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Assignment 1: Android App Design Proposal

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1. Introduction

This report focuses on the design proposal of a movie ticket app. The report contains a brief description of the application, the target user group, the planned scope and limitations, proposed screens and functionalities, system architecture, UI mock-ups, and any advanced features we will develop for the application.

1.1 Overview

The application will be developed for the entertainment domain.
The application is designed to provide users of age 16-35 one-stop movie information and ticket purchasing service. The services include viewing current and future showing movie list, seat booking, and viewing bought tickets.
The application aims to improve the users' ticketing experience and lessen the effort required from movie goers to see a movie.

1.2 User Group

The expected user group will be teenagers to young adults (16-35) whose hobbies are watching movies at a cinema, they have moderate to high smartphone skills to enable smooth application navigation with their experience and moderate UI instructions. They live in urban to suburban areas. These users have disposable income to watch movies and will pay service fees in addition to the ticket prices if they deem the app convenient enough.

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1.3 Scope and Limitations

The program development is for a Native Android app, which means it will not be used by Apple iOS users.

The proposed application will contain the following key screens:

1. Authentication and Account
    1.1. Login screen
    1.2. Registration screen
    1.3. Profile screen
2. Home
    2.1. Quick buttons to Movie sessions
3. Contact and About Us
    3.1. Map screen
4. Movie session selection screens, each has Movie Detail page
5. Ticket booking / Seat selection screens

Aside from these key screens, the application will also have:

1. Navigation bottom bar
2. Room database to store user and movie information
3. Use of Lazy Column at Movie Sessions screens
4. Date Picker in sessions and booking screens
5. Expanded dropdown menu
6. Google Calendar Event creation with Retrofit
7. Showing tickets retrieved from the above calendar events

Due to time, technical and compliance constraints, the following functions will be partially or not implemented:

1. User comments and social sharing
2. Search Bar function
3. Interconnection with the cinema membership system
4. Issuance and use coupons
5. Online payment system (Credit card)

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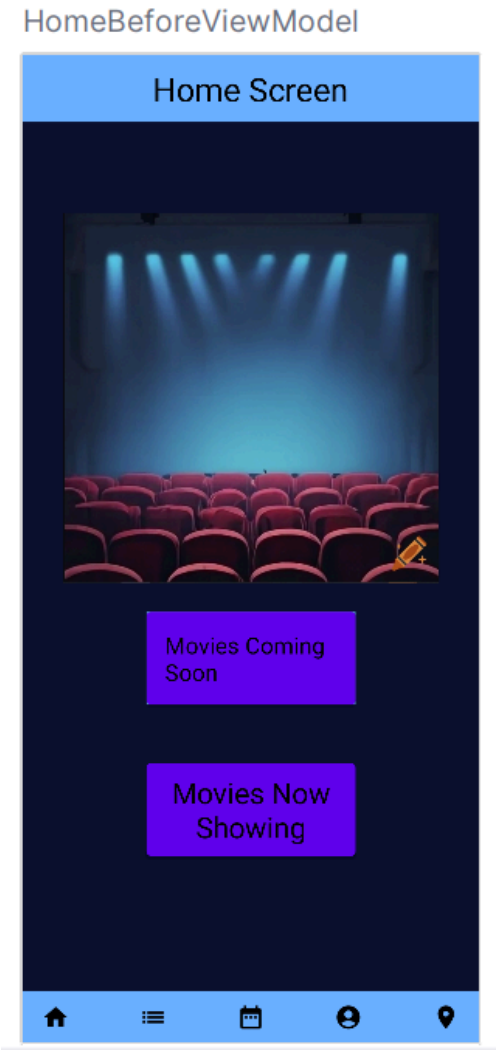
2. Proposed Functionalities and Screens

The registration signup, and booking ticket and seat forms will include expanded dropdown menu and datepicker.
The movie list screens will use LazyColumn or LazyGrid to display items.

Home Screen	
Prototype Screenshot	Features
	1. Image of cinema 2. Navigation 2.1 Buttons Movies Coming Soon, Movies now showing 2.2 Bottom bar (leads to other screens Movie List, BAccounts, Map)

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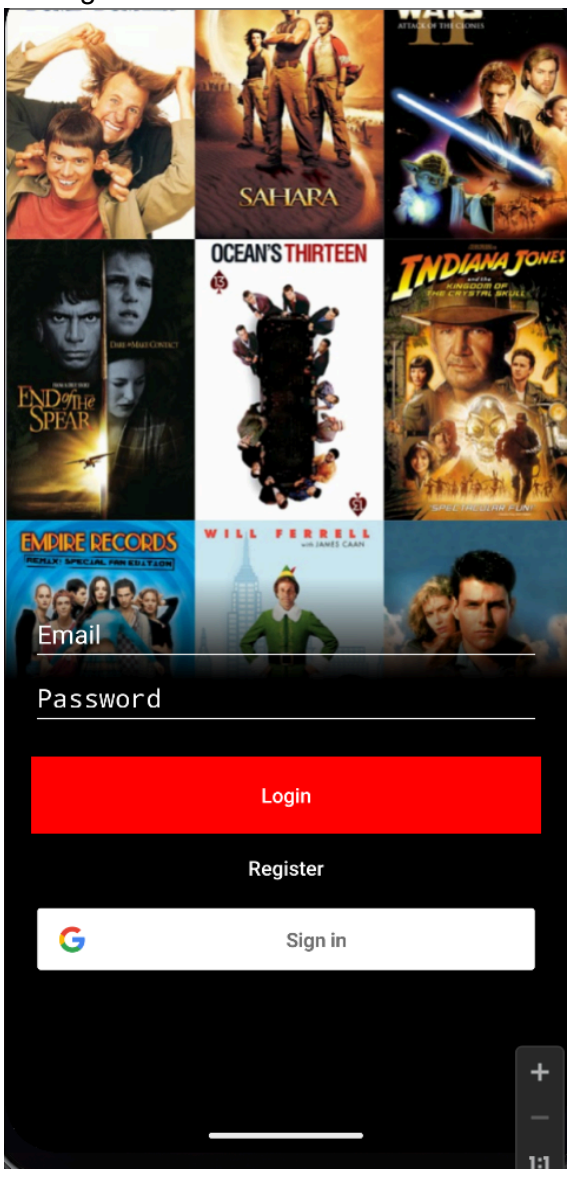
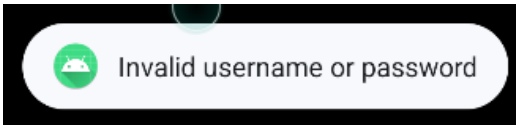
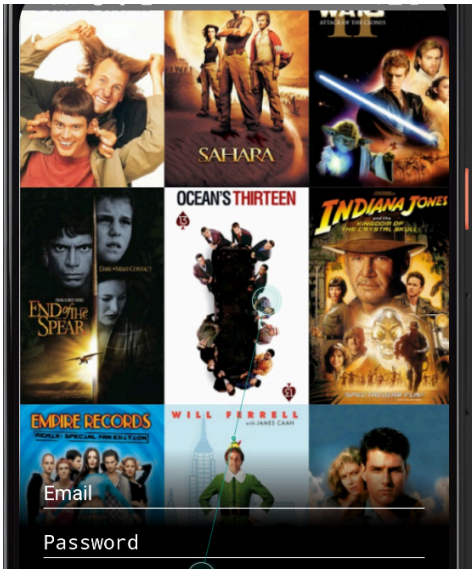
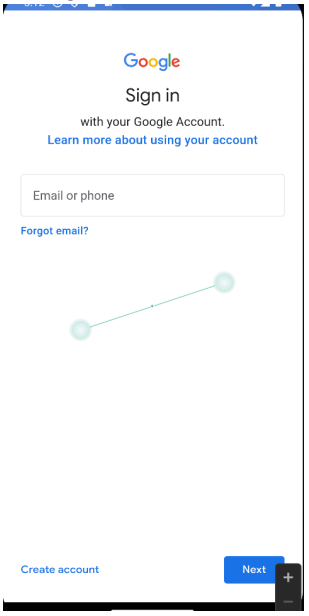
Login Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Android key features
1.Guides Users to the login interface 2.Login Button Error Handling: 3.Login Screen background fills Max Size 4.Login Screen Set gradient color 5.Google Authentication 	1. Email/Username Password Field: Provide input fields for users to enter their email and password. Use appropriate input  hidden password 2. Toast Bar: Display clear error messages if the user enters incorrect credentials.Implement button states based on input  3.FillMaxSize: The Login screen background FillmaxSize  4background = GradientDrawable set  gradient color

	5. Click Google connection Authentication 1. 

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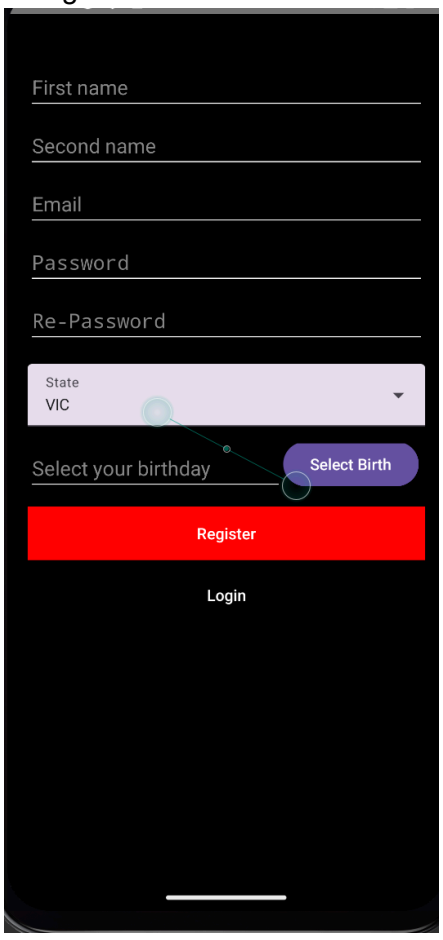
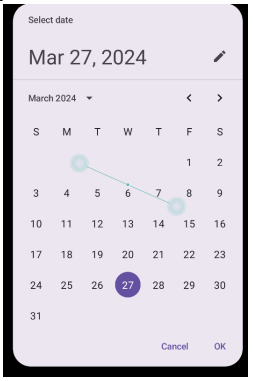
Register Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Android key features
1.Selected Birth 2 Detail return Birth 3 Register Screen selected your birth 4 Register Screen Column  	1.Date picker choice and set  2. Put a date return data  3. Lazy column to state choice  4. encapsulation use a Column Linear 

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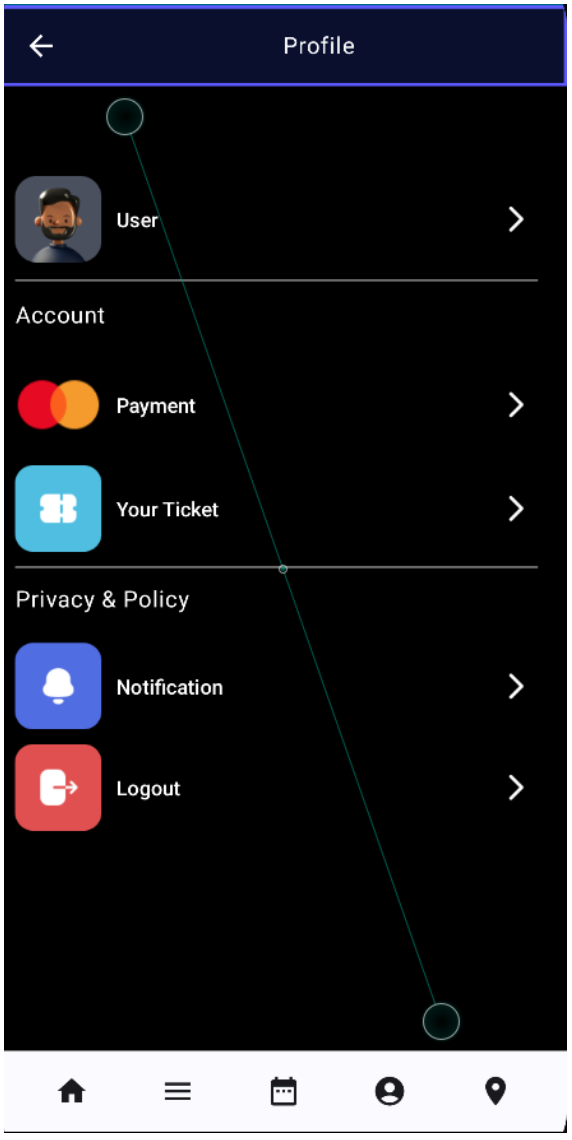
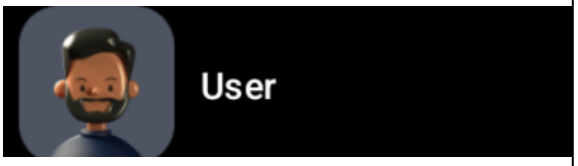
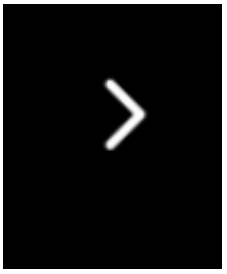
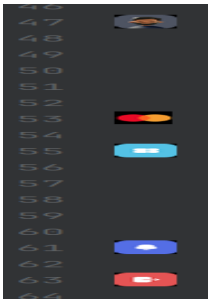
Profile Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Android key features
1. Click button will return Login Screen 2. Personal state 3 .ForwardButton 4. Picture input 	Feature1:NavController will return Logout  Feature2:NavController will jump to personal detail */ composable Route can set name in next time  Feature3:NavigationIcon  Feature4:R.Drawable. Input Drawable input picture then Column and word dp in one line 

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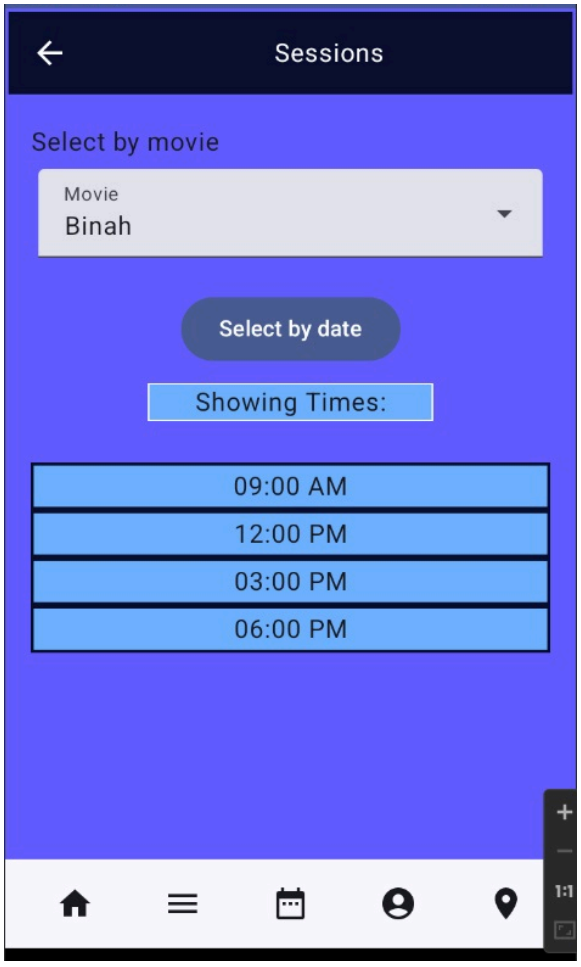
Sessions Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Features
	2. Navigation 2.1. Back arrow on the top 2.2. Bottom Navigation Bar 3. Movie selection 3.1. Drop down menu 4. Select by date 4.1. Date Picker 5. Showing Times: 5.1. List 5.2. Updates according to the movie and date choices

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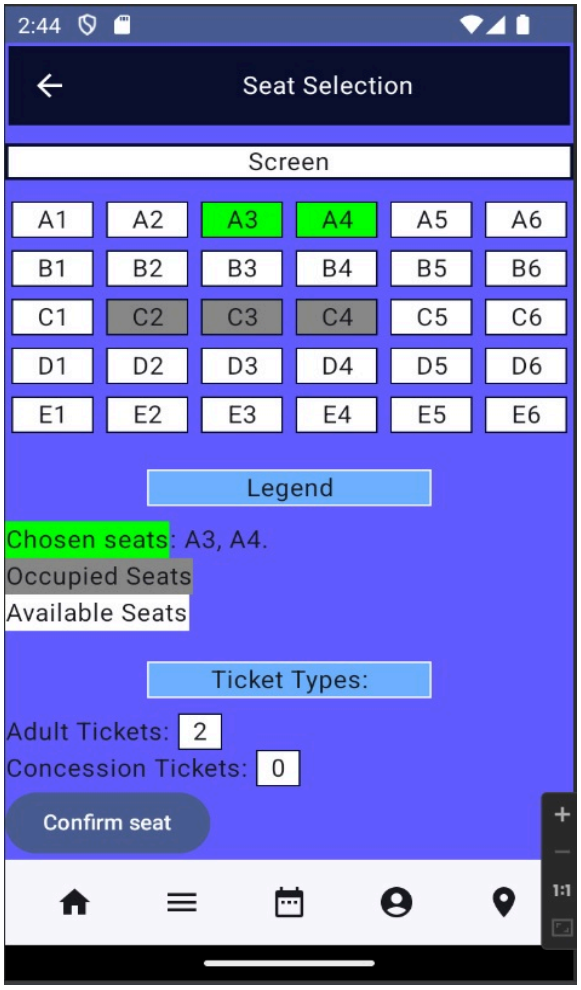
Seat Selection Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Features
	1. Navigation 1.1. Back arrow on the top 1.2. Bottom Navigation Bar 2. Seat selection 2.1. Lazy Grid, can change dimension by inputting different parameter 3. Legend 3.1. Chosen seats are updated live on user interaction 3.2. Available/Occupied seats are retrieved from the Room database upon reaching this screen 4. Ticket types: 4.1. Text input 4.2. Validation: number of chosen seats match the number of tickets 5. Confirm seat button 5.1. Leads user to payment (will not implemented) 5.2. Purchase success will show ticket details and button to add event to Google Calendar

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Movie Details Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Features
	1. Navigation 2.1 Buttons for ‘Back to Movie List’ and ‘Book Ticket’ actions 2. Movie Details: Calls and displays the item from Movie class: Large display image, movie name, synopsis, rating, genre, and runtime.

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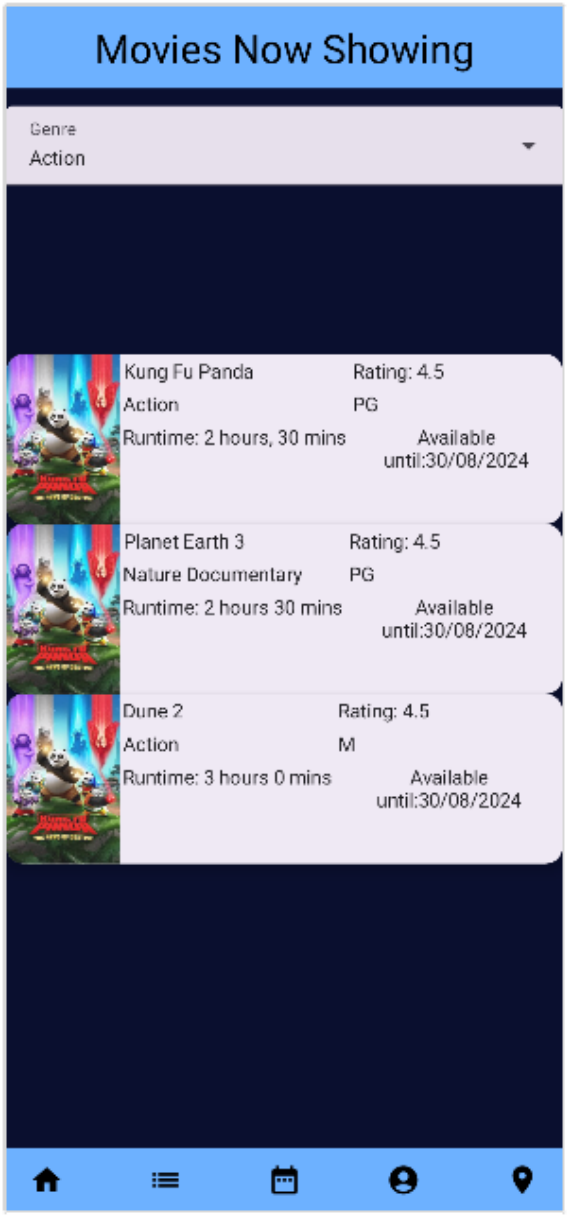
Movies Now Showing Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Features
	‘Movies Now Showing’ has the same appearance as ‘Movies Coming Soon’. Automatically displays different movies based on cinema’s showing start and end dates. 1. Genre sort list. By default it is ‘Any’. 2. Movie Items from LazyColumn list: Displays the movie object from Movie class: Small Image, Name, user rating, age rating, genre, runtime

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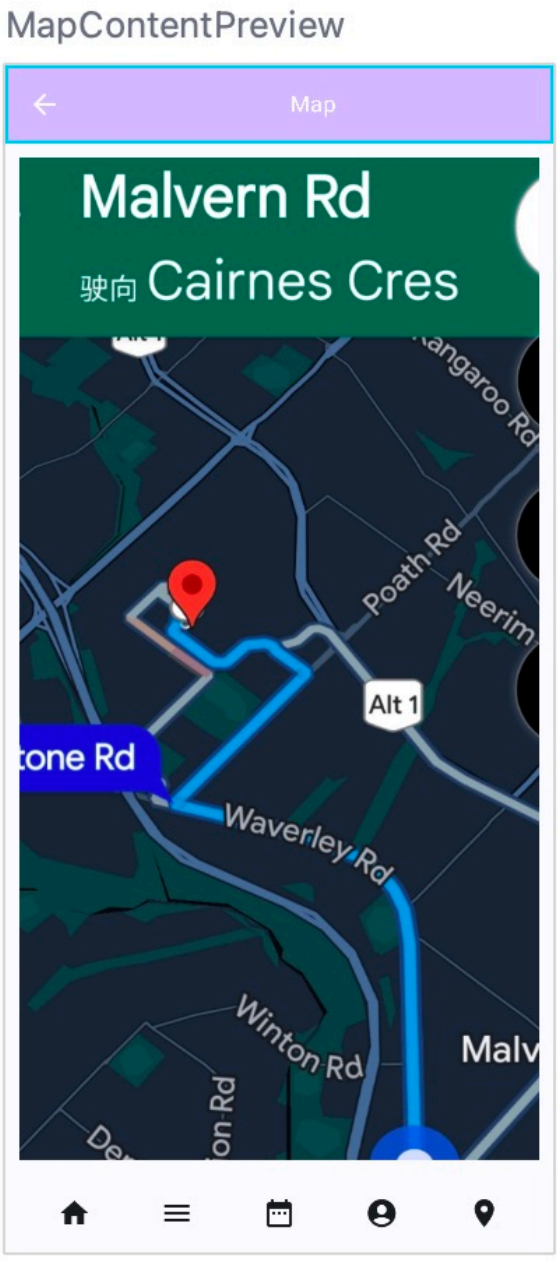
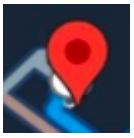
Map Screen

Prototype Screenshot	features
	1. Back button  Click the back button back the home page or go to other page 2. Marker  Click the marker to to navigate

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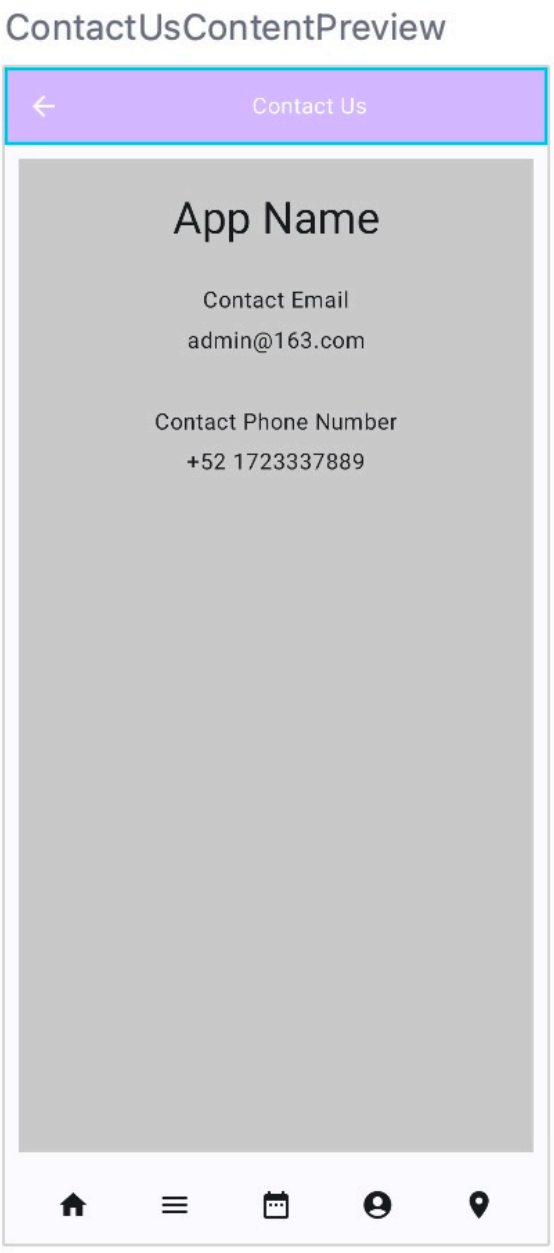
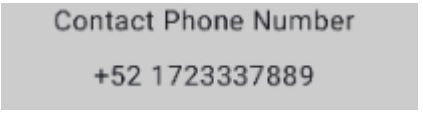
Contact Screen

Prototype Screenshot	Features
	1. back button  Click the back button back the home page or go to other page 2. Automatically jump to page  Click the email address automatically jump to the mailbox page 3.  Click the phone number automatically jump to the phone page

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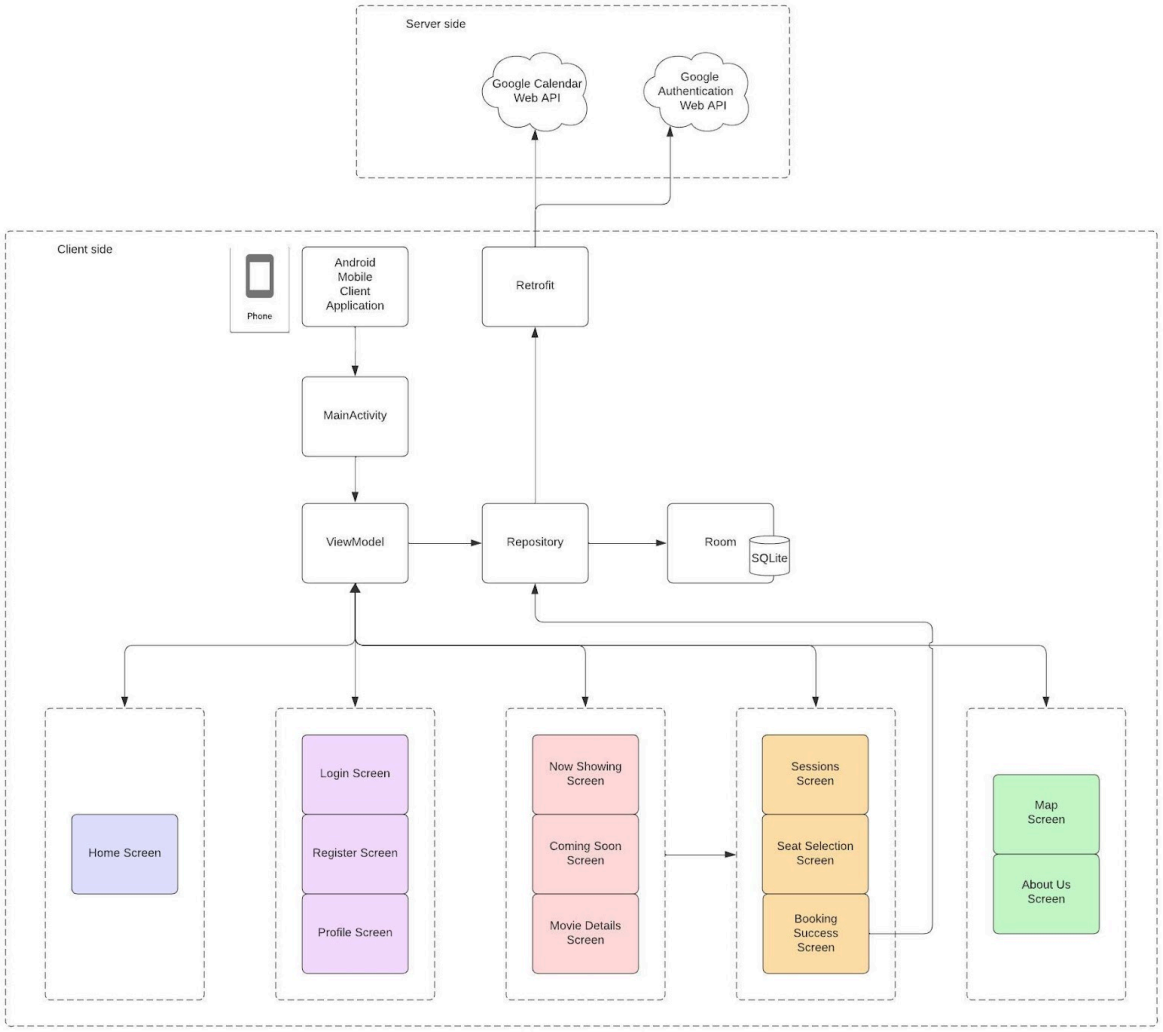
3. System Architecture

This application adopts the Android native development model, the front end uses the Kotlin language and Jetpack Compose framework, and the back end uses Room real-time database, MapBox and Retrofit to access public web APIs. It also integrates third-party services such as Google Authentication and Google Calendar.



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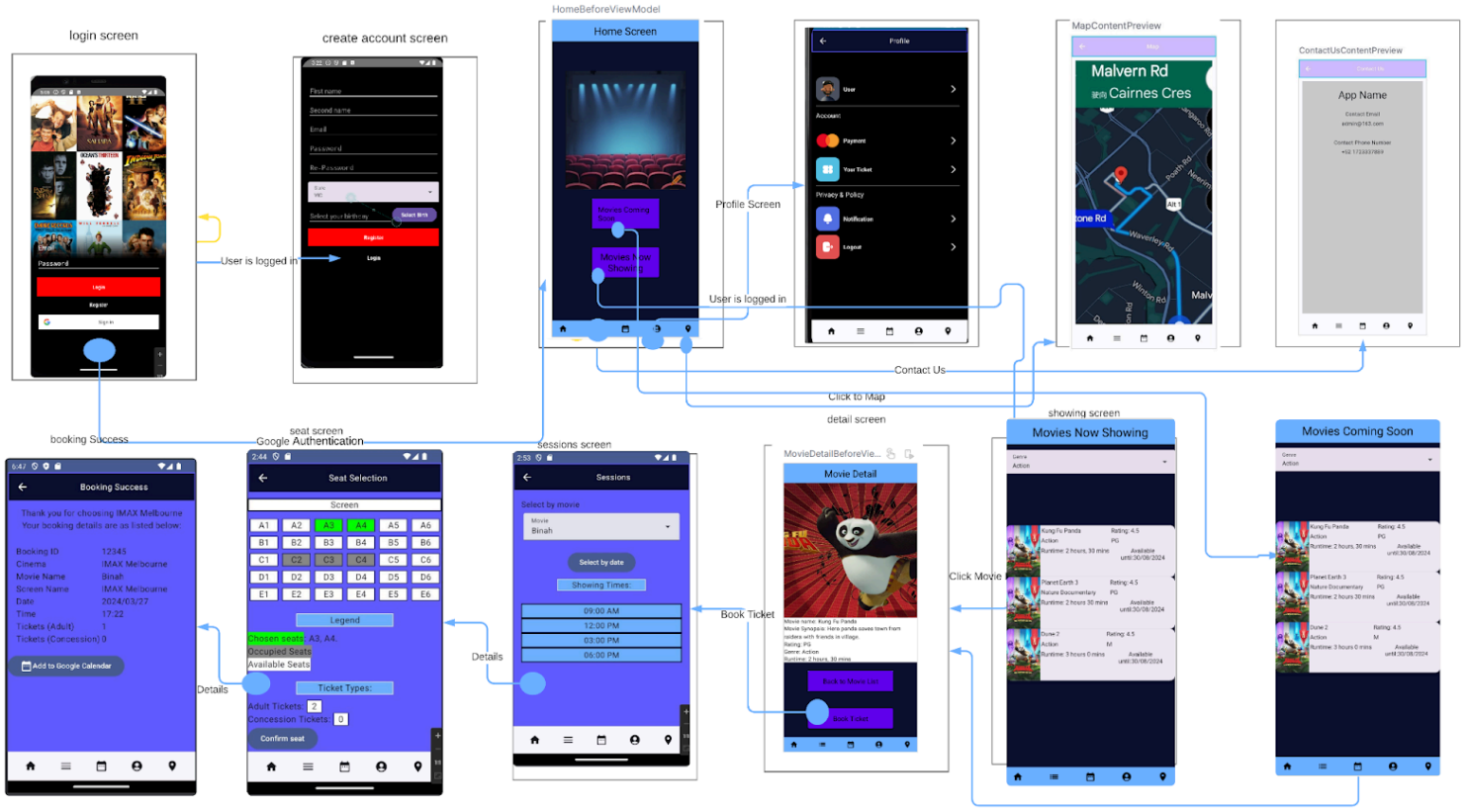
4. The UI Design and Android Prototype



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5. Advanced Features

Google Calendar

Github has code from Google Developers that can be used to help understand their Calendar API (Google, n.d.). It also has code from other Android app developers that use this calendar feature (Oianmol, n.d.). The official website’s overview provides information on the API request syntax and event handlers. The quickstart guide written in Java code on how to link with Google authentication, and import Gradle dependencies will be applicable as it is similar to Kotlin (Google, n.d.).

Google Authentication

Integrate the Google Sign-In SDK, and after obtaining the user's authorization, use the GoogleSignInAccount object to obtain their ID, nickname, avatar and other information, and store it in the application's local database. Login status is maintained for 30 days by default. For the entire login process, please refer to Google’s official documentation (Android Developers, n.d.).

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