

AI Chef Recipe Generator – SDLC

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1. Project Overview

Project Name: AI Chef Recipe Generator

Objective:

To help users find recipes they can cook with the ingredients they already have, taking into account available cooking methods, time, and dietary restrictions.

Target Demographic:

- Home cooks
- Food enthusiasts
- People with dietary restrictions

Platform:

- Web and Mobile application
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2. Project Scope

- Generate recipes using AI based on user inputs
- Accept user inputs including:
 - Ingredients (from list, personal additions, or photo recognition)
 - Available cooking time
 - Cooking method (Stove, Microwave, Oven)

- Dietary restrictions
 - Provide step-by-step cooking instructions with images
 - Sign up and sign in using Email/Password, Google, or Facebook
 - Save user ingredient lists and preferences
 - Option to generate multiple recipe suggestions
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3. SDLC Phases

3.1 Requirement Analysis

Functional Requirements:

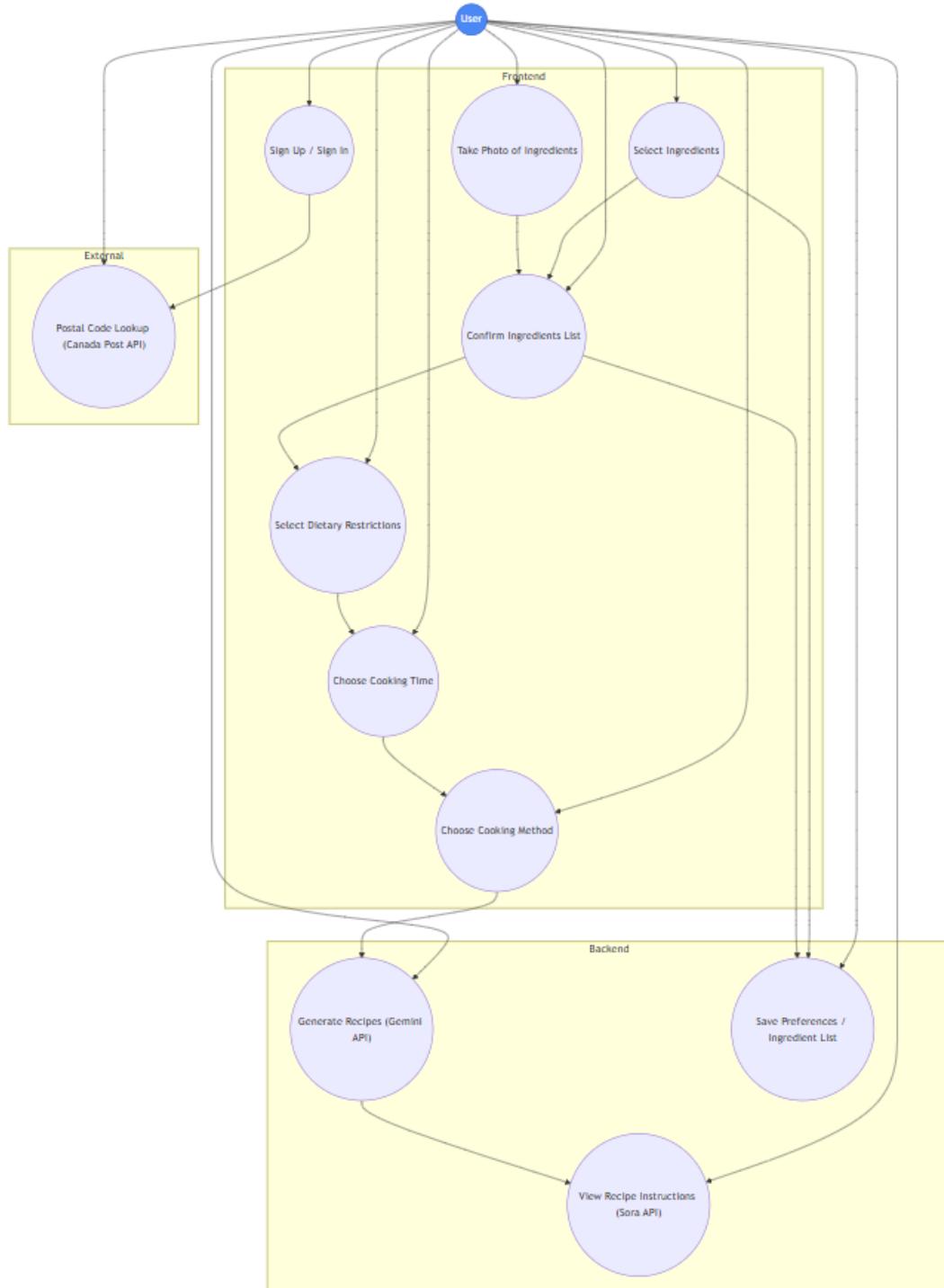
- Sign Up / Sign In functionality with multiple login options
- Ingredient selection from generic or personal lists
- Cooking time and method selection
- Dietary restriction selection
- Recipe generation using AI (Gemini API)
- Display cooking instructions with images (Sora API)
- Address auto-generation via Canada Post API

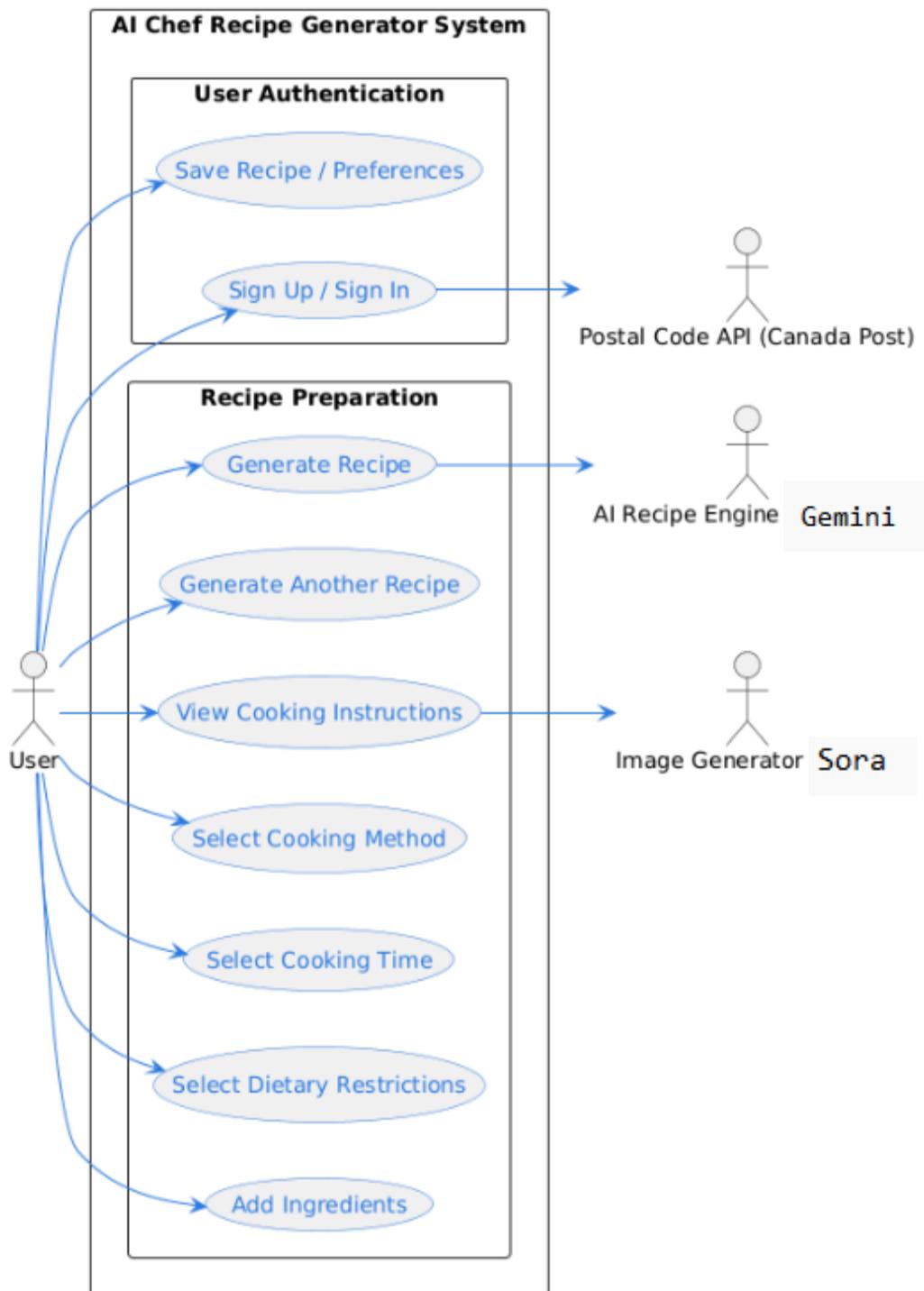
Non-Functional Requirements:

- Fast response time for recipe generation
- User-friendly and intuitive UI
- Secure login and user data handling
- Support remote and distributed development

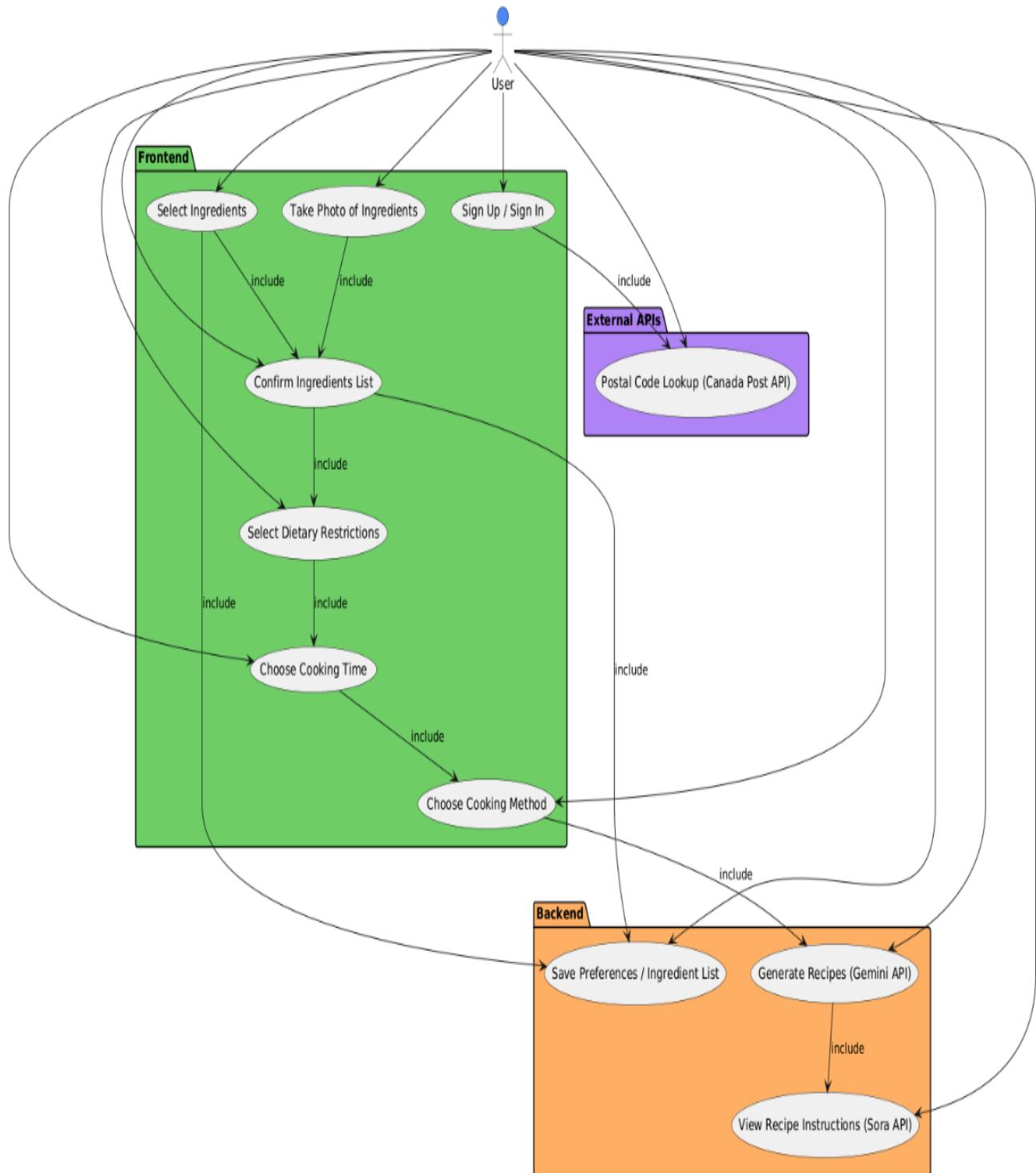
Deliverables: UML

- Use Case Diagrams

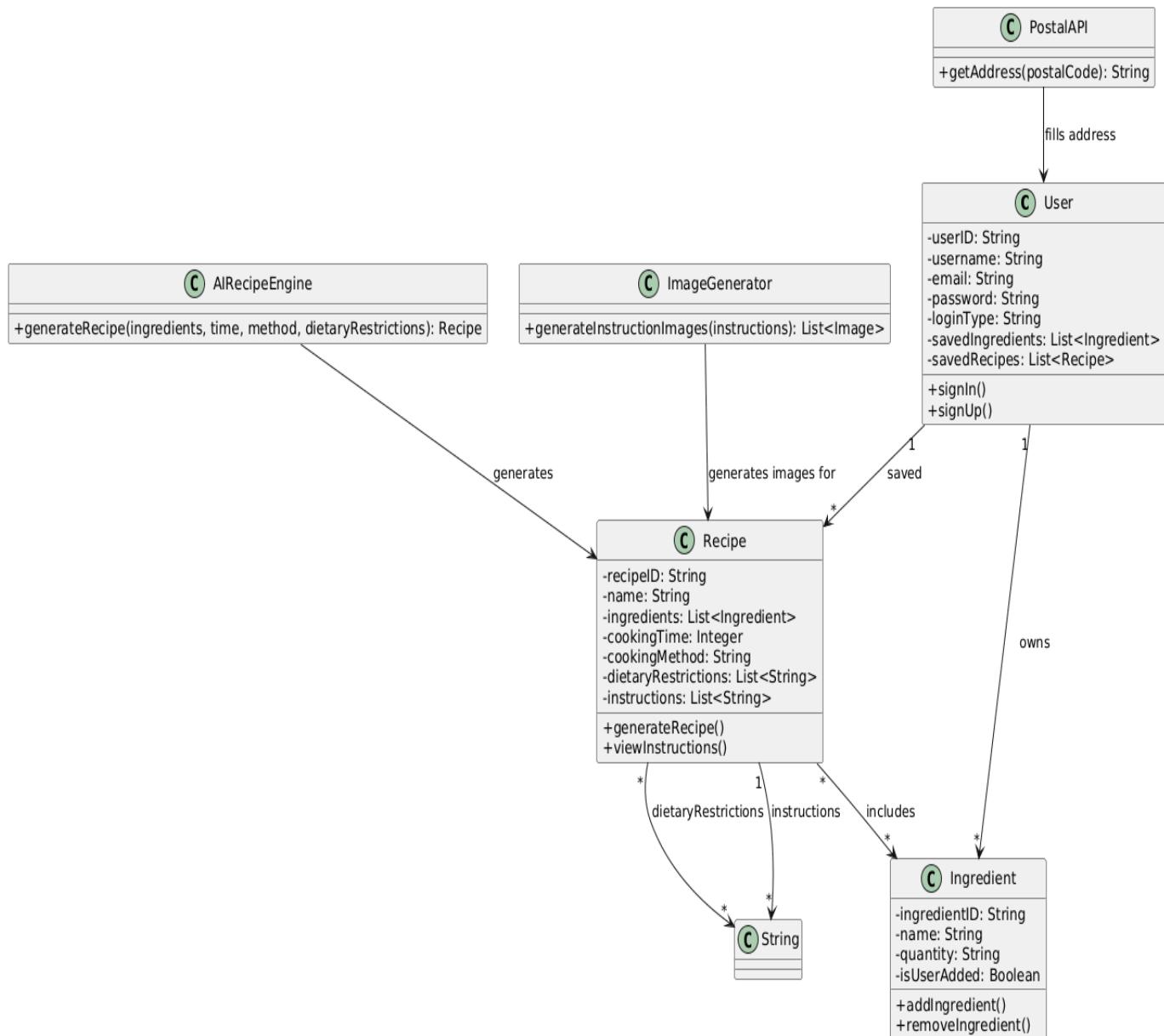




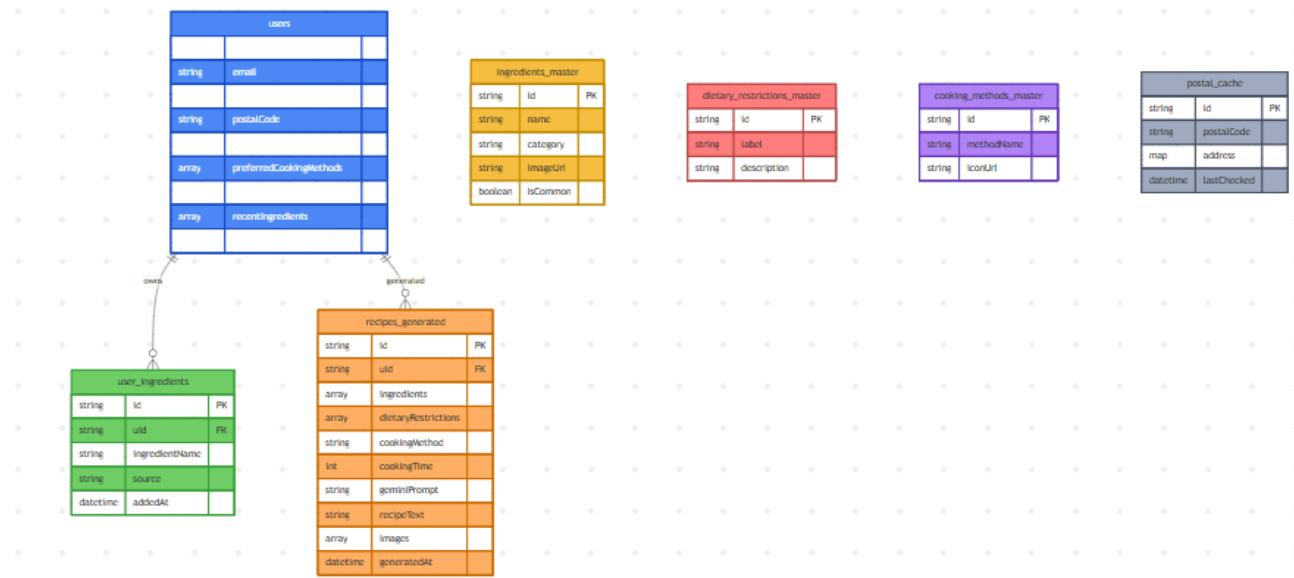
AI Chef Recipe Generator - Use Case Diagram



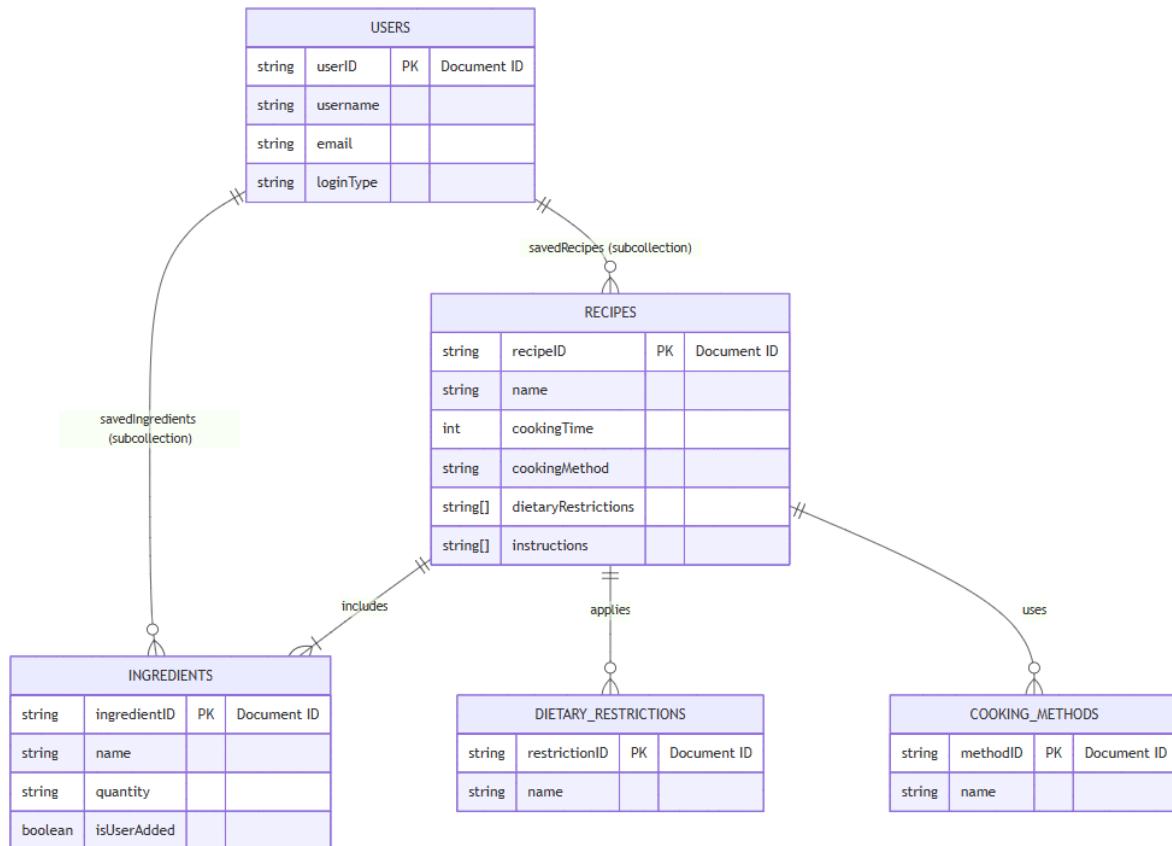
Class Diagram



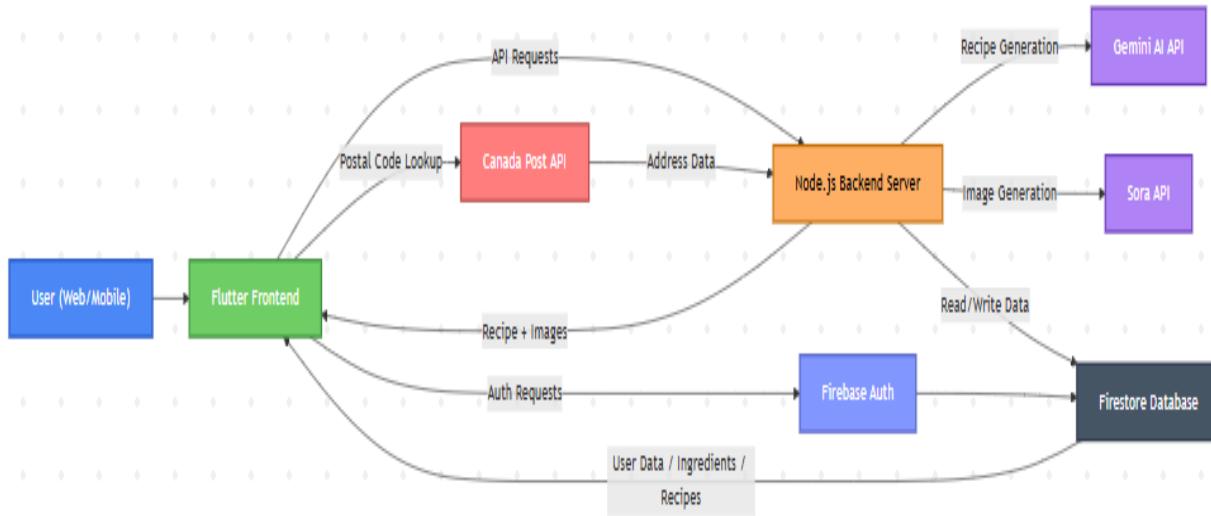
Firebase Firestore Database ERD Diagram



USER ERD Diagram



3.2 System Design:System Architecture



High-Level Design:

- Client-Server architecture
- Frontend: Mobile & Web interface
- Backend: Firebase
- Database: Firebase Firestore for user data, ingredients, and recipe history
- Authentication: Firebase Auth for Email/Password, Google, Facebook

Low-Level Design:

- Screen Flow (9–10 screens)
- API endpoints for recipe generation, image generation, and postal code lookup
- Data models for users, ingredients, recipes, and dietary restrictions

Data Structure for Integration

Front-end (Flutter/Dart) → reads/writes from Firestore

- **Gemini AI** → receives ingredients, dietary restrictions, time, cooking method and generates recipeText → save to recipes_generated
- **Sora API** → receives the recipe steps and generates images → store URLs directly in recipes_generated
- **Canada Post API** → receives postalCode → return address → store URL in users

Back-end (Firestore Flow)

User logs in → users collection

User selects ingredients → user_ingredients

User selects dietary restrictions → references dietary_restrictions

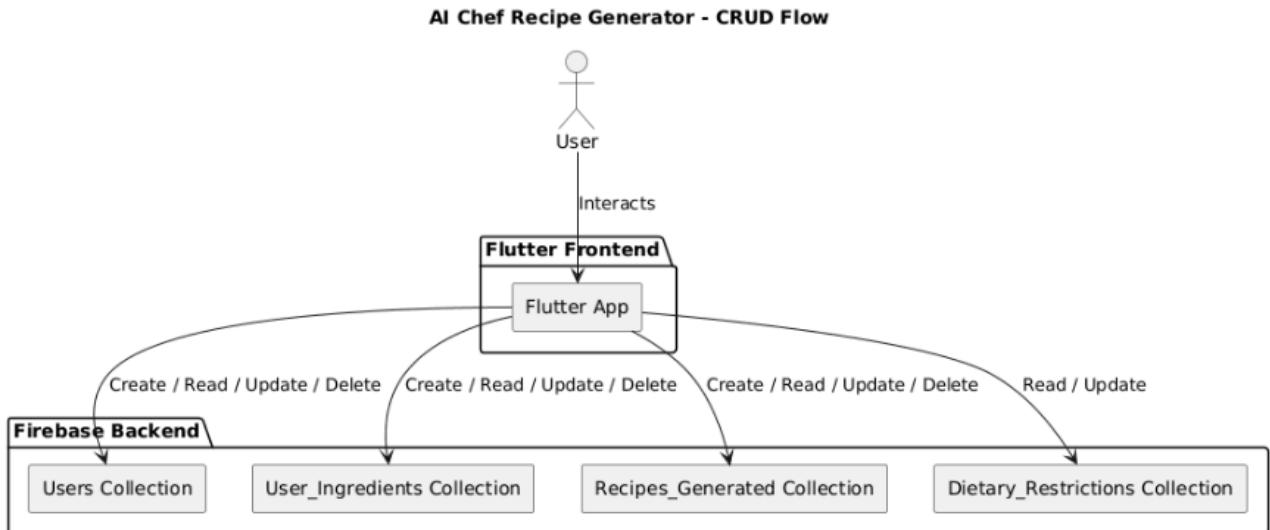
User clicks “Generate Recipe” → send ingredients, restrictions, time, method to Gemini AI

Gemini AI returns recipe → store in recipes_generated

Sora generates images → store URLs in recipes_generated or separate recipe_images

Frontend displays recipe and images

CRUD (Create,Read,Update,Delete Flow)



CRUD Implementation in AI Chef Recipe Generator

Our app uses Firebase Firestore to implement full CRUD functionality:

- **Create:** Users can add new ingredients to their personal list, register accounts, and generate recipes, which are stored in the `users`, `user_ingredients`, and `recipes_generated` collections.
- **Read:** The frontend reads data from Firestore to display available ingredients, dietary restrictions, saved recipes, and user preferences in real time.
- **Update:** Users can update their ingredient list, modify dietary restrictions, and save edits to recipes or preferences. Firestore automatically syncs these changes across devices.
- **Delete:** Users can remove ingredients, delete saved recipes, or clear preferences, which deletes the corresponding documents or fields from Firestore.

All operations are performed via Flutter/Dart using Firestore SDK, ensuring secure and efficient data access without the need for a separate backend server.

3.3 Implementation / Coding Frontend: Flutter

1) Open App

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface. On the left is the project navigation bar with files like config.env, main.dart, and various screens and services. The main code editor window displays the `home_screen.dart` file. The code defines a `HomeScreen` class with a `_fetchRecipe` method that reads from a `RecipeCubit`. To the right of the code editor is a mobile device emulator window showing a white screen. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons.

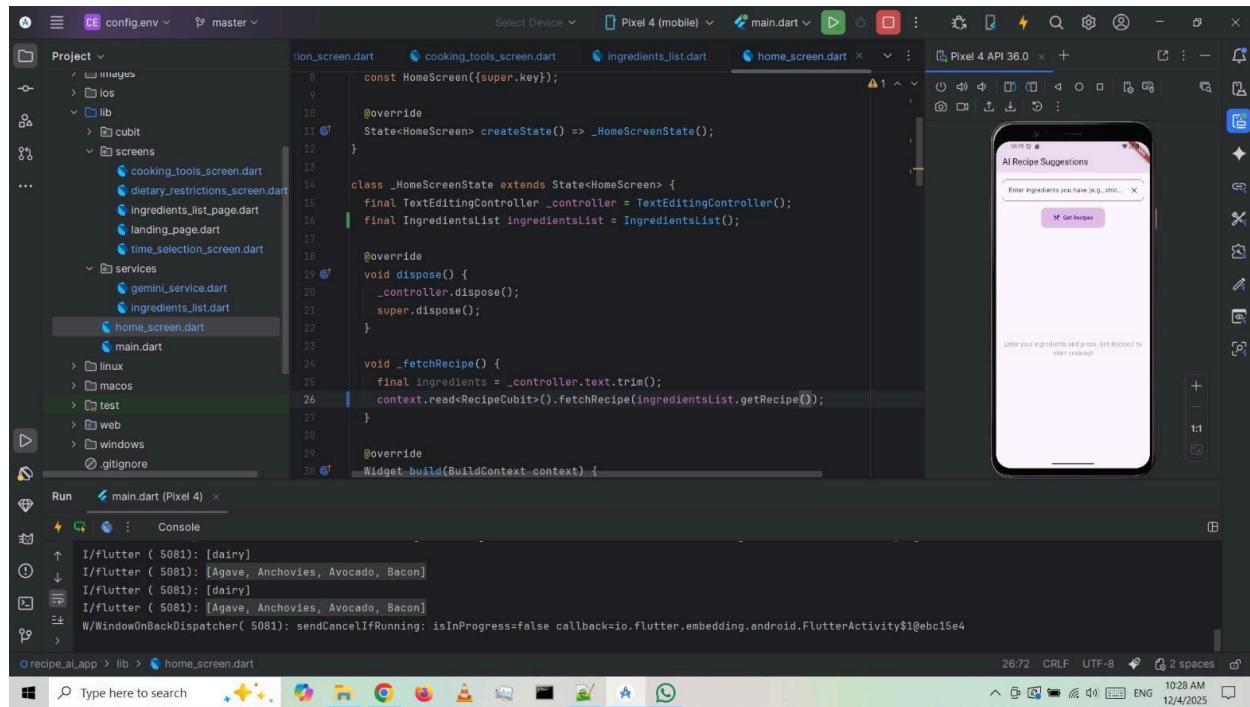
```
const HomeScreen({super.key});  
  
@override  
State<HomeScreen> createState() => _HomeScreenState();  
  
class _HomeScreenState extends State<HomeScreen> {  
  final TextEditingController _controller = TextEditingController();  
  final IngredientsList ingredientsList = IngredientsList();  
  
  @override  
  void dispose() {  
    _controller.dispose();  
    super.dispose();  
  }  
  
  void _fetchRecipe() {  
    final ingredients = _controller.text.trim();  
    context.read<RecipeCubit>().fetchRecipe(ingredientsList.getRecipe());  
  }  
  
  @override  
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
    return Scaffold(  
      appBar: AppBar(  
        title: const Text('AI Recipe Suggestions'),  
        backgroundColor: Colors.purple.shade50,  
        elevation: 1,  
      ),  
      body: Padding(  
        padding: const EdgeInsets.all(16.0),  
        child: Column(  
          children: [
```

2) Choose Ingredients from collection user_ingredients for example: [Agave, Anchovies, Avocado, Bacon]

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the same setup as the previous image. The `home_screen.dart` file is open in the code editor. The right side shows a mobile device emulator displaying a list of ingredients in a scrollable column. Each item has an "Add" button next to it. The list includes items like Acorn, Agave, Almonds, Anchovies, Anise, Apple Cider Vinegar, Apples, Apricots, Arugula, Asparagus, Avocado, Bacon, Baking Powder, Baking Soda, and Bananas.

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@override  
State<HomeScreen> createState() => _HomeScreenState();  
  
class _HomeScreenState extends State<HomeScreen> {  
  final TextEditingController _controller = TextEditingController();  
  final IngredientsList ingredientsList = IngredientsList();  
  
  @override  
  void dispose() {  
    _controller.dispose();  
    super.dispose();  
  }  
  
  void _fetchRecipe() {  
    final ingredients = _controller.text.trim();  
    context.read<RecipeCubit>().fetchRecipe(ingredientsList.getRecipe());  
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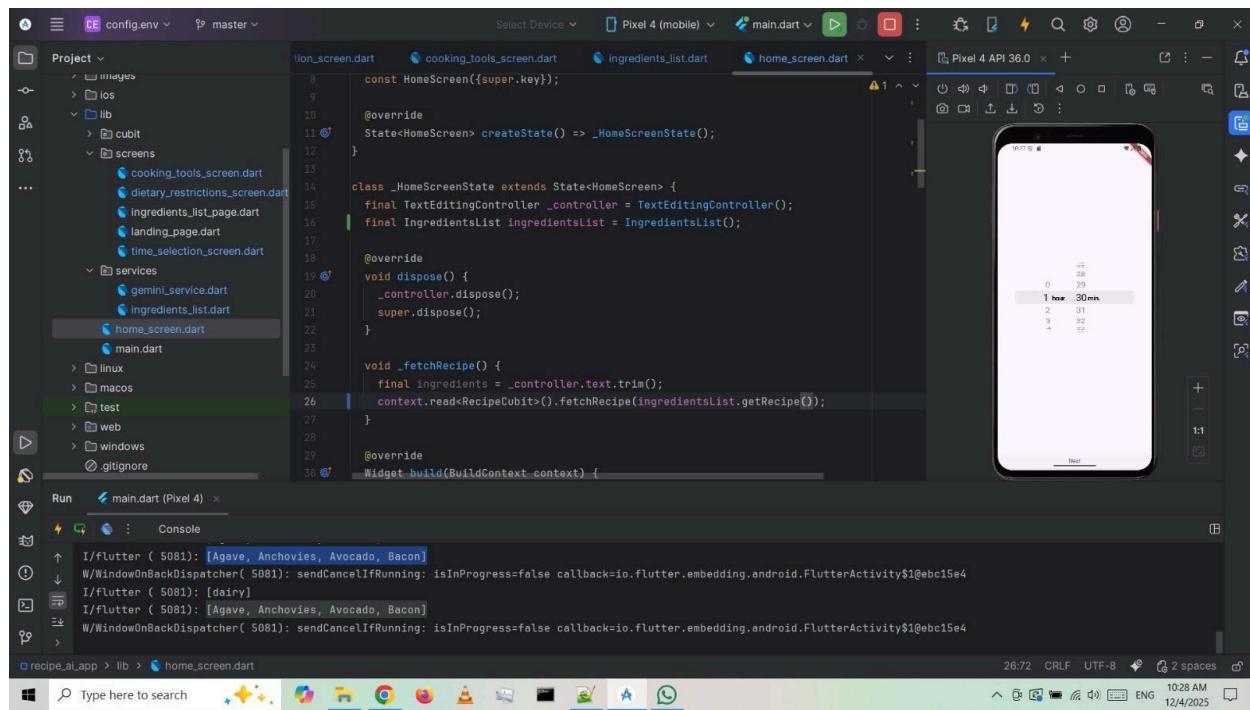
3) Choose dietary restriction(s) from collection dietary_restrictions for example: [Dairy-free]



The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the following details:

- Project Structure:** Shows files like config.env, main.dart, lib/cubit, lib/screens, lib/services, test, and .gitignore.
- Code Editor:** Displays the `home_screen.dart` file. The code includes logic for ingredient filtering based on dietary restrictions. A callout in the code editor highlights the line `final IngredientsList ingredientsList = IngredientsList();`.
- Preview:** Shows a mobile application interface titled "AI Recipe Suggestions". It has a search bar with placeholder text "Enter Ingredients you have (e.g. choco...)" and a button labeled "Get Recipes". Below the search bar is a note: "Enter your ingredients and press Get Recipes to start cooking!".
- Console:** Shows log messages related to ingredient filtering: "I/flutter (5081): [dairy]", "I/flutter (5081): [Agave, Anchovies, Avocado, Bacon]", and "I/flutter (5081): [dairy]".
- Bottom Bar:** Includes standard Windows-style icons for file operations, search, and help.

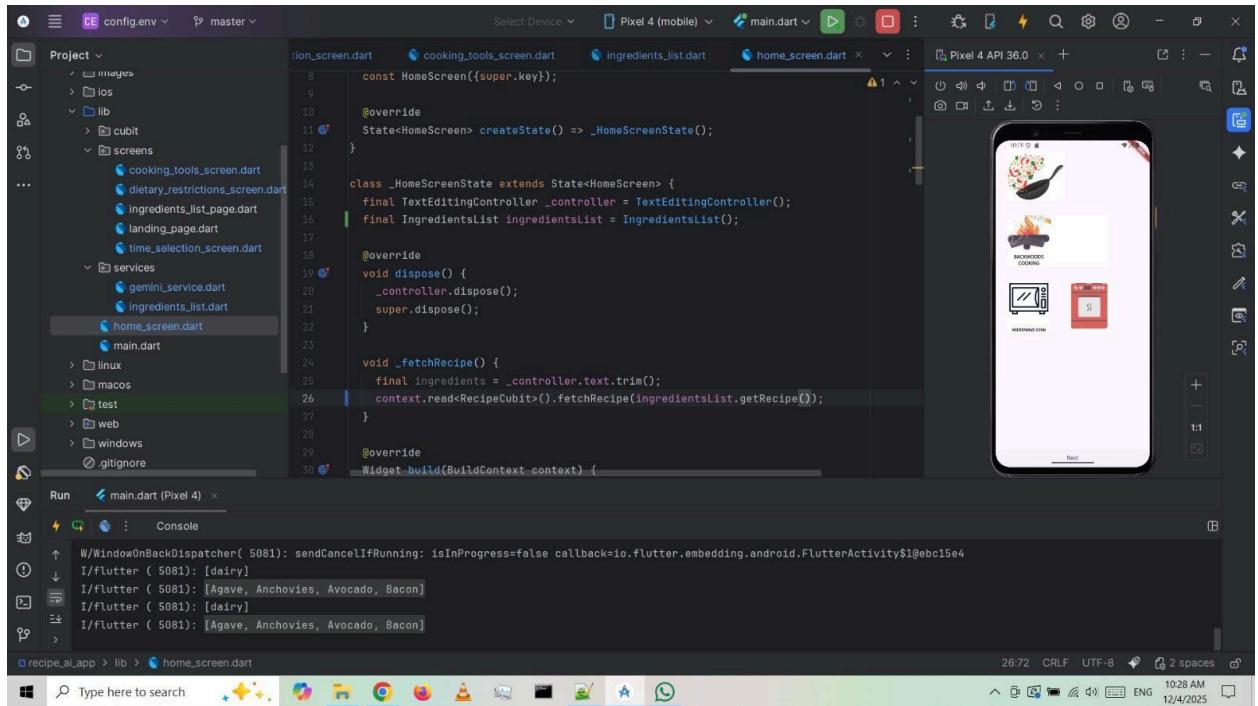
4) Cook Timer for example: 1 hour and 30 min



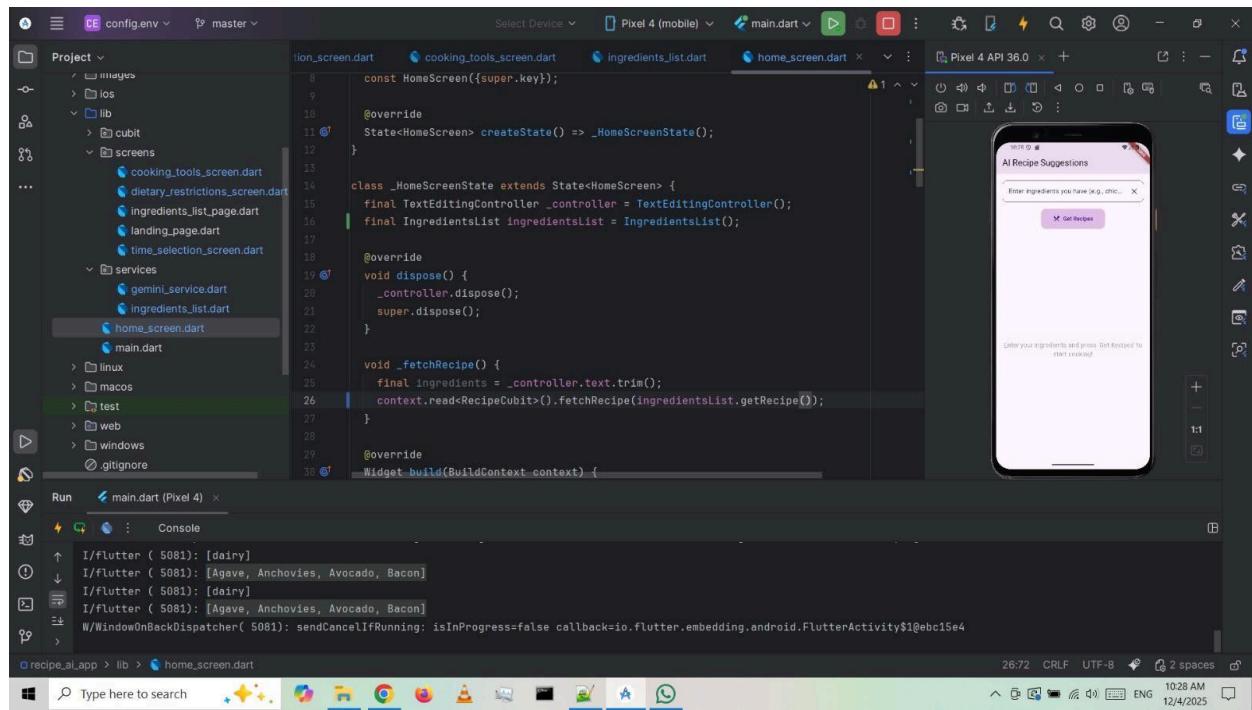
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- Preview:** Shows a mobile application interface titled "AI Recipe Suggestions". A timer overlay is displayed in the center of the screen, showing "1 hour 30 min".
- Console:** Shows log messages related to ingredient filtering: "I/flutter (5081): [Agave, Anchovies, Avocado, Bacon]", "I/flutter (5081): [dairy]", and "I/flutter (5081): [Agave, Anchovies, Avocado, Bacon]".
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5) Select Cooking Method for example, Stove and pan



6) Click Get Recipe



7) User gets recipes based on inputs

The screenshot shows a Flutter project structure in the left sidebar, including files like config.env, main.dart, and various screens and services. The main editor window displays the code for ingredients_list.dart, which includes a list of ingredients and a method to generate a recipe based on those ingredients. A preview of the app on a Pixel 4 device shows a search bar and a text box containing generated recipe suggestions. The terminal at the bottom shows log output from the flutter run command.

```

    "Cabbages",
    "Cane Sugar",
    "Cantaloupe",
    "Caraway Seeds",
    "Carrots",
  ];
  List<String> chosenIngredients;
  List<String> chosenDietRes;
  String availableCookingTime;
  List<String> chosenCookingMethods;
  String getRecipe() {
    return "using the following ingredients\n"
        "I only have the following ingredients\n"
        "I only have the following ingredients\n"
        "You can add common ingredients to the list\n"
        "+ chosenIngredients.toList();
  }
}

```

Backend: Firebase Database

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The screenshot shows the Firebase console homepage. It features a 'Hello, Moied' greeting and a 'Welcome back to Firebase!' message. On the left, there are sections for 'Get started' (Create a new Firebase project, Start coding an app), 'Try out a sample app' (Build an AI-powered Flutter app, Try an AI-powered trip planner app, Try an agentic barista app), and a search bar for 'Projects and workspaces'. On the right, there is a sidebar with a 'Gemini' icon and a section titled 'Gemini in Firebase' with the subtext 'Gemini in Firebase is only available inside of projects'. A note at the bottom right states 'Gemini is currently in beta'.

The screenshot shows the Firebase Firestore Database interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with project shortcuts: Build, Run, Analytics, and AI. Under AI, 'Firestore Database' is selected. The main area shows a hierarchical database structure under 'recipes_generated':

- (default)
- recipes_generated (document ID: bgu0cPSgioBMyaV3qqJH)
 - + Start collection
 - + Add document
 - + Start collection
 - + Add field
- imageURLs
 - 0 "https://via.placeholder.com/150?text=Soup"
- ingredients: ["Tomato","Onion","Carrot","Salt"]
- recipeText: "Simple Vegetable Soup: Chop vegetables, boil water, add salt, simmer 20 min, serve hot."
- uid: "user001"

At the bottom, it says 'Database location: northamerica-northeast1'.

AI Integration: Gemini API for recipe generation

Image Integration: Sora API for cooking instructions

Address auto-generation via Canada Post API

Database: Firebase Firestore

Authentication: Firebase Auth (Email/Password, Google, Facebook)

3.4 Testing

- Unit Testing: Frontend components, backend APIs, AI calls

- Integration Testing: Frontend-backend-AI interaction
 - Functional Testing: Login, ingredient selection, recipe generation
 - User Acceptance Testing (UAT): Validating generated recipes
 - Performance Testing: Recipe generation response times
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3.5 Deployment

- Hosting Platform: Firebase Hosting Cloud Firestore
 - CI/CD Pipeline: GitHub Actions or equivalent
 - Monitoring: Firebase Crashlytics or logging tools
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3.6 Screens & User Flow

1. Sign In Screen

- Login via Email/Password, Google, or Facebook
- Option to navigate to Sign Up Screen

2. Sign Up Screen

- Register with username/password
- Postal code auto-generates street information via Canada Post API
- After signup, navigates to Landing Page

3. Landing Page Screen

- Options:

- Make a recipe with current ingredients
- Make a recipe by taking a photo of ingredients
- Add new ingredients to personal list
- Leads to Ingredient List Screen

4. Recipe With Ingredients List Screen

- Users select ingredients from generic list or add personal ingredients
- Selected ingredients are highlighted
- Users can remove ingredients if needed
- Proceed to Confirm Ingredients Screen

5. Confirming Ingredient List Screen

- Review selected ingredients in concise format
- Options to remove ingredients or return to add more
- Proceed to Dietary Restrictions Screen

6. Choosing Dietary Restrictions Screen

- Users select dietary restrictions for the recipe
- Proceed to Available Cooking Time Screen

7. Choosing Available Cooking Time Screen

- Users select the time they have to cook
 - Proceed to Choosing Cooking Method Screen
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3.7 Task Distribution

| Team Member | Role & Responsibilities | Key Tasks |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Eiad Alsafadi | Backend & AI Integration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Integrate Front-end with Back-end server- Integrate Gemini API for recipe generation- Integrate Sora API for cooking instruction images- Develop API endpoints (ingredient management, recipe requests, postal code lookup)- Ensure secure API communication and data validation |
| Oleg Vasiliev | Frontend & UI/UX Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design and implement UI screens (Sign In/Sign Up, Landing Page, Recipe screens)- Connect frontend to backend APIs- Implement responsive design for web/mobile- Ensure smooth navigation and user interactions (ingredients, dietary restrictions, cooking time/method) |
| Moied Ahmed | Database, Integration & Testing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design and manage Firebase Firestore database (users, ingredients, recipes)- Implement Firebase Auth (Email/Password, Google, Facebook)- Conduct unit, integration, and UAT testing- Document APIs, data flow, and SDLC updates- Support remote collaboration and deployment |

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