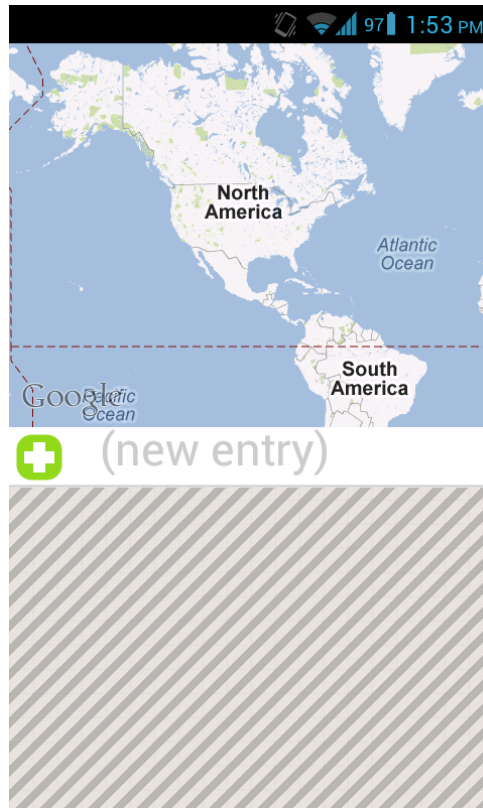


The Travel Book: A Heuristic Evaluation

These tests were performed on a T-Mobile Vibrant running the ICS version of Android (4.0.3).

This is the main screen that comes up as soon as the app is launched:



1.) The map has direct-manipulation affordances that are incorrect. In this app, the map is static. The first thing I tried to do when I opened the app was drag the map around (and double tap to zoom). Heuristic: **External consistency, User Control & Freedom**

Severity: **minor**

2.) The design is uncluttered. This is a good trait, allowing my eyes to be drawn to the two most important features - the "new entry" button and the map itself.

Heuristic: **Minimalist Design**

Severity: **good**

3.) There is no explanatory text. Aside from the name (arguably), the app offers no explanation as to its purpose or how to use it. I had to pause testing and re-read the group's wiki page for more help.

Heuristic: **Help & Documentation**

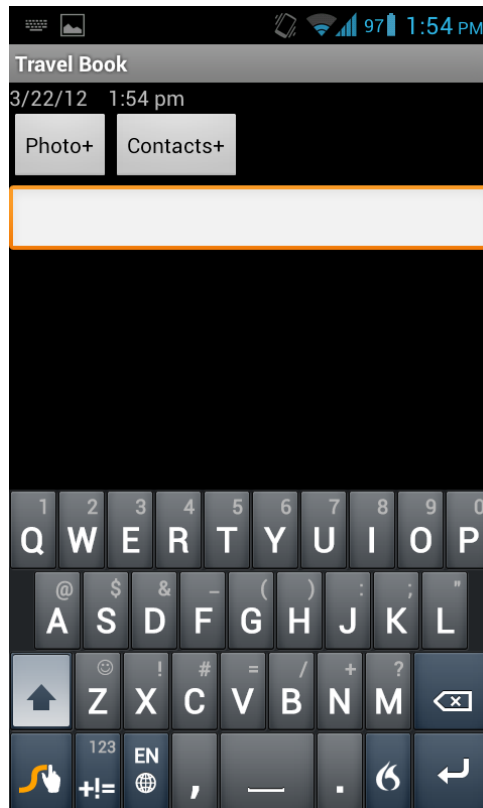
Severity: **major**

4.) The gray diagonal stripes (and grid underlay) might not be the most attractive way to deal with the whitespace. Something more simple (like a solid, soft color) would make the design more aesthetically-pleasing.

Heuristic: **Aesthetics**

Severity: **cosmetic**

This is the page that comes up when you click "new entry":



5.) There is no label for the text box (and no placeholder or default text), so it's hard to tell what the box does.

Heuristic: **Help & Documentation**

Severity: **minor**

6.) Pressing the hardware "back" button causes the entry to be saved. Good that the back button works, but unexpected behavior. I expected it to cancel adding a new entry.

Heuristic: **External Consistency**

Severity: **minor**

7.) There is no visible "save" or "delete" button on this page. The only way to access the "save" button is by pressing the menu button, and delete can only be accessed from the home page.

Heuristic: **External Consistency, Learnability**

Severity: **minor**

8.) This screen also comes up when you press edit from the home screen. The currently assigned picture (of a panda) doesn't show on this page, making it hard to verify that you're editing the correct entry.

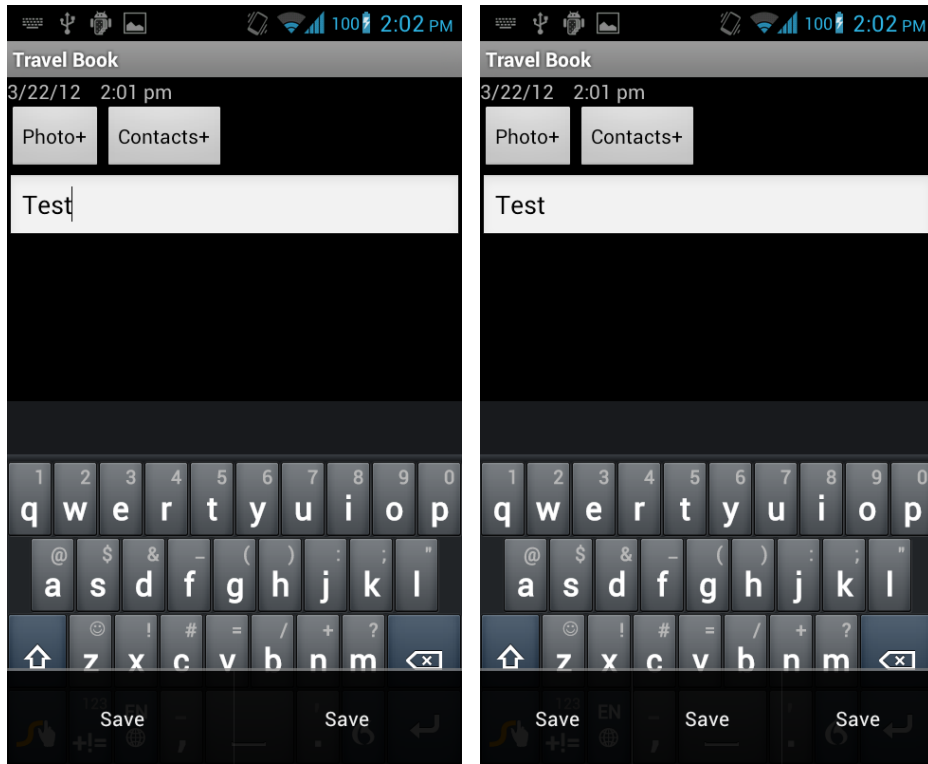
Heuristic: **Error Prevention, Efficiency**

Severity: **major**

9.) There is no way to edit the date and time, meaning you can't manually order pictures that you're inserting after the fact.

Heuristic: **Error Correction, Flexibility & Efficiency, User Control & Freedom**

Severity: **minor**

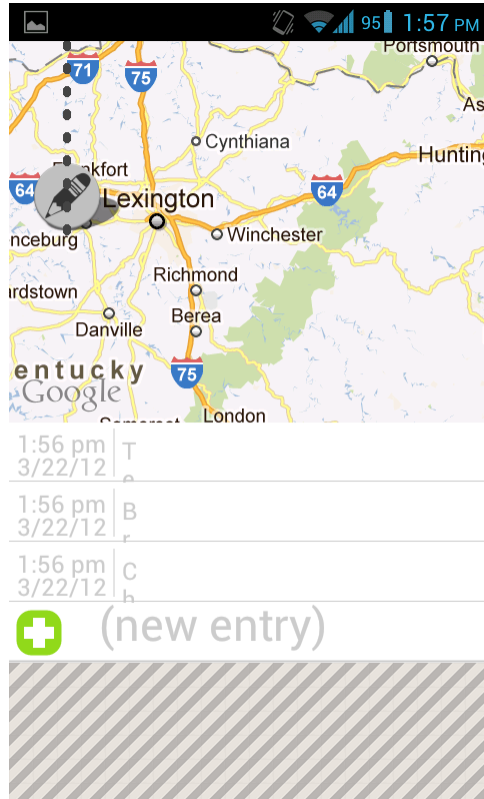


10.) There is a bug when pressing the menu button to show the save button. If the menu button is pressed more than once, the save button duplicates (see screenshots).

Heuristic: **Bug**

Severity: **minor**

This page is the main page with a few entries added:



11.) The entries (and new entry button) don't offer any feedback when pressed, making it hard to ensure you're pressing the correct entry/button.

Heuristic: **Visibility of System Status**

Severity: **minor**

12.) The map doesn't properly scale to the points placed on it. Combined with the lack of direct manipulation, this issue makes the map almost unusable for more than one entry.

Heuristic: **Bug**

Severity: **major**

13.) The text for an individual entry is shown vertically, obscuring most of the text. If I have more than one entry with the same first two letters, it will be hard to tell them apart from the title alone.

Heuristic: **Bug**

Severity: **minor**

14.) The entries all have the same icon on the map, making it impossible to tell which entry corresponds to a given point (and vice versa).

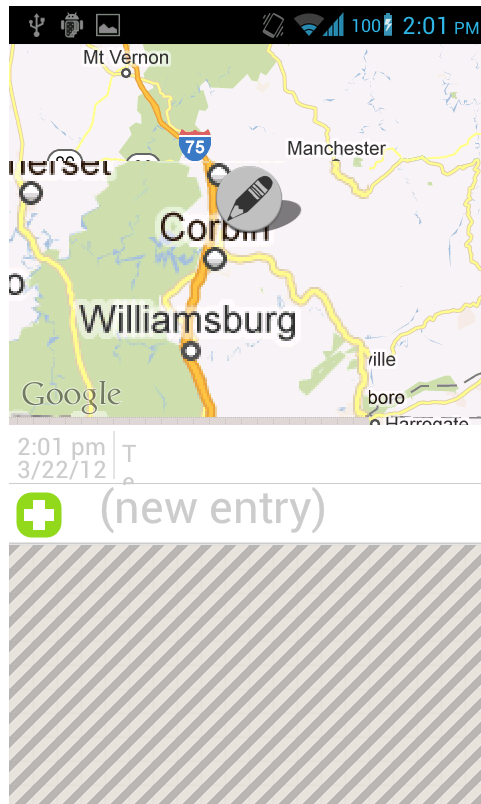
Heuristic: **Recognition, not recall**

Severity: **minor**

15.) The entries have incorrect dates.

Heuristic: **Bug**

Severity: **minor**

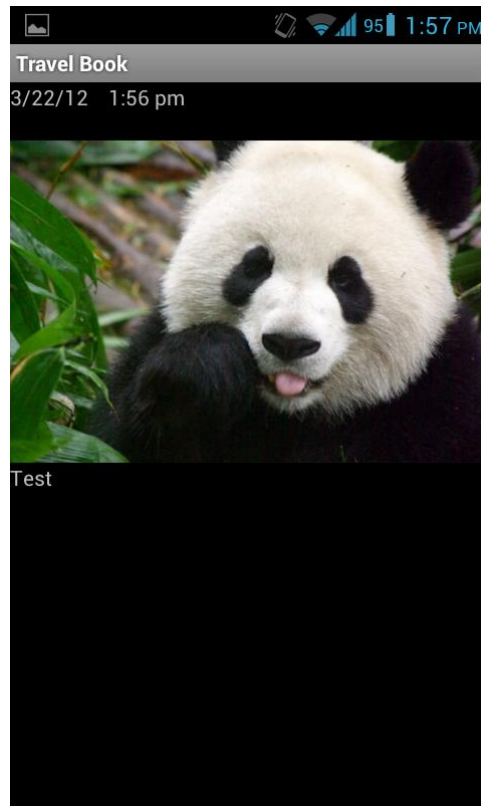


16.) There is another bug where the map will team (as shown in the screenshot) and not recover, even with full data coverage.

Heuristic: **Bug**

Severity: **cosmetic/minor**

This screen comes up when you view an entry:



17.) There is no location information on this page, making it hard to tell which point on the map (from the previous page) it corresponds to.

Heuristic: **Efficiency**

Severity: **minor**