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Assignment Title: Reflections, ideas, and planning

1. Based on the reports of your fellow classmates during our last class (2023-09-25), please briefly summarize any new ideas for apps to solve people's problems that you have come up with as a result of listening to other students.

These are some of the ideas presented as responses to a survey to enhance the user experience and functionality of an app. They address specific areas such as language accessibility, hands-free interaction, and server performance.

- Language selection feature implementation to reach a wider audience and provide a more inclusive experience for users who may prefer to interact with the app in their native language.
- Integrate voice commands and responses to allow users to interact with the app hands-free, enhancing accessibility and convenience.
- Implement load balancing to distribute incoming traffic evenly across multiple servers. This ensures that no single server becomes overloaded.

2. Several people mentioned the “conflict” between the desire to have a free app, and developers’ desire (and need) to get compensated. Can you suggest any ways by which developers can reap their creativities and efforts’ rewards without alienating their “customer base” by inundating them with ads and/or charging them?

- For a price, selling the app's content or features to other platforms or enterprises, thereby expanding the app's reach and revenue possibilities for developers and making them available for customer base for free.
- If ads are required, making sure they are unobtrusive, relevant, and do not interfere with the user experience. Consider employing rewarded advertisements in which users are rewarded for watching.
- Providing a free basic version of the app with limited features or material, and a paid premium version with expanded features or content. Users can then choose to upgrade if they find the software useful.
- Providing rewards for referrals, using the app, and then affiliating with platforms to pay for downloads

3. Please point to any app/software/website that offers in your opinion an excellent UI/UX. Briefly explain in what ways you find its UI/UX to be so good.

Google Maps:

- Google Maps provides a simple and easy-to-use navigation interface. Users may quickly enter addresses, move between map views, and access extra functions.
- The information is presented in a logical order, with important data such as street names, landmarks, and instructions prominently highlighted.
- To accommodate a wide range of users, the app includes features such as voice-guided navigation, screen reader compatibility, and wheelchair-accessible routes.
- Users can save maps for offline usage, assuring functionality even in locations with limited or no internet access.

4. Have last class's discussions and/or items #1-3 gotten you closer toward a page / app you would like to pursue as a project for this course? Please discuss briefly

As of now, I haven't decided on my project, but I would like to implement some ideas that I got from my last class discussion in my project such as language accessibility. This includes a strong emphasis on language accessibility, where users will have the option to interact with the application in their preferred language, hands-free interaction, and server performance and user feedback will guide ongoing optimizations to maintain an efficient and user-friendly environment.