

GlassRx - Project Plan

Goals and Scope

GlassRx is focused on making it easy for patients and physicians to manage medications and their corresponding schedules. Managing pill dosages and schedules can become very difficult, as age and number of prescriptions increases, and the main goal of GlassRx is to simplify this process using Google Glass. First and foremost, GlassRx is a medication management application. As such, it will focus on maintaining the user's (potentially complex) medication schedule. This will be accomplished through implementation of medication schedule creation/modification, alerts and alarms which notify the user when he/she must take a medication, connecting a Google user account to our database, and barcode scanning of medication bottles, time permitting. Because Glass applications are voice- and gesture-driven, GlassRx will allow for both voice acknowledgment of medication alerts and voice and gesture navigation through views. A similar application will also be implemented for a doctor to manage his or her patients' pill schedules, adding or modifying a prescription for them, and seeing potential conflicts, all while maintaining face to face contact with the patient.

Since controls and gestures can be cumbersome on the Glass device, and voice recognition of complicated pill names is a potential problem, our focus for the glass app will be on the display of schedules and the notifications, instead of the editing and creation of schedules. The phone app will be capable of editing schedules and adding medications, as well as providing additional notifications for the patients.

Design Goals

The uses of the app are fairly straightforward, and as such there will probably not be a ton of flexibility in terms of separate uses. We are assuming that we are working with medications, and an agreed upon set of information about the pills, i.e. what times to take it, its use, its side effects. Within these categories, the information will be mostly user inputted. We are assuming a somewhat rigid definition of a "schedule" in that it will be the same every week. We hope to have some access to a pill database, so that when a pill is entered, information about side effects, images, etc. will be read in.

The scheduling and notification aspects of our program are core. At minimum, a user should be able to create a schedule through the mobile app, view it from the glass app, and receive notifications on both. We hope to implement some sort of barcode scanning, or text scanning, that would be able to read in most of the information without having to input it manually.

Dependencies

Currently one of our main dependencies is our one Google Glass. Because there is no real emulator for Glass available, we can't really test and write code effectively without more Glass platforms to work on. We also depend on Glass's ability to safely transmit client-patient information. Currently, this is not the case, but we are writing it assuming that one day Glass will be able to securely store and transmit data.

A large dependency in the long run will be the Google Glass itself. Right now, information cannot be transferred safely and securely. So in order for this to actually be useful, we're depending on that to change. But it's mutually agreed that we will just use fake patients for now, and hopefully at a later point we will be able to use this with actual patients and pills.

Concerns

None of us, and really not very many people in the world, is very experienced coding for Glass, so we are not able to make incredibly confident estimations for how easy or hard it will be to implement certain features. However, this has been made known and we have made conservative estimates, and expect we will be able to get a lot of cool stuff done.

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Task Deliverables for each Sprint

Prototype Demo (10/1):

GUI for patient Glass in place. Glass app should be mostly functional with notifications and navigation, but data based on hard-coded values.

Baseline (10/22):

GUI for both Glass apps in place. Will be able to create and store a simple schedule with the phone app.

Alpha (11/5):

Apps should be able to communicate with each other. Glass app will be able to import a schedule from a phone app, and set data from that.

Beta (11/19):

App will be capable of importing information about a pill from a database. We also hope to be able to add medications through barcode scanning.

Robust Full Functionality (12/11):

All aspects of patient/doctor sides will be functional for both the glass and the phone apps, and they will be communicating. We will have as many stretch goals implemented as we have time for.