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1 Introduction

This is the software requirements specification for the vizARD Augmented Reality application being developed for EPI-USE Labs by The Savage Ru's.

2 Vision

EPI-USE Labs (henceforth referred to as "the client") intends for the VizARD application to be used by a large variety of mobile device users across both Android and iOS platforms. VizARD helps to simplify the analysis of numerical data through visualization, in the form of automatically generated 3D graphs.

Fundamentally, the system will allow a user to take a picture of a table of numerical data which he/she may need to interpret. The application will then use OCR (Optical Character Recognition) to read the data from the picture. It will then decide on an appropriate graph for the type of data and generate a graph for the data. After the graph is generated, it will project a 3D model of the graph onto the image (or, ideally, onto a live stream of the paper) for the user to view.

Additionally, the system will allow users to send images (or screen captures) of generated graphs to other devices via popular social media channels.

Typically usage will be as follows:

- The user (possibly a businessman) finds tabular data he/she would like to analyse more easily.
- The user opens the app.
- Once the app is open and loaded, the user takes a picture of the table he/she would like to analyse.
- The user receives a notification that the graph has been generated and the generated graph is displayed on the screen (mapped onto the paper).
- The user taps on the "Share" button and is presented with several options through which he/she can share the graph.
- An option is selected and an image of the graph is sent to the other user.

3 Background

It is much simpler for us to recognize patterns and make quick analysis of data if it is presented to us in visual form. A simple example for the use of such an application would be a principal at a school who is presented with the Mathematics results of a particular grade for several quarters, such an application would make it very simple for him to quickly visualize the numeric data and see the trend.

The problem at hand is that there is a lot of information to go around and so little time to process. In a society that demands us to make decisions quickly, it would be wise to have a tool that aids the decision making process by making the information easier to digest and that is what vizARD intends to do.

Potential users could range from students, researchers, people in business, managers at stores and anyone else who would like to visualize data on the go.

4 Architecture Requirements

In this section we discuss the software architecture requirements, including access and integration requirements, quality requirements and architectural constraints.

4.1 Access Channel Requirements

The system will function as an offline application. As such there will not be any outside system with direct access to the application. There are, however, access channels for user. Specifically users will gain access to the system via two mobile device operating system:

- Android OS
- iOS

Furthermore any data that must be sent between the Operating System and the application will be done via the native APIs for each OS. On Android this will consist of the numerous Java APIs that is built into the system, and will likely be used to interact with the camera, file system, and (for sharing) the data connection. On iOS an Objective-C API suite will be used - in keeping with the native development philosophy of iOS (I say philosophy, but I mean to say that Apple forces you to code it in OC).

4.2 Quality Requirements

- Status Messages
 - During graph generation a loading icon will be displayed to show that the system is still busy, given that generation is still progressing normally
 - A message will be displayed when graph generation is complete
 - An error message will be displayed if the graph generation fails for some reason
 - Should the user minimise the application, status messages will be displayed using the notifications pane
- Data extraction from the images and graph generation should take a maximum of 10 seconds
- Generated graphs should be mapped on to the correct surface in the appropriate orientation

- Generated graphs should be scaled correctly and visible on the screen
- For saving & sharing purposes, image size should not exceed 5MB and the resolution should be between 800x600 & 1920x1080
- The camera resolution should not be below 5MP to ensure that accurate OCR analysis is conducted
- The application has to be responsive, that is, the application should react to touch within a second so that no lag is apparent.

4.3 Integration Requirements

4.4 Architecture Constraints

4.5 Use case prioritization

4.5.1 Critical

- Taking a picture
- OCR (Optical Character Recognition)
- Automatic Graph Suggestion Algorithm
- Graph Generation
- Mapping Graph to Page

4.5.2 Important

- Live Augmented Reality Mapping
- Editing Graphs
- iOS Application
- Social Media Sharing

4.5.3 Nice to Have

- Opening Previous Graph

- 4.6 Use case/Services contracts
- 4.7 Required functionality
- 4.8 Process specifications
- 4.9 Domain Model

5 Software Architecture

5.1 Architectural Patterns or Styles

5.2 Architectural Tactics or Strategies

5.3 Use of Reference Architectures and Frameworks

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