# Localr - Sprint 0

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### **Preface**

#### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Advancement of technology has made news more accessible/available.
   We now have smartphones, tablets, and other devices to help get our news on-the-go. This has led to:
  - globalization of news
  - social media reporting
  - o fake news
  - Irrelevant news
- People find out about something happening in another country, faster than they would about something happening in their city.

#### WHAT IS OUR SOLUTION?

### **LOCALR**

An easy-to-use mobile application that shows and categorizes for users the headlines and stories in their city through a no-nonsense maps interface.

### Preface (cont'd)

# WHY WE DECIDED TO PURSUE LOCALR? WHAT PROBLEMS DOES IT ADDRESS?

- Make news more relevant to the user
- Make news more local
- Not only make news easy to access, but also make it easier to understand

#### WHAT MAKES LOCALR DIFFERENT?

- Maps interface (with pinning capabilities) offer the user a more personalized experience
- Additional filtering of pins allows for relevant news to reach users based on their interests
- Having users see what's going on in their city through maps and icons introduces a new feel compared to just reading feeds

# Strategy

Problem	Solution	Value Proposition	Unfair Advantage	Customer Segments
1. Readers are constantly bombarded with news stories that have little chance of directly impacting their quality of life.  2. Readers can grow weary of being presented with news via text-based feeds.	1. Offer a local news aggregator that keeps readers focused on news that is more likely to impact them.  2. Present news stories to readers geographically via pins on a local map that offers various filtering options.	Our application will present readers with highly relevant and actionable news through a novel interface that is fun to engage.	1. Geolocal discovery of news presented via a map interface that to our knowledge, has very little precedent.  2. Accurate labeling of news stories (location, topic, etc) via Machine Learning.  3. Crisp and accurate news story summarization	- 18 - 34  - Anyone who acquires news primarily from social media, mobile applications, and/or desktop web browsers
3. Many readers are not interested in reading long articles.	3. Present crisp and accurate overviews of news stories.		generated via Machine Learning.	

### S.W.O.T

Strengths		Weaknesses				
*	Machine Learning Experience- Two members of our team have previous experience with Machine Learning	٠	Individual Skill Sets - Each of us have knowledge and skills in different programming languages and software, which could hinder us since we each will			
*	Resources Available - Easily accessible and available resources for building our app	٠	need time to learn new skills  Availability -difficult for team members to work on the project due to busy or conflicting class schedules, which could lead to us not making significant progress			

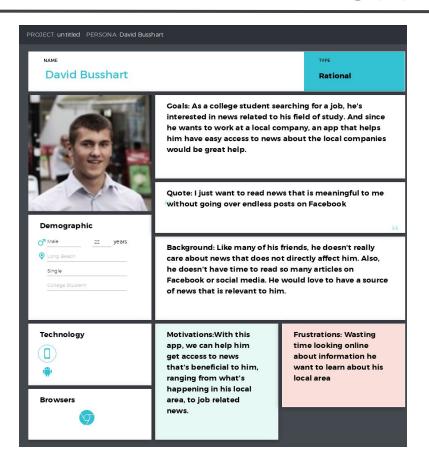
Unfair Advar	ntage
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	Opportunities	Threats	
٠	Map Interface - Using a map interface with pins on the locations that have published news articles	<ul> <li>Alternative Local News Apps and Websites - KTLA 5 News App and Website, News Break App, SmartNews</li> </ul>	
٠	News Type Icon - Filtering our news using a icon to represent the type of news that it contains		

Accurate aggregation and labeling of *local news media* (location, topic, etc...) via Machine Learning.

### **User Profile**





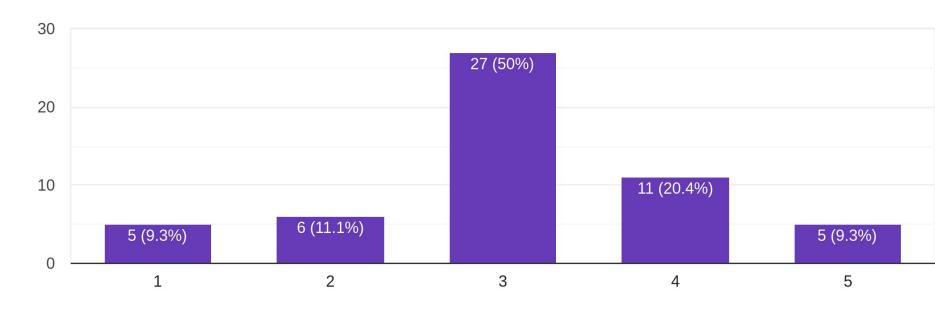
#### PROJECT: untitled PERSONA: Linda Woods TYPE Linda Woods Rational Goals: To find a source of news that is customized to her interests, and can help her keep an eye on real estate in her local area. Background: As a real estate agent, understanding the housing market, especially of her local area is crucial for her career. This app can help her get access to news that's is actually relevant to her career. Demographic O Female years Frustrations: Tired of Motivations: In need of a Q Los Angeles source of news that is reading irrelevant news actually relevant to her Married interests Technology

**Browsers** 

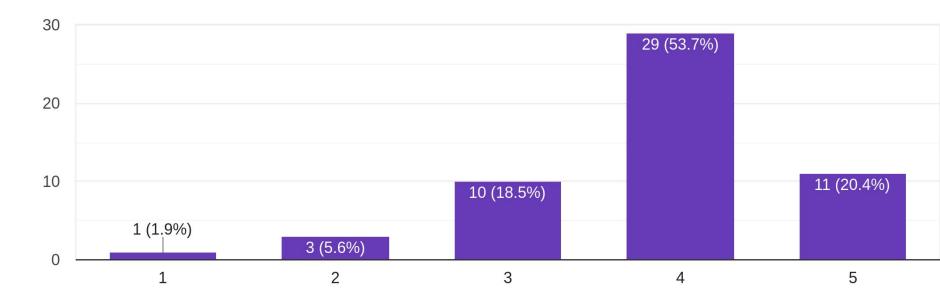
# **Primary Market Research**

Asked 9 questions in first survey. Next survey will include 11+ questions.

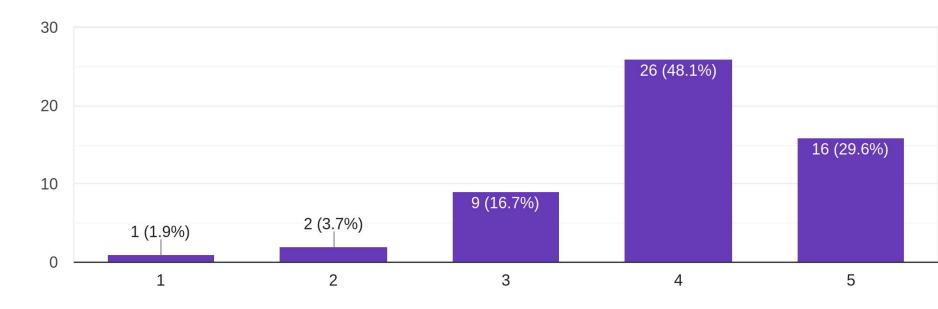
On a scale of 1 to 5 how satisfied are you with your method of news consumption? 54 responses



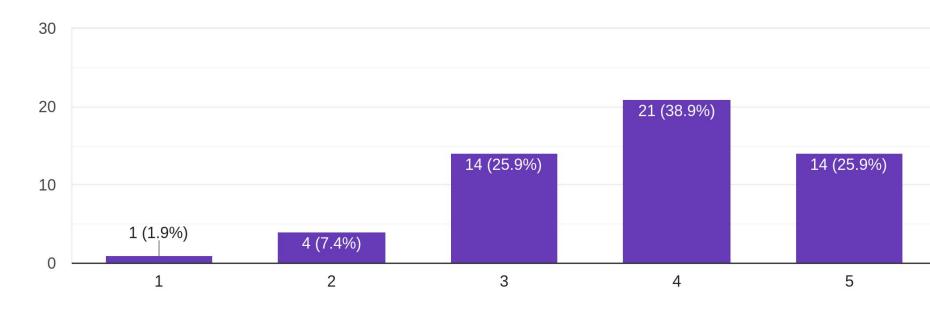
On a scale of 1 to 5 how much do you care about national news? 54 responses



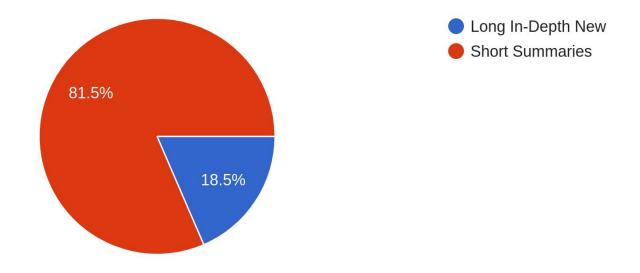
On a scale of 1 to 5 how much do you care about global news? 54 responses



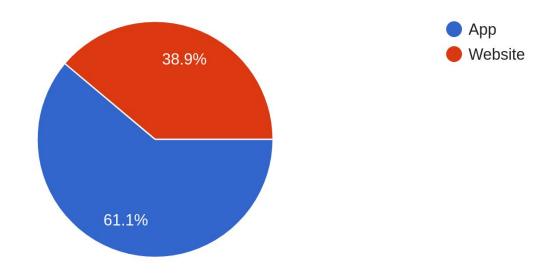
On a scale of 1 to 5 how much do you care about local news? 54 responses



Do you prefer long in-depth news or short summaries of news? 54 responses

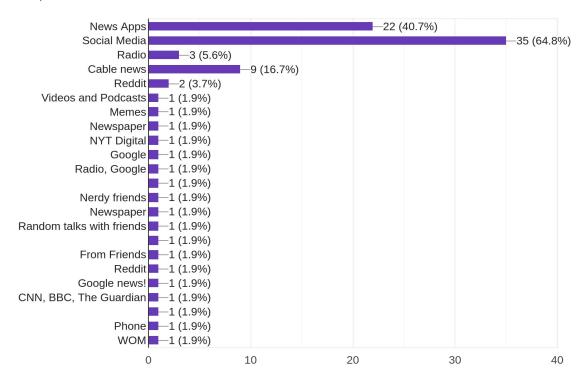


What's your preferred method of receiving news: a website or an app? 54 responses

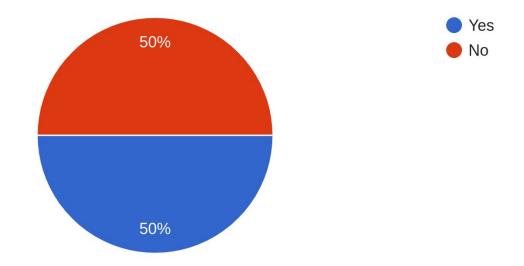


#### How do you currently receive your news?

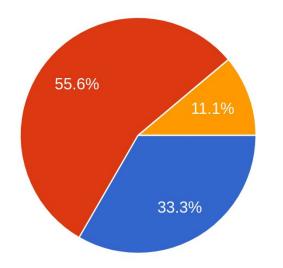
54 responses



Do you like news notifications on your phone? 54 responses



# How often do you search for or read the news? 54 responses





# Hindsight

Should have added the following questions:

Would you like to filter the type of news you receive?

Would you enjoy seeing news on a map based on its locality?

# Secondary Market Research

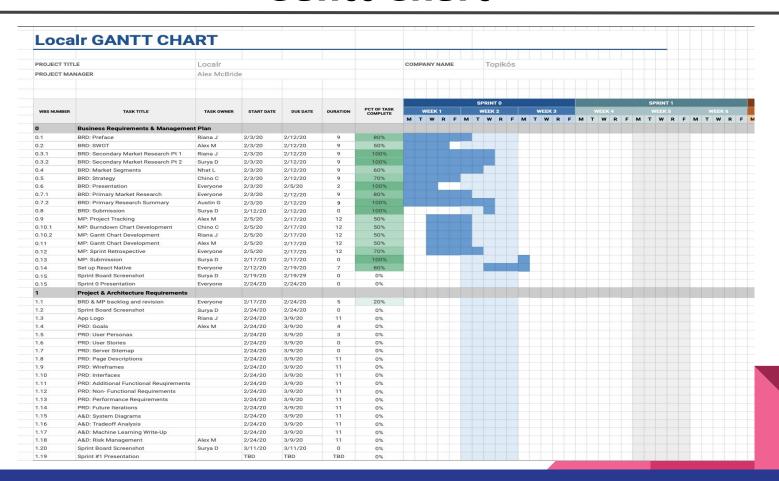
- 69% of millennials read news at least once a day.
- Main sources are from YouTube, Instagram or Facebook.
- There is a rising market for news applications.
- Current competitor: InShorts, USA Live
- Smartphone users are mainly of 18-34 age demographic.
- Most people prefer summarized form of news.

### **Sprint Retrospective**

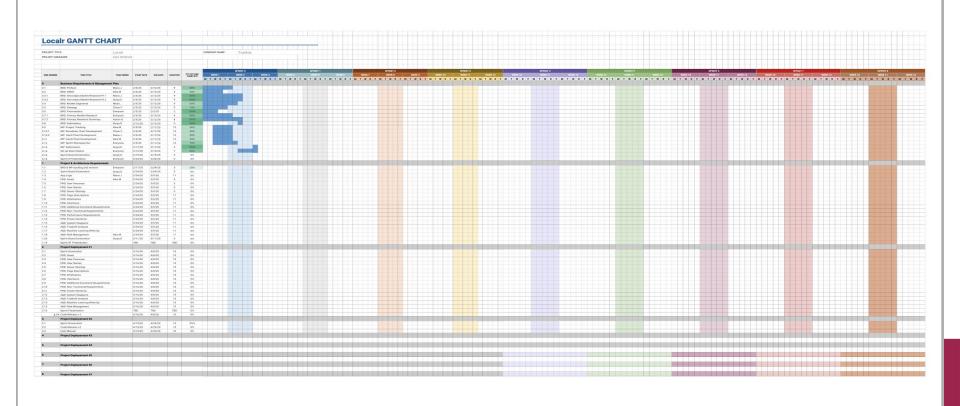
#### Sprint Goal:

- Complete the Business Requirements Document
- Management Plan Document
- Set up React Native on our computers

### **Gantt Chart**

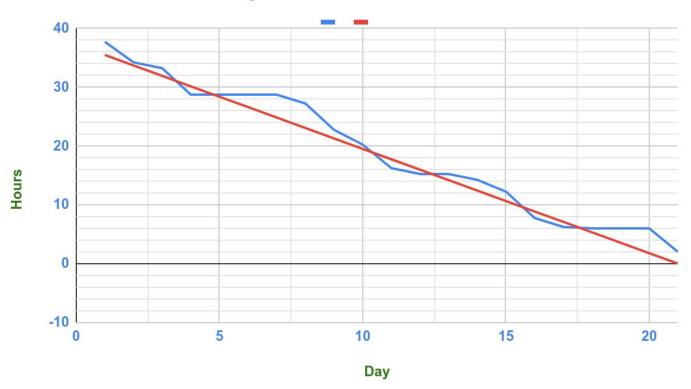


### **Gantt Chart**



### **Burndown Chart**

### **Sprint #0 Burndown**



# **Project Tracking Matrix**

Project Name:	Localr							
Company Name:	Topikos							
Project Owner:	Alexandra McBride							
Project Start Date:	1/27/20							
Project End Date:	TBD							
Task ID	Task Name	Assigned To		Status		Priority		Due Date
BRD - 01	Preface	Riana	~	Completed	*	Low	-	2/12/20
BRD - 02	User Personas	Nhat	~	In Progress	•	Moderate	-	2/12/20
BRD - 03	Strategy	Chino	~	Completed	•	Low	*	2/12/20
BRD - 04	S.W.O.T	Alex	~	Completed	•	Low	*	2/12/20
BRD - 05	Market Segments	Nhat	~	Completed	•	Moderate	•	2/12/20
BRD - 06	Primary Market Research	Austin	~	In Progress	•	Moderate	-	2/12/20
BRD - 07	Secondary Market Research	Surya, Riana	_	Completed	•	Low	•	2/12/20
PRES-01	BRD Draft Presentation	All Team Members	~	Completed	•	High		2/5/20
MP - 01	Gantt Chart - Screenshot	Alex, Riana	¥	In Progress	•	High		2/17/20
MP - 02	Project Tracking Matrix - Screenshot	Alex	~	In Progress	•	Moderate	•	2/17/20
MP - 03	Burndown Chart	Chino	~	In Progress	•	Moderate	•	2/17/20
MP - 04	Sprint Retrospective	All Team Members	~	In Progress	•	Low	*	2/17/20
MP - 05	Sprint Review Records in Appendix		~	Removed	•	Low	*	2/17/20
MP - 06	Sprint Board Screenshot - START	Surya	~	Completed	•	Low		2/17/20
MP - 07	Sprint Board Screenshot - END	Nhat	~	Completed	•	Low	-	2/17/20
PRES-02	Sprint #0 Presentation	All Team Members	~	Not Started	*	High	*	2/24/20
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### **Sprint Board**

