VolunteerMe! Project

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Making Things Fun

- Internet Points
- Competition
- "Score" board
- Grouping

Organization

The dreaded administrative information section.

Distribution of Labor



Overview of Technology



Server Side

where the magic happens...

Technologies Used

- Gson
- JSF
- AJAX
- PrimeFaces
- HTML5
- CSS
- Javascript
- JQuery

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- Amazon EC2
- Tomcat 7.0
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- Much much more...

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Hibernate

- Database and Java Object relationships
- Widespread Use
- Good tools
- Powerful

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Amazon Suite

- Highly Scalable and Powerful
- Light Weight
- Easy to start
- Free

Security

- Taken very seriously
- Latest principles

Challenges Back-End

- Hibernate distress
- RDS disaster

Costs

- Free!
- Recycled
- Future Expenses

Client View

server generated code, i.e. the website

Web Component Goals

- Fast
- Simple
- Portable
- Motivating

Required Features

- Different users have different use cases
- Build up full feature set by inspecting each use case

- Searching
- Feedback
 - Hours worked
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Use Case: Groups/Organizations

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- Managing Members
 Access Control

- Searching
 - SEO
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- Managing volunteers
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Designing the Website

- Searching
 - Keywords
 - Filters
 - Time
 - Location
 - How to sort/rank results
- Feedback
- Management
- Reports
- Design
 - Look, Feel better addressed by a Graphic Designer

Implementing the Website

• Data

• Hibernate

• View

- JavaServer Faces (JSF) uses Facelets (XHTML)
- PrimeFaces extends JSF, uses jQuery
- Generates HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- Uses HTTP and AJAX for communication
- URL Mapping
 - Rewrite
 - <u>http://website/Web/NewVolunteer.xhtml?</u>

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http://website/register

First Appearances

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		love animals	work hard		work with animals	work hard	
		are tech savvy	love books		use technology	organize books	

Home Page

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In Progress Screen-shot

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As a Volunteer you can	As an Organization Administrator you can	As an Group Leader you can
 Sign up for events Track your hours Follow organizations (or run them) Join groups (or run them) 	 Create an Organization Add other members Create events Track volunteers (with an approval process) Create an Organization 	 Create a group Manage the members Sign the group up for an event (the individual members still sign up from there) Keep track of the groups cumulative stats
	VOLUNTEER ME!	
	Username!	
	Register	

Future Work

- Add more features
- Polishing
- Possible Mobile Website
 - PrimeFaces Mobile powered by jQuery Mobile
 - Allows for mobile accessible presence on devices we don't have an app for
- Hire a designer

Android App

Android Component Constraints

- Lightweight and simple
- No Ads
- Light data usage

Goals for Android

- To allow the user easy access to their volunteer plans when they are not in front of a computer
- To allow organizations to complete basic tasks

Design Approach

- Simple
- Easy to use
- Modern graphical theme

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So how will it look?

Login Page



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Navigation Drawer

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My Events



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- Ditch Digging
- Adoption Event

Sat Feb 22 21:25:00 EST 2014

Orlando

Have you always wanted to adopt a homeless Floridian Alligator? Here's your chance!

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Find by interest

Find feature



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Find by Skill

Find Feature

• List of Events

• Expands on selection





Find feature

Electrical
Culinary
First Aid
Construction
Painting
Technology
Carpentry

Social Skills

Organization Feature

- Approve volunteers for events
- Assign hours and rating

GrandmaOnAMission

Save

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Organizations can approve members Margarita Jones

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Grandma who is a black belt in karate. Judo Master 2014.

Hours Worked: 20

Points: 20.0

Rating: 77.0

Approved

ComputerWhiz

Android Vs Apple

Why we chose Android:

- Financial Cost
- Android has ~70% of the market
- Easy access to technology

Android Challenges

- Keeping the functionality simple so it's usable on a small screen yet consistent with the website
- Hibernate can't be used directly on Android

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- Lots of Documentation
- Tutorials and support

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Web Service

- Accesses the DB for Android
- Pulls data and returns it in JSON

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Gson for JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

- Marshall objects to JSON (object gets converted to JSON)
- Made by Google
- Powerful and Simple

Android Requirements

- The minimum Android API is level 11, Honeycomb
- Holo Light Theme is not compatible with older phones
- The target is level 18, which about 50% of phones run

Most common SDK versions, February 13, 2014



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Budget and Testing for Android

- No official budget
- S3, S2 testing
- Use new and old phones

Things to Remember

- We want to help you help everyone
- Volunteering should be fun