The challenge was to determine how to develop the best mobile application program in their industry to assist the client's customers with managing business while on the job and solving problems they faced in the field.

I was brought on to lead a team of designers and developers in order to create a solution that organized the daily workflow for technician's while streamlining the management of inventory.

In order to determine the stakeholders and need, the current mobile trends of the company were analyzed to establish the application user types.



B2B VISION

Job Tracker Application

FERGUSON MOBILE TRENDS





Home > My Ferguson

APPS FOR iOS & ANDROID

DON'T JUST RUN YOUR BUSINESS, MAKE IT THRIVE

Install powerful apps, services & plugins to manage your business - anytime, anywhere.



Project Management

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FERGUSON MOBILE TRENDS



98% of Ferguson customers have a smartphone, and 65% have a tablet.

70% said they would download a work related app to their personal smartphones

48% of Ferguson customers polled about mobile activities said they would like to manage jobs in an app.

Gartner found 37% of field service managers were planning to use a mobile field service application in the next 12 - 24 months. (1)

43% of Field Technologies readers surveyed plan to deploy a mobile field service solution within 12 - 24 months. (2)

69% want service techs to have information in real time.

62% of field service managers were looking for improved data communication between field and back-office.

45% want to enable tracking of technicians, parts and products.

- 1. Gartner Field Service Management Survey April 2014
- 2. Field Technologies Magazine 2015 Field Mobility Survey

USER TYPES

TECHNICIAN



JOB TRACKING APP



OWNER



INVENTORY MANAGEMENT APP





FRONT OFFICE



JOB TRACKING WEB



I had the team review the solutions that offered similar solutions to what our customer was looking for, and discovered that the available tools were office focused and difficult for technicians to use or they were cost prohobitive.



Service Task



Breezeworks



Jobber



FieldAware

To find out more about managing jobs in an app we:

- Completed a day in the life study with 12 customers.
- Held a focus group session with 10 customers.
- Customer visits in New Jersey and North Carolina.
- · Reviewed research and white papers about field service apps.

CUSTOMER INSIGHTS





When in the field, techs need help with:

Communication: Where do I go next? What is the history at this jobsite?

Organization: How long did I work? What materials did I use?



When in the office, managers need help with:

Communication: Where are the technicians? How can I most efficiently tell them about changes in jobs? Details: Receiving information to accurately bill the jobs.

(Hours worked, materials used)



Throughout the day, owner/ operators need help with:

Insight: Where are the technicians? Are they busy enough? Is the team coordinated with my office staff? Details: What materials are on my tech's trucks? Will the techs turn in the items they need replenished?

CUSTOMER INSIGHTS

TECHNICIAN'S DAY



Prep for Day



- Drinks coffee and socializes with other techs
- Reviews jobs for the day.
- Passes any information to office staff they missed turning in the night before.
- Replenishes truck with any items used the the day prior.

Working Jobs



- Travels to job sites.
- Tracks time and materials used at each job.
- Contacts office, customers and sales reps via mobile phone.
- Picks up any orders as needed throughout day.
- · Completes jobs.

Wrap up

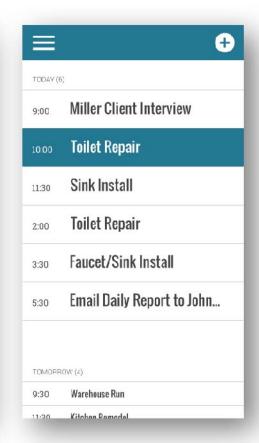


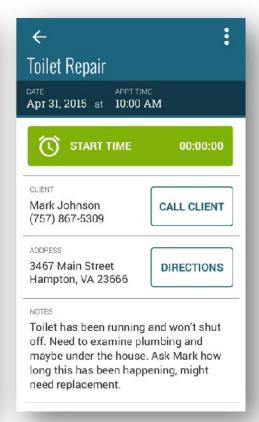
- · Returns to office.
- Hands the office staff any forms, notes, reorders or time sheets



A simple concept was created to help technicians view their day, track and relay job details.







Provided a proof of concept to demonstrate the layout and core features of the Job Tracker application. This design was reflective of the initial customer insights and an assessment of the user needs. Because of the limited user types it was an easier buy-in process

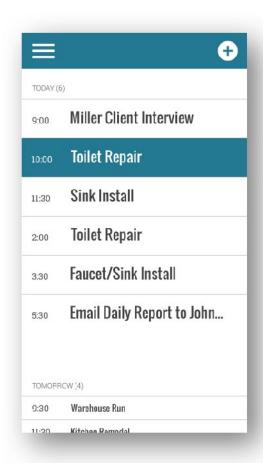
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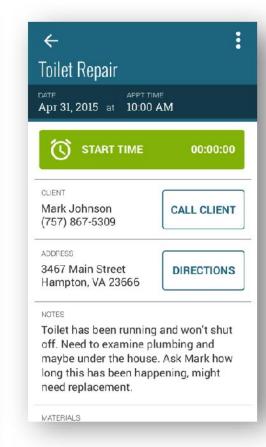


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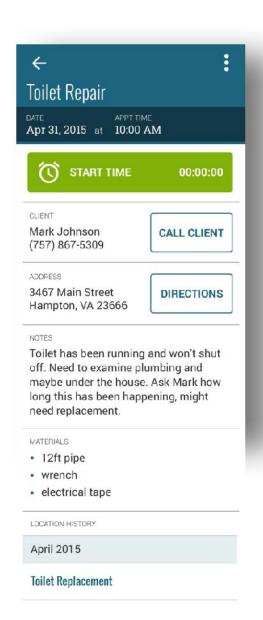
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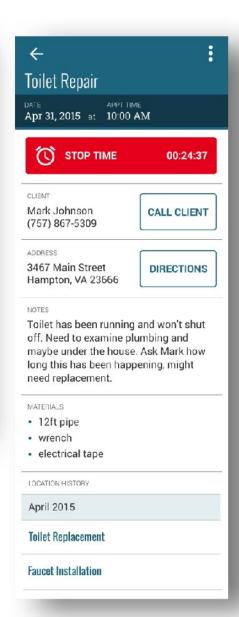


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JOB TRACKER APP



Wrap up for day



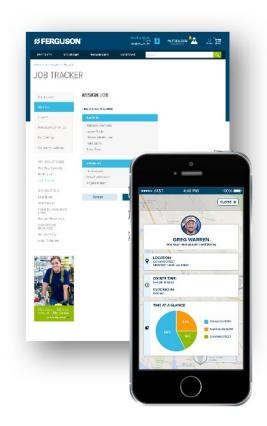
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JOB TRACKER PHASES









PHASE 1: Job Tracker App

- ! Track jobs, time and materials.
- ! Generates lists for home office

PHASE 2: Job Tracker App and Dispatch Web App

- ! Connect to an admin/dispatch
- ! Easy FOL Reorders/ Replenishment of materials.

PHASE 3: Job Tracker App, Dispatch Web App

! Allow for connections to other apps in Ferguson library.