eCoffee: Remote Ordering Development

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Motivation/Requirements

- · In today's market, retailers lack customer exposure and have difficulties getting rid of inventory, and customers lack access to sale items.
- Our mission is to design and implement a web interface for retailers to manually send notifications to customers, and an App for customers to make orders.
- Requirements: The main work is divided into three parts: a web interface for retailer, an Android App for customer, and back-end services.



- The figure on the right is the UI design of the app. It shows basic user flow like how a typical user would use the app to place orders.
- The figure on the top left is the current homepage for the eCoffee app running on an Android emulator. It is the front-end for all customers who download our app to use. The process of demo would be better showed by video.
- · The figure on the top right is the retailer control panel written in React. This web-page is designed for retailer to add sales items, send notifications, check ongoing order status and browse order history.





- Build REST APIs with Spring framework and 3rd party toolkits, which help manage communication between frontend and backend.
- Use MongoDB Atlas as a cloud database service for data persistence.
- · Utilize Square API for payment and order management.
- Deploy the backend services to an AWS EC2 host.

Services Implementation

- Account Service: Firebase Authentication provides backend services. SDKs and UI libraries to identify a user in the app.
- Square provides APIs to create and track orders, manage a product catalog, accept payments.
- Order and Payment Services: Users could complete orders showing in retailer's Square port.
- Store service: Users could scan menu of any store in our app.
- Notification service: Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) allows retailers to send notifications to users.
- Discovery service: Find nearby stores realized by Android LocationManager and MongoDB Geospatial queries.
- Onboarding Service: OAuth to realize retailer authentication to access their store information
- stored in their Square account.

Deliverables

- · A functional remote order application with frontend and backend components.
- Online Ordering: features including 1) choosing retailers by geo-coordinates, 2) displaying menu items, 3) making orders, and 4) paying for orders with credit cards. In addition, customers' purchase histories and habits of coffee are recorded in the database.
- · Daily Recommendation: customers will receive daily, tailored notifications about featured items that they may be interested in, based on their previous order histories.
- Retailer Recommendations: Retailers are able to create featured items for promotion. Customers who subscribed to the store can receive notifications about them.



Conclusion. Future Work, and References

- Most functions are available. Another function of Notifications is designed for the first-used customers when people pass by a store, which is registered in the eCoffee application.
- Further improvements of frontend design and implementation.
- Consider more edge tests in software development process and Quality Assurance test preventing defects in production. Realize network security for data communications.
- Optimize location accuracy, signal intensity, battery efficiency and update speed for discovery service using tools like BlueTooth 5.0 Long Range functionality.

Reference: Spring Rest API Tutorial database MongoDB Atlas

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