

Pet Caring Application

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Introduction to the PetPal App Frontend

Purpose:

The PetPal frontend application provides a seamless and user-friendly interface for pet owners. It allows users to manage their pets efficiently through a highly intuitive design. The app focuses on delivering a responsive and engaging experience while maintaining accessibility and usability.

Key Features:

- Interactive UI: Easy navigation for managing pets and viewing userspecific details.
- Error Feedback: Displays helpful messages for better user guidance.
- Visual Cues: Utilizes animations and intuitive layouts for enhanced usability.

Authentication and Security in Frontend

User Authentication Workflow:

- Secure login integrated with backend JWT-based authentication.
- User roles (SuperAdmin, Admin, Regular User) dynamically adjust frontend access.

Frontend Implementation Highlights:

- Form Validation: Ensures correct data input using real-time feedback mechanisms.
- Secure Token Handling: Stores JWT securely in SharedPreferences for authenticated API calls.
- Role-Based Views: Dynamically renders features based on the user's role embedded in the JWT.

User Interaction and Features

Home Page:

- Displays a personalized welcome message and a list of registered pets.
- Interactive buttons for viewing, editing, or deleting pet details.

Pet Registration:

- User-friendly forms to add pet details, such as name, breed, and age.
- Drop-down options for selecting the pet's gender.

Update Pet Details:

- Allows users to modify pet details with pre-filled forms for easy updates.
- Real-time validation ensures no incomplete or incorrect data is submitted.

Error Handling:

- Centralized error-handling framework to catch issues like invalid inputs or server errors.
- Toast messages and dialog boxes provide immediate feedback to the user.

Frontend Tech Stack

Programming Language:

Kotlin: Provides concise and robust code for Android development.

UI Components:

- XML-based layouts for designing intuitive interfaces.
- Material Design principles for consistent and visually appealing UI elements.

State Management:

ViewModel and LiveData for observing and managing application states.

API Integration:

- Retrofit for seamless communication with the backend APIs.
- Swagger for understanding backend endpoints and ensuring compatibility.

Challenges & Solutions

Challenge 1: Creating Role-Based Views

Solution:

Dynamically render UI components based on the role extracted from JWT.

Challenge 2: Handling API Errors Gracefully

Solution:

Integrated a centralized error-handler that uses ApiErrorHandler to map backend error codes to user-friendly messages.

Future Enhancements

Improved User Experience:

Introduce animations and transitions for smoother interactions.

Offline Functionality:

 Add support for offline pet management with local storage, syncing changes once online.

Cross-Platform Expansion:

 Develop a web-based version of the app to complement the Android version.

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