

Geolocation based instant messaging

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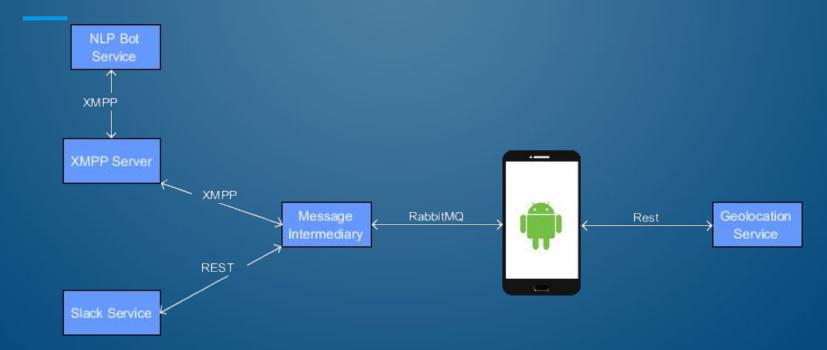
- Current instant messaging relies on the exchange of contact information or connecting to a thematic chatroom avaliable over the internet;
- No way to contact someone physically near you without exchanging contact info beforehand;
- Need to contact someone in the same geographic context or event (Music festival, building, classroom) but we don't want to exchange personal info;
- Only dating apps seem to offer this kind of service (e.g. Tinder)

Concept

- Create a chatroom with a name/theme and limited lifespan which access is given to people within a certain range;

 Embedded chatbot enables the use of various services without leaving the chat interface (e.g. see the news)

Architecture





Geolocation Service

Geolocation Service Technologies:



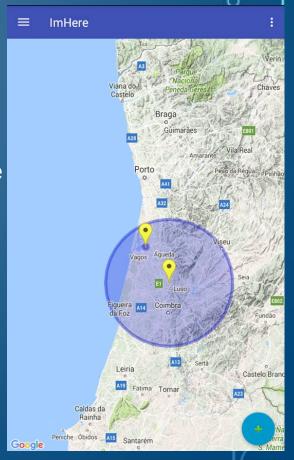






Geolocation Service

- Stores locations and radius of the chats
- Chat location and range is shown as a coloured circle
- Get location coordinates and radius
- Serves information related to user location
 - Check if user is inside a location
 - Retrieve the closest locations
 - Distance between user and location
- Edit and remove chat parameters



NLPBot Service

NLPBot Service Tecnologies:









NLPbot

- Natural Language Processor chatbot that calls different services.
- Uses a trained model to identify which service to call (e.g. "tell me the news" and "what are the headlines today?" both return the current news).
- Acts as a regular client that connects itself to every chatroom
- It's easy to develop third party services to extend its features

Message Intermediary Service Technologies:















Message Intermediary Service

- Intermediary to exchange messages between different applications
- Stores users and chats information
- Chats (slack and openfire) related operations
 - Create chat
 - Join Chat
 - Chat message history
 - Chat information
 - Update received message
 - Send notification to firebase
- Users related operations
 - Create user
 - Login with slack
 - Login with google account

Android App

With the app, a user may:

- Authenticate himself using a google or slack account
- View a map containing all the nearby chats and its range
- Create chats customizing its name, range, theme and lifespan
- Join a available chat through the map or a menu
- Instant message with all users connected to the chosen chatroom
- Request services (news,jokes,reminders,definitions) from the chatbot avaliable on all chatrooms

Demo

