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Description

This app is intended to allow users to share what current music they're listening to with a newsfeed-style interface. It also allows end users to see what their friends are currently listening to, perhaps out of pure curiosity or for inspiration to check out new artists.

Intended User

The app is intended for music enthusiasts or for anyone who is comfortable with sharing their musical interests. It is meant to capture those moments in a user's day when they're listening to a particular song and can't help but think to themselves "Man, this song is awesome! I've **gotta** share it with my friends!". Substitute "awesome" with "a jammy jam" if the song is totally off the hook.

The focus wouldn't be strictly on individual songs/tracks. Users will also be able to share their interests about albums or artists if they wish.

Features

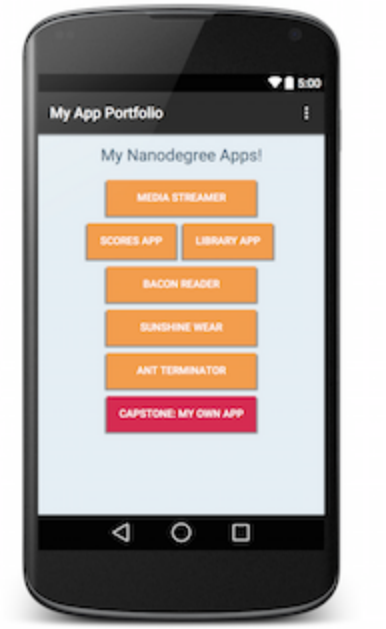
Main features of the app:

- News feed interface which shows all registered users' current musical interests (tracks, albums, and/or artists).
- A search bar which allows users to find tracks/albums/artists that they're interested in and that would like to include in the news feed
- Previews of tracks/albums/artists.
    - If the user has the Spotify app installed, they'll be taken directly to that particular track/album/artist within Spotify.
    - If they do not have Spotify installed, then they'll be taken to the Spotify website for that track/album/artist that has 30s previews.
- Allows users to follow one another so that they only see one another's posts.
- Allow users to share music with each other if they feel like they know a particular person that would really enjoy a track/album/artist.

User Interface Mocks

These can be created by hand (take a photo of your drawings and insert them in this flow), or using a program like Google Drawings, www.ninjamock.com, Paper by 53, Photoshop or Balsamiq.

Screen 1



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Provide descriptive text for each screen

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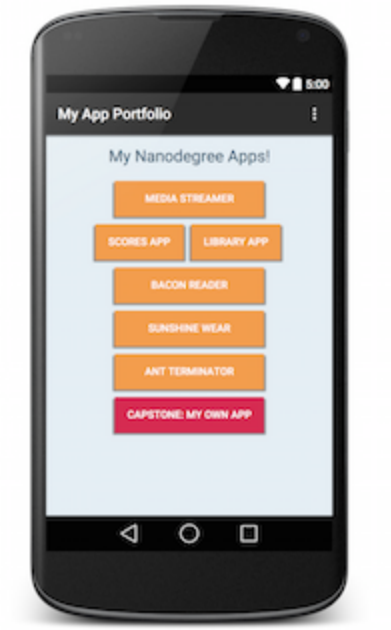

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Add as many screens as you need to portray your app's UI flow.

Key Considerations

How will your app handle data persistence?

The app will use Firebase Realtime Database for data persistence. This is critical for the news feed as well as allowing users to follow each other and share music with one another.

Describe any edge or corner cases in the UX.

The fact that I'm using the Spotify Web API can be considered an edge case as a whole. I'm assuming/expecting users to be comfortable with using Spotify, even if they have another, more

preferred music streaming service. I did look into other popular music streaming services, such as Google Play Music, Amazon Prime Music, and Apple Music. However, they either did not have a RESTful API or they didn't offer the features that aligned with what I wanted to do for my project (at least based on my research).

Describe any libraries you'll be using and share your reasoning for including them.

I plan on using the following libraries:

- Spotify Web API - Searching for tracks, albums, and artists; it will also be used to allow users to either listen to or preview music.
- Picasso - image loading and caching
- Butterknife - bindings XML views to View objects within Java
- Firebase - Realtime Database for the news feed, Authentication for user sign-in
- Timber - better control over error logging
- Espresso - UI testing

Describe how you will implement Google Play Services or other external services.

I will be using Firebase heavily for this project, especially the Realtime Database.

Next Steps: Required Tasks

This is the section where you can take the main features of your app (declared above) and break them down into tangible technical tasks that you can complete one at a time until you have a finished app.

Task 1: Project Setup

Write out the steps you will take to setup and/or configure this project. See previous implementation guides for an example.

You may want to list the subtasks. For example:

- Configure libraries
- Something else

If it helps, imagine you are describing these tasks to a friend who wants to follow along and build this app with you.

Task 2: Implement UI for Each Activity and Fragment

List the subtasks. For example:

- Build UI for MainActivity
- Build UI for something else

Task 3: Your Next Task

Describe the next task. For example, “Implement Google Play Services,” or “Handle Error Cases,” or “Create Build Variant.”

Describe the next task. List the subtasks. For example:

- Create layout
- Something else

Task 4: Your Next Task

Describe the next task. List the subtasks. For example:

- Create layout
- Something else

Task 5: Your Next Task

Describe the next task. List the subtasks. For example:

- Create layout
- Something else

Add as many tasks as you need to complete your app.

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