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Native Mobile Ap or Mobile Web Page?

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The purpose of the application is to speed the process of registering beekeepers within DriftWatch, since many beekeepers have significant trouble using only web-based tools for registering their hive locations.

This project is designed to greatly enhance the lines of communication between the pollinator industry and the pesticide applicator community. It builds on the DriftWatch.org Pesticide Sensitive Crop Registry (www.driftwatch.org), which currently covers nine states, with a customized map for each state (Colorado, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin).

This project tries to provide a mobile phone-based solution app named “DriftWatch Pollinator Mapper” that will allow beekeepers, apiary inspectors, and association staff to easily register and map a hive into the Driftwatch system, where local pesticide applicators will notice it and be aware of the presence of pollinators. Through this grant-funded effort, this solution will be enabled in three of the Region 5 states.

Introduction

Methods

Figure III shows the tutorials on Dreamweaver 8, which provided training about this web design tool.

Results

Figure VI and Figure VII are the final products that our web sites looks on the mobile tablets.

As you can see, our web sites look more continuous within the same style sheet and have more appropriate size, which is capable of matching the screen size of most of the tablets.

Comparison

Figure VIII

We used emulate to test how our App will look like on the tablet using emulation on computers in our Lab, then we tested it on hardware. Note, this is not a native Android App. Our Ap uses “webview” to present our mobile web site for the users, instead of using the public browsers. This allows changes to happen on the server, without the need to push updates. It also eliminates the complex web addresses on the bar.

My teammate Shreyas Sundararaman has been working on the development of the native Android App (using JAVA and XML) for our project. Figure X and Figure XI are part of his job.

This project provides a comparison between a native Android Ap and a mobile website, both designed to do the same actions. We expect the native Ap will perform faster than the “webview” even after some tuning of the site. However native Android takes longer to construct, and every change needs to be “pushed out” to the user base; whereas the changes in a “webview” site are done in HTML 5 on a server and users can immediately see them.

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