

# Performance Testing and Evaluation of Transformative Apps Devices

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### Agenda

- Intro to Transformative Apps
- NIST Testing
  - Marketplace for Apps
  - Handheld Apps
  - Client-based Apps
  - User-centered Testing
- Future Device Testing
- Questions





### **Transformative Apps**

- DARPA Funded
- Develop range of military-relevant software applications (apps)
- Enhance operational effectiveness





#### Transformative Apps: Trans Apps



#### Goal:

- Integrated multi-layered solution
- Rapid fielding and updates
- Direct end-user input

#### **Program Scope:**

- Secure Android software stack and infrastructure
- App Vetting Process
- Imagery Tools
- Agile processes











### **Trans Apps Applications**





PLI (10)
BLUE FORCE TRACKING



Maps
HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGERY
WITH OPERATIONAL OVERLAYS



WhoDat VIRTUAL LINEUP/BOLO



WAM
WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS GUIDE



Tactical Radio Control VIRTUAL KEYPAD DISPLAY FOR TACTICAL RADIOS



MapDraw
TACTICAL MAP GRAPHICS
DRAWING AND EDITING



Trip Ticket
PERSONNEL AND INVENTORY
TRACKER



Forms
CREATE AND SAVE FORMS



Chat 610 TACTICAL CHAT



Blackbox GEO-REFERENCED MEDIA AND REVIEW OF HISTORICAL TRACES



Light Data



OBLOC OBSERVER LOCATION. FOR FIRE SUPPORT



Wolfhound (19)
INTUITIVE WOLFHOUND DISPLAY



Media Collector



BallisticInfo
BALLISTIC CALCULATOR FOR
SNIPERS & SPOTTERS



TSE TACTICAL SITE EXPLOITATION



TIGR EVENTS, REPORTS, COLLECTIONS



NavTool SHARE PLAN & EDIT ROUTES



RED BLAST AND FRAGMENTATION DISTANCES



Glideline HIGH ALTITUDE JUMP TOOL



Debrief MISSION WRAP-UPS



Green Notebook



ACOZ ZULU TIME AND JULIAN DATE FOR COMMS SYNC



GammaPix RADIATION DETECTION



Language Games
ACTIVITIES FOR LEARNING EASTERN
PASHTO, SOUTHERN PASHTO AND
DARI PHRASES



Distance + Bearing
TOOLSET FOR QUICKLY MAKING
MISSION-SPECIFIC MAP CALCULATIONS



TransHeat
HEAT MAPS OF PRIOR MISSIONS
FOR PATTERN ANALYSIS



RIED
RECOGNITION OF IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

#### Icon Key



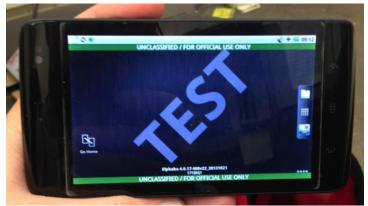
REQUIRES NETWORK



### **Devices Deployed**

- Dell Streak
  - 5" Screen deployed overseas

- Samsung Galaxy Note 1
  - 5 1/4" Screen deployed locally



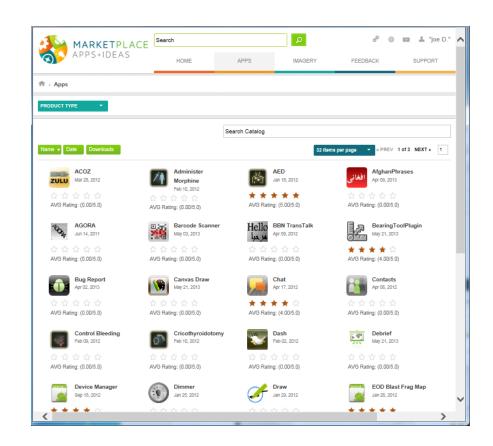




### Marketplace for Apps



- Website version of a military app store
- Allows developers to upload apps
- Allows users to download apps
- Groups of apps together as a kit





### Marketplace for Apps

- Testing as different users with different permission levels
- Different browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.)
- Ease of navigation
- Can user find information quickly?



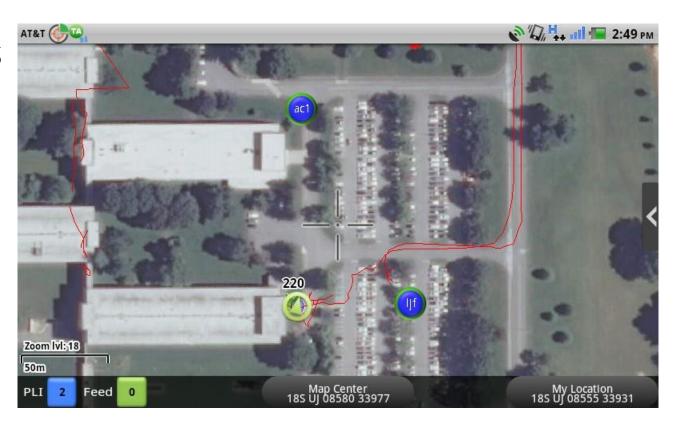






### Handheld Apps Testing

- Core AppsMaps
- Locations
- Traces showing history

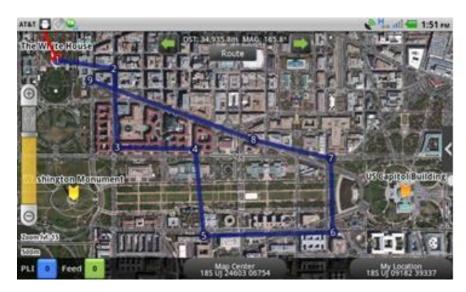




#### Handheld Apps Testing

- Maps Plugins
  - Route Planning / Navigation

Bearings





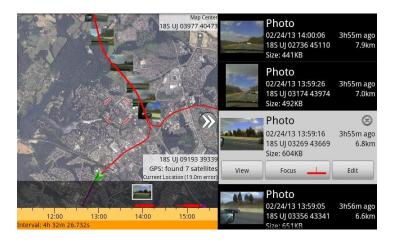
Testing: Functionality and accuracy of data showed through plugins



### Handheld Apps Testing



- Maps Plugins
  - Geo-located media (pictures, videos, audio notes)
  - Heat maps of GPS history





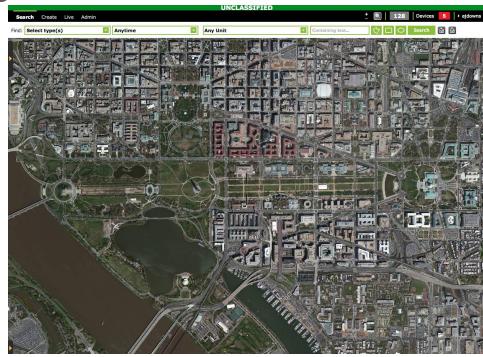


■ Runs on Laptops with no

connectivity

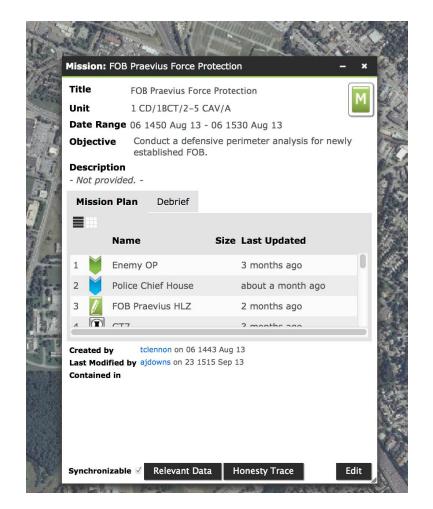
... or ...

Runs on Web server using devices with wifi or 3G/4G connectivity





- Pre-create groups of syncing items to be pushed to handhelds
  - Significant locations
  - Routes
  - Drawings
  - Text
  - Media





- Automatic sync starts when a connection is made (USB or network)
  - GPS Traces
  - Geo-located media
  - Significant locations
  - Drawings & Diagrams
  - Person of Interest Profiles

User	Device	Connection	Status	Last Synced
transappusei	android:a8e94464a3ff30c36e8a9t	1111111111111111	SYNCED	2013-11-08 15:50:5
lf.n	android:8f13f8b58e71e2f80eb479	1111111111111111	SYNCING	2013-10-28 17:58:
paulina.s	android:893c9862d9793facbfc531	1111111111111111	SYNCING	2013-10-22 16:42:
em.n	android:83ce68e49e9a847589bf3	1111111111111111	SYNCING	2013-11-08 09:47:
melmatsuo	android:7e1779ec379993dea703e	1111111111111111	CONNECTED	Not Available
ajd.n	android:5c9f58e9fadd7ad71d5bbl	1111111111111111	SYNCING	2013-11-06 14:32:
mel2	android:2110ec144c0bd466ecb70	1111111111111111	SYNCED	2013-11-08 15:51:



 After the mission, create debriefs with traces, data, and media from the mission





#### **User-Centered Testing**



- App Spot Checklist
  - List of UI
     components and
     intended functions
     of apps
- Periodically used to do thorough regression testing of apps

#### APP SPOT CHECKLIST - 03/01/2013

#### MAPS

- o Panning and Zooming (Satellite and Topo Imagery)
  - Imagery Presence
  - Speed of Imagery Redraw
- Plan Rou
  - Create several routes (one with a few waypoints and another with 12+ waypoints) by both long pressing the screen and inputting grid coords
  - Edit waypoints by long-pressing
  - Send/receive routes
  - Save/Load routes
  - Clear routes
  - Delete saved routes
  - Cycle through plotted points on a completed route via the arrow icons
- Bearing Tool
  - Invoke Bearing tool from Map Center, Maps
     Menu, long-press on map, from User Info popup
  - Create and draw various bearings. Compare results with other angular measurements, e.g. route segments.
  - Create bearings from My Location and Map Center
  - Use Spots to define start and end spots
  - Test with MGRS, Lat/Long DMS and Lat/Long decimal
  - Delete individual bearings
- HeatMap(Not on NOTE)
  - Generate Heat Maps for individually-selected tracks
  - Generate Heat Maps for all tracks
  - Verify that generated Heat Maps appear on Map when layer is turned on

- Send/Receive spots via QR code
- Navigate to Spots
- o Menu
  - Check for new items
  - Ensure navigation and bearing plugins installed correctly
  - Test all options
- Settings
  - Verify current settings; note differences with previous version
  - Note new and missing items
  - Review for utility, i.e. is a particular setting used
     at all
- o Lock
  - Verify that screen lock works
  - Verify that orientation lock works
- Orientation and rotation -- ensure that all functions behave in both portrait and landscape. Ensure that rotating the device in the middle of any operation works properly.
- o Drawer
  - Ensure drawer opens and closes correctly in both portrait and landscape mode.
  - Check that you can invoke: RF list, TRAQ Camera, TRAQ Mic, TRAQ Review, GPX List, Chat, Screen lock and Orientation lock

#### MAP DRAW

- Drawing (looking at Satellite imagery)
  - All drawing tools work as they are intended
  - Change color and transparency of drawings
  - Change fill color of drawings
  - Change line style
  - Center draw and Shape Preview



#### **User-Centered Testing**

- Creating "missions" to mimic use cases with info from:
  - Briefings and interviews with soldiers
  - Field Service Representatives (Tech & Training Liaisons with soldiers in the field)
- Example:
  - Patrols to gather intelligence & look for persons and locations of interest



### Communication of Findings

- Weekly Reports to program management
  - Show-stoppers & watchpoints
- Bugs, Crashes, Improvements, New feature suggestions, etc.
  - Online bug reporting system

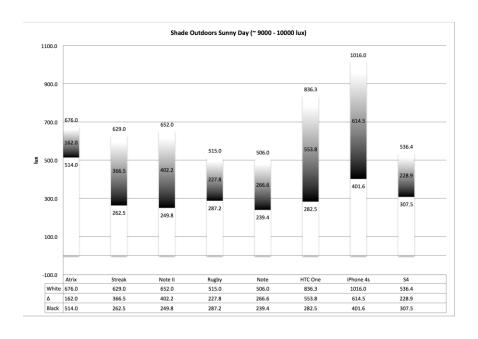


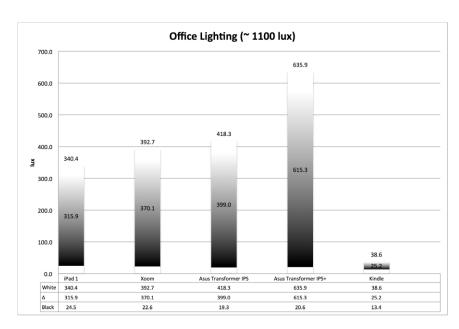
- Panagtable & reprodu
- Repeatable & reproducible test methods
- Relatively easy to obtain materials
- Provide comparisons of devices
- Allow sponsors to choose future devices





- Display Usability
  - Brightness & Contrast Estimates
  - Multiple ambient brightness levels







- GPS Accuracy & Timeliness
  - Accuracy from GPS Testing app
  - Known survey points
    - Average locations
       & distance to
       survey points





- Camera Usability
  - # of pictures taken in 30 seconds

- Compass testing
  - Repeatable & reproducible sets of compass readings between known points in multiple orientations and configurations



#### **Questions?**

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