# Android App for Tour Guides

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### Problems Addressed

Training new Parkview Campus tour guides takes a lot of time

Remembering all the information accurately is difficult

Occupied labs and the things in them cannot be viewed by tour takers

Going inside each lab takes a lot of time

### Goals

Develop an Android App to facilitate tour guides

Client should be able to add/update info

Should show info about labs by scanning QR codes outside them

Should have the ability to email info about any specific lab to a tour taker

# Technologies Used

**IDEs** 

Android Studio

**PHPStorm** 

DataGrip

Languages

Java

PHP

SQL

**Testing Frameworks** 

JUnit

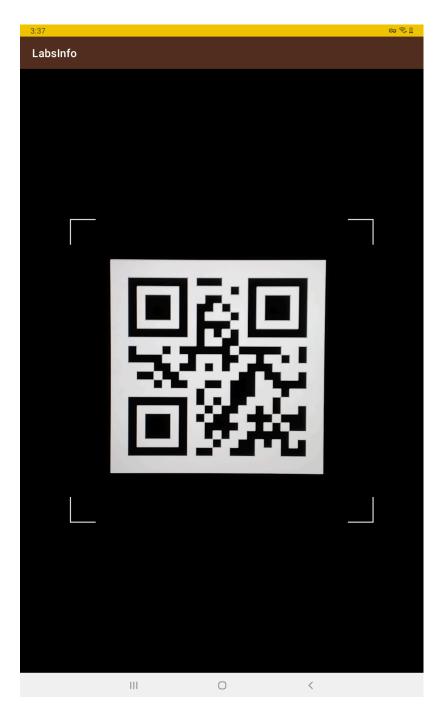
**PHPUnit** 

**DBMS** 

PostgreSQL

Version Control and Project Management

GitHub



### App Pages

QR Code Scanner





Engine Lathe



Vertical Bandsaw



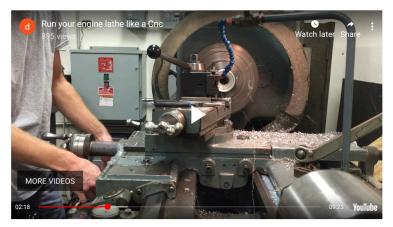
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### App Pages

Titles List

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In action



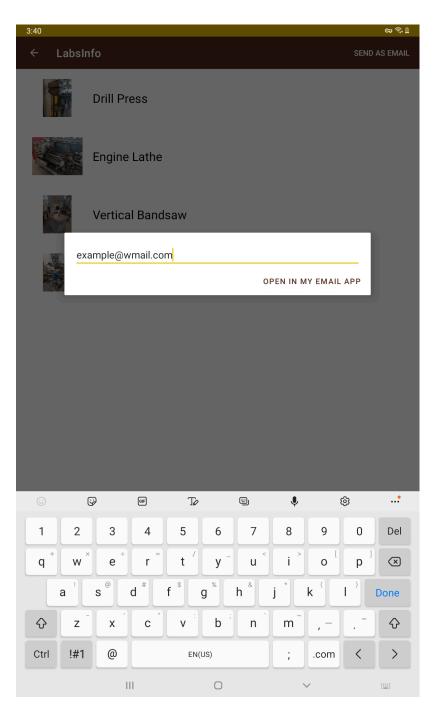
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### App Pages

Details



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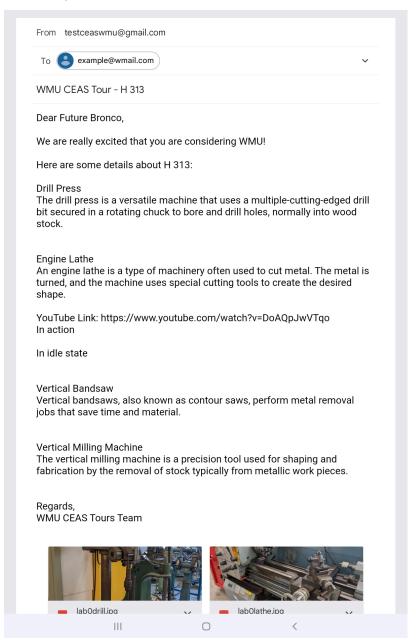
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### Email

# Design

Software architecture

Android App

Server containing PHP files and database

Java code (GET request) → PHP API (SQL query) → database

Database → PHP API (JSON array) → Java code (hash maps / sets)

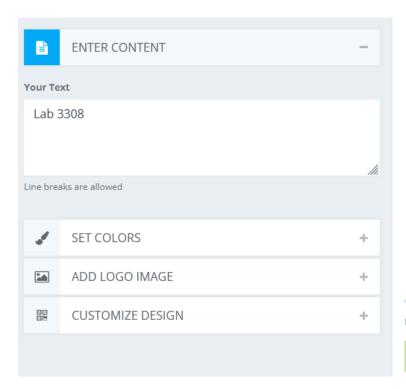
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Retrieved data used for displaying appropriate information in the App and email texts depending on QR code scanned

Client has complete control over modification of the PostgreSQL database

Invalid QR codes are ignored by App's Scanner

Usable at any college/campus connected to WMU's network / WiFi

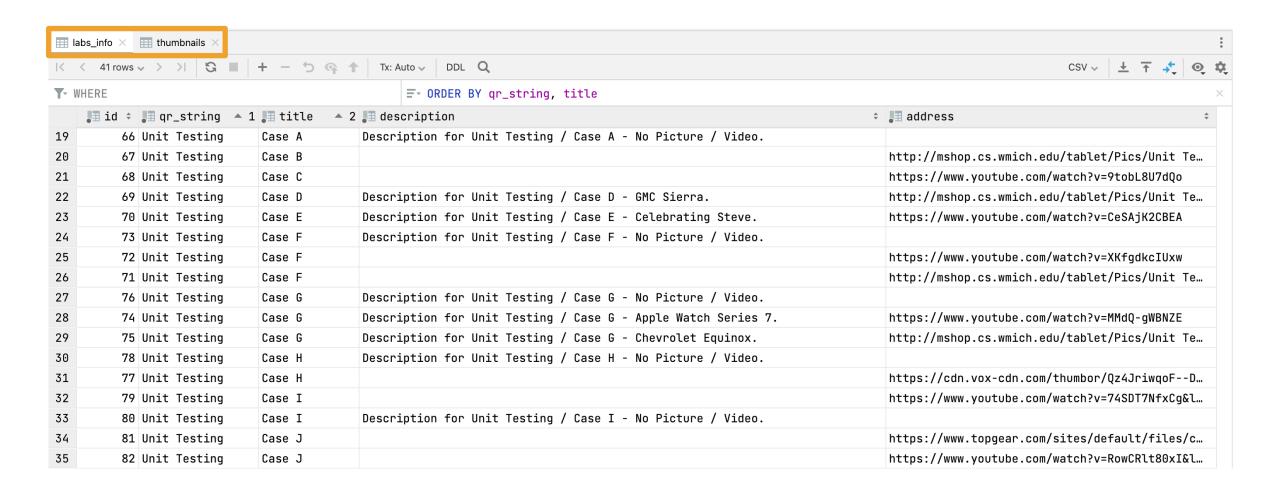




### QR Code Generation

https://www.qrcodemonkey.com/#text

# Add/Update Database Info



# Problems Faced During Development

Android no longer allows use of Java's JDBC API

Fix: Stored PHP files on server for database communication

Android recently mandated additional steps to share pictures with Email Apps

Fix: Created cache paths xml, a provider in manifest

Used them to store pictures on cache to share