
Design Document for Geohunt

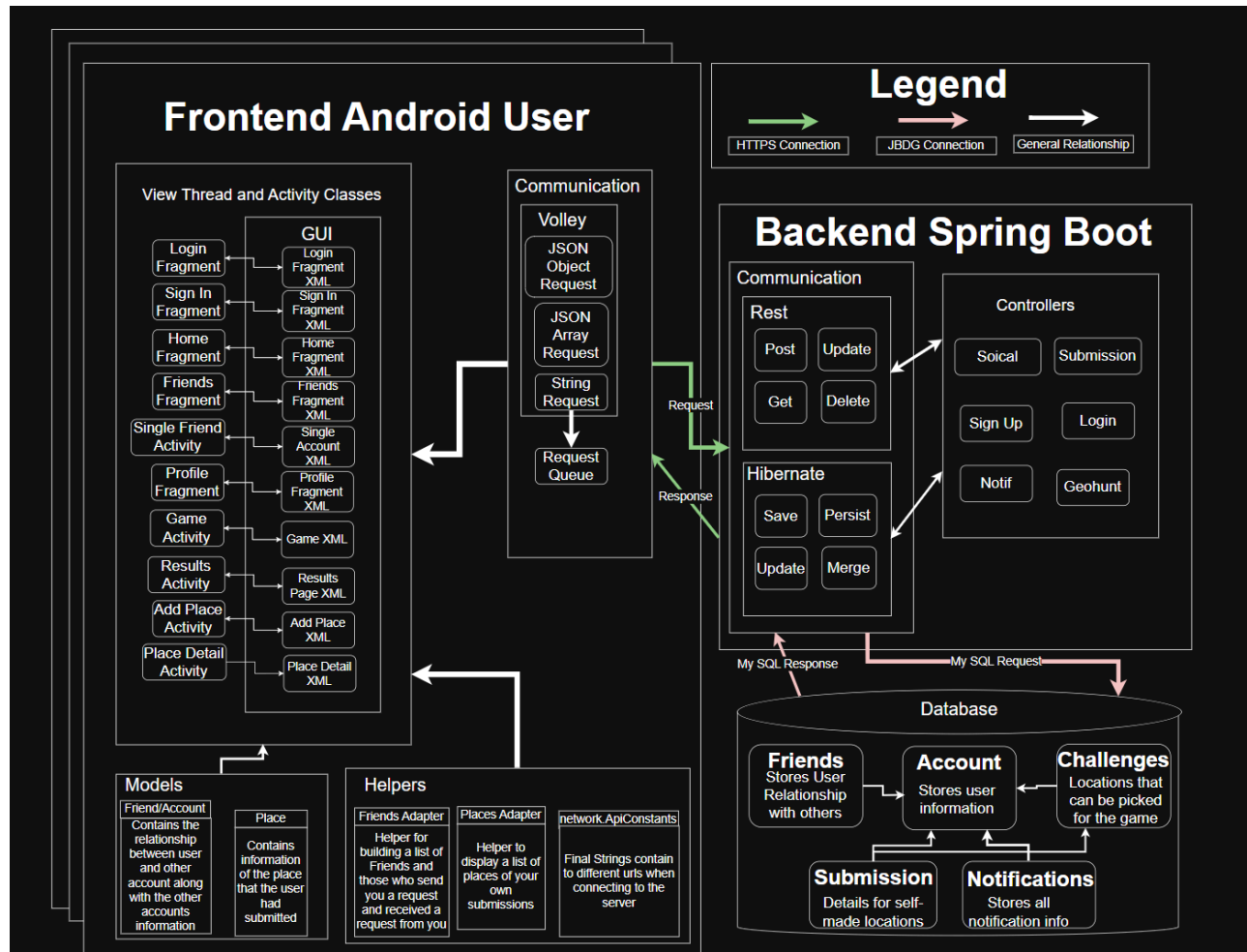
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FrontEnd:

- **Fragments and Activities**
 - Main Activity
 - Contains the home, friends, and profile fragment
 - Authentication Activity
 - Contains the login and sign up fragments
- **Models**
 - Friends
 - Uses a friend class that will be used by the friends adapter. This adapter will put the users friends in a recycler viewer that the user can interact with
 - Place
 - Uses a place class that will be used by the place adapter. This adapter will display their own submission in a recycler viewer that the user can interact with

Backend:

- **Generating/Fetching Images:**
 - For challenges, generating images is a slightly complex process. It utilizes the Google Maps API, specifically the Street View API, and the Places API.
 - This API requires a specific LAT and LON. Since our input is a latitude, a longitude, and a radius, I used math to find a random point within this circle. The math is explained below, written in *randomLocation()*
 - ***randomLocation()* logic:**
 - Firstly, the math computes the radius given in radians. This is essential since our lat and lon are in degrees.
 - To generate a random point, we use two random numbers (u, v in the code)
 - v is used to compute a random angle, in radians, using the formula $2\pi*v$.
 - u is used to compute a random distance, using $\text{radiusRadians} * \sqrt{u}$
 - Next, the spherical law of cosines formula is used for latitude, and longitude uses a different formula that also corrects for the longitude shrinking as you move away from the equator, called the geodesic longitude formula.
 - These values are returned
 - After we have this random point, we use the Google Maps API to get an image in this location. However, this is achieved through two functions: *generateChallenge()* and *fallbackGenerate()*.
 - ***generateChallenge()***
 - *generateChallenge()* uses the Google Maps Places API. This ensures that the image we get is recognizable (such as a landmark or something similar). Although this means that images will be easily guessable, it also reduces the total number of possible images, lowering the total number of times this function can return an image. When no new images can be generated, *fallbackGenerate()* is called.
 - ***fallbackGenerate()***
 - *fallbackGenerate()* uses the regular streetview API, which means that images can contain very hard-to-identify objects, such as cornfields.
- **Database Fetches:**
 - To return all challenges that fall within the user's current latitude, longitude, and radius constraints, the Haversine formula is used. This ensures that the distance between two sets of (lat, lon) coordinates is within the radius constraints.

