

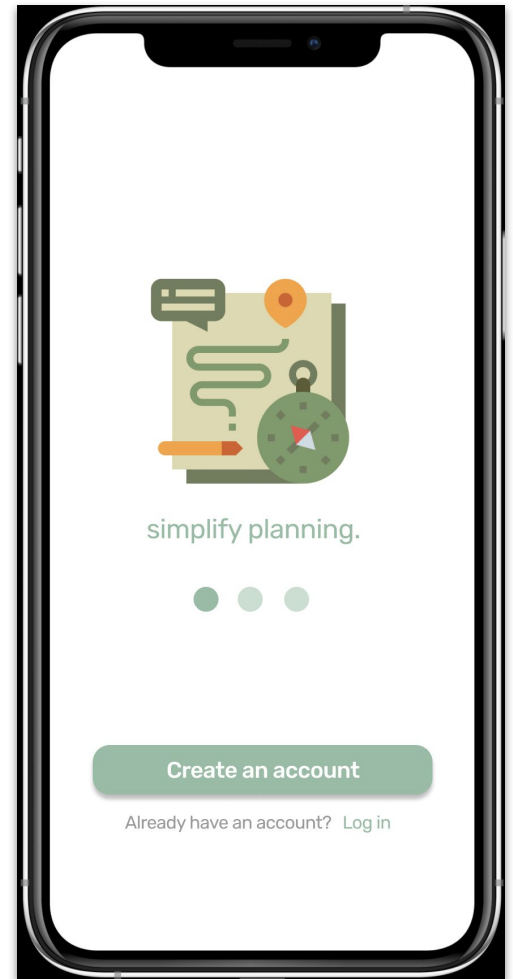


UNBURDEN

Catherine Poggioli – ISTE 454

WHAT IS UNBURDEN?

unBurden hopes to help you simplify planning, packing and camping. A wonderful experience can be ruined by leaving an essential item behind. unBurden will help you plan what necessities to pack and keep track of which have been packed.



SOME KEY FEATURES



Login and Stored Data

- User Auth using Firebase
- Stores User Data and Trip Data throughout sessions.



Packing Suggestions

- Get List of Suggested items to Pack
- Filter Suggestions by Categories like First Aid or Hygiene.



Plan Multiple Trips

- Users can create more than one trip.
- Users can easily navigate between trips.

CHALLENGES TO SIMPLIFY LATER

The early implementation of Authentication meant that I was forced to learn how to structure pretty complex storyboards and passing of data and navigation. I had to learn how to use storyboard references.

I had to spend a lot of time figuring out how to read Firebase data and Incase I got to sharing trips, I wanted to make sure that the switch would be seamless. But, this meant for more complicated classes and data in the database.

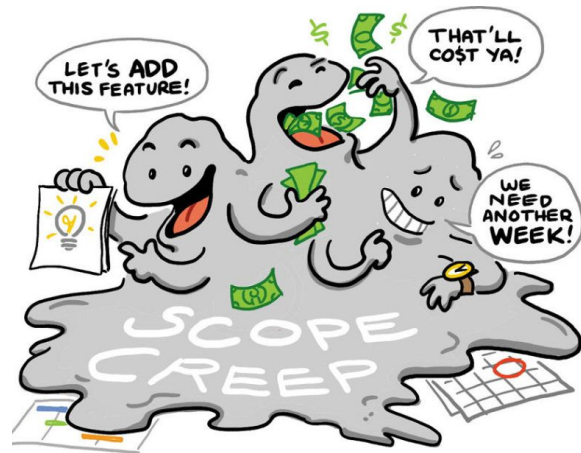
CHALLENGES WITH SCOPE CREEP

Expected Features

- Create more than one trip
- View Trip Details
- Add items to pack
- Mark items as packed
- Items by category
- Suggested Items by category

Final Features

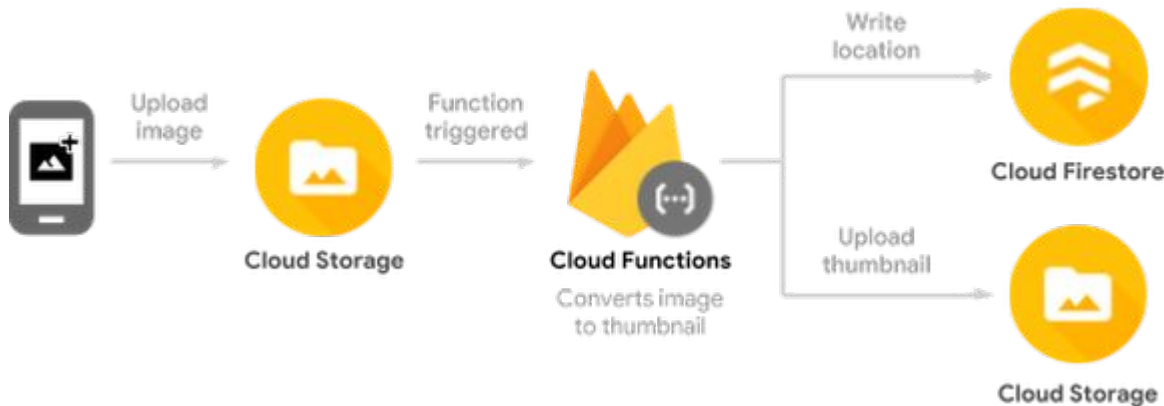
- Sign up and Login
- Authentication
- Preservation
- Ability to Create a Trip
- Ability to Delete a Trip
- Ability to Add Items to Pack
- Ability to Mark Items as Packed
- Suggestions Provided for Items to Pack
- Filtered Suggestions
- Stored User Data



FIREBASE IS GREAT

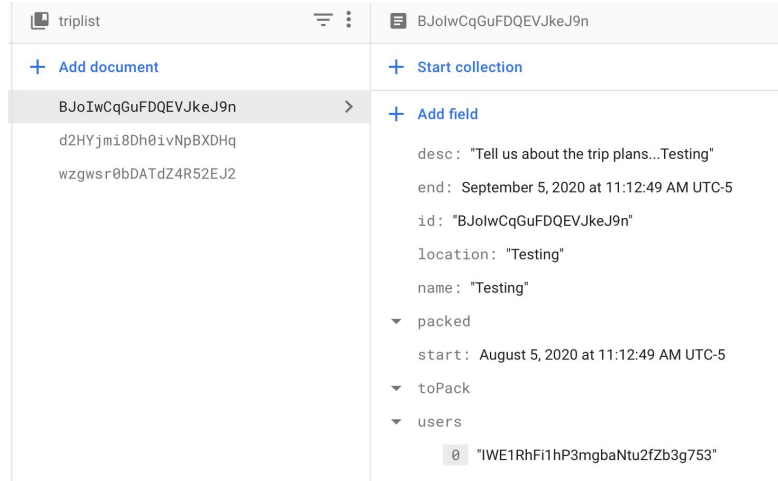
There were some difficulties using Firebase documentation as there is a blur between the Cloud and Real Time Database Firebase.

The function call however were smoother than typical jquery api calls that I am used to.



```
Auth.auth().createUser(withEmail: email, password: password) { (results, err) in
    //check for errors
    if err != nil{
        self.showError("Error Creating User")
    }
    else{
        //User was created successfully
        let db = Firestore.firestore()
        db.collection("users").document(results!.user.uid).setData(["email":email, "uid":results!.user.uid,
            "trips":[]]) { (error) in

            if error != nil {
                //even if error occurs here, user would be still created successfully
                self.showError("User was creted but User data was not stored.")
            }
        }
        //store localuser for reference
        UserDefaults.standard.set(results!.user.uid, forKey:"uid")
        //transition to home screen
        self.transitionToHome()
    }
}
```



In order to not receive errors when calling and saving data to Firestore, I had to plan out the way my triplist would be stored. And the way to identify which users would have access to what data.

YOUTUBE, PRACTICE EXERCISES, GITHUB

Youtube has tons of useful tutorials. I watched ones on everything from Data Modeling on Firebase to good design.

I found it extremely helpful to create multiple projects, I would test out features in separate projects and make sure they worked before trying to tackle the whole project.

GitHub was super useful during the development process. It is great being able to revisit working code if you broke something and weren't sure why.

QUESTIONS?