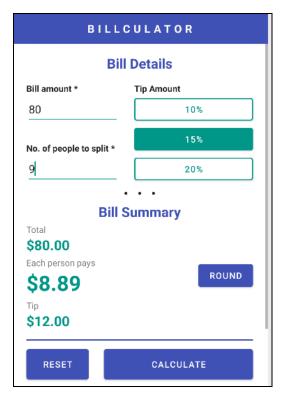


Diagram 3.3.0: Scrollbar appears even if there is a tiny height overflow (**Device: Pixel**)

Depending on the device used by the user, the app also enables users to scroll up and down by a tiny margin if their phone has almost enough, yet insufficient screen height. Although this does not pose any major problems, it may leave users confused and weirded out by the bizzare appearance of the scrollbar. This phenomenon impacts the app's reputation as a whole and may cause users to lower user ratings and lose the app's competitive edge.

View elements near the bill summary section may overlap

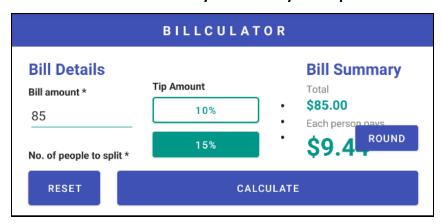


Diagram 3.4.0: Button overlaps bill summary details if screen width is too short (**Device: Galaxy Nexus**)

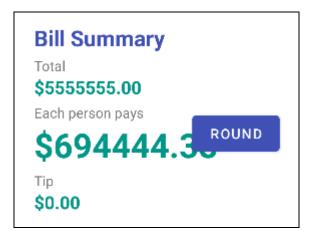


Diagram 3.4.1: Data value is hidden behind the "Round" button if its length is too long (Device: Nexus)

Depending on the device used by the user, view elements near the bill summary section may overlap each other if the device's screen width is too short or if the element lengths are too long. This is a major issue because users may not view the full value displayed in the bill summary and will not know the result computed by the system. It also adds visual clutter to the screen and cause user confusion over the user interface design, which impacts user performance and ultimately the popularity of the app.

Appendix

MainActivity.java

```
package com.example.dmtassignment1 0204677limzheyuan;
import android.view.KeyEvent;
   private EditText txtBill, txtPeople;
   public void onSaveInstanceState(@NonNull Bundle outState) {
       outState.putString("resResult", resResult.getText().toString());
       outState.putString("resTotal", resTotal.getText().toString());
   protected void onRestoreInstanceState (@NonNull Bundle savedInstanceState)
       super.onRestoreInstanceState(savedInstanceState);
```

```
resTip.setText(savedInstanceState.getString("resTip"));
   int savedBtnSelected = savedInstanceState.getInt("tipBtnSelected");
   tipBtnSelected = savedBtnSelected;
    if (savedBtnSelected == 0) {
    } else if (savedBtnSelected == 1) {
       deselectAllTipBtns();
    lblResult.setVisibility(savedInstanceState.getInt("vis lblResult"));
   lblTip.setVisibility(savedInstanceState.getInt("vis lblTip"));
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   lblBill = findViewById(R.id.lblBill);
   lblPeople = findViewById(R.id.lblPeople);
   txtBill = findViewById(R.id.txtBill);
   txtPeople = findViewById(R.id.txtPeople);
   btnReset = findViewById(R.id.btnReset);
   lblResult = findViewById(R.id.lblSummResult);
   resTotal = findViewById(R.id.resTotal);
   resTip = findViewById(R.id.resTip);
```

```
txtBill.setOnKeyListener(new View.OnKeyListener() {
    public boolean onKey(View view, int i, KeyEvent keyEvent) {
    public boolean onKey(View view, int i, KeyEvent keyEvent) {
            deselectAllTipBtns();
    public void onClick(View view) {
            deselectAllTipBtns();
btnTip20.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
```

```
deselectAllTipBtns();
                    changeControlColor("normal", lblBill, txtBill);
changeControlColor("normal", lblPeople, txtPeople);
Double.parseDouble(txtBill.getText().toString());
                         int noOfPeople =
Integer.parseInt(txtPeople.getText().toString());
```

```
splitTotal = billAmount / noOfPeople;
splitTotal));
                    resTip.setText(getString(R.string.billResult, tipAmount));
                    resTotal.setText(getString(R.string.billResult,
billAmount));
                    setSummaryVisible(true);
Double.parseDouble(txtBill.getText().toString());
                    int noOfPeople =
Integer.parseInt(txtPeople.getText().toString());
                        txtPeople.requestFocus();
                    if (txtPeople.getText().toString().equals("")) {
                    if (txtBill.getText().toString().equals("")) {
        btnRound.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
```

```
double newSplitTotal, total, roundedTotal, newTip;
                int noOfPeople;
Double.parseDouble(resTotal.getText().toString().substring(1));
                noOfPeople = Integer.parseInt(txtPeople.getText().toString());
                newTip = roundedTotal * tipPerc;
                resTotal.setText(getString(R.string.billResult,
                resResult.setText(getString(R.string.billResult,
                resTip.setText(getString(R.string.billResult, newTip));
                btnRound.setVisibility(View.GONE);
    private void setSummaryVisible(boolean visible) {
            lblResult.setVisibility(View.GONE);
            btnRound.setVisibility(View.GONE);
            btn.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.greenClr));
            btn.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.white));
```

```
private void changeControlColor(String state, TextView lbl, EditText
input) {
    if (state.equals("normal")) {
        //Set default color - lbl black and input green
        lbl.setTextColor(Color.BLACK);
        input.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.greenClr));
    } else if (state.equals("error")) {
        //Set both lbl and input color red
        lbl.setTextColor(getColorStateList(R.color.errorClr));
        input.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.errorClr));
    }
}

private void deselectAllTipBtns() {
    //Set bg colour
    //bst bg colour
    //btnTip10
    btnTip10.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.white));
    btnTip10.setTextColor(getColorStateList(R.color.greenClr));
    //btnTip15
    btnTip15.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.white));
    btnTip15.setTextColor(getColorStateList(R.color.greenClr));
    //btnTip20
    btnTip20.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.white));
    btnTip20.setBackgroundTintList(getColorStateList(R.color.greenClr));
    //Set selected value to -1
    tipBtnSelected = -1;
}
```

Marking Rubric for Assignment
The assignment will be marked based on the following criteria. Include this sheet as the last page of your submission.

Criteria	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Expert	Allocated Marks
Fitness of Purposes & Functionality - Event handling - Output in multiline textview - Validation	(0-15) Little or no attempt to implement the feature correctly	(16-23) A partial implementation of the feature, but some aspects are incorrect and not particularly well coded. May give rise to run-time errors.	(24-32) A mostly complete implementation of the feature which works correctly, although the coding could be clearer.	(33-40) A complete implementation of the feature, clearly coded.	Marks
Build Quality & Usability - Layouts - Model - Data structure usage	(0-15) Poor build quality provided according to the Android and general coding standard. Weak in system feddbacks and no input validation.	(16-23) Fair build quality provided according to the Android and general coding standard. Ambigous in system feedbakcs and minor implementation in input validation	(24-32) Good build quality provided according to the Android and general coding standard. Good system feedback given with appropriate input validation	(33-40) Excellent build quality provided according to the Android and coding standard. Provide very clear feedbacks and excellent in input validation.	
Program code structure (using classes, methos, code indentation & commenting)	(0-3) Weak or no program structure and commenting code provided	(4-5) Poor/Average program structure and commenting code provided	(6-8) Good program structure and commenting code provided	(9-10) Excellent program structure and commenting code provided	
Individual Report	(0-3) Little or no evaluation is offered of the work undertaken	(4-5) Some attempt at an evaluation of the work undertaken. However, the extent or quality is inadequate.	(6-8) A complete evaluation of the work undertaken. Some outstanding features but not wholly outstanding.	(9-10) A outstanding evaluation of the work undertaken	