Mobile based data collection using Open Data Kit (ODK)

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Overview

- Free app for Android devices
- Website: http://www.opendatakit.org
- Hosts
  - project websites using Google's AppEngine
    - Includes online database of records
    - Online map interface
  - Or to webservers running Tomcat with MySQL or PostgreSQL databases
- Form Generator

About

- Open-source toolkit for field data collection. Mature and full-featured toolset to satisfy mobile data collection needs.
- Began in 2008 as a *google.org* project
- Moved to University of Washington as an independent project in 2009
- Initially funded by Google Focused Research Award

Why ODK???

- Prevent transcription and transfer errors.
- Seamless collation of data being collected by dispersed teams
- Standardized data collection processes
- Incorporate multimedia modes of data collection
- Use of mobile phone eliminates need for separate sensors (GPS devices, camera etc.)

Components of ODK

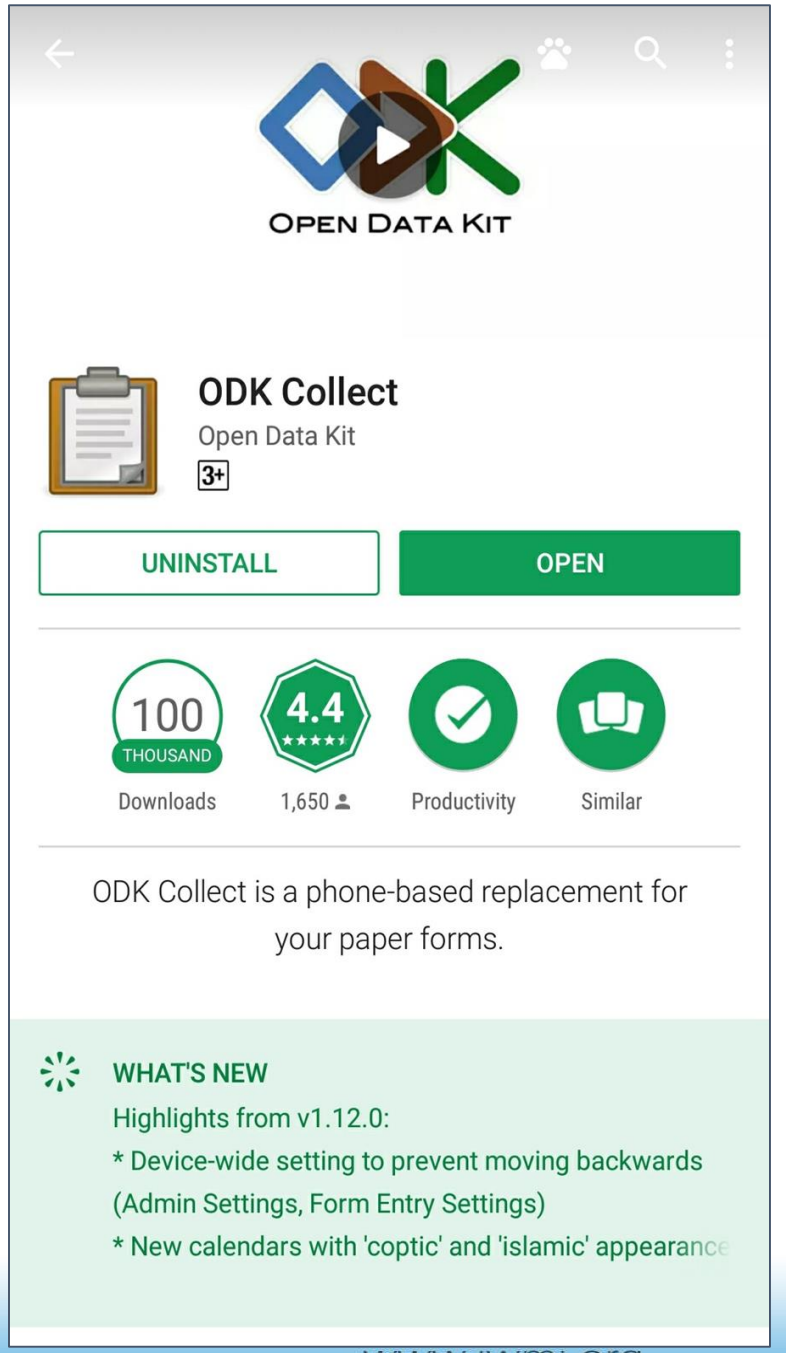
- ODK Build - Tools for authoring forms.
- ODK Collect - Android app for collecting field data
  - Android app
  - Download forms/collect data
  - Upload data
- ODK Aggregate - Store the field data and extract it to various formats
- ODK Briefcase - Serverless and completely offline way to manage forms and data
- ODK Form Uploader
- ODK Validate
- ODK Sensors Framework

Use of Field Data

- Generating Understanding and Creating Baselines
- Monitoring Progress
- Evaluating Impact

Where to find ODK App?

Install **ODK Collect** app for Google Play Store



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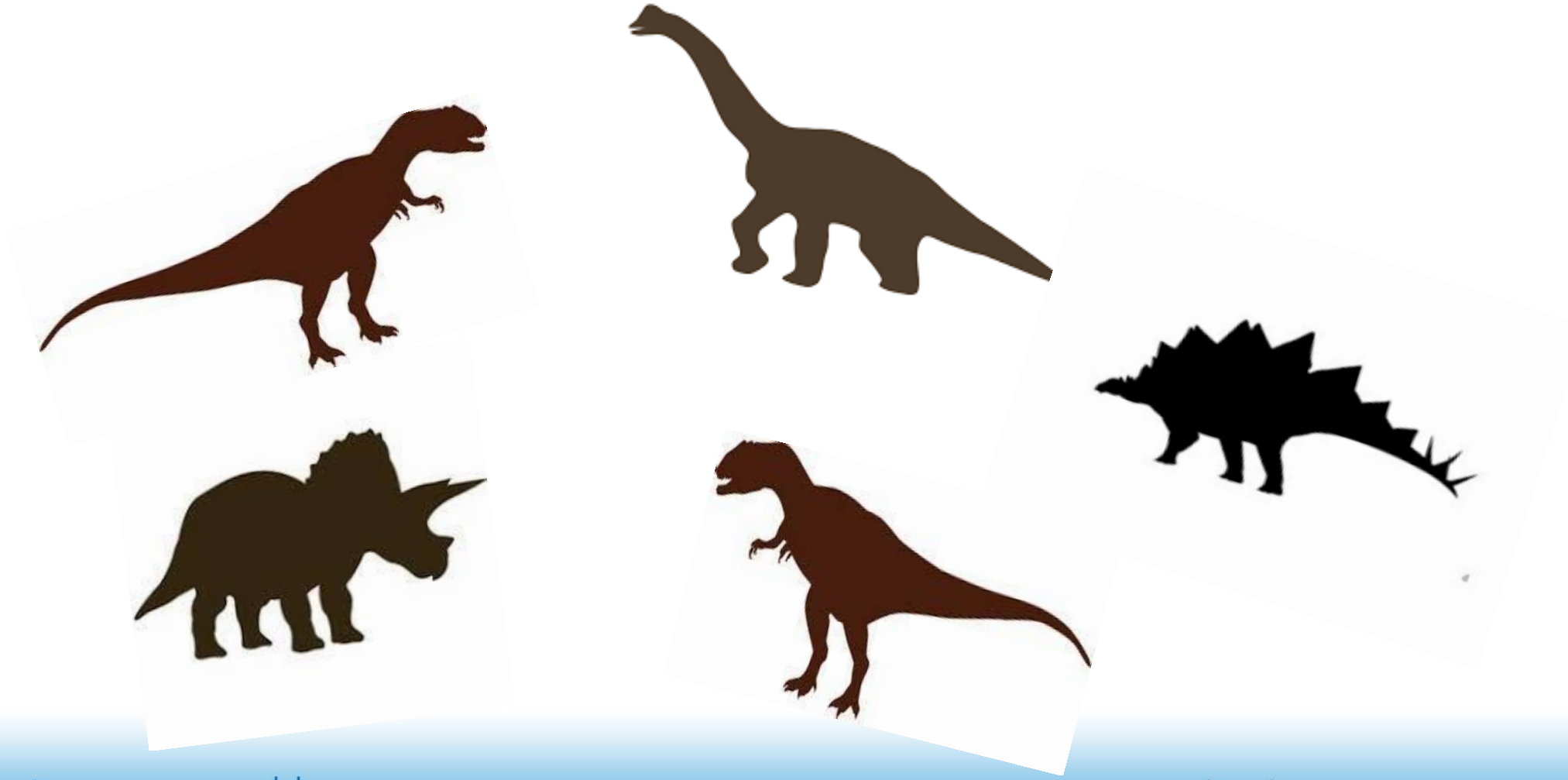

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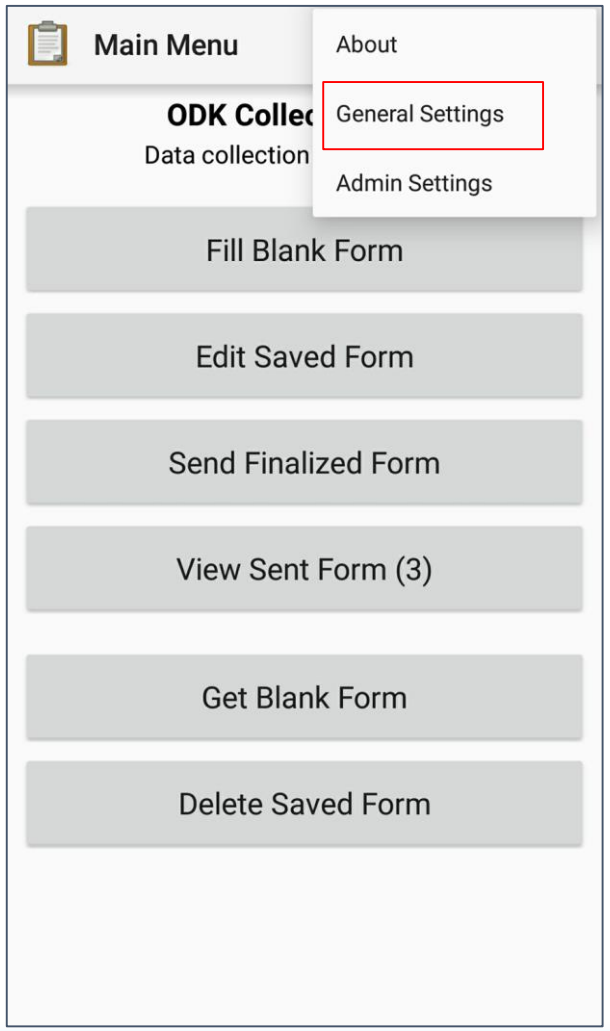

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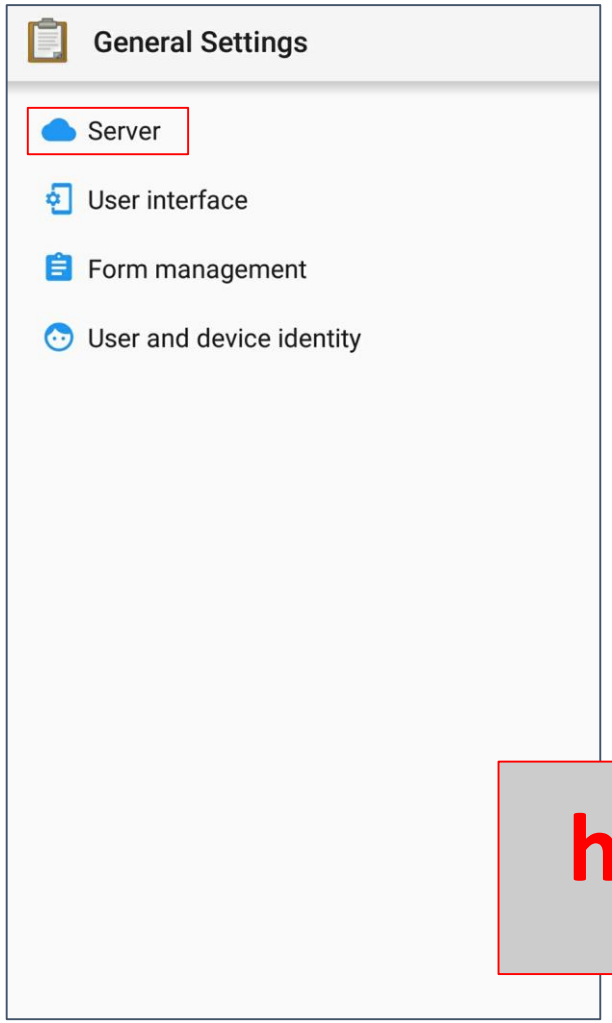

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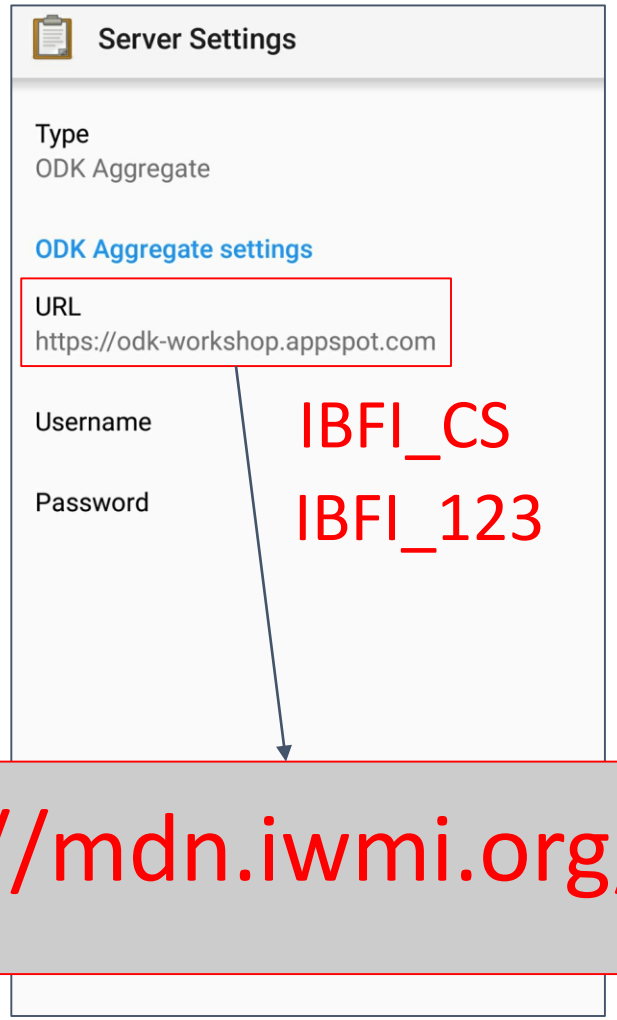

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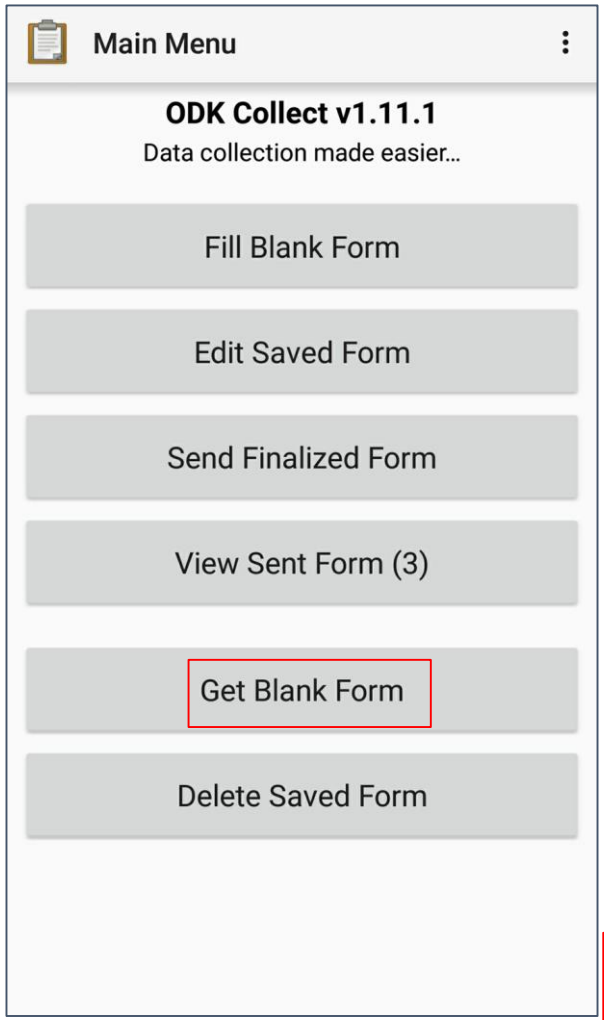
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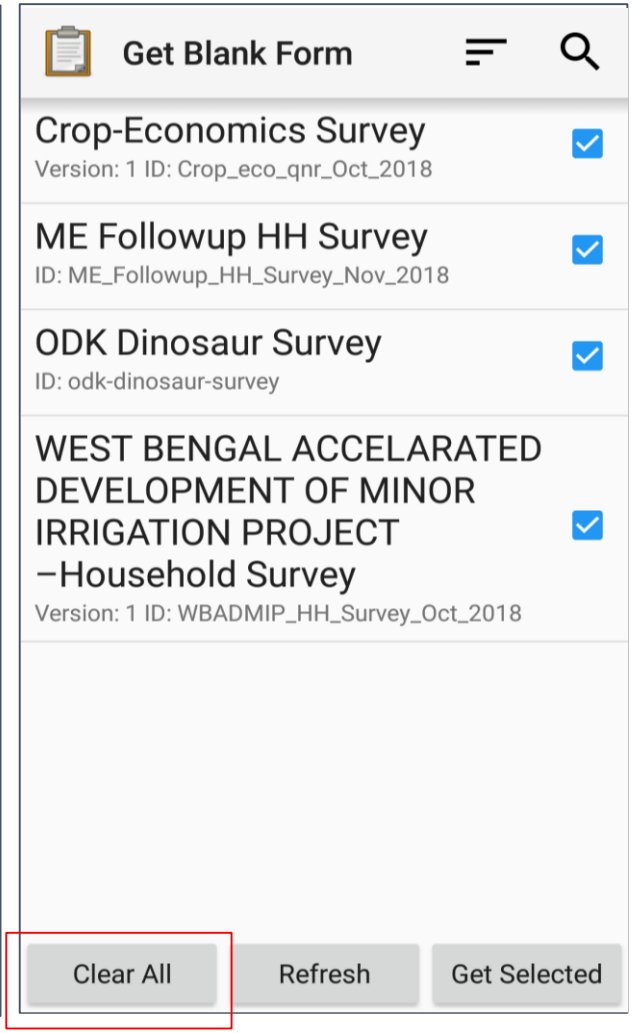
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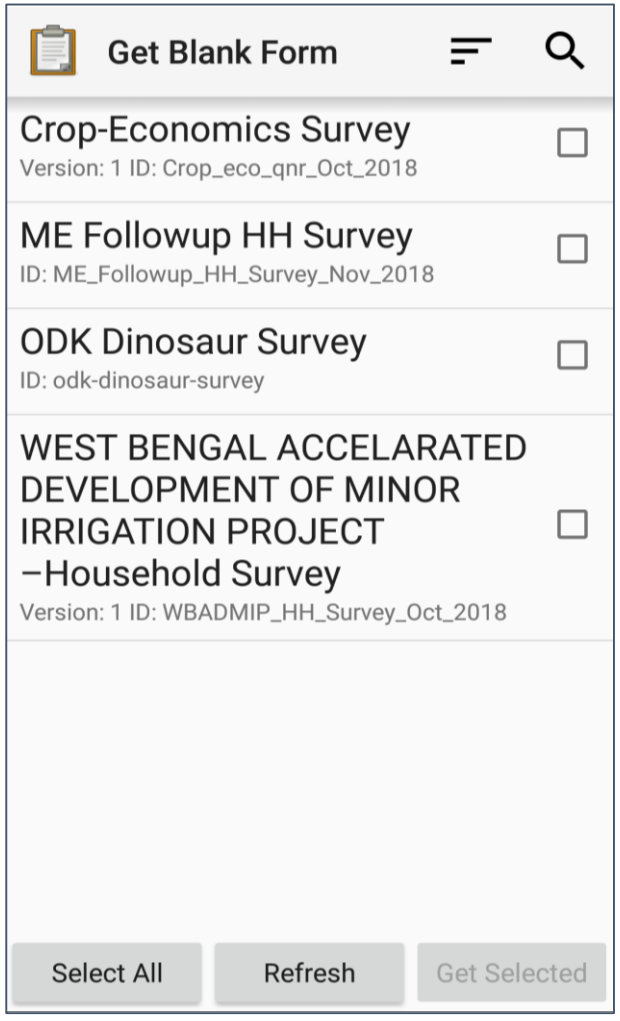
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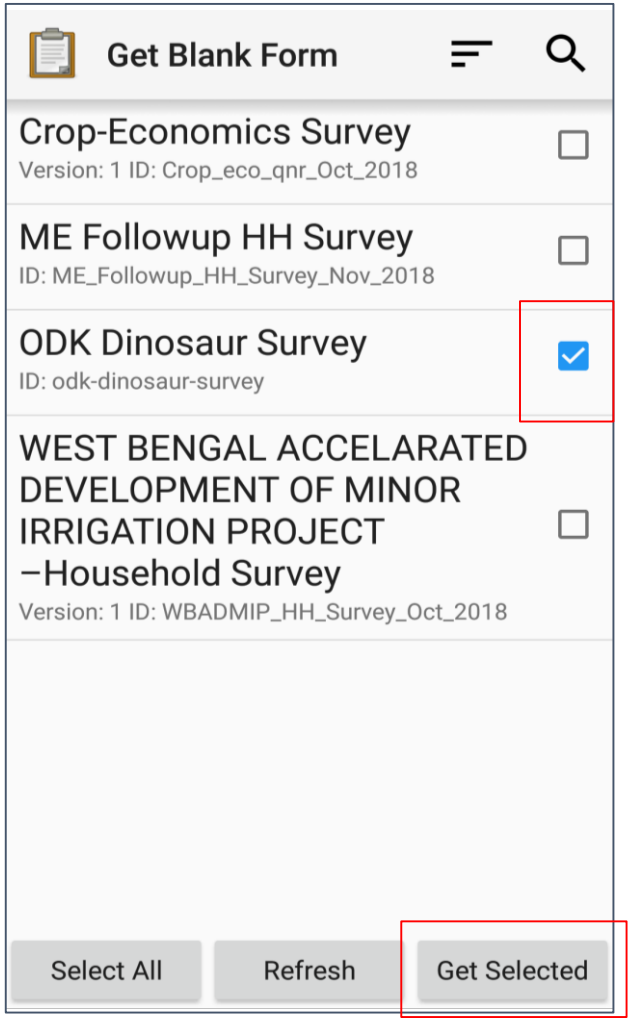
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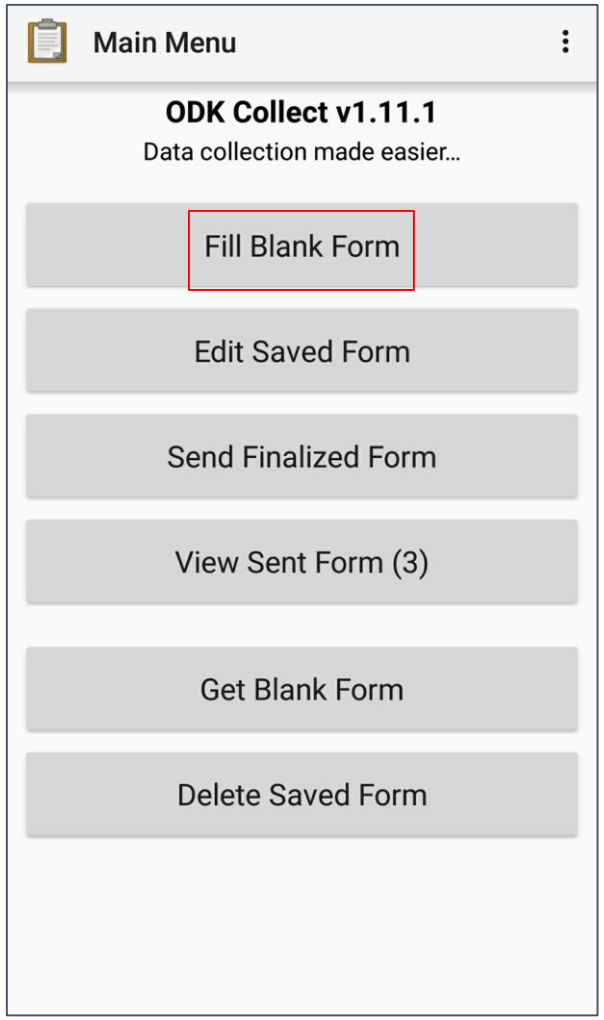
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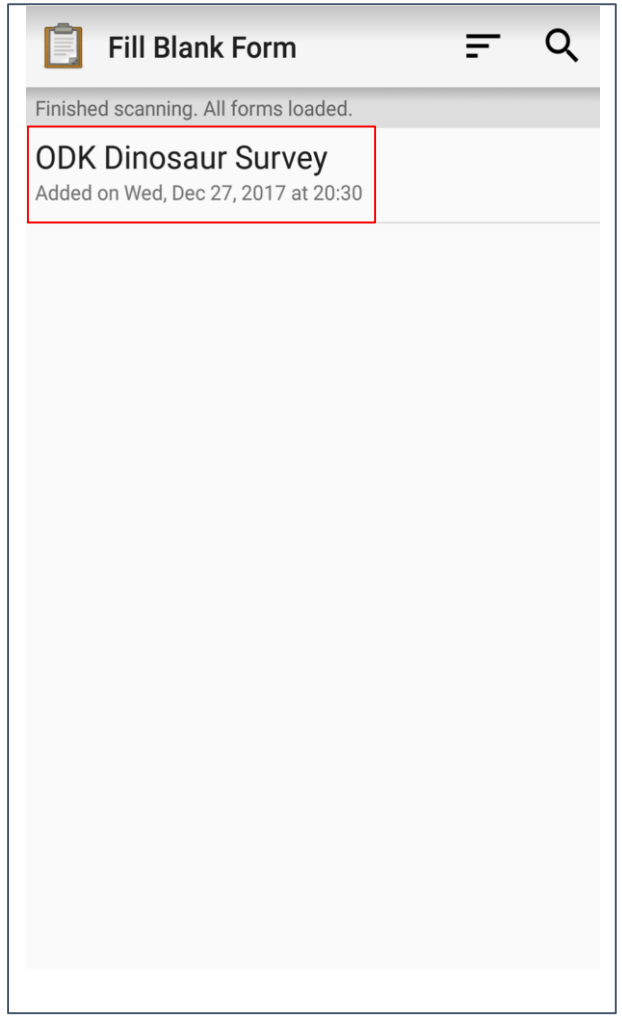
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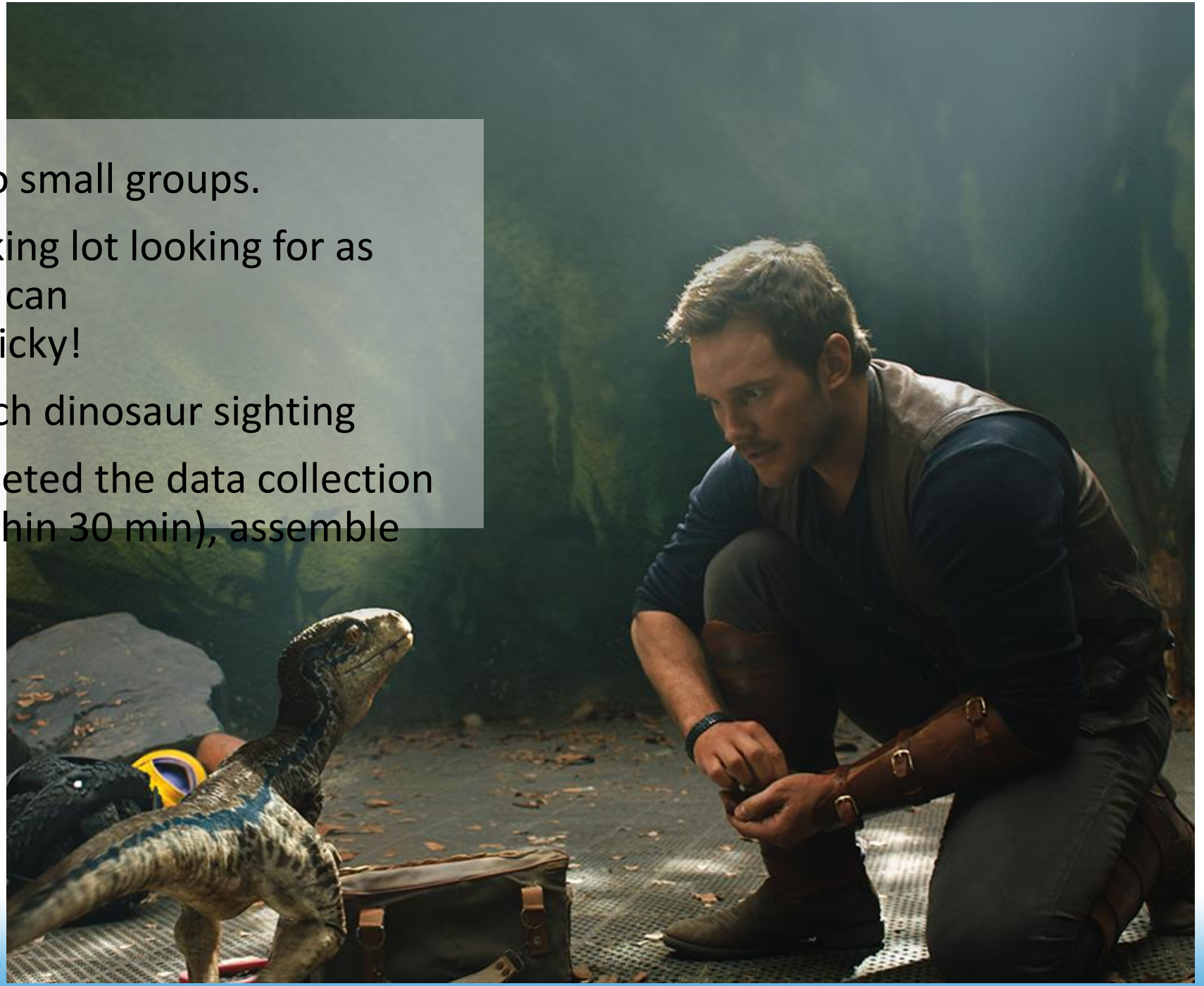
Field Exercise

- Divide yourselves into small groups.
- Walk around the parking lot looking for as many dinosaurs as you can
  - They can be very tricky!
- Fill out a form for each dinosaur sighting
- Once you have completed the data collection (up to 12 dinosaurs within 30 min), assemble back in this room



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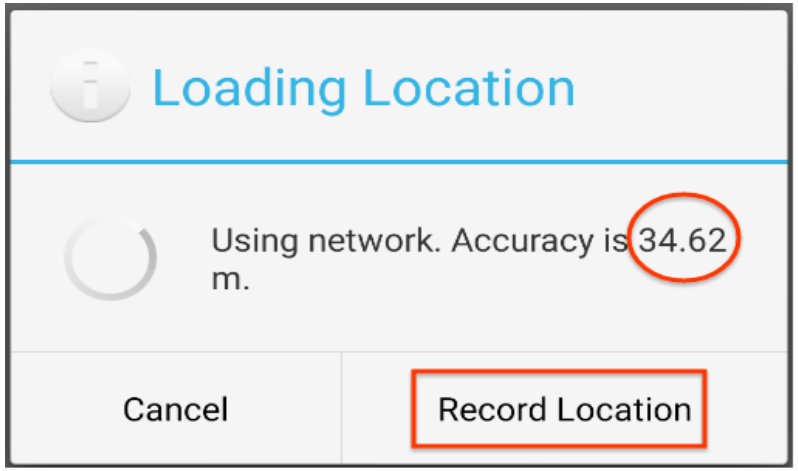
- Enable location on your phone. You may have to wait for a few minutes to get the first GPS fix.
- You can press the ‘Record Location’ button if you wait for a few minutes and your accuracy doesn’t improve.