

Dublin Bus App

CA326 Testing

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1. Unit testing

1.0 Jest, Enzyme and Chai

For our unit testing we decided to use Jest, Enzyme and Chai. Jest is a powerful JavaScript testing library which is used for unit testing and can be integrated with Enzyme. Enzyme is a JavaScript testing utility for React and React Native that makes it easier to assert and traverse your Components' output. The general structure for our unit tests are as follows. We have a 'describe' to describe what we are testing and then we test what 'it' should do for the cases that you set inside your describe.

Chai is an assertion framework for NodeJS, we are using chai-enzyme a library to allow Enzyme to use Chai's assertions and allow for broader testing.

This can be seen in the example below:

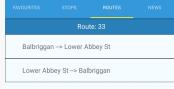
```
describe('Testing NewsScreen component', () => {
  it('renders without exploding', () => {
    const navigation = { navigate: jest.fn() };
    expect(
      shallow(
        <NewsScreen navigation={navigation} />
      )
    ).to.have.length(1)
  });
});
```

We tested each component to see that everything rendered correctly and that the navigation for buttons and lists worked correctly.

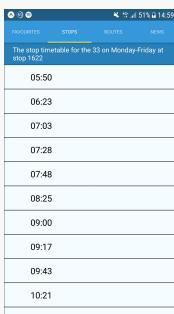
1.1 FavouriteScreen		1.2 RTPIScreen	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/FavouritesScreen.test.js Testing FavouritesScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (12ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (3ms) ✓ navigation works (3ms) ✓ navigation works (3ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 4 passed, 4 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.795s</pre>		<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/RTPIScreen.test.js Testing RTPIScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (67ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (5ms) ✓ should have 1 textinput present (3ms) ✓ textinput update when text inputted (4ms) ✓ textinput works (12ms) ✓ list shows (19ms) ✓ navigation works (49ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 7 passed, 7 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 2.275s</pre>	

1.3 RTPISecondScreen		1.4 RTPIThirdScreen	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/RTPISecondScreen.test.js Testing RTPISecondScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (43ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (4ms) ✓ should have 1 mapview present (2ms) ✓ list shows (16ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 4 passed, 4 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.65s, estimated 2s</pre>		<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/RTPIThirdScreen.test.js Testing RTPIThirdScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (43ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (4ms) ✓ should have 1 mapview present (2ms) ✓ list shows (16ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 4 passed, 4 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.65s, estimated 2s</pre>	

1.5 RTPIFourthScreen		1.6 RouteScreen	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/RTPIFourthScreen.test.js Testing RTPIFourthScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (43ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (4ms) ✓ should have 1 mapview present (2ms) ✓ list shows (16ms) ✓ navigation works (6ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 4 passed, 4 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.65s, estimated 2s</pre>		<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/RouteScreen.test.js Testing RouteScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (61ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (3ms) ✓ should have 1 textinput present (2ms) ✓ textinput update when text inputted (2ms) ✓ textinput works (6ms) ✓ list shows (16ms) ✓ navigation works (6ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 7 passed, 7 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.828s</pre>	

1.7 RouteSecondScreen		1.8 RouteThirdScreen	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS tests/_screens/RouteSecondScreen.test.js Testing RouteSecondScreen component when isLoading: true ✓ renders without exploding (17ms) ✓ should have 2 views present (3ms) ✓ should have 1 activityindicator present (2ms) Testing RouteSecondScreen component when isLoading: false ✓ should have 3 views present (34ms) ✓ should have 1 flist present (3ms) navigation works (16ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 6 passed, 6 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.578s</pre>		<pre>PASS tests/_screens/RouteThirdScreen.test.js Testing RouteThirdScreen component when isLoading: true ✓ renders without exploding (1ms) ✓ should have 2 views present (1ms) ✓ should have 1 activityindicator present (1ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 3 passed, 3 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.005s, estimated 2s</pre>	

1.9 RouteFourthScreen		1.10 FareCalculator	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS tests/_screens/RouteFourthScreen.test.js Testing RouteFourthScreen component when isLoading: true ✓ renders without exploding (17ms) ✓ should have 2 views present (5ms) ✓ should have 1 activityindicator present (1ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 3 passed, 3 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.584s</pre>		<pre>PASS tests/_screens/FareCalculator.test.js Testing FareCalculator component when isLoading: true ✓ renders without exploding (2ms) ✓ should have 2 views present (1ms) ✓ should have 1 activityindicator present (1ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 3 passed, 3 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.613s</pre>	

1.11 FareScreen		1.12 StopTimetable	
Unit tests	App screen	Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS tests/_screens/FareScreen.test.js Testing FareScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (10ms) ✓ should have 4 views present (5ms) ✓ should have 6 texts present (7ms) ✓ navigation works (16ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 4 passed, 4 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.558s, estimated 2s</pre>		<pre>PASS tests/_screens/OfflineTimetableScreen.test.js Testing OfflineTimetableScreen component when isLoading: true ✓ renders without exploding (10ms) ✓ should have 2 views present (3ms) ✓ should have 1 activityindicator present (1ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 3 passed, 3 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.516s, estimated 5s</pre>	

1.13 NewsScreen	
Unit tests	App screen
<pre>PASS __tests__/screens/NewsScreen.test.js Testing NewsScreen component ✓ renders without exploding (215ms) ✓ should have 1 view present (2ms) ✓ should have 1 webview present (1ms) Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total Tests: 3 passed, 3 total Snapshots: 0 total Time: 1.537s</pre>	<p>The screenshot shows a mobile application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for Favourites, Stops, Routes, and News. Below that is a search bar with the placeholder "Search Twitter". There are "Log in" and "Sign up" buttons. A yellow header bar contains the Dublin Bus logo and a "Follow" button. The main content area displays a tweet from "@dublinbusnews" with the text "#DBSvcUpdate Status Orange Weather Warning: Dublin Bus Services bit.ly/2CIPGDW". Below the tweet is a small graphic of a road with a bus and a person.</p>

2. Pipeline

We decided to use the built-in Continuous Integration tools on GitLab to facilitate our testing and as a second check, ensuring anything we are pushing is passing our tests and is not going to affect existing functionalities and code. To do this, we used the Pipeline. The Pipeline allows us to execute a set of jobs in stages, in this case each job will be executed on push to a branch. The Pipeline uses a Docker environment, in which we chose to use the latest version of Node as the image so we can install yarn, and all of our development dependencies. Then, the testing script will run and execute all of our tests. If our tests pass, the Pipeline will complete and succeed, otherwise the Pipeline will fail and we will be notified, from this we can see what caused our tests to fail and either fix the problem, or revert back to a previous version if the problem cannot be fixed directly.

CI Configuration

.gitlab-ci.yml 142 Bytes

```
1 image: node:8.9.0
2
3 stages:
4   - test
5
6 test:
7   stage: test
8   script:
9     - cd code
10    - npm i yarn
11    - yarn
12    - yarn test --updateSnapshot
```

Pipeline Console

The Pipeline Console screenshot shows a terminal window displaying Jest test results and a sidebar with pipeline metadata.

Terminal Output:

```
console.error node_modules/fbjs/lib/warning.js:33
Warning: Failed prop type: The prop "coordinate.latitude" is marked as required in "MapMarker", but its value is 'undefined'.
  in MapMarker
console.error node_modules/fbjs/lib/warning.js:33
Warning: Failed prop type: The prop "region.latitude" is marked as required in "MapView", but its value is 'undefined'.
  in MapView
PASS  __tests__/_screens/RTPISecondScreen.test.js (57.153s)
  ● Console

    console.error node_modules/fbjs/lib/warning.js:33
      Warning: Failed prop type: The prop "coordinate.latitude" is marked as required in "MapMarker", but its value is 'undefined'.
        in MapMarker
    console.error node_modules/fbjs/lib/warning.js:33
      Warning: Failed prop type: The prop "region.latitude" is marked as required in "MapView", but its value is 'undefined'.
        in MapView

PASS  __tests__/_screens/FareScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/RTPIThirdScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/FavouritesScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/FareCalculator.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/RTPIScreen.test.js (5.251s)
PASS  __tests__/_screens/RouteScreen.test.js (5.28s)
PASS  __tests__/_screens/RouteFourthScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/OfflineImetableScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_utilities/api.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_components/pointOfInterest.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_components/BusStop.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_screens/NewsScreen.test.js
PASS  __tests__/_app.test.js
  ● Console

    console.warn node_modules/react-native/jest/setup.js:99
      Calling .measureInWindow() in the test renderer environment is not supported. Instead, mock out your components that use findNodeHandle with replacements that don't rely on the native environment.

Test Suites: 16 passed, 16 total
Tests:       74 passed, 74 total
Snapshots:  0 total
Time:        70.896s
Ran all test suites.
Done in 72.68s.
Job succeeded
```

Sidebar (Pipeline Details):

- test
- Retry
- Duration: 2 minutes 13 seconds
- Runner: #7
- Commit 4f3ebcc3
- Add Pipeline to testing doc, fix pipeline
- test

Jobs list						
Rian Condon > 2018-ca326-rcondon-dublinbusapp > Jobs						
All 105	Pending 0	Running 0	Finished 105	CI lint		
Status	Job	Pipeline	Stage	Name	Coverage	
passed	#6229 ✓ master -o 4f3ebcc3	#4982 by	test	test	⌚ 02:13 🕒 2 minutes ago	
failed	#6223 ✘ master -o 1a00c77b	#4977 by	test	test	⌚ 02:22 🕒 23 minutes ago	
passed	#6219 ✓ master -o f72c1e82	#4974 by	test	test	⌚ 02:22 🕒 37 minutes ago	
passed	#6183 ✓ master -o 0d362e64	#4950 by	test	test	⌚ 02:14 🕒 about 3 hours ago	

3. User testing

3.1 Cognitive Walkthrough #1 (28/2/2018)

First set of Cognitive walkthroughs	
Date of Evaluation:	28th February 2018
Description of System:	Dublin Bus App. An application used for by users in conjunction with the bus service provided by Dublin Bus.
Typical Users:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commuters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General public
Typical Tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search a stop
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search a route
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Favourite a stop
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the shops nearby
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filter a stop by a bus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check Dublin bus twitter

3.1.1 First user (Commuter)

Commuter's Actions	Outcome successful	Commuter's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	Yes	User (after having the term RTPI explained to them), went to the RTPI screen and inputted a stop number.	User was unsure what tab to find searching a stop in, as they did not know what RTPI stood for.	Change RTPI tab to Stops tab for better usability for users.
2. Search a route	Yes	User went to the routes screen and inputted a route number.	-	-
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check the shops nearby	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the shops nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	-
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus	-	-

		they chose.		
6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed	-	-

3.1.2 Second user (Student)

Student's actions	Outcome successful	Student's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen and inputted a stop number.	-	User worked out by deduction where to search a stop from, but was not 100% when looking at the app for the first time.
2. Search a route	Yes	User went to the routes screen and inputted a route number.	-	-
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check		User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the		User mentioned it would be good to have how long it would take to walk there

the shops nearby	Yes	shops nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	and back and the distance displayed on the shop nearby screen.
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus they chose.	-	-
6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed	-	-

3.1.3 Third user (General public)

General public's actions	Outcome successful	General public's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	No	User did not know where to find searching for a stop.	User unable to find the tab to search for a stop.	Change RTPI screen to Stops screen. Noted even when user knew where to search a stop, they said they would like a list of all stops underneath the search bar.
2. Search a	Yes	User went to the routes screen and	-	User said they would like the stops screen to have a list just

route		inputted a route number.		like the list under the route screen search bar.
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check the shops nearby	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the shops nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	User could not tell the difference between the stop and the shop marker on the map because they were both red. Change one to blue for better visibility.
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the RTPI screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus they chose.	-	-
6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed.	-	-

3.1.4 What we learned

Commuter	Student	General public
* Change RTPI tab to Stops tab.	* Change RTPI tab to Stops tab.	* Change RTPI tab to Stops tab.
	* Distance to walk to the shop and time on shops nearby page.	* Have list of stops under stops tab like routes tab.
		* Change colour of markers on shops nearby tab for better visibility.

3.2 Cognitive Walkthrough #2 (7/3/2018)

Second set of Cognitive walkthroughs	
Date of Evaluation:	7th March 2018
Description of System:	Dublin Bus App. An application used for by users in conjunction with the bus service provided by Dublin Bus.
Typical Users:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commuters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General public
Typical Tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search a stop
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search a route
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Favourite a stop
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the shops nearby
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filter a stop by a bus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check Dublin bus twitter

3.2.1 First user (Commuter)

Commuter's actions	Outcome successful	Commuter's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	Yes	User went to stops screen and searched for a stop.	-	-
2. Search a route	Yes	User went to routes screen and searched for a stop.	-	-
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check the shops nearby	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the shops nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	-
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus they chose.	-	-
6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed.	-	-

3.2.2 Second user (Student)

Student's actions	Outcome successful	Student's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	Yes	User went to stops screen and scrolled through the list of stops and chose one from that.	-	-
2. Search a route	Yes	User went to routes screen and scrolled through the list until they found the route they were looking for.	-	-
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check the shops nearby	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the shops nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	Enjoyed how distance for walking from the stop to the shop and back is displayed on the screen.
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus they chose.	-	-

6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed.	-	-
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3.2.3 Third user (General public)

General public's actions	Outcome successful	General public's steps to complete action	Problems occurred	Expert Analysis notes
1. Search a stop	Yes	User went to stops screen and searched for a stop.	-	Liked how the RTPI tab had been changed to the Stops tab and how there was now a list under the search bar in the Stops tab.
2. Search a route	Yes	User went to routes screen and searched for a stop.	-	Mentioned that the list was not sorted numerically and would prefer if it was.
3. Favourite a stop	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the favourite button and named their favourite.	-	-
4. Check		User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the shops		

the shops nearby	Yes	nearby button, picked a shop and got the information about that shop.	-	-
5. Filter a stop by a bus	Yes	User went to the stops screen, searched a stop, clicked the filter button and filtered the stop by the bus they chose.	-	-
6. Check Dublin bus twitter	Yes	User went to news screen and looked through the twitter feed.	-	-

3.2.4 What we learned

Commuter	Student	General public
-	* Liked the distance to walk to the shop on the shops nearby page was implemented.	* Liked how the RTPI screen was changed to stops screen.
		* User would have preferred the route screen list to have a been sorted numerically.

3.3 User Review Questionnaire Results

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<p>What did you like best about the app?</p> <p>5 responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming your favourites Showing what shops are around you is a great feature to the app Fare calculator is a great addition to the app Filtering the buses at your stop and the stops nearby button I loved the offline timetable. Used it while the Dublin Bus API was off for the snow last week. Extremely helpful. 	<p>What did you like least about the app?</p> <p>2 responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was slow loading for the routes screen When I search route 9, it doesn't come up at the top of the list. 	<p>What changes or improvements, if any, would you make to the app?</p> <p>2 responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add alerts for when a bus is near your stop I would reorder these so that if you search one number it appears first. 																																																						

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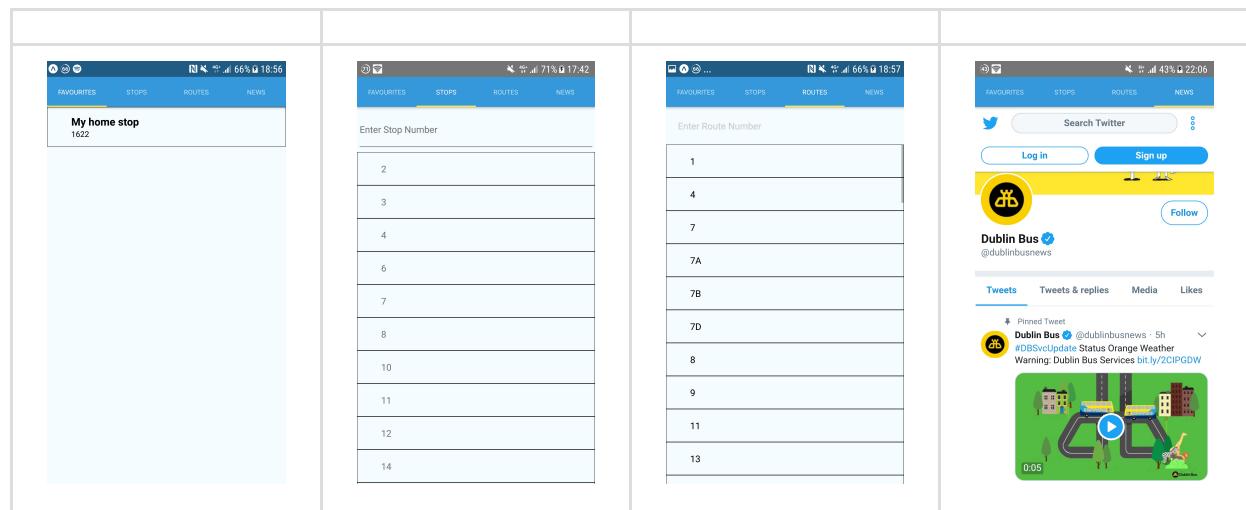
4. Heuristic evaluation

Schneiderman's 8 golden rules of interface design

4.1 Strive for consistency

Consistent sequences of actions should be required in similar circumstances. Identical terminology should be used for prompts, menus, help screens.

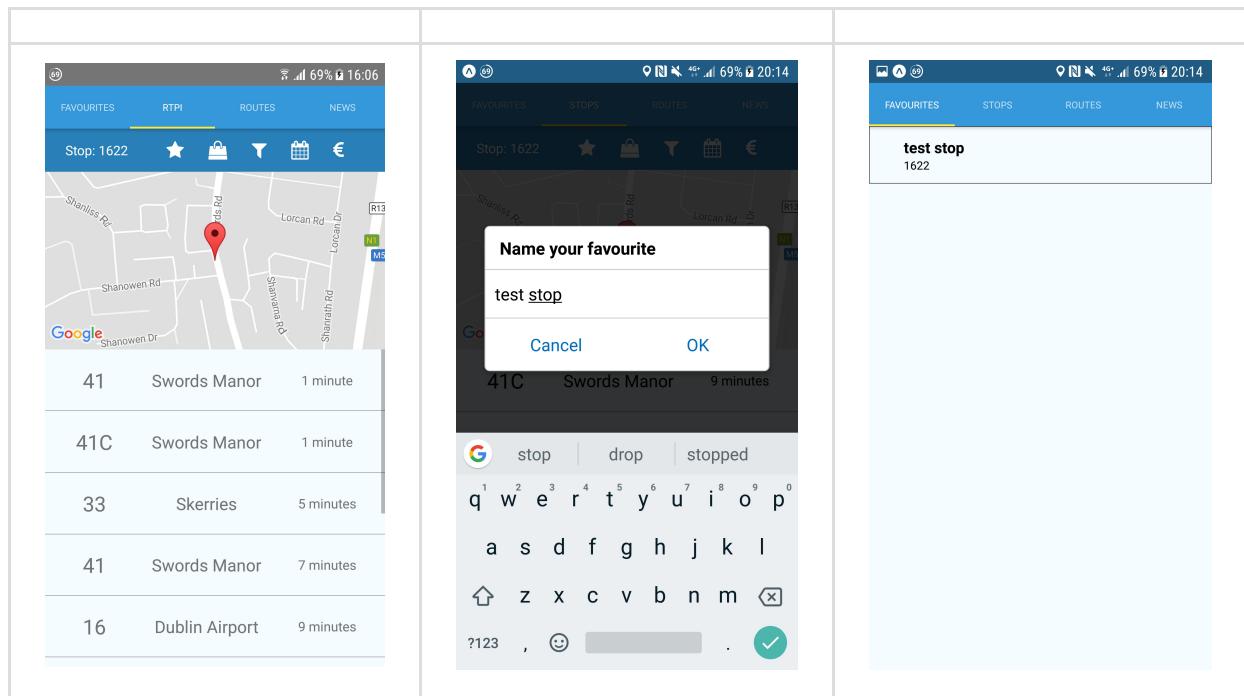
We wanted to make the app as simple and easy to use as possible for users. For this, we made sure that we gave the names of our screens to be ones that users will be able to understand and also to have a colour scheme which is consistent throughout the app. We also used the same types of components on each screen so we could give the user a consistent experience while using all areas of the application.



4.2 Enable frequent users to use shortcuts

Shorter response times are attractive for frequent users and should be made available.

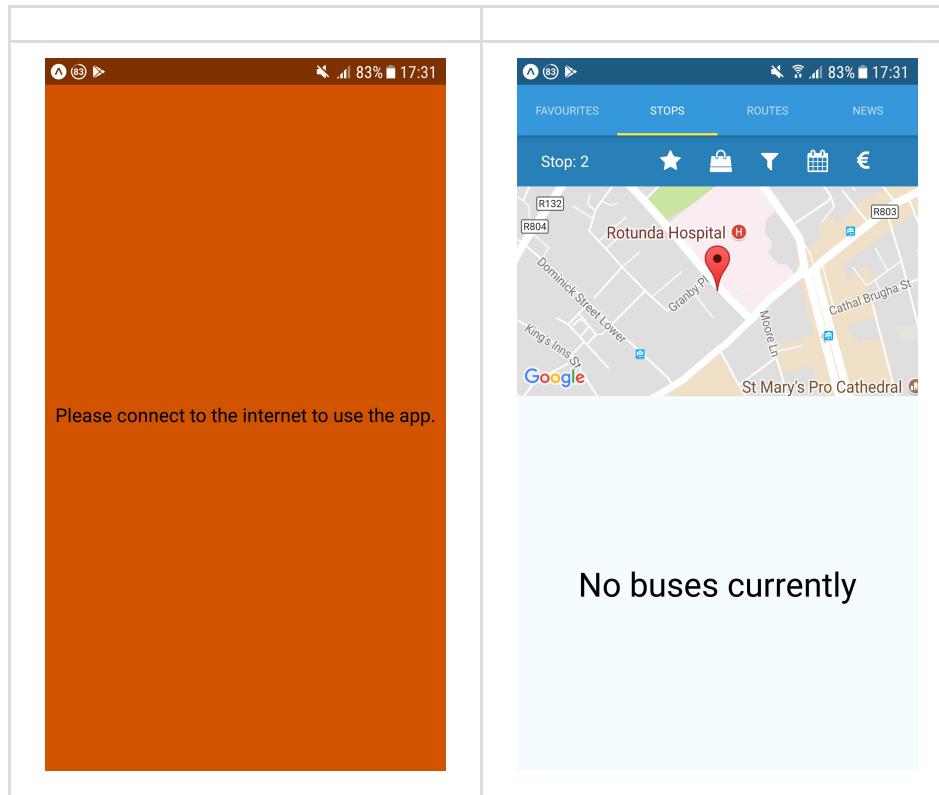
We designed the application with the aim to please users who would use the app every single day and also users who would use the app once or twice a month. To give users shortcuts, we added a favourites screen, so that users who go to the same stop every single day, do not have to search the route every time they want to go to it.



4.3 Offer informative feedback

For every operator action there should be feedback. This can be modest for a frequent or minor action. For infrequent or major actions the response should be more substantial.

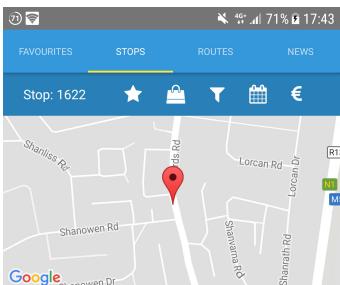
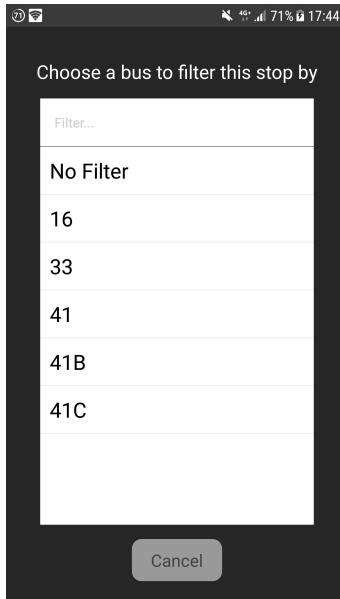
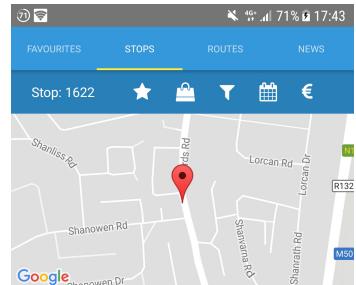
Users will get feedback if they try to connect to the app and they have no internet connection. They will also get feedback if there are no buses at the current stop they are searching for.



4.4 Design dialogs to yield closure

Actions should be organised to have a beginning, a middle, and an end, like a good short story. The informative feedback at the end enables closure to take place so the user knows they are free to move onto the next stage.

We designed our buttons to give users a beginning, a middle and an end. We wanted to do it this way so the users would be able to understand what they are doing and show the stages that are present for using the features of our app. We set it up so the beginning would be whatever button a user clicks, the middle would be the settings that you click to be able get the desired result you are looking for and the end to be the screen with the information the user set out to get when they clicked the button in the beginning.

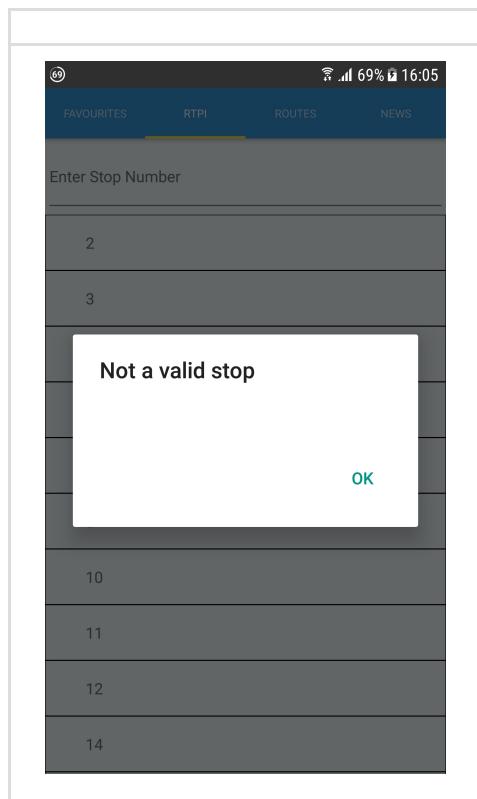
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 <p>The screenshot shows the app's main interface. At the top, there are tabs for FAVOURITES, STOPS (which is selected), ROUTES, and NEWS. Below the tabs, the text "Stop: 1622" is displayed. There are icons for marking the stop as a favorite, adding it to a route, filtering, viewing news, and more. A map shows the location of Stop 1622 on Shanowen Rd. Below the map, a list of bus routes is shown:</p> <table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>41C</td><td>Swords Manor</td><td>3 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>16</td><td>Dublin Airport</td><td>9 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>16</td><td>Dublin Airport</td><td>10 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>16</td><td>Dublin Airport</td><td>13 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>33</td><td>Balbriggan</td><td>19 minutes</td></tr></tbody></table>	41C	Swords Manor	3 minutes	16	Dublin Airport	9 minutes	16	Dublin Airport	10 minutes	16	Dublin Airport	13 minutes	33	Balbriggan	19 minutes	 <p>A modal dialog box is centered on the screen. It has a title bar "Choose a bus to filter this stop by". Below the title is a search input field labeled "Filter...". A list of bus routes is displayed, each with a small icon to its left. The routes listed are: No Filter, 16, 33, 41, 41B, and 41C. At the bottom right of the dialog is a "Cancel" button.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the app's main interface again, but now filtered by bus route 33. The map and route list are identical to the beginning screenshot, but the bus route 33 is highlighted in green. The list of stops is:</p> <table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>33</td><td>Balbriggan</td><td>19 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>33</td><td>Balbriggan</td><td>49 minutes</td></tr></tbody></table>	33	Balbriggan	19 minutes	33	Balbriggan	49 minutes
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4.5 Offer simple error handling

The possibilities for error should be designed out of the system wherever possible. The user should be offered a simple comprehensible mechanism for handling error.

Erroneous commands, that is commands that do not mean anything to the system, should leave the system unchanged.

As our application is dealing with users inputting numbers to get a stop, we had error handling if a user inputted a wrong stop number that they would be shown an alert which let the user know it was not a valid stop.



4.6 Permit easy reversal of actions

Actions should be reversible. This relieves anxiety since the user knows that errors can be undone. It also encourages exploration because users know that any action can be easily reversed.

Our application uses stack navigation. We decided to use stack navigation so if users decided they made an incorrect move and they want to redo what they just did that it is possible by hitting the back button. This will put users back to the step they were at before they made the mistake.

4.7 Support internal locus of control

Experienced operators like to know they are in charge of the system. Users should initiate actions rather than being on the receiving end of them.

Users are the ones who run the application. They are in control of what the application does. They can put in whatever stop number they want and see the shops nearby, they can check whatever buses are on the map and they can even check the Dublin Bus twitter from inside the app.

4.8 Reduce short term memory load

Displays should be simple, sufficient training time should be allowed, multiple page displays should be consolidated if possible.

As with the strive consistency, we made the app as simple as possible, so that users are able to understand the app and be able to use it with ease.