MIT
APP INVENTOR

TOGETHER

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SUMMER APPATHON

OVERVIEW

- **App Name:** Together
- **App Description:** Together allows people to detail their experiences with harassment and discrimination in the workplace and to help warn others of dangerous people or company culture.
- **Track:** Youth Individual
- **Category:** Civic engagement & justice

THEME

In 100 words or less, describe the problem that you chose to address, and why you were interested in solving it. Please note that this portion of your submission will be published if you are selected as a finalist or winner.

I chose to address discrimination and harassment in the workplace. This is something I was interested in helping solve because 61% of employees in the United States have personally experienced or witnessed workplace discrimination. This discrimination leads not only to unjustly being denied promotions and raises but also causes severe damage to mental and physical health. These reasons and more, made me see I had to do something to try to help.

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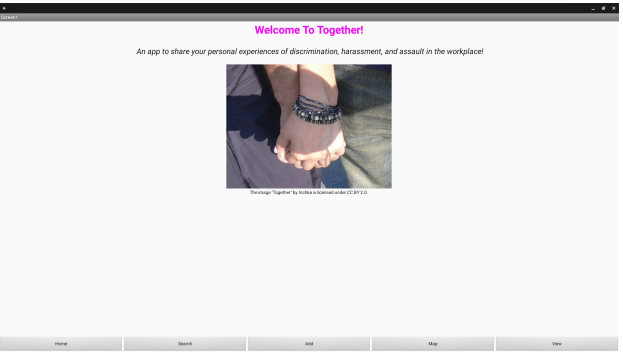

Step 1: When loading into the app you will start on the home screen, first we will move onto the add menu (this is done by clicking the button labeled done at the bottom middle of the screen)

Step 2: After we get to the add menu we are going to start to add an experience to the cloud database by clicking Yes

Step 3: After we click Yes, we are asked if are experience was about harassment from a specific person or a company culture (I select “Specific Person”)

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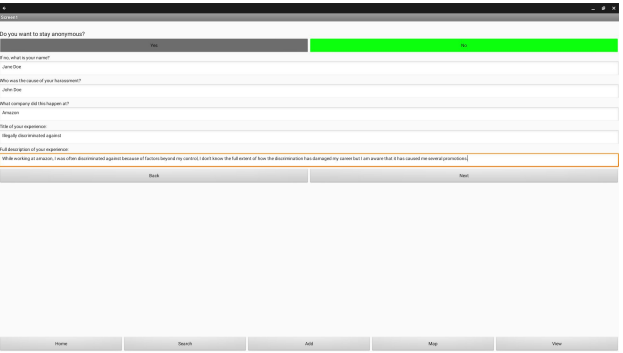
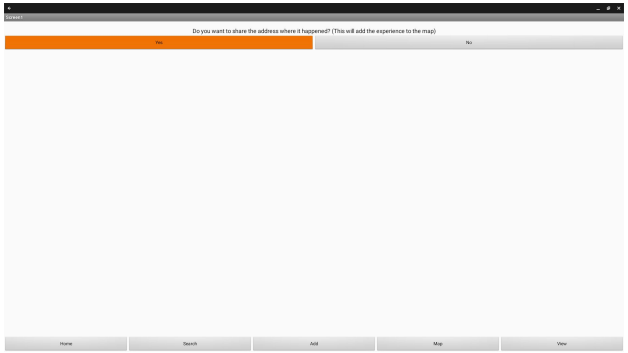
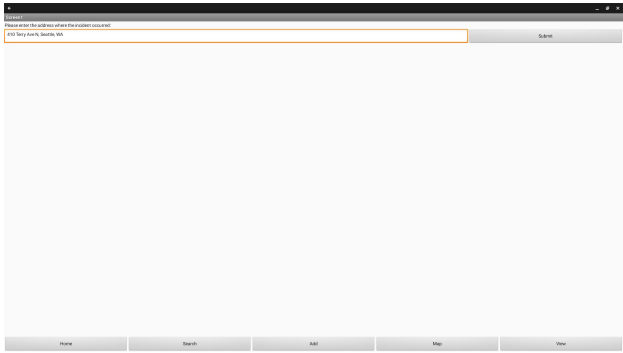


Step 4: After clicking specific person, we are brought to these questions (If you were to select company culture instead of specific person then the question referring to the person causing the experience would not appear)



Step 5: After you fill out all those questions and select next, you are brought to this menu asking if you would like to attach a location to the experience (attaching a location makes the situation visible from the map menu). I selected Yes.



Step 6: If you selected Yes, you are brought to this menu to input the address of the situation (input the address then select Submit)

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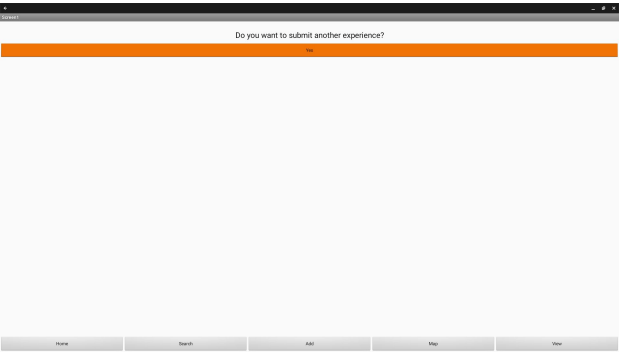
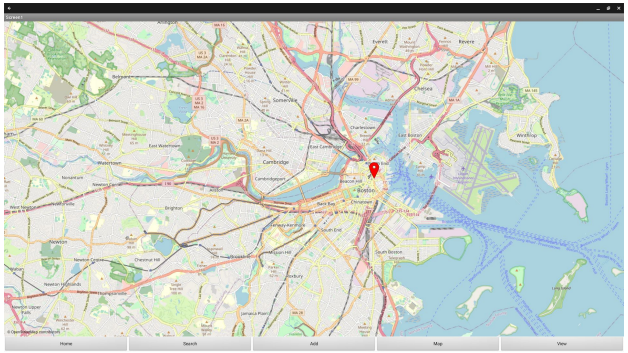
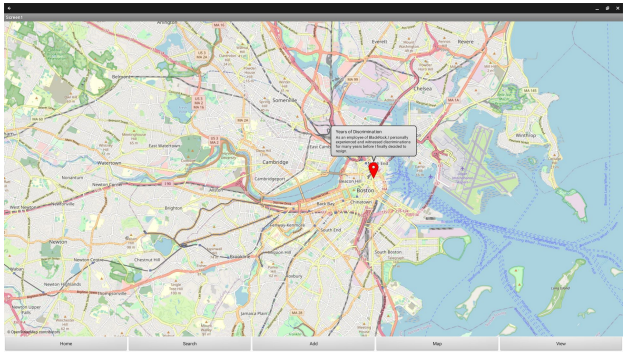


Step 7: Now you have come back to this menu (feel free to input as many more experiences as you would like). After you finished inputting situations, select the map button in the bottom center right)



Step 8: After selecting map, you are brought to this menu where you can see the markers of all the people who included addresses when making their experiences.



Step 9: If you click a marker, it will show you the title and description of the experience.

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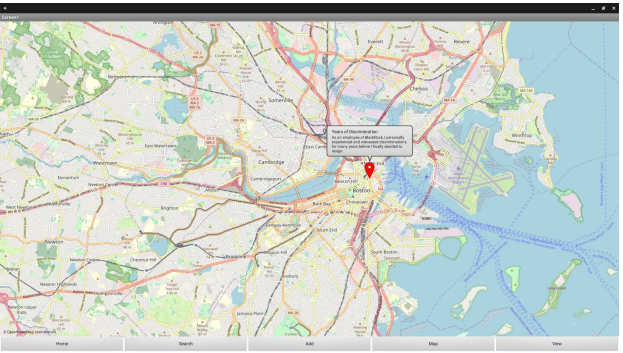
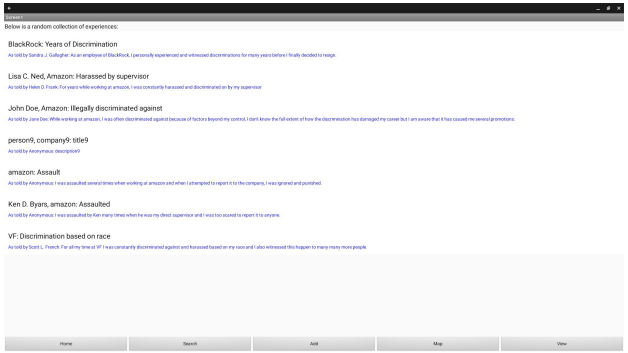


Step 10: After you finish exploring the map, please select the view button in the bottom right.



Step 11: In the view menu, you are shown random stories made by anyone. (in this example it shows all the stories since there is not enough experiences)

Step 12: If you press on any experience, it will bring you to a page with the title of the experience at the top and the description below it. (to get back to the normal view menu select Back)

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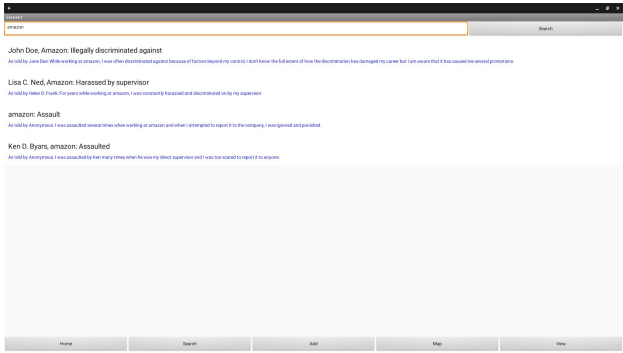
Step 13: Now that we explored the view menu, select the Search button in the bottom center left.

Step 14: In this menu, you are able to type a word or phrase into the textbox and click Search to search all available stories for any that include the word or phrase.



Step 15: After searching, if any stories match the keyword then they appear in the list view.

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Step 16: In the search menu you may also select any story and a page with the title at the top and the description under it will appear. Congratulations, you now know how to use Together.

LIMITATIONS

In 100 words or less, describe the limitations of your app and what people should carefully consider when using it.

When people talk about their experience, if they use identifiable information, people may be able to figure out who they are even if they don't give their name. This could lead to further discrimination or harassment against that person. Additionally, as of now, Together does not allow users to delete or edit posted experiences. Together also currently doesn't allow users to leave comment on any posts.