

Personalized Privacy Assistant for IoT

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Overview

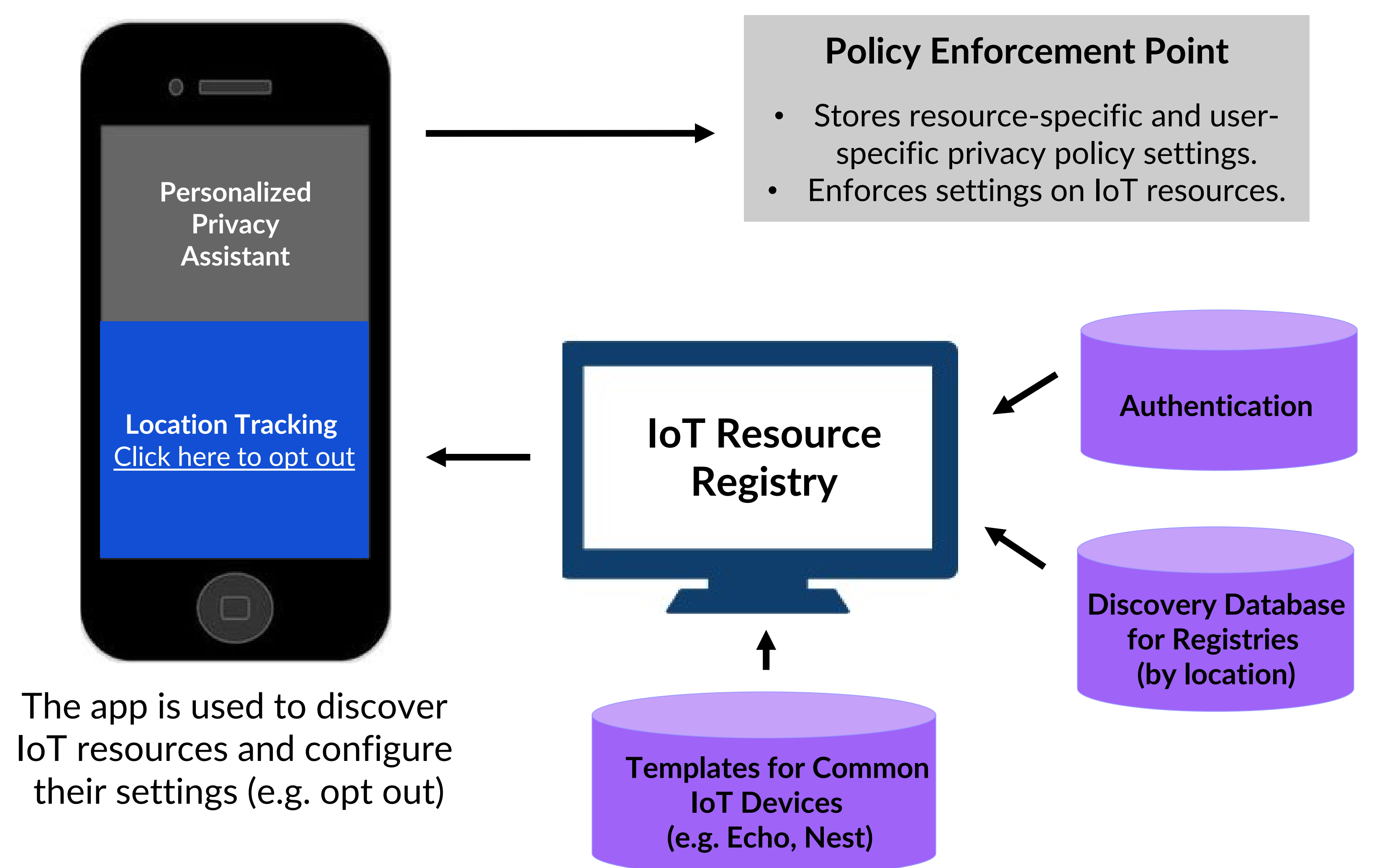
The Internet of Things (IoT) and Big Data are making it impractical for people to keep up with the expanding ways their data is collected. A new, more scalable paradigm that empowers users to regain control over their data is needed. We are developing and piloting **Personalized Privacy Assistants**, capable of:

- *Selectively notifying users about practices relevant to them.*
- *Helping to configure settings based on users' preferences.*
- *Learning the privacy preferences of users.*

IoT Resource Registries are new infrastructure used by Privacy Assistants to aid people in the discovery and usage of IoT-connected resources (e.g. sensors, services, apps) that are collecting and processing data in your vicinity.

A first version of the Personalized Privacy Assistant app and infrastructure has been deployed on two university campuses.

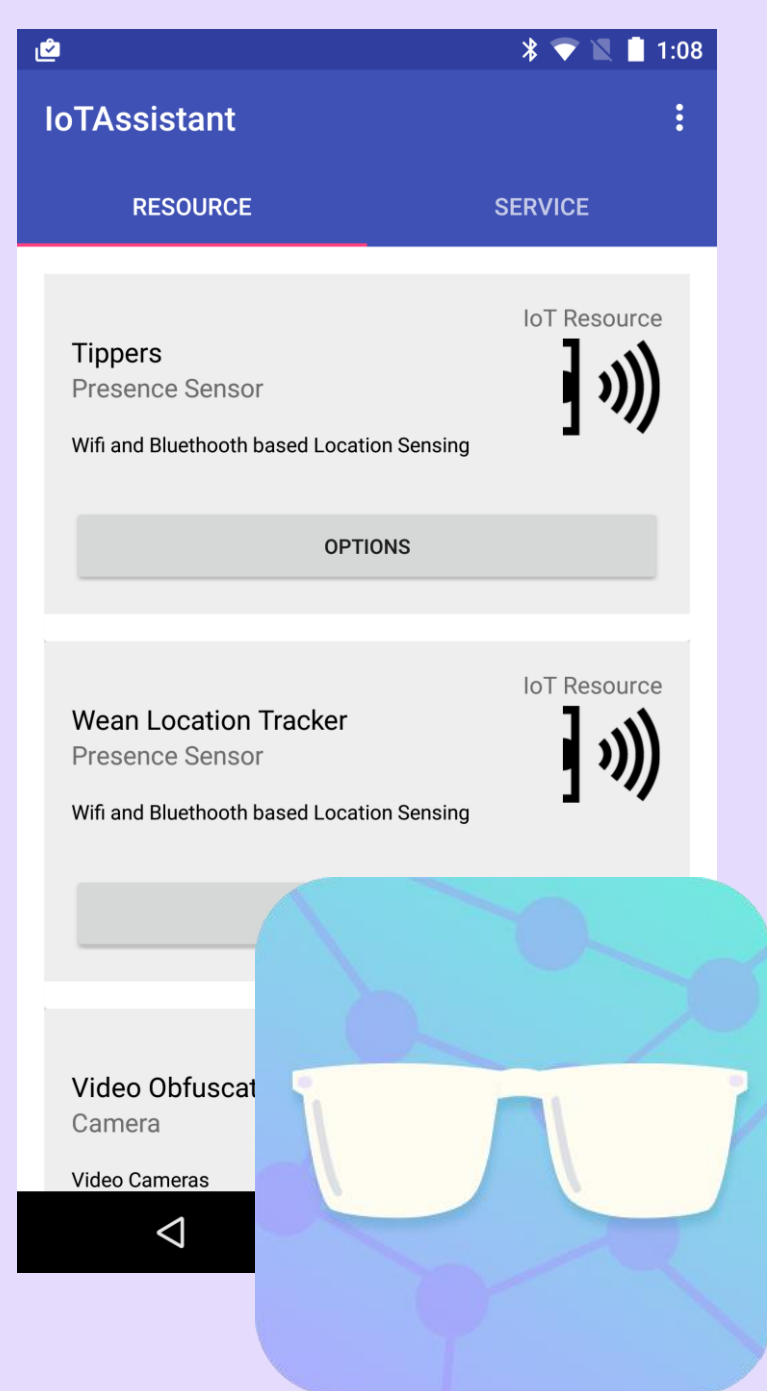
Infrastructure



The app is used to discover IoT resources and configure their settings (e.g. opt out)

Components

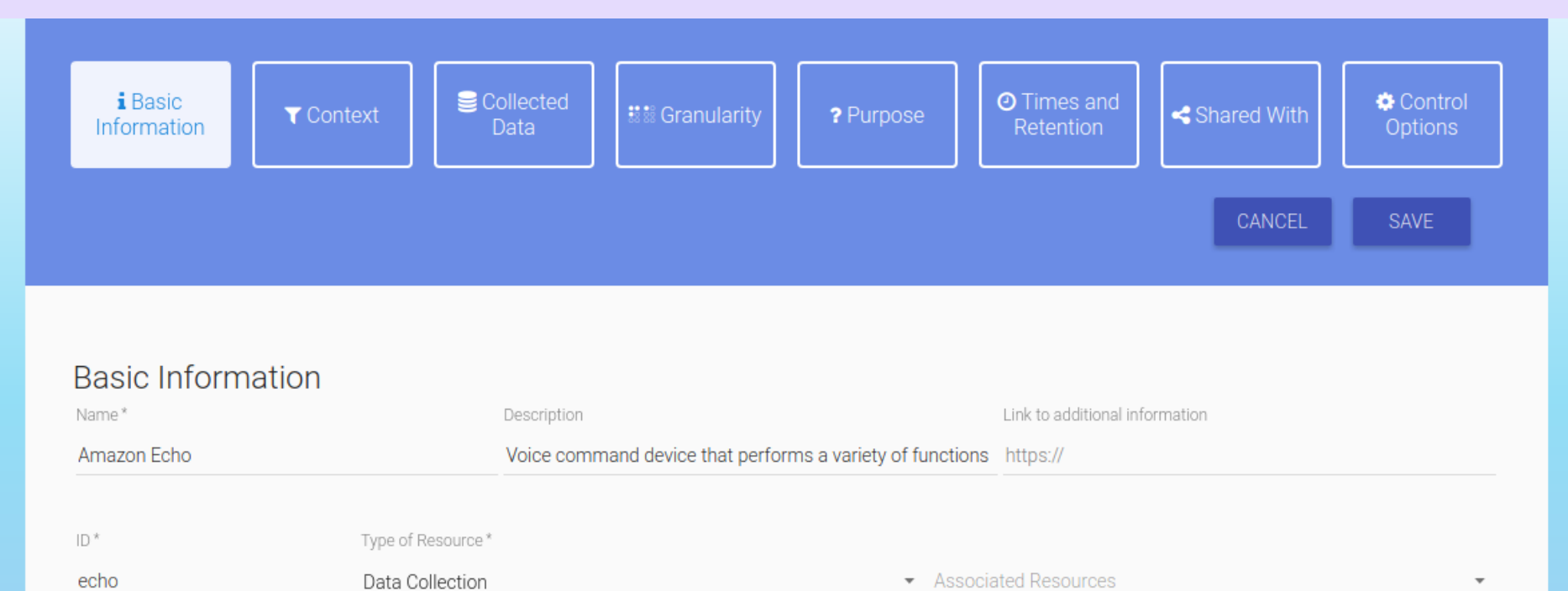
Privacy Assistant



- Helps users discover IoT resources in their vicinity.
- Displays resources' privacy policies.
- Offers resource configuration options, simplifying privacy choices.

IoT Resource Registries

- Hosted platform.
- Stores and retrieves registered resources, policies, capabilities.
- Curated by resource owners and registry administrators.

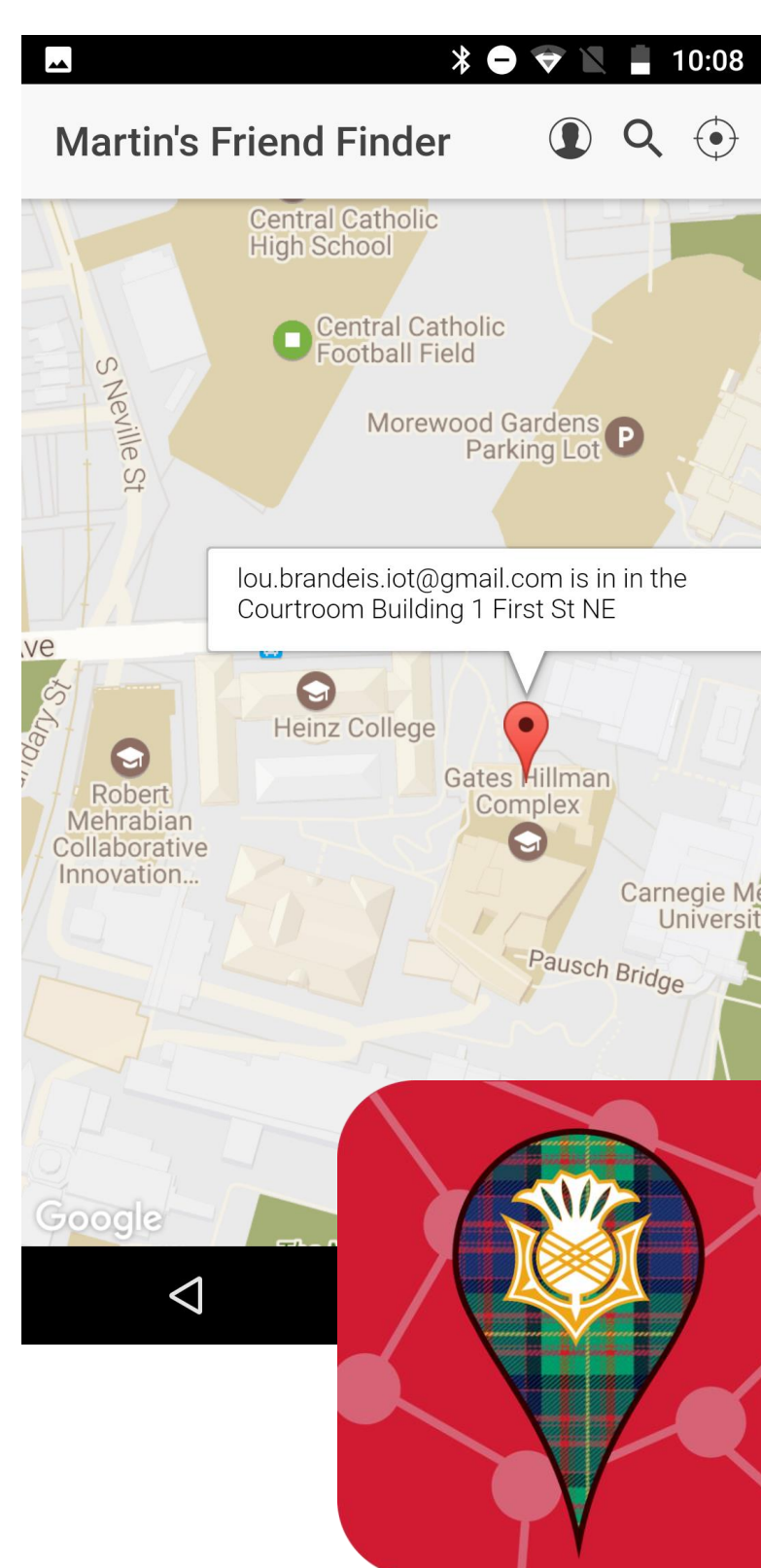


Privacy Preference Modeling

- Vignette study on IoT scenarios.
- Measured participants' comfort level, whether they would allow or deny data collection.
- Developed a prediction model for user data collection preferences.

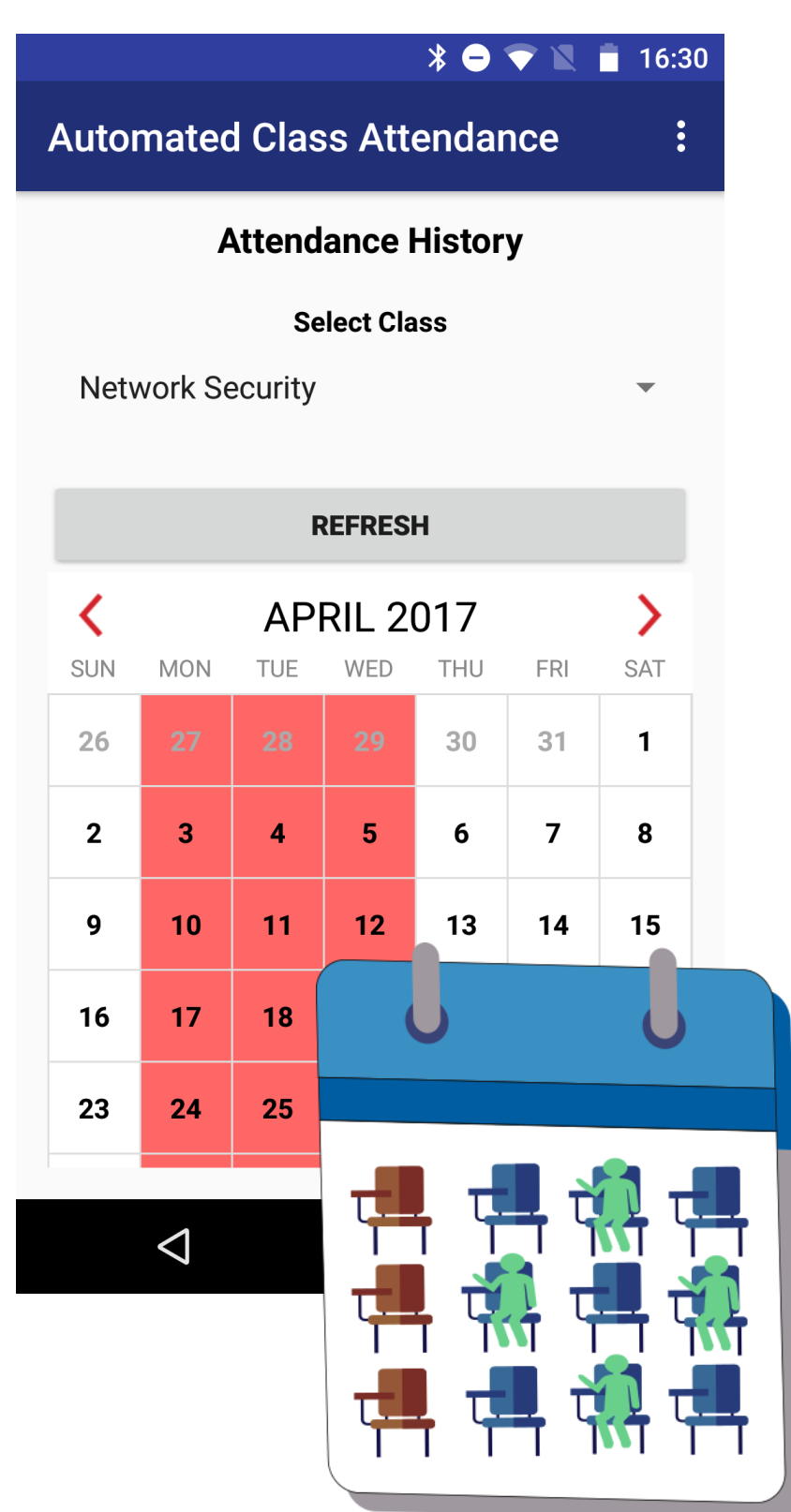
To find out more - see our paper: Naeini, P. et al. "Privacy Expectations and Preferences in an IoT World." SOUPS 2017

Applications



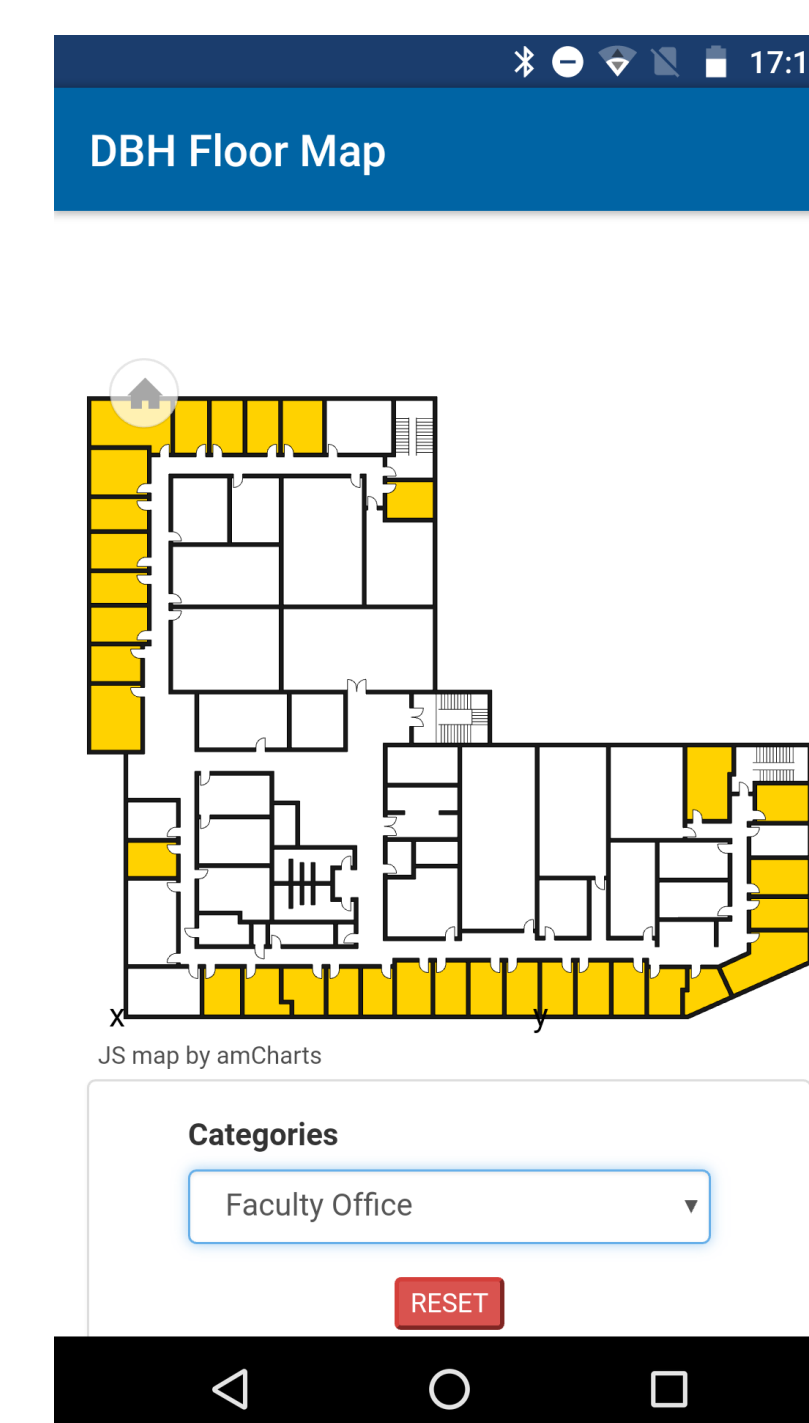
CMU Friend Finder

- Indoor location tracking for CMU campus using WiFi and Bluetooth beacons.
- Enables location sharing with friends using a map.
- Privacy Assistant integration allows users to enable or disable tracking, and configure tracking options.



Class Attendance

- Mobile application for students and teachers.
- Automatically tracks attendance using facial recognition cameras deployed in-situ.
- Privacy Assistant integration allows users to opt in or out of the service.



Concierge

- Indoor navigation assistant for UC Irvine campus.
- Driven by customized building management system (BMS).
- Highlights local events.
- Privacy Assistant integration enables control over what data is collected by BMS.