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The most similar application to our project is an android app called Detour. This application is set up to provide various walking tours in tourist destinations within cities. Each tour is supposed to take the user to different landmarks while providing textual and audio content for the user. This is extremely similar to our project. The main difference between the Detour app and our app is that our application’s interface will utilize augmented reality somehow in order to give a more immersive experience to the user. Detour achieves a very high level of immersion through high quality audio content. Detour boasts that every person that was interviewed can be found while on that specific walking tour. This is a very interesting idea that we might be able to incorporate into our project as well. Detour also has a feature where the user can sync up the audio playback with friends that are also on the same walking tour. This adds a social aspect that we hadn’t considered.

Most of the other apps that we looked at had some sort of social feature. Stray Boots is another walking tour application, but this one is based on the idea of a scavenger hunt guided by hints. This app can be used solo, in a group, or in teams that compete against each other. This app looks like it is way more social than our project is aiming to be, but it is still a neat idea.

The application Historypin is also very similar to ours from a historical standpoint. While this app doesn’t have any guided tours, it does allow users to select their location, and then view historical photos of that location. The really great part about history pin is that it is all open source, so it could prove to be a fantastic resource for our project.

Detour : <https://www.detour.com/>

Stray Boots : <https://www.strayboots.com/>

HistoryPin : <https://www.historypin.org/en/>