



Integrating the Different Parts

For our halves presentation we wanted to present a demo of our app which is able to perform the core functionality. So we had to bring together and integrate the back end (server code) and front end (user interface code), as well as put in our temporary art for the user interface. Even though the user interface is going to change, we believe that we have hit a very important milestone with our project by having all of these pieces for our mobile app put together and working.

Halves Presentation

On Monday we had our halves presentation for faculty, client and fellow students. Halves represents the midpoint in the semester and is an important opportunity to reflect on everything we have done to this point—our design decisions, playtest results, accomplishments, and challenges—as well as what we will be doing moving forward. We presented a live demo of our app by running the Windows Phone emulator from the computer and projecting it onto a large screen. This helped us to display the basic function of our app and also show that it works. We also emphasized how important it was for us to get feedback about theming from our guests who were residents of Osaka. After our presentation, we allowed our guests to try out the app for themselves on the Window Phone devices. They were excited when they saw that something they posted in a bubble from one phone would be detected and displayed on a different phone. Their reaction gave our team a reassuring boost, because it showed that the design had the potential to really attract the target Japanese users.



A Trip to Tottori

As a part of our Japanese elective, the project teams located in Osaka were taken on a two day trip to visit Tottori. While in Tottori, we visited the International Manga Expo, Mizuki Shigeru museum, The Conan Museum, The Toy Museum, Sand Museum and Tottori Sand Dunes. It was a great cultural experience and we were able to learn a lot more about Japan. We even got to stay at a ryokan which is a Japanese style inn, complete with a hot spring.

