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1.1. Introduction

TechLink is a mobile application on behalf of IT professionals, which incorporates different resources such as professional development on one platform, enhancing professional job opportunities, technology related marketplace, knowledge and professional networking needs and among other things. The platform functions as a community platform where IT professionals can engage in discussions and view live sessions while displaying skills and finding job opportunities and participating in a secure marketplace. This document gives a comprehensive summary about the advancement procedure and its consequences alongside difficulties and foreseeable upgrades.

1.2. Existing systems and problem definition

1.2.1. Existing systems

Today, there are several platforms that cater professional network, search for jobs, participate in industry discussions. Among them LinkedIn is the most popular as it has a dedicated space for professionals to connect and be able to explore career opportunities.

Limitations :-

- The Dedicated Marketplace for all the people interested in IT.
- Limitations of Community collaborations.
- Unique platform to follow professional job opportunities.

1.2.2. Problem Definition

IT industry needs something beyond professional networking and job searching. TechLink makes this gap by bringing together a marketplace, IT focused discussions, networking, and business/job listings in a mobile application.

Identified Key Problems :-

- Lack of IT related marketplace - There is no such mobile platform where IT people can securely buy and sell IT-related tools, software and devices within a professional network.
- Difficulty in finding IT-specific jobs and Freelance work - Even though there are many IT professionals and students around the world who struggle to get the right freelance projects, internships or tech related jobs in a structured manner.
- IT Network and learning resources are limited with these kind of applications - Part of staying on top of technological advancements, IT professionals require continuously updated discussions, podcasts and collaboration tools.
(Wesdorp, 2021) (Pandya, 2024) (Bishop, 2024) (Firebase, n.d.)

1.3. Project aims and objectives

1.3.1. Project Aims

The major aim of TechLink is to implement a detailed mobile app that consolidates all features that an IT professional, a student or an enthusiast may require in one place.

An IT specific marketplace, networking, education, collaboration, job opportunities, and an overall secure environment will integrate into a single unit.

It is aimed to bridge the gap of the IT community between the professional networking and certain IT needs, with some features that provide learning, skill development, growth to your career and product trading.

1.3.2. Objectives
- Building an IT centric networking platform - Live podcasts, webinars, and hackathons open for IT professionals to talk about the technological trends, the problems with programming and career advice.
- Create a specialty IT Marketplace - Build a reliable marketplace for buying and selling IT related products, with IoT devices, software tools and hardware.
- Improving Job search and development - Include a dedicated job portal that includes full time, internship, and freelance positions tailored for IT professionals.

1.4. Scope of the project
TechLink is designed to all-in-one application that all the IT related people can gather into a one place. And they can apply for their most matching jobs interns, buy any technology related thing like hardware, IoT tools or any device. The platform provides a dedicated space for knowledge sharing, career growth and professional connections.

1.4.1. Functional Scope
- Professional Networking – A user can create a profile and participate to professional discussions like podcasts.
- Plaza – A superb platform to purchase and promote whatever sort of IT and technology things.
- Job Portal – Listings of full time, internship and freelance opportunities.

1.4.2. Out of Scope
- Non-IT related sharing. (General E-Commerce)
- Advanced AI based Job recommendations. (Future Planning)

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2.1. Requirement gathering techniques

- Competitive Analysis – Researching some similar mobile applications (LinkedIn, Fiverr, Upwork) to study their strengths, weaknesses and missing features.
- Prototyping – Create Wireframe diagrams using Figma to visualize the full app before the development.
- Document Analysis – Studying and reviewing academic papers and researches about mobile applications and IT related platforms to get some ideas about their weaknesses.
- Surveys and Questionnaires – Creating a survey from Google Forms to collect data and ideas from the IT students.

2.2. Functional and Non-Functional Requirements

2.2.1. Functional Requirements

- User profiles and Account Management – Users can register and login to their own accounts securely.
- Networking and Connectivity - Users can like and be followed with other IT professionals.
- IT related Marketplace - Users are able to buy and sell any type of IT related items.
- Job Portal – Recruiters can post the jobs that users can apply for.
- Listening and Knowledge sharing – Having knowledge by listening to live podcasts done by professionals.

2.2.2. Non-Functional Requirements

- Usability – Well enhanced UI / UX for user friendly and easy navigation platform.
- Security – Basic Email and Password authentication to secure login.
- Performance – The app should run with minimum delays.
- Reliability – The system should run without crashes during normal operations.

2.3. Features of application

1. User Profiles with Networking – Users can produce own account and also control their accounts by demonstrating their abilities, assignments and highlights.
2. IT related Marketplace – It is a comprehensive platform to be able to buy and sell IT related things and services that can be added to the cart and then purchased straight away.
3. Job Portal – Users can apply for full time, internships or any kind of job opportunity.
4. Podcasting - Users can also listen to podcasts who done by IT professionals.
5. Secure and Simple Authentication – Email and Password login for secure access for each user.
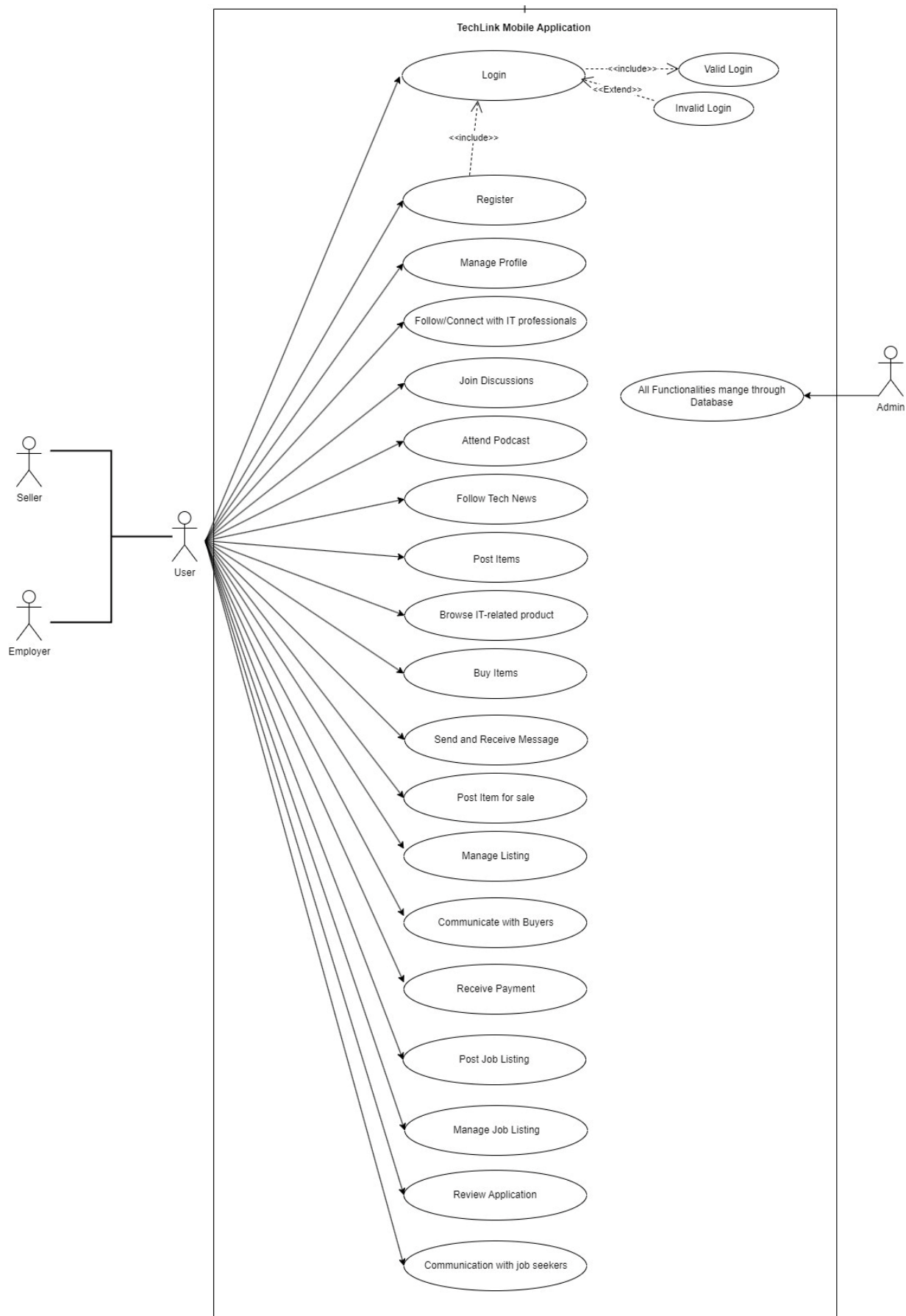
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3.1. Use Case Diagram

Figure 1 - Use Case Diagram
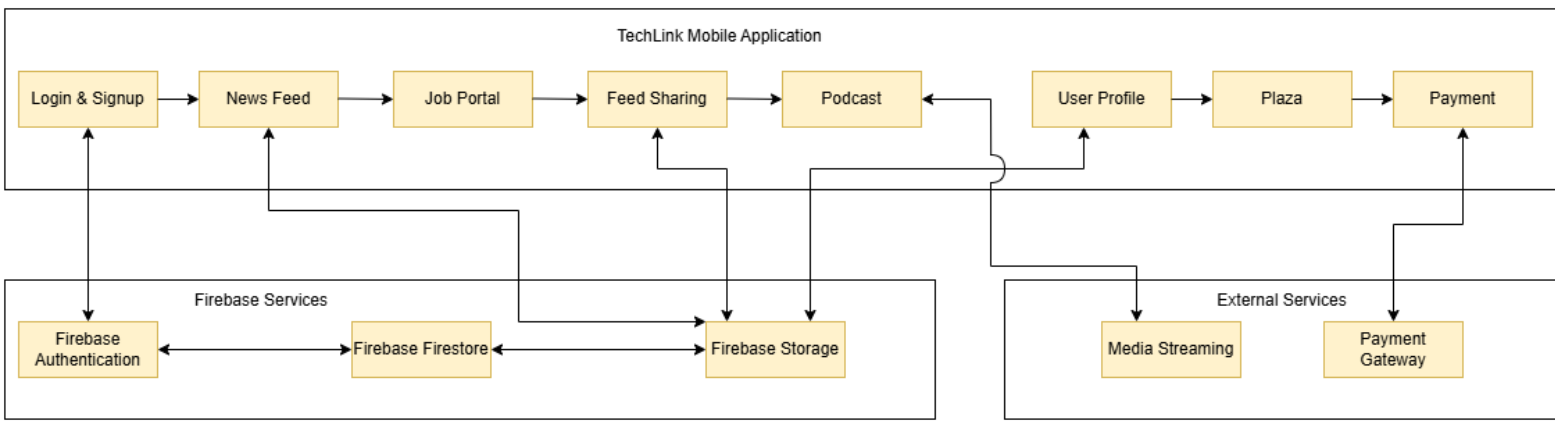
3.2.   High-Level Diagram

Figure 2 - High-level Diagram

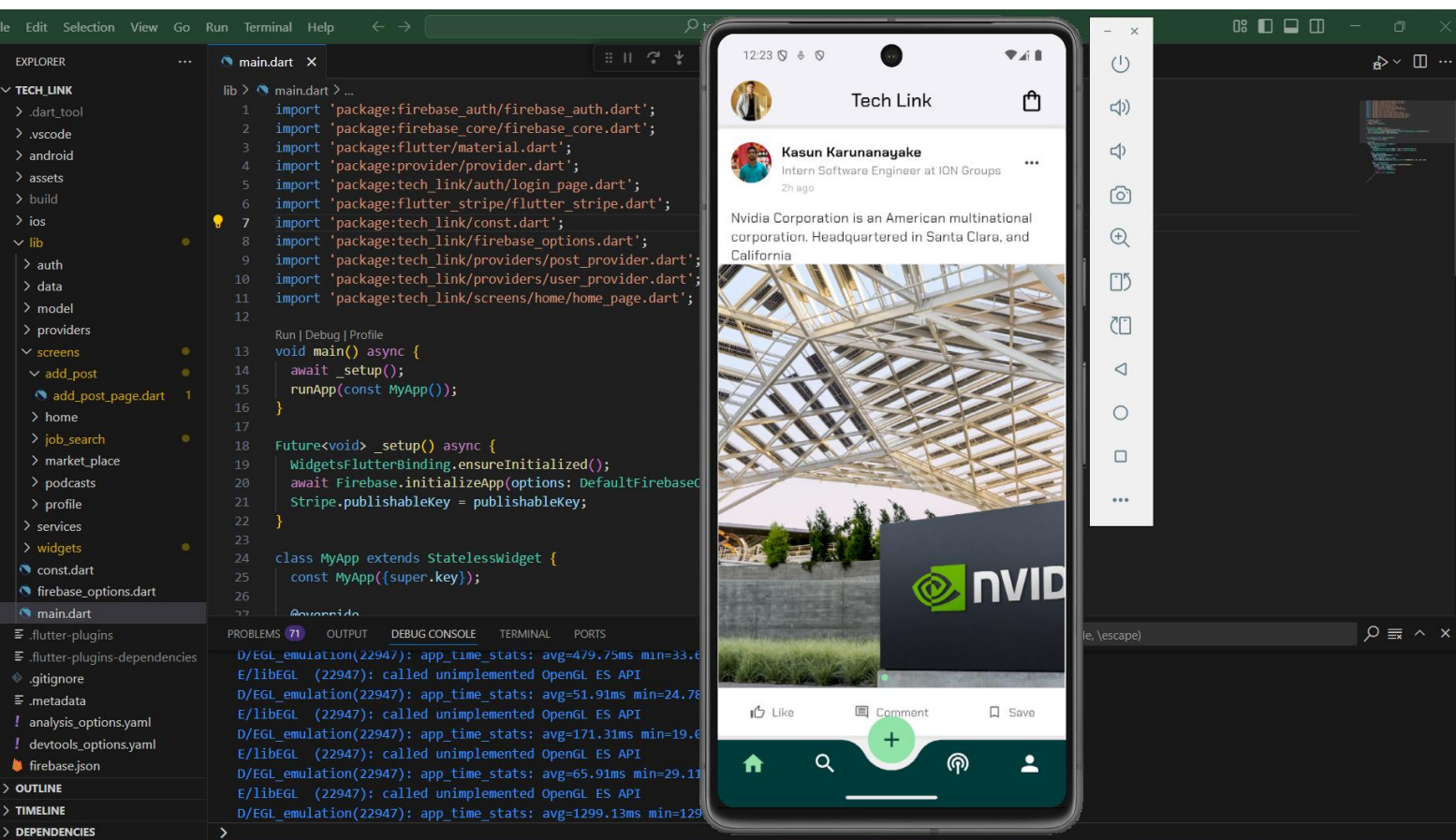## 3.3.   User Interfaces of the developed System
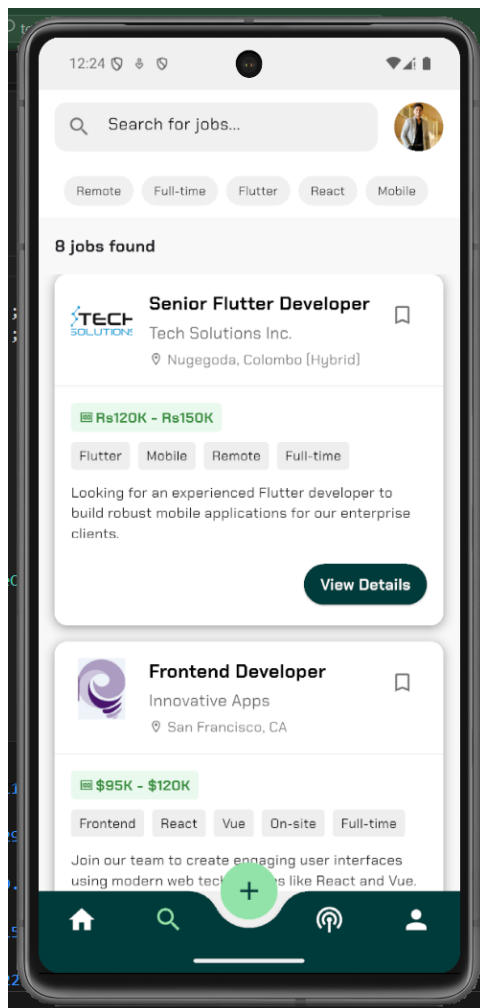

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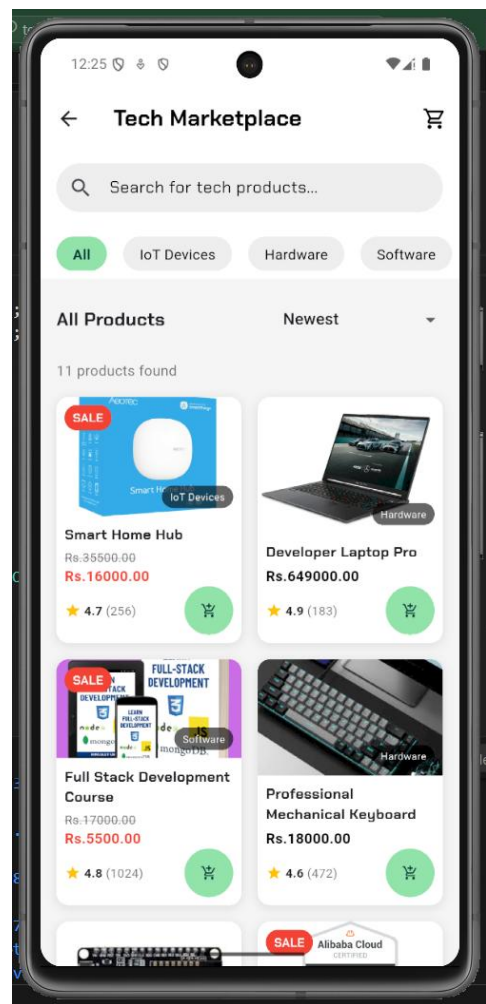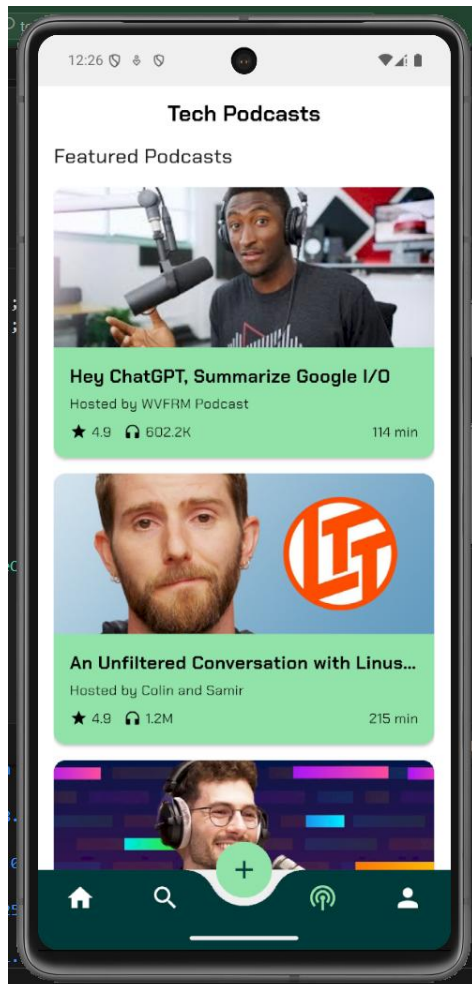
Figure 4 - Job Portal

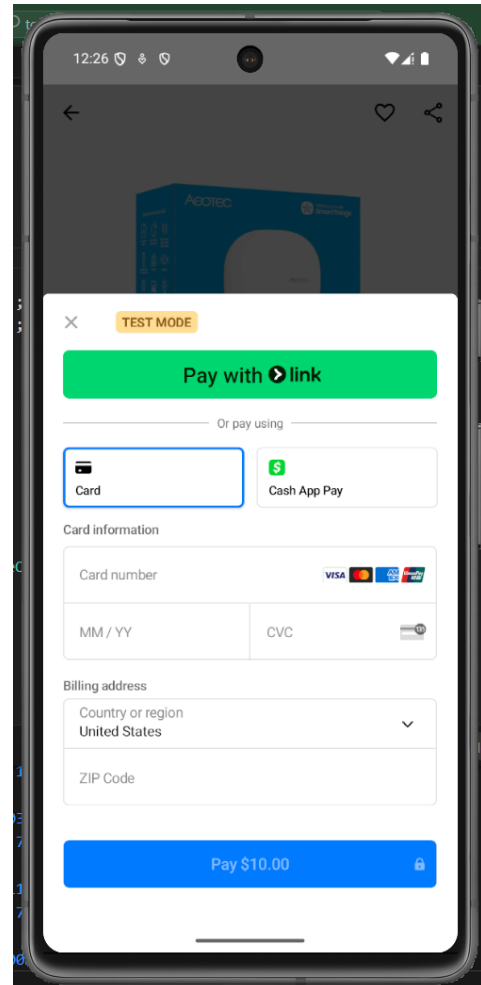*Figure 5 - Plaza*

Figure 6 - Podcast

Figure 7 - Payment

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4.1. Development Methodology

4.1.1. Agile Development Methodology
Agile is an incremental and iterative development methodology that enables continuous testing and refinement throughout the project life cycle.

4.1.2. Phases of the Development
1. Analysis of Requirements – Conducted requirement gathering options to define core features.
2. Planning and Design – Create Wireframes using Figma for UI/UX design and Define database structure and technology stack. (Flutter, Firebase)
3. Development process sprints – This was divided to phases.
   - Sprint 01:- Implement Project structure and Firebase.
   - Sprint 02:- Add main screens and contents.
   - Sprint 03:- Enhancing UI elements.
   - Sprint 04:- Learning resources and final refinements.
4. Testing and debugging – Conducted Uni testing, UI testing and functionality testing after each phase.
5. Deployment – Tested the application on local servers and emulators.

4.2. Technologies and Tools used
- Flutter SDK (version 3.29.1)
- Dart (version (3.7.0)
- Android Studio / VS Code
- Git

4.3. Future Implementation
TechLink is currently developed and tested on local servers, but there are several developments that are being planned in future. This is meant to be an attempt to add functionality, make the experience convenient and bring it to a bigger crowd than the initial one.

- Improved Cloud deployment and Scalability.
- Advanced Authentication methods for secure logins (2 factor).
- Secure payment gateway methods for the Marketplace.
- In regards to AI powered suggestions for both the Marketplace and Job Portal.
- Private and Public chat implementation.
- App store deployment.

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5.1. Individual Contribution

1. 10952523 – Jayawardena Kavinda :- News Feed / UI Enhancements (As the leader well management and update Feed's files as structured and helped to build navigations)

2. 10952463 – Dulaj Hewage :- Payment Gateway / Firebase Implementation (Well Contributed to the project and helped finalize the full project and implementing firebase)

3. 10952470 - Unagollage Wijesinghe :- Market Place (Plaza) / Main Screens (Creating main screens according to wireframes helped to get the app to a one structure)

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6. 10953075 - Duwage Perera :- Podcast (Implemented the platform as group members requests and to the structure)

7. 10952645 - Chamathka Abeykoon :- Job Portal (As a main platform done with the time management and help to some implements)

8. 10952629 - Rathnayaka Rathnayaka :- Post Sharing (Handed the files timely and helped other members to finalize the dart files)

5.2. Github repository link

- https://github.com/dulaj03/PUSL2023_MAD-TechLinkApp

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