

Final Report on Marapp

Introduction

This report presents a detailed overview of the development process of our mobile application, including the challenges faced, solutions implemented, and the final execution steps. The application was developed using Dart and Flutter, with Firebase as the backend service.

Implementation Details

The application was built with the following technologies:

- **Frontend:** Flutter (Dart)
- **Backend:** Firebase (Firestore Database, Authentication), Imgur (image storage), OpenCage (street finder), EmailJs (email sender), OneSignal (Notification sender)

Key Features

- User authentication
- Data storage and retrieval using Firebase Firestore
- Image storage workaround due to Firebase free-tier limitations
- Alternative solution instead of Google API

Challenges and Solutions

1. Firebase API Limitations

Issue: One of the primary challenges was Firebase's free-tier limitations, particularly with image storage and mapping services. The basic plan imposed restrictions that affected the development.

Solution: We implemented a workaround by using Imgur for image storage, which provided more flexibility. For maps, we integrated an alternative service to avoid the limitations imposed by Firebase using OpenCage services.

2. User Permissions

Issue: Managing user permissions within Firebase Authentication was more complex than anticipated.

Solution: We created custom Firebase rules to manage user permissions effectively, ensuring that data access was restricted appropriately.

3. Absence of Firebase Functions

Issue: Firebase's free-tier does not support Cloud Functions, which would have automated tasks and triggers.

Solution: We used client-side logic to replace Cloud Functions and implemented background tasks within the app to achieve similar results.

How to Execute the Application

Prerequisites

To run the app, you need to install:

- Flutter SDK
- Android Studio (or another IDE like Visual Studio Code)
- Dart SDK

Steps to Run the App

1. **Download the Source Code:** Available on AulaWeb.
2. **Extract the Project:** Unzip the project folder.
3. **Install Dependencies:** Run:

```
flutter pub get
```

4. **Run the App:**

```
flutter run
```

Application Structure and Implementation

The logical structure of the project is inside the `lib` folder, while the packages are installed in the project using `pubspec.yaml`. Every time this file is updated, it's important to run the command:

```
flutter pub get
```

Everything starts from `main.dart`, where the app execution is redirected to a custom splash screen. All the code is inside `lib/`. We have implemented **Provider** and **Services** for authentication to keep it separate from the app's screens.

Users can authenticate using **email and password** or via **Google Sign-In**.

All screens and their logic are inside the `views/` folder.

Once authenticated, the user is redirected to `HomeScreen`.

On Firebase, each user is registered with a **PlayerId** generated by `auth_services`, allowing **OneSignal** to send notifications to that specific user.

The app asks for notification permission **only once** during registration. This is handled inside the `PushNotificationService` class (`utils/push_notification_service.dart`) with the method:

```
PushNotificationService.initializeOneSignal();
```

This method is called during user registration.

Real-time Order Status Monitoring

Inside `PushNotificationService`, we have implemented a method to monitor **order status updates**. This method is called inside the splash screen so that the app starts listening immediately.

Whenever the **order status changes**, the app sends a request to **OneSignal** to push a notification to the user.

We implemented this using a **stream** to detect real-time changes in Firestore:

```

FirebaseFirestore.instance
  .collection('orders') // Orders collection
  .snapshots()
  .listen((snapshot) {
    for (var doc in snapshot.docChanges) {
      if (doc.type == DocumentChangeType.modified) {
        var order = doc.doc.data();
        String orderStatus = order['status']; // Order status
        String userId = order['userId']; // User ID
        String orderId = doc.doc.id;

```

How it works:

- `.snapshots().listen((snapshot) {...})` creates a **real-time stream** of updates.
- Whenever a document in the `orders` collection is **modified**, Firestore sends an update, and the code inside `listen` runs automatically.
- The app detects the change, **captures the new status**, and **sends a notification to OneSignal**.

API Requests

For every API request, we interact with the system using an **HTTP POST request** with a **JSON body**, including headers like `Content-Type: application/json` and an **Authorization API Key**.

Example:

```

var response = await http.post(
  Uri.parse("https://onesignal.com/api/v1/notifications"),
  headers: headers,
  body: body,
);

if (response.statusCode == 200) {
  print("✅ Notification sent successfully: ${response.body}");
} else {
  print("❌ Error sending notification: ${response.body}");
}

```

♦ **All API keys** are stored in the `.env` file (root folder) and accessed in the code using **dotenv**, e.g., for notifications:

```
dotenv.env['ONE_SIGNAL_API_KEY']
```

Make sure to import:

```
import 'package:flutter_dotenv/flutter_dotenv.dart';
```

Once registered/authenticated, either through the registration process or the initial splash screen, the user is taken to the **HomeScreen**, where they can navigate between the **Products, Orders, Profile, and Settings** screens.

Navigation can be done either by tapping the respective icons in the **BottomNavigationBar** or by swiping horizontally. This functionality is achieved using Flutter's **PageView**.

Main Screens:

SETTINGS:

In the **Settings** screen, we have implemented:

- **Theme selection**, with styles defined in `utils/theme.dart` .
- **Push notification testing**, via the static method `sendTestPushNotification(String playerId)` .
- **Screen orientation selection**.

For **theme and screen orientation preferences**, we use **Shared Preferences**, allowing the user to either follow the system settings or choose their preferred configuration. These preferences are loaded in `main.dart` every time the app runs.

Additionally, we have implemented an **introductory page** that redirects to the **Home** screen.

PROFILE:

Features:

- Profile screen displaying the **profile picture**.

- **Add photo icon** (camera icon).
- **Edit profile** button to modify user information.
- **Favorites** section.
- **Payment method management**.

Flutter Code Structure Note:

Unlike native Android, in Flutter, everything is managed within the **codebase**.

- **Widgets** are used for UI elements.
- **Methods/functions** manipulate these widgets.

Essential methods for Firebase interaction:

1. **Future<T>** (Asynchronous)
 - Returns a single value **at some point in the future** (e.g., after an HTTP request or database read).
 - Execution **continues** without waiting for the value.
2. **Stream<T>** (Asynchronous, Continuous)
 - Returns multiple values **over time**, useful for real-time data like Firestore updates or notifications.

Importance for the Profile Section:

- **Future** loads the user data **once** when opening the profile.
- **Stream** is used for **real-time updates**, ensuring profile changes (like the name or picture) are reflected **instantly** without refreshing the page.
- **Example:**
 - **Future** loads Firebase data when opening the profile.
 - **Stream** updates the **profile picture and name** dynamically.

Editing Profile:

Users can update:




- **name**
- **Phone number**
- **Address**
- **Password**

For **address selection**, we use **OpenCage API**, which provides intelligent search suggestions. This is implemented in **AddressSearchDelegate** (`views/profile/address_search.dart`).

AddressSearchDelegate Workflow:

1. User types an address → `fetchSuggestions(query)` calls OpenCage API for suggestions.
2. **FutureBuilder** updates the UI as suggestions become available.
3. User selects an address → `close(context, suggestion)` finalizes selection.

Extra actions:

-  **"Clear" button** to reset input.
-  **"Back" button** to exit the search.
-  **Key point:** **FutureBuilder** ensures a responsive UI **without blocking** the app.

Profile Picture Management:

Implemented in **ProfilePictureUploader** (`views/profile/upload_photo.dart`).

Functionality:

1. User taps the **camera icon** → system instantiates `ProfilePictureUploader` .
2. The async method `Future<String> pickAndUploadImage` allows selecting from **Camera or Gallery**.
3. Image bytes are **compressed** before uploading to **Imgur**.
4. **Imgur API** (with a generated token) is used to upload images.
5. The **photo URL** is stored in **Firestore** (`users` collection, under the authenticated user's document).
6. The profile picture is displayed using:

```
NetworkImage(profilePicUrl)
```

Since the image is public but **hidden**, only the profile owner (or anyone with the link) can access it.

Please note Navigation in Flutter:

- **Navigator.push** → Opens a new screen.
- **Navigator.pop** → Closes the current screen and returns to the previous one.

Favorites Section:

- Displays **favorite products** selected by the user by tapping the **heart icon** in the products page.
- Implemented using a **favorites collection** in Firestore, with documents containing:
 - **User ID**
 - **List of favorite products**

A simple **query** retrieves and displays the list.

Payment Method Screen:

- Implemented as `PaymentMethodView`.
- Currently, **only the UI structure** is set up, with placeholder examples for potential future implementations.

General UI Elements:

All screens have an **AppBar** with the **screen title**.

Implemented across all widgets using `Scaffold` :

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
  return Scaffold(  
    appBar: AppBar(  
      title: const Text('Favourites'),  
    ), // AppBar
```

ORDERS SCREEN:

Displays **user orders** by querying the **orders collection** in Firestore.

UI Structure:

- **StreamBuilder** listens for **real-time updates** from Firestore:
 - If the user is **not logged in**, it shows:

"Please log in to see your orders."

- If there's an **error** or **loading state**, it displays:
 - **Error message**
 - **CircularProgressIndicator** (loading spinner)
- If **no orders exist**, it displays:

"No orders yet. Start shopping now!"

Orders List (Sorted by Date, Newest First)

Each order is displayed as a **Card with an ExpansionTile**.

Default View:

- 📅 **Order Date & Delivery Date**
- 🏷️ **Order Status** (Color-coded):
 - ✅ **Green** → "Paid"
 - 🟡 **Orange** → "Pending"
 - ❌ **Red** → "Canceled"

Expanded View:

- 📋 **List of purchased products** (with quantity).
- 💰 **Total price (€)**.
- 🏠 **Delivery address**.

Key Feature: Order Status.

PRODUCTS

It is the main page of this app, located in the `ProductsView` class in `lib/views/products.dart`. Here's a detailed description:

Objective

The `ProductsView` screen allows users to view available products, filter them by category, sort them based on different criteria, and add them to the cart. It uses **Firestore** to manage products and the cart, and is integrated with **Authentication** to identify the user.

Key Features

1. Product Loading:

- Products are loaded from the **products** collection in Firebase Firestore, with a filter to display only those with `available == true`.
- Each product has a `category`, allowing users to filter products by category.
- Available categories are dynamically extracted from Firestore and displayed in a dropdown menu.

2. Cart Management:

- The cart is stored in Firestore under the **cart** collection, with a document for each user identified by `userId`.
- If the cart does not exist, it is automatically created as an empty array.
- When a product is added to the cart, it checks whether the product's `prepTime` exceeds the daily maximum limit (`maxTimePerDay`) defined in the **limits** collection.
- If the product is already in the cart, its quantity is updated; otherwise, the product is added.

3. Filtering and Sorting Products:

- Users can search for products by name through a search bar.
- Products can be filtered by category.
- Several sorting options are available:
 - **Ascending Price**
 - **Descending Price**
 - **Name A-Z**
 - **Name Z-A**

4. State Management and UI:

- `_cartItems` stores the state of the cart.
- `_allProducts` contains all available products, while `_filteredProducts` displays the products filtered based on user selections.
- The search bar uses a **FocusNode** to manage focus.
- A **Stream** listens for real-time changes to the cart and automatically updates the UI.

5. Navigation and Interactions:

- When a user selects a product, a detailed screen (`ProductDetailView`) opens.
- From this screen, the user can add the product to the cart, with a visual feedback via a **SnackBar** indicating the update.

Considerations and Possible Improvements

✅ Strengths:

- **Full Firebase Integration** (Auth, Firestore, real-time updates).
- **Well-structured error handling** (e.g., Firestore permission issues).
- **Structured filters, search, and sorting** for a smooth user experience.
- Verifying the `maxTimePerDay` limit before adding products to the cart.

🔧 Possible Improvements:

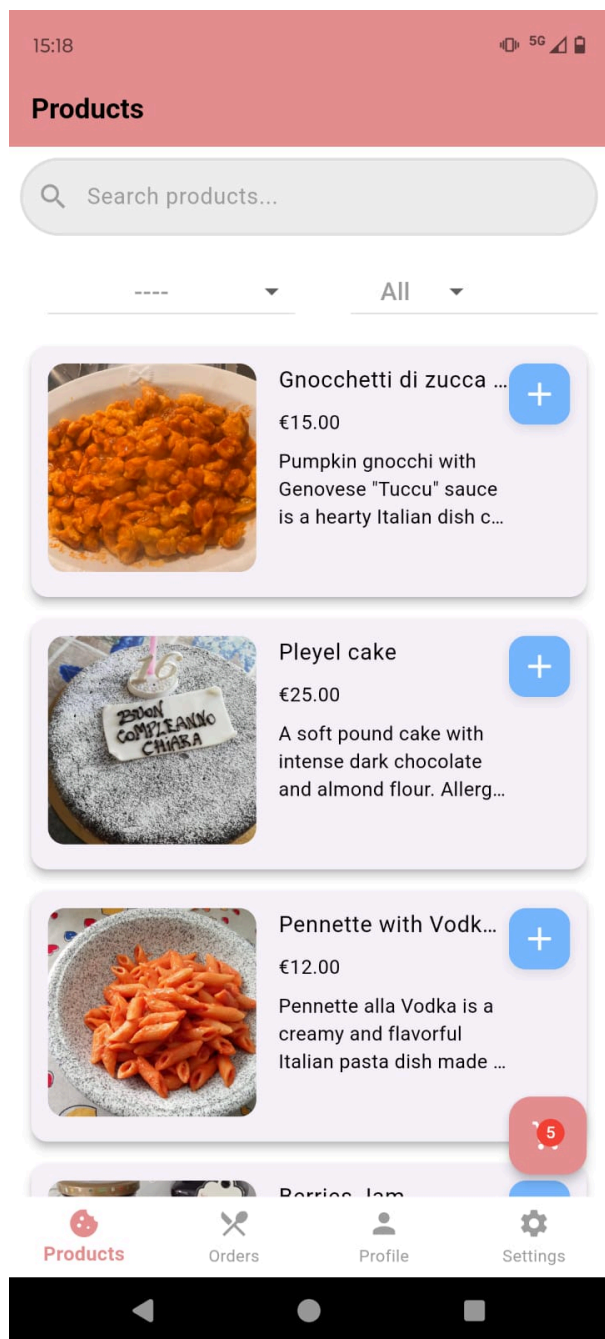
- **Memory Management:** Ensure that `_searchController.dispose()` is called in `dispose()` to avoid memory leaks.
- **Cart Update Optimization:** Better manage the local cart update before syncing with Firestore.

Graphical Representation of the `ProductsView` Screen

Visual Layout of the Screen

1. **AppBar:**
 - Positioned at the top of the screen.
 - Contains the title "Products" centered and a search bar on the right to search for products.
2. **Filters and Sorting:**
 - Under the AppBar, there are filters (category, sorting).
 - A dropdown menu to choose the product category.
 - Another menu to select the sorting criterion (by price or name).
3. **Product Grid or List:**
 - Products are displayed in a **grid** or **list**, depending on the device.
 - Each product is shown in a **card** with:
 - Product name
 - Price
 - A button to add to the cart
4. **Cart Icon:**
 - At the top right, a cart icon shows the number of items in the cart.
 - When clicked, it navigates the user to the cart screen.

Screen Mockup:



Visual Description:

1. **AppBar:** Contains the title "Products".
2. **SearchBar:** The search bar used to query the products.
3. **Filters and Sorting:** A dropdown menu for the product category and another to sort (by price or name).
4. **Product Grid:** Products are displayed in a grid with information like name, price, and an "Add to Cart" button.
5. **Cart:** A cart icon at the bottom right shows how many products have been added. Tapping it leads to the cart.

The most important method is

```
void _addToCart(String productId, double price, String name, int quantity, int prepTime)
```

which literally creates the structure and logic of the cart in Firebase. We store the product data in the cart with the user's `userId` , and the most interesting part is the `prepTime` , which is passed to the function. We'll explain its use and selection later as it's fundamental to the app's purpose.

To access the cart, the user: taps the cart icon → Navigates to `CartView` .

`CartView` receives `cartItems` , `userId` , and `updateCart` as parameters.

When the cart is updated (adding/removing a product), `updateCart` updates `cartItems` in `ProductView` using `setState()` .

The cart badge shows the total quantity of products, updated in real-time using a `StreamBuilder` .

Description of the Code: `cartView`

This class represents the cart screen (`CartView`) of the app. The code manages adding, removing, and modifying the quantity of items in the cart, as well as interfacing with **Firestore** to save and retrieve the authenticated user's cart data.

◆ Functioning of the `cartView` Class

Constructor

```
const CartView({  
  super.key,  
  required this.cartItems,  
  required this.updateCart,  
  required this.userId,  
});
```

- **cartItems** : List of items in the cart.
- **updateCart** : Callback function to update the cart.
- **userId** : Authenticated user's ID.

◆ State of the `cartViewState` Class

The `CartViewState` class is a `StatefulWidget` that maintains the state of the cart and updates the user interface in real time.

◆ Main Methods

1 `_getCartData()` → Retrieves the cart from Firestore

- Checks if the user is authenticated.
- If a cart exists in Firestore, it retrieves it and assigns the values to `cartItems`.
- Retrieves the product image from Firestore.
- If the cart doesn't exist, a new one is created with `userId` and an empty list.

2 `_saveCartToFirestore()` → Saves the cart to Firestore

- Filters items with quantities less than or equal to zero.
- Updates Firestore with the new cart state.

3 `_clearCart()` → Clears the cart

- Deletes items from the cart and updates Firestore.

4 `proceedWithOrder(BuildContext context)` → Proceeds with the order

- Checks that the quantities are valid (`_quantityControl()`).
- Shows a **DatePicker** for selecting the order date.
- Verifies if it's possible to prepare the order on that day (`checkPreparationLimit()`).
- If everything is valid, navigates to the **Address & Payment** screen (`AddressPaymentScreen`).

5 `_quantityControl()` → Quantity limit check

- Retrieves order limits from Firestore.
- If the quantity exceeds the limit, sets it to the maximum allowed and shows a **Snackbar**.

UI - User Interface

Cart Item List

If `cartItems` is empty, displays a message **"Your cart is empty!"**.

Otherwise, it displays a list with:

- **Product image** (taken from `assets/` or a fallback icon).
- **Product name**.
- **Quantity**, with buttons to **+** and **-**.
- **Total price per item**.

Order Total + Action Buttons

- Displays the **cart total**.
- **"Cancel the order"** button → Clears the cart.
- **"Proceed with order"** button → Starts the order process.

Important Method for Proceeding with the Order

The method `Future<void> proceedWithOrder(BuildContext context)` is crucial for the order continuation. It first checks the quantities by referring to the `products` collection and the `limitPerOrder` field of each product. If the limit is exceeded, it prevents the order from proceeding. If the quantities are valid, the app allows the user to select the delivery date using the `boo_day.dart`, which invokes a `DatePicker`. Dates that are unavailable are not selectable.

The unavailable dates are retrieved from a collection called `notAvailable`, which contains dates when the vendor (hypothetical Mara) cannot work or days when orders have reached the limit. The `showDatePickerDialog` fetches these days and disables their selection.

The next check ensures that the total preparation time of the cart items is within the total preparation time for the day, accounting for all orders. This logic is implemented by creating a `dailyLimits` collection in Firebase. For each day, we insert values like `currentOrderNumber`, `maxOrderNumber`, `currentPrepTime`, and `maxPrepTime`. The maximum values for `maxOrders` and `maxPrepTime` are set in a separate collection called `limits`, and the app relies on those Firebase values. Therefore, changes should be made there, not in the code.

The `dailyLimits` collection also includes the list of products scheduled to be prepared that day and their respective preparation times. **Note:** The quantity of products is not considered; only the unique products (by type) are counted for the day with their respective preparation time. For example, if there's an order of a muffin with a prep time of 60 minutes, and another muffin is ordered later, it does not update the total prep time since the time remains the same whether it's one muffin or a batch of muffins.

The method `checkPreparationLimit` checks if the cart exceeds the maximum preparation time (`maxPrepTime`). If it does not, the order can proceed. Otherwise, a Snackbar appears with a message asking the user to either choose a different date or reduce the number of different products in the cart (not quantities, but types of products).

If all checks pass, the app navigates to the **Address & Payment** screen with the selected date, the current cart, and methods to clear the cart once the order is completed.

Address & Payment Screen

The screen displays the address stored in the user's profile and gives them the option to either use it or modify it for this order. By unchecking the Checkbox, a text field appears, which uses the `AddressSearchDelegate` class to access the OpenCage intelligent search service, as we did previously with the user profile.

The `addressController.text` will contain the new address. Additionally, the screen shows the total price of the order (with and without delivery), and there are two buttons: "show summary", which opens a dialog showing the order summary, and "confirm order", which triggers the `_saveOrder` function. This asynchronous method handles the logic for creating the order with the necessary checks.



Method Description: `_saveOrder()`

The `_saveOrder()` method manages the process of saving an order to **Firestore**. It ensures that the user is authenticated, checks availability for the selected date, and if successful, saves the order in the database, sends a confirmation email, and clears the cart.

◆ Method Workflow

1 User Authentication Check

```
final user = FirebaseAuth.instance.currentUser;
if (user == null) {
  ScaffoldMessenger.of(context).showSnackBar(
    SnackBar(content: Text('User not logged in!')),
  );
  return;
}
```

- Retrieves the authenticated user with **FirebaseAuth**.
- If the user is not authenticated, shows an error message and stops the process.

2 Delivery Address Determination

```
String finalAddress = isNewAddress ? addressController.text : (existingAddress ?? "");
if (finalAddress.isEmpty) {
  ScaffoldMessenger.of(context).showSnackBar(
    SnackBar(content: Text('Please provide an address')),
  );
  return;
}
```

- If the user is entering a new address (`isNewAddress == true`), it uses the value typed in the text field.
- Otherwise, it uses the existing address (`existingAddress`).
- If the address is empty, an error message is shown, and the process is stopped.

3 Order Data Creation

```
final orderDate = Timestamp.fromDate(DateTime.now());
final deliveryPreparationDate = Timestamp.fromDate(widget.selectedDate);
```

- Records the order date and the planned preparation/delivery date.

```
final List<Map<String, dynamic>> items = widget.cartItems.map((item) {
  return {
    'prodId': item['productId'],
    'quantity': item['quantity'],
    'prepTime': item['prepTime'] ?? 0,
  };
}).toList();
```

- Converts cart items into a list of maps (`items`), containing:
 - **Product ID** (`prodId`)
 - **Quantity** (`quantity`)
 - **Preparation Time** (`prepTime`)

```
final orderData = {
  'userId': user.uid,
  'orderDate': orderDate,
  'DeliveryPreparationDate': deliveryPreparationDate,
  'items': items,
  'status': 'paid',
  'total': getTotalPrice(),
  'address': finalAddress,
};
```

- Creates an `orderData` object with all the order details.

4 Availability Check Before Saving

```
bool valid = await updateDailyLimit(widget.selectedDate, widget.cartItems);
if (valid) {
```

- Checks if the selected date is still available using `updateDailyLimit()` .
- If the date is **full**, it shows an error message and stops the process.

5 Saving the Order to Firestore

```
await FirebaseFirestore.instance.collection('orders').add(orderData);
await checkAndUpdateAvailability(widget.selectedDate);
```

- Adds the order to the `orders` collection in **Firestore**.
- Updates the availability of the selected date using `checkAndUpdateAvailability()` .

6 Sending the Order Summary Email

```
sendOrderSummaryEmail(
  userEmail!,
  finalAddress,
  List.from(widget.cartItems),
  orderDate.toDate(),
  deliveryPreparationDate.toDate(),
  getTotalPrice(),
  1.0
);
```

- Sends a confirmation email to the user with the order details.

7 Clearing the Cart and Navigating to Thank You Screen

```
widget.clearCart();
widget.saveCartToFirestore();
```

- Clears the local cart and updates Firestore.

```
Navigator.pushReplacement(
  context,
  MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) => ThankYouScreen()),
);
```

- After completing the order, redirects the user to the **Thank You** screen.

8 Error Handling

```
} catch (e) {  
  print(e);  
  ScaffoldMessenger.of(context).showSnackBar(  
    SnackBar(content: Text('Error saving order: $e')),  
  );  
}
```

- If an error occurs during the process, an error message is shown to the user.
-
- ♦ **This method is critical for confirming the order and ensuring that the daily limits are respected, preventing issues with overloading order preparations.**

Save Orders Logic

"Save Orders" uses helper methods stored in `views/order/order_management.dart`, particularly `updateDailyLimit()`. This method is crucial because it updates the `dailyLimits`, and before updating the collection, it checks if the date is still available. If it is, the logic described earlier is applied, modifying `currentOrders`, `currentPrepTime`, and the list of products for the day (counting only distinct products, not quantities).

If the update is successful and the date is still available for the order,

`checkAndUpdateAvailability(DateTime date)` is called immediately to check if the number of orders for that day has reached the `maxOrders`. If it has, the day is added to the `notAvailable` collection, making that day unavailable for future orders (effectively making it unselectable on the calendar).

This functionality is essential for handling concurrency when two users try to place orders for the same day at closely timed moments. Only one can be added, while the other will be blocked.

Here's the translation of your text into English:

Firebase Structure

Products Collection Structure

Each document in the **products** collection represents a product available for ordering and contains the following fields:

Field	Type	Description
available	boolean	Indicates whether the product is currently available for ordering.
category	string	Category of the product (e.g., cake , pastry , etc.).
description	string	Description of the product, including allergens if present.
imageUrl	string	Path of the product image (it can be stored in Firebase Storage or locally in assets/).
limitPerOrder	number	Maximum quantity per single order.
name	string	Name of the product.
price	number	Price of the product in euros.
timePreparation	number	Preparation time of the product in minutes.

◆ Note:

Each product has these fields:

- **available** is useful because a hypothetical Mara can temporarily make a product unavailable, perhaps due to lack of resources. In the code, as previously described, we list only products with `available: true` .
- **category** allows you to filter by category in the dropdown, so the code automatically inserts categories regardless of their content. This is useful because if an admin wants to change categories, they don't have to refactor the app's code, they just need to update that field in Firestore.
- **imageUrl** : Path where the image is stored in `assets/food_photos` .

- **limitPerOrder** : This field helps limit the quantity of a product in a single order, and it's managed in the cart.
- **timePreparation** : This field indicates the preparation time. It gives weight to the product's preparation and helps the system allocate orders more efficiently. It is useful for calculating daily availability based on orders already received.

cart Collection Structure

Each document in the **cart** collection represents a user's shopping cart and contains the following fields:

Field	Type	Description
userId	string	ID of the user who owns the cart.
cartItems	array	List of items in the cart. Each element is an object containing the details of the added product.

Structure of Elements in cartItems

Each item in the cart has the following structure:

Field	Type	Description
productId	string	ID of the product added to the cart.
name	string	Name of the product.
prepTime	number	Preparation time of the product in minutes.
price	number	Price per unit of the product in euros.
quantity	number	Number of units of this product in the cart.

♦ **Note:**

- Each cart is associated with a single **userId** .
- The **cartItems** array contains all the products added by the user, with details such as quantity, preparation time, and unit price.
- The products in the cart are not yet confirmed as orders.

Very useful due to Firebase's dynamic nature and flexible documents, it will be important in the later stages of the order lifecycle.

Users Collection Structure

Each document in the **users** collection represents a user and contains the following fields:

Field	Type	Description
address	string	User's home address.
email	string	Registered email address of the user.
name	string	Full name of the user.
oneSignalPlayerId	string	OneSignal ID for push notifications.
phoneNumber	string	User's phone number.
profilePicture	string	URL of the user's profile picture.

♦ **Note:**

- The **userId** corresponds to the UID generated by Firebase Authentication to uniquely identify the user.
- The **oneSignalPlayerId** field is optional and may be absent if the user has not enabled push notifications.
- The **profilePicture** URL can be an external link (e.g., Imgur, Firebase Storage).

orders Collection Structure

Each document in the **orders** collection represents an order placed by a user and contains the following fields:

Field	Type	Description
userId	string	The user ID of the person who placed the order.

Field	Type	Description
orderDate	timestamp	Date and time when the order was placed.
DeliveryPreparationDate	timestamp	Expected date for order preparation and delivery.
items	array	List of items included in the order. Each element is an object containing details of the purchased product.
status	string	Order status (e.g., paid , pending , delivered).
total	number	Total amount of the order in euros.
address	string	Delivery address for the order.

Structure of Items in `items`

Each item in the order has the following structure:

Field	Type	Description
prodId	string	ID of the product.
quantity	number	Quantity of the product.
price	number	Price of the product.
name	string	Name of the product.
prepTime	number	Product's preparation time.

This structured approach ensures an efficient and scalable management of products, carts, users, and orders.

Structure of the `dailyLimits` Collection

Each document in the **dailyLimits** collection represents the daily limits for orders and preparation times for a specific date.

Field	Type	Description
date	string	Reference date in the format YYYY-M-D (e.g., 2025-3-10).

Field	Type	Description
currentOrders	number	Current number of orders recorded for the specified date.
maxOrders	number	Maximum number of orders allowed for that date.
currentPrepTime	number	Total accumulated preparation time for confirmed orders on that date (in minutes).
maxPrepTime	number	Maximum allowed preparation time for that date (in minutes).
prodPrepTime	array	List containing the preparation time of ordered products for that date. Each element is an object with the product ID and preparation time.

Structure of Elements in **prodPrepTime**

Each element in the **prodPrepTime** array has the following structure:

Field	Type	Description
productId	string	Product ID included in the orders for the specified date.
prepTime	number	Product preparation time in minutes.

♦ Note:

- Each document is identified by the **date**, which represents the specific day the limits apply.
- **currentOrders** tracks the number of orders recorded for that date, while **maxOrders** indicates the maximum number of orders allowed.
- **currentPrepTime** accumulates the total preparation time for current orders, while **maxPrepTime** represents the maximum available preparation time.
- The **prodPrepTime** array keeps track of the preparation time for each product ordered on that date.

Structure of the `limits` Collection

The **limits** collection contains a single document called **limits**, which defines the global limits for daily orders and total preparation time.

Field	Type	Description
maxOrdersPerDay	number	Maximum number of orders accepted in a single day.
maxTimePerDay	number	Maximum total preparation time available in a single day (in minutes).

♦ Note:

- This document sets the general limits that are used to calculate the daily order availability and manage the preparation time.
- These values are compared with those in the **dailyLimits** collection documents to determine if new orders can be accepted.

Structure of the `notAvailable` Collection (Days with Order Limit Reached)

The **notAvailable** collection contains the dates when daily limits (e.g., maximum number of orders) have been reached. When the system monitors **dailyLimits** and detects that a day is complete (i.e., `currentOrders == maxOrders`), it adds only the date to this collection.

Field	Type	Description
date	string	The date when the order limits were reached (in YYYY-M-D format).

♦ Note:

- This collection is populated automatically when the code detects that the number of orders (`currentOrders`) has reached the maximum allowed (`maxOrders`) according to the **dailyLimits**.
- Only the date is stored, with no additional data, to prevent further bookings for that day. Alternatively, it can be populated by an administrator to mark days as unavailable.

Structure of the favorites Collection

Field	Type	Description
isFavorite	boolean	Indicates whether the item has been marked as a favorite (true or false).
name	string	Name of the favorite product.
prodID	string	Unique product ID.
userId	string	ID of the user who marked the product as a favorite.

♦ Note:

- The **favorites** collection is used to store products that a user has marked as favorites, associating a product with a specific user via **userId**.
- The **isFavorite** attribute is a boolean indicator that shows whether the user has added that product to their favorites.

Firestore Security Rules

users

- **Read and write:** Users can only access and modify their own data.

products

- **Read:** Public access to view products.

orders

- **Read and write:** Only authenticated users can read and create orders.

cart

- **Read and write:** Users can only access and modify their own cart. Creation is allowed only if a cart does not already exist.

favorites

- **Read and write:** Users can only access and modify their own favorites. Creation is allowed only if a document does not already exist.

notAvailable

- **Read:** Public access.
- **Write:** Only users with administrator privileges or users writing with `isSystemWrite` set to true.

dailyLimits

- **Read:** Public access.
- **Write and create:** Allowed only for authenticated users with valid data.
- **Update:** Allowed only for updating specific fields, with restrictions on preparation time.

limits

- **Read:** Public access.

These rules ensure that only users with appropriate permissions can access and modify sensitive data, while public access is limited to reads.

Conclusions

The app has been developed to fully manage the e-commerce system. If an admin panel were to be created, Firebase already stores everything needed for it to function. For example, it would be enough to display orders, apply filters (such as selecting a specific day), modify order statuses, view products, and update fields like `available` to mark items as unavailable. Additionally, work availability for a specific day could be disabled simply by adding the date to the `notAvailable` collection.

Another possible improvement could be the implementation of a payment system and a delivery management system, defining the delivery zones. Overall, the app is complete.

If we had the **Blaze plan**, many features—such as managing `notAvailable`, `dailyLimits`, notifications, maps, triggers, and functions—would have been much easier to implement, and

development would have been much faster. The **Spark plan** is very limited, forcing us to adapt our code and security management to work around these restrictions.

Firebase provides many ready-to-use features, but if the app wasn't monetized, exploring other free alternatives might have been a better choice. However, we are satisfied with what we've learned from working with these technologies and the challenges they presented.