

SuALT

Infrastructure for Finnish Archaeological Finds

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...about the SuALT Project

- The Finnish Archaeological Finds Recording Linked Open Database -

The purpose of the project:

A research project to develop a digital **web service** applying citizen science and semantic computing for collecting information of archaeological finds made by public, especially metal detectorists.

—————> Multidisciplinary project funded by the
ACADEMY OF FINLAND

What services?

A tool for **REPORTING, COLLECTING** and **MANAGING** metal detecting finds
Innovative solutions to **SEARCH** and **ANALYZE** metadata
+ guidance for responsible metal detecting

Service for whom?

METAL DETECTORISTS and **AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGISTS** + public interested in archaeology
Also for professional archaeologists: **RESEARCHERS, STUDENTS** and **AUTHORITIES**

Project partners:

Subproject I:

University of Helsinki: *User Needs and Public Heritage Interactions*

Subproject II:

Aalto University (SeCo and HELDIG): *National linked Open Data Service of Archaeological Finds in Finland*

Subproject III:

Finnish Heritage Agency: *Ensuring Sustainability of SuALT*

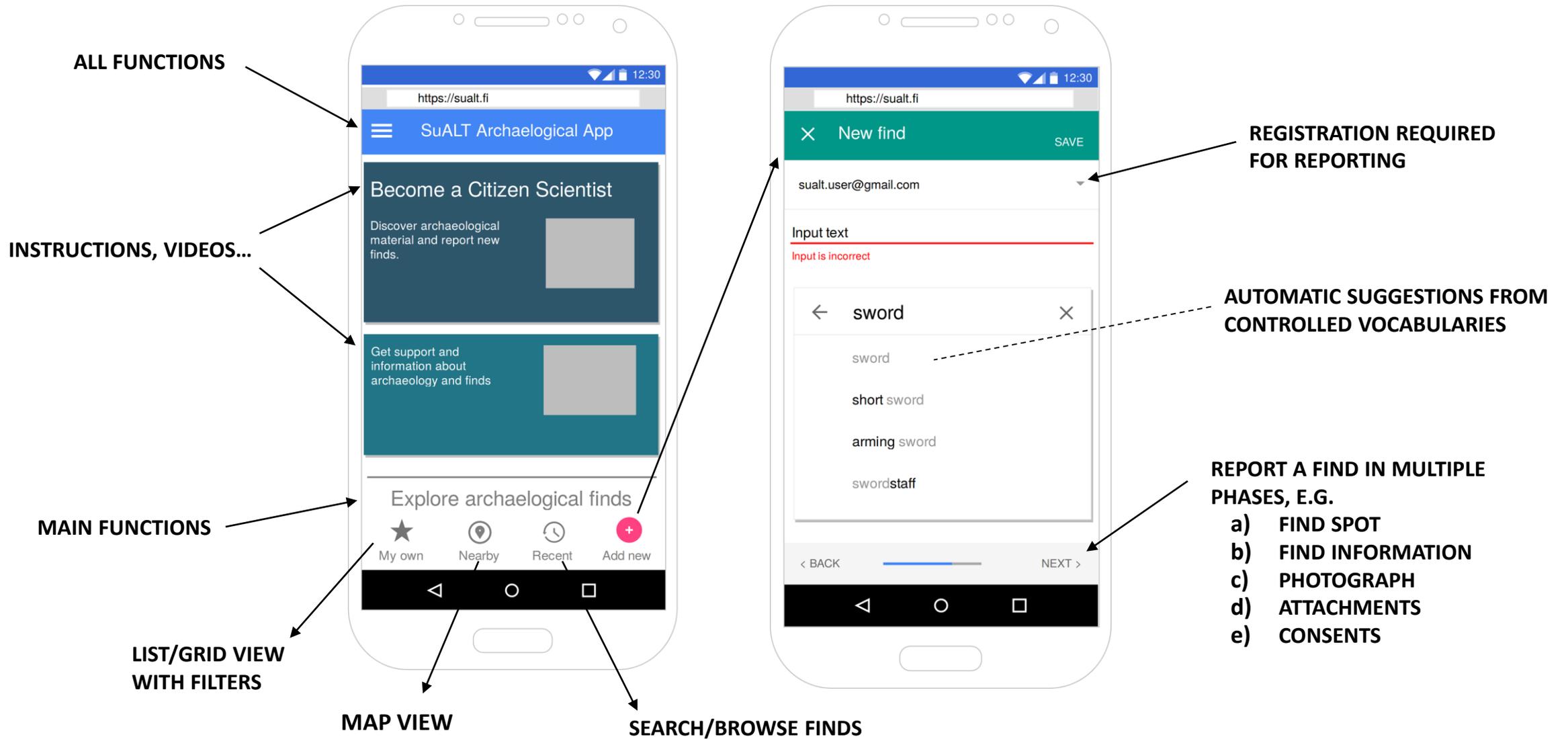
A Citizen science approach

- Survey in January 2018 → 161 Finnish respondents, 25 in English
- Ongoing interviews with different stakeholders

Aims:

- Avoiding hierarchical approaches (from the bottom-up)
- Citizen scientists will contribute directly to the archaeological collections by self-recording their finds into the database
- Cultural heritage is not the domain of experts only
- Creating Cultural heritage ambassadors

SuALT app



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