Project 4 Task 1 Description: Recipe Search App

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Description:

My application takes a search string (ideally for a food item) and uses it to fetch and display picture of food item, recipe, cooking time, calories of the requested item from Edamam Recipe Search API.

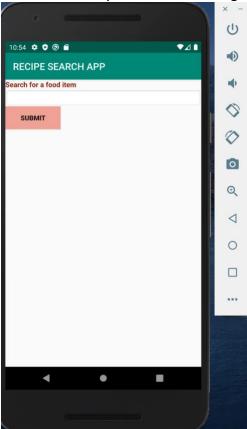
1. Implement a native Android App

App name: project 4 Android

1.1. Has at least three different kinds of Views in your Layout (TextView, EditText, ImageView, or anything that extends android.view.View)

My app uses textView, EditText, Button and ImageView.

Screenshot of layout before fetching results



1.2.Requires input from user



1.3. Makes an HTTP request

My application does an HTTP GET request in GetResults.java. The HTTP req is:

"https://whispering-badlands-89043.herokuapp.com/?searchWord="+searchTag;

Where searchTag is the search term entered my user in the app.

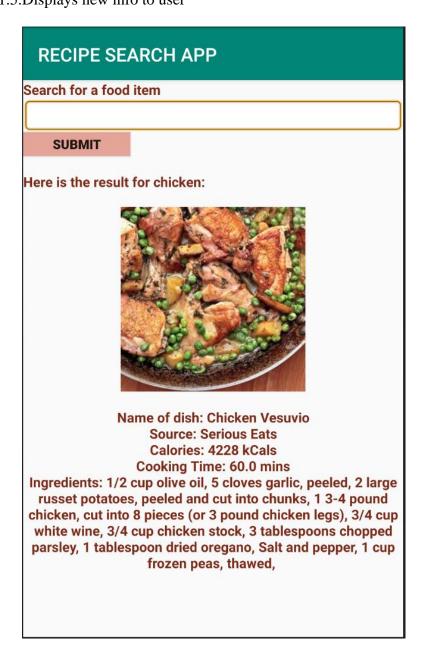
The search method makes this request, parses the returned JSON to find data on name of dish, ingredients, picture URL, time taken, calories etc. It also fetches picture and returns bit image of the picture.

1.4.Received JSON formatted reply from webservice



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1.5.Displays new info to user



1.6.Is repeatable

Here is an example when user searches for "French fries"

RECIPE SEARCH APP

Search for a food item

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Here is the result for french fries:



Name of dish: French Fry Waffles Recipe Source: Serious Eats

Calories: 1055 kCals Cooking Time: 25.0 mins

Ingredients: 1 1/2 pounds leftover cold french fries, or thawed frozen french fries, Kosher salt, Mayonnaise or

ketchup for serving,

2. Implement a web service, deployed to Heroku

The URL of my web service deployed to Herkou is: whispering-badlands-89043

For example:

https://whispering-badlands-89043.herokuapp.com/?searchWord=chicken

a. Using an HttpServlet to implement a simple (can be a single path) API

In my project:

Model: FoodSearchModel.java Servlet: FoodAppServlet.java Schema: FoodAppSchema.java

b. Receives an HTTP request from the native Android application

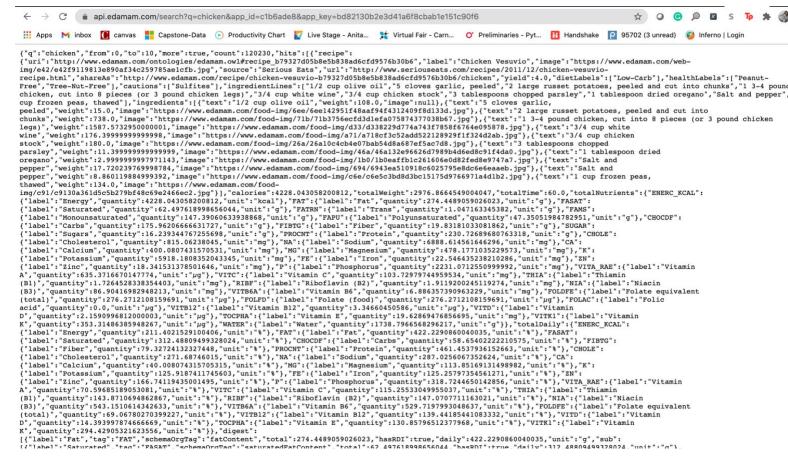
FoodAppServlet.java receives HTTP GET request with argument "searchWord" which is passed on to the model

c. Executes business logic appropriate to your application

FoodSearchModel.java makes HTTP request to:

"https://api.edamam.com/search?q="+searchTag.strip()+"&app_id=c1b6ade8&app_key=bd821 30b2e3d41a6f8cbab1e151c90f6";

The response is in JSON format and looks like:



d. Replies to the Android application with an XML or JSON formatted response. The schema of the response can be of your own design.

Replies to Android app in JSON formatted response in schema designed by me:

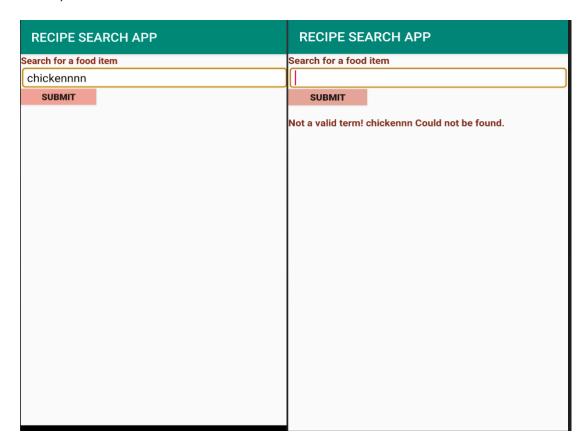


3. Handle error conditions

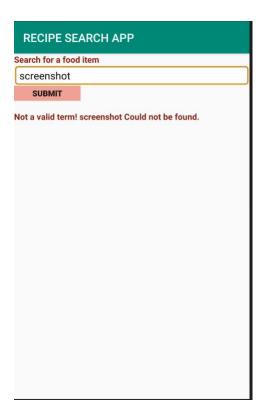
Your application should test for and handle gracefully:

• Invalid mobile app input

Invalid input1:

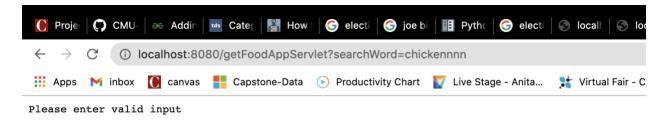


Invalid input 2:

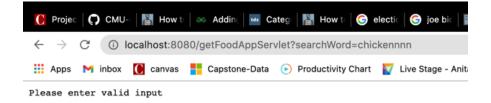


Invalid server-side input (regardless of mobile app input validation)

Error handled in code when there is invalid or null output, also displaying "Please enter valid input" on browser.

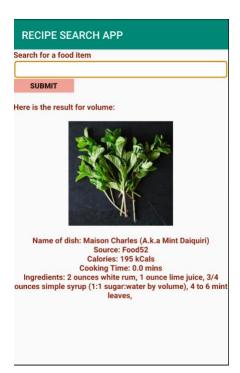


Same for Heroku app:



- Mobile app network failure, unable to reach server
 Handled by implementing try catch in search method of GetResults.java
- Third-party API unavailable
 Handled by implementing try catch in fetch method of FoodSearchModel.java
- Third-party API invalid data

The API displays results for words that do not make sense in terms of food as well, eg: when user searches volume, the API displays:



 $Handled\ this\ condition\ in\ GetResults. java:$

