

EARTHQUAKES

Shaking and vibration of the Earth's crust.





SICHUAN EARTHQUAKE, 2008

“... in the quake almost 80% of buildings were destroyed.” – Wikipedia

“At least 7,000 school buildings throughout the province collapsed.” – Wikipedia

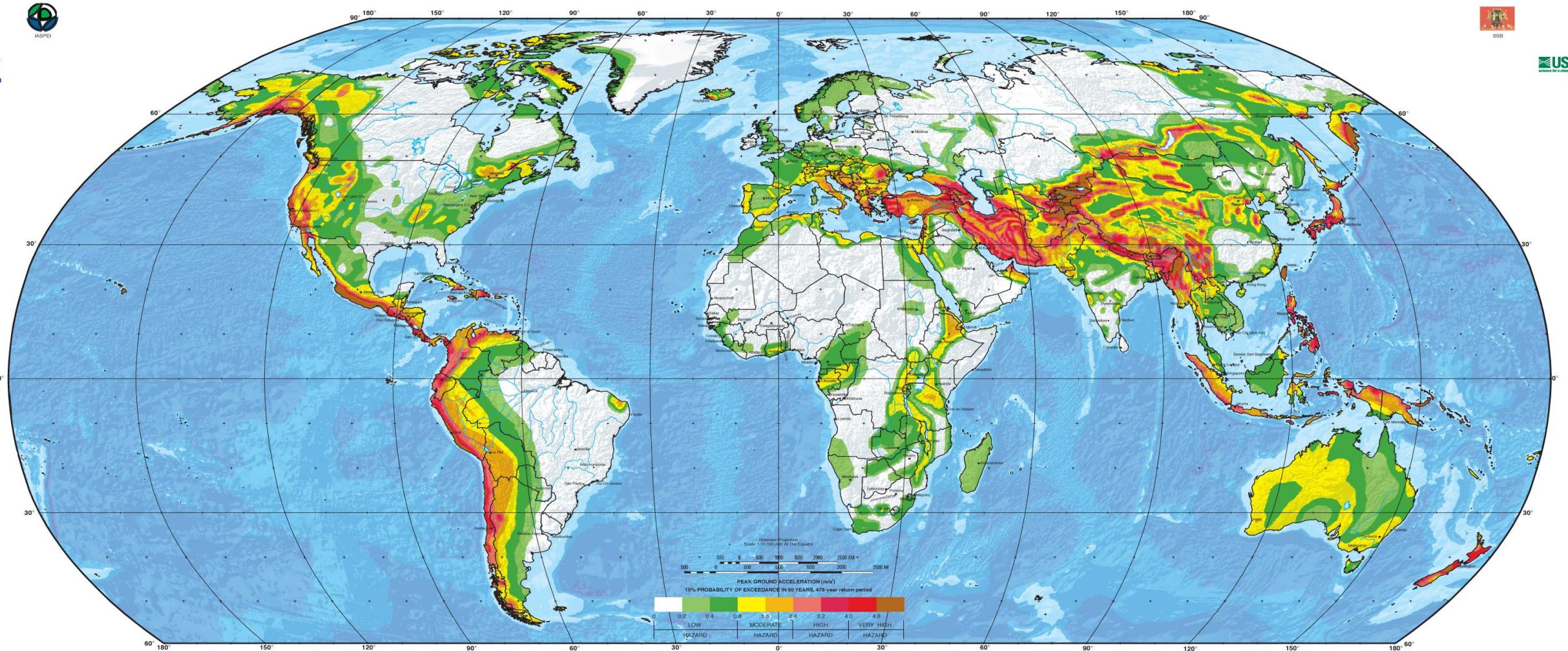




CHILE EARTHQUAKE, 2010

“People were found dead after the earthquake struck, mostly under buildings and inside cars.” – *Damage and Casualties, Chilean Earthquake News*





EARTHQUAKES CANNOT BE PREVENTED. PREPAREDNESS IS THE KEY.
Can Technology come to our rescue?



SMARTPHONE INSTRUMENTATION FOR COLLAPSE DETECTION OF BUILDINGS

A MOBILE CROWD-SOURCING APPROACH TOWARDS EARTHQUAKE
DETECTION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM



MOTIVATION

- WHY ARE WE DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING?



MOTIVATION

- Collapse of buildings is the primary cause of death
 - Kobe: Over 100,000 collapsed structures
 - Kobe: Over 6000 total deaths
- Sparse distribution of hi-fidelity monitoring stations
 - Approx. 10 km in Southern California Seismic Network (SCSN)
- Mobile Crowd-Sourcing has potential
 - Mild activities in Los Angeles region has produced over 40,000 entries



MOTIVATION

- Current seismic sensors DO NOT monitor for building collapses
 - Our system counts the number of collapsed buildings
- Smartphones can provide a good estimate of earthquakes
 - Cheaper
 - Ubiquitous



DESIGN PROCESS

- USER CENTRED DESIGN PROCESS



DESIGN PROCESS



1. RESEARCH

- Learn about stakeholders
- Discover Goals and Needs
- How is it done now?

DESIGN PROCESS



2. STRATEGY

- Ideation
- Brainstorming

DESIGN PROCESS



3. **IMPLEMENT (50%)**
 - Prototyping
 - System design
 - Evaluation

STATE OF THE ART

- KNOWN SOLUTIONS
- KEY FINDINGS



KNOWN SOLUTIONS

- TriNet ShakeMaps – by SCSN
 - Rapid generation of peak ground motion and intensity maps
 - Sparse distribution – Low resolution maps
 - Expensive
- Did You Feel It? – by US Geological Survey
 - Crowdsourcing – Simple post-earthquake questionnaire
 - Has potential – over 40,000 entries
 - But, responders in the areas of heavy shaking DO NOT make the data entry their first priority



KNOWN SOLUTIONS

- Quake Catcher Network (QCN) – Cochran et al.
 - Crowdsourcing – USB MEMS sensors plugged into volunteer's computer or laptop
 - Data sent to central server for processing
- iShake - Reilly et al.
 - Smartphone application measures ground motion and intensity
 - Measurement is ONLY possible during INACTIVE state



KNOWN SOLUTIONS

- Community Seismic Network – Faulkner et al.
 - Rapid detection of earthquakes
 - Smartphones accelerometers
 - Consumer USB devices
 - Heterogeneity of sensors is difficult to manage



KEY FINDINGS

- Relying on Network infrastructure for data transmission
 - Do detection process locally on smartphone
- Heterogeneity of sensors
 - Fall detection is independent of sensor measurement quality
- Data entry is not the priority
 - Ensuring minimum interactions
- Mobile Crowd-Sourcing is promising
 - How to model human activity?



PERSONAS AND SCENARIOS

- STAKEHOLDERS
- PERSONAS
- SCENARIOS



STAKEHOLDERS

- Direct stakeholders
 - People who need to monitor Earthquake events
 - › Seismologists/Researchers
 - People who need to be aware of Earthquake events
 - › Residents near earthquake prone areas
 - › Office/Desktop workers
 - › Tourists, Bloggers
 - People who need to provide Emergency Services
 - › Emergency Response Units (ERUs)
 - › Hospitals/Ambulance
 - › Fire department



STAKEHOLDERS

- Indirect stakeholders
 - Natural calamity and disaster department of the Government
 - News/Media



PERSONAS

DR. SUSANNA HILBERT



ANTTI MAKINEN



PERSONAS

DR. SUSANNA HILBERT

- Age: 44
- Seismologists
- 15 years of experience
- Would like to exploit the ubiquitous nature of smartphones

ANTTI MAKINEN

- Age: 22
- Second-year exchange student
- Curious about earthquake events
- Blogger and uses smartphones



SCENARIOS

DR. SUSANNA HILBERT

- Deployed Building Collapse Detection System
- Recently hit by a earthquake
- Needs to check buildings collapsed
- Needs to check smartphone data

ANTTI MAKINEN

- Installed Building Collapse Detection System
- Recently hit by an earthquake
- Receives alert notifications
- Receives safety and first-aid tips
- Opportunity to navigate
- Opportunity to participate in citizen news reporting (blogging)



REQUIREMENTS ENGINEERING

- STATEMENT OF NEED
- FUNCTIONAL AND NON-FUNCTIONAL
- USE CASES
- CLASS DIAGRAM
- SEQUENCE DIAGRAM



STATEMENT OF NEED

- Seismologists or researchers in general shall be able to monitor and check the data being recorded by the smartphones based on the day/time of occurrences of events.
- Smartphone users who subscribe to the service will be able to receive alerts of any collapsed buildings. They shall also be able to navigate to the area using their smartphones. Upon arrival they shall be able to either provide aid to the victims or create local news items for public consumption.

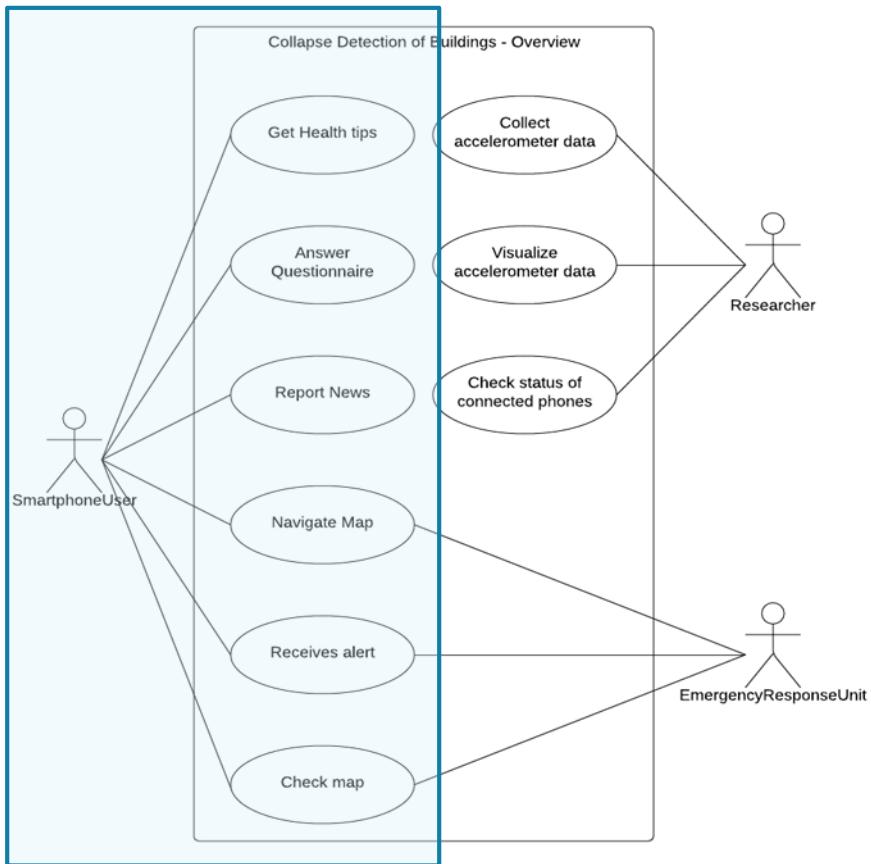


FUNCTIONAL AND NON-FUNCTIONAL

- <Stakeholder> shall be able to <capability> <performance or constraints>.
 - <Capabilities> – Functional requirements of the system
 - <performance or constraints> – Non-functional or performance requirements of the system.
- The <smartphone users> shall be able to <receive alerts> <within ‘t’ minutes of the event>.



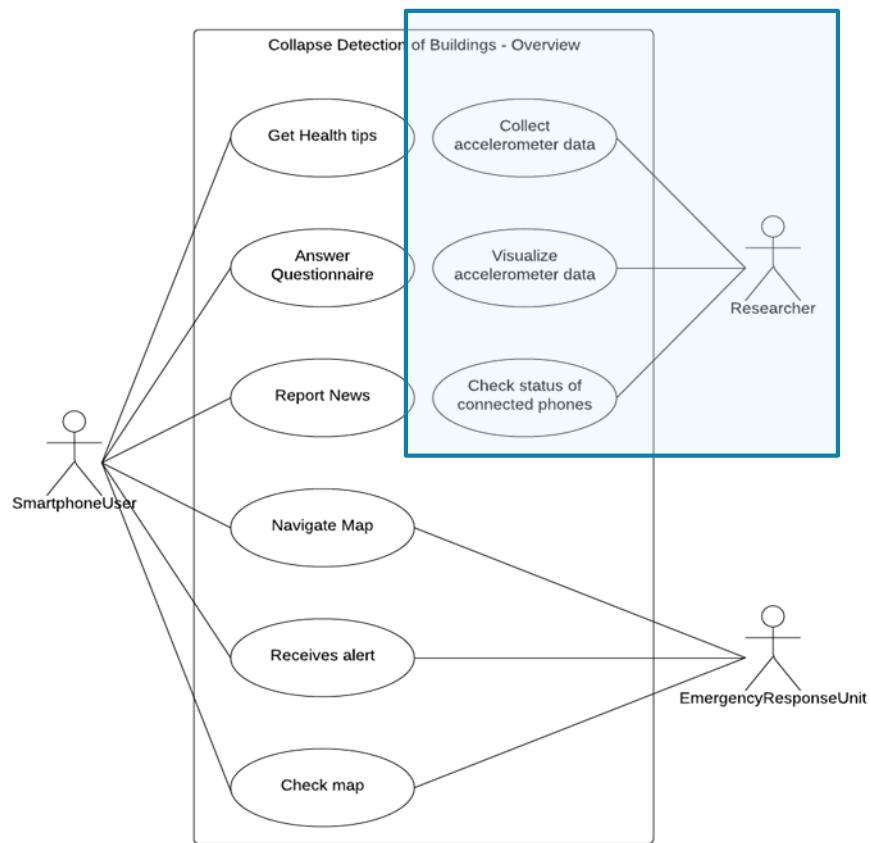
USE CASES (1)



- Smartphone user
 - Get health and safety tips
 - Answer questionnaire
 - Check map
 - Navigate map
 - Receives alert
 - Report news



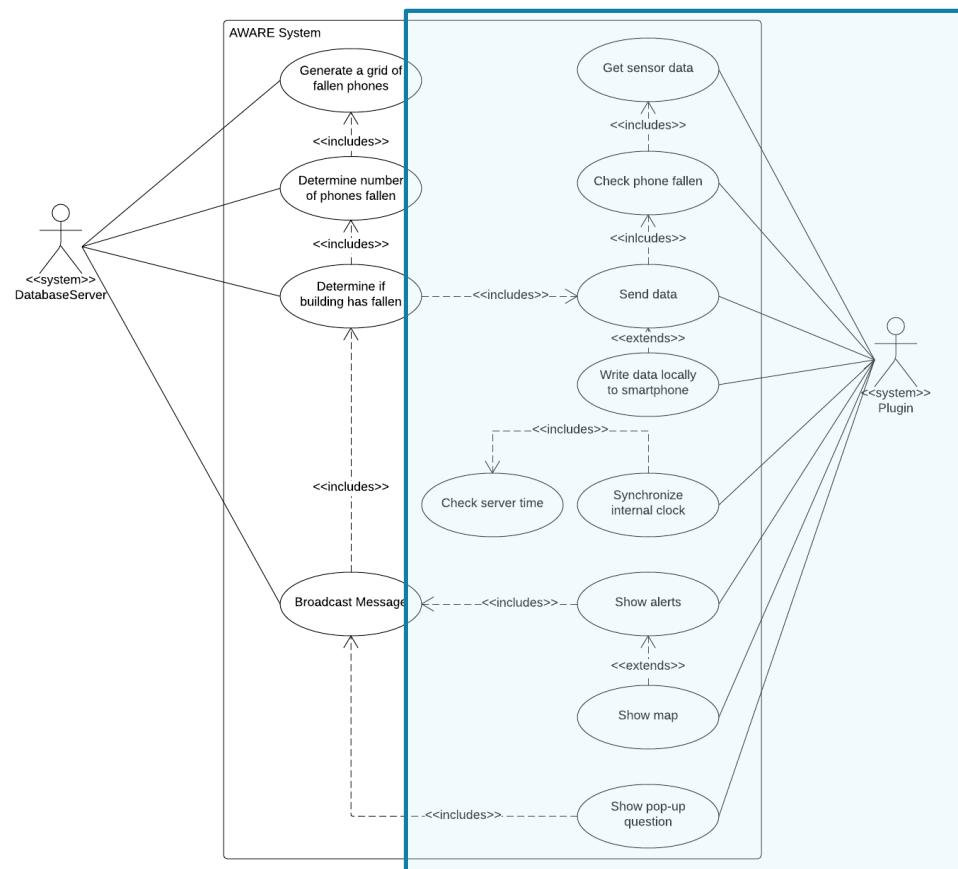
USE CASES (1)



- Researcher
 - Collect smartphone data
 - Check status of smartphones
 - Check collapsed buildings
 - Download data for processing



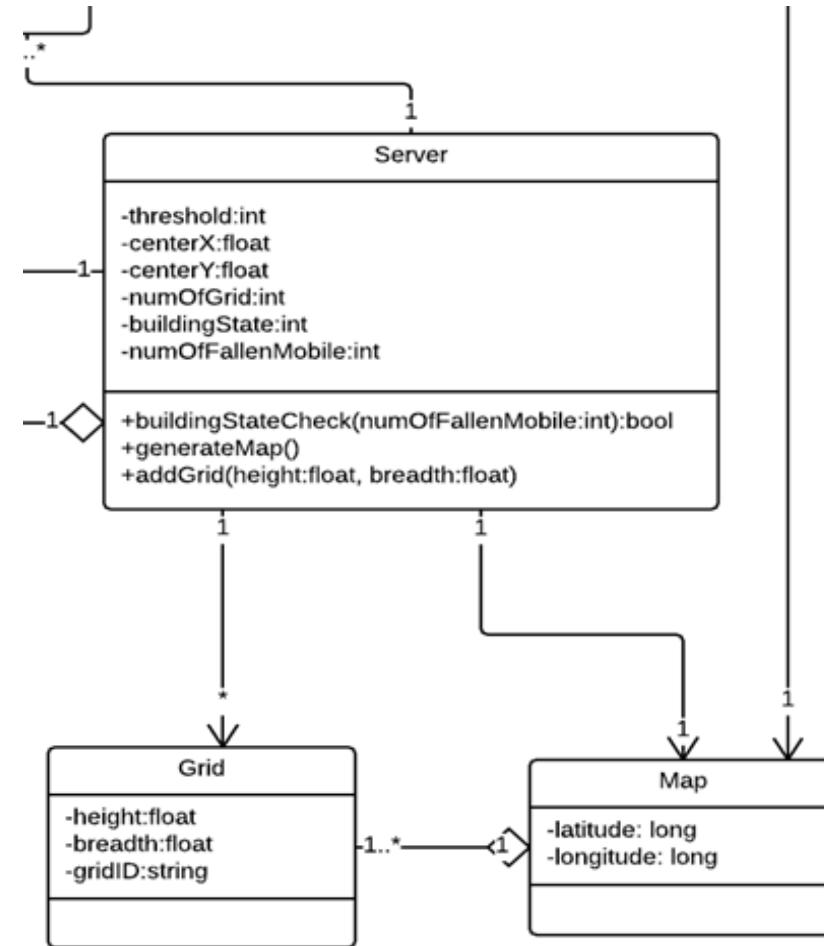
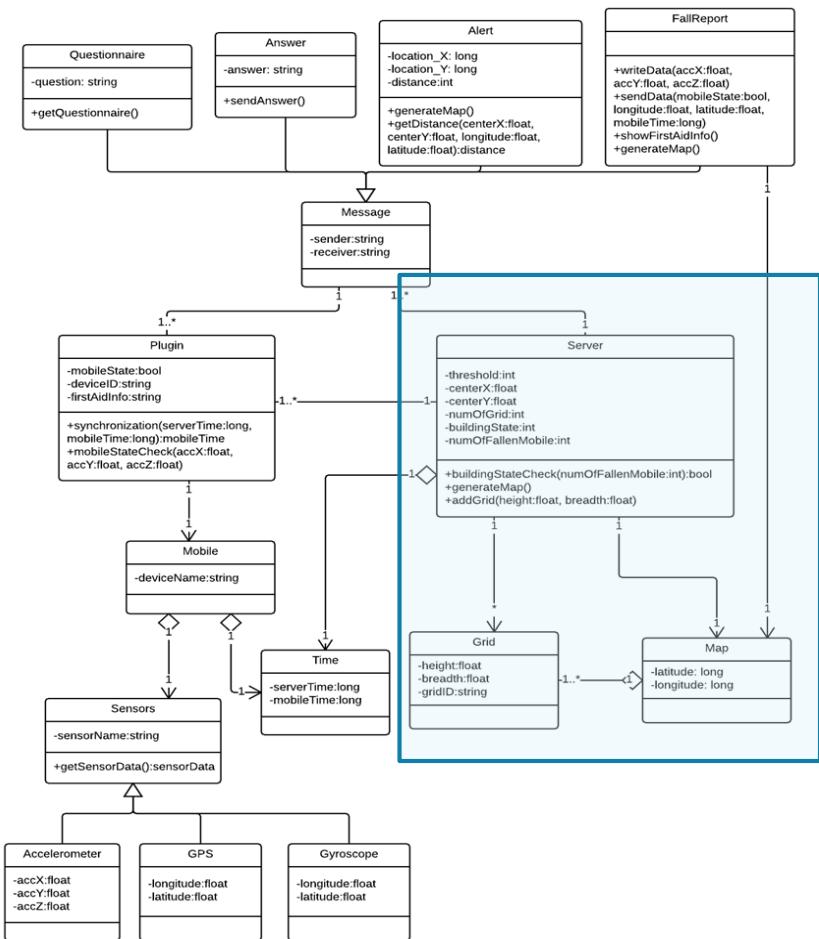
USE CASES (2)



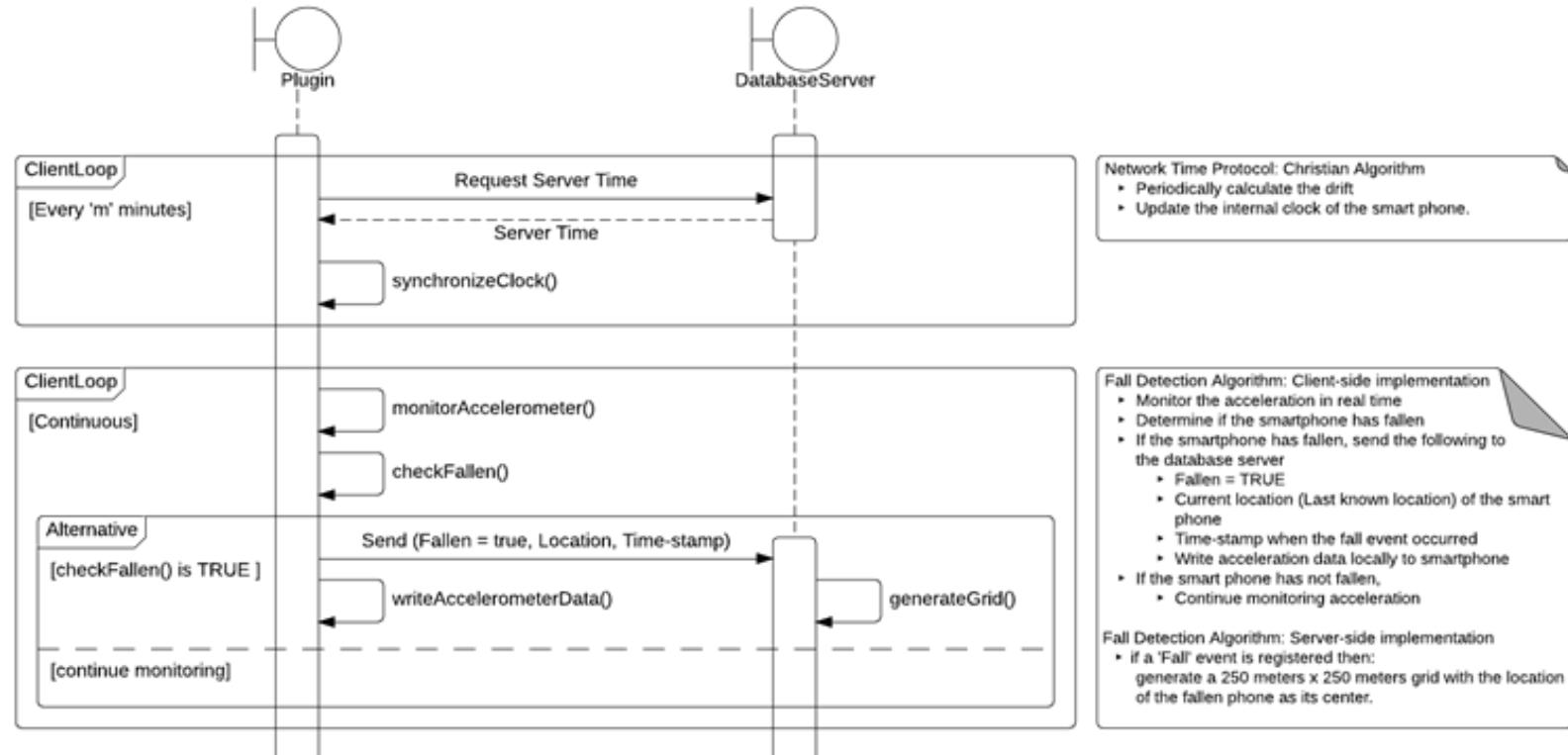
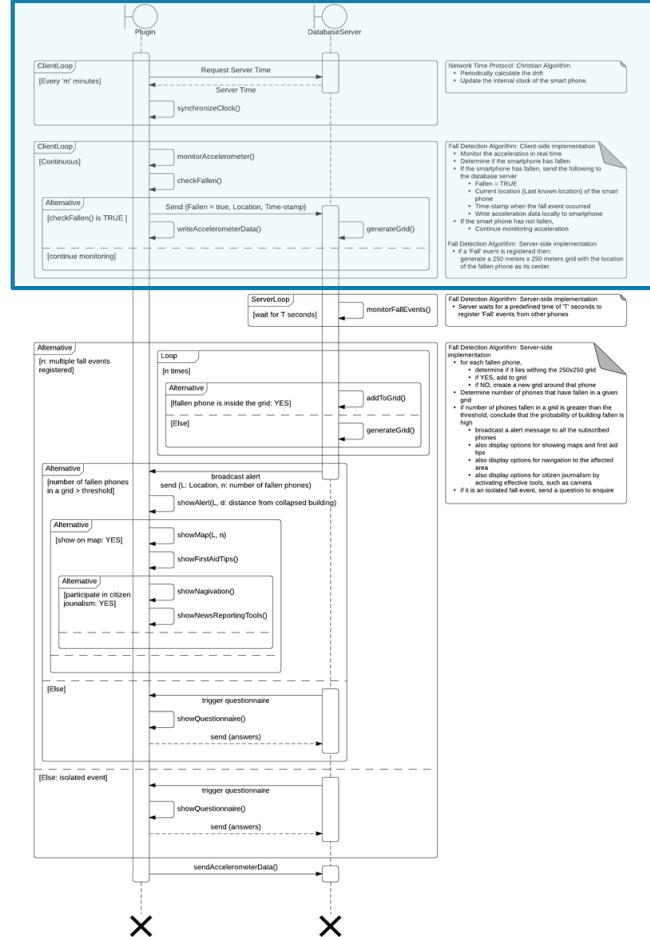
- Plugin << system >>
 - Synchronize time
 - Get sensor data
 - Check phone fallen
 - Write data locally
 - Send data to server
 - Show alert
 - Show map



CLASS DIAGRAM



SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

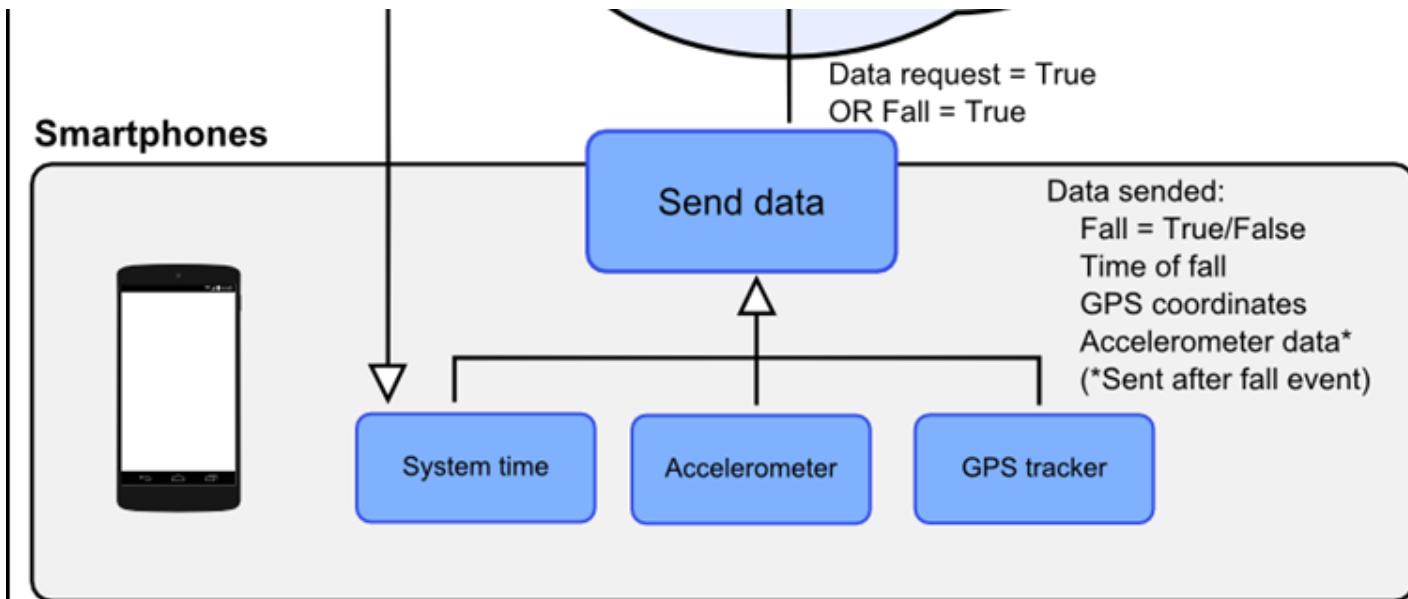
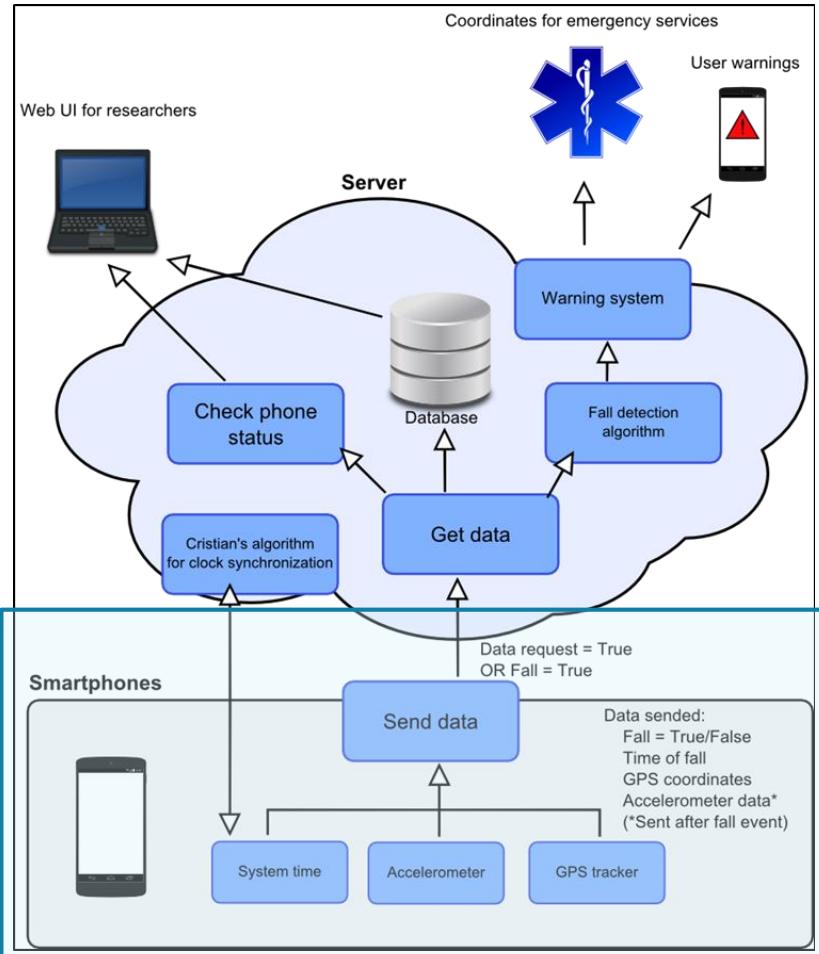


SYSTEM DESIGN

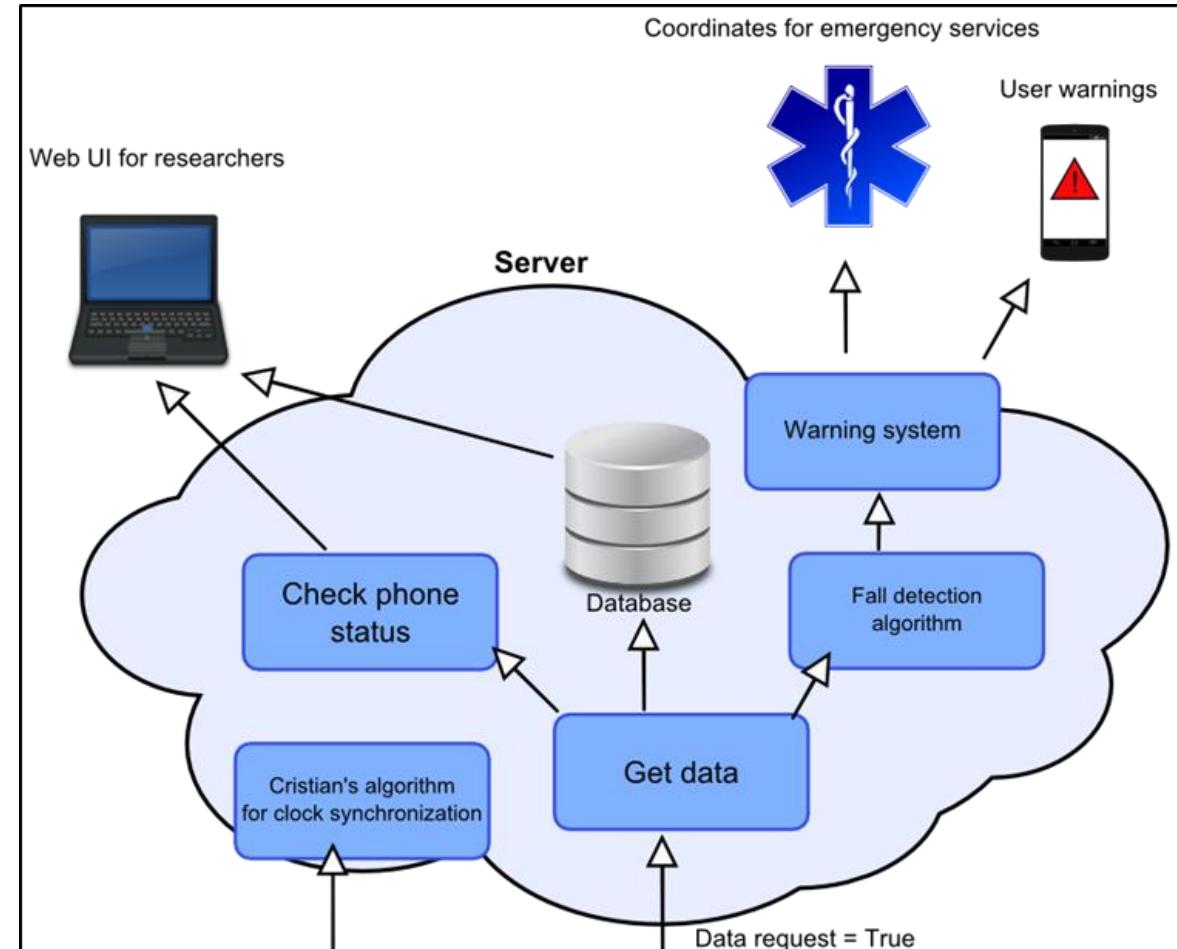
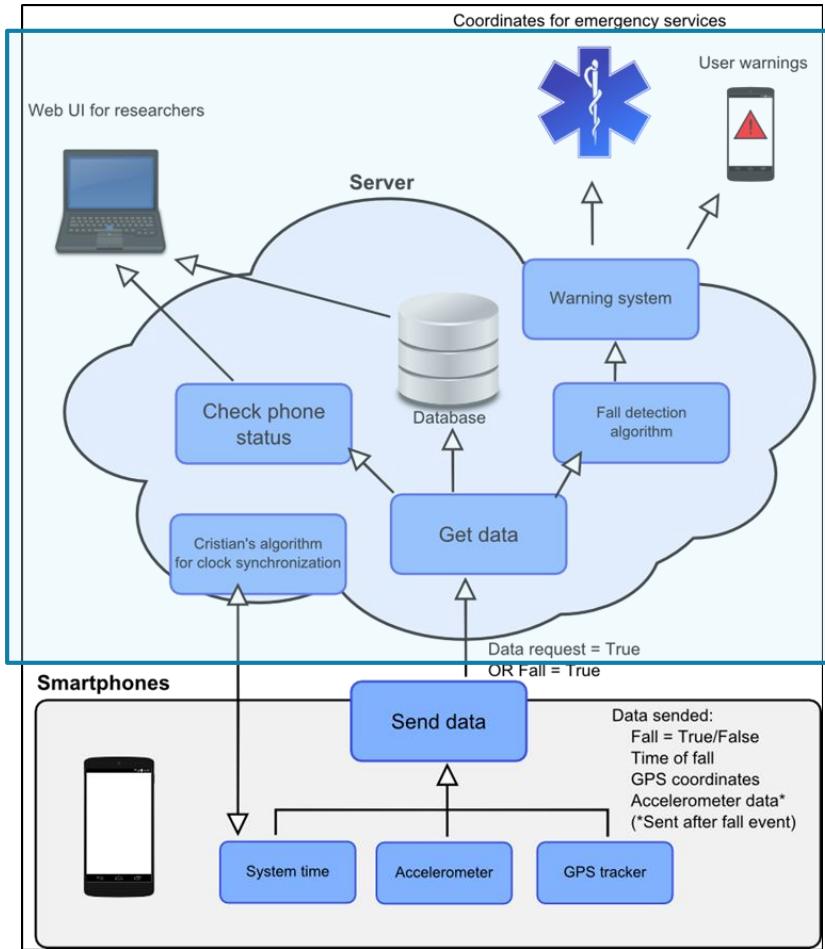
- OVERVIEW
- SMARTPHONES
- AWARE FRAMEWORK



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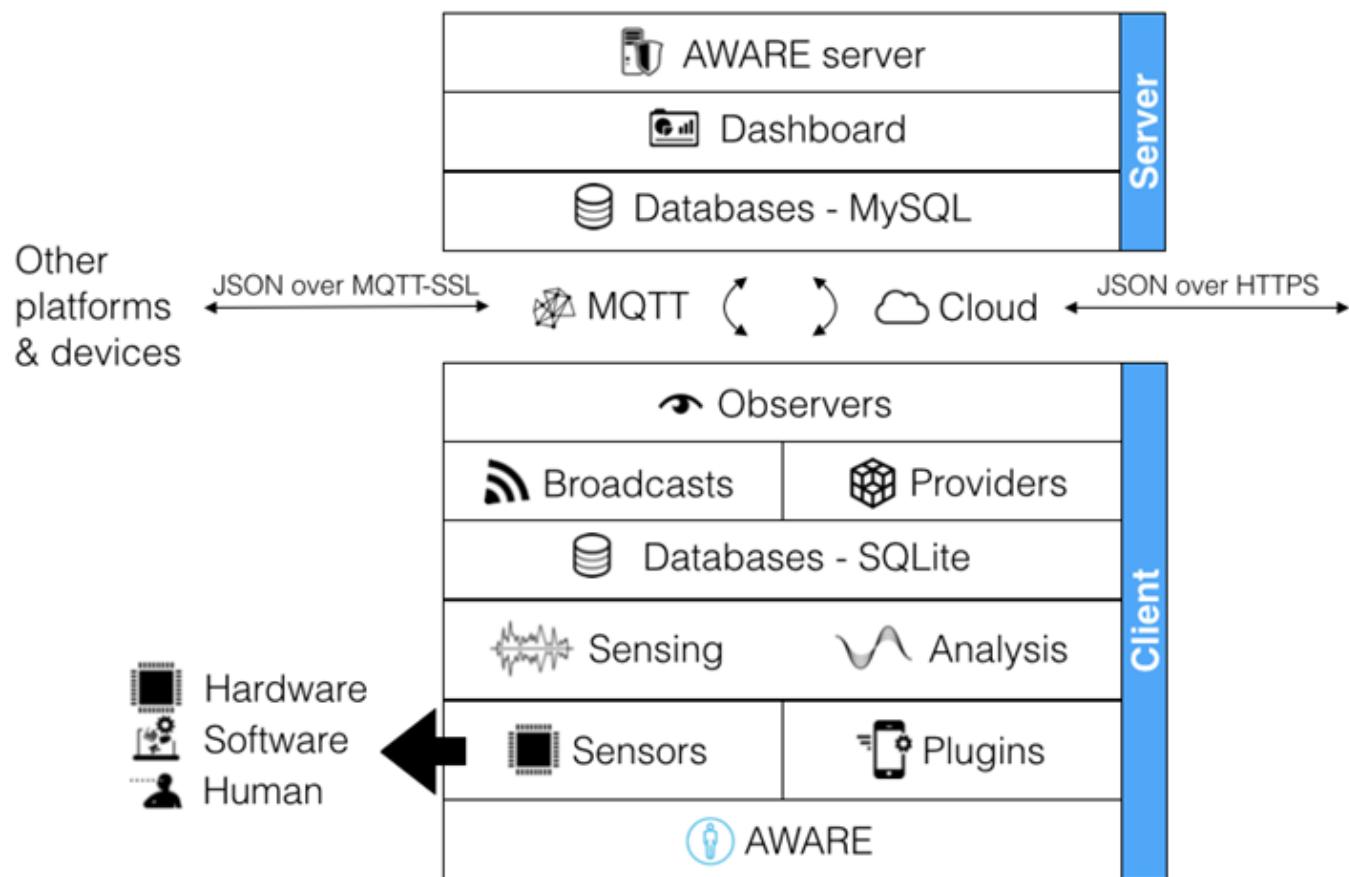
SMARTPHONES



- Platform - Android
- Sensors
 - 3-axis accelerometers and gyroscope
 - Sampling between 50 Hz and 100 Hz
 - Magnitude 5 achieve acceleration of 0.5 m/s^2 ,
 - Magnitude 6 roughly 1.5 m/s^2
- Android Play Store for apps



AWARE FRAMEWORK



- Platform – Android
- Logging, sharing, and reusing
- Easy Data storage and access
- Supports plugin development
- Intuitive dashboard for conducting research studies



INTERFACE DESIGN

- DESIGN PATTERNS
- MOBILE USER INTERFACE
- WEB USER INTERFACE



DESIGN PATTERNS

ANDROID DESIGN PATTERN LIBRARY



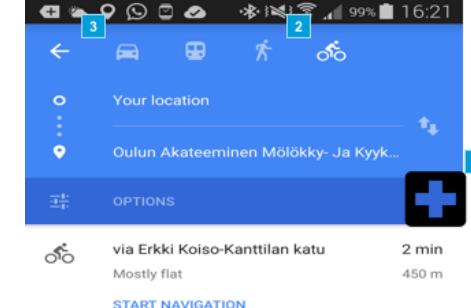
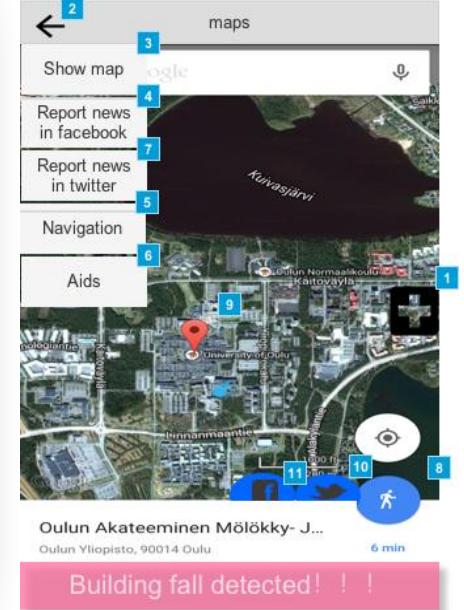
YAHOO DESIGN PATTERN LIBRARY



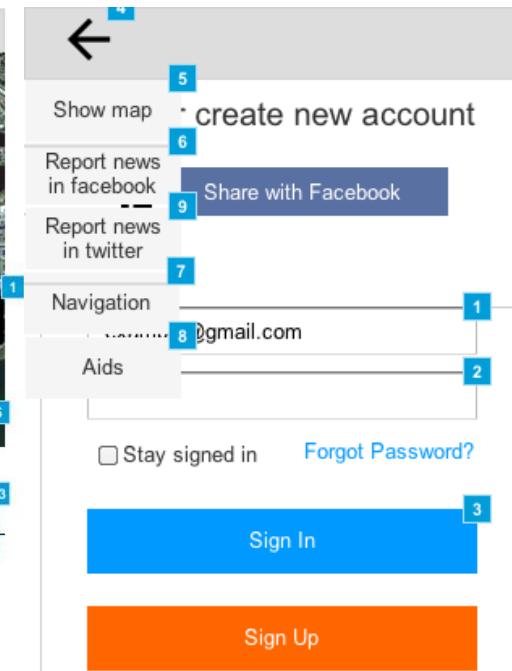
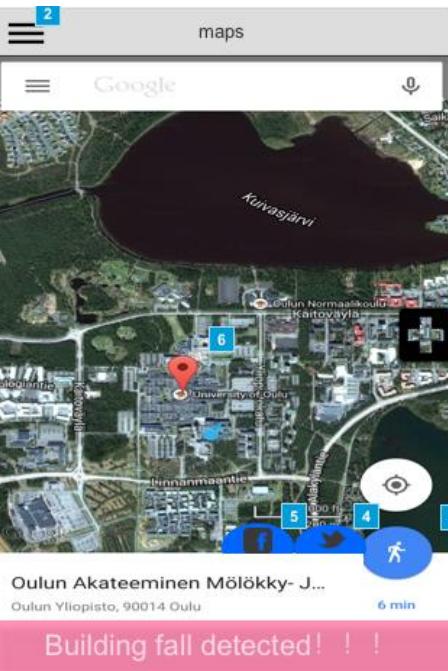
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IGNORE

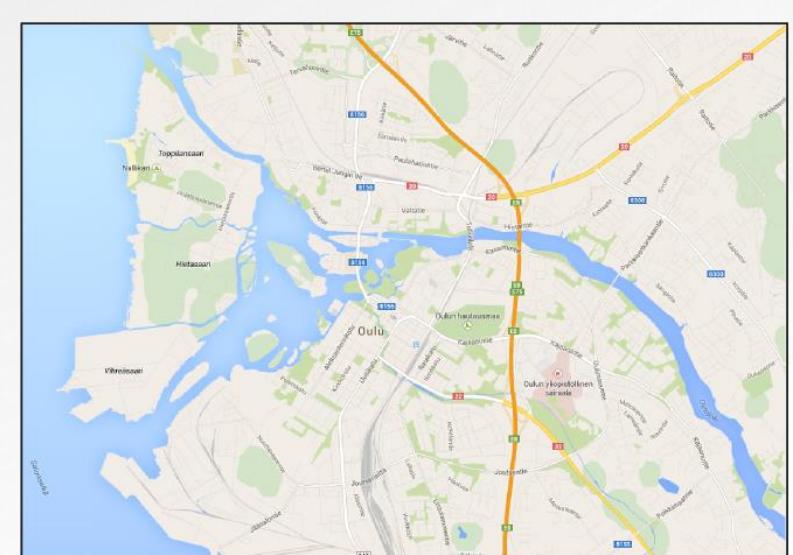
SHOW MAP



First Aid tips

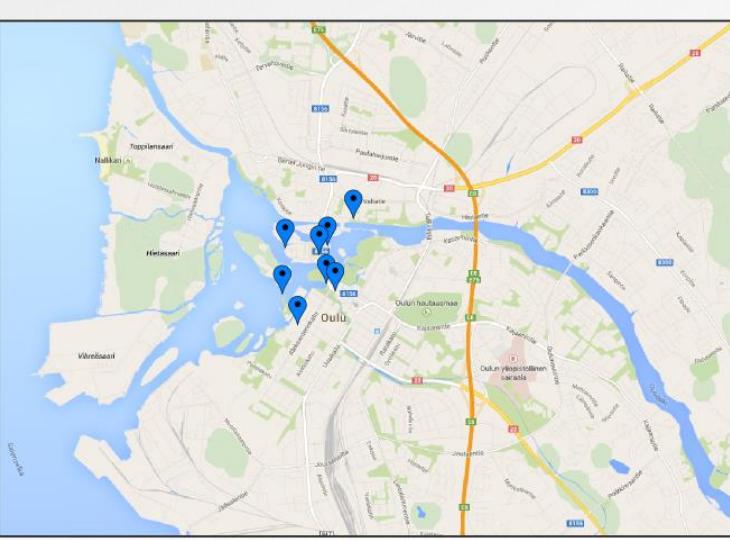


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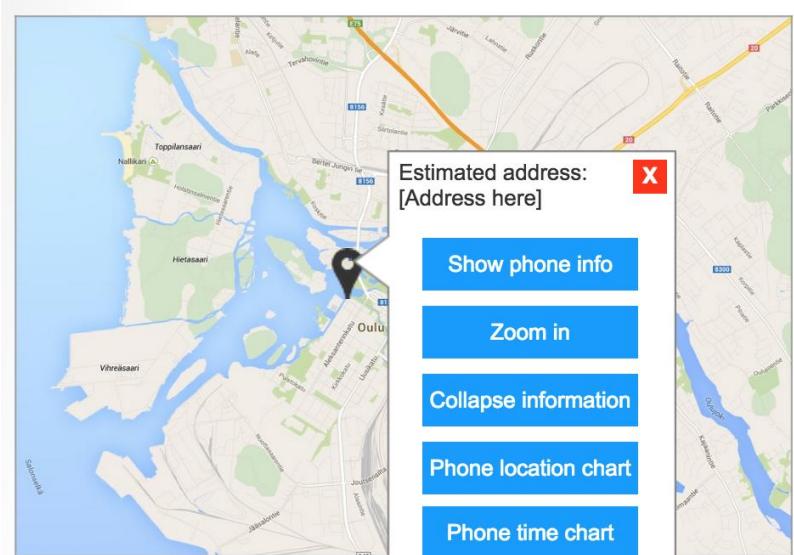
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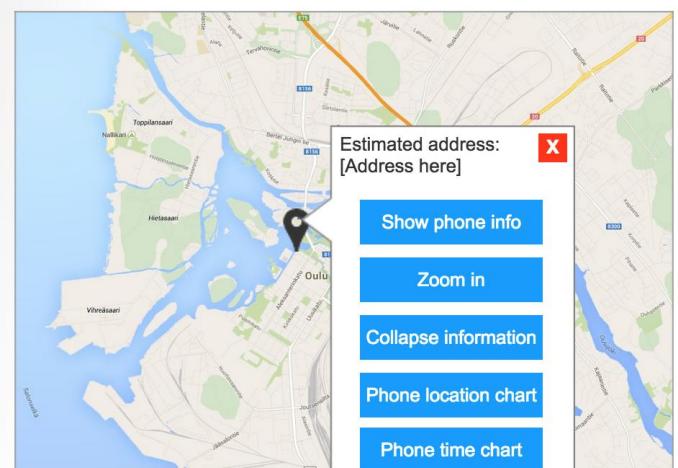
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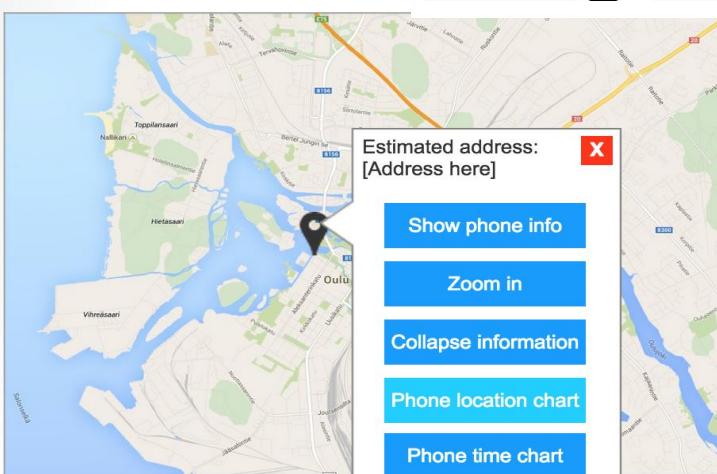


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News from collapse:

- Building collapse at Oulu**
- Large building destroyed 10 people in hospital**
- Should earthquakes be banned?**
- Earthquake in Oulu Finland**



Select time period:

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Phone location chart:

Phone number	Longitude	Latitude
1	32472, 29837	32472, 29837
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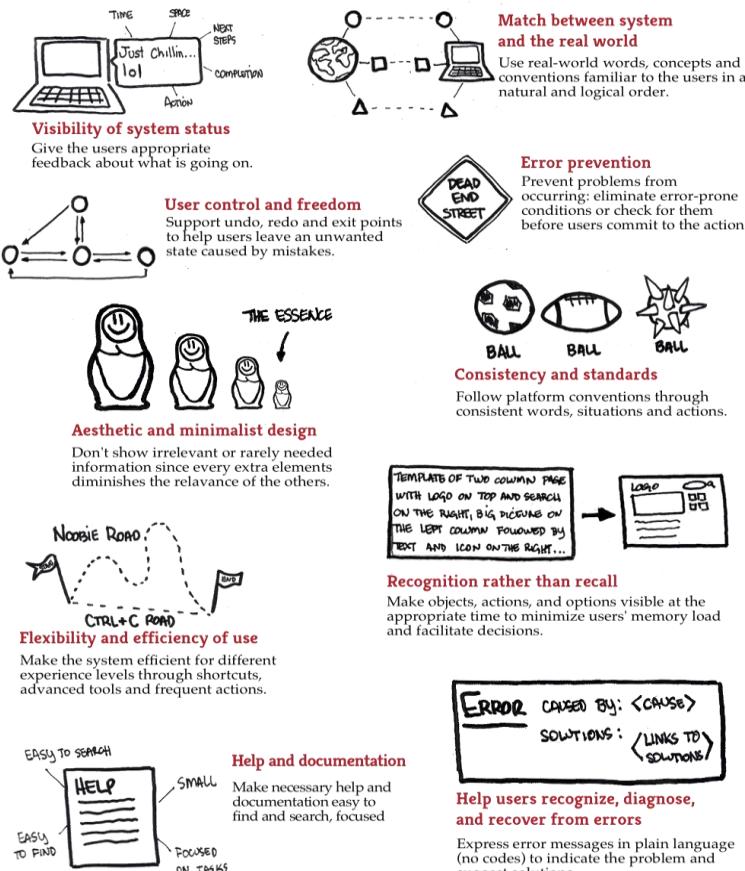
EVALUATION

- HEURISTIC EVALUATION
- METHODOLOGY



HEURISTIC EVALUATION

Ten Usability Heuristics by Jakob Nielsen



10 Heuristics

- Visibility of system status
- Match between system and the real world
- User control and freedom
- Consistency and standards
- Error prevention
- Recognition rather than recall
- Flexibility and efficiency of use
- Aesthetic and minimalist design
- Help users recognize, diagnose, recover from error
- Help and documentation

METHODOLOGY (WEB UI)

- Design
 - A scenario and 3 tasks for the evaluator to perform
- Task 1
 - Find the total number of collapsed building.
- Task 2
 - Find the total number of phones that detected the collapse of the State Tower building.
- Task 3
 - Find news articles posted by the locals during the earthquake.



METHODOLOGY (MOBILE UI)

- Design
 - A scenario and 3 goals for the evaluators to achieve
- Goal 1
 - Users should be able to determine their distance from the building collapsed site.
- Goal 2
 - Users should be able to navigate to the building collapsed site.
- Goal 3
 - User should be able to access first-aid and safety information.



CHALLENGES

- SERVER-SIDE IMPLEMENTATION
- THRESHOLD VALUES
- TESTING



SERVER-SIDE IMPLEMENTATION

- Technical challenges
- Rely on server for classification – TRUE fall or ISOLATED fall
- Bandwidth limitation



THRESHOLD VALUES

- Signal Chunking
 - Magnitude signal partitioned into several short signals of equal length
 - 0.1 seconds ?
- Total number of fall events
 - Should more than 1 concurrent fall events be categorized as TRUE fall ?



TESTING

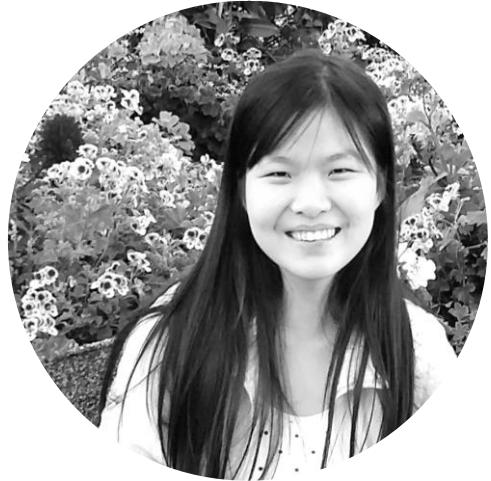
- Simulating a Fall is easy – drop test
- How to simulate a 1000 phones scenario?
- Measurement
 - Time delays
 - Accuracy – number of False positives



CONTRIBUTIONS

- MEET THE TEAM
- INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS





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Topic	Hours
Project Management	2
Literature Research	20
System Design	10
Mobile UI wireframes - paper	3
Mobile UI Axure prototypes	20
Report writing	10
Total	65

65 HOURS, 25.9% CONTRIBUTION





HAEJONG
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Topic	Hours
Literature Research	30
Case Study	10
Class Diagram	25
Expert Evaluation	3
Total	68

68 HOURS, 27.1% CONTRIBUTION





**PERTTU
PITKÄNEN**

Topic	Hours
Literature Research	15
Case Study	8
System Design	10
Collapse detection algorithm	8
Web UI wireframes - paper	3
Web UI Axure prototypes	6
Presentation Slides	3
Total	53

53 HOURS, 21.1% CONTRIBUTION





**PRATYUSH
PANDAB**

Topic	Hours
Literature Research	10
Requirements Analysis	7
Use Cases	5
Sequence Diagram	7
Collapse detection algorithm	10
System Design Architecture	10
Expert Evaluation	3
Report writing	13
Total	65

65 HOURS, 25.9% CONTRIBUTION





Thank you!

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QUESTIONS ?

FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION SESSION

