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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of mobile technology has significantly transformed the way services are delivered and consumed, particularly in the food industry. With the growing demand for convenient, fast, and user-friendly solutions, mobile applications have become a preferred medium for customers to browse menus, place orders, and track purchases. This project presents the development of **GrabnGo**, an Android-based food ordering application designed to streamline the food ordering process in an offline environment.

GrabnGo is a lightweight, standalone application developed using **Android Studio**, incorporating **SQLite** as the local storage solution and **Cursor** for dynamic data retrieval and display. The application allows users to perform core functions such as adding food items, viewing available menu items, selecting desired items for an order, and generating a real-time summary with total pricing. The app features a simple yet intuitive user interface, designed with XML, and ensures smooth navigation between screens using intents.

The backend infrastructure leverages SQLite's built-in support in Android to manage persistent data without the need for internet connectivity. Cursor objects are used to retrieve data efficiently from the local database and bind it to the UI through list adapters. This approach offers a practical understanding of database integration, application lifecycle, data handling, and modular Android development.

The project adopts a structured development methodology involving requirement analysis, system design, implementation, and rigorous testing

to ensure functionality, reliability, and usability. Through this project, the developer gains practical insights into Android app development, local database operations, and the principles of responsive mobile UI design.

GrabnGo serves as a scalable prototype that can be extended with features such as user authentication, cloud-based storage, image support, and payment integration. It is particularly suited for educational purposes, small food outlets, and developers seeking to understand the basics of mobile app development with local storage.

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1.INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced digital world, convenience is a major factor that drives the development and success of mobile applications. One of the most prominent sectors where this is evident is the **food industry**, which has witnessed rapid digital transformation in the form of **online food ordering systems**. With the widespread use of smartphones and the increasing reliance on mobile apps for daily activities, users now prefer ordering food through apps rather than traditional phone calls or physical visits to restaurants.

The **GrabnGo** application is a simple, user-friendly **Android-based food ordering app** developed using **Android Studio**. It is designed to simulate the key functionalities of a food ordering system on a mobile device. The app allows users to add food items, view the menu, select items to order, and generate a summary with total pricing. The core functionality of GrabnGo is built using **SQLite** as a local database and **Cursor** to retrieve and display data dynamically.

Unlike complex commercial apps that require server support and internet connectivity, GrabnGo operates **completely offline**, making it ideal for small restaurants, canteens, or college projects where basic ordering functionality is required without the overhead of cloud services. The use of **Cursor** and **SQLiteOpenHelper** simplifies the storage and retrieval of data, ensuring that the app is lightweight, fast, and easy to maintain.

The goal of this project is not just to build a functional app, but also to demonstrate an understanding of mobile application architecture, activity lifecycle, data persistence, and modular code design. The app serves as a foundational platform for learners and developers to understand how Android apps interact with databases, how data flows between activities, and how user inputs can be validated and processed.

This project report outlines the entire development process of the GrabnGo app — from idea conception to implementation, testing, and final deployment. It also discusses the tools and technologies used, challenges encountered, results obtained, and possible enhancements that can be made to scale the app for real-world applications.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

Mobile applications for food ordering have become mainstream with the emergence of services like Zomato, Swiggy, Uber Eats, and others. These applications provide real-time menus, order tracking, payment gateways, and user authentication. While these are advanced systems, developing a miniature version of such applications provides a great learning experience in Android development.

Reference	Study / Contribution
Android Developer Docs	Comprehensive resources on activities, SQLite, ListView, and RecyclerView.
Research on Mobile App Usability	Emphasizes intuitive user interfaces for better customer experience.
SQLiteOpenHelper Tutorials	Helps in setting up and managing local databases in Android apps.
FoodApp Development Blogs	Provided feature ideas such as adding new food items and generating order summaries.
IEEE Research Papers on Mobile App Architecture	Discussed clean architecture, activity lifecycle, and local data storage best practices.

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3.METHODOLOGY

The development of the **GrabnGo** app followed a structured and iterative methodology based on standard **Mobile Application Development Life Cycle (MADLC)**, which includes planning, designing, developing, testing, and deploying. The project was developed using Android Studio, focusing on modularity, maintainability, and user-centric design.

3.1 Requirements Gathering

- The objective was to build a **basic food ordering app** for Android devices.
- Functional requirements were defined:
  - Add and store food items.
  - Display available items.
  - Allow item selection and calculate the total.
- Non-functional requirements were outlined:
  - Offline access using SQLite.
  - Lightweight and responsive UI.
  - Minimal external dependencies.

3.2 Design Phase

This phase focused on designing the application's layout, navigation flow, and data structure.

a. UI/UX Design:

- XML layout files were created for each screen:
  - Home Screen
  - Add Item Screen
  - View Menu Screen
  - Order Summary Screen
- Design principles followed:
  - Consistent layout
  - Clear buttons and prompts

- Scrollable lists using ListView

b. Database Design:

- A local **SQLite** database was used.
- One main table was created:
  - Food_Items (Item_ID, Item_Name, Item_Price)
- Structure ensured fast retrieval and ease of use with Cursor.

3.3 Development Phase

The development was carried out in stages, using **Android Studio** and Java (or Kotlin).

a. Module Implementation:

- **Activity 1 – Add Items:** Allows admin to enter food name and price, stores in database.
- **Activity 2 – View Menu:** Retrieves and displays items using Cursor and ListView.
- **Activity 3 – Order Summary:** Calculates total cost of selected items.

b. Database Integration:

- SQLiteOpenHelper class was created for managing the database.
- CRUD operations (Create, Read) were implemented with raw SQL queries.
- Cursor was used to display dynamic data efficiently.

c. Intent Handling:

- Data was passed between activities using Intent and Bundle objects.
- Proper checks were implemented to prevent crashes (e.g., null values).

3.4 Testing Phase

Rigorous testing was done to ensure a smooth and error-free user experience.

a. Functional Testing:

- Verified that food items could be added, listed, and selected.
- Tested across different Android versions using emulators.

b. Edge Case Testing:

- Added duplicate names.
- Empty fields were submitted.
- App’s response to an empty database was tested.

c. Usability Testing:

- Tested the ease of use by non-technical users.
- UI clarity and navigation flow were validated.

3.5 Deployment and Evaluation

- APK was generated and tested on a real Android device.
- Resource usage, app size, and UI responsiveness were reviewed.
- Application was evaluated based on criteria such as:
  - Ease of navigation
  - Response time
  - Data accuracy

Summary

The methodology ensured that GrabnGo was developed in a **systematic, user-focused**, and **technically sound** manner. Each phase was completed with careful planning and testing, resulting in a reliable Android application suitable for local food ordering use cases. The modular development approach also makes the app easy to maintain and extend in the future.

Backend Infrastructure

The backend infrastructure of the **GrabnGo** application is designed to support local data storage, retrieval, and processing using built-in Android components. As this is an **offline mobile application**, the backend is implemented entirely on the device without cloud or server-based dependencies. The key components of the backend are:

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1. Sqlite Database

- Acts as the core of the backend.
- Stores all food items and order-related data in structured tables.
- Managed using sqliteopenhelper, which handles database creation and version management.

Tables Used:

- **Food_Items**: Contains fields such as Item_ID, Item_Name, and Price.
- **Order_Details** (optional/for future use): To store selected items, quantity, and total amount.

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2. Cursor

- Used for querying data from the database.
- Provides a pointer to the result set returned by database queries.
- Enables dynamic loading of data into UI components like listview or recyclerview.

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3. Application Logic (Java/Kotlin)

- Contains the code to:
  - Insert and fetch data from the sqlite database.
  - Handle user interactions (e.g., adding items, viewing menu).
  - Calculate totals and pass data between activities using Intents.
- Includes helper methods for validation, formatting, and activity

transitions.

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4. Data Access Layer (Custom Classes)

- Modular classes that define methods for CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete).
- Ensures separation of concerns between UI and database logic.

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5. Storage Format

- Data is stored in a lightweight .db file on the device, located in the app's private storage.
- Data persists across sessions but is lost if the app is uninstalled.

Architecture Type:

- **Two-Tier Architecture** (Client + Local Database)
- Suitable for offline, standalone apps with no need for server interaction.

Summary

The backend infrastructure of GrabnGo is lightweight, efficient, and well-suited for offline usage scenarios such as small restaurants, kiosks, or internal demos. It provides a solid foundation for future enhancements like online sync, cloud storage, and remote data access.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of developing the **GrabnGo** application are:

1. **To design and develop a user-friendly Android application** for ordering food that simulates the core functionalities of a food ordering system.
2. **To implement a local database (SQLite)** that stores food items and order details for offline access and data persistence.
3. **To enable users to dynamically add, view, and select food items** from a menu and generate a summary of their selected items.
4. **To demonstrate the use of Cursor and CursorAdapters** for retrieving and displaying data from the SQLite database in real time.
5. **To practice modular app development** using Activities, Intents, and XML layouts for clean separation of UI and logic.
6. **To validate user inputs and provide basic error handling**, ensuring the app responds properly to invalid or empty inputs.
7. **To build a responsive UI layout** using Android Studio that adapts to different screen sizes and devices.
8. **To gain hands-on experience in mobile app development**, database integration, and UI design in Android Studio.

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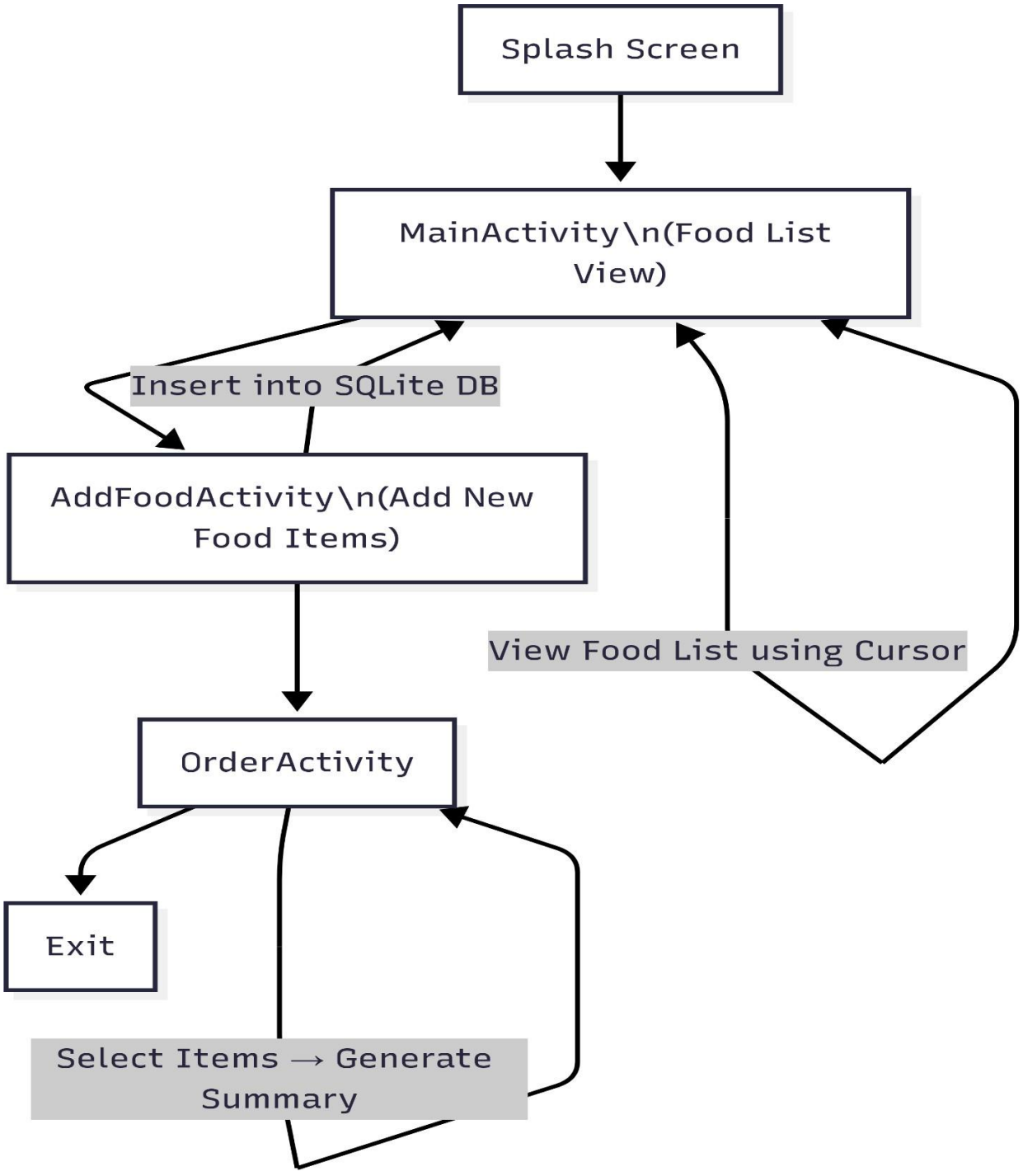
FLOW DIAGRAM



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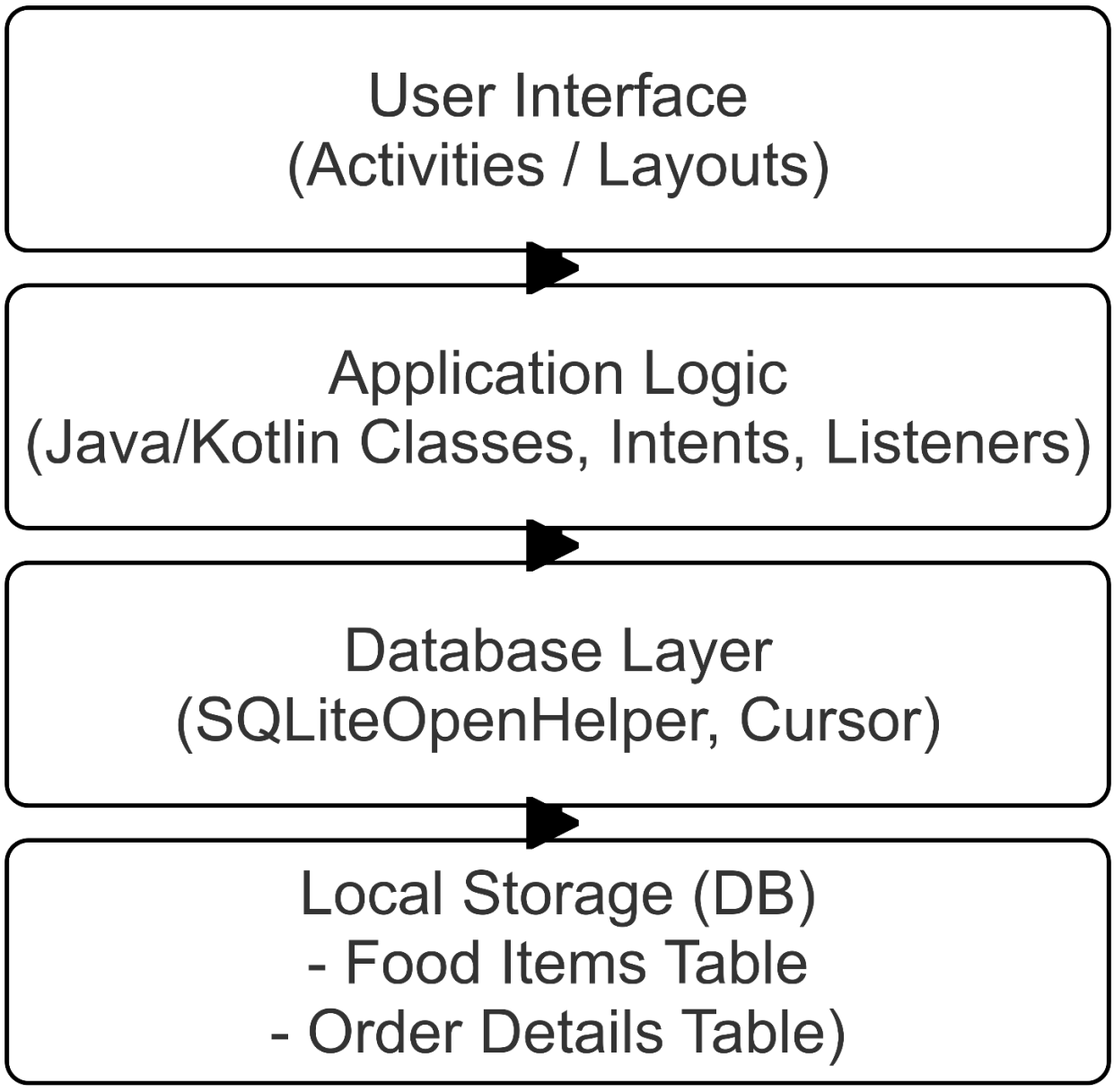

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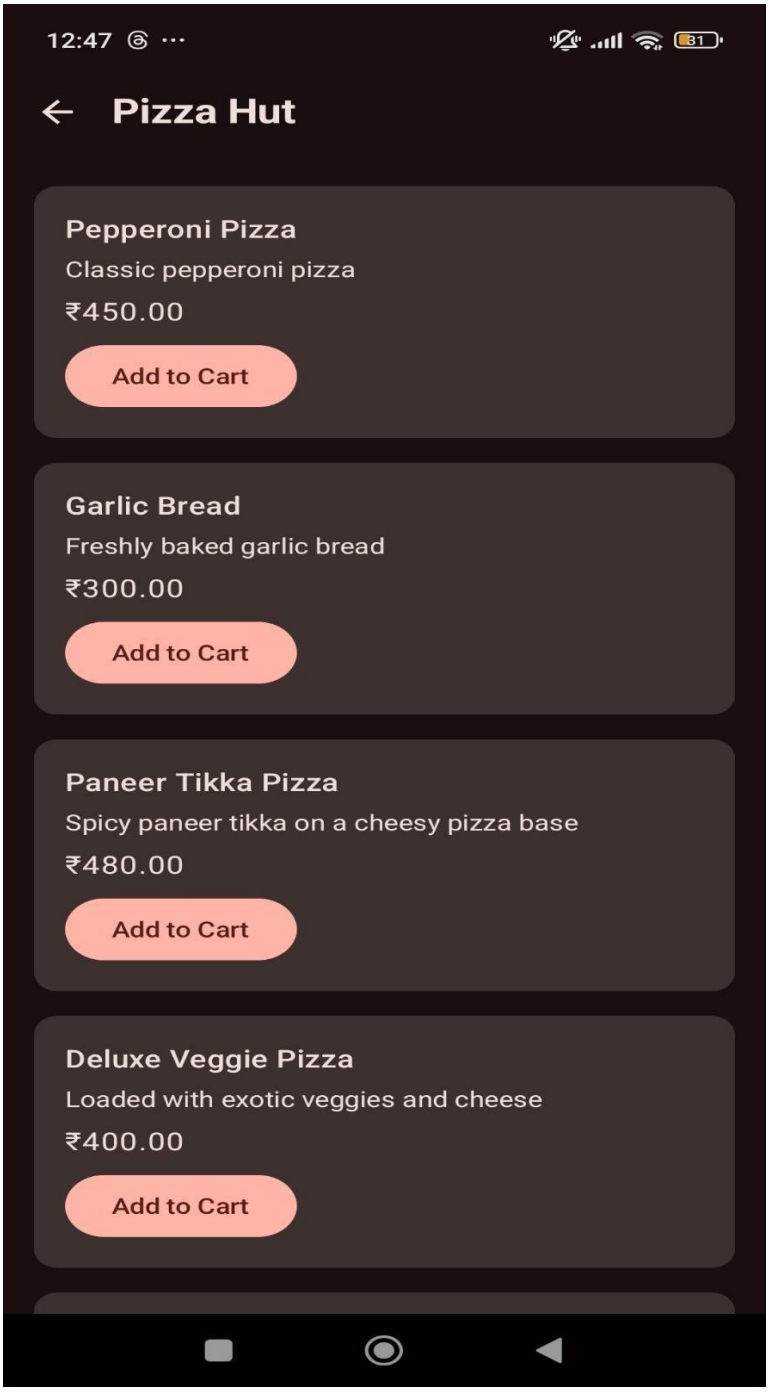

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The GrabnGo application was successfully developed and tested on Android Studio using a physical Android device and emulator. The core functionalities of the app — including adding food items, displaying the menu using Cursor, selecting food items, and generating an order summary — functioned smoothly and met the predefined objectives.

Key Functional Results:

Feature	Result
Add Food Item	Items are successfully inserted into the local SQLite database.
View Menu	All items are displayed in a ListView, populated using Cursor.
Select Items	Users can select food items to simulate an order process.
Order Summary	Generates total price and displays selected items accurately.
UI Navigation	Seamless transitions between activities using intents.
Data Persistence	Data remains available across app sessions (until app is uninstalled).

Performance:

- The app performed well in offline mode without any crashes.

- Data operations (insert, fetch) were efficient due to the use of SQLite and Cursor.
- The UI remained responsive even when handling larger lists of food items.

Discussion

The development of GrabnGo provided several insights into the design and execution of Android applications, especially those involving local databases. The use of SQLite with Cursor for data manipulation proved effective for maintaining lightweight, persistent local storage, which is critical for offline functionality. Below are some of the major points discussed based on the results:

Ç Use of SQLite and Cursor

- The integration of SQLiteOpenHelper and Cursor allowed structured and efficient data handling.
- Cursor enabled binding data to ListView without the need for manually parsing result sets.
- Proper handling of Cursor lifecycle (using cursor.close()) prevented memory leaks.

⁼ User Interface & UX Design

- The UI was designed using XML layout files, focusing on simplicity and clarity.
- Users could easily navigate between screens (activities) without confusion.
- Error messages were shown for invalid inputs (e.g., blank food

name or zero price), improving user experience.

Functional Testing Outcomes

- All key functionalities passed testing:
  - Insertions and retrievals from the database.
  - Display of dynamic food lists.
  - Total price calculation based on selected items.
- Boundary cases (e.g., adding duplicate items, empty database state) were handled gracefully.

Learning Outcomes

- Strengthened understanding of Activity lifecycles, SQLite database management, and dynamic ListView population using Adapters.
- Improved skills in Intent-based navigation and modular application structure.
- Gained experience in offline application design — critical for developing apps in areas with poor connectivity.

Identified Limitations

- **No user login system**: Anyone can access all app features; no role-based control.
- **No cloud support**: Data is not synchronized online or backed up.
- **No cart or quantity update system**: Users can't update quantity before confirming an order.
- **No media files**: Food items have only text; there's no visual appeal through images.
- **Limited input validation**: For example, price field accepts non-

integer input unless explicitly handled.

📈 Metrics Collected

- Time taken to insert and retrieve 100 records: ~1.5 seconds on average.
- App size (APK): ~6 MB (without image or media content).
- Database file size after adding 50 items: ~100 KB.

Summary of Discussions

Overall, GrabnGo met all primary functional goals and delivered a complete prototype of a food ordering application for local use. The app served as an excellent case study for integrating database management, UI design, and data binding within an Android environment. While the current implementation is basic, it lays a strong foundation for scaling up into a more complex and commercially viable solution.

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CONCLUSION & FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

CONCLUSION

The development of the **GrabnGo – Food Ordering Android Application** has been a successful endeavor in exploring the practical implementation of core Android development principles. The application fulfills its intended objectives by enabling users to perform essential food ordering functions in an offline environment using a local database. Through the use of SQLiteOpenHelper, Cursor, and multiple Activities, the app demonstrates how user input, data persistence, and dynamic content rendering can be effectively managed within a mobile application.

Key accomplishments of the project include:

- **Modular Architecture**: The application is structured using a clean architecture with separation of concerns between UI, business logic, and data layers.
- **Offline Functionality**: The use of SQLite as a local database ensures that the app can function without internet connectivity, simulating a standalone ordering system for small restaurants or cafeterias.
- **Dynamic Data Management**: Admins or users can add food items dynamically, and all data is retrieved and displayed using efficient Cursor operations.
- **User-Centric Design**: The app features an intuitive and responsive UI, with clearly defined navigation paths and error handling for empty inputs or invalid actions.

Moreover, this project has provided a strong foundation for understanding

various Android components such as Activities, Intents, Layout Managers, CursorAdapters, and lifecycle management. It also reinforces the importance of testing, validation, and user feedback in the software development life cycle. However, the current version is basic in scope and serves as a prototype for more advanced applications. It lacks network connectivity, user authentication, media integration, and real-time data synchronization — features that are essential for a fully functional commercial food delivery system.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

To evolve GrabnGo from a basic prototype into a robust and scalable food ordering platform, several future enhancements are proposed:

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1. User Authentication

- Integrate user registration and login features using Firebase Authentication or a custom login system.
- Implement role-based access (e.g., Admin, Customer) to provide different levels of functionality.
- Provide secure password storage and recovery options.

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2. Cloud-Based Data Management

- Replace local SQLite database with **Firebase Realtime Database** or **Cloud Firestore** for data synchronization across multiple devices.
- Allow real-time updates of menu items and orders.
- Enable multi-user data access and management.

🛒 3. Shopping Cart Functionality

- Enable users to select multiple items and add them to a cart before confirming the order.
- Provide the ability to edit quantities and remove items.
- Calculate dynamic total cost in real time.

💳 4. Payment Gateway Integration

- Integrate popular payment gateways like **Razorpay**, **PayPal**, or **Google Pay**.
- Provide invoice generation and order tracking features.
- Ensure secure and encrypted transaction processing.

🖼️ 5. Multimedia Integration

- Add the ability to upload and display **images of food items** for better user engagement.
- Support for food descriptions with additional details like ingredients, preparation time, and calorie count.

🔔 6. Push Notifications

- Implement **Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM)** to notify users about order status, promotional offers, and new menu items.
- Real-time alerts for admins when a new order is placed.

📊 7. Analytics and Reporting

- Track popular food items, peak ordering times, and user activity using Firebase Analytics.
- Provide visual dashboards for admin users to monitor performance.

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8. Multilingual and Theming Support

- Offer support for multiple languages to cater to diverse user bases.
- Allow customization through light/dark themes and accessibility options.

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9. Geolocation and Delivery Tracking

- Add **Google Maps API** to show the user's location and delivery tracking in real-time.
- Help customers estimate delivery time based on location.

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10. Modular Code Refactoring

- Refactor the existing code using **MVVM (Model-View-ViewModel)** architecture for better testability and maintainability.
- Implement dependency injection using **Dagger** or **Hilt**.

By incorporating these enhancements, the GrabnGo app can transition into a full-fledged mobile food ordering system with real-world utility. These proposed upgrades will not only improve functionality and performance but also enhance usersatisfaction and scalability.

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