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1 Introduction

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Mobile apps are utilized for virtually all aspects of daily life in the modern world. So after we noticed that there is no application that allows the efficient planning of campaigns like the "Sternsinger-Aktion" we asked ourselves why, and furthermore, how hard it is to create an App with intuitive usability with the main purpose of simplifying the process of managing such a campaign and gaining a general overview of the progress made by the groups.

The app needs to comply with specific criteria we defined in cooperation with Prof. DI Robert Müllerferli. He is the main organizer of the campaign in the parish of Lieboch and helped us to work out the key aspects our project should implement. In the finished product, every user should be able to scan a QR-Code, through which the area of this group gets assigned to the device. These areas must be dynamically adjustable, so an admin can coordinate the workload of each area more efficiently. The areas also need to be clearly visible by an outline which gets drawn through "Border" addresses. These border addresses get calculated by an algorithm implemented by us. It should be visible at a glance if there is an "specification", which can be assigned by admins, set for an address. This should be realized through the use of different icons instead of the default icon. Apart from the app itself, we also implemented a web-portal through which administrators can manage and supervise the campaign.

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The research part of this thesis will be dedicated to how components should act and look, so that new users can use this tool without requiring a long "onboarding" phase. It should feel familiar to interact with elements and the borders of what users can and can not do need to be clearly defined. Because our application also needs a reliable data source to guarantee the consistency and accuracy of marked addresses, we researched ways to keep our database up-to-date, without the need of much manual intervention. After defining the project requirements, we noticed that we need to calculate which addresses are border addresses. So we decided to take a look into different algorithms for this task and compare them concerning their efficiency, decide on one of them and implement it.

This thesis contains an in-depth description of our thought and development process, as well as any other steps we took to achieve our goal of a functional mobile application that can be used by volunteers in course of the "Sternsinger-Aktion 2025" taking place in the parish of Lieboch.

1.1 Team

This thesis was created by three Students attending the BHIF20 at the HTBLA Kaindorf Computer Science Department.

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Deployment, Mobile App

Andreas Weissl



Backend

2 Technologies

Development would not have been possible without making use of many tools, frameworks and environments. In this chapter each tool used in the creation of our software will be described briefly.

2.1 LaTeX

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2.2 Frontend

2.2.1 Dart

Dart is a programming language initially designed for web development, with the goal, of replacing JavaScript, in mind. Today it gets used in a variety of software products, mainly because of the flutter framework. It can be compiled for many platforms and architectures (ARM, x64, RISC-V, JavaScript or WebAssembly) and is loved for its combination of High-Level Features, with practical language features like Garbage collection and optional Type annotation. It was developed by Google and is now an open-source project.

(Flutter for Beginners, n.d.)



2.2.2 Flutter

Flutter is an Open-Source software development framework. It allows programmers to compile their application for different platforms including Web, macOS, IOS as well as Windows and any type of Linux-based systems, all from one code-base, written in Dart. This allows for more efficient and faster cross-platform development. Another benefit of Google's toolkit are the highly customizable predefined UI components. Developers can mix and match these components however needed which makes them an applicable choice.

We chose flutter mainly for these reasons, but also because of our previous experience with Java to which Dart is quite similar. Through it, we were able to get started quickly, learn what we need along the way. Having a design through the components was also very helpful and saved us some time.

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2.3 Backend

2.3.1 Java Spring

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2.5.1 OpenStreetMap

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2.6 Development Tools

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2.7 Deployment

2.7.1 Docker

2.7.2 Uberspace

2.7.3 Webmin

3 Research Questions

3.1 Leon Edlinger

3.2 Paul Gigler

3.3 Andreas Weissl

4 Spring Framework

The backend leverages the **Spring Framework**, a comprehensive framework for enterprise Java development. This section explores its key components and advantages. This chapter concentrates on exploring the Spring ecosystem and covers core components like Spring Framework, Spring Boot and Spring Data JPA. It highlights the advantages of this ecosystem in simplifying Java development and improving the efficiency

4.1 Spring Boot

Spring Boot is a tool which makes developing web applications and microservices with the Java Spring Framework faster and easier. As powerful as the Spring Framework on its own is, it still requires much time and knowledge to configure, set-up and deploy Spring apps. Spring Boot tries to mitigate this effort with three features Autoconfigure: Autoconfigure initializes Spring apps with a preset of dependencies so that the developer does not have to configure those manually. Spring Boot comes with this feature to automatically configure the Spring Framework and third-party packages based on your needs for the project. Even though you can override the default configuration after the initialization, the initial setup makes the development process faster and more efficient. Meanwhile the autoconfiguration also reduces the possibility of many human errors which can occur during the configuration of an Java application. Opinionated approach: Spring Boot uses an opinionated approach while adding and configuring the starter dependencies which is based on the needs of the project. Rather than requiring you to make all the decisions yourself and setup everything manually, Spring Boot uses its own common sense to choose which packages to install and which default values to use. During the initialization, you can define the needs and requirements of your project. Throughout this process you can choose from a huge collection of starter dependencies which are called "Spring Starters" that cover every day use cases. To give an example, the "Spring Web" dependency simplifies building Spring-based web apps which require minimal configuration work by adding all the other necessary dependencies that you may need for creating such an app. "Spring Security" is another popular starter dependency which automatically adds authentication and access-control features to an application. Spring Boot on its own includes over 50 Spring Starters. However

there are many more third-party starters that are also available. Stand-alone application: Spring Boot also helps developers create apps that just run. What that means is that you can create stand-alone applications that run on their own without needing any external web servers. This can be done by including(/embedding) a web server such as Tomcat into your app during the initialization process. As a consequence of this you can start your app on any platform by using the command to run the app.

Setting up a Spring Boot app: You can easily setup a Spring Boot project using the "Spring Initializr". If you want to create your own Spring Boot-based project, you can just visit the "Spring Initializr", fill in your project details and download a bundled up project as a .zip file. During the initialization process you have to choose a couple of factors that impact the structure of the project such as the programming language, the Spring Boot version and of course any other dependency you may need to make the development easier and more efficient. Depending on the IDE (vergiss net des zu includen am ende) you use to develop the app, you maybe able to create a Spring Boot project in the IDE itself. Creating a new Spring Boot project in the IDE gives you the same options to choose to make your life easier while developing the app. However, not all IDEs support creating such a project on their own, so you may need to install a addon to create a Spring Boot project.

Difference between Spring Boot and Spring Framework: The biggest advantages of using Spring Boot and not Spring alone are the easier use and faster development. Theoretically, this advantage of Spring Boot comes at the cost of the greater flexibility you would get from working directly wit Spring Framework. However, in practice, using Spring Boot is worth the trade because you are still able to use Spring Framework's annotation system to inject extra dependencies more easily into you app. Furthermore you still get access to all of Spring Framework's features which include easy event handling and built-in security.

4.2 Spring Data JPA

Spring Data JPA stands for Java Persistence API and provides a specification for persisting, reading and managing data from the object in your program, which are called entities, to your tables in the database. JPA specifies a set of rules for developing interfaces that follow specific standards. As a result, JPA is just some guidelines to implement ORM. ORM is the process of persisting an object in java directly into a database table. The goal of Spring Data JPA is to create classes called "Repositories" which significantly reduce the amount of unnecessary code to access and manipulate data from the database of your project. Entities: As already mentioned, the object from which Spring Data JPA manages the data are called entities. Every table of your database is an entity with each attribute being a column in the respective table. You can use the @Entity annotation in your code to specify that said class is an entity and needs to be in the database. However, this annotation is not the only one which is supported by JPA. Using annotations such as @Id or @GeneratedValue, you can define different features of your entity and therefore your table in the database. Those annotations are a way to make the development of the project much faster and even more efficient. Data access object layer: Although there are many annotations that are usable for your entity, there is one annotation which is a core feature in JPA. The @Repository annotation is a marker for a class that fulfills the role of a repository which is also know as a Data Access Object. However, something else need to be done when using the @Repository annotation. If you use this annotation, you also need to extend your repository class with the JpaRepository-class which implements many methods to manage, manipulate and sort or filter all the data in any Table of the Database. You can too make

custom queries in your repository class if the operation you need is not available by standard. Service Layer: Classes that use the `@Service` annotation are used with classes that provide some data manipulation methods such as a repository-class. By implementing such a class, the project structure is better understandable and more clear to other developers which may work on this project later on. Controller Layer: This Layer provides the applications with the routes with which the data can get manipulated through a GUI. With the `@RestController` annotation, you can declare a class as an actual controller. The controller uses the service classes from the service layer to get the data or manipulate it in any way. It also specifies the routes which you can then access in any form of user interface so that the user can actually use or see the data. Mappings: There are some annotations which defines the routes with all its features and where you can access the route. The `@GetMapping` gives the user data in any form. This can be all the data from a table or a specific entry in a table based on any filter. The `@PostMapping` is used if a user would want to create a new entry in a specific table. For example if you have a management program in your company, you may want to add an employee and this annotation is used to create the route which can then be used by the manager to add a new employee to the database. If, for example, the address or surname of this employee would change, you would need the `@PutMapping` to update the data stored for this employee in the database. However, if this said employee would resign from your company, then you would need the `@DeleteMapping` annotation for the manager to be able to clear this employee out of the company's database. Now you can access all those routes through your graphical interface to show the user the data they can and need to access, manage or even delete.

4.3 Lombok

In the modern days of Java development, one big challenge developers face is writing boilerplate code which are code segments that repeat itself over and over again and get used often in a project. This is especially the case in frameworks like Spring Boot where we use classes like the service layer that involve a significant amount of repetitive code. "Project Lombok" is a Java library that has the aim to reduce this boilerplate code by automatically generating the code for commonly used patterns. By integrating Lombok in your Spring Boot project, you can not only simplify your code but make it easier to read maintain and write. Lombok works great with the whole Spring framework. If you would want to use a project with Spring Data JPA, you would not get that far without using any annotations provided by Project Lombok. To flag an entity class for Spring Data JPA, you need to use the `@Entity` annotation. This annotation comes from the Lombok library and adds a couple of features to this class so that JPA recognizes it as an entity for the database.

4.4 Advantages

Now in retrospect, what are the advantages by/with using the Spring Framework and why did we choose it for our backend. Reduced Boilerplate Code: A huge factor of the Spring framework is its ability to reduce repetitive code segments. Mainly through the Lombok library, the Spring framework gives the developer many ways to exchange repetitive code with annotations. Enhanced Testability: With Spring's huge library of dependencies you can not only get dependencies which make the coding easier but the testing too. Some dependencies gave us mock data to test the backend endpoints easier. Flexibility: The same thing that helped us testing, gave us

and other projects the flexibility with which you can for example expand or change certain things in your project. This was extremely helpful for us because a certain requirement changed while we were developing the backend. Consistency: Spring provides consistent programming and configurations models across many different types of applications. Whether you would want to develop a web application or a microservice, Spring offers a unified approach which improves developer productivity. Improved Productivity: Tools like Spring Boot, which are part of the Spring ecosystem, significantly enhance developer productivity by providing better approaches to different problems and embedded servers.

5 Area Borders

The area borders feature addresses the research question by implementing computational geometry algorithms for precise geographical boundary calculations.

5.1 Purpose of Area Borders in the App

Accurate area borders are essential for defining regions based on user input, supporting the app's mapping functionality.

5.2 Overview of the Convex Hull Algorithm

The convex hull algorithm identifies the smallest convex polygon enclosing a set of points, making it a suitable choice for this project.

5.3 Use Cases of the Convex Hull in Industry

Applications of convex hulls in mapping, computer graphics, and robotics highlight their importance in solving real-world problems.

5.4 Alternate Methods for Area Border Calculation

Alternative methods like Voronoi diagrams and alpha shapes were considered but found less suitable due to complexity or computational demands.

5.5 Rationale for Choosing the Convex Hull Method

The convex hull algorithm offers a balance of simplicity, efficiency, and accuracy, aligning with the project's requirements.

5.6 Integration of the Algorithm into the Backend

The algorithm is implemented in the service layer, ensuring smooth integration with other backend components.

5.7 Challenges and Adjustments

Challenges included handling edge cases like collinear points, which were resolved through specific algorithm adjustments.

6 Structure of the Backend

The backend follows a layered architecture to promote separation of concerns, scalability, and maintainability. This section outlines the roles of each layer.

6.1 Controller Layer

The controller layer acts as the interface for incoming HTTP requests, delegating them to appropriate service methods.

6.2 Service Layer

The service layer contains business logic, validating data and coordinating interactions between controllers and repositories.

6.3 Repository Layer

Repositories abstract database operations, allowing the backend to interact with the database without explicit SQL queries.

6.4 Persistence Layer (Entity Classes)

Entity classes define the data model and its mapping to the relational database, ensuring a consistent schema.

6.5 Applied Design Principles (DTOs)

Data Transfer Objects (DTOs) enhance encapsulation and optimize data transfer between layers and external clients.

7 Defining usability

7.1 Why it is important

7.2 Fundamental concepts of usability

7.3 Challenges in designing for a broad user spectrum

8 Usability in context of maps

8.1 Basic Analysis of the Google Maps interface

8.2 Identifying Flaws in Googles Design

8.3 How could specific user groups struggle with this design

9 Adaptive algorithms and real-time data integration

9.1 Theoretical Framework

9.1.1 Traditional Methods for Address Database Management

9.1.2 Adaptive Algorithms: Concepts and Applications

9.1.3 Real-Time Data Integration Frameworks

9.2 Technical Framework

9.2.1 Data Sources

9.2.1.1 GPS Data

9.2.1.2 External APIs

9.2.1.3 User Inputs

9.2.2 Adaptive Algorithms

9.2.2.1 Fuzzy Matching

9.2.2.2 Machine Learning Model

9.2.2.3 Rule-Based Filters

9.2.2.4 Dynamic Duplicate Resolution

9.2.2.5 Real-Time Address Normalization

9.2.3 Evaluation Metrics

9.2.3.1 Accuracy

9.2.3.2 Latency

10 Traditional Methods for Address Database Management

11 Adaptive Algorithms: Concepts and Applications

12 Real-Time Data Integration Frameworks

13 Implementation of the Backend

The backend implementation combines theoretical concepts with practical solutions to ensure functionality and scalability.

13.1 Config of Spring Boot (application.properties)

The `application.properties` file configures essential settings, including database connections, logging, and server parameters.

13.2 Entity Classes (Structure/Purpose)

Entity classes define the application's data model, using annotations to map fields to database tables.

13.3 JPA-Repositories (DB Access and CRUD Operations)

Repositories simplify database access by providing methods for CRUD operations and enabling custom queries.

13.4 Service Classes

Service classes encapsulate business logic, coordinating data flow between controllers and repositories.

13.5 Rest Controller (API Endpoints and their Functions)

REST controllers define API endpoints, processing requests and returning responses to ensure seamless interaction with the frontend.

14 GraphHopper Setup

14.1 Why use GraphHopper?

14.2 Configuration

14.3 Local hosting

15 Working out the Wireframes

15.1 Map View

15.2 List View

15.3 Possible improvements for future versions

16 Functional implementation behind the application

16.1 Address-Provider

16.2 HTTP-Requests

16.3 Implementation of the Flutter Map Component

17 The app in use

17.1 Introducing new users

17.2 The app in operation

17.3 User Feedback

18 Final Thoughts

18.1 Leon Edlinger

18.2 Paul Gigler

18.3 Andreas Weissl

19 Meetings

Protokolle der Meetings, vielleicht auch ein zeitplan wann immer und wie lang

20 Working Hours

Arbeitspaket-Nr.	Beschreibung	Dauer
1	Einführung und Einarbeitung	8 h
2	Grundkonzept erstellen	8 h
3	Struktur der App festlegen	6 h
5	Wifi-Socket in App implementieren	39 h
6	Write-Funktionalität in App implementieren	14 h
7	Read-Funktionalität in App implementieren	19 h
8	Trim-Funktionalität in App implementieren	10 h
9	Konfigurationsmöglichkeiten für Flug in App implementieren	16 h
10	Höhenregelung-Funktionalität in App implementieren	14 h
12	Graphische Darstellung der Flugdaten	18 h
14	App testen und debuggen	19 h
26	Gesamtkonzept testen und debuggen	16 h
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25 Abbreviation

ADC	Analog Digital Converter
API	Application Programming Interface
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
CPU	Central Processing Unit
DAC	Digital Analog Converter
DAVE	Digital Application Virtual Engineer
DSP	Digital Signal Processor
FPU	Floating Point Unit
FPV	First Person View, First Pilot View
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output
GPS	Global Positioning System
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HDMI	High Definition Multimedia Interface
I ² C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IP	Internet Protocol
RPI	Raspberry Pi
SD	Secure Digital
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
USB	Universal Serial Bus
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WPA	WiFi Protected Access
XML	Extensible Markup Language