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SkyTouch, a remote control experience of Aladin using SAMP

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Motivation & questions

- Following our previous experiments with Smartphones / Tablets (SkySurveys, SkyObjects, ..), the idea was to study the possible interaction between this kind of device and a desktop application like Aladin

- Questions :
  - Which kind of link : wifi, bluetooth, intermediate proxy, ...
  - Which protocol : adhoc ?, (why not) SAMP ?

First tests using SAMP

- First tests were made localy with samp.js and node.js
- JSAMP hub : the security is well managed and it was not possible to make a connexion between Aladin and an remote device
  - Mark Taylor has generated an alternative version of the JSAMP hub allowing other connexions than from the localhost
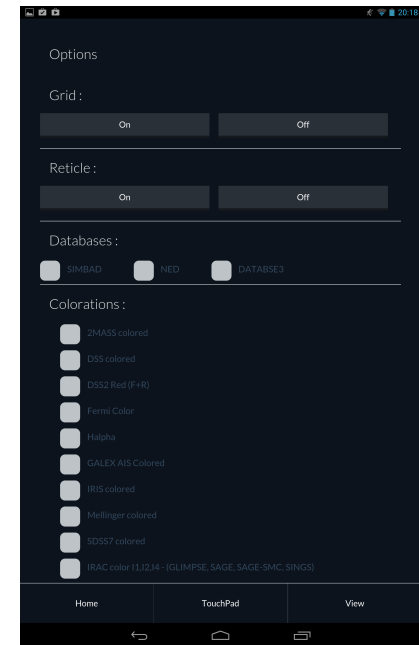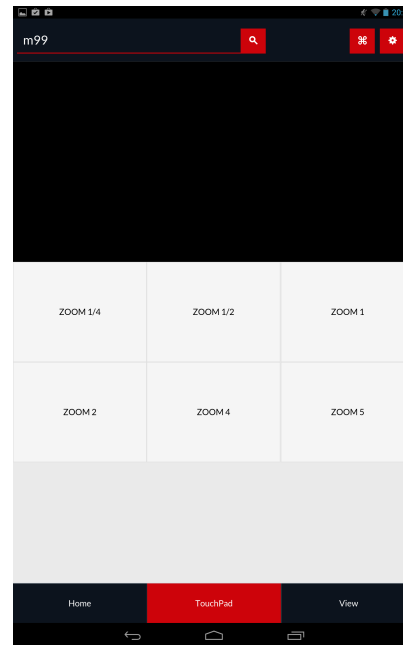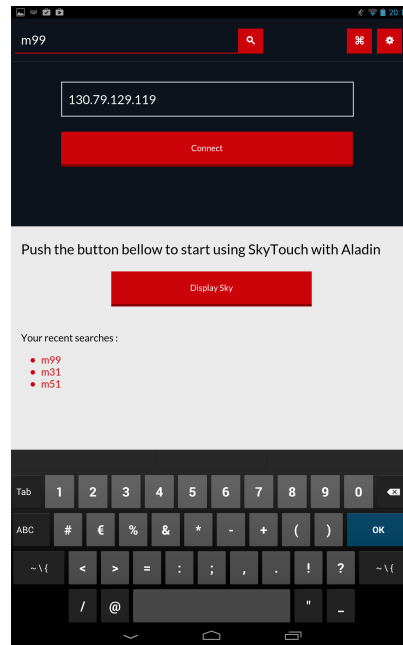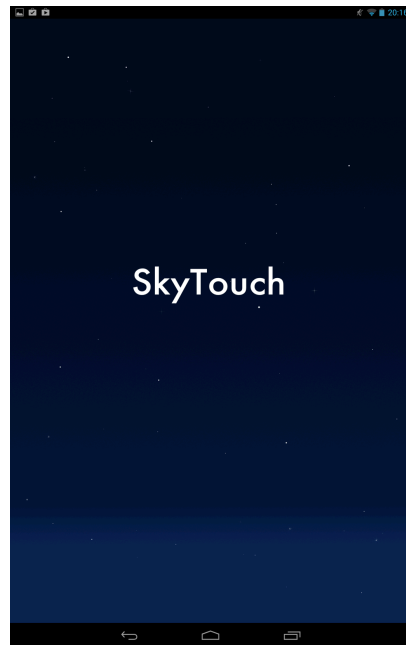
Main functionalities possible with the modified hub

- SkyDisplay
- Research field
- Trackpad
- Zoom
- Multiview management
- Grid on/off
- Reticule on/off
- Database access, Simbad, NED, …
- Color management
- Accuration management
- Own button through a shortcut definition function

Some views (it's a prototype)

Features of the next version

- Trackpad automatic calibration after a search

- Aladin screen copy

  - Storage in the device picture album

- Add of new databases

- Better control of the colorations

- Local storage to keep into memory user informations

- Data array loading in the device

For which devices ?

- The application was developped in HTML5 / Javascript /
  CSS3 (Hammer.js is used for the multitouch gesture),
  and converted through PhoneGap
  - ○ Cross-plateform tests were only made on iOS and
    android

Demo

- The interaction between the 2 devices depends on the network

- A demo was made during the CoSADIE Techforum this month

- A demo will be possible at the ADASS demo booth

Conslusion

- Fun experiment

- Realistic use cases ? Education ?