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Description

Contactless technologies as RFID, NFC and other are now part of our current life, and they can help developing a much better and human-centric approach to public transportation

Instead of the traditional way of paying, a new eco friendly way by using a smart phone and cloud services. We could get real time information of the bus occupation. Each client would be identified and be charged at the end of the month. By using their card when they leave the bus as well, we can charge them accordingly to the distance they travelled. Using a GPS in the device, we can also get real time location of the bus. Additionally, a whole lot of new statistics could be gotten using this system.

Additionally, by using a smarthphone app, the user is now able to check how to get from point A to point B by public transport and their profile statistics such as trips and CO_2 emissions saved

We decided to embark into this project because it seemed very interesting and we are all very eco friendly and love plants. Actually, we are trying to go vegan. Nontheless, we also wanted to learn how to use API's and link it with app developing frameworks like flutter.
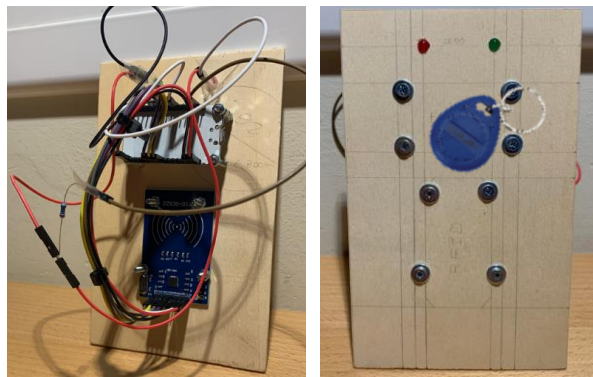
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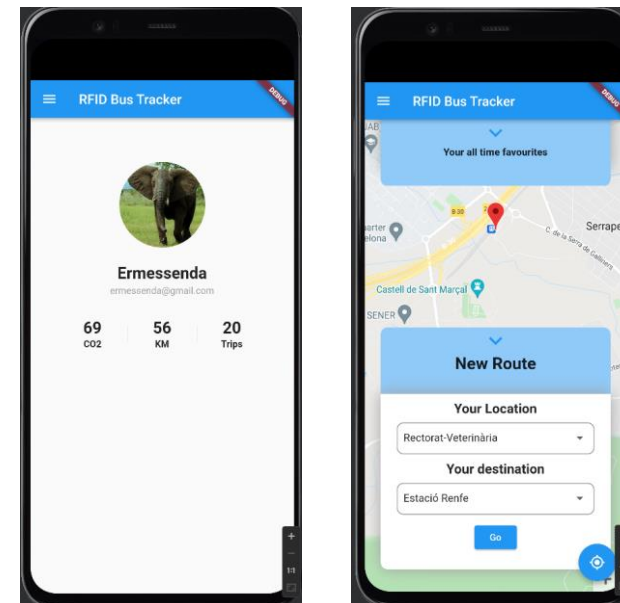
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Our challenge

State of the art

Currently a lot of cities are imposing this kind of billing system for public transport. Even Barcelona is now forcing its citizens to use "T-Mobilitat".
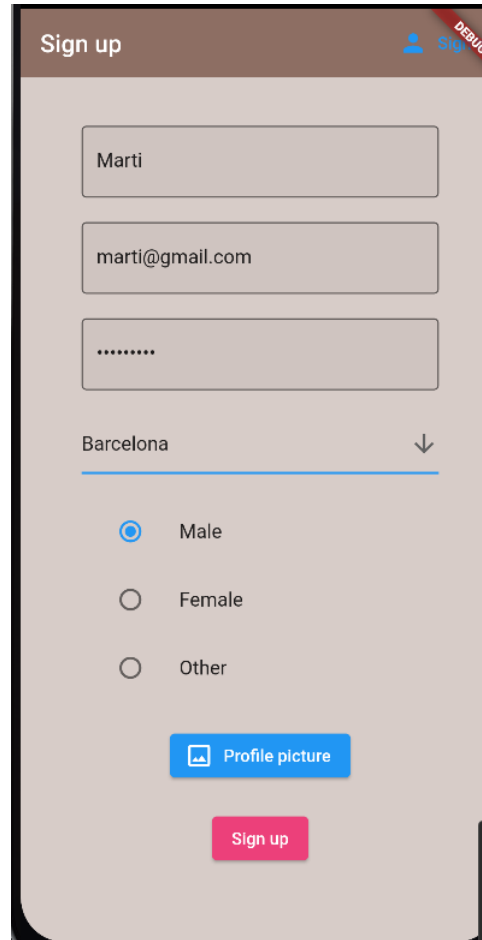
RFID Reader on the bus

Smartphone App

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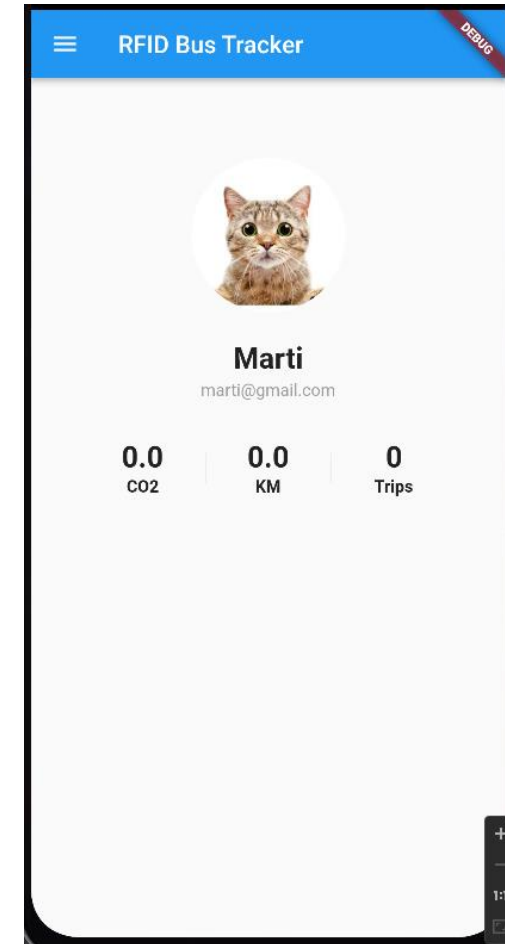# Methodology

User Sign Up

API's used:

- Firestore: store user data

- Auth: manages encryption and login service

- Storage: profile picture

Gets presented with their profile.

They can see the statistics, now being 0.

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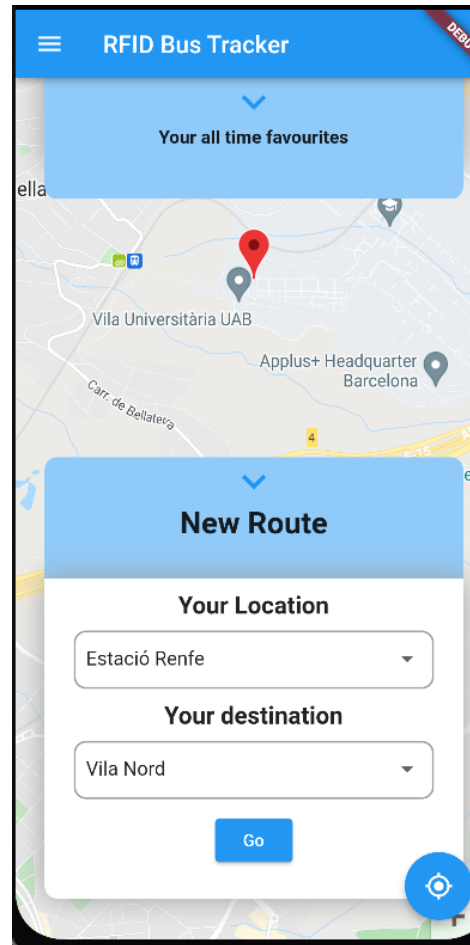Ricard López Olivares - 1571136

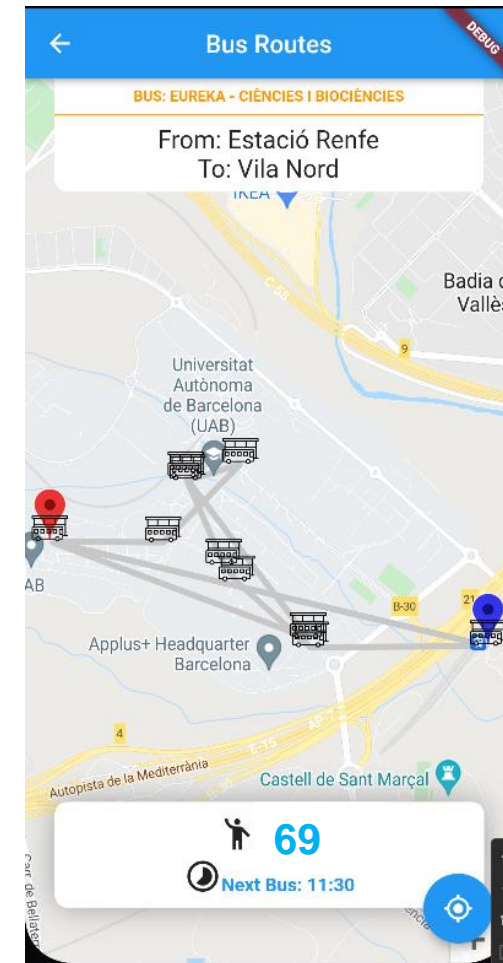# Methodology

Get bus indications

API's:
- Maps
- Places
- Directions
- Realtime Fireabse

Services:
- Python script updating bus locations on realtime to Realtime Firebase

User can choose point of origin and destination and sees the directions they should take, along with the ETA for the bus and how many people are on it.
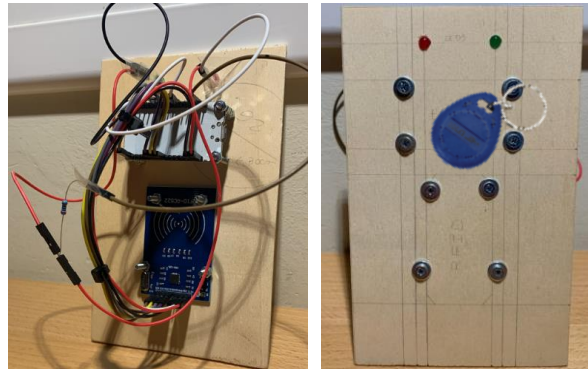
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Methodology

Client gets on the bus

A

origin

B

Destination

Updates user statistics.

Updates bus current capacity.

API's:
- Realtime Firebase
- Firestore

Services:
- Python script calculating new values such as distance travelled.
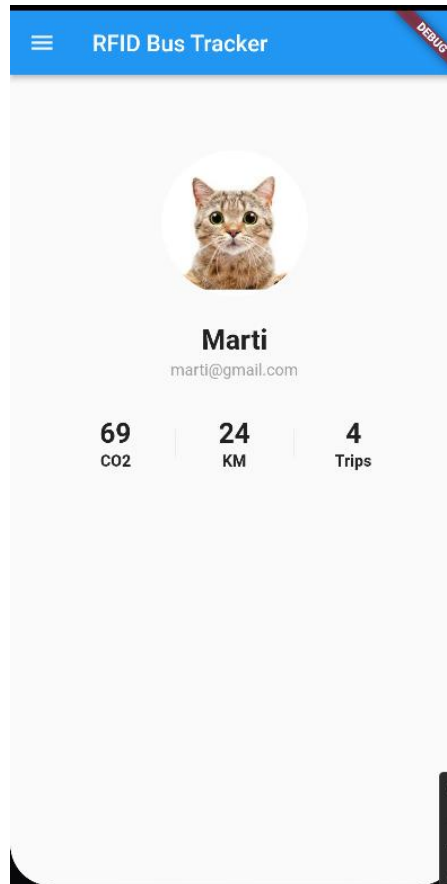
Hardware:
- ESP32 with RFID reader

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Methodology

Updated statistics are shown to the user

Additionally, the user is also able to send feedback