Outline Administration Accessibility App distribution Preview

Enterprise Computing: App Distribution

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Accessibility is extreme usability.

- Designing accessible apps is the most extreme form of usability engineering.
- Apps designed for the eyes need also to work with the fingers.
- Even a careful implementor needs to test their work both in the conventional way (interactive testing, unit testing, and the like), and then in a completely different, non-automate-able way where VoiceOver has completely replaced the conventional user interface experience.
- Worse, VoiceOver buttons are invisible to sighted software developers.[†]
- Software developers who are trying to create accessible apps need all of the assistance that they can get.

[†]Most software developers are sighted.

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Installing iPhone apps via IPA files

- Most smartphone users are familiar with the idea of installing apps via a store (such as the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, Windows Phone Apps+Games Store, or others).
- During user testing *before* application store approval, apps need to be distributed using archive files.



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- An .ipa file is an iOS application archive file which stores an iOS app.
- It is usually encrypted with Apple's FairPlay DRM technology.
- Each .ipa file is compressed with a binary for the ARM architecture and can only be installed on an iOS-device.
- Files with the .ipa extension can be uncompressed by changing the extension to .zip and unzipping.

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TalkingBuses-1.0b1.ipa
Stephens-MacBook-Pro-2:software stg$ mv TalkingBuses-1.0b1.ipa TalkingBuses-1.0b1.zip
Stephens-MacBook-Pro-2:software stg$ unzip TalkingBuses-1.0b1.zip
Archive: TalkingBuses-1.0b1.zip
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    inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/.monotouch-64/Xamarin.iOS.dll
    creating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/codeSignature/
    inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/codeSignature/CodeResources
    inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/AddPlacemarkScreen.nib
               Payload/TalkingBuses.app/AddTransitStopScreen.nib
                Payload/TalkingBuses.app/archived-expanded-entitlements.xcent
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    inflating:
                Payload/TalkingBuses.app/HistoryScreen.nib
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inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/iTunesMetadata.plist
creating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/MainStoryboard.storyboardc/
inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/MainStoryboard.storyboardc/Info.plist
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inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/NearbyServicesScreen.nib
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inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/NextStopDisplayScreen.nib
inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/NOTICE
extracting: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/PkgInfo
inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/ResourceRules.plist
inflating: Payload/TalkingBuses.app/Roboto-Bold.ttf
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