ABSTRACT

Thoughtcloud. It is a social thinking platform that intends to bring people together by the way they think. The concept came into picture by a thought about connecting people who are thinking about the exact same thing at the same time. Thought Cloud. It relies its core strength on -Preciseness - Restricted to three words long thoughts only. Lucidity - Easy and interactive design makes it a child's play to use it. Innovation - Innovative feature of real time thought mapping by demography. Thought Cloud c:qeo is a simple to use but powerful qeocaching client with a lot of additional features. All you need to get started is an account on geocaching.com. Find caches using the live map or by using one of the many search functions. Navigate to a cache or a waypoint of a cache with the built-in compass function, the map or hand over the coordinates to various external apps (e.g. Radar, Google Navigation, StreetView, Locus, Navigon, Sygic and many more). Store cache information to your device directly from geocaching.com as well as via GPX file import to have it available whenever you want. You can manage your stored caches in different lists and can sort and filter them according to your needs Stored caches together with offline map files or static maps can be used to find caches without an internet connection (e.g. when roaming). Logs can be posted online or stored offline for later submission or exported via field notes. Search and discover trackables, manage your trackable inventory and drop a trackable while posting a cache log.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

- 1.1 Motivation
- 1.2 Background

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- 1.3 Need
- 1.3.1 Advantages

Figure 1.1: My figure

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Chapter 2

Literature Review

Treasure Hunts in libraries are more commonly the domain of primary and secondary schools, and are often created in a simple question/answer format. A review of the literature was therefore done on two different levels. Firstly, the Librarian was looking for interesting ideas or a 'spin' for the Hunt which would work well for mature students; and secondly, there was the need to investigate the pedagogical soundness of such an enterprise at the tertiary level. An initial exploration of the literature in September 2006 found little that created any inspirational spark. Treasure Hunts were often mentioned as part of orientation programmes, but never discussed in any great depth. By June 2007, it seemed as though everyone had had the same great idea simultaneously. The influx of pirate-themed Treasure Hunts, no doubt encouraged by the recent 'Pirates' movies, now inundate the internet. Several Treasure Hunts have been published and presented at conferences such as LIANZA 2006 (Telford, 2006) and MLA 2007 (Mongelia Brown, 2007). Nowhere in the literature was there evidence of a Treasure Hunt quite like this one, where students collected clues, solved codes, and most importantly, visited many libraries and social facilities at once. Some had major internet components (Smith, 2007), where the 'treasure' was 'hidden' in databases, and some were in reality offering nothing more than a guided tour (Langley, 2007) (Telford, 2006). Some Treasure Hunts were thoroughly uninspiring ("Welcome to the resources treasure hunt!," 2003), containing the vague and unstructured questions librarians often field at the beginning of a 'reference interview', and requiring clues like "Go to chapter 2...", which teaches nothing about the techniques of how and why a particular chapter is to be found. A number of reports on Treasure Hunts were negative, but usually in the context of Library-based Information Literacy Evaluation programmes. They strongly recommended Treasure Hunts should not be used to evaluate students' information literacy ("Assignments to Test for Information Literacy Skills," 2006; "Creating Effective Library Assignments: A Guide for Faculty" 2005). Fortunately for our students, the Treasure Hunt was developed as a method to help them learn, gain confidence and explore, not to assess them. Investigation of the pedagogical soundness of this enterprise was much more encouraging. At the core is the well-researched concept of learner-centred, active learning techniques, where learning is embedded in authentic tasks, is collaborative, integrated, reflective, and socially constructed (Biggs, 2003; Ramsden, 2003). Accordingly, the activities reflected the multidisciplinary nature of the BOH programme by involving many stops to gather clues from a variety of locations, social and academic, where the students worked together to solve the clues, and gained some new friends in the process. The Treasure Hunt was also pitched at an appropriate level of difficulty, with opportunities for feedback and discussion. Many of the students in the course are teenagers, so it was important to acknowledge their predilections as 'millennial' students, and what that would mean in regard to their learning. The seven core traits (special, sheltered, confident, team oriented, conventional, pressured, and achieving) as coined by Howe and Strauss (2003), marry comfortably into the goals of learner-centred learning, and therefore the Treasure Hunt itself (Mongelia Brown, 2007)

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 Planning and Design

During late August 2006, the idea of a Treasure Hunt was first tabled as a learner-centred activity that met the objectives of the induction programme and the Librarian's expectations of acquiring base-level information literacy skills. Following a number of brain storming sessions, the Librarian used her recently acquired Project Management skills to create a detailed timeline, and a risk assessment matrix to identify risks early, and minimise them. For example, a common design feature of a Treasure Hunt is to locate a particular citation in a book and use it to find another resource. This often leads to the citation being underscored by participants, or even worse, the pertinent page being torn from the book by a particularly competitive student. Consequently, this Treasure

Hunt only once required students to look inside a text. The rest of the questions could be answered from call numbers, the outside covers, or simply range guide signs. Other risks identified generally had a high impact, but a low likelihood, e.g. rain, power-cut no internet access, other libraries and other 'Campus Hot Spots' not being prepared to participate. Anticipated issues such as having hoards of students racing through their buildings simply required good organisation and preparation. The Librarian contacted all 'Hot Spot' service providers and Libraries well in advance, ensuring them of their minimal obligations (for example, handing out Clue Cards), and chose locations that could in fact cope with large numbers of students. All participating service providers immediately saw the benefit for themselves and supported the endeavour whole-heartedly. The main risk, which was the most timeconsuming to eliminate, was creating clues for each library that had logical connectivity and were error-free. All identified risks helped to shape the timeline. First was confirmation of topics to be covered at each library, forming the scaffold for the Hunt. The Librarian and Academic staff member worked together on this, ensuring both sides' objectives were met. For instance, the students needed to know that research and study for the BOH would require a wide range of reading. They might go to the Central (humanities) Library for sociology texts, to the Science Library for nutrition or chemistry, to the Medical Library for drug handbooks, or to the Dental Library for discipline specific information. The Treasure Hunt demonstrated this multidisciplinary nature of their degree by choosing clues that interconnected. To illustrate: students had to find a particular journal article containing a specific reference from the Dental Library, and then had to find the cited journal in the Central Library. The Hunt went through several testing stages, with Library colleagues being used as testers on the last draft. Upon completion of this planning process the Treasure Hunt packs for each pair of students had to be made up and all staff briefed. We were ready to go!

2.2 The Treasure Hunt

The event took place on the afternoon of 26th February 2006 during orientation week. 36 students congregated in a teaching laboratory, where they were introduced to the Librarians, watched a short presentation on the art of library-based research skills, and participated in some ba-

sic hands-on practice in using the library catalogue. Then they received their Treasure Hunt packs which included instructions, maps of the campus and of all the libraries, a guide to the catalogue, a handout of the key points made in the presentation, and their first of five clue-cards. To ensure that some of the smaller Libraries and 'Campus Hot Spots' were not overwhelmed, the group was divided into pairs, and given different starting points. Ideally, no more than 4 pairs of students were ever at the same place at any one time. They were given 1.5 hours to complete the Hunt, and instructed to meet back at 'base' at 4pm to Crack the Code and win Treasure! The clue-card directed the student to a specific library, where they had to collect answers to 4 or 5 clues. From these specific letters would be used in order to complete the Code Cracker at the end of the Hunt. Often the answer to one clue was required to solve the next one. So for instance, in the Central Library, 'What floor would you find Social Sciences books on?' had an answer: '[Floor] ONE'. The next question read 'Your map shows a Help Desk is on this floor, what does the blue sign above the desk actually say?' The correct answer was "[Reserve and] GENERAL" The 6th letter of the word was the answer to Clue 16. Once the student had filled in all the clues on the card, they were directed to a staffed desk (usually a Reference Desk) where they could collect the next clue-card. Staff at the desks were only required to scan the completed card to ensure it was indeed complete, and to hand over the next clue. They were also provided with an answer sheet to assist if any students could not progress. Some staff did actively help the students. The five places students were required to visit were the four libraries: Dental, Medical, Science and Central, and one hotchpotch of places called, for the purposes of the Treasure Hunt, 'Campus Hot Spots'. This included Student Health, Disability Information and Support, The Print Shop, and Clubs and Societies (owned by the Student Association). These 'Hot Spots' are geographically situated near each other, and clues for these places were all on the one clue-card. Clubs and Societies was chosen as the next pick up point as they were accustomed to crowds, and had a roomy reception desk. As is the nature of the 'traditional' tour, the Treasure Hunt had to fulfil the basic requirement of ensuring the students simply knew what was where, and how to find things themselves next time. Therefore many clues had a location focus, like 'Find the journal shelved directly after Diabetes Care. What is it?' and this was extended by asking: 'What is the main language used?' These questions demonstrated that journals in the Medical Library are shelved alphabetically, and that a foreign sounding journal [Diabetologia] is not necessarily in a foreign language [it is written mainly in English. The Hunt also showed that all libraries offer very similar services, but might name them differently, such as Information Desk versus Help Desk. Or, that although all Libraries use call numbers to shelve books, the call numbers for the same book could be slightly different from one library to the next. During the Hunt students were to use the catalogue three times in three different libraries, and in three different ways. This demonstrated that all the Library's resources are listed on the same catalogue, and that information could be accessed in different ways, depending on the need. Upon their return at 4 o'clock, the pairs of students worked with others to complete the final task and submit the agreed answer to the Code Cracker. As individuals they all completed a single-page Quick-fire Quiz, designed to recap and reinforce their learning experiences. This time together was also an opportunity for students to summarise their learning and make a record for their own future reference. All students were asked to reflect on the activity and complete a brief evaluation with the specified intention that their responses would lead to changes for the Hunt at the beginning of 2008. The 'treasure' of the Treasure Hunt was not just successful completion of the Hunt, tangible rewards from an oral health products company were taken away. Two days later, the Librarians met the BOH class again for two reasons. One was to give out special prizes: three large "Dr. Rabbit" soft toys were given to three students who had correctly answered the final Quick-Fire Quiz (all correct entries were put in a hat, and the three names were randomly selected). The second purpose of our visit was to report back on their collective reflective feedback, and talk about improvements for the students next year. One month later, the Librarians met the BOH class again once the group had submitted assignments for Sociology and BOH, we asked them to reflect with the benefit of hindsight, the usefulness of the Treasure Hunt.

2.2.1 Discussion

The students' first learning experiences in developing library skills, and knowledge of the range of information available has had positive outcomes in their written work where we begin to see a wider variety of resources accessed than has been the case with previous first year stu-

dents. New students were not aware of the wide range of services offered by the University and had appreciated this opportunity to visit the sites selected. Other units such as Student Job Search, and Unipol Sports Centre were suggested as useful 'Hot Spots' to explore next time. These students got to know some members of the class well in the time spent 'hunting' and they were beginning to establish a sense of collegiality. However, it is clear that we were quite naïve to believe this would not be a highly competitive exercise. Encouraging these students to explore the wider campus took them away from the Faculty of Dentistry and meant that they became more familiar with that larger environment. However, the larger environment at Otago is quite spread out, so the student feedback of needing more time next year will be heeded, as will our advice to wear sensible shoes! Remarks made by library staff alerted us to a few minor issues: time pressure meant that queuing 'etiquette' was largely ignored. Instructions were not always read as literally as required e.g. students looked for a 'Service Desk' at the Central Library, when the instructions told them to look for the 'Help Desk'. Some mild confusion was created with the language used e.g. students were asked to find the 'Social Sciences' section (based on signage in the Central Library), but staff said that all resources at Central could be considered social sciences. We will do it again! The intention from the outset was to place the students at the centre of their learning experience, to provide them with a series of tasks that would be meaningful to them especially as a group with the characteristics previous experience had led us to anticipate, and to leave them in control of the process – there was no compulsion to complete any or all of the exercise. The students all strove to achieve complete answer sheets, there was a sense that not doing so would characterise 'failure' - even to the extent that one pair refused to return until they were satisfied with their work. There was a clear message from students that they were in control (once the initial instruction/background had been provided and the task set). Perhaps one or two felt this was a little 'infra dig' but the wholehearted involvement of the whole class made it a very worthwhile experience.

2.2.2 Conclusion

A carefully designed Treasure Hunt can be successfully conducted in a reasonably limited period of time and provide students with a stimulating and worthwhile learning experience

Chapter 3

Project Design

3.1 Requirement

Android SDK

The Android software development kit (SDK) includes a comprehensive set of development tools. These include a debugger, libraries, a handset emulator based on QEMU, documentation, sample code, and tutorials. Currently supported development platforms include computers running Linux (any modern desktop Linux distribution), Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later, Windows XP or later. The officially supported integrated development environment (IDE) is Eclipse using the Android Development Tools (ADT) Plugin, though IntelliJ IDEA IDE (all editions) fully supports Android development out of the box, and NetBeans IDE also supports Android development via a plugin. [9] Additionally, developers may use any text editor to edit Java and XML files, then use command line tools (Java Development Kit and Apache Ant are required) to create, build and debug Android applications as well as control attached Android devices (e.g., triggering a reboot, installing software package(s) remotely). Enhancements to Android's SDK go hand in hand with the overall Android platform development. The SDK also supports older versions of the Android platform in case developers wish to target their applications at older devices. Development tools are downloadable components, so after one has downloaded the latest version and platform, older platforms and tools can also be downloaded for compatibility testing.

Android applications are packaged in .apk format and stored under /data/app folder on the Android OS (the folder is accessible only to the root user for security reasons). APK package contains .dex files (compiled byte code files called Dalvik executables), resource files, etc.

Android Open Accessory Development Kit

The Android 3.1 platform (also backported to Android 2.3.4) introduces Android Open Accessory support, which allows external USB hardware (an Android USB accessory) to interact with an Android-powered device in a special "accessory" mode. When an Android-powered device is in accessory mode, the connected accessory acts as the USB host (powers the bus and enumerates devices) and the Android-powered device acts as the USB device. Android USB accessories are specifically designed to attach to Android-powered devices and adhere to a simple protocol (Android accessory protocol) that allows them to detect Android-powered devices that support accessory mode.

3.1.1 Software Tools

Eclipse

Eclipse is a multi-language software development environment comprising a base workspace and an extensible plug-in system for customizing the environment. It is written mostly in Java. It can be used to develop applications in Java and, by means of various plug-ins, other programming languages including Ada, C, C++, COBOL, Fortran, Haskell, JavaScript, Perl, PHP, Python, R, Ruby (including Ruby on Rails framework), Scala, Clojure, Groovy, Scheme, and Erlang. It can also be used to develop packages for the software Mathematica. Development environments include the Eclipse Java development tools (JDT) for Java and Scala, Eclipse CDT for C/C++ and Eclipse PDT for PHP, among others.

3.1.2 System Architecture

The Eclipse Platform uses plug-ins to provide all functionality within and on top of the runtime system, in contrast to some other applications, in which functionality is hard coded. The Eclipse Platform's runtime system is based on Equinox, an implementation of the OSGi core framework specification. This plug-in mechanism is a lightweight software componentry framework. In addition to allowing the Eclipse Platform to be extended using other programming languages such as C and Python, the plug-in framework allows the Eclipse Platform to work with typesetting languages like LaTeX,[13] networking applications such as telnet and database management systems. The plug-in architecture

supports writing any desired extension to the environment, such as for configuration management. Java and CVS support is provided in the Eclipse SDK, with support for other version control systems provided by third-party plug-ins. With the exception of a small run-time kernel, everything in Eclipse is a plug-in. This means that every plug-in developed integrates with Eclipse in exactly the same way as other plugins; in this respect, all features are "created equal". [citation needed] Eclipse provides plug-ins for a wide variety of features, some of which are through third parties using both free and commercial models. Examples of plug-ins include a UML plug-in for Sequence and other UML diagrams, a plug-in for DB Explorer, and many others. The Eclipse SDK includes the Eclipse Java development tools (JDT), offering an IDE with a built-in incremental Java compiler and a full model of the Java source files. This allows for advanced refactoring techniques and code analysis. The IDE also makes use of a workspace, in this case a set of metadata over a flat filespace allowing external file modifications as long as the corresponding workspace "resource" is refreshed afterwards. Eclipse implements widgets through a widget toolkit for Java called SWT, unlike most Java applications, which use the Java standard Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT) or Swing. Eclipse's user interface also uses an intermediate graphical user interface layer called JFace, which simplifies the construction of applications based on SWT. Language packs developing by the "Babel project" provide translations into over a dozen natural languages.

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3.1.3 UML

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Data Flow Diagram

0 Level

1 Level

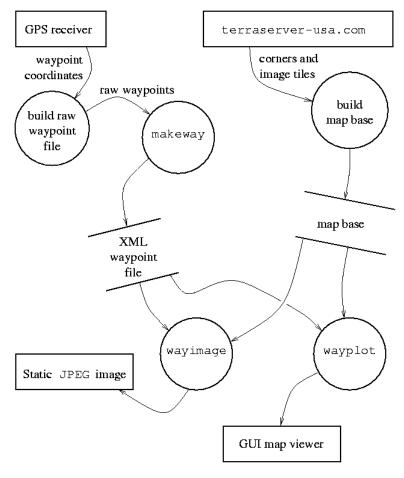


Figure 3.1: DFD - 0

2 Level

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- 3.1.4 Database Design
- 3.1.5 Test Designs

Chapter 4

Implementation

4.1 Modules

The modules functionality has been defined below with the snippets code

4.1.1 Splash Startup

A splash screen is an image that appears while a game or program is loading. It may also be used to describe an introduction page on a website. Splash screens cover the entire screen or simply a rectangle near the center of the screen. The splash screens of operating systems and some applications that expect to be run full-screen usually cover the entire screen.

Splash screens are typically used by particularly large applications to notify the user that the program is in the process of loading. They provide feedback that a lengthy process is underway. Occasionally, a progress bar within the splash screen indicates the loading progress. A splash screen disappears when the application's main window appears. Splash screens typically serve to enhance the look and feel of an application or web site, hence they are often visually appealing. They may also have animations, graphics, and sound.

The Java programming language has a specific class for creating splash screens, called java.awt.SplashScreen[1] that handles standard splash screen functions, e.g. display an image centered on screen then disappears when the first program window opens. Type the Code and Few lines here

4.1.2 Async Task

AsyncTask enables proper and easy use of the UI thread. This class allows to perform background operations and publish results on the UI thread without having to manipulate threads and/or handlers.

AsyncTask is designed to be a helper class around Thread and Handler and does not constitute a generic threading framework. AsyncTasks should ideally be used for short operations (a few seconds at the most.) If you need to keep threads running for long periods of time, it is highly recommended you use the various APIs provided by the java.util.concurrent pacakge such as Executor, ThreadPoolExecutor and FutureTask.

An asynchronous task is defined by a computation that runs on a background thread and whose result is published on the UI thread. An asynchronous task is defined by 3 generic types, called Params, Progress and Result, and 4 steps, called onPreExecute, doInBackground, onProgressUpdate and onPostExecute.

```
private class DownloadFilesTask extends AsyncTask<URL, Integer, Long> {
       protected Long doInBackground(URL... urls) {
           int count = urls.length;
           long totalSize = 0;
            for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
                totalSize += Downloader.downloadFile(urls[i]);
                publishProgress ((int) ((i / (float) count) * 100));
                // Escape early if cancel() is called
                if (isCancelled()) break;
           }
10
           return totalSize;
11
       }
12
13
       protected void onProgressUpdate(Integer... progress) {
14
           setProgressPercent(progress[0]);
15
16
17
       protected void onPostExecute(Long result) {
18
           showDialog("Downloaded " + result + " bytes");
19
20
```

async.py

4.1.3 JSON parser

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a lightweight data-interchange format. It is easy for humans to read and write.

It is easy for machines to parse and generate. It is based on a subset of the JavaScript Programming Language, Standard ECMA-262 3rd Edition - December 1999. JSON is a text format that is completely language independent but uses conventions that are familiar to programmers of the C-family of languages, including C, C++, C, Java, JavaScript, Perl, Python, and many others. These properties make JSON an ideal data-interchange language.

JSON is built on two structures:

- A collection of name/value pairs. In various languages, this is realized as an object, record, struct, dictionary, hash table, keyed list, or associative array.
- An ordered list of values. In most languages, this is realized as an array, vector, list, or sequence.

These are universal data structures. Virtually all modern programming languages support them in one form or another. It makes sense that a data format that is interchangeable with programming languages also be based on these structures.

```
{"questions":[{"name":"Rufus ","opname":"Vodafone IN","nciso":"in"," line":"9962611545","sim":"8991840042145036982","time":"2013-03-11 16:17:55","series":"9962","ip":"112.79.36.103","_ID":"8300"}]}
```

json.txt

4.1.4 SQL Lite Helper

A helper class to manage database creation and version management.

You create a subclass implementing on Create (SQLiteDatabase), on Upgrade (SQLiteDatabase, int, int) and optionally on Open (SQLiteDatabase), and this class takes care of opening the database if it exists, creating it if it does not, and upgrading it as necessary. Transactions are used to make sure the database is always in a sensible state.

This class makes it easy for ContentProvider implementations to defer opening and upgrading the database until first use, to avoid blocking application startup with long-running database upgrades.

Exposes methods to manage a SQLite database.

SQLiteDatabase has methods to create, delete, execute SQL commands, and perform other common database management tasks.

See the Notepad sample application in the SDK for an example of creating and managing a database.

Database names must be unique within an application, not across all applications

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
3 import android.content.Context;
4 import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase;
  import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper;
  public class MySQLiteHelper extends SQLiteOpenHelper {
    private static final String DATABASE.NAME = "questions.db";
    private static final int DATABASE_VERSION = 2;
    public static final String TABLE_QUESTIONS = "quest";
    public static final String COLUMN_ID = "_id";
11
    {\tt public static final String COLUMN\_QUESTION = "question";}\\
12
    public static final String COLUMN.ANSWER = "answer";
13
    public static final String COLUMN_POINTS = "points"
14
    public static final String COLUMN.STATUS = "status";
15
    public static final String COLUMN_QNUM = "qnum";
16
    public static final String COLUMNLAT = "latitude";
    public static final String COLUMNLONG = "longitute";
18
    public static final String COLUMN.HINT = "hint";
19
    // Database creation sql statement
20
    private static final String DATABASE_CREATE = "create table"
21
        + TABLE_QUESTIONS + "(" + COLUMN_ID
22
        + " integer primary key autoincrement, " + COLUMN_QNUM
23
        + \ " \ \text{text not null} \ , \ " \ + \ \text{COLUMN\_QUESTION} \ + \ " \ \text{text not null} \ , "
24
        + COLUMNANSWER + " text not null," + COLUMN_POINTS
25
        + \ " \ \text{text not null} \ , " \ + \ \text{COLUMN\_STATUS} \ + \ " \ \ , " \ + \ \text{COLUMN\_LAT} \ + \ " \ \ , "
26
        + COLUMNLONG + " ," + COLUMNLHINT + ");";
27
28
    public MySQLiteHelper(Context context) {
29
       super (context, DATABASE.NAME, null, DATABASE.VERSION);
30
31
32
    @Override
33
    public void onCreate(SQLiteDatabase db) {
34
       db.execSQL(DATABASE_CREATE);
35
36
37
    @Override
38
    public void on Upgrade (SQLiteDatabase db, int oldVersion, int newVersion
39
       db.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS" + TABLE_QUESTIONS);
40
       onCreate(db);
41
42
43
```

sqllitehelper.py

4.1.5 GPS Receiver

Android gives your applications access to the location services supported by the device through classes in the android.location package. The central component of the location framework is the LocationManager system service, which provides APIs to determine location and bearing of the underlying device (if available).

As with other system services, you do not instantiate a LocationManager directly. Rather, you request an instance from the system by calling getSystemService(Context.LOCATION_SERVICE). The method returns a handle to

Once your application has a LocationManager, your application is able to do three things:

Query for the list of all LocationProviders for the last known user location. Register/unregister for periodic updates of the user's current location from a location provider (specified either by criteria or name). Register/unregister for a given Intent to be fired if the device comes within a given proximity (specified by radius in meters) of a given lat/long.

```
private final LocationListener listener = new LocationListener() {
      public void onLocationChanged(Location location) {
          // A new location update is received. Do something useful with
                  In this case,
             we're sending the update to a handler which then updates the
              UI with the new
          // location.
          Message.obtain(mHandler,
                   UPDATELATING,
                   location.getLatitude() + ", " +
10
                   location.getLongitude()).sendToTarget();
11
12
13
          }
14
15
16
17
  mLocationManager.requestLocationUpdates(LocationManager.GPS_PROVIDER,
                           // 10-second interval.
19
          10000,
20
                           // 10 meters.
          listener);
```

gps.py

4.1.6 Points Updater

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4.1.7 Crash Detector

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4.1.8 Google Maps API

With the Google Maps Android API, you can add maps to your app that are based on Google Maps data. The API automatically handles access to Google Maps servers, data downloading, map display, and touch gestures on the map. You can also use API calls to add markers, polygons and overlays, and to change the user's view of a particular map area.

The key class in the Google Maps Android API is MapView. A MapView displays a map with data obtained from the Google Maps service. When the MapView has focus, it will capture keypresses and touch gestures to pan and zoom the map automatically, including handling network requests for additional maps tiles. It also provides all of the UI elements necessary for users to control the map. Your application can also use MapView class methods to control the map programmatically and draw a number of overlays on top of the map.

The Google Maps Android APIs are not included in the Android platform, but are available on any device with the Google Play Store running Android 2.2 or higher, through Google Play services.

To integrate Google Maps into your app, you need to install the Google Play services libraries for your Android SDK..

4.2 Testing

4.2.1 Robotium benefits:



Figure 4.1: Robotinium Automatic Application Testing Package

- * You can develop powerful test cases, with minimal knowledge of the application under test.
- * The framework handles multiple Android activities automatically.
- * Minimal time needed to write solid test cases.
- * Readability of test cases is greatly improved, compared to standard instrumentation tests.

- * Test cases are more robust due to the run-time binding to GUI components.
- * Blazing fast test case execution.
- * Integrates smoothly with Maven or Ant to run tests as part of continuous integration.

4.3 Results

4.3.1 Analysis

Code Snippet

```
package com.calculator.test;
  import android.test.ActivityInstrumentationTestCase2;
  import android.widget.EditText;
5 import android.widget.TextView;
6 import com. calculator. Main;
  import com. calculator.R;
  import com. jayway. android. robotium. solo. Solo;
  public class TestMain extends ActivityInstrumentationTestCase2 < Main> {
10
    private Solo solo;
11
12
    public TestMain() {
13
      super (Main. class);
14
15
16
    @Override
17
    protected void setUp() throws Exception {
18
      super.setUp();
19
      solo = new Solo(getInstrumentation(), getActivity());
20
21
22
    public void testDisplayBlackBox() {
23
24
       //Enter 10 in first edit-field
25
      solo.enterText(0, "10");
26
27
       //Enter 20 in first edit-field
28
      solo.enterText(1, "20");
29
30
       //Click on Multiply button
31
      solo.clickOnButton("Multiply");
32
33
      //Verify that resultant of 10 x 20
34
      assertTrue(solo.searchText("200"));
35
36
37
38
    public void testDisplayWhiteBox() {
39
```

```
40
      //Defining our own values to multiply
41
      float firstNumber = 10;
42
      float secondNumber = 20:
43
      float resutl = firstNumber * secondNumber ;
44
45
      //Access First value (edit-filed) and putting firstNumber value in it
46
      EditText FirsteditText = (EditText) solo.getView(R.id.EditText01);
47
      solo.enterText(FirsteditText, String.valueOf(firstNumber));
49
      //Access Second value (edit-filed) and putting SecondNumber value in
50
      EditText SecondeditText = (EditText) solo.getView(R.id.EditText02);
51
      solo.enterText(SecondeditText, String.valueOf(secondNumber));
52
53
      //Click on Multiply button
54
      solo.clickOnButton("Multiply");
55
56
      assertTrue(solo.searchText(String.valueOf(resutl)));
57
      TextView outputField = (TextView) solo.getView(R.id.TextView01);
58
      //Assert to verify result with visible value
      assertEquals (String.valueOf(resutl), outputField.getText().toString()
60
          );
61
62
    @Override
63
    protected void tearDown() throws Exception {
64
65
        solo.finishOpenedActivities();
66
67
68
```

robotinium.py

4.4 Comparison with Previous works

4.4.1 Submodule1

Code Snippet

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

import sys

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("Hello World :)")
```

helloworld.py

4.5 Previews

4.5.1 Submodule1

Code Snippet

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

import sys

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("Hello World :)")
```

helloworld.py

Chapter 5

Implementation

5.1 Source Code Screen Shots

5.1.1 Splash Screen

Figure 5.1: Splash Screen

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
3 import java.io.BufferedReader;
4 import java.io.InputStream;
5 import java.io.InputStreamReader;
7 import org.apache.http.HttpEntity;
s import org.apache.http.HttpResponse;
9 import org.apache.http.client.HttpClient;
10 import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpGet;
11 import org.apache.http.impl.client.DefaultHttpClient;
12 import org. json. JSONArray;
13 import org. json. JSONObject;
15 import android.app. Activity;
16 import android.content.Context;
17 import android . content . Intent;
18 import and roid.content.SharedPreferences;
19 import android.net.ConnectivityManager;
20 import android.net.NetworkInfo;
21 import android.os.Bundle;
22 import android.preference.PreferenceManager;
23 import android.util.Log;
24 import android.widget.Toast;
25
  public class Splash extends Activity {
26
    String build;
27
    String qNum, question, answer, points, latitude, longitute, hint;
    int count = 0;
29
    private QuestionDataSource qds;
30
31
    @Override
```

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
33
      super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
34
      setContentView(R. layout . splashlayout);
35
       if (!isNetworkAvailable()) {
36
         Toast.makeText(this, "Need internet connection for game to start!",
37
             Toast .LENGTH_SHORT) . show();
38
         finish();
39
      }
40
41
42
      Thread timer = new Thread() {
         @Override
43
         public void run() {
44
           try {
45
             // if (isNetworkAvailable())
46
             getDataFromJSON();
47
           } catch (Exception e) {
48
             e.printStackTrace();
49
             finally {
50
             carryOn();
51
52
        }
53
       };
54
      timer.start();
55
56
57
58
    public void getDataFromJSON() {
59
       try {
60
         HttpClient client = new DefaultHttpClient();
61
         String getURL = MyConsts.NETWORKFOLDER + "questions.php";
62
63
         HttpGet get = new HttpGet(getURL);
64
         HttpResponse responseGet = client.execute(get);
65
         HttpEntity resEntityGet = responseGet.getEntity();
66
67
         if (resEntityGet != null) {
           InputStream instream = resEntityGet.getContent();
69
           BufferedReader str = new BufferedReader (new InputStreamReader)
70
               instream));
71
72
           String ans = new String("");
73
           build = new String("");
74
           while ((ans = str.readLine()) != null) {
75
             build = build + ans;
76
             // Log.d(
77
78
79
           JSONObject jobj = new JSONObject(build);
80
           JSONArray arr = jobj.getJSONArray("questions");
81
           String arrlen = Integer.toString(arr.length());
82
83
           // Log.d(
84
           qds = new QuestionDataSource(this);
           qds.open();
85
           Question q = null;
86
           qds.deleteAll();
87
           SharedPreferences prefs = PreferenceManager
88
                . getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
89
```

```
SharedPreferences.Editor editor = prefs.edit();
           for (int i = 0; i < arr.length(); i++) {
91
              JSONObject qs = arr.getJSONObject(i);
92
              qNum = qs.getString("qNum");
93
              question = qs.getString("question");
              answer = qs.getString("answer");
95
              points = qs.getString("points");
96
              latitude = qs.getString("latitude");
97
              longitute = qs.getString("longitude");
98
              hint = qs.getString("hint"); // <= setting value</pre>
99
                               // question
100
              int stat = prefs.getInt("q" + qNum, 0);
101
              editor.putInt("q" + qNum, stat);
102
              count++;
103
              q = qds.createQuestion(qNum, question, answer, points,
104
                  stat, latitude, longitute, hint);
105
106
           editor.putInt("count", count);
107
           editor.commit();
108
109
       } catch (Exception e) {
110
         e.printStackTrace();
111
         Log.i("problem boy", e.getMessage());
112
         // Log.d(
113
114
        finally {
         qds.close();
115
116
     }
117
118
119
     public boolean isNetworkAvailable() {
       Connectivity Manager cm = (Connectivity Manager) getSystemService(
120
           Context.CONNECTIVITY_SERVICE);
       NetworkInfo networkInfo = cm.getActiveNetworkInfo();
121
       // if no network is available networkInfo will be null
122
       // otherwise check if we are connected
123
       if (networkInfo != null && networkInfo.isConnected()) {
124
         return true;
125
126
       return false;
127
128
129
     public void carryOn() {
130
       Intent i;
131
       // SharedPreferences useCount = getSharedPreferences("myPrefs",0);
132
       SharedPreferences prefs = PreferenceManager
133
           .getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
134
       int count = prefs.getInt("useCount", 0);
135
       if (count == 0) {
136
         i = new Intent(getApplicationContext(), UserRegistration.class);
137
         startActivity(i);
138
139
       else
140
         i = new Intent(getApplicationContext(), MainActivity.class);
         startActivity(i);
141
142
       finish();
143
144
145
```

```
146 }
```

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5.1.2 Location Marker

Figure 5.2: Splash Screen

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
3 import org.apache.http.HttpResponse;
4 import org.apache.http.client.HttpClient;
5 | import org.apache.http.impl.client.DefaultHttpClient;
6 import org.apache.http.params.HttpConnectionParams;
s import android.app. Activity;
9 import android.app.AlertDialog;
10 import android.app.Dialog;
11 import android.app.ProgressDialog;
12 import android.content.Context;
13 import android.content.Intent;
14 import android.location.Location;
15 import android.location.LocationListener;
16 import android.location.LocationManager;
17 import android.os.Bundle;
18 import android.os.Looper;
19 import android.util.Log;
20 import android. view. Gesture Detector;
21 import android.view.Menu;
22 import android.view. View;
23 import android.view.View.OnClickListener;
24 import android.view.WindowManager;
25 import android . widget . ArrayAdapter;
26 import android.widget.Button;
27 import android.widget.EditText;
  import android.widget.ListView;
28
29
  public class LocationMarker extends Activity {
30
    GestureDetector gestureDetector;
31
    int REQUEST_CODE = 1;
32
    QuestionDataSource datasource;
33
    Question q;
34
    int pos;
35
    String nick;
36
    String response;
37
    LocationManager locationManager;
38
    Location pointLocation;
39
    LocationListener listen;
40
    ProgressDialog pd;
41
    String answer_md5;
42
    EditText et:
43
    ListView lvoption;
44
    ArrayAdapter adap;
```

```
Alert Dialog. Builder builder;
46
     Dialog d;
47
     EditText alat;
48
     EditText alon;
49
     public WindowManager.LayoutParams lp;
50
51
     // public AmbilWarnaDialog dialog;
52
53
     @Override
54
     protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
55
       super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
56
       setContentView(R.layout.activity_location_marker);
57
       // Parse.initialize(this, "0vU0f1YM4Bmt1QOn2JKkeWBe7N36Hu4nmZayJyzX",
58
       // "nOCQcbmsEQBuMFU9fFTxDDk6w0TWQwan4NQB2kiQ");
59
60
       Button gps = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button1);
61
       Button save = (Button) findViewById(R.id.button2);
62
       final EditText agnum = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.AQNUM);
63
       final EditText aanswer = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.AANSWER);
64
       final EditText apoints = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.APOINTS);
65
       alat = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.ALAT);
66
       alon = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.ALON);
67
       final EditText ahint = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.AHINT);
68
69
       save.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
70
71
         public void onClick(View v) {
72
73
           send2WebSyncContactsMain(aqnum.getText().toString(), aanswer
74
                . getText().toString(), apoints.getText().toString(),
75
               alat.getText().toString(), alon.getText().toString(),
76
               ahint.getText().toString());
77
           // send2WebSyncContactsMain("1", "2", "2", "3", "4", "4");
78
79
           if (alat.getText().toString().equals(null)) {
80
             return;
81
82
83
           if (alon.getText().toString().equals(null)) {
84
85
             return;
86
87
           double lat = Double.valueOf(alat.getText().toString());
88
           double lon = Double.valueOf(alon.getText().toString());
90
91
           Intent i = new Intent(LocationMarker.this, ShowTheMap.class);
92
           ShowTheMap.putLatLong(lat, lon);
93
94
           startActivity(i);
95
         }
96
97
       });
98
       gps.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
99
100
         public void onClick(View v) {
101
           // TODO Auto-generated method stub
102
```

```
103
              // TODO: give hints for user. load hint status from shared
104
              // prefs
105
              locationManager = (LocationManager) getSystemService(Context.
106
                  LOCATION_SERVICE);
              listen = new MyLocationListener();
107
              locationManager.requestLocationUpdates(
108
                   LocationManager.GPS_PROVIDER,
109
                   MyConsts.MINIMUM_TIME_BETWEEN_UPDATE,
                   MyConsts.MINIMUM.DISTANCECHANGE.FOR_UPDATE, listen);
111
            } catch (Exception e) {
112
              Log.i("proximity", e.getMessage());
113
              e.printStackTrace();
115
116
       });
117
118
119
120
     protected void send2WebSyncContactsMain(final String question,
121
          final String answer, final String points, final String lat,
122
          final String lon, final String hint) {
123
       Thread t = new Thread() {
124
125
          @Override
126
          public void run() {
127
            Looper.prepare(); // For Preparing Message Pool for the
128
                        // child
129
                        // Thread
130
            HttpClient client = new DefaultHttpClient();
131
            HttpConnectionParams.setConnectionTimeout(client.getParams(),
132
                 10000); // Timeout Limit
133
            HttpResponse response;
134
135
            try {
136
137
              // ParseObject testObject = new ParseObject("questions");
138
              // testObject.put("question", question);
139
              // testObject.put("answer", answer);
140
              // testObject.put("lat", lat);
// testObject.put("long", lon);
// testObject.put("hint", hint);
141
142
143
              // testObject.put("point", points);
144
              // testObject.saveInBackground();
146
            } catch (Exception e) {
147
              e.printStackTrace();
              // Log.d(
149
150
151
            Looper.loop(); // Loop in the message queue
152
153
        };
154
155
       t.start();
156
157
158
```

```
@Override
159
     public boolean on Create Options Menu (Menu menu) {
160
       // Inflate the menu; this adds items to the action bar if it is
161
       getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.location_marker, menu);
162
       return true;
163
     }
164
165
     public class MyLocationListener implements LocationListener {
166
       public void onLocationChanged(Location location) {
167
         if (location != null) {
168
            alat.setText(String.valueOf(location.getLatitude()));
169
            alon.setText(String.valueOf(location.getLongitude()));
170
171
172
       }
173
       public void on Provider Disabled (String arg0) {
175
         // TODO Auto-generated method stub
176
         if (arg0 != null) {
177
            locationManager.removeUpdates(this);
178
179
180
       }
181
182
       public void onProviderEnabled(String provider) {
183
         // TODO Auto-generated method stub
184
185
       }
186
187
       public void on Status Changed (String provider, int status, Bundle
188
           extras) {
         // TODO Auto-generated method stub
189
190
191
192
193
194
```

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5.1.3 Task List

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.List;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.content.Intent;
import android.content.SharedPreferences;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.preference.PreferenceManager;
import android.view.Menu;
```

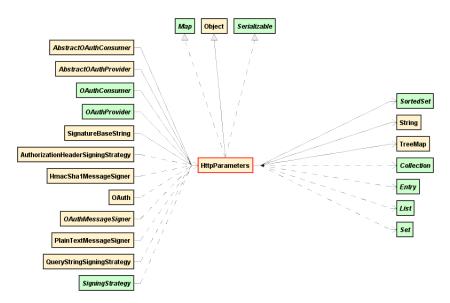


Figure 5.3: Splash Screen

```
13 import android.view.MenuItem;
14 import android.view.View;
15 import android.view.WindowManager;
16 import android . widget . AdapterView;
17 import android.widget.AdapterView.OnItemClickListener;
18 import android.widget.ListView;
  import android.widget.SimpleAdapter;
19
  import android.widget.Toast;
20
21
  public class TaskList extends Activity implements OnItemClickListener {
22
    private QuestionDataSource datasource;
23
24
    SimpleAdapter simp;
    List < HashMap < String, Object >> alist;
25
    ArrayList <Long> values;
26
    public static WindowManager.LayoutParams lp;
27
28
    int[] drawsint = { R. drawable.incomplete , R. drawable.complete };
29
30
    @Override
31
    protected void on Create (Bundle saved Instance State) {
32
      super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
33
      setContentView(R.layout.tasklist);
34
      lp = getWindow().getAttributes();
35
36
      checkBrightness();
37
      ListView lv = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.listViewTasks);
38
      lv.setOnItemClickListener(this);
39
      datasource = new QuestionDataSource(this);
40
      datasource.open();
41
      values = datasource.getAllIds();
42
       alist = new ArrayList < HashMap < String, Object >>();
43
       for (int ptr = 0; ptr < values.size(); ptr++) {
44
         Question q = datasource.getQsAtId(ptr);
45
         // \text{Log.d}(+"q=" + q.getQuestion());
46
47
         HashMap<String , Object> hmap = new HashMap<String , Object>();
        hmap.put("status", drawsint[q.getStatus()]);
48
```

```
hmap.put("taskid", "Task" + (ptr + 1));
49
         hmap.put("points", " " + q.getPoints());
50
         alist.add(hmap);
51
52
       String[] from = { "status", "taskid", "points" };
53
       int[] to = { R.id.imgbtnStatus, R.id.colTaskId, R.id.colPts };
54
       simp = new SimpleAdapter(getBaseContext(), alist,
55
           R. layout . tasklist_row , from , to);
56
       lv.setAdapter(simp);
57
       lv.setCacheColorHint(0x00000000);
58
59
     }
60
61
     @Override
62
     protected void onResume() {
63
       checkBrightness();
64
       SharedPreferences prefs = PreferenceManager
65
           . getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
66
       for (int i = 0; i < values.size(); i++) {
67
         Question q = datasource.getQsAtId(i);
68
         int stat = prefs.getInt("q" + q.getqNum(), 0);
69
70
         if (stat == 1) {
71
           HashMap<String , Object> hmap = alist.get(i);
72
           hmap.put("status", drawsint[1]);
73
           // alist.add(hmap);
74
75
76
       simp.notifyDataSetChanged();
77
       super.onResume();
78
79
80
     public void onItemClick(AdapterView<?> arg0, View arg1, int arg2, long
81
        arg3) {
       // TODO Auto-generated method stub
82
       Intent i = new Intent(this, newGame.class);
       i.putExtra("id", arg2);
84
       startActivity(i);
85
       overridePendingTransition(R.anim.slide_in_bottom, R.anim.
86
          slide_out_top);
     }
87
88
     @Override
89
     public void onBackPressed() {
90
       // TODO Auto-generated method stub
91
       super.onBackPressed();
92
       overridePendingTransition(R.anim.slide_in_top, R.anim.
93
          slide_out_bottom);
     }
94
95
     @Override
96
     public boolean on Create Options Menu (Menu menu) {
       getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.activity_main, menu);
98
       return true;
99
     }
100
101
     @Override
102
```

```
public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
103
       switch (item.getItemId()) {
104
       case R.id.menu_settings:
105
         Toast.makeText(this, "Can be done through Home page only.",
106
              Toast .LENGTH_SHORT) . show();
107
         return true;
108
       case R.id.outdoorvis:
109
         if (MainActivity.isBright) {
110
            lp.screenBrightness = MainActivity.initBright;
            getWindow().setAttributes(lp);
112
            MainActivity.isBright = false;
113
         } else {
114
            lp.screenBrightness = 1;
115
            getWindow().setAttributes(lp);
116
            MainActivity.isBright = true;
117
118
119
         return true;
120
121
122
       return false;
123
124
     public void checkBrightness() {
125
       if (!MainActivity.isBright) {
126
         lp.screenBrightness = MainActivity.initBright;
         getWindow().setAttributes(lp);
128
         MainActivity.isBright = false;
129
       } else {
130
         lp.screenBrightness = 1;
131
         getWindow().setAttributes(lp);
132
         MainActivity.isBright = true;
133
134
135
136
137
138
```

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5.1.4 User Registration

Figure 5.4: Splash Screen

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;

import java.util.ArrayList;

import org.apache.http.HttpEntity;
import org.apache.http.HttpResponse;
import org.apache.http.NameValuePair;
import org.apache.http.client.HttpClient;
import org.apache.http.client.entity.UrlEncodedFormEntity;
import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpPost;
```

```
11 import org.apache.http.impl.client.DefaultHttpClient;
  import org.apache.http.message.BasicNameValuePair;
13 import org.apache.http.util.EntityUtils;
14
15 import android.app. Activity;
16 import android.app.ProgressDialog;
17 import android . content . Context;
18 import android . content . Intent;
19 import android.content.SharedPreferences;
20 import android.net.ConnectivityManager;
21 import android.net.NetworkInfo;
22 import android.os.AsyncTask;
23 import android.os.Bundle;
24 import android.preference.PreferenceManager;
25 import android.util.Log;
26 import android.view.View;
27 import android.view.View.OnClickListener;
28 import android . widget . Button;
29 import android.widget.EditText;
30 import android.widget.ImageButton;
  import android.widget.Toast;
32
  public class UserRegistration extends Activity {
33
    String response;
34
    EditText et_nick, et_name, et_email, et_contact, et_password;
35
    ProgressDialog pd;
36
    boolean chkFlag = false;
37
    String teamcolor;
38
    String gameid;
39
    ImageButton btnblack;
40
    ImageButton btnblue;
41
    ImageButton btnred;
42
    ImageButton btnyellow;
43
44
    @Override
45
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
46
      super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
47
      setContentView(R.layout.user_registration);
48
      et_nick = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et_nick);
49
      // et_name = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et_name);
50
51
      // et_email = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et_email);
      // et_contact = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et_contact);
52
      // et_password = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.et_password);
53
      final Button register = (Button) findViewById(R.id.btn_register);
54
      btnblack = (ImageButton) findViewById(R.id.bblack);
55
      btnblue = (ImageButton) findViewById(R.id.bblue);
56
      btnred = (ImageButton) findViewById(R.id.red);
57
      btnyellow = (ImageButton) findViewById(R.id.yellow);
58
59
      btnblack.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
60
61
62
        public void onClick(View v) {
           // TODO Auto-generated method stub
63
           storeteamcolor("black", "1");
64
65
      });
66
67
```

```
btnblue.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
68
69
         public void onClick(View v) {
70
           // TODO Auto-generated method stub
71
           storeteamcolor("blue", "1");
72
73
       });
74
75
       btnred.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
76
77
         public void onClick(View v) {
78
           // TODO Auto-generated method stub
79
           storeteamcolor("red", "1");
80
81
       });
82
83
       btnyellow.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
84
85
         public void onClick(View v) {
86
           // TODO Auto-generated method stub
87
           storeteamcolor("yellow", "1");
88
89
       });
90
91
       register.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
92
         public void onClick(View v) {
93
           if (checkDetails()) {
94
             pd = ProgressDialog.show(UserRegistration.this, "",
95
                  "Registering");
96
              // storeteamcolor("red", "1");
97
              // RegisterUser task = new RegisterUser();
98
              // task.execute();
99
100
              storeDetails();
101
              Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(),
102
                  "Registered successfully!", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT)
103
                  . show();
104
              Intent i = new Intent(getApplicationContext(),
105
                  GameSelect.class);
106
107
              startActivity(i);
              pd.dismiss();
108
              finish();
109
110
112
       });
113
114
115
     // to check correctness of input and network avaiability
116
     public boolean checkDetails() {
117
       String nick = et_nick.getText().toString().trim();
118
119
       // String password = et_password.getText().toString().trim();
       // String name = et_name.getText().toString().trim();
120
       if (nick.length() != 0 && isNetworkAvailable()) {
121
         return true;
122
         else {
123
         Toast.makeText(this, "Invalid nickname", Toast.LENGTH.SHORT).show()
124
```

```
return false;
125
126
127
128
     public boolean checkSpaces (String s) {
129
       for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
130
         Character c = s.charAt(i);
131
         if (!Character.isLetterOrDigit(c)) {
132
133
           return false;
134
         }
135
136
137
       return true;
138
139
140
     // checks network availability
141
     public boolean isNetworkAvailable() {
142
       ConnectivityManager cm = (ConnectivityManager) getSystemService(
143
           Context.CONNECTIVITY_SERVICE);
       NetworkInfo networkInfo = cm.getActiveNetworkInfo();
144
       if (networkInfo != null && networkInfo.isConnected()) {
145
         return true;
146
       return false;
148
149
150
     // stores data on web server
151
     public boolean serverStore() {
152
       try {
153
         ArrayList < NameValuePair> nameValuePairs = new ArrayList <
154
             NameValuePair > ();
         nameValuePairs.add(new BasicNameValuePair("nick", et_nick.getText()
155
              . toString());
156
         nameValuePairs.add(new BasicNameValuePair("name", "test"));//
157
             et_name.getText()
                                          // .toString());
158
         nameValuePairs.add(new BasicNameValuePair("password", "pswd"));//
159
             et_password
                                            // .getText().toString());
160
         nameValuePairs.add(new BasicNameValuePair("email", "email"));//
161
             et_email
                                            // .getText().toString());
162
         nameValuePairs.add(new BasicNameValuePair("contact", "cont"))://
163
             et_contact
                                            // .getText().toString());
164
         HttpClient httpclient = new DefaultHttpClient();
165
         String postURL = MyConsts.NETWORKFOLDER + "adduser.php";
166
         HttpPost httppost = new HttpPost(postURL);
167
         httppost.setEntity(new UrlEncodedFormEntity(nameValuePairs));
168
169
         HttpResponse httpResponse = httpclient.execute(httppost);
         HttpEntity resEntityGet = httpResponse.getEntity();
170
         if (resEntityGet != null) {
171
           // do something with the response
172
           response = EntityUtils.toString(resEntityGet);
173
174
```

```
Log. i ("GET RESPONSE", response);
175
            // // Log.d(
176
            // char responseCharZero = response.charAt(0);
177
            // if (responseCharZero == '1') {
178
            return true;
179
            // } else {
180
            // return false;
181
            // }
182
          }
183
       } catch (Exception e) {
184
          Toast.makeText(this, "some problem:" + e.getMessage(),
185
              Toast .LENGTH_SHORT) . show();
186
          e.printStackTrace();
187
188
       return false;
189
190
191
192
     // store details in local preferences if successfully stored in web
193
         server
     public void storeDetails() {
194
       SharedPreferences prefs = PreferenceManager
195
            . getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
196
       SharedPreferences.Editor editor = prefs.edit();
197
       editor.putString("nick", et_nick.getText().toString());
198
       // editor.putString("name", et_name.getText().toString());
199
       // editor.putString("password", et_password.getText().toString());
200
       // editor.putString("email", et_email.getText().toString());
201
       // editor.putString("contact", et_contact.getText().toString());
202
       editor.putInt("points", 0);
203
       editor.putInt("useCount", 1);
204
       editor.commit();
205
206
207
208
     public void storeteamcolor (String color, String gameid) {
209
       SharedPreferences prefscolor = PreferenceManager
210
            . getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
211
       SharedPreferences.Editor editor = prefscolor.edit();
212
       editor.putString("color", color);
editor.putString("gameid", gameid);
214
       editor.commit();
215
     }
216
217
     @Override
218
     public void onBackPressed() {
219
       // TODO Auto-generated method stub
220
       finish();
221
       overridePendingTransition (R. anim. slide_in_top, R. anim.
222
           slide_out_bottom);
223
224
     private class RegisterUser extends AsyncTask<String, Void, Boolean> {
225
       @Override
226
       protected Boolean doInBackground (String ... params) {
227
          boolean response = serverStore();
228
          return response;
229
```

```
230
231
       @Override
232
       protected void onPostExecute(Boolean result) {
233
         if (result == true) {
234
            storeDetails();
235
            Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(),
236
                "Registered successfully!", Toast.LENGTH.SHORT).show();
237
            Intent i = new Intent (getApplicationContext(),
                MainActivity.class);
239
            startActivity(i);
240
            pd.dismiss();
241
            finish();
         } else {
243
            pd.dismiss();
244
            Toast.makeText(getApplicationContext(),
245
                "Duplicate nick/email exists on network",
                Toast.LENGTH.SHORT).show();
247
248
249
250
251
```

java/UserRegistration.java

5.1.5 Question DataSource

Figure 5.5: Splash Screen

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
  import java.util.ArrayList;
  import java.util.List;
6 import android.content.ContentValues;
  import android.content.Context;
  import android.database.Cursor;
  import android.database.SQLException;
  import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase;
10
11
  public class QuestionDataSource {
    private SQLiteDatabase database;
13
    private final MySQLiteHelper dbHelper;
14
    Context context;
15
    private final String[] cols = { MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_ID,
16
        MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QNUM, MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QUESTION,
17
        \label{eq:mysqliteHelper.COLUMN-ANSWER} MysQLiteHelper.COLUMN-POINTS,
18
        MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_STATUS, MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_LAT,
19
        MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLONG, MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLHINT };
20
21
    public QuestionDataSource(Context context) {
22
      this.context = context;
^{23}
      dbHelper = new MySQLiteHelper(context);
```

```
25
26
    public void open() throws SQLException {
27
      database = dbHelper.getWritableDatabase();
28
29
30
    public void close() {
31
      dbHelper.close();
32
      database.close();
33
    }
34
35
    public Question createQuestion (String qNum, String qs, String answer,
36
        String points, int status, String latitute, String longitute,
37
         String hint) {
38
      ContentValues values = new ContentValues();
39
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QUESTION, qs);
40
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNANSWER, answer);
41
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_POINTS, points);
42
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN.STATUS, Integer.toString(status));
43
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QNUM, qNum);
44
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLAT, latitute);
45
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLONG, longitute);
46
      values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_HINT, hint);
47
      long insertId = database.insert(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, null,
48
49
           values);
      Cursor cursor = database.query(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, cols,
50
           MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN\_ID + " = " + insertId, null, null, null,
51
           null);
52
      cursor.moveToFirst();
53
      Question newq = cursorToQuestion(cursor);
54
      cursor.close();
55
      // Toast.makeText(context, newq.getQuestion(),
56
      // Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
57
      return newq;
58
59
60
61
    public void deleteQuestion(Question question) {
62
      long id = question.getId();
63
      database. delete (MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS,
64
65
           MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN\_ID + " = " + id, null);
    }
66
67
    public void KeepQuestion(long ide) {
68
      long id = ide;
69
70
      database. delete (MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS,
71
           MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_ID + " != " + id, null);
72
73
74
    public List<Question> getAllQuestions() {
75
76
      List < Question > qslist = new ArrayList < Question > ();
      Cursor cursor = database.query(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, cols,
77
           null, null, null, null, null);
78
      cursor.moveToFirst();
79
      while (!cursor.isAfterLast()) {
80
        Question q = cursorToQuestion(cursor);
81
```

```
qslist.add(q);
82
         cursor.moveToNext();
83
84
       cursor.close();
85
       return qslist;
86
87
88
     public Question getQsAtId(int pos) {
89
       Cursor cursor = database.query(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, cols,
90
           null, null, null, null, null);
91
       cursor.moveToFirst();
92
       while (!cursor.isAfterLast()) {
93
         Question q = cursorToQuestion(cursor);
94
         if (q. getId() = pos + 1)
95
            return q;
96
         cursor.moveToNext();
97
98
       cursor.close();
99
100
       return null;
101
102
103
     public ArrayList<Long> getAllIds() {
104
       ArrayList<Long> qslist = new ArrayList<Long>();
105
       Cursor cursor = database.query(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, cols,
106
           null, null, null, null, null);
107
       cursor.moveToFirst();
108
       while (!cursor.isAfterLast()) {
109
110
         Question q = cursorToQuestion(cursor);
         qslist.add(q.getId());
111
         // qslist.add("Task #"+q.getqNum());
112
         cursor.moveToNext();
113
114
       cursor.close();
115
       return qslist;
116
117
118
     public void updateStatus(Question q) {
119
       ContentValues values = new ContentValues();
120
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QUESTION, q.getQuestion());
121
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_ANSWER, q.getAnswer());
122
       values.put (\,MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN.POINTS,\ q.\,getPoints\,(\,)\,)\,;
123
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN.STATUS, String.valueOf(q.getStatus()
124
           ));
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN_QNUM, q.getqNum());
125
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLAT, q.getLatitude());
126
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNLONG, q.getLongitute());
127
       values.put(MySQLiteHelper.COLUMN.HINT, q.getHint());
128
       database.update(MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS, values,
129
           MySQLiteHelper.COLUMNJD + " = " + String.valueOf(q.getId()),
130
131
           null);
132
133
     private Question cursorToQuestion(Cursor cr) {
134
       Question q = new Question();
135
       q. setId(cr. getLong(0));
136
       q.setqNum(cr.getString(1));
137
```

```
q.setQuestion(cr.getString(2));
138
       q.setAnswer(cr.getString(3));
139
       q.setPoints(cr.getString(4));
140
       q. setStatus (Integer.parseInt(cr.getString(5)));
141
       q. setLatitude (cr. getString (6));
142
       q. setLongitute (cr. getString (7));
143
       q.setHint(cr.getString(8));
144
       return q;
145
146
147
     public void deleteAll() {
148
       database.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS"
149
           + MySQLiteHelper.TABLE_QUESTIONS);
150
       dbHelper.onCreate(database);
151
152
153
```

java/QuestionDataSource.java

5.1.6 GameSelect

Figure 5.6: Splash Screen

```
package in.electromedica.in.treasurehunt;
3 import java.io.BufferedReader;
4 import java.io.InputStream;
5 import java.io.InputStreamReader;
6 import java.util.ArrayList;
  import java.util.HashMap;
  import java.util.List;
10 import org.apache.http.HttpEntity;
11 import org.apache.http.HttpResponse;
12 import org.apache.http.client.HttpClient;
13 import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpGet;
  import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpPost;
  import org.apache.http.impl.client.DefaultHttpClient;
16 import org.apache.http.util.EntityUtils;
17 import org.json.JSONArray;
18 import org. json. JSONObject;
20 import android app. Activity;
21 import android.app.ProgressDialog;
22 import android.content.Intent;
23 import android.content.SharedPreferences;
24 import android.os.AsyncTask;
25 import android.os.Bundle;
_{26}| import and roid. preference. Preference Manager;
27 import android.util.Log;
28 import android.view.Menu;
29 import android.view.MenuItem;
30 import android.view. View;
```

```
31 import android.view.View.OnClickListener;
32 import android.view.WindowManager;
33 import android.widget.AdapterView;
34 import android.widget.AdapterView.OnItemLongClickListener;
35 import android.widget.ListView;
36 import android.widget.SimpleAdapter;
37 import android.widget.Toast;
38
  public class GameSelect extends Activity implements OnClickListener {
39
40
    ListView lview;
     // String response;\\
41
     String build;
42
     String qNum, question, answer, points, latitude, longitute, hint;
43
     int count = 0;
44
     ArrayList < String > list;
45
     List < HashMap < String , String >> lmap = new ArrayList < HashMap < String ,
46
         String >> ();
     ProgressDialog pd;
47
     public WindowManager.LayoutParams lp;
48
     private QuestionDataSource qds;
49
50
     @Override
51
     protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
52
       super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
53
       setContentView(R.layout.activity_game_select);
54
55
       lview = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.listViewLeaders);
56
       list = new ArrayList < String > ();
57
       lview.setOnItemLongClickListener(new OnItemLongClickListener() {
58
59
         public boolean on Item Long Click (Adapter View <? > arg 0, View arg 1,
60
              int arg2, long arg3) {
61
            // TODO Auto-generated method stub
62
            Intent i = new Intent (getApplicationContext(),
63
                MainActivity.class);
64
            startActivity(i);
66
            finish();
67
           Log.d("pressed 0", arg0.toString());
Log.d("pressed 1", arg1.toString());
Log.d("pressed 2", String.valueOf(arg2));
Log.d("pressed 3", String.valueOf(arg3));
68
69
70
71
72
            return false;
73
         }
74
75
       });
76
77
       pd = ProgressDialog.show(GameSelect.this, "", "Fetching Games");
78
       pd.setCancelable(true);
79
       DownloadLeaders task = new DownloadLeaders();
80
81
       task.execute();
82
     }
83
84
     public void getDataFromJSON(String gameid) {
85
       try {
86
```

```
HttpClient client = new DefaultHttpClient();
87
         String getURL = MyConsts.NETWORKFOLDER + "questions.php?id="
88
              + gameid;
89
            String getURL = "http://flashracebits.webatu.com/questions.json"
90
91
         HttpGet get = new HttpGet(getURL);
92
         HttpResponse responseGet = client.execute(get);
93
         HttpEntity resEntityGet = responseGet.getEntity();
94
95
         if (resEntityGet != null) {
96
           InputStream instream = resEntityGet.getContent();
97
           BufferedReader str = new BufferedReader (new InputStreamReader)
98
                instream));
99
100
           String ans = new String("");
101
           build = new String("");
102
           while ((ans = str.readLine()) != null) {
103
              build = build + ans;
104
              // Log.d(
105
106
107
           JSONObject jobj = new JSONObject(build);
108
           JSONArray arr = jobj.getJSONArray("questions");
109
           String arrlen = Integer.toString(arr.length());
110
           // Log.d(
111
           qds = new QuestionDataSource(this);
112
           qds.open();
113
           Question q = null;
114
           qds.deleteAll();
115
           Shared Preferences \ prefs = Preference Manager
116
                . getDefaultSharedPreferences(getBaseContext());
117
           SharedPreferences. Editor editor = prefs.edit();
118
           for (int i = 0; i < arr.length(); i++) {
119
              JSONObject qs = arr.getJSONObject(i);
120
              qNum = qs.getString("qNum");
121
              question = qs.getString("question");
122
              answer = qs.getString("answer");
123
              points = qs.getString("points");
124
              latitude = qs.getString("latitude");
longitute = qs.getString("longitude");
125
126
              hint = qs.getString("hint"); // <= setting value</pre>
127
                               // question
128
              int stat = prefs.getInt("q" + qNum, 0);
              editor.putInt("q" + qNum, stat);
130
              count++;
131
              q = qds.createQuestion(qNum, question, answer, points,
132
                  stat, latitude, longitute, hint);
133
134
           editor.putInt("count", count);
135
136
           editor.commit();
137
       } catch (Exception e) {
138
         e.printStackTrace();
139
         Log.i("problem boy", e.getMessage());
140
         // Log.d(
141
       } finally {
142
```

```
qds.close();
143
144
     }
145
146
     public String getLeaderData() {
147
       String response = "";
148
       try {
149
         HttpClient httpclient = new DefaultHttpClient();
150
         String connect = MyConsts.NETWORK.FOLDER + "games.php";
151
         HttpPost httppost = new HttpPost(connect);
152
         HttpResponse httpResponse = httpclient.execute(httppost);
153
         HttpEntity resEntityGet = httpResponse.getEntity();
154
         if (resEntityGet != null) {
155
           // do something with the response
156
           response = EntityUtils.toString(resEntityGet);
157
           Log.i("GET RESPONSE", response);
158
           // Log.d(
159
           response = response.trim();
160
161
162
       } catch (Exception e) {
163
         // Log.d(
164
         e.printStackTrace();
165
         // finish();
166
167
       return response;
168
     }
169
170
     public void postLeaderData(String result) {
171
       getDataFromJSON();
172
       // StringTokenizer res = new StringTokenizer(result, ":");
173
       // // String[] test = {"item1","item2"};
174
       // while (res.hasMoreTokens()) {
175
       // StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer(res.nextToken(), ",");
176
       // String nick = st.nextToken(), pts = st.nextToken();
177
       // if (nick.equals("LIST_ENDS"))
178
       // break;
179
       // HashMap<String, String> hmap = new HashMap<String, String>();
180
       // hmap.put("nick", nick);
181
       // hmap.put("points", pts);
182
       // lmap.add(hmap);
183
       //
184
       // String[] from = { "nick", "points" };
185
       // int[] to = { R.id.leader_tvnick, R.id.leader_tvpoints };
186
       // SimpleAdapter simp = new SimpleAdapter(Leaderboard.this, lmap,
187
       // R.layout.leaderboard_row, from, to);
188
       // lview.setAdapter(simp);
189
       // lview.setCacheColorHint(0 \times 000000000);
190
191
192
     public void getDataFromJSON() {
193
194
         HttpClient client = new DefaultHttpClient();
195
         String getURL = MyConsts.NETWORKFOLDER + "games.php";
196
         // String getURL = "http://flashracebits.webatu.com/questions.json"
197
198
```

```
HttpGet get = new HttpGet(getURL);
199
         HttpResponse responseGet = client.execute(get);
200
         HttpEntity resEntityGet = responseGet.getEntity();
201
202
         if (resEntityGet != null) {
203
            InputStream instream = resEntityGet.getContent();
204
            BufferedReader str = new BufferedReader (new InputStreamReader (
205
                instream));
206
207
            String ans = new String("");
208
            build = new String("");
209
            while ((ans = str.readLine()) != null) {
210
              build = build + ans;
211
              // Log.d(
212
213
214
            JSONObject jobj = new JSONObject(build);
215
            JSONArray arr = jobj.getJSONArray("questions");
216
            String arrlen = Integer.toString(arr.length());
217
            // Log.d(
218
            for (int i = 0; i < arr.length(); i++) {
219
              JSONObject qs = arr.getJSONObject(i);
220
              qNum = qs.getString("game");// nick &points
221
              question = qs.getString("start_point");
222
              HashMap<String , String > hmap = new HashMap<String , String >();
224
              hmap.put("nick", " ");
225
              hmap.put("points", question);
226
              lmap.add(hmap);
227
228
229
            String [] from = { "nick", "points" };
230
            int[] to = { R.id.leader_tvnick, R.id.leader_tvpoints };
231
            SimpleAdapter simp = new SimpleAdapter (GameSelect.this, lmap,
232
                R. layout . leaderboard_row , from , to);
233
            lview.setAdapter(simp);
234
            lview.setCacheColorHint(0 \times 000000000);
235
236
       } catch (Exception e) {
237
238
       } finally {
239
240
241
242
243
     private class DownloadLeaders extends AsyncTask<String, Void, String> {
244
       @Override
245
       protected String doInBackground(String... params) {
246
         String response = getLeaderData();
247
         return response;
248
249
       }
250
       @Override
251
       protected void onPostExecute(String result) {
252
         if (pd.isShowing())
253
           pd.dismiss();
254
         postLeaderData(result);
255
```

```
256
257
258
     @Override
259
     public void onBackPressed() {
260
       // TODO Auto-generated method stub
261
       finish();
262
       overridePendingTransition(R.anim.slide_in_top, R.anim.
263
           slide_out_bottom);
     }
264
265
     @Override
266
     public boolean on Create Options Menu (Menu menu) {
267
       getMenuInflater().inflate(R.menu.activity_main, menu);
268
       return true;
269
     }
270
     @Override
272
     public boolean onOptionsItemSelected(MenuItem item) {
273
       switch (item.getItemId()) {
274
       case R.id.menu_settings:
275
         Toast.makeText(this, "Can be done through Home page only.",
276
              Toast .LENGTH_SHORT) . show();
277
         return true;
278
280
       return false;
281
282
283
     @Override
284
     protected void onResume() {
285
       super.onResume();
287
288
289
     public void onClick(View v) {
290
       // TODO Auto-generated method stub
291
       Log.d("clicked", String.valueOf(v.getId()));
292
       finish();
293
295
     }
296
297
```

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Chapter 6

Scheduling

6.1 Executors

Executor is a simple standardized interface for defining custom thread-like subsystems, including thread pools, asynchronous IO, and lightweight task frameworks. Depending on which concrete Executor class is being used, tasks may execute in a newly created thread, an existing task-execution thread, or the thread calling execute, and may execute sequentially or concurrently. ExecutorService provides a more complete asynchronous task execution framework. An ExecutorService manages queuing and scheduling of tasks, and allows controlled shutdown. The ScheduledExecutorService subinterface and associated interfaces add support for delayed and periodic task execution. ExecutorServices provide methods arranging asynchronous execution of any function expressed as Callable, the result-bearing analog of Runnable. A Future returns the results of a function, allows determination of whether execution has completed, and provides a means to cancel execution. A RunnableFuture is a Future that possesses a run method that upon execution, sets its results. Implementations. Classes ThreadPoolExecutor and ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor provide tunable, flexible thread pools. The Executors class provides factory methods for the most common kinds and configurations of Executors, as well as a few utility methods for using them. Other utilities based on Executors include the concrete class Future Task providing a common extensible implementation of Futures, and ExecutorCompletionService, that assists in coordinating the processing of groups of asynchronous tasks.

6.1.1 Queues

The ConcurrentLinkedQueue class supplies an efficient scalable thread-safe non-blocking FIFO queue. Five implementations in support the extended Blocking Queue interface, that defines blocking versions of put and take: Linked Blocking Queue, Array Blocking Queue, Synchronous Queue, Priority Blocking Queue, and Delay Queue. The different classes cover the most common usage contexts for producer-consumer, messaging, parallel tasking, and related concurrent designs. The Blocking Deque interface extends BlockingQueue to support both FIFO and LIFO (stack-based) operations. Class Linked Blocking Deque provides an implementation.

6.1.2 Timing

The TimeUnit class provides multiple granularities (including nanoseconds) for specifying and controlling time-out based operations. Most classes in the package contain operations based on time-outs in addition to indefinite waits. In all cases that time-outs are used, the time-out specifies the minimum time that the method should wait before indicating that it timed-out. Implementations make a "best effort" to detect time-outs as soon as possible after they occur. However, an indefinite amount of time may elapse between a time-out being detected and a thread actually executing again after that time-out. All methods that accept timeout parameters treat values less than or equal to zero to mean not to wait at all. To wait "forever", you can use a value of $Long.MAX_VALUE$.

6.1.3 Synchronizers

Besides Queues, this package supplies Collection implementations designed for use in multithreaded contexts: ConcurrentHashMap, Concurrent Skip ListMap, ConcurrentSkipListSet, CopyOnWriteArrayList, and CopyOnWriteArraySet. threads are expected to access a given collection, a ConcurrentHashMap is normally preferable to a synchronized HashMap, and a ConcurrentSkipListMap is normally preferable to a synchronized TreeMap. A CopyOnWriteArrayList is preferable to a synchronized ArrayList when the expected number of reads and traversals greatly outnumber the number of updates to a list. The "Concurrent" prefix used with some classes in this package is a shorthand indicating several differences from similar "synchronized" classes. For example java.util.Hashtable and Collections.synchronizedMap(new HashMap()) are synchronized. But ConcurrentHashMap is "concurrent". A concurrent collection is thread-safe, but not governed by a single exclusion lock. In the particular case of ConcurrentHashMap, it safely permits any number of concurrent reads as well as a tunable number of concurrent writes. "Synchronized" classes can be useful when you need to prevent all access to a collection via a single lock, at the expense of poorer scalability. In other cases in which multiple threads are expected to access a common collection, "concurrent" versions are normally preferable. And unsynchronized collections are preferable when either collections are unshared, or are accessible only when holding other locks. Most concurrent Collection implementations (including most Queues) also differ from the usual java.util conventions in that their Iterators provide weakly consistent rather than fast-fail traversal. A weakly consistent iterator is thread-safe, but does not necessarily freeze the collection while iterating, so it may (or may not) reflect any updates since the iterator was created.

6.2 Memory Consistency Properties

The synchronized and volatile constructs, as well as the Thread.start() and Thread.join() methods, can form happens-before relationships. In particular: Each action in a thread happens-before every action in that thread that comes later in the program's order. An unlock (synchronized block or method exit) of a monitor happens-before every subsequent lock (synchronized block or method entry) of that same monitor. And because the happens-before relation is transitive, all actions of a thread prior to unlocking

happen-before all actions subsequent to any thread locking that monitor. A write to a volatile field happens-before every subsequent read of that same field. Writes and reads of volatile fields have similar memory consistency effects as entering and exiting monitors, but do not entail mutual exclusion locking. A call to start on a thread happens-before any action in the started thread. All actions in a thread happen-before any other thread successfully returns from a join on that thread. The methods of all classes in java.util.concurrent and its subpackages extend these guarantees to higherlevel synchronization. In particular: Actions in a thread prior to placing an object into any concurrent collection happen-before actions subsequent to the access or removal of that element from the collection in another thread. Actions in a thread prior to the submission of a Runnable to an Executor happen-before its execution begins. Similarly for Callables submitted to an ExecutorService. Actions taken by the asynchronous computation represented by a Future happen-before actions subsequent to the retrieval of the result via Future.get() in another thread. Actions prior to "releasing" synchronizer methods such as Lock.unlock, Semaphore.release, and CountDownLatch.countDown happen-before actions subsequent to a successful "acquiring" method such as Lock, lock, Semaphore.acquire, Condition.await, and CountDownLatch.await on the same synchronizer object in another thread. For each pair of threads that successfully exchange objects via an Exchanger, actions prior to the exchange() in each thread happen-before those subsequent to the corresponding exchange() in another thread. Actions prior to calling CyclicBarrier.await and Phaser.awaitAdvance (as well as its variants) happenbefore actions performed by the barrier action, and actions performed by the barrier action happen-before actions subsequent to a successful return from the corresponding await in other threads.

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