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PROJECT TITLE – BizzLink



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Abstract



• Innovative Networking Platform:

- Connects entrepreneurs for collaboration and growth.
- Public profiles ensure visibility in a dynamic professional network.

• Cutting-edge Technology Stack:

- Flutter for a cross-platform, sleek mobile experience.
- Node.js, Express.js, MySQL for a secure and efficient backend.
- Firebase for rapid image storage.

• Engaging User Experience:

- Trend-focused design for modern business.
- Direct messaging, post interactions, and targeted user exploration.

• Adaptable to Trends:

- Aligned with ongoing business and entrepreneurship trends.
- Responsive design for evolving professional needs.

• Business Growth Catalyst:

- Facilitates connections and collaborations, driving business growth.
- Public profiles encourage visibility for potential partnerships.

• Secure and Scalable:

- Emphasis on secure user authentication.
- Scalable architecture for growth and increasing user base.

• Future-ready and Iterative:

- Ongoing user feedback loop for continuous improvements.
- Planned enhancements for evolving business and tech landscapes.



Introduction



Project Overview:

- Developed a professional social media mobile application called BizzLink.
- Aimed at entrepreneurs and business owners for enhanced collaboration and growth.

• Core Purpose:

- Facilitating meaningful connections within the professional community.
- Providing a platform for networking, collaboration, and business enhancement.

• Technological Foundation:

- Utilized cutting-edge technologies: Flutter, Node.js, Express.js, MySQL, and Firebase.
- Ensured a seamless, secure, and efficient experience for users.

• Public Accounts Approach:

- Opted for public profiles to maximize visibility and accessibility.
- Creating a dynamic network of professionals across various industries.

• User-Centric Design:

- Prioritized a professional user interface and experience.
- Tailored features to align with the latest trends in business and entrepreneurship.

• Engagement and Collaboration Focus:

- Emphasis on features like direct messaging, post interactions, and user exploration.
- Enabling users to connect, collaborate, and foster business growth.





Literature Review





LinkedIn:

- **Drawback:** While LinkedIn is a professional networking platform, it may not be specifically tailored for business service listings and collaborations.
- **Solution:** Your app could provide a dedicated space for businesses to list their services and easily find potential collaborators within their industry. It could also facilitate seamless communication and project management.



Facebook Groups:

- **Drawback:** While Facebook groups can foster discussions, they may lack dedicated features for business service listings and may not provide a professional environment for collaboration.
- **Solution:** Your app could offer a more structured and business-oriented environment, with features for listing services, searching for potential partners, and facilitating collaboration. It could also include tools for project management and secure communication.



B2B Marketplaces (e.g., Alibaba):

- **Drawback:** B2B marketplaces often focus on product sales and may not offer a space for detailed service listings or nuanced collaborations.
- **Solution:** Your app could cater specifically to service-oriented businesses, allowing them to detail their offerings comprehensively. Additionally, it could provide features for finding complementary services and forming partnerships.

Proposed Systems



Vision and Goals:

- *Vision:* BizzLink aims to be a premier networking platform for entrepreneurs, fostering collaboration and business growth.
- Goals: Connect entrepreneurs globally, provide a platform for showcasing services, and enhance professional networking.

Target Audience and Needs:

- Target Audience: Entrepreneurs and business owners.
- Needs: Efficient networking, professional service showcasing, streamlined communication.

Justification for Technologies:

- Flutter for a consistent cross-platform UI.
- Node.js and Express.js for a scalable and fast backend.
- MySQL for structured data storage.
- Firebase for seamless image handling.

Contribution to Functionality:

- Flutter ensures responsive UI.
- Node.js enables real-time communication.
- MySQL ensures data integrity.
- Firebase facilitates quick image storage.

Proposed Systems



User-Centric Design:

- User interviews, surveys, and personas guided design decisions.
- Iterative design based on user feedback and usability testing.

Understanding User Needs:

- Identified pain points: inefficient networking and communication.
- Explored preferences for intuitive navigation and appealing design.

Key Features for Initial Release:

- *User Profiles:* Highlighting professional backgrounds.
- *Direct Messaging:* Real-time communication for collaboration.
- Explore Page: Discover and connect with potential collaborators.

Justification for Feature Selection:

- Profiles enhance credibility.
- Direct messaging streamlines collaboration.
- Explore page promotes networking.

Benefits of Public Profiles:

- Facilitates easy discovery of services and businesses.
- Encourages connections through transparent networking.



System and Software Requirements



System Requirements:

• Operating System:

- BizzLink is compatible with iOS and Android operating systems.
- Users should have a minimum version of iOS 12 or Android 8.0 for optimal performance.

• Device Specifications:

- The application requires a smartphone with at least 2GB of RAM for smooth functioning.
- Recommended screen resolution for an optimal user experience.

• Internet Connectivity:

- BizzLink relies on a stable internet connection for real-time updates and messaging.
- A minimum bandwidth of 3G is recommended for seamless functionality.

Software Requirements:

Frontend Framework:

- BizzLink utilizes Flutter, a cross-platform UI toolkit, for the frontend.
- Users need to have the latest version of the BizzLink mobile application installed.

• Backend Framework:

- The backend is powered by Node.js and Express.js for robust server-side logic.
- No additional software requirements for end-users.

• Database:

- MySQL is employed for data storage and retrieval.
- No direct user interaction with the database is required.

• Image Storage:

- Firebase is used for efficient storage of images.
- Users need not interact with Firebase directly; it's seamlessly integrated into the app.

Unified Modelling Language (UML) Diagrams



Class Diagram

USER

- login
- register
- view posts
- Notifications

SERVICE PROVIDER

- User (as a service provider) creates a new service
- BizzLink registers the service details
- -User updates the service details if needed.

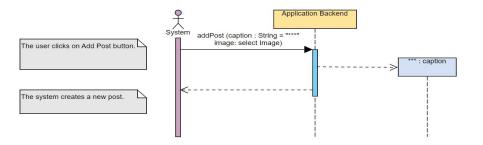
BUSINESS PROFILE

Suser (as a business owner) creates a business profile.

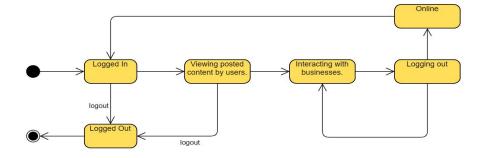
- BizzLink registers the business details.
- User updates the business details if needed

ASSOCIATIONS -User comment relationship -User-Follow relationship -User-Tag relationship -User-Location relationship

Create Post Activity Diagram

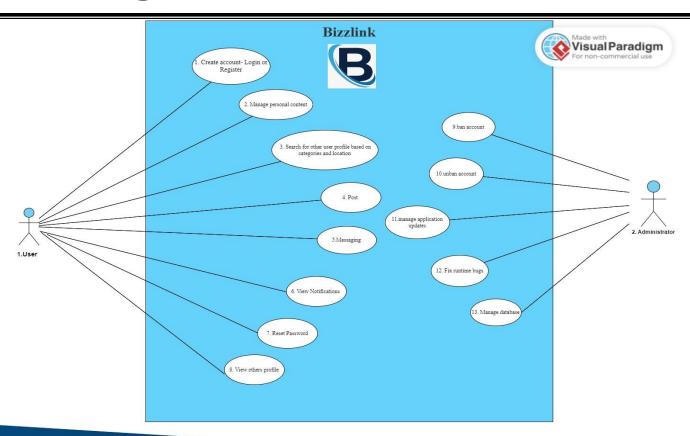


User Journey State Machine Diagram



Use Case Diagram





Overview of Algorithms used - Frontend



Register Page

- 1. Define a Flutter StatefulWidget named RegisterPage with 1. Create a FollowerPage that displays a list of followers. various TextEditingController variables.
- 2. Implement a form with text input fields for user registration 3. Navigate to the follower's profile page on tap. information.
- 3. Validate user inputs and display error messages if needed.
- 4. Create a Service class with a method (saveUser) to make an HTTP post request to register a user.
- 5. Handle the registration response, save the user ID if successful, and navigate to the home page.
- 6. Implement UI interactions, such as showing a loading button registration. during

Home Page

- 1. HomePage widget displaying user posts.
- 2. Fetch posts from the server using HTTP requests.
- 3. Like button functionality with HTTP requests.
- 4. User profile and post details navigation.
- 5. BottomNavigationBar for navigation.
- 6. Actions for message, profile, and post details.

Direct Message Page

- 2. Use ListTile for each follower with profile information.
- 4. Implement a BottomNavigationBar for navigation.
- 5. Handle navigation logic for Home, Search, Plus, and Notification.
- 6. Update the import statement for UserProfilePage.

Explore Page

- 1. Define a StatefulWidget named SearchPage.
- 2. Initialize necessary variables and lists for user data and selected category.
- 3. Implement initState() to load user ID and initial user data.
- 4. Create UI elements including a dropdown for category filtering, a search bar, and a GridView for displaying users.
- 5. Implement asynchronous functions to load user data based on selected category and to handle user ID loading.
- 6. Build the main Scaffold with an AppBar, a filter dropdown, a search bar, a horizontal list, and a GridView of user cards.

Profile Page

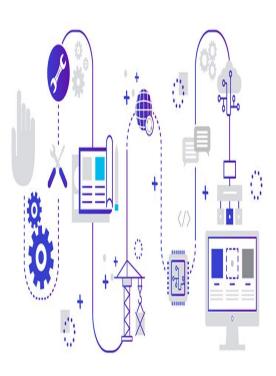
- 1. Define the 'PostDisplayPage' class with necessary parameters for displaying a post.
- 2. Implement a stateful widget for 'PostDisplayPage' with functions to load user ID, fetch comments, toggle like, post comments, and delete comments
- 3. Build the UI structure with an app bar, user information, post image, like and comment buttons, and a comments section.
- 4. Implement logic to handle like button clicks, navigate to the user profile on username tap, and navigate to the direct message page on the message button tap.
- 5. Display the post details, including the username, caption, image, like count, and comments.
- 6. Use a bottom navigation bar for navigating between different sections of the app (Home, Search, Plus, Notification).

Overview of Algorithms used - Backend



Backend

- 1. Initialize Express application, configure middleware (body-parser, cors), and set up database connection.
- 2. Define routes for user-related operations (register, login, profile, update, followers, following, etc.).
- 3. Implement registration route (/user/register) to check for duplicate usernames, emails, and mobile numbers before inserting a new user into the database.
- 4. Create a login route (/user/login) to authenticate users based on mobile number and password.
- 5. Implement routes for user profile manipulation (/user/profile/:userId, /user/update/:userId).
- 6. Define routes for handling followers and following relationships (/user/followers/:userId, /user/following/:userId).
- 7. Implement routes to retrieve and display follower/following lists for a specific user or user profile.
- 8. Create routes for posting and loading posts (/user/post, /user/loadposts/:userId).
- 9. Implement a route to toggle like status on a post (/user/toggleLike/:postId).
- 10. Create routes to load and display user posts (/user/loaduserposts/:username, /user/loadcurrentuserposts/:userId).
- 11. Implement routes for checking if a user is following another (/user/checkfollowing/:currentUserId).
- 12. Define routes for following and unfollowing users (/user/followuser/:currentUserId, /user/unfollowuser/:currentUserId).
- 13. Implement routes for handling direct messages (/user/recentmessages/:userId, /user/loadmessages/:userId/:receiverId, /user/sendmessage).
- 14. Create routes for user search and displaying search results (/user/loadsearchpageusers/:userId).
- 15. Implement routes for checking email existence (/user/checkEmail/:email).
- 16. Define routes for loading notifications and handling notification-related operations (/user/loadnotifications/:userId).
- 17. Implement routes for loading and handling comments on posts (/user/loadcomments/:postId, /user/postcomment, /user/deletecomment/:commentId).
- 18. Export the defined routes for use in the main application file.
- 19. Run the Express application, listen on a specified port and IP address.



Project Timeline - Gantt Chart



BIZZLINK TIMELINE

TASKS	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
INITIATION	0000		
PLANNING			
DESIGN	0000	0000	
DEVELOPMENT		0000	
TESTING		0000	0000
IMPLEMENTATION			
CLOSURE			
REVIEW			0000

Result Snippets









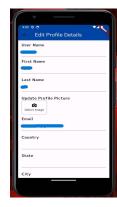




















Conclusion



• Project Success:

 The BizzLink project has achieved its goals of creating a dynamic, professional networking platform for entrepreneurs and business owners.

• Impact on Professional Connectivity:

BizzLink has successfully contributed to fostering meaningful connections, collaborations, and partnerships within the professional community.

• Innovation and Adaptability:

• The project's use of cutting-edge technologies, responsive design, and adaptability to ongoing trends showcases a commitment to innovation.

• User-Centric Design:

• The user-centric design and continuous feedback loop have been instrumental in optimizing the overall user experience.

• Future Expansion and Enhancements:

• The project is designed with scalability in mind, leaving room for future expansion and enhancements to meet the evolving needs of users.

• Strategic Business Tool:

• BizzLink is positioned as a strategic tool for professionals, providing not just a networking platform but a catalyst for business growth.



Future Scopes



Global Expansion:

Explore the possibility of expanding the platform to cater to a global audience of entrepreneurs and businesses.

Advanced Filters:

Implement more advanced filters for users to narrow down search results based on specific criteria like industry, skills, etc.

Business Analytics:

Integrate analytics tools to provide users with insights into their posts' performance and audience engagement.

Collaboration Features:

Incorporate features that facilitate collaboration between businesses, such as joint ventures, partnerships, or shared projects.

Including more Features:

Have an updates tab at the top where users can post instant update which can viewed by others to know more about what's happening.



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