Windows Azure and SQL Database Integration

Following a recommendation given to the team in the previous week, we dedicated some time to switching over the server side architecture to utilize Windows Azure and SQL Database. The change was a lot easier than we thought it would have been. Implementation was fairly easy due to the time that was spent previously on implementing and hosting Windows Communication Foundation services on a remote server.

With the project architecture solution set in place, our team was able to implement the core functionality of our app. We were able to use the Windows Phone to store and retrieve information from the database stored in the cloud.

Theming Ideas

One very important aspect of our app is theming. The theme and art style of our app will greatly influence how citizens of Osaka view it. We spent a good portion of time this week working on possible themes for our app, thinking about what kind of look the app could have that would be readily accepted by Japanese residents.

One of the ideas was to have is a Lantern theme. In this theme, lanterns would hold information instead of bubbles and the UI would have a look and feel that is reminiscent of paper. It was inspired by the many lanterns that residents of Japan use.

The other theme idea is steam punk water based. Osaka is a city that is near the water and has a feel of old mixed with new. That is the basis behind the inspiration for this theme.