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Collaborative Supervision of the Public Transportation

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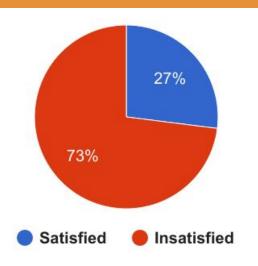
Introduction

Rio de Janeiro

8,266 buses

13 Million of people/day

67% by public transportation





The disservice of the bus companies

Some complaints:

- "...driver is sleeping in front of the steering wheel..."
- " ... driver told me to get out of the bus because he did not have any change ..."
- "... driver ignored me and did not stopped the car in the bus stop ..."
- "... until when we will feel like a chicken inside a oven? ..."
- "... I'm physically disabled and I could not be able to take the bus, the elevator did not work ..."

Source: https://pt-br.facebook.com/faleonibus/

Some channels



Receives and sends complaints to bus companies (State of Rio de Janeiro)



Receives services complaints regarding Rio de Janeiro City

What the problems of these channels?

FaleÔnibus does not monitor complaints, only forward messages. Is up to you to solve them

1746 does not provide more specific complaints about the buses conditions

Both channels are very slow to answer messages or forward the complaints, due to the high rate of user messages (~35,000 messages per/month)

Both channels does not shows summary of complaints. No stats are provided

There is not a public API to share data among people or researchers

What the problems of current solutions?



Fiscal de Bolso: An app developed by Detro-RJ (public agency).

Was very limited in functionalities and no longer exists

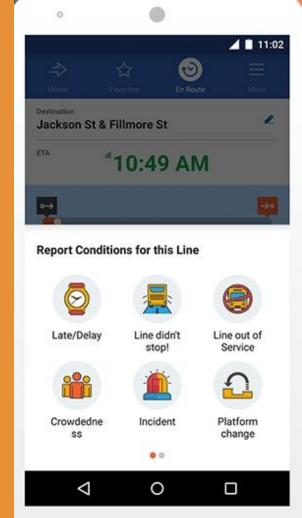


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Moovit (Bus module). Moovit was not intended to deal with bus complaints.

There is no integration with government agencies.



What the problems of current solutions?



Reclame Aqui: A website that registers complaints about (almost) everything. Is the most popular website in Brazil about complaints.

Does not has specific attributes to deal with public transportation. Does not send messages to agencies.

Some problems

Rio de Janeiro already had some corruption problems regarding bus companies. [2] Some of them were removed from investigations or gave up in the middle of the process. [1]

Court of accounts of the municipality (an important public agency) has found signs of cartel in at least 33 of the 41 bus companies of Rio de Janeiro [3]

When we talk about the supervising bus services in Rio de Janeiro, there is a common sense between the population about the existence of corruption and cartel.

People (generally) does not trust in tools and channels (aiming to solve issues) that comes from the same place where the problems exists

Main questions

The quality of public transport is getting better or not?

How to send a complaint in real time using my cellphone?

How can I track in real time my complaint?

How can I make popular pressure to improve current buses conditions and services?

How can I see statistics about the complaints?

Why those questions are important?

Gain of important strategic information about the quality of the public transportation

Generate more precise data and indicators for public agencies and population as well

Tool as popular pressure for transport quality

Database for future research and analytics

Methodology

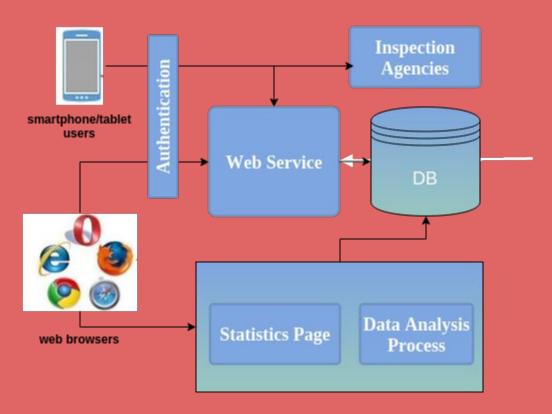
Technologies



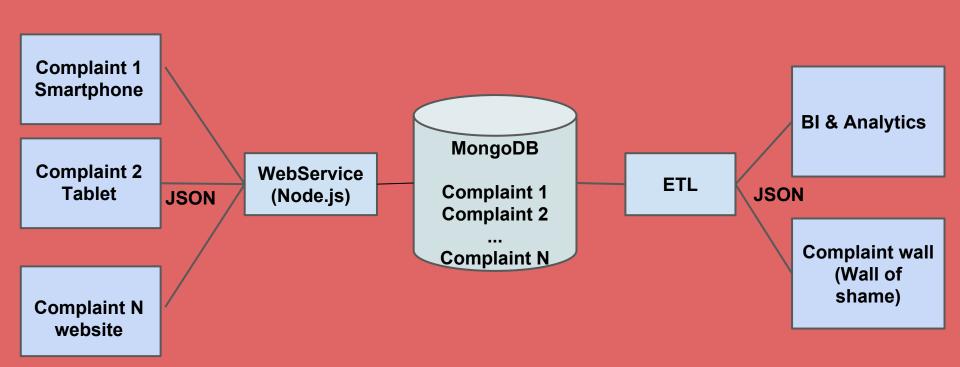




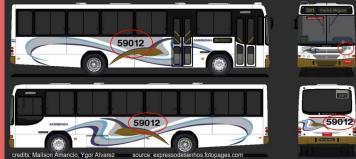
Application flow



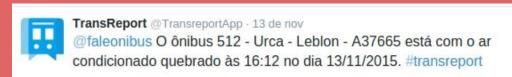
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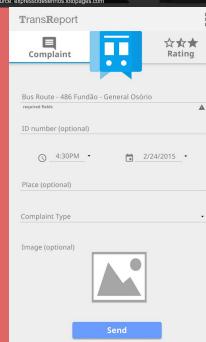


How it works? (Complaints)



- Pick a line number from an autocomplete list [4][5]
- Fill the bus identification, retrieved by some parts of bus
- Choose the complaint in a list
- Set time when the problem approximately occurred
- Describe the complaint in more details (up to 100 characters)
- Optionally, choose a photo as an evidence of the complaint
- Send complaint pressing the submit button
- Sent complaint goes to TransReport database and FaleOnibus





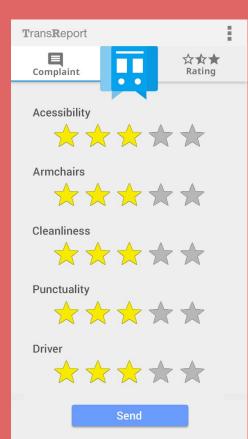
How it works? (Rating and API)

Rating screen:

- Vote about the intern conditions
- The information is sent only to TransReport database

Public API:

- Allows requests (GET) to specific searches inside Transreport database. The response is in JSON.
- You just need to request a token to our team (it is free)



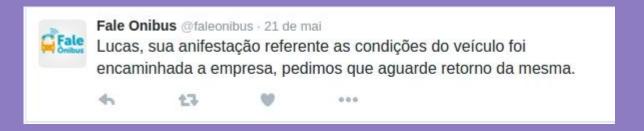
Results

Some comparative results

Table 1: Comparative Table.				
Features	Fiscal de Bolso	Moovit	TransReport	
Complaint Types	2	11	16	
Send Complaint to Agencies	Yes	No	Yes	
Quality Assess- ment	No	Yes	Yes	
Statistics	No	No	Yes	
Complaint Track- ing	No	Yes	Yes	
Social Media Sharing	No	Yes	Yes	
Public API	No	No	Yes	

Complaints results

Fale Onibus answering a sent complaint by TransReport platform



Some users had their requests answered also via email. In these emails, the supervisory agency of the municipality of Rio de Janeiro asked for more information about the complaint, continuing the case.

First numbers		
 30 days of testing 126 users 468 complaints 		
First system to show statistics provided in real time regarding to public transportation complaints in Rio de Janeiro!		
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% Complaint type Quantity Has not stopped at the bus stop 25.43 119 19.66 Has no air conditioning 92 Overcrowded 79 16.88 Poor condition of conservation 11.32 53 It has its driver reckless / rude 39 8.33 Has a broken air conditioner 4.91 23 It is taking too long to pass 3.2015 Stopped outside the bus stop 2.56 12 Ran over a pedestrian 8 1.70

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1.70

1.06

0.85

0.85

0.64

0.42

0.42

Had changed its itinerary without

Has his driver talking on the phone

It is circulating with its doors open

It is with technical faults

justification

while driving

It was robbed

Closed a cross

Stalled

Table 2: Complaints table.

Other results

We were able to point out:

- Top 20 worst bus in general
- Top 20 worst bus by complaint type
- Most common complaints by quantity
- Most common intern conditions problem

App & Platform

One of the winners of the 1º Big Data Challenge at Big Data Reference Centre UFRJ / EMC²:

https://sites.google.com/a/ppgi.ufrj.br/selecao/home/desafio-em-big-data-2014/resultados-desafio-2014

Media notes (in Portuguese): http://www.techtudo.com.br/tudo-sobre/transreport.html

Play Store (App):

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.transreport&hl=pt_BR

Platform (Database): https://github.com/raulsenaferreira/TransReport

Conclusions & future work

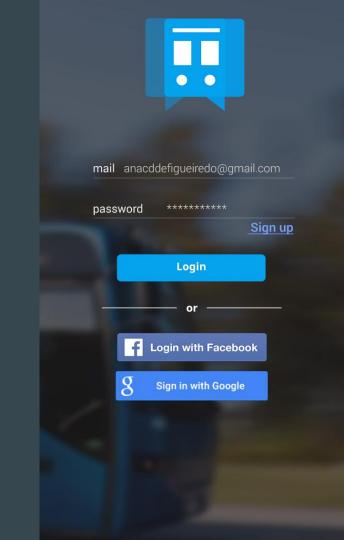
Why those results are interesting?

With the intense use of this system by population we can provide some solutions:

- Efficiency and familiarity of real quality of public transportation
- Trustful indicator of user feeling
- Powerful collaborative surveillance
- A cheaper and more reliable alternative to sensors
- Helping to promote better actions in public policies in this sector

Current steps

- Reactivating the project (Closed since 2016)
- Allow users track their complaints through the app
- New interface and improved design
- Sharing the complaint through social media
- Users may see his/her complaints and the answers from bus companies
- 5 more cities: São Paulo, Brasília, Curitiba, Porto Alegre and Salvador



Next steps

- Will be expanded to trains and subways
- Integrate more agencies from other cities
- Spread the system adoption, through the insertion of new line numbers
- Create more graphs based on the information collected
- Allocate space inside the system for the companies answers about the complaints
- Integrate more agencies from other cities to respond their complaints through the TransReport system

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