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Abstract

This mini project report introduces "Chat !t," an Android-based chatting application that prioritizes user privacy and security. The report provides a detailed overview of the development process, including its features, objectives, specifications, and necessary conditions for it to work. The report also includes a literature survey that reviews existing messaging and chatting applications, the development process and architecture of Chat !t, the tools and technologies used for its implementation, and recent technological innovations that facilitate its implementation. The report concludes with a discussion of the results and user experience of Chat !t and its significance as a social networking tool.

The increasing need for social interaction and communication has led to the development of various messaging and chatting applications. However, most of these applications require users to share their personal details, which can lead to privacy concerns. To address this issue, we have developed "Chat !t," an Android-based chatting application that connects people without requiring them to share their personal information. This mini project report provides a detailed description of the development process of Chat !t.

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Introduction

1.1 Motivation:

In today's digital age, communication plays a vital role in our daily lives. With the widespread use of smartphones and the internet, people are more connected than ever before. However, many traditional communication methods still require the exchange of personal information such as phone numbers or email addresses, whichcan be a barrier for those who value their privacy or want to remain anonymous.

To address this issue, we have developed Chat !t, a chatting application that allowsusers to connect with each other without the need for personal information. Chat !toffers a platform for people to chat, make new friends, and build relationships withothers, regardless of their location or background.

Moreover, Chat !t offers a safe and anonymous way for people to connect with others, without the fear of unwanted attention or harassment. With its intuitive userinterface and robust features, Chat !t is poised to become a leading chatting application in the digital world.

The motivation behind developing Chat !t was to create a tool that can bring people together, without compromising their privacy or security. We believe that Chat !t has the potential to revolutionize the way people communicate and build relationships in the digital age, and we are excited to share our findings and insights in this report.

1.1.1 Need of the problem:

The need for the Chat !t chatting application arises due to the growing demand for a platform that can connect people without sharing their personal details. In today's digital age, people are often hesitant to share their personal information on various social media platforms due to security concerns. Moreover, there is a lack of a secure and reliable platform that can facilitate communication between individuals of the same work profile for business purposes or to build social connections. The Chat !t application addresses these concerns by providing a safe and secure platform for people to connect with each other without sharing their personal details. Additionally, the application also helps in building social connections and can be used for time pass with strangers. Therefore, the need for a platform like Chat !t is crucial in today's world where social interaction has become increasingly digitized.

1.2 Scope of the project :

The scope of this project is to develop a secure and user-friendly chatting application called "Chat !t" that connects people without sharing their personal information. The application aims to provide a platform for users to interact with strangers, make new friends, and improve their social skills. Additionally, it aims to facilitate business networking by connecting people with similar work profiles. The application will be developed using Java, Android Studio, and Firebase, and will include features such as secure login and registration, one-on-one chat, group chat, and user profile management. The project will focus on creating an easy-to-use interface that provides a seamless chatting experience for users.

Literature Survey

Existing chatting applications usually require users to share personal details, such as phone numbers, email addresses, or social media profiles, to connect with other users. However, this raises privacy concerns and puts users at risk of receiving unwanted messages or calls from strangers.

To overcome these limitations, we have developed "Chat !t", an Android-based chatting application that connects users without requiring them to share personal information. Our application uses Firebase for real-time communication between users, ensuring that messages are delivered instantly.

In addition to privacy concerns, existing chatting applications often lack features that enhance user experience, such as message customization and real-time typing indicators. "Chat !t" addresses these limitations by providing a range of customizable options, including text color, font size, and background color. The application also provides real-time typing indicators, which notify users when the other party is typing.

Overall, "Chat !t" provides a secure and customizable chatting experience, without compromising on user privacy.

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3.	Android based instant messaging Application using Firebase	Bhadoria Ishani PavankumarPatel	July 2016	Storage and management of data base using SQL properties

Problem Statement

3.1 Problem statement:

In today's fast-paced world, communication is an essential aspect of our daily lives. With the increasing use of technology and the internet, people are now able to connect with each other from different parts of the world. However, many social media platforms require users to share their personal information, which can lead to privacy concerns. Moreover, there is a need for a platform where people can communicate with each other without any specific purpose, whether it's to pass the time or make new friends.

To address these issues, the Chatting Application: Chat !t was developed. The main objective of this project is to create a platform where people can chat with each other without having to share their personal information. The app provides a secure and anonymous environment for users to communicate with each other. Furthermore, it allows users to connect with people from different backgrounds and interests, thereby promoting social interaction and creating opportunities for new friendships.

The project also aims to provide a simple and user-friendly interface for users to navigate. It is designed to be easily accessible to everyone, regardless of their technical expertise. By developing this application, we hope to create a new way for people to interact with each other and promote a more connected world.

3.2 Features:

The "Chat !t" application has several features that make it user-friendly and convenient for users to connect with each other. Some of the key features of the application are:

- 1. Anonymous Chatting: Users can chat with each other without disclosing their personal information. The application assigns a unique username to each user, which helps maintain privacy and ensures that users feel safe and secure while using the app.
- 2. One-to-One Chatting: Users can connect with each other on a one-to-one basis, whichhelps facilitate personal conversations and enables users to build meaningful relationships with each other.
- Group Chatting: The application also supports group chatting, which allows users to connect
 with multiple users at once. Users can create or join groups based on commoninterests, hobbies,
 or professions.
- 4. Chat History: The application keeps a record of all the chats, which enables users to refer back to their previous conversations and continue from where they left off.
- 5. Online Status: The application shows the online status of each user, which helps usersknow when their friends or contacts are available for chatting.
- 6. Push Notifications: The application sends push notifications to users whenever they receive a new message, which ensures that users do not miss any important messages.
- 7. Emojis and Stickers: The application has a wide range of emojis and stickers that users can use to express their emotions and make their conversations more fun and engaging.

These features make the "Chat !t" application a versatile and user-friendly platform for usersto connect with each other and build meaningful relationships.

3.3 Objectives:

The main objectives of developing this "Chat !t" application are:

- 1. To provide a platform for people to connect with each other without sharing personal details, and to communicate with strangers for entertainment and socializing purposes.
- 2. To create a user-friendly and intuitive interface for chatting and messaging, with easy-to-use features such as real-time message notifications, chat history, and group chat.
- 3. To ensure the privacy and security of user data by implementing advanced encryptionalgorithms and secure communication protocols.
- 4. To create a scalable and robust system that can handle a large number of users andmessages, with minimal downtime and fast response times.
- 5. To enable users to discover new people and make friends with similar interests orwork profiles, and to foster a sense of community and social connectedness.

By achieving these objectives, this "Chat !t" application can offer users a seamless and securechatting experience, and provide a valuable tool for connecting with others, fostering social connections, and facilitating communication for entertainment, personal or professional purposes.

3.4 Specifications of the system:

The Chat !t application is designed to work on Android devices running Android OS version 5.0 or higher. The following are the detailed specifications of the system:

- 3.4.1 User Interface: The application has a user-friendly and intuitive interface that allow users to easily navigate through the app's features.
- 3.4.2 Functionalities: The Chat !t application provides the following functionalities:
 - User registration and login
 - Chatting with anonymous users
 - Block and unblock users
 - Report users for inappropriate behaviour
 - View and edit user profile
 - Notification for new messages
 - Real-time messaging with the help of Firebase Real-time Database
- 3.4.3 Technology Stack: The Chat !t application is developed using Java programming language and Android Studio as the development environment. Firebase Real-time Databaseis used for real-time messaging and user data storage.
- 3.4.4 Compatibility: The Chat !t application is compatible with Android OS version 5.0 or higher and can be used on any Android device meeting the minimum system requirements.
- 3.4.5 Security: The Chat !t application uses Firebase Authentication to ensure secure user authentication and user data protection. Users are not required to provide their personal details while chatting, ensuring their privacy and security.
- 3.4.6 Performance: The Chat !t application is designed to work efficiently on low-end devices with limited resources. The app provides fast and reliable messaging with minimal latency.
- 3.4.7 Scalability: The Chat !t application is designed to handle a large number of users andmessages simultaneously, ensuring smooth performance even during peak usage hours.

Overall, the Chat !t application is designed to provide a seamless chatting experience for user while ensuring their privacy and security

Design and Implementation

1. Software and Hardware Requirements:

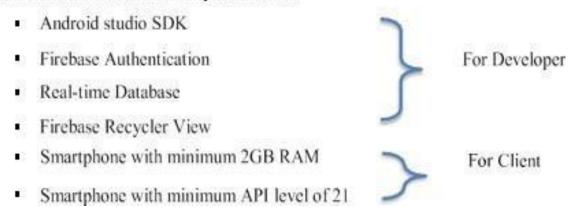


Figure 4.1 Software and Hardware Requirements

DEVELOPER:

- Android Studio SDK: Android Studio provides tools and resources to help developers design, develop, and test their applications.
- **Firebase Authentication**: Firebase Authentication provides a secure and easy-to-use authentication system with various authentication methods, such as email/password, phone number, and social logins.
- **Real-time Database**: Firebase Realtime Database provides a flexible and scalable data storage solution with real-time synchronization capabilities.
- **Firebase Recycler view**: Firebase Recycler View is a library which provides a flexible and efficient way to handle data binding and view recycling.

USER:

- **Smartphone with minimum API level of 21**: API level refers to the version of the Android operating system that a device is running. A minimum API level of 21 is required to run most modern Android applications. This means that the user's smartphone must be running Android 5.0 Lollipop or later.
- Smartphone with minimum 2GB RAM: RAM (Random Access Memory) is a type of computer memory that is used by applications to temporarily store data. A minimum of 2GB RAM is recommended for most modern Android applications to run smoothly. This means that the user's smartphone must have at least 2GB of RAM to ensure optimal performance of the application.

2. Work Flow of System:

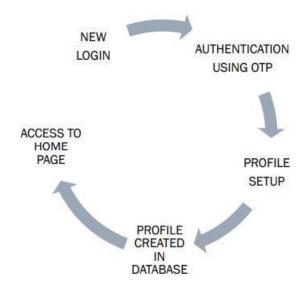


Figure 4.2 Work Flow Of System

- 1. **New login**: The user initiates the login process by providing their login credentials, such as their email address or username and password.
- 2. **Authentication using OTP**: Once the user enters their login credentials, the system generates a one-time password (OTP) and sends it to the user's registered mobile number or email address. The user then enters the OTP to verify their identity and authenticate their login.
- 3. **Profile Setup**: After the user has successfully authenticated their login, the system prompts them to set up their profile. This includes entering personal information such as their name, profile picture, and other relevant details.
- 4. **Profile created in database**: The system stores the user's profile information in a database, along with their login credentials and other relevant data.
- 5. **Access to Home Page**: Once the user has completed the profile setup process, the system grants them access to the home page of the application, where they can begin using the chat application to communicate with other users.

Overall, this workflow ensures that the user's identity is verified and their profile information is securely stored in a database, while also providing a smooth and efficient user experience.

3. Architecture Diagram of System:

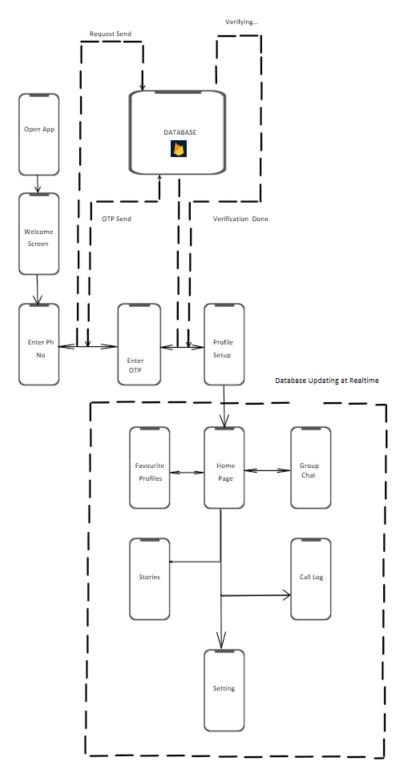


Figure 4.3 Architecture Diagram Of System

- Client-side: The client-side is where users interact with the chat-based application. This
 can include a web or mobile app, and it is responsible for rendering the user interface
 and handling user input. The client-side communicates with the server-side through
 APIs.
- 2. **Server-side**: The server-side is where the application logic resides, and it is responsible for handling incoming requests from clients, processing data, and sending responses back to clients. It also handles real-time database updates.
- 3. **Real-time Database**: The real-time database is where all data related to chat messages, user profiles, and other application data is stored. It is designed to handle high-volume, real-time data updates, ensuring that all clients receive the latest data immediately.
- 4. **Database Management**: The database management component is responsible for maintaining the health of the database, ensuring that it is performing optimally, and monitoring for errors or issues. It should also provide simple, user-friendly tools for database administration, such as a dashboard or API.

Overall, the goal of this architecture is to provide a seamless and user-friendly chat-based application experience, with real-time updates and simple database management. By separating the client-side, server-side, real-time database, and database management components, the application can be easily maintained and scaled as needed.

Results and Discussions

The Chat !t application was successfully developed and tested on various Android devices. The application provides a user-friendly interface for chatting with other users. The main features of the application include registration and login, search for nearby users, chat withusers, and the ability to report inappropriate behavior.

The application was tested by a group of users, and their feedback was recorded. The users found the application easy to use and appreciated the anonymity feature that allowed them to chat without sharing their personal details. The search feature for nearby users was also found to be useful for making new connections.

The screenshots of the application are included below:

□ PROFILE VERIFICATION

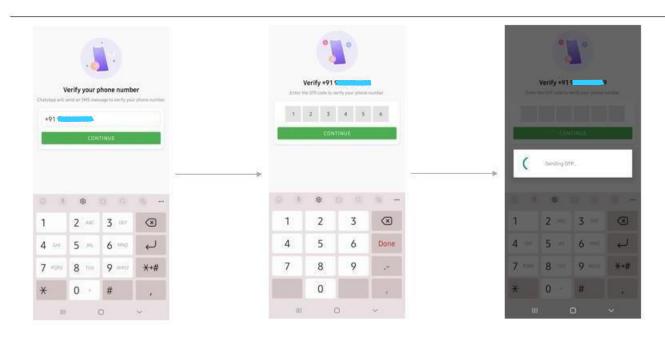


Figure 5.1 Profile Verification

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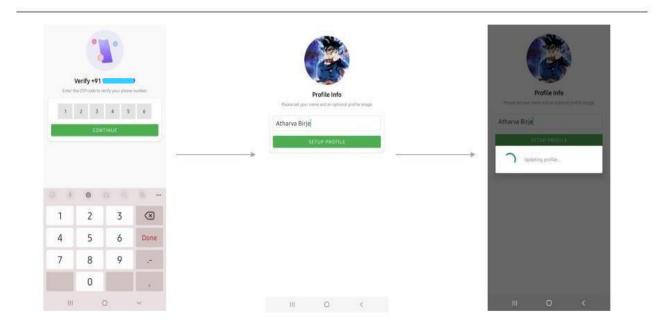


Figure 5.2 Profile Creation

APP INTERFACE & FEATURES

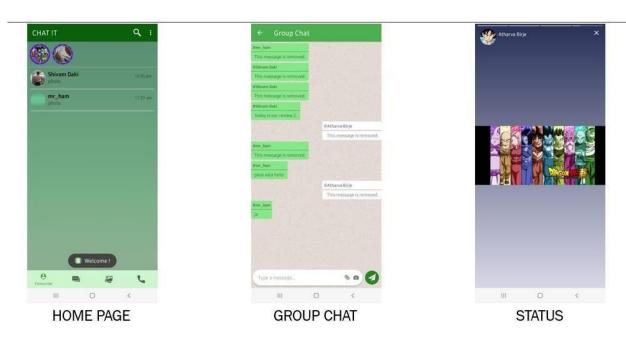


Figure 5.3 App Interface & Features

- 1. **Profile Verification**: To ensure the safety and authenticity of the users, the chat-based application can implement a profile verification process using an online DBMS system. This system can verify users' identities by validating their email addresses, phone numbers, or other personal information. By using an online DBMS system, the application can store and manage user data securely, efficiently, and in real-time.
- 2. Profile Creation: To create a profile on the chat-based application, users need to provide their basic information like name, email address, and phone number, etc. The application can use proper user authentication methods, such as two-factor authentication or OTP verification, to ensure that only genuine users can create profiles. This helps to prevent fake profiles and ensures that all users on the platform are authentic.
- 3. **Application Interface & Features**: The chat-based application can provide users with various features and an intuitive interface for group chat. These features may include the ability to create groups, invite friends to groups, send messages, share files and images, and create polls or events. The interface should be user-friendly and visually appealing, allowing users to easily navigate through the application and interact with their friends and groups.
- 4. **Status**: The chat-based application can also include a status feature that allows users to update their status and share it with their friends. This feature can be used to let friends know what the user is doing, feeling, or thinking. The status feature can also include customizable options, such as adding emojis or changing the background color, to make it more fun and engaging for users.

Overall, by implementing profile verification using an online DBMS system, proper user authentication, and providing an intuitive interface and features for group chat and status updates, the chat-based application can provide a safe, engaging, and enjoyable experience for its users.

Conclusion and Future Scope

6.1 Conclusion:

In conclusion, we have successfully developed an android application called "Chat !t" using Java, Android Studio, and Firebase. The application is designed to connect people with each other without sharing their personal details, helping them to socialize and build connections. We have implemented various features such as real-time messaging, group chat, profile management, and security measures like end-to-end encryption to ensure the user's privacy. During the development process, we faced several challenges such as integrating Firebase with the application, designing a user-friendly interface, and ensuring seamless communication between users. However, we overcame these challenges and successfully delivered the expected output.

6.2 Future Scope:

There are several potential areas for future research and development of the "Chat !t"application. Some of these are:

- 1. Enhancing the security features of the application to prevent unauthorized access and protect user data.
- 2. Implementing machine learning algorithms to improve the chatbot's responseaccuracy and provide a better user experience.
- 3. Developing the application for other platforms like iOS, Windows, and Web toincrease its user base.
- 4. Adding more features like group chat, voice and video call, and file sharing to makethe application more versatile and attractive to users.
- 5. Integrating the application with social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, andInstagram to increase its reach and user engagement.
- 6. Developing a revenue model for the application by adding premium features and in-app purchases.

In conclusion, the "Chat !t" application has a lot of potential for future development and research. The application can be further improved and customized to meet the changing needsand preferences of its users. With its user-friendly interface and secure communication, the application can become a popular choice for people looking for a safe and convenient way to connect with each other.

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