

# LG Follow

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**Abstract**—Imagine an office worker getting ready for work in the morning, listening to music or the news through an AI speaker. During the morning routine, they might wash up in the bathroom, make coffee in the kitchen, have breakfast, choose clothes from the closet, and get dressed. For someone who moves between rooms so frequently, it’s almost impossible to catch 100% of the audio output from a stationary AI speaker.

We are introducing technology that called LG Follow allows sound to follow the user, creating an environment where they can hear audio in any part of the house with LG appliances equipped with speakers.

We will use a Raspberry Pi and PIR sensors to detect the user’s location. The location information will be sent to a central control system, the AI speaker. For instance, if they leave the living room and enter the bedroom, the speaker in the living room will stop, and the speaker in the bedroom will automatically take over, seamlessly continuing the audio experience. Matter protocol manages the communication between Raspberry Pi and the AI speaker.

Additionally, we provide an app called Sound Sketch that turns children’s drawings into songs using generative AI. When a child draws a picture, the AI will create a song based on their own music. Through generative AI, the drawings will be transformed into prompts, and those prompts will be turned into music. With LG Follow, kids can enjoy listening to their own music as they move around the house, making each moment truly unique and magical.

TABLE I: : Role Assignments

Roles	Name	Task description and etc.
Backend Developer	Mingyu Jung	The backend developer would implement the logic to process location data from the Raspberry Pi and PIR sensors, ensuring the user’s movement through the house is accurately tracked and relayed to the AI speaker system. Ensure that when the user moves between rooms, the appropriate speaker is activated, and the previous one is turned off, all in real-time. Handle communication between the Raspberry Pi, PIR sensors, and AI speaker system using the Matter protocol, ensuring compatibility between the smart home appliances and devices.

Roles	Name	Task description and etc.
Frontend Developer	Taegeon Park	The role of a frontend developer includes designing the frontend architecture and creating user interfaces and experiences using Figma. It involves collaborating with the backend team to discuss and implement required features while ensuring seamless integration with the server. The responsibilities also extend to reviewing designs and functionalities, keeping the user and consumer in focus to deliver an optimal user experience.
Backend Developer	Gyudong Kim	AI developer utilizes openai models CLIP and BLIP to generate prompts from input images. To ensure the safety of children, AI developers fine-tune the BLIP model so that inappropriate prompts are not created. Once the prompts are generated, AI developers use the Suno API to create songs from these prompts. Also AI developers are responsible for designing and building databases to store and manage various types of data, such as user information, home appliances, and the generated drawings and songs, ensuring efficient integration and management within the application. Implement a database to store user preferences, drawings, and song files generated by Sound Sketch.
Frontend Developer	Mingeun Kim	The frontend developer would design the interface for the ThinQ app, ensuring that both LG Follow and Sound Sketch are intuitive and user friendly. This includes creating buttons and layouts for turning speakers on/off and uploading drawings to generate songs. The developer will focus on helping LG Follow and Sound Sketch features, enabling users to control speakers in different rooms and upload or manage children’s drawings in the app.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Motivation

- 1) *We wanted to create an experience where the sound follows the user, ensuring uninterrupted audio no matter where they are in the house. With LG appliances equipped with speakers, the user can now enjoy continuous sound as they move from room to room, eliminating the frustration of missing important parts of the music or news. Our motivation goes beyond just convenience, it's about creating an immersive and seamless audio experience that adapts to the user's movement. By integrating AI and smart home appliances, we aim to make daily life smoother and more enjoyable.*
- 2) *Our motivation for making Sound Sketch from a desire to bring children's creativity to life in a magical way and to strengthen the bond between parents and their children. Children often express their imagination through drawing, and we wanted to elevate that experience by transforming their artwork into personalized music. With the power of generative AI, a simple drawing becomes a unique, original song, giving children a new way to connect with their creations. What makes this experience even more special is the opportunity for parents and children to collaborate. By drawing together and hearing their joint artwork turned into a song, they can build memories and strengthen their connection through a shared creative process. With LG Follow, these songs can accompany them throughout the house, creating a sense of togetherness and joy, wherever they go. Our goal is to seamlessly blend creativity and technology, offering families a fun and interactive way to bond while engaging with music that feels personal and meaningful. Every moment becomes truly unique and magical as they hear their imagination come to life.*
- 3) *We've made LG Follow and Sound Sketch easy to use by integrating them into the ThinQ app, ensuring both features are conveniently controlled in one place. With LG Follow, users can easily turn off the speaker in any appliance if they don't want sound in a specific room. Meanwhile, Sound Sketch lets you transform children's drawings into songs, bringing creativity to life in a fun way. Everything is accessible and simple to control from the app, making the entire experience smooth, personalized, and user-friendly.*

### B. Problem statement (client's needs)

In today's homes, AI speakers are commonly used to play music or news, but they are limited by their stationary nature. For someone who moves frequently between rooms during their morning routine—such as washing up in the bathroom, making coffee in the kitchen, or getting dressed in the bedroom—it becomes nearly impossible to catch all the

audio from a single fixed speaker. This leads to a frustrating, interrupted experience where important parts of the audio are missed.

LG Follow solves this problem by allowing sound to follow the user throughout the house. As users move from room to room, LG appliances equipped with speakers provide continuous audio, eliminating gaps and ensuring they never miss a moment of music or news. This technology is designed to deliver a seamless and immersive audio experience, adapting to the user's movements to enhance their daily routine.

Additionally, we identified a need for families to engage creatively, leading to the development of Sound Sketch, an app that transforms children's drawings into personalized songs using generative AI. Children often express their imagination through drawings, and this feature elevates that creativity by turning their artwork into unique songs. It also offers parents and children the opportunity to bond through collaboration, creating memories as they hear their joint artwork come to life as music. By integrating LG Follow, these songs can follow the family throughout the house, adding a layer of joy and togetherness.

Both features, LG Follow and Sound Sketch, are integrated into the ThinQ app for ease of use, allowing users to control audio and manage drawings in one convenient place.

### C. Research on any related software

- 1) *Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training (CLIP): CLIP, developed by OpenAI, is a model trained on a large dataset of text and images to understand and associate visual and textual inputs. It enables users to perform tasks such as image search or classification using natural language prompts without task-specific fine-tuning, utilizing zero-shot capabilities. CLIP works by encoding images and text into a shared high-dimensional space where related pairs are closer together and unrelated pairs are further apart through a contrastive learning approach. While it demonstrates strong generalization capabilities, CLIP can exhibit biases present in its training data and may face challenges with nuanced or context-specific tasks.*
- 2) *Google Nest and Amazon Echo: Google Nest and Amazon Echo provide smart home automation, including voice-activated music playback. They can control music in various rooms and offer smart integrations with other appliances. However, users need to manually control playback across different speakers, and the sound doesn't seamlessly follow the user.*
- 3) *Melobytes: Melobytes is one tool where users can upload an image, and the system generates music from it using algorithms tailored to the visual data. It transforms the picture into unique sound compositions that reflect the visual input.*

- 4) *Img2Prompt (Anakin.ai): This tool uses AI to analyze an image and generate a text prompt that encapsulates its key visual features. The generated prompt can then be used for various creative projects, like digital art or content creation.*
- 5) *GoEnhance AI: This platform allows users to upload an image, and its AI algorithms automatically generate a text prompt based on the visual content. These prompts can be used with tools like DALL-E or Midjourney to generate new AI-created images based on the original photo's characteristics.*
- 6) *Sonos (Multi-Room Audio Systems): Sonos is a leading brand in multi-room audio systems. Sonos allows users to control audio in various rooms through a smartphone app, letting users sync music in different areas of the house. However, unlike LG Follow, Sonos requires manual control for changing rooms or selecting where to play audio. It does not automatically follow the user based on their movement.*

## II. REQUIREMENTS

### A. Log in

- 1) *Initial Screen: When the app launches, the initial screen displayed to users is the login screen, providing access for existing users. This screen serves as the primary interface for user access, where users can input their credentials (ID and password) to authenticate.*
- 2) *User Input: The user is required to enter their credentials, including:*
  - **ID Entry:** The user must enter a unique identifier associated with their account. This ID serves as the primary authentication element linked to their account access.
  - **Password Entry:** The password is a private passphrase known only to the user, ensuring account protection. The password field masks the entered characters to prevent visibility, and only the user is aware of this passphrase.
  - **ID and Password Format Validation:** When the user enters the ID and password, basic format validation is conducted. For instance, if the ID is in email format, it verifies the presence of required elements like "@" and ".com". The password field may also enforce minimum length and include special characters or numbers to strengthen security.
- 3) *Validation and Authentication*
  - **Password Hashing:** Once the password is entered, it is hashed using the SHA-256 hashing algorithm upon reaching the server. This process converts the entered

password into a unique hash value, ensuring that the original plaintext password is neither transmitted nor stored, thus enhancing security. SHA-256 provides a secure hash that is difficult to reverse-engineer, protecting the password from unauthorized access even in the event of data leaks.

- **ID Verification:** After hashing, the system checks if the entered ID exists in the database.
  - If the ID exists: The system compares the hash of the entered password with the stored hash in the database.
    - \* If the hashes match: A 'Login Successful' message is displayed, indicating successful authentication and granting access to the user, who is then directed to the home or main interface.
    - \* If the hashes do not match: An 'Incorrect password' message is displayed, prompting the user to re-enter their password. This message helps prevent unauthorized access by notifying the user of a password mismatch and requiring a new attempt.
  - If the ID does not exist: The system displays a message such as 'The entered ID does not exist,' informing the user of an incorrect entry. This allows the user to correct their entry and retry the login process.

### B. Prompt Generation from Drawing

#### 1) Image Upload and Temporary Storage

- **Redis-Based Temporary Storage:** When a user uploads an image, it is temporarily stored in Redis to allow for fast access. This approach enables users to seamlessly pause and resume their creative work without losing any progress. Redis, being a memory-based cache database, ensures minimal latency and instant data retrieval, enhancing the user experience by providing a quick response time for accessing stored images.
- **Long-Term Storage in Amazon S3:** For secure and persistent storage, the image is uploaded to Amazon S3, where it is safely preserved for future reference. S3's bucket permissions are tightly controlled to restrict unauthorized external access, maintaining data security. The stored images are retained in S3 for extended availability, ensuring that they are accessible whenever the user requires them, without overloading the cache in Redis.

#### 2) Prompt Generation

- **Feature Extraction with BLIP:** The Flask server utilizes the BLIP (Bootstrapped Language-Image Pretraining)

model to analyze the uploaded image. This model, designed to understand and generate meaningful associations between visual and textual data, extracts essential features from the image and encodes them into vector form. These feature vectors represent the key visual elements and attributes of the image, enabling the model to generate descriptive and contextually accurate prompts.

- **Prompt Creation with BLIP:** After extracting features, the Flask server leverages the BLIP (Bootstrapped Language-Image Pretraining) model to generate a text prompt in Korean based on the extracted vector data. The BLIP model has been trained on a substantial dataset containing over 120,000 image captions from ai-hub, equipping it with the capacity to generate descriptive, contextually appropriate prompts that align closely with the contents of the image. This thorough training ensures that the prompts are relevant, culturally suitable, and linguistically accurate.
- **Prompt Length Limitation:** To ensure readability and conciseness, the generated prompts are limited to a maximum of 300 characters. This character limit helps maintain clarity and avoids overwhelming the user with excessive text, while still providing sufficient detail to capture the essence of the image and guide the subsequent music generation process.

### 3) *Prompt Data Storage*

- **Database Storage with Metadata:** Once a prompt is generated, it is stored in a MySQL database along with associated metadata, including the music creation date, a description of the image, and other relevant details. Each prompt is assigned a unique identifier (prompt ID), allowing for easy retrieval and reference in future operations.
- **Integration with Music Description:** The stored prompts are later used as part of the metadata for the music generated from them, particularly in the music's description field. This integration ensures that the prompt remains linked to the music it inspired, providing context and enhancing the storytelling aspect of the user's creation.

## C. *Music Generation from Prompt*

- **Music Generation**
  - **Music Generation with SUNO API:** After translation, the English prompt is sent to the SUNO API, a specialized service designed for AI-driven music generation. The SUNO API interprets the prompt context, creating a piece of music that aligns with the descriptive content of the prompt. This music reflects the theme and mood expressed in

the original image-based prompt, transforming the visual input into an auditory experience.

- **Music Storage and Metadata Management**

- **Storage in Amazon S3:** The generated music file is uploaded to Amazon S3 via the Flask server. S3's robust storage infrastructure ensures that the music files are securely stored and easily retrievable for streaming or download.
- **Metadata Management with Spring Boot and MySQL:** Alongside the music file, metadata—such as the title, description, creation timestamp, and duration of the music track—is stored in a MySQL database managed by Spring Boot. This setup facilitates quick access to the music files and metadata, allowing the app to display information such as track duration and descriptions in real-time.

- **User Control**

- **Play Button:** Within the app, users have the option to play the generated music in real-time. The music track's duration is displayed in seconds, providing feedback on the playback progress.
- **Download Button:** A download link is provided via the Spring Boot server, allowing users to download the music file directly from S3 for offline access. This feature ensures that users can access and enjoy their generated music files even without an internet connection.

## D. *Speaker-to-Speaker Connection*

- **Setting Up the Matter Bridge on Raspberry Pi**

- **Matter Bridge Configuration:** The Raspberry Pi is configured as a Matter bridge, enabling it to act as an intermediary between Matter-compatible and non-compatible speakers. This configuration supports seamless communication across different types of audio devices, allowing them to function together as part of an integrated system. Users can register the Matter bridge by scanning a QR code, simplifying the setup process and ensuring secure connectivity.
- **Expanding Device Compatibility:** By serving as a Matter bridge, the Raspberry Pi can facilitate the synchronization of audio playback across a variety of speaker types, ensuring a consistent audio experience throughout the user's environment, regardless of speaker compatibility.

- **Speaker Control and Audio Transition**

- Real-Time Audio Transition with Matter Protocol: The Raspberry Pi uses the Matter protocol to manage real-time audio transitions between AI-enabled speakers and traditional speakers. This protocol enables seamless transitions in audio playback as the user moves from one room to another, with the system dynamically adjusting which speakers are active based on the user's location.
- Seamless Multi-Speaker Coordination: The audio playback seamlessly switches between speakers, providing an uninterrupted listening experience as the user moves through different spaces. This coordination between AI speakers and non-Matter-compatible speakers ensures that the audio follows the user smoothly, enhancing the sense of spatial audio presence.

#### *E. User Location Tracking for Audio Control*

- Location Data Collection via PIR Sensors
  - PIR sensors in each room detect user movement and transmit data to Raspberry Pi in real-time, allowing accurate location tracking.
  - Accurate Location Tracking: The PIR sensors provide accurate, room-level tracking, allowing the system to respond dynamically to the user's movements and adjust audio playback accordingly. This setup enables the audio to follow the user throughout different rooms, ensuring that the music or audio content is always accessible in the user's immediate vicinity.
- Location-Based Speaker Control
  - Automated Speaker Activation and Deactivation: As the user moves from one room to another, the Raspberry Pi sends commands via the Matter protocol to deactivate the speaker in the previous room and activate the speaker in the current room. This process ensures that audio playback continues in the room where the user is currently located, providing a consistent auditory experience as they move around their environment.

#### *F. Location-Based Sound Transition*

- Real-time Streaming with RTP Protocol
  - RTP Configuration for Each Room's Speaker: Each room's speaker is configured to use the RTP (Real-time Transport Protocol) for audio streaming, enabling smooth transitions in sound. The Raspberry Pi manages these transitions based on the user's location, seamlessly switching audio playback

between rooms as the user moves.

- Seamless Streaming: RTP enables real-time audio streaming with minimal delay, providing a continuous and smooth listening experience as the audio playback moves with the user from room to room.

#### • Audio Data Transfer

- Matter Protocol for Communication Management: The Matter protocol facilitates communication between the Raspberry Pi and the speakers. Meanwhile, RTP handles the actual data transfer, ensuring that the audio transitions smoothly between different speakers without interruption.
- Enhanced Audio Experience: The combination of RTP and Matter protocols allows for fluid sound transitions, so the user experiences uninterrupted audio regardless of their movement within the environment.

#### *G. Speaker On/Off Functionality*

- User Preference Storage
  - Centralized User Preference Management: User preferences, such as enabling or disabling music in specific rooms, are stored on a central server and communicated to the Raspberry Pi via MQTT protocol.
- Speaker Control
  - Raspberry Pi uses the Matter protocol to control music playback according to user preferences, turning music on or off in designated rooms.

#### *H. Temporary Image Storage and Music CRUD*

##### *1) Temporary Image Storage in Redis*

- Flask-Managed Temporary Storage: The Flask server handles the temporary storage of user-uploaded images in Redis, enabling quick access and retrieval for paused or resumed drawing tasks. This temporary storage ensures that users can continue their creative work without interruption, even if they temporarily exit the app.
- When a user saves a drawing temporarily, Redis, a fast-access cache database, is used to store the image data.
- Redis acts as a memory-based storage solution that saves the temporary image data and allows for rapid retrieval when needed. This is particularly useful if the user pauses or edits the drawing, enabling them to resume

their work later without data loss.

- By utilizing Redis, the app ensures quick access to the saved image while reducing latency and enhancing user experience during the drawing process.

## 2) Music CRUD

- Once the drawing is transmitted to the Flask server, the image is stored temporarily in Redis, a memory-based cache, which allows fast retrieval of the drawing. This enables the user to pause or resume work on the drawing.
- The Flask server processes the request and ensures real-time streaming of the music, allowing users to listen to the song as soon as it's generated.
- For storage and long-term management of the generated music, the metadata and music links are handled by Spring Boot, which communicates with a MySQL database to store information such as the song title, date of creation, and the associated drawing theme.
- Users can perform CRUD operations on the generated music.
  - Create: Saving the generated music to the database and S3 for long-term access.
  - Read: Streaming the saved music from S3 and retrieving metadata from the database for display in the app.
  - Update: Modifying the song's metadata or regenerating the music by submitting a new drawing.
  - Delete: Removing the music file from S3 and its metadata from the MySQL database, while ensuring Redis invalidates any cached data related to the deleted music.

## III. DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

### A. Hardware Development Environment

#### 1) Raspberry Pi

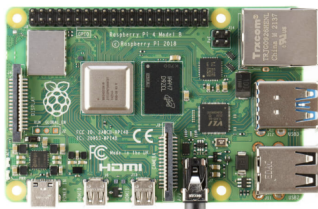


Fig. 1: Raspberry Pi

The Raspberry Pi is a small computer commonly used in various programming and IoT projects. Its efficient and

cost-effective design makes it popular for home automation and IoT environments.

#### Role:

- IoT Device Control: The Raspberry Pi serves as the main device for controlling IoT devices in this project. It connects with multiple sensors and actuators (e.g., PIR sensor, temperature sensor), collects data, processes it, and sends it to the system.
- Using MQTT Protocol: The Raspberry Pi communicates with other devices or servers through the MQTT protocol, allowing real-time monitoring and control of IoT device states.
- Serving as a Matter Bridge: The Raspberry Pi is configured as a Matter bridge to facilitate communication with devices compatible with the Matter Protocol. This setup enables it to communicate with various Matter-compliant IoT devices, allowing centralized control and monitoring of each device via the Spring Boot server. The Matter bridge acts as a communication hub for IoT devices, ensuring interoperability among devices within the same network.
- Network Management and Processing: Through network connectivity, the Raspberry Pi connects to the Spring Boot server or the Matter Protocol to transmit and receive data and to process various commands.

#### Technical Features:

- Compact Size and Low Power Consumption: Ideal for environments with space and power constraints.
- Expandability: The GPIO pins allow easy connection to various sensors and actuators, providing flexibility for various IoT projects.
- Matter Bridge Integration: Acting as a Matter bridge, the Raspberry Pi operates as an integration point for interacting with Matter-supported devices. This enables other Matter-compatible devices to connect through the Raspberry Pi, ensuring smooth communication.
- Supports Various Languages: Raspberry Pi can be controlled using multiple programming languages such as Python, C++, and Java, offering developers a high degree of flexibility.

#### 2) Matter Protocol

The Matter Protocol is a communication protocol developed to enhance interoperability among smart home and IoT devices. Supported by major IoT device manufacturers, Matter ensures compatibility between devices from different

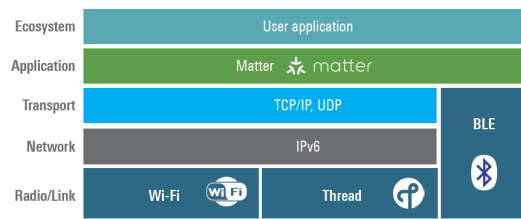


Fig. 2: Matter

manufacturers within a smart home ecosystem.

Role:

- **Provides Interoperability among IoT Devices:** With the Matter Protocol, various IoT devices within the same network can communicate seamlessly. This enables the devices used in the project to interact smoothly with one another.
- **Standardized Data Transmission:** The Matter Protocol offers a standardized method for data transmission, simplifying data management and transfer for developers.
- **Enhanced Security Features:** Matter strengthens security by employing encryption for data transmission between devices and an authentication system that only allows approved devices to connect.

Technical Features:

- **Multi-Platform Support:** Matter supports various network technologies such as Wi-Fi, Ethernet, Thread, and BLE, allowing flexible configurations suited to the environment.
- **Simplified Development Process:** Matter streamlines communication protocols, making integration easier for developers and ensuring compatibility across a wide range of IoT devices.
- **High-Performance Security:** It provides security based on authentication, ensuring that data transmission between IoT devices is securely protected.

### 3) PIR Sensor

A PIR (Passive Infrared) sensor is used to detect motion and is commonly employed in security and home automation systems. It senses infrared signals emitted by the human body to determine motion and can monitor user presence within a specific area.

Role:

- **User Detection and Music Control:** The PIR sensor detects users within a room and triggers actions like playing or stopping music when certain conditions are met. When a user is detected, it sends a signal to the Spring Boot server to turn on the music. If the user



Fig. 3: PIR Sensor

leaves the detection range or after a certain period, it can be configured to stop the music automatically.

- **Energy Efficiency Maintenance:** The PIR sensor helps in reducing unnecessary power consumption by detecting activity in a particular area. When no user is detected, it automatically turns off devices like music or lighting to save energy.
- **Real-time Status Transmission:** It sends real-time movement data to the Spring Boot server, which can then use this information to control other IoT devices based on user location.

Technical Features:

- **Low Power Consumption:** The PIR sensor consumes minimal power as it only sends a signal when the detection state changes.
- **Easy Installation and Connection:** It can be easily connected to the GPIO pins of control devices like Raspberry Pi and can be handled with simple signal processing.
- **Instant Response Time:** The PIR sensor is suitable for applications that require immediate feedback as it quickly detects human movement.
- **Wide Detection Range:** It generally provides a broad detection angle, allowing it to sense movement throughout an entire room.



## B. Software Development Platform

### 1) Linux



Fig. 4: Linux

Linux, an operating system based on UNIX, is known for supporting multiple users, multi-tasking, and multi-threading, making it highly suitable for development environments. As an open-source OS, it has been widely distributed and modified for various needs, with popular distributions like Ubuntu. Linux excels in server environments, desktop applications, and embedded systems development due to its flexibility, performance, and robust security features. Its extensive command-line utilities make it particularly adept for working with development boards and IoT devices, allowing seamless integration with hardware. Additionally, Linux's strong community support ensures quick troubleshooting and continuous enhancements, making it an excellent choice for IoT development and large-scale software projects.

### 2) Windows



Fig. 5: Windows

Windows, developed by Microsoft, is one of the most widely used operating systems globally, known for its compatibility with a vast range of software applications and hardware devices. Its graphical user interface and accessibility make it versatile for personal, business, and development use. Windows supports multi-tasking and multi-threading, which enhances its capability for running complex applications and handling high-demand development tasks. With tools like Visual Studio, Windows provides comprehensive support for app development across multiple platforms, including desktop, web, and mobile applications. Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) allows developers to use Linux command-line tools and utilities directly on

Windows, making it an adaptable choice for cross-platform development. Furthermore, Windows offers strong support for gaming and multimedia applications due to DirectX and hardware acceleration capabilities. Its enterprise-level security options, combined with Microsoft's extensive documentation and community support, make Windows a reliable operating system for both general-purpose computing and advanced development environments.

### 3) macOS



Fig. 6: macOS

macOS, developed by Apple and based on UNIX, is widely recognized for its user-friendly interface and stability, making it a preferred operating system for developers, particularly in design, media, and software development environments. Its robust integration with Apple hardware ensures optimized performance and energy efficiency, which is essential for seamless application testing and development. macOS includes powerful command-line utilities and developer tools such as Xcode, which supports app development for the Apple ecosystem, including iOS, macOS, watchOS, and tvOS. Additionally, the macOS environment provides strong support for multi-tasking and multi-threading, and its UNIX-based architecture offers compatibility with various development frameworks and programming languages, making it highly adaptable to web, mobile, and cloud applications. macOS's extensive developer community, combined with Apple's regular updates, ensures high security standards, efficient troubleshooting, and consistent performance, making it an ideal choice for both individual developers and large-scale development teams.

## C. Language & Framework

### 1) Spring Boot



Fig. 7: Spring Boot

Spring Boot is a lightweight Java-based backend framework that simplifies the process of quickly developing standalone



web applications. It reduces the complexity of configuring the Spring Framework by including embedded web servers, such as Tomcat or Jetty, enabling the application to run with minimal additional setup in both development and production environments.

Role:

- **Web Application Development:** Facilitates the rapid development of standalone web applications.
- **Auto-configuration:** Provides automatic configuration for various Spring features without needing XML or Java Config classes.
- **Dependency Management:** Simplifies dependency configuration with Spring Boot Starter, boosting development efficiency.
- **Security and Authentication:** Easily integrates with Spring Security, allowing for streamlined implementation of authentication and authorization.
- **Asynchronous Processing and Scheduling:** Ideal for IoT, mobile, and cloud applications, enabling easy development of REST APIs, asynchronous processing, and scheduling functionalities.

Technical Features:

- **Embedded Server:** Bundles web servers such as Tomcat, Jetty, and Undertow, eliminating the need for separate configurations.
- **Automatic Configuration:** Automatically sets up necessary features, streamlining application setup.
- **Support for Various Environments:** Easily adaptable from local development to cloud deployment.
- **MQTT Support:** Enables MQTT messaging with libraries like Eclipse Paho MQTT Client, allowing Spring Boot applications to publish and subscribe to MQTT messages.

## 2) Java



Fig. 8: Java

Java is an object-oriented programming language known for its platform independence, allowing applications to run consistently across different operating systems. With the motto Write Once, Run Anywhere, Java achieves cross-platform

compatibility through the JVM (Java Virtual Machine), enabling stable and efficient application development.

Role:

- **Server-side Logic Development:** Java's reliability makes it widely used for server applications.
- **Multithreading and Asynchronous Processing:** Java's multithreading and asynchronous processing capabilities are ideal for IoT systems that require real-time data handling.
- **Large-scale System Operation:** Thread management, garbage collection, and robust libraries enable Java to handle high-traffic server applications effectively.

Technical Features:

- **Object-Oriented Programming:** High reusability and scalability, making maintenance straightforward.
- **Platform Independence with JVM:** Allows consistent code execution across various platforms via the JVM.
- **Extensive Standard Libraries:** Provides libraries for networking, databases, file handling, and more, supporting efficient application development.
- **Reliability and Performance:** Ensures stability in large-scale systems and guarantees performance in multithreaded environments.

## 3) Python



Fig. 9: Python

Python is a widely used interpreted language known for its simplicity, readability, and versatility across various applications and platforms. Its ease of use and concise syntax significantly reduce development time and minimize errors, making it a popular choice for developers.

Role:

- **Cross-Platform Compatibility:** Python is a cross-platform language that can run on various operating systems (Linux, Windows, Mac) with minimal modifications, providing flexibility and efficient deployment.

- **Data Processing and Manipulation:** Its strengths in string processing and data manipulation make Python ideal for applications involving text and image processing, data analysis, and scientific computing.
- **Automation and Scripting:** Python's readability and flexibility make it suitable for automation tasks, enabling the development of scripts and tools for repetitive tasks and efficient workflows.

#### Technical Features:

- **Concise and Readable Syntax:** Python's straightforward syntax enhances code readability and reduces development time, contributing to rapid prototyping and easier debugging.
- **Extensive Libraries:** Python offers a rich ecosystem of libraries, including Pandas, NumPy, and OpenCV, which simplify complex operations such as data analysis, machine learning, and image processing.
- **Community and Documentation:** Python boasts a large and active community, providing a wealth of resources, support, and libraries that streamline development.

#### 4) Flask



Fig. 10: Flask

Flask is a lightweight web framework for Python, known for its simplicity, flexibility, and suitability for small to medium-sized web applications and APIs. Flask provides a straightforward foundation for building web applications with minimal setup.

#### Role:

- **RESTful API Development:** Flask is optimized for creating RESTful APIs, providing tools for handling HTTP requests and responses, which is ideal for applications requiring data exchange in formats like JSON.
- **Integration with Python Models:** Flask can easily integrate with Python-based machine learning models, making it simple to serve model predictions and data processing results to client applications.
- **Customizable and Modular:** Flask allows developers to include only the components needed for a project,

creating a lean and efficient development environment.

#### Technical Features:

- **Lightweight and Flexible:** Designed to be minimalistic, Flask allows developers to build web applications without unnecessary features, ensuring a flexible and tailored environment.
- **Powerful Routing and Request Handling:** Flask's built-in support for routing and handling HTTP methods makes it suitable for building APIs and web services.
- **Rich Ecosystem of Extensions:** Flask supports numerous extensions, allowing for easy integration of features like authentication, database connections, and caching.

#### 5) Flutter



Fig. 11: Flutter

Flutter is an open-source UI toolkit developed by Google, allowing developers to create natively compiled applications for mobile, web, and desktop from a single codebase. It is known for its expressive UI, fast development cycles, and ability to create visually appealing applications. By using Dart, a language optimized for building mobile applications, Flutter offers a seamless and efficient development experience with extensive community support and a rich library of widgets.

#### Role:

- **Cross-platform Development:** Flutter provides a seamless way to create applications that work consistently across multiple platforms, including iOS, Android, web, and desktop, from one codebase. This greatly simplifies development and reduces costs.
- **Rich and Customizable UI Design:** Flutter's widget-based framework allows developers to create highly customizable UIs with complex animations, ensuring a native-like experience and high performance for both simple and intricate designs.
- **Component-based Architecture:** Flutter's widget-centric architecture encourages modular code that is easy to reuse, manage, and scale. Developers can create complex

UIs by composing and nesting widgets.

- Expressive Declarative UI: Flutter uses a declarative approach to building UIs, making the code more readable, intuitive, and responsive to changes in state.

Technical Features:

- Dart Language: Flutter leverages Dart, a powerful, easy-to-learn language optimized for mobile and desktop apps with strong performance and efficient memory management.
- Extensive Widget Library: Flutter offers a vast collection of built-in widgets that are fully customizable, enabling developers to create UIs that conform to platform-specific designs or have a unique, custom look.
- Hot Reloading: Allows developers to make changes to the code and see the results instantly without losing application state, enhancing productivity and speeding up development cycles.
- Native Integration and Flexibility: Flutter allows seamless integration with platform-specific APIs and services, offering flexibility to access native features and deliver a native-like user experience.
- IoT-related System Development: Flutter is well-suited for use alongside the latest technologies. Consider using Flutter when developing IoT (Internet of Things) solutions. It enables efficient integration of smart devices with user interfaces, facilitating the creation of high-performance IoT systems.

#### D. Software & AI model In Use

##### 1) BRIP

BLIP (Bootstrapping Language-Image Pre-training) is a cutting-edge AI model that enables unified vision-language understanding and generation. By training on a large dataset of image-text pairs, BLIP can perform diverse tasks such as image captioning, visual question answering, and text-guided image generation.

Role:

- Image Captioning: BLIP generates descriptive captions for images, providing a textual representation of visual content, which is useful for accessibility and content categorization.
- Visual Question Answering: BLIP interprets visual data to answer questions about images, offering real-time assistance and context comprehension for visual-based tasks.
- Text-Guided Image Generation: BLIP creates or modifies images based on textual prompts, bridging the

gap between visual creativity and text-based control.

Technical Features:

- Zero-shot Learning: BLIP's zero-shot capabilities allow it to adapt to new tasks without additional training data, making it versatile across various applications.
- Specialized Language Training: By training on datasets with images and Korean captions, BLIP can generate Korean prompts, making it suitable for localized applications and non-English language tasks.
- Enhanced Vision-Language Bridging: BLIP effectively integrates textual and visual data, enabling it to process and produce outputs that combine both modalities seamlessly.

##### 2) Amazon S3



Fig. 12: Amazon S3

Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) is a highly scalable object storage service known for its industry-leading data availability, security, and performance. Amazon S3 provides a robust infrastructure for storing and managing large volumes of data, particularly useful for media files such as images and music.

Role:

- File Storage: Stores generated music files and uploaded image files in S3, with Flask generating music files that the Spring Boot server saves to S3, providing clients with URLs for file download or streaming.
- Cloud Storage: Manages large data volumes efficiently, including user-related images and audio files.
- Data Management: Used for organizing temporary or outdated data, as well as for backups. Access permissions can be configured to restrict file access to specific users.

Technical Features:

- Scalability: S3 automatically scales to accommodate large volumes of data as file counts increase.
- Reliability: Offers high durability, ensuring data is securely stored.

- Flexible Access Management: Access Control Lists (ACLs) and bucket policies allow for detailed permission settings.

### 3) MySQL



Fig. 13: MySQL

MySQL is a widely used open-source relational database management system (RDBMS) known for its stability, performance, and ability to handle large datasets efficiently. Its robust functionality makes it ideal for managing data-intensive applications, including those that track user locations, manage media files, and facilitate device interactions.

#### Role:

- Data Storage: Stores and manages user information, generated music metadata (title, creation date, etc.), and music request data. This enables the system to store a wide variety of data permanently for retrieval as needed.
- Data Integrity Assurance: Ensures data consistency and integrity through transactions and foreign keys, maintaining stability even when multiple users access data simultaneously.
- CRUD Operations: Supports Create, Read, Update, and Delete operations through integration with the Spring Boot application.

#### Technical Features:

- SQL-Based: Uses standard SQL queries, making data management straightforward.
- Scalability: Efficiently manages large transactions and data with scalable architecture.
- Reliability: Provides strong backup and recovery capabilities to ensure data security.

### 4) Amazon RDS (Relational Database Service)

Amazon RDS is AWS's managed relational database service, handling database server management and maintenance, allowing developers to focus on data-related tasks rather than setup and maintenance.

#### Role:

- MySQL Server Hosting: Supports MySQL and other database engines, making it easy to set up and manage



Fig. 14: Amazon RDS

MySQL servers. In this project, RDS manages user information, music metadata, and music requests.

- Automated Management: Handles database backups, security patches, and software updates automatically, reducing database management burdens.
- Scalability: Supports scale-up/down as traffic or storage needs change. For high read performance, Read Replicas can be added.

#### Specific Functions:

- Persistent Data Storage: The RDS MySQL server stores user-related data, music metadata, and music requests, ensuring reliable data management even with high request volumes.
- Data Backup and Recovery: Performs regular backups automatically, with automatic recovery capabilities to ensure data integrity and reliability.
- High Availability: Multi-AZ deployment replicates databases across availability zones, providing high availability and fast recovery in case of failures.

#### Technical Features:

- Automatic Backups: Regular backups enable point-in-time recovery.
- Security: Supports VPC isolation, AWS IAM integration, and data encryption via AWS Key Management Service (KMS).
- Monitoring and Alerts: Integrates with Amazon CloudWatch for real-time database performance monitoring and notifications for any issues.

#### Integration with RDS:

- Spring Boot: The Spring Boot project connects directly with AWS RDS MySQL, leveraging Spring Data JPA for efficient database interactions. Database URL, username,

and password are configured using the RDS endpoint.

- RDS MySQL Setup: After creating a MySQL instance in the RDS console, its endpoint and credentials are used to connect the Spring Boot application.

#### 5) Visual Studio Code



Fig. 15: VS Code

Visual Studio Code (VS Code) is a lightweight and highly customizable code editor developed by Microsoft. Known for its versatility and extensive extension ecosystem, VS Code supports a wide range of programming languages and development environments, making it a popular choice for developers across various fields.

##### Role:

- Code Editing and Development: VS Code provides a streamlined, efficient environment for writing, editing, and managing code in multiple languages. It offers a powerful, customizable interface that supports development workflows from simple scripts to large projects.
- Extension Support: With thousands of extensions available, VS Code allows developers to add language support, frameworks, linters, debuggers, and tools specific to their project needs, enhancing productivity and flexibility.
- Remote Development: VS Code's remote development feature allows users to work on projects hosted on remote servers or in containers, enabling efficient collaboration and resource utilization.

##### Technical Features:

- Lightweight and Fast: Designed for speed and efficiency, VS Code is a lightweight editor that quickly adapts to various development environments without significant resource usage.
- Integrated Debugging and Git: VS Code includes built-in debugging and Git support, streamlining the development and version control process within a single interface.
- Highly Customizable: Through JSON configuration files, settings, and an extensive extension library, VS Code allows for deep customization to meet individual

development needs.

#### 6) Android Studio



Fig. 16: Android Studio

Android Studio is Google's official integrated development environment for Android app development, offering a comprehensive suite of tools and resources tailored specifically for Android platforms.

##### Role:

- Emulator for Testing: It provides a fast and feature-rich emulator, simulating a wide range of Android devices and configurations for thorough testing without needing physical devices.
- Extensive Testing Tools: Android Studio includes a variety of testing tools and frameworks that support automated and manual testing, enhancing app quality and stability.
- Easy SDK Access: The IDE includes Android SDK and essential tools out-of-the-box, allowing developers to start building Android applications immediately.

##### Technical Features:

- Integrated Emulator: Fast, powerful emulator to test app functionality across device configurations.
- Comprehensive Testing Support: Tools for unit, UI, and integration testing.
- Code Inspection and Lint: Automates code quality checks and flags potential issues.

#### 7) Xcode



Fig. 17: Xcode

Xcode is Apple's official IDE for developing applications on iOS, macOS, watchOS, and tvOS, offering a complete suite of tools and resources to streamline development for Apple's

platforms.

Role:

- Apple Platform Development: Xcode is essential for creating applications for Apple's ecosystem, providing all necessary tools to develop iOS and macOS applications quickly and efficiently.
- Built-In Simulator: The simulator allows for testing applications without needing a physical device, supporting various iOS versions and device types.
- Storyboard and App Structure Visualization: The storyboard feature enables developers to see the structure of the app at a glance, aiding in the systematic design of complex applications.

Technical Features:

- Drag-and-Drop Interface Builder: Simplifies UI design with visual placement and Auto Layout.
- Comprehensive Preview Options: Preview and adjust for multiple devices and screen sizes.

8) Figma



Fig. 18: Figma

Figma is a cloud-based design and prototyping tool used for creating interactive and collaborative design experiences. Known for its flexibility and real-time collaboration features, Figma allows designers and teams to work together seamlessly from anywhere.

Role:

- UI/UX Design: Figma provides a robust platform for designing user interfaces and experiences, with tools to create detailed wireframes, mockups, and high-fidelity designs.
- Prototyping: Enables the creation of interactive prototypes that allow designers to simulate user flows and test interactions, providing a clear vision of the final product.
- Collaboration: Real-time collaboration allows multiple team members to work simultaneously on the same file, streamlining the feedback process and reducing delays.

Technical Features:

- Developer-Friendly Inspect Tool: Developers can access design specifications, CSS code, and assets directly, ensuring a smooth design-to-code transition.
- Interactive Prototyping and Animation: Offers tools to create interactive animations and transitions, making it easy to visualize and test user interactions.
- Cloud-Based and Cross-Platform: Figma operates in the cloud, accessible from any browser and supporting both Windows and macOS, making it highly versatile and collaborative.

## IV. SPECIFICATION

### A. Initial Screen

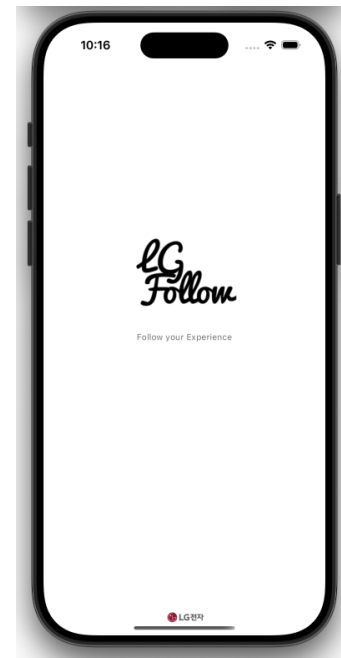


Fig. 19: Initial Screen

When the user launches the app, the initial screen displays the 'LG Follow' logo and the 'Follow your Experience' tagline for 2–3 seconds. After a brief delay, the screen transitions smoothly to the login page.



## B. Log In

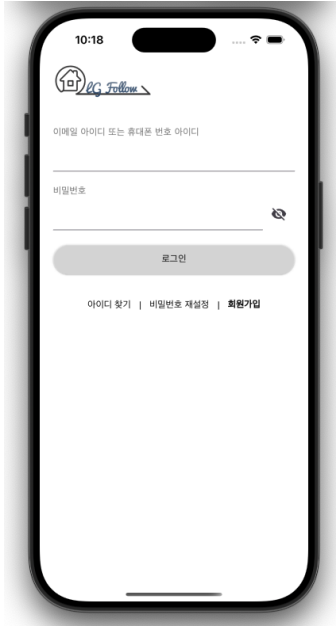


Fig. 20: Log In

### 1) ID Input

- Placeholder: 'Email ID' to guide the user on the input type.
- Input Format: Accepts either an email address.
- Validation: Checks if the input follows the correct format
  - Email: Format like user@example.com

### 2) Password Input

- Placeholder: Displays 'Password' as guidance for the user.
- Input Format: Accepts text for password entry, displayed as '•' symbols to conceal the input.

### 3) Log in

- Enabled/Disabled State:
  - Enabled: The button becomes active once both ID and password are entered.
  - Disabled: The button remains inactive if the ID and password fields are empty.
- Action: When clicked, the button attempts to log in with the provided ID and password.
  - On Success: Redirects to the main screen.
  - On Failure: Shows an error message ('The entered ID or password is incorrect').

### 4) Log in Process

- Input Check: When the log in button is clicked, the ID and password are validated against database records.
- Password Hashing: The entered password is hashed using the SHA-256 algorithm before being compared to the stored hash in the database.
- Authentication and Response
  - Success: On successful log in, the user is redirected to the main screen.
  - Failure: If log in fails, an error message ('The entered ID or password is incorrect') is displayed.

## C. Main Page



Fig. 21: Main Page

### 1) Home Application Power On/Off

- Power Button: Turns individual appliances On/Off. (In the On state, the power button is displayed in color, and in the Off state, it appears in grayscale with a strikethrough.)
- When the user clicks the power button for a specific appliance, the application records the device's status (On/Off) in the database or local storage.
- Upon status change, the application sends a command to the appliance to toggle its power state.
- If the device is currently on, clicking the button will turn it off, and if it is off, clicking the button will turn it on.



## 2) LG Follow Function On/Off

- Speaker Button: Controls the LG Follow function for audio playback in the room where the appliance is located. (In the On state, the power button is displayed in color, and in the Off state, it appears in grayscale with a strikethrough.)
- User Location Detection
  - PIR Sensors: PIR (Passive Infrared) sensors installed in each room detect the user's movement. When the user enters a room, the PIR sensor in that room activates and sends the location data to the Raspberry Pi.
- Data Collection and Transmission by Raspberry Pi
  - Raspberry Pi: Acts as a central hub that collects location data from all room PIR sensors. As the user moves from room to room, the Raspberry Pi updates the user's location in real time.
  - Matter Protocol: Raspberry Pi communicates with AI speakers and other room speakers via the Matter protocol to control audio output based on the user's current location.
- Audio Transition
  - When the user enters a new room, the Raspberry Pi sends a command to stop audio playback in the previous room's speaker and switch the audio to the speaker in the current room.
  - This setup allows the user to hear audio naturally in each new room as they move throughout the house.
- User Control Options for LG Follow
  - LG Follow On/Off for Specific Devices: Users can enable or disable the Follow feature for specific appliances in particular rooms, allowing more customized control over where audio follows them.

## 3) Add Product Button ('+' Button)

- Opens a QR code scanning screen to add a new appliance.
- When the user clicks the '+' button, the application navigates to the QR code scanning screen.
- The user can scan a QR code to register a new appliance, which will then be added to the home screen for control.

## D. Device Registration

- QR Scanning Frame: A square frame located in the center of the screen where users align the QR code.
- QR Code Recognition and Registration

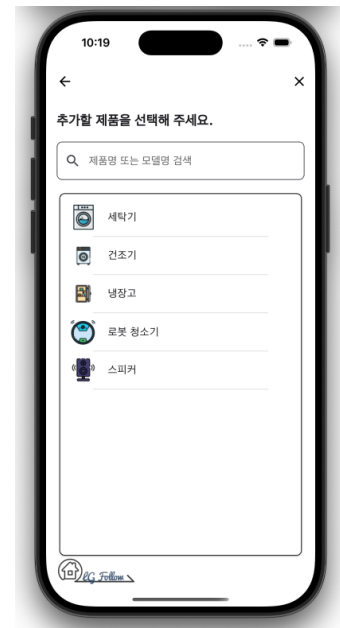


Fig. 22: Caption



Fig. 23: Device Registration

- Automatic Scanning: When a QR code is aligned within the scanning frame, the app automatically recognizes it without requiring a separate confirmation button.
- Validation: Once the QR code is scanned, the app verifies if it corresponds to a valid LG appliance model and matches the format stored in the database.
- Registration: If validated, the appliance is registered to the user's account and linked to the LG Follow

feature.

- Navigation Upon Successful Scan
  - Automatic Transition: Once the QR code is successfully recognized and the appliance is registered, the app automatically navigates the user back to the main screen.
  - Confirmation Message: Upon returning to the main screen, a brief confirmation message ('Appliance registered successfully') may appear to inform the user of successful registration.
- Error Handling: If the QR code is invalid or unrecognized, an error message appears ('Invalid QR code. Please try again').
- Through these features, users can easily control appliance power, manage room-specific LG Follow audio settings, and add new appliances.

#### E. Menu Page

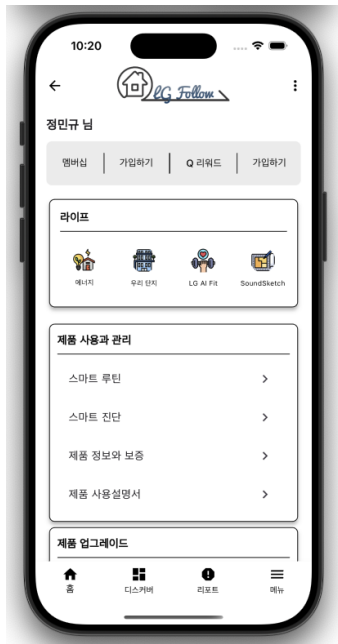


Fig. 24: Menu Page

User starts on the home screen and presses the menu button located on the bottom navigation bar, they open the menu page. From there, if the user navigates to the Life section and selects the Sound Sketch button, the app transitions to the Sound Sketch screen, providing them access to that feature.

#### F. Sound Sketch Initial Screen

When the user navigates to the menu page and selects the Sound Sketch button, the screen transitions smoothly to the



Fig. 25: Enter Sound Sketch

Sound Sketch initial screen. The initial screen displays the 'Sound Sketch' logo at the center along with a clean design. After a brief moment, the screen transitions seamlessly to the main functionality of the Sound Sketch feature.

#### G. Sound Sketch Main Page



Fig. 26: Sound Sketch Main Page

#### 1) Record Section

- The record section, located at the top, displays a list of previously created drawings along with their associated

music.

- Thumbnail: Each record is shown as a thumbnail that displays the user's actual drawing.
- Label: A label is displayed below each thumbnail, allowing users to easily identify each record.
- Functionality: Users can select a previous drawing to view the related music information or to play the associated audio.
- Saving Records: When a user completes and saves a drawing, it is added to the record section. The actual drawing is displayed as a thumbnail in the record section, and the metadata for the generated music is stored in the MySQL database via Spring Boot.
- Music Streaming: When a user selects a specific record thumbnail, the Flask server streams the associated music in real time, allowing the user to listen to it immediately.

## 2) Temporary Storage Section

- The temporary storage section shows the currently active drawing that the user is working on.
  - Thumbnail: The thumbnail displays the user's current drawing in a large square, making it easy to recognize.
- Functionality: Even if the app is closed or the user switches tasks, the ongoing drawing is saved. When the user taps this thumbnail, they can resume working on the saved drawing.
- Image Temporary Storage: When a user temporarily saves a drawing, the image data is stored in Redis, a fast-access cache database. This ensures that the user can pause or edit the drawing without losing data, thanks to Redis's memory-based storage, which minimizes latency and enhances the user experience during the drawing process.
- Temporary Data Recovery: When the user selects the saved drawing from the temporary storage section, Redis retrieves the data, allowing the user to resume their work seamlessly.

## 3) New Start Button

- The 'New Start' button at the bottom of the screen allows the user to begin a new drawing.
- Functionality
  - Transition to Drawing Page: When clicked, the app navigates to a new page where the user can start a new drawing.

- Temporary Data Reset: When a new project is started, the existing temporary data is reset or updated to save the new drawing.

- Reset and Transition to New Page: When the user clicks the New Start button, the current temporary data is reset, and the app navigates to the drawing page to start a fresh project.
- Data Management: For every new drawing, Redis either deletes or updates the previous temporary data to store the new drawing as the latest temporary data.

## H. Sketch Page

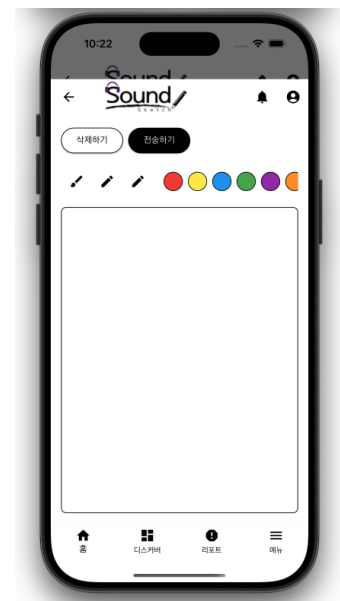


Fig. 27: Sketch Page

### 1) Canvas Section

- The gray background area in the center of the screen serves as a canvas where users can draw freely. This section is dedicated to allowing users to create and edit their drawings.
- Drawing Canvas: An interactive canvas where users can draw using various lines and colors.

### 2) Submit Button

- Allows users to submit the completed drawing to the server for music generation.
- When clicked, the drawing is temporarily saved in Redis, then sent to the AI system via the Flask server, where music based on the drawing will be generated.

### 3) Delete Button

- Provides an option to delete the current drawing on the canvas.
- When clicked, the current drawing is removed from temporary storage, and the canvas is cleared for a fresh start. A confirmation message may be shown to confirm deletion.

### 4) Expand Icon

- Allows users to view the drawing in full-screen mode for more detailed work.
- When clicked, the canvas expands to full screen, providing a larger workspace for more precise drawing.

### 5) Back Icon

- Allows users to return to the Sound Sketch main page.
- When clicked, the current drawing is temporarily saved in Redis, ensuring it is stored before navigating back to the Sound Sketch main page.

### 6) Bottom Navigation Bar

- Home, ThinQ, LG Follow Tabs: The bottom navigation bar allows users to switch between the main sections of the app without losing their current work on the Sketch screen.

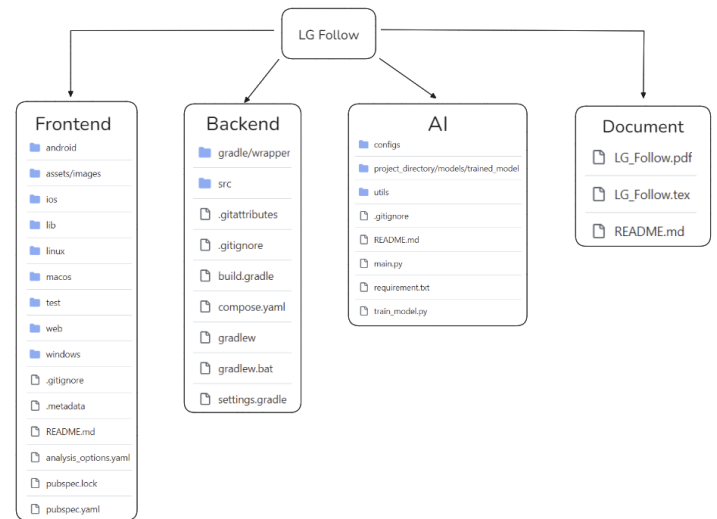


Fig. 29: Directory Organization

## V. ARCHITECTURE DESIGN

### A. Overall Architecture

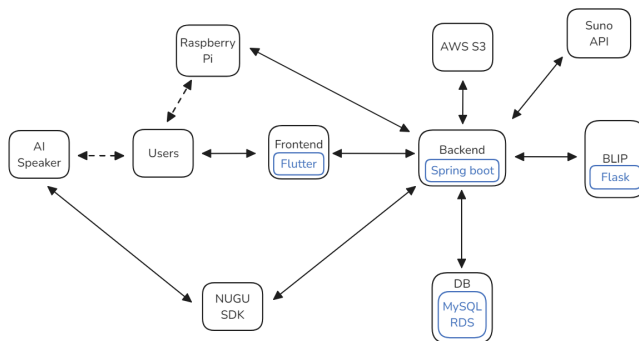


Fig. 28: Overall Architecture

### B. Directory Organization