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Gaming Backlog

Description

With holiday sales, subscription services and bundles aplenty, it's easy to end up with *hundreds* of games you haven't even installed yet, much less played.

Sitting with a massive video game backlog can be frustrating and feel like a real problem, but there are constructive ways to deal with this first-world problem, so you spend more time playing games than agonizing over how many games you still have to play.

With Gaming Backlog app, you will be able to register games you own, discover new games, select games that you are currently playing and games that you already beat.

Intended User

For people who love games and want to manage their current gaming backlog.

Features

- Add games to your Library;
- Select games you are currently playing;
- Select games you already beat;
- Discover new games.

User Interface Mocks

Screen 1

Status Tab lists *Now Playing* and *Beaten* games:

Gaming Backlog		
Now Playing	Beaten	
Game 01		
Game 02		
Game 03		
Status	Library	Discover

Screen 2

Library Tab lists *Owned* games. It provides filter options:

Gaming Backlog	
Filter by: Platform Release Date Owned	
Game 01	
Game 02	
Game 03	
Game 04	
Game 05	
Game 06	
Status	Library
Discover	

Screen 3

Discover Tab lists Recently Released, Coming Soon and Most Anticipated games. It provides filter options and a search button:

Gaming Backlog	
Recently Released	Coming Soon Mo
Filter by: Platform	
Game 01	
Game 02	
Game 03	
Game 04	
Game 05	Search
Game 06	
Status	Discover

Screen 4

Game details with trailers, *Own*, *Playing* and *Beat* buttons:

Gaming Backlog

← Game 01

Game Description

Release Date

Platforms

Trailers

Own

Playing

Beat

Widget

A list of current playing games:

Now Playing

Game 01

Game 02

Game 03

Key Considerations

Which programming language will be used for this project?

Java language will be used for development.

Will localization and accessibility support be considered?

App keeps all strings in a strings.xml file and enables RTL layout switching on all layouts. App includes support for accessibility. That includes content descriptions, navigation using a D-pad, and, if applicable, non-audio versions of audio cues.

How will your app handle data persistence?

Use of shared preferences for filter options. Use of SQL database for games library.

Describe any edge or corner cases in the UX.

The user can play or beat a game that is not owned by him. In this case, this game is shown in *Status* tab as *Now Playing/Beat* game, but does not show in *Library* Tab. A not released game cannot be set as *Own*, *Playing* or *Beat*, as it is not available yet.

Describe any libraries you'll be using and share your reasoning for including them.

Use Room for Database transactions, along with Lifecycle Extensions, such as LiveData and ViewModel. Glide to handle the loading and caching of images.

Describe how you will implement Google Play Services or other external services.

Use Admob Google Play Services. Use Retrofit to retrieve games from IGDB (<https://www.igdb.com/discover>).

App utilizes stable versions of all libraries, Gradle and Android Studio:

Admob Google Play Services	Version 18.3.0
Android Studio	Version 3.4.2
Glide	Version 4.8.0
Gradle	Version 3.4.2
Lifecycle Extensions	Version 1.1.1
Retrofit	Version 2.4.0
Room	Version 1.1.1

Next Steps: Required Tasks

This is the section where you can take the main features of your app (declared above) and break them down into tangible technical tasks that you can complete one at a time until you have a finished app.

Task 1: Project Setup

- Implement Game API service to retrieve games from <https://api.igdb.com>;
- Create GameModel.

Task 2: Implement UI for Discover Tab

- Create GameItem layout;
- Retrieve and list *Recently Released* games;
- Retrieve and list *Coming Soon* games;
- Retrieve and list *Most Anticipated* games;
- Add filter options to the results.

Task 3: Implement Search

- Create a dialog to input keywords;
- List the results.

Task 4: Implement UI for Game Details

- Retrieve details from a single game;
- List trailers and send intents to play selected trailer;
- Add buttons to set current game as *Own*, *Playing* and *Beat*.

Task 5: Implement UI for Library Tab

- List games owned;
- Add filter options.

Task 6: Implement UI for Status Tab

- List *Now Playing* games;
- List *Beat* games.

Task 7: Implement Widget

- Create `NowPlayingWidgetProvider`;
- Update widget by sending Intents when Now Playing list is updated.

Add as many tasks as you need to complete your app.

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