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This summer I went back to China to visit friends and family for three weeks. Because of the dense population in China, companies recently developed bike sharing service. In Nanjing, the city I went to, there are bikes for sharing everywhere. I paid less than 5 dollar for a monthly plan which allows me to use the company’s bike for unlimited time without additional charge. People can use their app to rent a bike by scanning a QR code and the electronic lock will unlock. When we are done with the bike, we can park them in designated areas and end the session using the app. The designated areas are almost everywhere, so it’s really easy to rent a bike or park a bike. This is enabled by the mobile payment service. Without the service, renting bikes would be really inconvenient. The people who sell food on the street or open air markets, small restaurant, and even transferring payments between friends all use mobile payments. In fact, people prefer mobile payment over cash because how convenient it is.

My concern for the project that I proposed last summer is that a better version of the software already exists. Deep colorization is just more universal and gives more freedom to designers than my software can. I would like to work on a face gesture system to flip pages for books on computer or mobile devices. According to my research, kindle doesn’t allow remote control for turning pages, so my new project will probably be turning pages on a different platform. My next milestone for my new project if approved would be a display of tracked feature points on human face.