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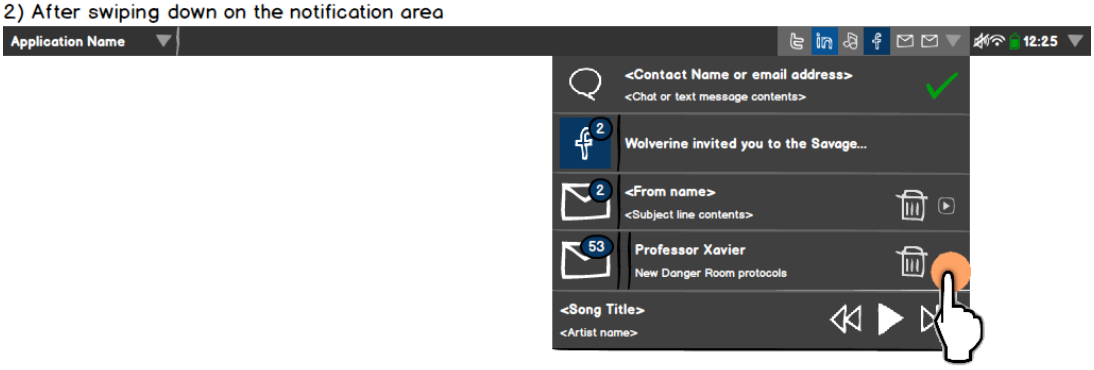
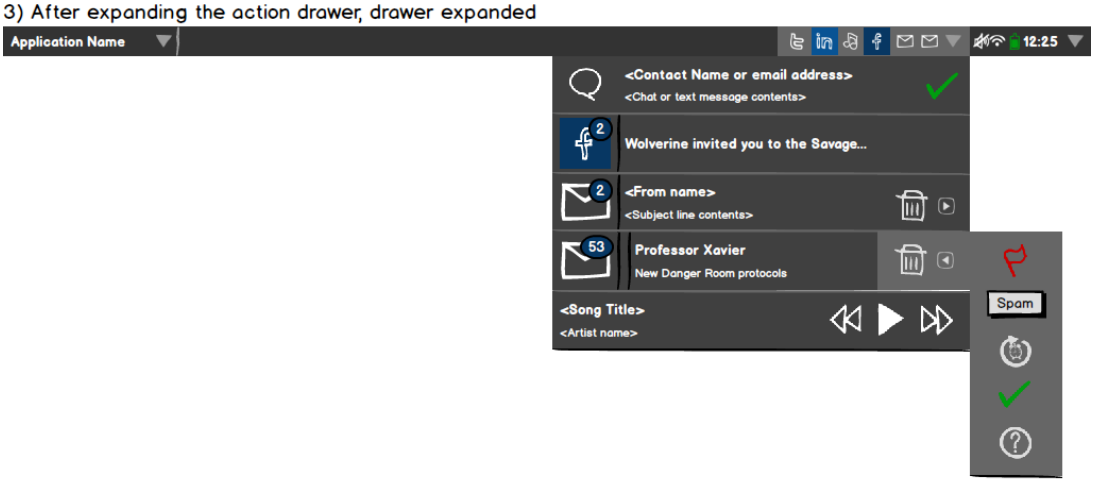
Design v0.1c: Action drawer opens below the notification

1) Status bar from within an app.

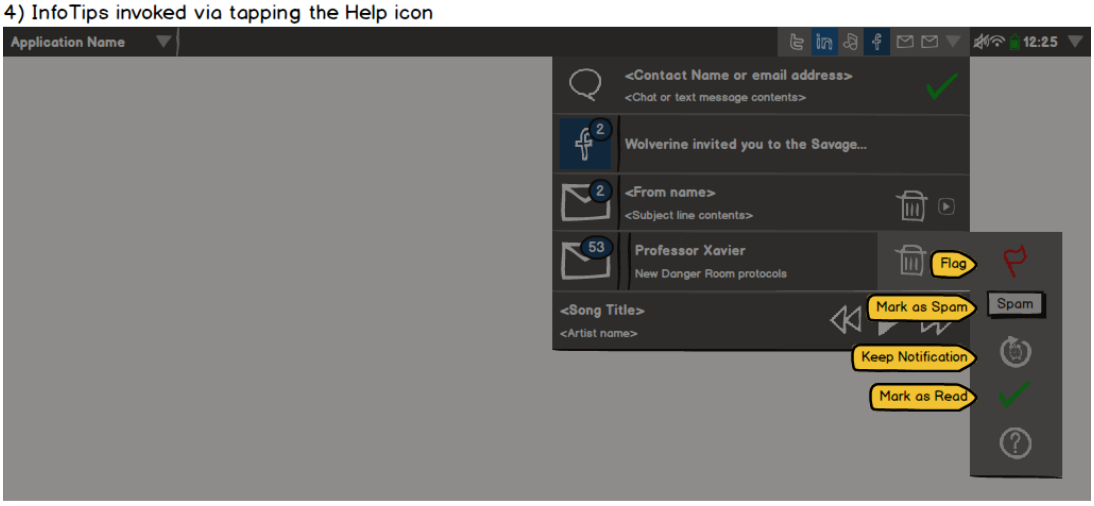
2) After swiping down on the notification area



3) After expanding the action drawer, drawer expanded



4) InfoTips invoked via tapping the Help icon



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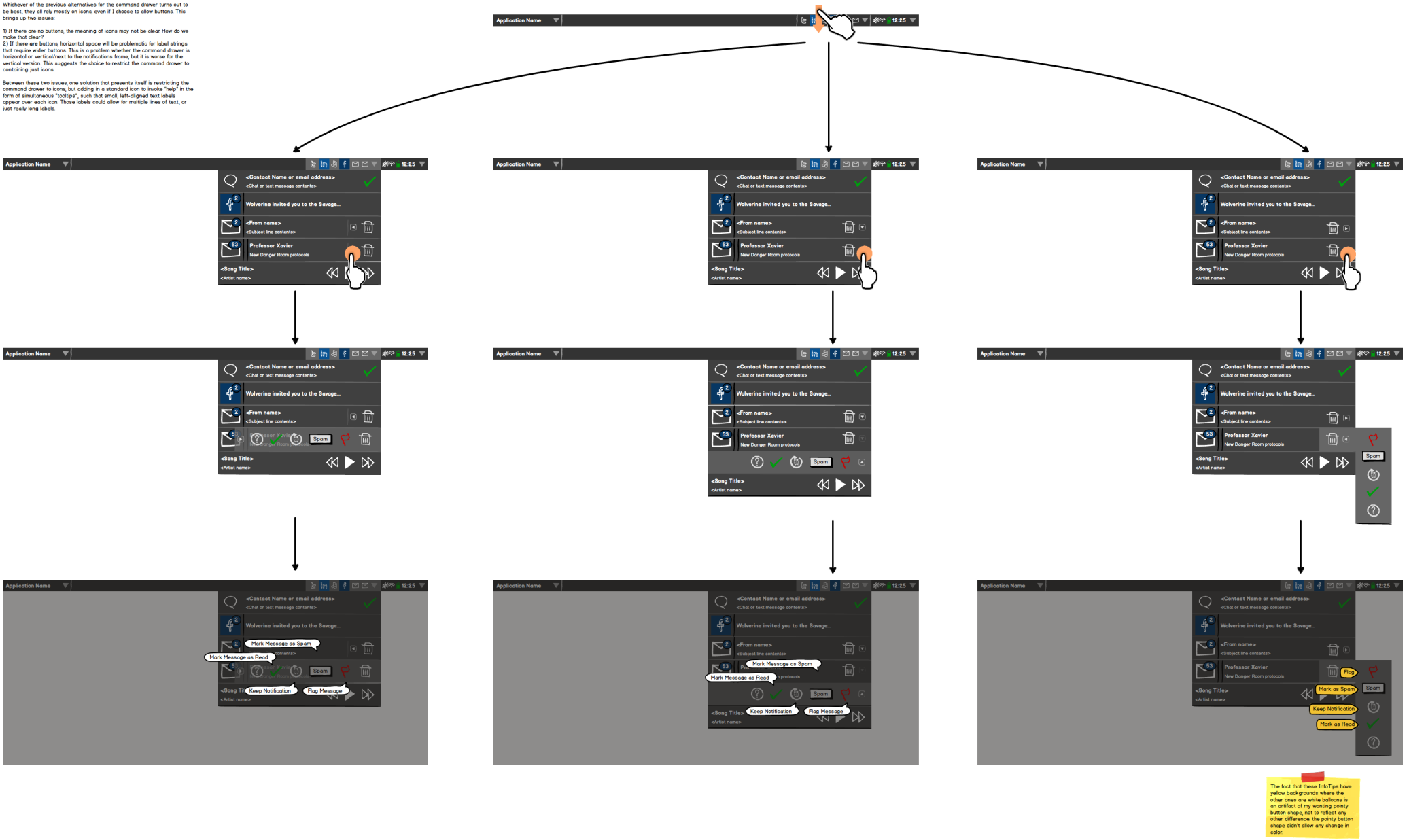

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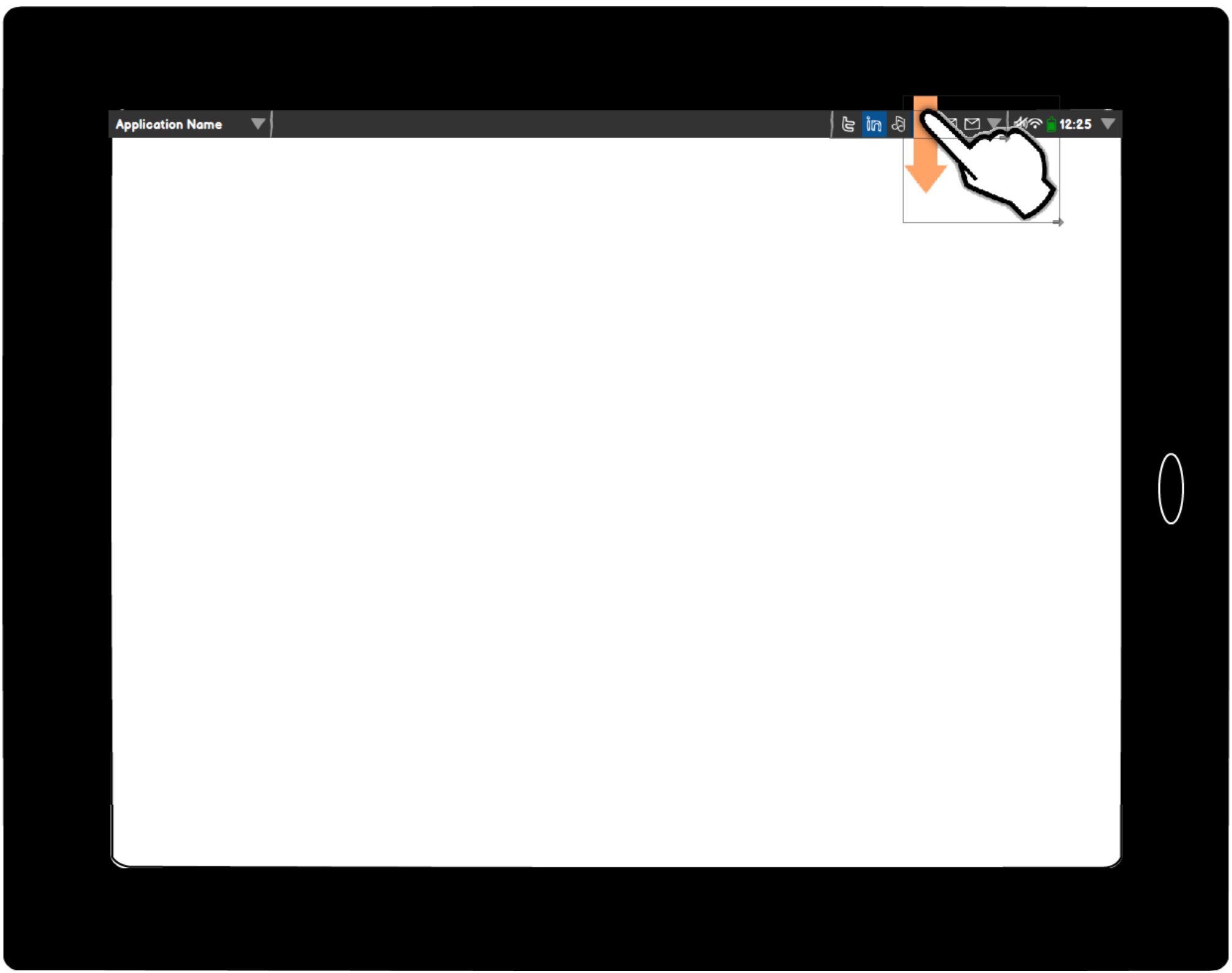
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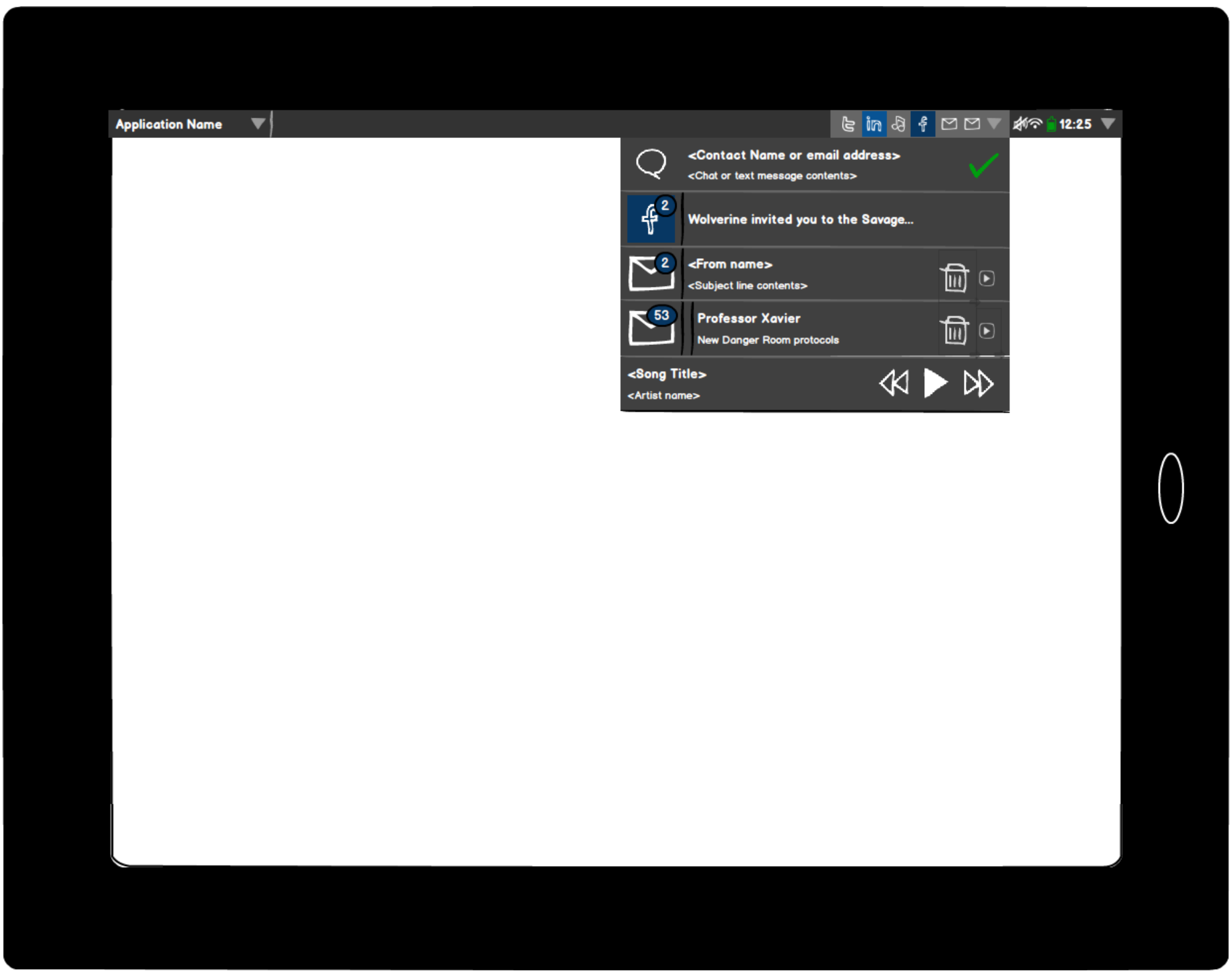
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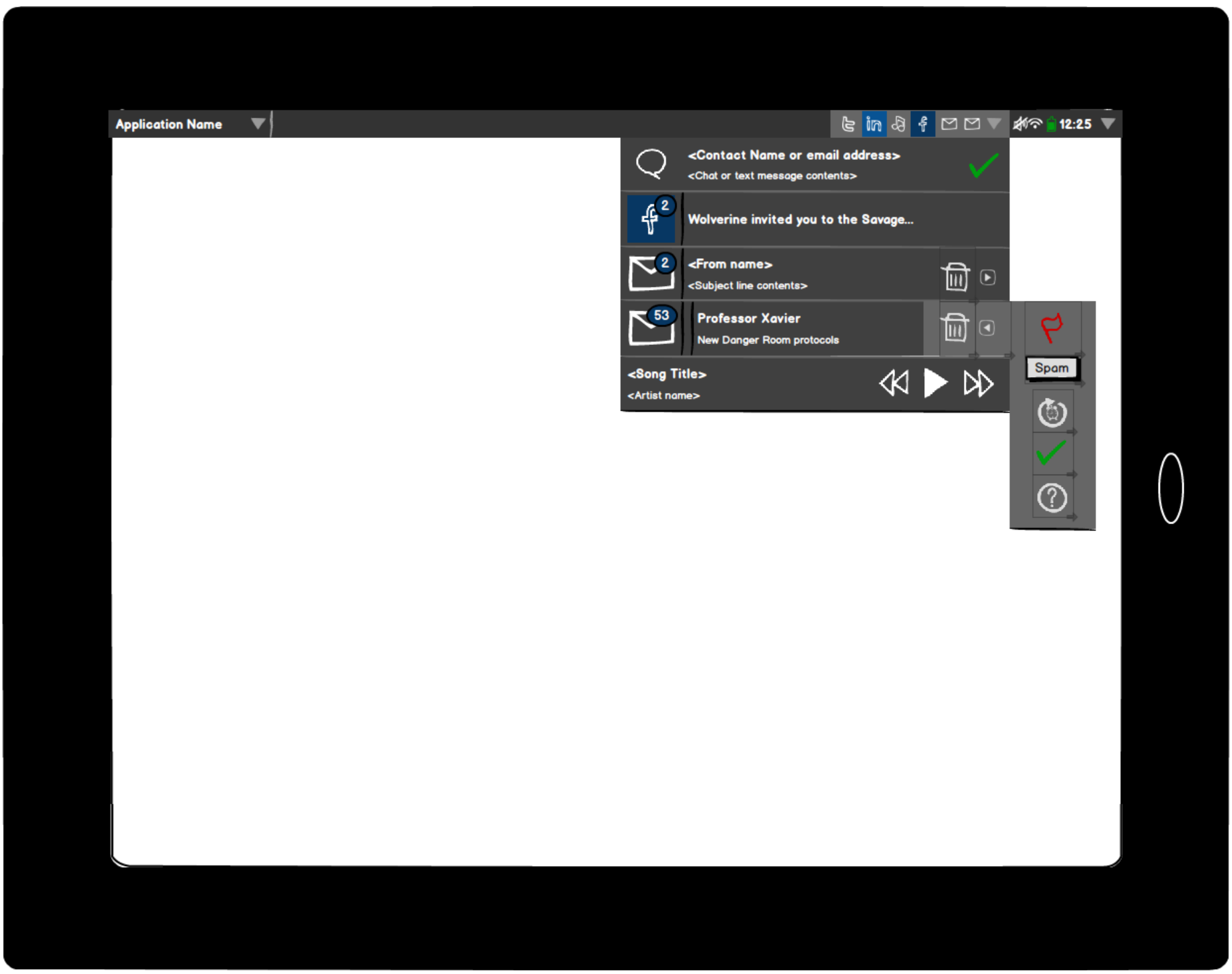
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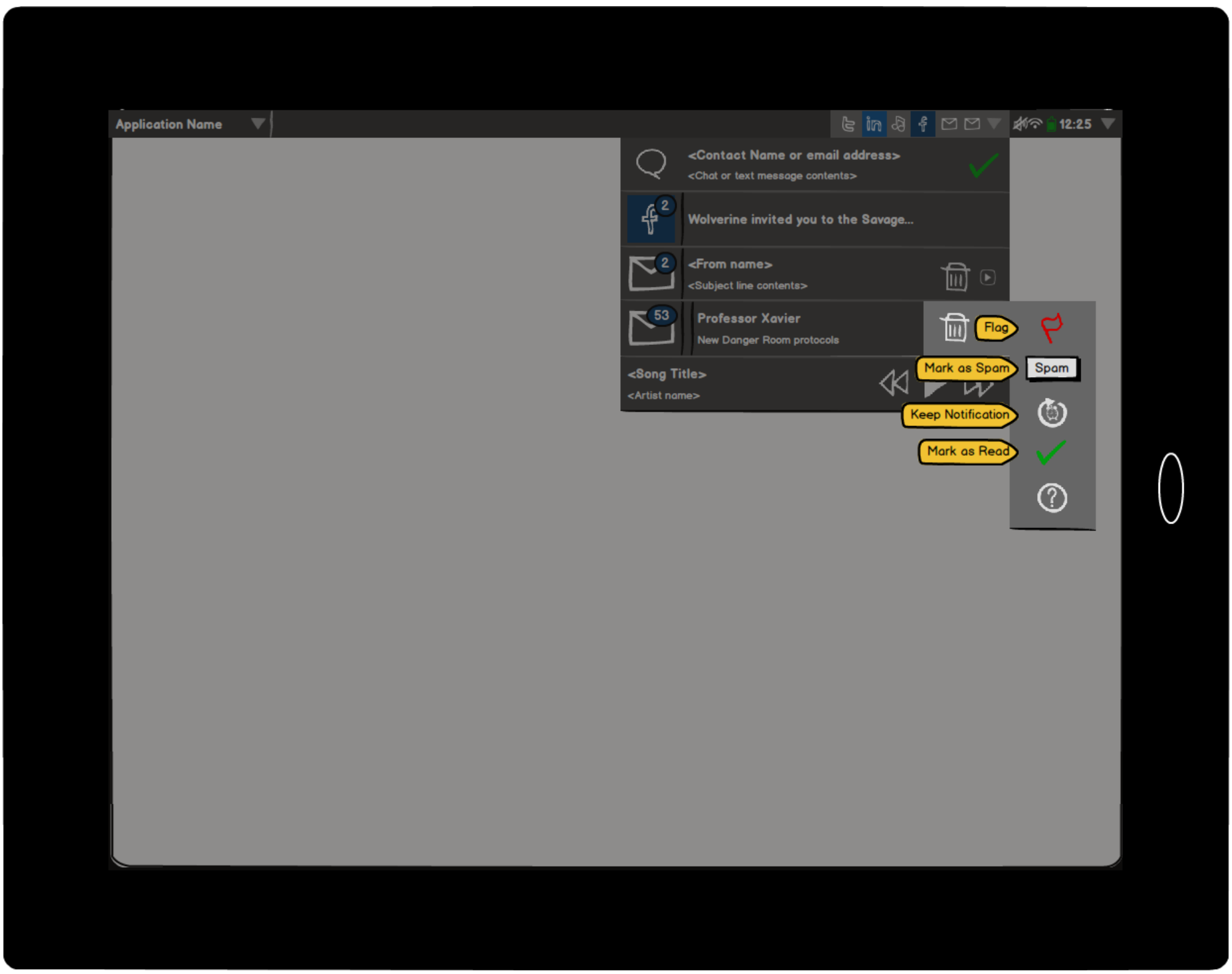
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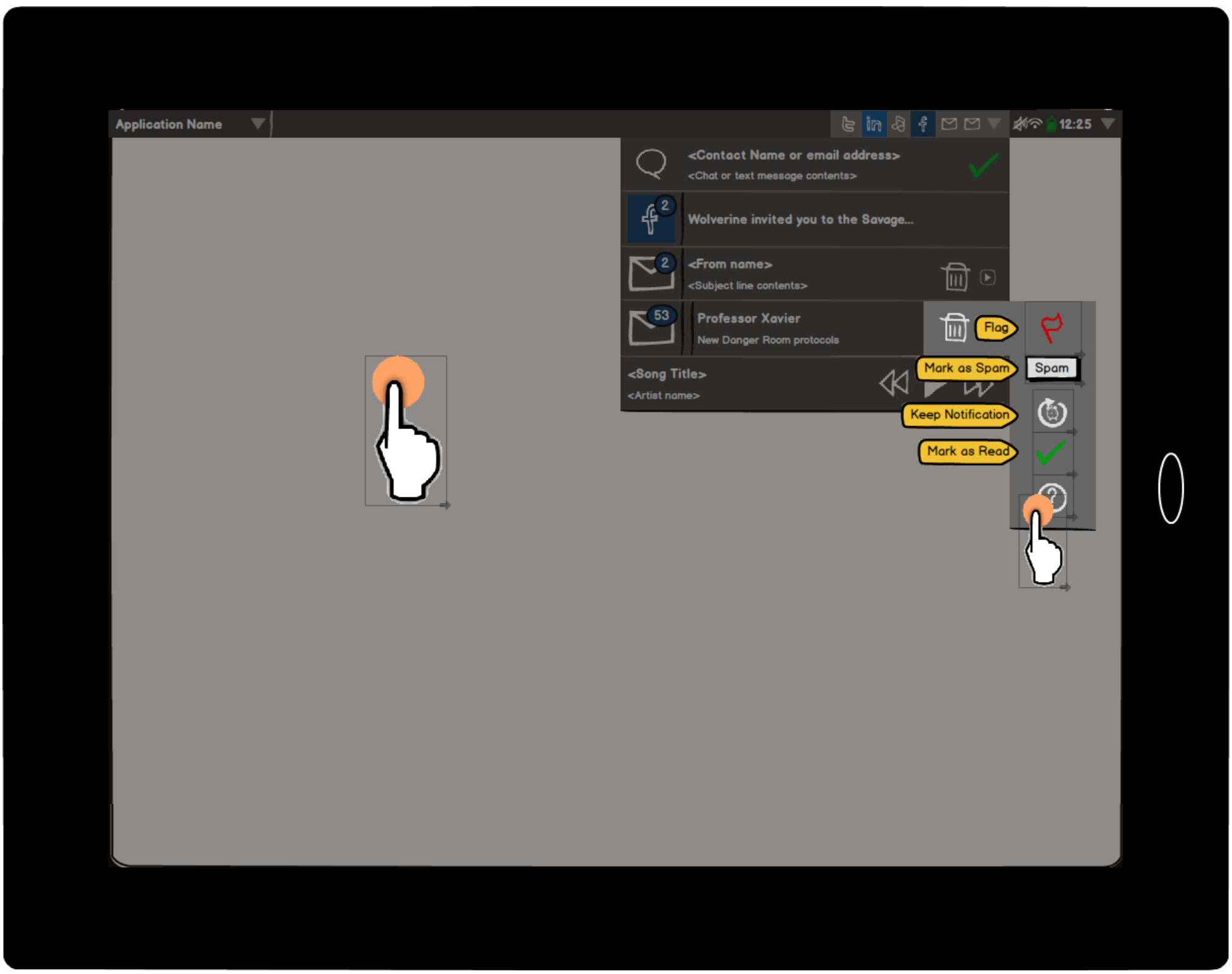
Mark as Read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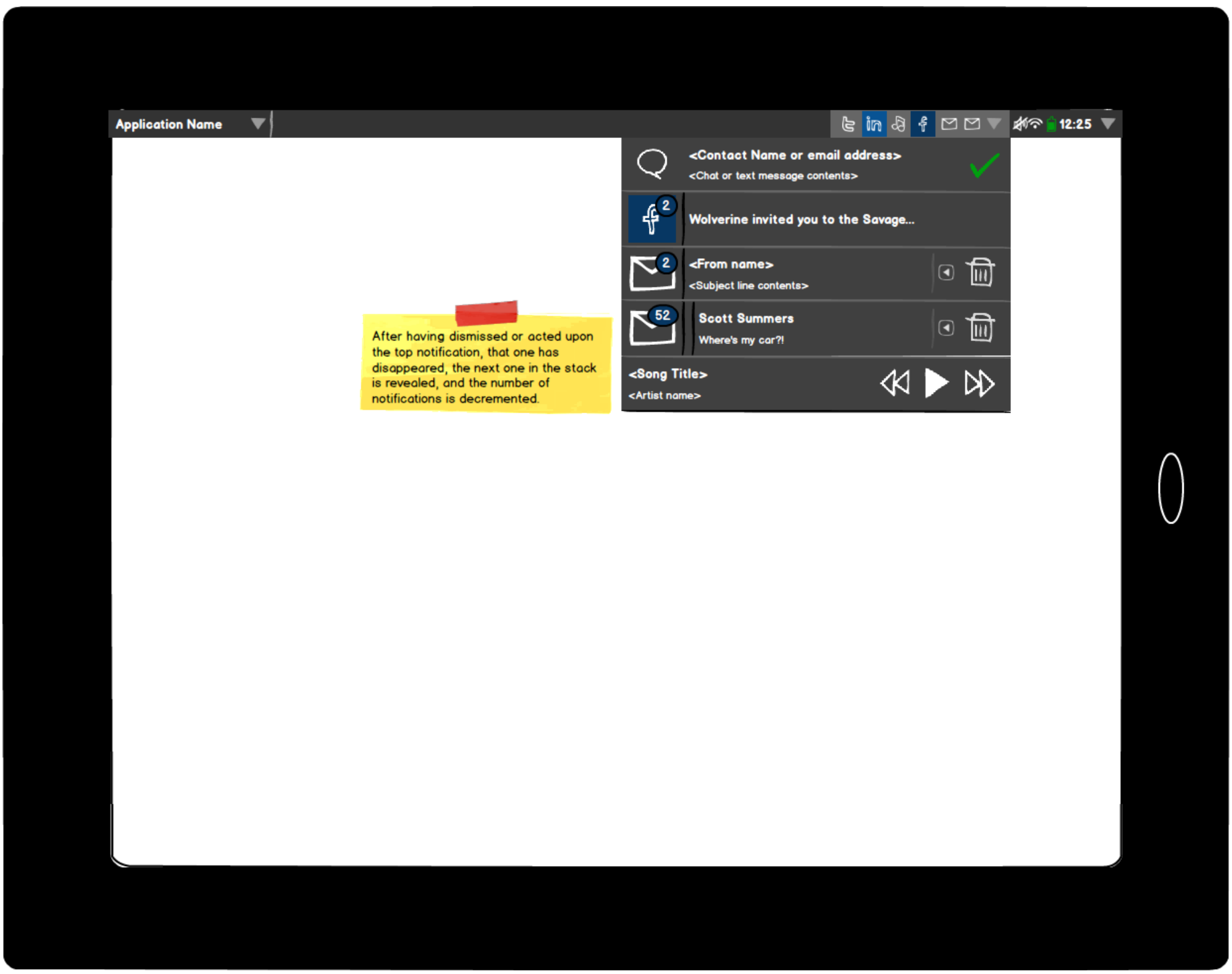
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52
Scott Summers
Where's my car?!
<Song Title>
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After having dismissed or acted upon the top notification, that one has disappeared, the next one in the stack is revealed, and the number of notifications is decremented.