

Software Engineering - Coursework- Sprint 2

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Technical Components & Design

Overview

The FitXchange platform is designed to facilitate the exchange of outfits for various social and professional occasions through a robust, database-driven web application. This overview highlights the technical infrastructure and the application of systematic diagrams that guide the development process, ensuring that FitXchange is both scalable and user-centric.

Technical Infrastructure:

- Front-End Technologies: The client-facing side of FitXchange is built using HTML and Pug, a
 high-performance template engine, which together streamline the creation of HTML
 markup. JavaScript is extensively used to enhance the interactivity of the web pages,
 providing a dynamic user experience.
- Back-End Technologies: Node.js serves as the core back-end runtime environment, allowing
 for scalable server-side scripting. Docker containers are employed to encapsulate the
 application's environment, ensuring consistency across development, testing, and
 production landscapes.
- **Database Solution:** MySQL, a robust relational database management system, is used to manage structured data efficiently. It supports complex queries and transactions, making it ideal for handling the intricate data relationships within FitXchange.

Application of Systematic Diagrams:

- Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD): Critical for visualizing the structured data in MySQL, the ERD helps define and refine the relational database schema, crucial for effective data management and integrity.
- **Use Case Diagram:** This diagram provides insights into user interactions with the system, clarifying the various functionalities available to different user roles within FitXchange and guiding the user interface design.
- **Sequence Diagrams:** Essential for detailing the interactions between objects over time, sequence diagrams depict the order of operations triggered by transactions, helping developers understand and implement the flow of processes accurately.
- Activity Diagrams: These diagrams are used to visualize the flow of operations within specific functionalities, helping to map out the logic behind user activities and system responses, which is vital for coding the back-end services.



Project Documentation

Application Features User Stories:

Borrowing:

- As a user seeking professional or special occasion attire, I want to browse and filter a
 collection of outfits, so that I can quickly identify pieces that match my style and my event
 needs.
- 2. As a user, I want assurance that each outfit is authentic, well-maintained, and ethically sourced, so that I can feel confident in my choice and the integrity of the platform.
- 3. As a user, I want an effortless transaction process, including eco-friendly shipping or pickup options, so that my experience is both convenient and in line with ethical and environmental considerations.
- 4. As a user unfamiliar with professional or formal dress codes, I want access to fashion tips and trend insights, so that I can dress appropriately and stay stylish.

Lending:

- 5. As a user with well-maintained items that are no longer in regular use, I want to easily create detailed and visually appealing listings, so that I can share my outfits with others while ensuring that they're presented accurately.
- 6. As a user, I want to define lending conditions such as rental duration, pricing, deposit and care instructions, so that I can manage risk, protect my belongings and ensure proper use.
- 7. As a lender with fashion experience, I want to share styling tips and outfit recommendations alongside my listings, so that borrowers can trust my fashion advice and feel more confident in their choices.

Administrating:

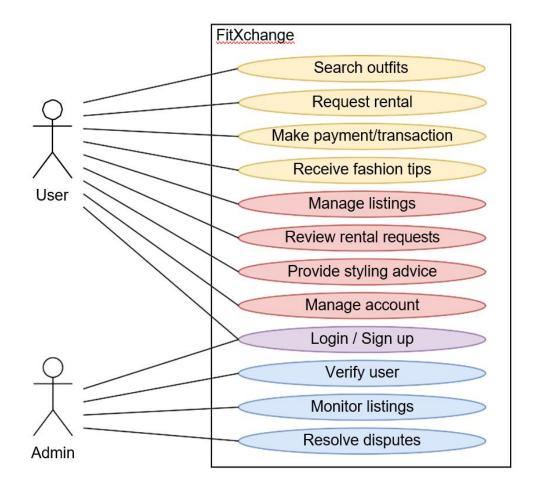
- 8. As an administrator, I want to verify new users/user identities, monitor listings and oversee transactions, so that the platform remains safe, transparent and authentic for all users.
- 9. As an administrator, I want to effectively manage conflicts and ensure adherence to platform guidelines suck as ethical, environmental and intellectual property standards, so that disputes are resolved fairly, and the platforms reputation is maintained.

Login / Sign up (Sign up only for user):

10. As a user of the system, I want to be able to create and log in to my account securely while also being notified of the terms and conditions of the service, so that I can make an account and safely become a functioning member of the platform.



Use Case Diagram



Rationale for User Role Generalization:

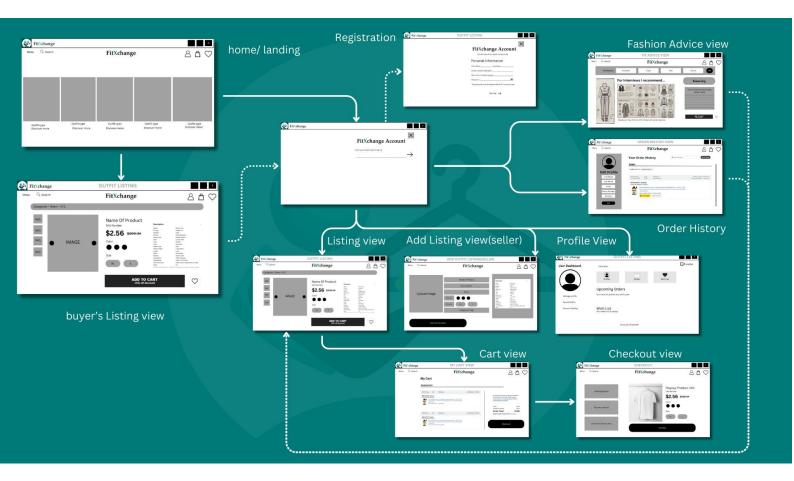
- **Generalized User Roles:** In FitXchange, while there are theoretically three types of interactions—buying, selling, and administrative—these roles share common attributes and behaviors that allow them to be generalized into two main roles: User and Administrator.
- **User Role:** This role encompasses both buyers and sellers. The decision to generalize these roles into a single 'User' actor in the use case diagram stems from the overlapping functionalities they share, such as browsing items, managing accounts, and processing transactions. A user on FitXchange can seamlessly switch between buying and selling outfits, reflecting the dual nature of their engagement with the platform. This design simplifies the system architecture and reduces complexity by eliminating redundant processes.



Sprint 3 Specifications

Wireframes

For FitXchange, wireframes were instrumental in visualizing the seamless transition between the roles of buyers and sellers, highlighting dual functionality within a single, cohesive user interface. This approach supports the platform's goal of enabling users to effortlessly switch between buying and selling outfits, enhancing user experience and platform efficiency.

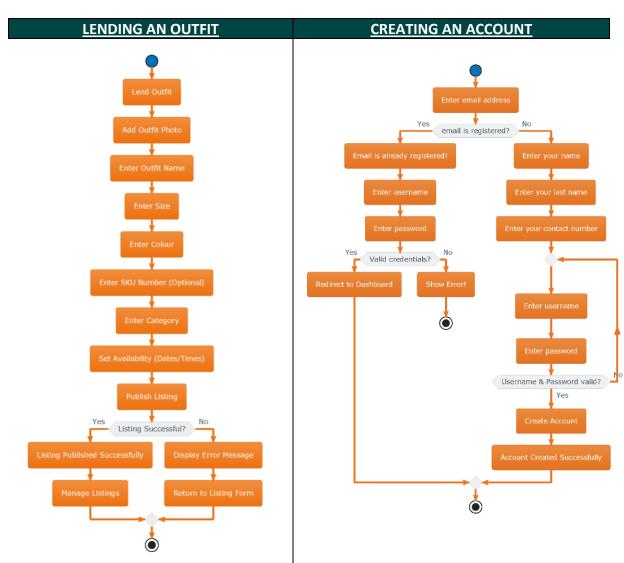


Development Integration:

- **Guidance for UI Development:** The wireframes are our a guide to building the front-end code, ensuring that all functional and design requirements are met.
- **Iterative Design and Feedback:** Wireframes will be revised based on feedback from usability testing sessions and stakeholder reviews. This iterative process helps refine the interface for better user engagement and functionality.

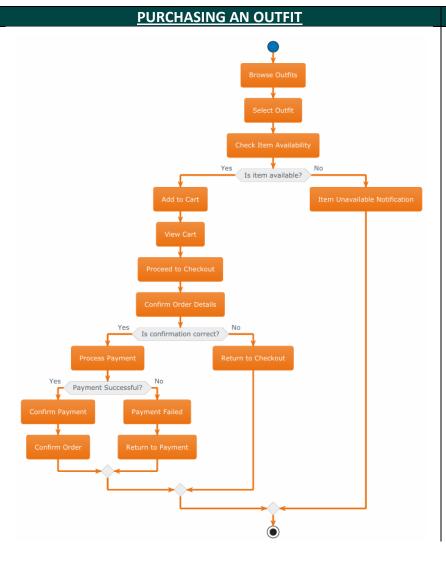


Activity Diagrams



Lending an Outfit: This diagram simplifies the process of listing an outfit for lending. It delineates each step, from user authentication to the final listing approval, pinpointing areas where steps can be consolidated or removed to enhance ease of use. This ensures that users can list outfits quickly and without hassle, increasing the likelihood of frequent user participation and interaction.

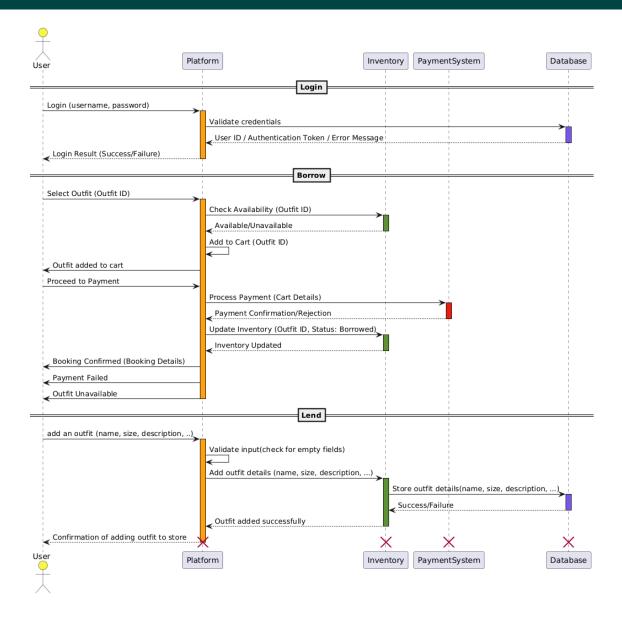
Creating an Account: The activity diagram for creating an account highlights the necessary steps a new user must take to successfully register on the platform. By visualizing this process, we can identify and eliminate any redundant steps and ensure that the account creation is as streamlined as possible, reducing barriers to entry and encouraging more user sign-ups.



Purchasing an Outfit: The activity diagram for purchasing an outfit illustrates the decision and points support mechanisms involved in the buying process. It highlights opportunities to integrate helpful tooltips and contextual help, guiding users through selections based on size, color, and availability, providing real-time assistance. This diagram also shows where we can offer personalized recommendations, enhancing the shopping experience suggesting related items or accessories, thereby increasing transaction value and customer satisfaction.



Sequence Diagram

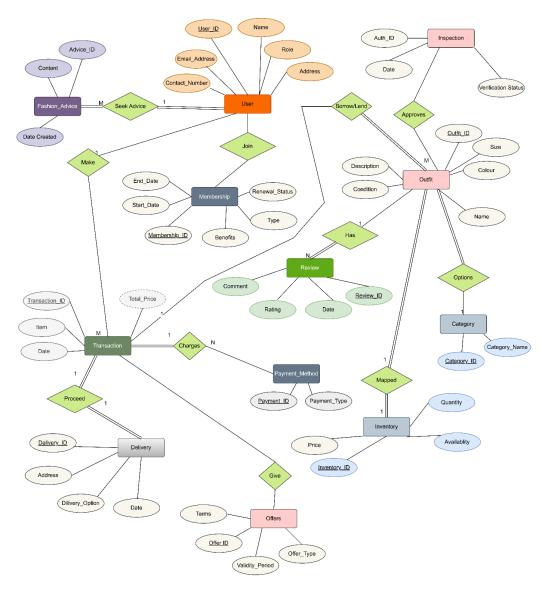


This diagram effectively visualizes how FitXchange processes unfold over time, detailing the communication between objects and the sequence of events that lead to a completed transaction or action. They are instrumental in identifying and approaching dependencies between system components, ensuring that each step in a user interaction is executed efficiently.

Given the nature of our service, where users often rent clothes under time constraints, such as for upcoming events or meetings, it is critical that our system processes requests quickly and reliably. Sequence diagrams help us ensure that our platform meets these user expectations by allowing us to streamline operations and minimize response times. This focus on efficiency is not just a technical requirement but a fundamental aspect of user satisfaction, making the sequence diagram a key tool in our development process to enhance overall user experience.



Entity Relation Diagram

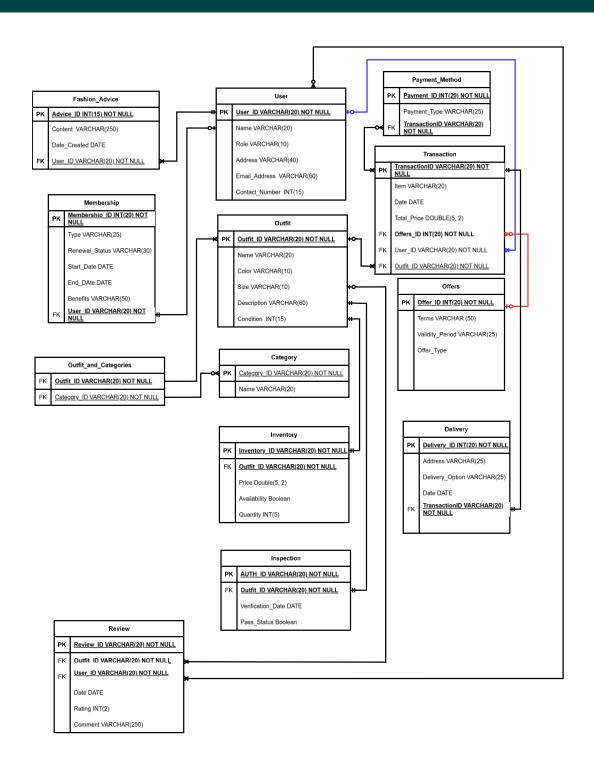


The Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) for FitXchange outlines the database schema, ensuring that data is organized and accessed data efficiently for optimal performance.

We anticipate that users may frequently engage in time-sensitive rental transactions for events or meetings. Therefore, it is imperative that our database structure facilitates quick and reliable data retrieval. The ERD plays a pivotal role in optimizing these processes by clearly defining entity relationships, which helps in streamlining database operations and enhancing query performance. This focus on efficient data management is not merely a technicality but a core aspect of user satisfaction, making the ERD a vital tool in our development arsenal to ensure a superior user experience.

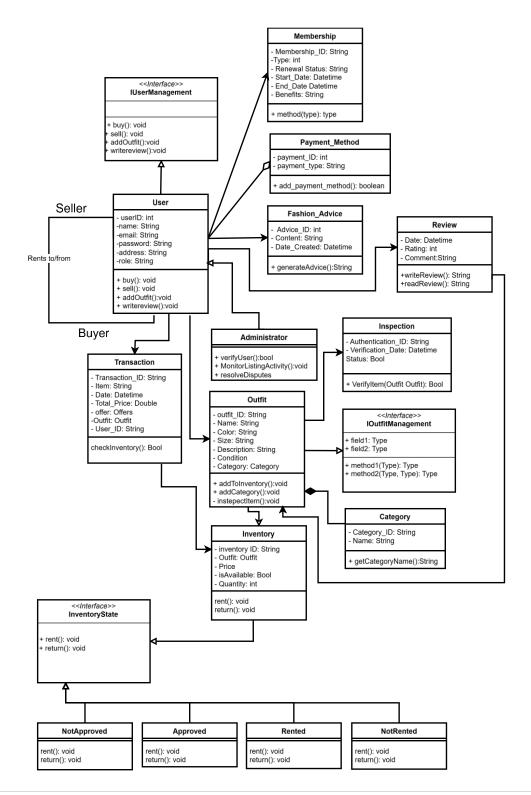


Physical Data Model



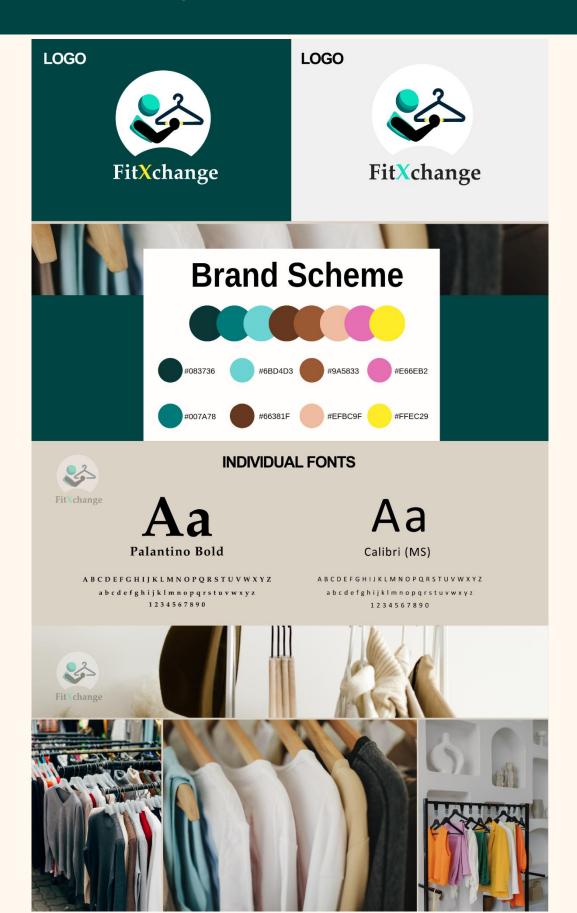


Class Diagram



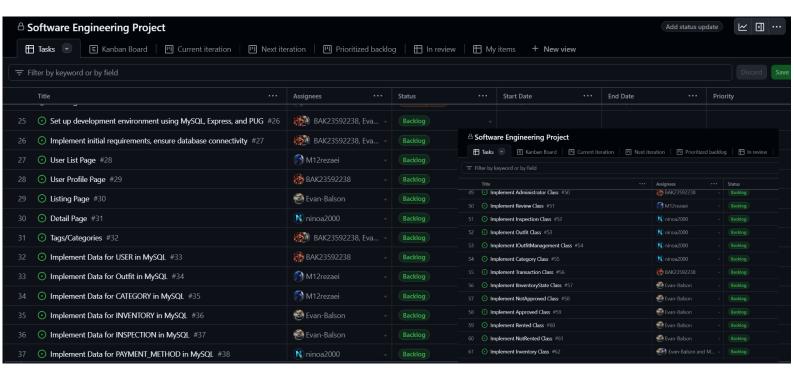


Colour Scheme & Design

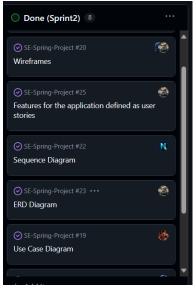




Kanban Board & Project Backlog







Sprint 3 Tickets

Leveraging insights gained from earlier phases such wireframes and entityrelationship diagrams, the team has effectively identified critical items for the project backlog. These include implementing the database structure, determining the web pages that to developed, assigning classes for backend functionality, and formulating the JavaScript queries for database necessary interactions.

This proactive organization on the Kanban Board ensures that each aspect of the development is clearly visualized and strategically aligned for efficient execution, facilitating a smooth transition into the upcoming sprint with well-defined priorities and tasks.

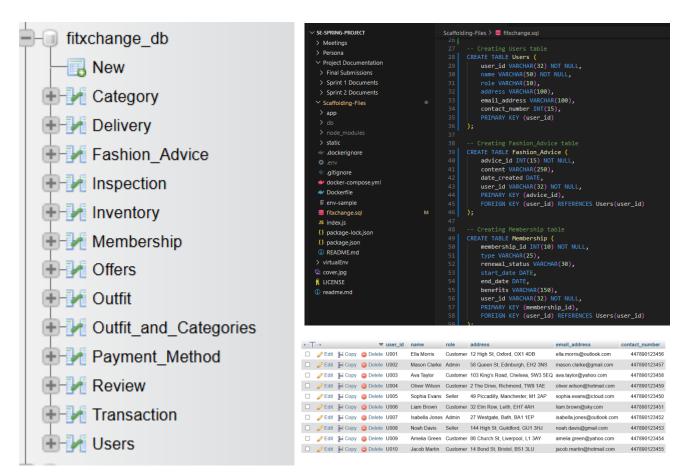


Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	19/02/2025 at 19:00, 22/02/2025 at 20:00
Project Name	FitXchange
Meeting Goal	 Discuss the purpose of each diagram based on user stories Share feedback on provided diagrams Modify and prepare new updates
Facilitator	Hala Bakhtiar
Note taker	Mahboub Rezaei
Attendees	 19/02/2025: Hala Bakhtiar, Evan Balson, Mahbouba Rezaei 22/02/2025: Hala Bakhtiar, Mahbouba Rezaei, Evan Balson, Niwhar Amin
Roundtable Updates (each group member to contribute)	
Discussion points	 Purpose of each diagram based on user stories. Review and provide feedback on existing diagrams Identify areas for improvement and modifications Assign updates and next steps
Actions (list tasks and assign a group member)	 Design Wireframes -> Evan, Mahbouba Features of application -> Evan Class Diagram -> Evan ER Diagram -> Evan Use Case Diagram -> Hala User Stories -> Hala Activity Diagram -> Mahbouba Sequence Diagram -> Niwhar



Database Implementation

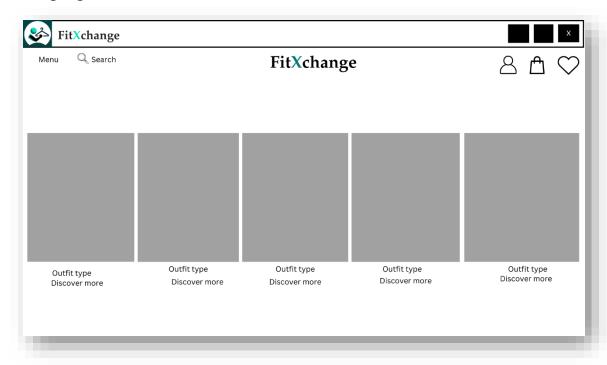


In preparation for Sprint 3, the FitXchange team has prioritized the early implementation of the database using MySQL, Express, and Pug within a Dockerized environment to establish a solid foundation for the development phase. This approach ensures that the core data structures are in place, allowing the team to deliver a functional prototype by the end of this sprint. Early database setup enables the focus for Sprint 4 to shift towards integrating advanced features, such as Al-based outfit advice and enhancing the user interface design. The checklist for Sprint 3 includes crucial development tasks like setting up the development environment, ensuring database connectivity, and implementing the initial user and item management features. Additionally, the sprint involves comprehensive documentation efforts, detailing user stories, database schema, task allocations, and sprint progress, ensuring that all aspects of the sprint are well-documented and transparently shared with stakeholders. This structured approach not only facilitates efficient development workflows but also aligns with our goal to enhance the platform's functionality progressively, ensuring readiness for subsequent sprints.

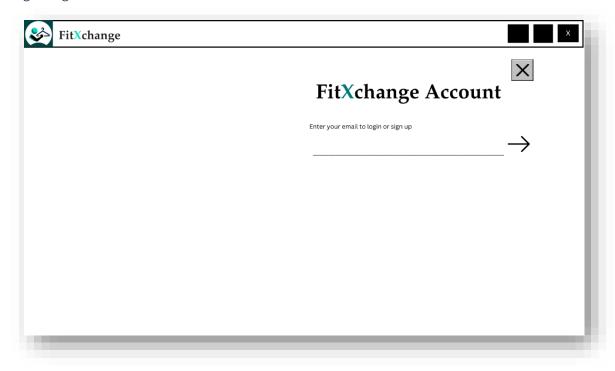
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Detailed Wireframe Views

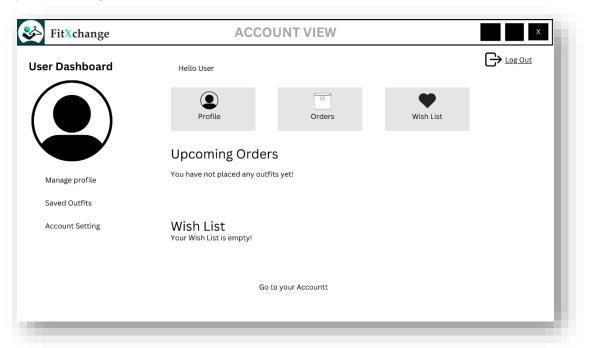
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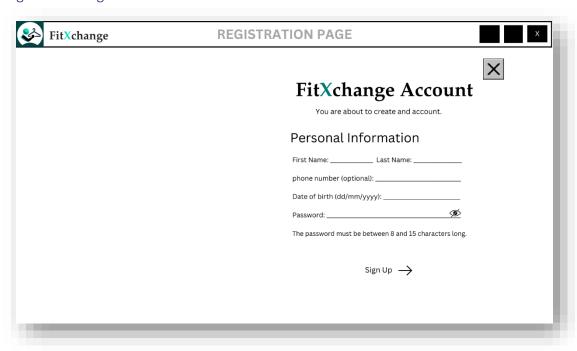
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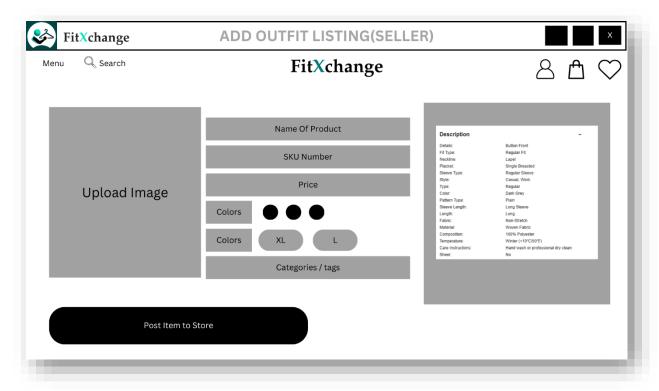
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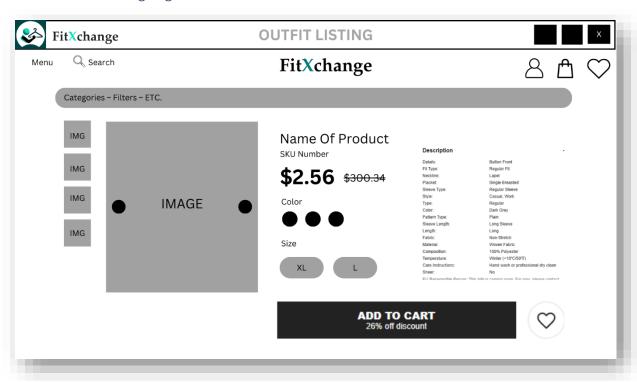
Registration Page:



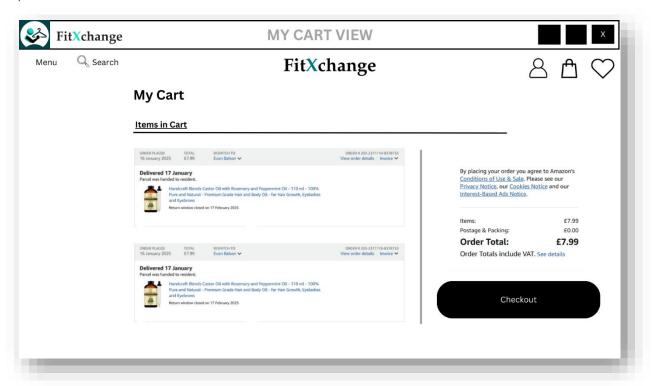
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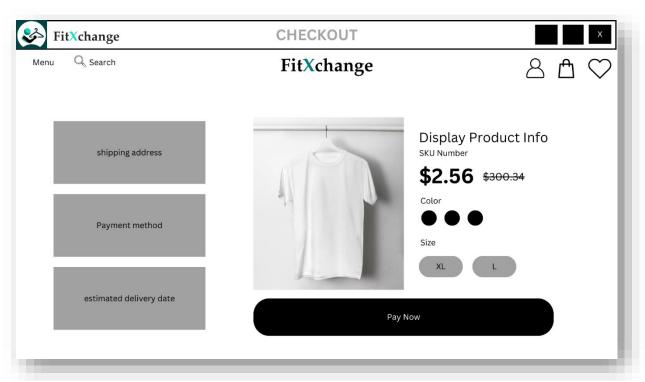
Customer View: Listing Page:



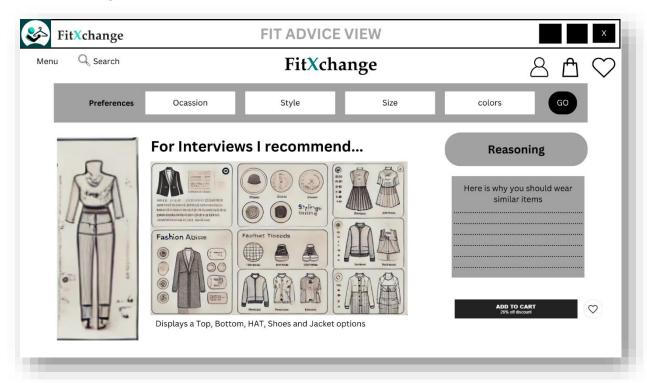
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